NYSASDRI Annual Report, 2018- 19

Genesis:

The National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute (NYSASDRI) is a not-for-profit organization. It reaches approximately 5.2 million people in Odisha with its innovative and sustainable development strategies. Established as a village youth club in 1973, later registered under the Indian Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 (Registration No. DKL-390/80), the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 1976 (Registration. No. 104890005), and 12(A) & 80(G) of the Income Tax Act.

NYSASDRI operates in mostly remote and inaccessible pockets of 11 districts in Odisha where more than 60% of the population is living below the poverty Line. Our development initiative covers the poor and vulnerable sections of the demography including women, children, elderly, disabled, destitute, marginal farmers, rural artisans and other underprivileged groups and disaster victims. Strategically, we have developed an integrated direct service delivery approach through research, advocacy, and networking.

Mission:

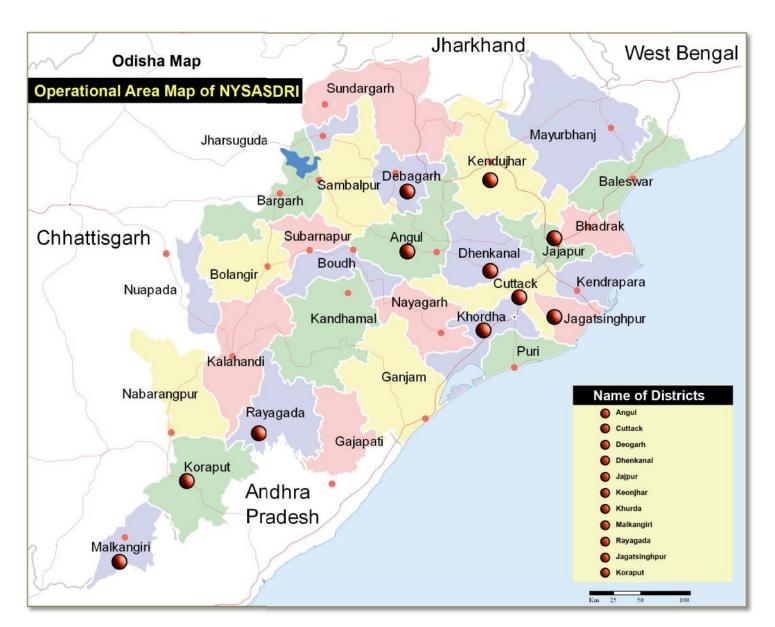
To empower underprivileged communities by increasing participation in developmental activities, ensuring proper utilization of resources within the community, raising the level of literacy and expanding access to healthcare and education.

Vision:

To facilitate the process of establishing a just society. To enable underprivileged people to gain power and lead a higher quality of life with access to common resources and necessities.

Operational Area & Target Groups:

NYSASDRI operates in 11 districts of Odisha. They are as follows: Angul, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Keonjhar, Koraput, Khurda, Malkangiri, and Rayagada. In these districts, NYSASDRI works with marginalized people from scheduled tribes and scheduled castes, destitute women, children, families from below the poverty line, elderly persons, people with disabilities, small scale rural farmers and people needing eye care and general health care.



Strategy:

NYSASDRI's development initiatives are based upon community participation. Our goal is to increase participation in the planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of our programs so that the programs implemented can be sustainable long after NYSASDRI's initial input. This approach also fosters community pride and togetherness. Our strategic approach encompasses:

- Public Education & Awareness
- · Development Counseling
- · Skill Training in Health, Education and Livelihood Program
- · Promotion and Usage of Local Resources
- Networking
- · Research
- Advocacy

Institutional Members of different national and international Institute:

- Member of IFS
- ➤ Kalinga Eye Hospital (A Unit of NYSASDRI) Certified ISO Certified member
- > Affiliated Health Care sector ,Skill Council, Skill India under National Skill Development Corporation for conduct one year certificate course on Vision Technician
- > The United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI/ NGO)(UN Press Release PI/ 1597 Dated 20th July 2004)
- Member of Vision 2020, an organization formed by IABP and the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)
- SWADHIKAR Forum (State level)

- Campaign against Child Labour (CACL)
- Committee for Legal Aid to Poor (CLAP)
- Women Power Connect
- ➤ Member of Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

Family Counseling Centre

The Family Counseling Centre (FCC) of NYSASDRI has extended services to 100 families through counseling in joint and individual sessions. They collect information from community members to assess where there is need and what the counseling need in the community's families may be. Counselors make home visits and organize sessions where there is active participation from the local police, Panchayat Raj Institution members, and governmental officials that have authority to reconcile grievances community members may have with authorities in the region. In response to their specific need, some families may be referred to legal aid cells, police stations, Swadhar Greh, Ujjawala and the women's cell opened by the government at the district. Four sub-committee meetings have been conducted during the 2018-2019 reporting year to support community members with complaints. The sub-committees also conduct reviews of current programs affecting the community and approve future plans and expansions. The family counseling centre has been conducting publicity and awareness campaigns on different social issues in the community about better selfcontrol and reducing violence towards women through various printed leaflets, posters, and banners.



New cased enrolled - 100

- Previous pending cases 19
- Domestic Violence 33
- Dowry Torture –21
- Personality difference-01
- o Alcohol/Drugaddiction-03
- o Economic Crisis-06
- Extra Marital Relation-03
- Property Dispute-03

Any Other- 27

- False Assurance to Marry-02
- Negligence by Parents-01
- o Negligence by Son-11
- Negligence by daughter inlaws-03
- Land dispute-02
- Negligence by Husband-04
- Negligence by Brother-04

Closed case - 106

- Reconciliation-32
- Mutual Settlement-28
- Referred to court-36
- Separetation-00
- o Drop out-10

Other activities

- Home visit –35
- o Follow up visit-25
- Awareness Meeting- 11
- Session Meeting-32
- Sub-CommitteeMeeting 02

Swadhar Greh (for women in distress)



NYSASDRI implemented a plan for a women's shelter that at any given time had a capacity for 30 women and 7 children. During the 2018-2019 reporting year 41 women and 27 children have been enrolled in the Swadhar Greh and 41 women and 29 children were rehabilitated in there family, relative and inlaws house. At the time of publication, others were



actively enrolling. The Swadhar Greh shelter provides opportunities for those living there to learn income generating vocations like

tailoring, kitchen and garden maintenance activities, broom making, bamboo crafts and bamboo nursery, and mushroom cultivation. Shelter residents are fully provided with all accommodations in addition to shelter like food, clothes, counseling, legal aid, entertainment facilities, and healthcare check-ups and supplies for women and their children. The children continue their schooling since they are enrolled in the local Integrated Child Development Centre and primary school. Under the chairmanship of child development project officer, Gondia, Committee of Swadhar Greh personnel has been formed. The committee reviews the quality of food and other provisions, satisfaction of the residents and quality of counseling given. Based on their reviews that take place every quarter, recommendations are given and improvements can continually be made. During this reporting period district monitoring team and state nodal officer visited the Swadhar greh and provided their suggestion for betterment of programme. The Greh was also inspected on by the District Monitoring Committee under the leadership of Additional District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, District Judge, District Child Protection Office, District Social Welfare Officer, District Medical Officer, Child development office, Gondia, Tahasildar Gondia. In addition this, the District Social welfare officer, District Child Development Officer, Child Development Officer, Gondia and state nodal officials from Women and Child Development department have also visited the centre.

Deemed Orphan



Special care is always given to children in the Swadhar Greh, Necessary support has been provided to them. Education facilities along with entertainment, additional food supplement, Health care and medicine for ill children have been provided. We provide indoor games facilities with clothes. We are observing by celebrating the festivals, National days and birthdays of children throughout the year. During financial year 2018 to 19, total 27 children were enrolled and 29 children discharged.

NYSASDRI Public School (Educational Complex)

NYSASDRI runs an educational campus in the name of NYSASDRI Public School (Educational Complex) in Hukumtola in the Rayagada district of Odisha. Currently, 54 tribal girls are being provided with primary education up to class 5. They are also able to stay and live at the school. Aside from lodging, the school also provides food, uniform dress materials, sundry and toiletry items, learning materials, and pocket money, excursions like picnics, and healthcare check-ups and necessary medications. It also provides incentives to the students for good behavior and performance.

In addition this 148 (boys and girls) are reading in the School.

Besides regular classes, the students also participate in friendly speech, song, drawing, and dance competitions during special events and holidays. They also take part in extracurricular activities like gardening and vocational training on toys making, tailoring, nursery, paper bag etc



The school also organized other event and festivals like Observation of Rakshya Bandhan, Diwali, Holi, New Years, International women's days, children's day, teachers 'day, world water day and many more. One Kitchen garden is available in the campus and produced green vegetable and leafs for children. In addition this Annual sports, Annual cultural events was organized and awarded the winners children in the annual day programme.

Recently the Kutragada Gram Panchayat supported for the concrete road from Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) road to NYSASDRI Public School (Educational Complex)

NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social work (NSJS)







The NSJS is recognized by the Government of Odisha Tourism & Culture Department and affiliated with the Utkal University of Culture. The school was founded in 2013 and since





its inception there have been four successful graduating classes. During the current academic session, there are a total of 60 students in Master in Arts – Master in Social Work MA MSW and 12students for MA JMC enrolled in first semester studies. 46 students have recently been promoted to 3rd Semester studies in the MA for Social Work



program. Out of 20 students 19 students successful completed qualified Materster in Social work during 2016-18 batch. The school organizes welcoming ceremonies students fresher farewell and for graduating ceremonies students. Current students take part in lectures, seminars, fieldwork, and receive NGO placement for real-world experience. For students there is a library, community area, hostel, and cafeteria for both male and female students. NSJS sponsors and encourages regular extracurricular activities like cultural exploration programs,

sports, excursions, field trips, and social activities with their fellow students. The school also observes national days and festivals like Teachers day, Gandhi Jayanti, Swachha Bharat Abhijan, Environment day, international women's day, world water day, social work day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Ganesh Puja, and Saraswati Puja. NSJS also arrange scholarship for its students through PRERANA, Odisha..

NYSASDRI School

Established in February 2010 the NYSASDRI School was originally named *Odisha Demonstrative Multipurpose Community School (ODMCS)*. The school is located at Kokuajhar village of Kashipur Gram Panchayat in Gondia Block of the Dhenkanal district. With an objective is to enhance the quality of education in rural tribal areas. The school's curriculum matches with the Indian CBSE



standards set for grades I through V, English Medium School type. During this past year, 57 children are availing education from nursery up to Grade V. Extracurricular activities include sports, excursions, cultural functions, group dances, Drama Theater, song singing, comedies, cultural dressing, etc. Annually, positive reinforcement is given to the children by awarding certificates and prizes to top students in categories like sports, art, and cultural competency. This past year students went on a fieldtrip to Ratnagir, Lalitgiri Olasuni and other places of historical and cultural significance Odisha..

The Meikirch Model- Health awareness in Gondia

The Meikirch Model is one of the new initiatives in health sector to prevent and control of disease and maintain healthy and simple life. In this context NYSASDRI implemented Meikrich Model approaches in its working area and also demonstrated in different villages. We have been constantly participating in different conferences and workshops to determine ways that we can implement this theory in NYSASDRI's activities. We distribute posters, learning materials, and engage with community members directly to teach about disease prevention, the benefits of exercise, yoga, meditation, the benefits of including greens and vegetables in their diet, sanitation and hygiene, best practices in obtaining safe drinking water, having sanitary latrines, cleaning with soap before and after meals, and the avoidance of alcohol and drugs.

Micro Credit Support for Differentially Abled People

Micro Credit support for differentially abled people has been implemented by NYSASDRI in Govindpur village under Sadar block, Santhasara Santhapur, Erenda, Bajuria, Balijoranda Nayakateni and, Gondia villages





under Gondia block of Dhenkanal District. This year NYSASDRI has aided the loan recipients with vocational training, self-help groups, and with opening bank accounts so that they can safely manage their money. There were a total of 30 recipients of loans, where each loan amount was dependent on assessed need of the individual based on their plans. Follow up action was conducted and revolving of the previous loan amount group members is going on. For better implementation of the programme the Director and Joint Director, NYSASDRI have attended international workshop at Kochi, Kerala and participated in the review cum planning meeting programme.

<u>Odisha Forest Sector Development Project - II</u>

NYSASDRI has successfully completed the first year as P-NGO with the



Odisha forestry Sector Development Project-II (OFSDP-II) in Dhenkanal Forest Division and also renewed the contract for the 2nd year (Dec-2018 to Nov- 2019) in the month of December 2018, and subsequently 2nd team was deployed in Hindol



Forest Management Unit in November 2018



Working this short period with OFSDP-II the P-NGO, NYSASDRI and its staffs gained lots of experience in forestry sector and created a good platform in the project implementing areas as well as the team developed good relationship with community members as well as the line departments of the District.

In this period the P-NGO team completely involved in all targeted activities of the project work in the two FMUs and organized different Capacity Building training Programmes for the stakeholders of the project. Organized awareness Camps on prevention and control of forest fire. Organised Free Eye screening Camps at unreached area and many developmental activities organized in the Batch-1 VSSs of Dhenkanal FMU in the support of NYSASDRI, its Eye Hospital and the School of Journalism and Social Work. The Community mobilization



meetings created influence in the local people by which many developmental activities performed in the field Many area. developmental plans proposed in the micro planning process prepared by the local people for sustainable development of the forest



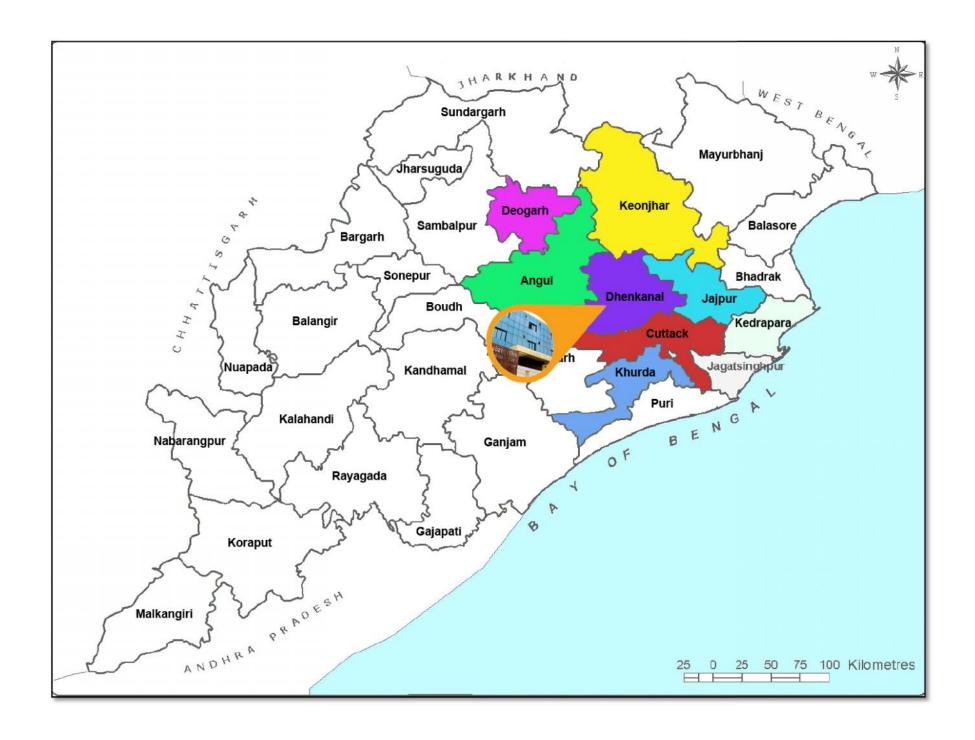
fringe villagers. Above all, NYSASDRI with its team members tried its best to support the project to achieve the successful implementation and achieve its goal with the stipulated time.

The following activities undertaken in OFSDP-IIat the VSS level

- ➤ Working in 52 VSS in both Forest Management Unit of Sadar & Hindol
- Survey Demarcation & Pillar Posting of VSS Forest area
- PRA exercise completed in 25 VSS
- Micro Plan preparation for 25 VSS
- ➤ Nursery site preparation for ANR/AR plantation
- Site Specific Plan completed in all VSS
- Drainage Line Treatment completed in 14nos VSS
- > Fire Line Creation Completed in 25 VSS
- Annual Plan approved in 25 VSS
- > Formation/revoke and strengthen of 75Women Self Help Group in Sadar 83 in Hindol Forest Management Unit of Dhenkanal
- > SHG Gradation completed in all VSS

Eye care

Kalinga Eye Hospital and Research Center (KEHRC) provides free, high-quality eye care services to the poor and underserved residents of the Angul, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Keonjhar and Khurda districts of Odisha. By providing corrective lenses, treatment for eye diseases, and corrective surgeries, KEHRC has helped restore sight to thousands of people. The hospital is registered under the Clinical Registration Act of Odisha and is a unit of the NYSASDRI. KEHRC is also an associate institutional member of VISION 2020, a national organization dedicated to improving eye health in India. This state of the art facility provides services from Paediatric to Geriatric population of this region. To reach all these segments of people, Kalinga Eye Hospital does many kind of activities and amongst them below are some of the action list.



Finding New Ways to Reach Out

In the previous year's Kalinga Eye Hospital was conducting child eye surgeries of the children from its neighbouring 8 districts, however in this year the goal was set to provide these specialized child eye care services to the entire state and provide early treatment to the children already identified with ophthalmic ailments. So this year, Kalinga Eye Hospital has joined hand with the Odisha Primary Education Programme Authority (OPEPA), Odisha and OPEPA has directed all the Project Offices located in each district to send the list of children identified with different kind of eye problems to Kalinga Eye Hospital and within a period of 30 days Kalinga Eye Hospital has received a list of 4109 children from all 30 districts who are in need of ophthalmic surgical treatment. Against this huge need, constraints resources, Kalinga Eye Hospital has planned have it in different phase wise and the first phase of surgery was conducted from 23rd -29th November 2018, where 139 sight restoration of surgeries were conducted during the period which is a record number of surgeries for the first time in the country in child eye surgery.



Enhancing Skill for the Future

Looking after the scarcity of technical personnel in eye care, NYSASDRI has proposed to conduct a one year full time training course on Vision Technician, so it has applied for the course to the Govt of India's Health Sector Skill Council and got affiliated. The BMZ, Germany has also looked into the initiative and has agreed to support the students in getting themselves trained under the programme. In the first year of this programme, 40 students from different geographic locations of Odisha have got admitted.

Milestones and New Frontiers





Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal has completed 17 years of works in promoting eye care services and best community ophthalmology practices. To further strengthen the organizational practices of the institute, the centre has applied for the ISO certification and within three months of the application, the centre is been awarded as the ISO 9001:2015 certified hospital. An event was organized on 13th May 2018 to celebrate the recognition and 233 well-wishers of the organization have attended the ceremony. The ISO certificate was jointly unveiled by Sh Vinod Kumar, IFS, Ex-Director Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, District Programme Manager- District Blindness Control Society, Angul, Dr Sudharma Chandra Patra, Director Income Tax, Bhubaneswar, Sh Sovan Krishna Sahu, IRS, Retd CBI Judge Sh Bhikari Ch Rout and the Managing Director of Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal Sabita Swain.

Community Outreach

The passing year was a year of several landmark achievements for Kalinga Eye Hospital's outreach programme. Over 8,000 cataract surgeries were done through camps, the second highest, so far by Kalinga Eye Hospital. Camps in districts such as

Dhenkanal, Angul, Deogarh, Jajpur and Keonjhar received an overwhelming response in terms of admissions for surgery. A mega camp that was held in Gaham on 1, January 2018 recorded the highest ever admissions through a single camp. A total of 663 people were screened and 198 patients were brought in for cataract surgery through the camp. In addition to the significant numbers on screening that occurred this camp was special as it was the 5th annual camp conducted by Kalinga Eye Hospital in a row in Gaham. Kalinga Eye Hospital conducted 326 camps in the community, workplaces and schools, through which it screened 33,511 patients, of these 8818 underwent surgery.



Hospital Based Programme (from 23rd to 29th November 2018)

A week long Hospital Based Programme (HBP) on paediatric strabismus was organized at Kalinga Eye Hospital by NYSASDRI, Dhenkanal, where the well-known ophthalmologists of India Dr.Mihir Kothari of Mumbai & his team has joined the HBP from 26th-28th





November 2018. During the HBP Dr. Kothari has discussed with the Paediatric Ophthalmologist of Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dr

Chandra SekharSahoo, and the other ophthalmologist, and helped them learn the skills and address concerns over strabismus surgeries. Apart from strabismus surgeries, Dr Kothari has transferred his skills on other diseases including Ptosis and lid treatments. During the programme Dr. Kothari also conducted clinical classes for the Clinical team of Kalinga Eye Hospital. As many as 139 free paediatric eye surgery operations were conducted during the camp. 279 children were screened and detected to be in need of specialized eye treatment, the children were aged between 7 months and 15 years. They belong to poor and poverty stricken families, so Kalinga Eye Hospital has conducted the surgeries free of cost for the patients.

Special Camp for children with Low Vision

Low vision is a condition caused by eye disease, in which visual acuity is 20/70 or poorer in the better-seeing eye and cannot be corrected or improved with regular eyeglasses. To indentify such children in the district of Dhenkanal, special drive was made in association with Sarva Siksha Abhiyan and District Health Society Dhenkanal and through which 151 children were identified in





this category. All the identified children were brought to two different locations where they were provided with low vision devices at free of cost, that will help them live a better life. Out of the two locations, 1st location was at the District Project Office, Sarva Siksha Abhiya, Dhenkanal, where the camp was organized on 10th February 2018 and the second camp was organized on 9th February at Kamakshyanagar of Dhenkanal district.

Training of VSS Members in Eye Care



A special training programme was conducted on 22nd June 2018 in the premises of Kalinga Eye Hospital, where 50 Vana Suraksha Samiti (VSS) members were trained for identifying person with visual ailments. Along with the training they were provide with a scientifically designed handy eye screening KIT that will help them in differentiating the people in need of ophthalmic consultation. The uniqueness of the training has able to attract the Divisional Forest Officer, Rinku Kumari, IFS, The Chief District Medical Officer Dr Basudev Behera, The Programme Manager of Sightsavers Mr Akbar Mehfuz Alam and the Ex Director of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project, Odisha Sh Vinod Kumar, IFS, as special guest of the

programme. On successful outcome of the intended activities, other VSS members will be trained gradually.

Volunteer services

Volunteer services are one of main endeavours of the NYSASDRI. Every year volunteers come from state, national and international levels and donate their time, expertise and laborto various NYSASDRI initiatives. Our volunteers come from diverse professional and educational backgrounds like photography, social work, medical school students, and undergraduate students from disciplines like policy, social welfare, government, nutrition and medical, forestry and conservation, etc. In the previous year volunteers were placed in NYSASDRI associated institutions like tribal schools, the English medium school, Kalinga eye hospital, NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work, etc. During their stay at various NYSASDRI placements they learn from staff members and other volunteers about NYSASDRI's approaches in resource poor settings. This way, volunteers not only help

NYSASDRI, but we also help them cultivate their skills and interests so they can go on and be social leaders as well. This past year, two volunteers had long-term stays at Kalinga Eye Hospital and contributed greatly to its efforts.

List of Volunteers for 2018-19

