

I3S project Scoping Visits

1. Objective of the scoping Visits:

Under the project scoping visits were made of all the four states of Assam, Karnataka, Odisha and Rajasthan in the month of October, 2013. These visits were meant for meeting with the state partner organisations and sharing with them about the project to enhance their understanding and knowledge about the overall project idea, objectives and goals, key features and activities along with methodologies, strategies and approaches, target groups, government departments and agencies etc. During this visit state partners were also sensitized about the Rural Non-Farm Sector as a whole and the key activities of Research, networking and advocacy part along with the web portal and its interactivity.

Scoping visits also meant for meeting with the key government department officials like Additional Chief Secretary (Development), Principal Secretary and Secretary, Rural Development Department or Panchayati-raj in Odisha, Mission Directors of State Rural Livelihood Missions, Directors of State Institute of Rural Development and National Institute of Rural Development (Jaipur and Assam), Department of Industry, Chief General Manager of NABARD, Major research institutes of the state working in the area of livelihoods or MGNREGS or RNFS to meet with them and briefing them about the project and seeking their active cooperation through our the project period.

During the scoping visits major NGOs which are working in the sector of Livelihoods or RNFS were also targeted to meet their management officials for briefing them about the project and their active cooperation.

2. Scoping Visits

During the scoping visits of the four states of Assam, Karnataka, Odisha and Rajasthan following offices were visited to meet the key officials and sharing about the project details and seeking their active involvement in the state project activities at various stages of the project.

2.1 Assam: From October 28-29, 2013

S. No.	Name of the Department/Organisation/institution	Meeting With	Persons Visited
1.	State Rural Livelihood Mission (SPM)	Mr. Binay Kumar Deka, SPM	Mr. George Cheriyan, CUTS Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Mr. Monjit Borthakur
2.	State Institute of Rural Development, Govt. of Assam	Mr. AMM Zakir, Joint Director	"
3.	NABARD, Guwahati, Assam	Mr. R. Maruti Ram, CJM Ms. Rashmi Darad	"

		and whole Non-Farm Team including 10-12 officials'	
4.	Rajasthan Gramin Vikas Nidhi, Guwahati, Assam	Mr. Amiya Kumar Sharma, Executive Director	"

2.2 Odisha: October 21-23, 2013

S. No.	Name of the Department/Organisation/institution	Meeting With	Persons Visited
1.	State Rural Livelihood Mission, Odisha	Mr. D.V. Swami, IAS, Mission Director	Mr. George Cheriyan, CUTS Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Ms. Seema Gupta, CYSD Mr. Jaydev Dakua, CYSD
2.	State Institute of Rural Development, Govt. of Odisha	Mr. S. K. Das, Deputy Director	"
3.	NABARD, Bhubneshwar, Odisha	Mr. S.K. Kale, CJM Mr. S. M. Sahastrabudhe, GM Mr. Ranjith Kumar KG, AGM	"
4.	Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Bhubneshwar	Mr. G. Sharma	"

2.3 Karnataka: From October 17-18, 2013

S. No.	Name of the Department/Organisation/institution	Meeting With	Persons Visited
1.	Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Karnataka	Mr. V. Umesh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Development), Karnataka	Mr. George Cheriyan, CUTS Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Mr. Suranjan Dutta, Public Affairs Centre
2.	State Rural Livelihood Mission, Karnataka	Mr. K. Krishna Swami, SPM	"
3.	NABARD, Bangalore, Karnataka	Dr. R. N. Kulkarni	"
4.	Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore	Mr. Komal Singha, Assistant Professor	"

2.4 Rajasthan: From October 10-30, 2013

S. No.	Name of the Department/Organisation/institution	Meeting With	Persons Visited
1.	Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Rajasthan	Mr. C.S. Rajan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary Mr. Kuldeep Ranka, IAS, Secretary,	Mr. George Cheriyan, CUTS Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS
2.	State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rajasthan	Mr. Subir Kumar, IAS, Mission Director	Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Ms. Arti Pandey Tiwari, CUTS
3.	State Institute of Rural Development, Govt. of Rajasthan	Mr. Girraj Singh	Ms. Arti Pandey Tiwari, CUTS
4.	NABARD, Jaipur, Rajasthan	Mr. Jiji Mammen, CJM	Mr. George Cheriyan, CUTS Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Ms. Arti Tiwari, CUTS
5.	National Institute of Rural Development, Jaipur	Mr. Vijay Chaudhari	Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma, CUTS Ms. Arti Tiwari, CUTS
6.	Rural Development Agency	Ms. Neelima Jauhari	Ms. Arti Tiwari, CUTS
7.	Indian Institute of Craft and Design, Jaipur	Mr. Satish Bhardwaj, Director	Ms. Arti Tiwari, CUTS
8.	Entrepreneurship and Management Development Institute, Jaipur	Mr. Nivan Sharma, Joint Director	Ms. Arti Tiwari, CUTS

3. Outcome

- Clarity about the project was enhanced among the project partners and targeted key Government officials and practitioners of the RNFS.
- Face to face meeting with the top level Government officials will ensure their active participation in the project activities at various point of time.
- Formal MoUs were signed with the state partners
- PMT was also knew some of the ground realities during the visits and interacting with the key stakeholders and partner organisations.