

Our CBOs – Structure

1. The CBO structure would be based on the nature of the programme in implementation and its target communities. At present there are two major programmes. They are
 - 1) Sustainable Agriculture & Diversified Rural Livelihoods – with SC, ST, and other drought affected rainfed farmers as target community.
 - 2) Village Based Watershed Development – with the whole village as target community.

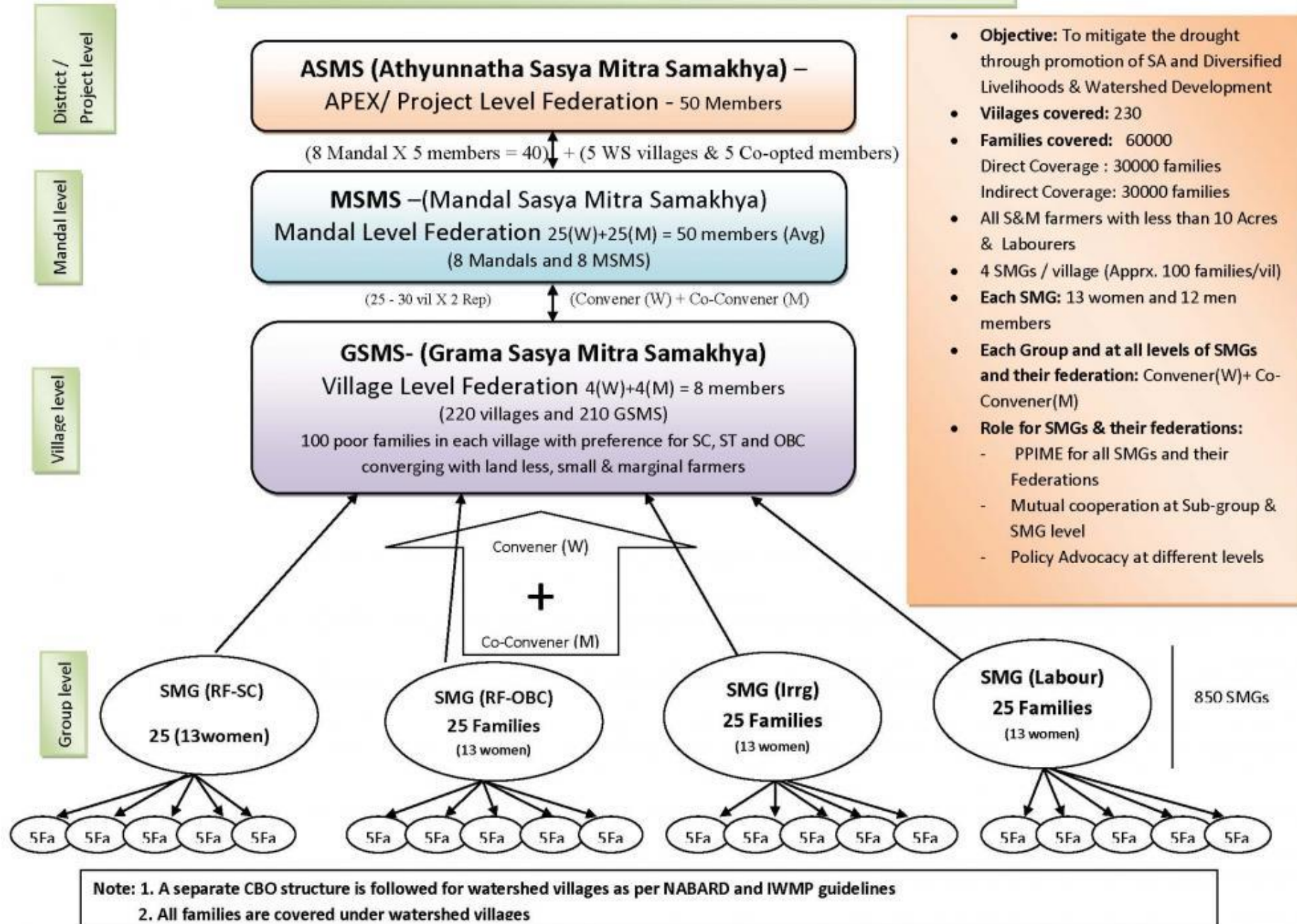
The CBO structure for Sustainable Agriculture and Diversified Rural Livelihoods is as follows:

In order to enable people as the main actors in the process of their development, a 4 tier Community Based Organisations (CBOs) of farmers are organized and facilitated. They are (a) Sasya Mitra Groups (Primary farmers Groups) (SMGs), (b) Grama Sasyamithra Samakhyas (GSMS), (Village level federation of Primary Groups) (c) Mandal Sasyamithra Samakhyas (MSMS) as Federation of Village Federation at Mandal level (d) Project Sasyamithra Samakhya (ASMS) Apex Federation at the Project level. We believe that the CBOs of farmers are the main social instruments in bringing desired change in agriculture and rural livelihoods.

The target communities for Village based Watershed Development:

At present our watershed programmes are funded by NABARD and Department of Rural Development Watershed Programme (Govt. of India & Govt of AP) called IWMP (Integrated Watershed Management Programme). The CBO structure is according to the watershed guidelines of NABARD and Department of Rural Development at Central and A.P Government.

SASYAMITRA GROUPS & THEIR FEDERATIONS



- **Objective:** To mitigate the drought through promotion of SA and Diversified Livelihoods & Watershed Development
- **Villages covered:** 230
- **Families covered:** 60000
Direct Coverage : 30000 families
Indirect Coverage: 30000 families
- All S&M farmers with less than 10 Acres & Labourers
- 4 SMGs / village (Apprx. 100 families/vil)
- **Each SMG:** 13 women and 12 men members
- **Each Group and at all levels of SMGs and their federation:** Convener(W)+ Co-Convener(M)
- **Role for SMGs & their federations:**
 - PPIME for all SMGs and their Federations
 - Mutual cooperation at Sub-group & SMG level
 - Policy Advocacy at different levels

Note: 1. A separate CBO structure is followed for watershed villages as per NABARD and IWMP guidelines
2. All families are covered under watershed villages