

**Planning Process: DBSS Chotanagpur**  
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**Objective:**

To assess our work with the community in the last 2 and ½ years. What we have done and what we could not do. Where we are and how we will move forward with the realization of our achievements and failures. How we can fulfill our objective in terms of building movement in the next coming period.

**Methodology:**

Input session  
Group discussion and presentation

**Area coverage:**

The first session undertaken by the SBSS team was with regards to the area coverage of the DBSS.

DBSS Chotanagpur is working in three districts of the Jharkhand state. They are the Gumla, Khunti, and Simdega districts. The participants were requested to list down the area coverage of the DBSS on the board. The following picture emerged:

**Kamdara block [Gumla District]**

In Gumla district they are working in the 01 block out of the 11 blocks and they are covering total villages of the 06 panchayat out of the 10 Panchayat. Covered 48 villages out of 73 villages.

**Bano block [Simdega District]**

In Simdega district they are working in the 01 block out of 07 blocks and they are covering 03 panchayat out of the 16 panchayat. Covered 16 villages out of the 83 villages.

**Khunti, Arki and Murhu block [Khunti District]**

In Khunti district they are working in the 03 blocks and covering 03 Panchayat out of the 41 Panchayat. Covered 27 villages out of the 200 (approx) villages

**The following Points were highlighted from the emerging picture:**

- Area covered is very segregated and scattered for concentrated work and movement building
- In Khunti district they are working in a very small area.

**Suggestion from the staff and Community Representative regarding area coverage.**

- It should be constituency wise
- It should be district wise
- We should cover whole block not few panchayat of related block but total panchayat of related block.
- The area coverage needs to be more concentrated

**Building peoples Movement:**

After presentation and discussion of area coverage the next session was that on 'building People's Movement' for this the participants were asked to prepare presentation of the CBOs /POs with their structure and its role & responsibilities in every block. For this the group was divided block wise.

**Village level CBOs**

Gram Sabha, SHG, Village education committee, Bal Sabha committee, Youth Samiti, Jangal Raksha samiti, Pancha samiti.

**Panchayat level**

Panchayat samiti, Kishan cooperative, Mahila Adhikar Manch, Kishan samiti.

**Block Level**

Block level gram Sabha, Mahila rozgar sangh, Youth Pressure group.

**District level**

Gram Sabha union Parisad, Adivasi astitwa raksha manch.

The group then further discussed about the role & responsibility, participant and linkage among the CBOs/POs in bottom level to top level.

**Points highlighted**

The points that emerged from the presentation and the discussion were as follows:

- There is lack of linkage among the CBOs In the village level.
- Lack of any linkages of the CBOs at the Panchayat, block and district level.
- No clear role & responsibilities of the CBOs/Pos.
- Participants/ Members are not clear in the panchayat level and block level.
- Lack of identification of Issue.
- Membership very small and scattered
- Structures of different CBOs/POs themselves are complicated, which imposing and causing problems within and among the,.

It was quite evident from the discussion that in most of the blocks the process of movement building is still at the nascent stage. Most of the blocks have village level CBOs only, they still have a long way to go in terms of transforming them into POs. Only the Kamdara and Bano blocks have been able to form organization at the Panchayat and block level. So, looking into the points mentioned above, the DBSS is to move taking the points in building peoples' organisations and peoples' movement.

#### **Issues:**

In regard to the issue we divided two groups for group discussion one group is community representative and second group is DBSS staff and given them the following question.

- Who is our community
- Existing social situation in your community
- What is the problem related to livelihood.

The facilitation team sit with community representatives to discuss on the above mention question. And ask to DBSS staff to prepare a chart on the above mention question for presentation according to their assigned field.

#### **The following points were highlighted after discussion and presentation:**

##### **Livelihood and food security**

- DBSS is focused on Government social security scheme and NREGA.
- They could not find the alternative means of livelihood. Like: gottary, piggery, and petty shop etc.
- Some village is doing organic farming but they need more awareness on organic farming and its utilization in wider area. Because maximum population of this area is dependant upon agriculture, this form of agriculture should be encouraged.
- Gram Sabha should be more active and functional so that they can tap government program related to development.
- Need to strengthen the Van Raksha Samiti to protect the forest.

After discussion, and collected some basic information on the issue, a input session on **“identifying the ability and the resources in regard to livelihood and food security”** was taken for bringing more clarity on understanding and practicality among the community people.

The way responses came from the participants and promised to use the ability and resource to combat their livelihood issue, it was quit satisfactory. Not only had they realized the following abilities and resources rather had efforts to be specific and identify in micro level.

#### **Abilities:**

1. **Physical: fitness**, working capacity etc
2. **Mental abilities:** confidence to do, to lead, to organize to motivate, to sensitize, to convert a small problem to bigger issue etc.
3. **Intellectual and Education:** information, knowledge, experiences etc.

## Resources:

1. **Natural Resources:**
  - a. **Water:** rain water, river, stream, fishes of river water etc.
  - b. **Forest:** Reserve forest, protected forest, forest for all, the NTFP and their uses etc.
  - c. **Land:** cultivated land, grazing land, unutilized village land, waste land etc.
2. **Intellectual Resources:** knowledge providers etc.
3. **Physical Resources:** road, dispensary, school, temple
4. **Social Resources:** association, organisation etc.
5. **Finance:** bank, SHG fund, money lenders, financial institutions etc.
6. **Others:** Government schemes

## Tribal identity

The following points were come out from the discussion and the community people realized to take these agenda in the future course of action i. e., building movement

- There is an emerging issue with regard to the tribal identity. The government official use the term 'Devi' as the surname of the adivasi women and the caste name for the men in their documents. For example Mangri Devi and Mangra Munda in the time of census. This leads to an incorrect representation and identity of the adivasi population.
- The traditional self rule has to be implemented in the schedule area and traditional governance rule should also be encouraged.
- The issue of Land encroachment and grabbing of land belonging to the adivasis by large MNC in various areas in Kamdara block has come up.

## Database

- Data has been collected but not updated.
- Need to be analysis of data and its utilization
- Data need to be used as effective tools
- Data need to be specific in regard to issue.
- Data needs to be gender sensitive

## Gender concern

- The work done on gender right now is more related to women issue and not human rights issue, this needs to be changed.
- Some extent gender component is there in the DBSS level to community level. Now women are also participating in the gram Sabha. This needs to be strengthened.
- Gender concerns need to be integrated in the handling of every issue.

### **Church mission engagement**

- Need to identification of issue in the selected congregation.
- Strategy need to develop how selected volunteer and congregation leader take issue forward.
- Strategy to develop how congregation will work with the poor.
- The activities to be specific that which activities are from DBSS to Congregation and which are from congregation to community.

### **Points to be kept in mind for planning the next three year:**

- Analysis of data and its proper utilization; need to make it a 'living' document.
- Correct identification of issues
- Asses our resources and ability regarding issues
- Need to address all the issues in a campaign mode aiming towards movement building.
- Strengthening the structures and linkages among the CBOs/Pos
- Area coverage needs to be analyzed and reworked
- Cross cutting theme integrated in the issue.

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