

Narrative Report (Standards A and A-flexible)

Financial Support

For all projects supported by Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service (hereafter referred to as Financing Partner) a progress report is required after every six months. The report shall be sent to the Financing Partner 3 months after the end of the reporting period at the latest. Its volume should not exceed a total of 12 pages. Any additional information should be added as appendices. This applies also to statistical data, photographs, etc.

1. General Information

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Project number	N-IND-2017-0397
Project period	From 01.04.2018 till 31.03.2021
Reporting period	From 01.04.2018 till 30.09.2018
Date of report	22.12.2018
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2. Change within the Organisation

During the reporting period, did any important events or changes take place within your organisation?

2.1

related to the management structure?

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe:

2.2

related to your planning system?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe:

2.3

related to the composition of your staff?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe:

Accion Fraterna has got an opportunity to implement a two year project from 1st July 2018. The new project “**Accelerating Value Chain Benefits for Improved Income for Farmers and Nutrition for Consumers – ICRISAT**”, funded by **Walmart Foundation** is implemented in collaboration with International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

During the reporting, 23 new staff members were recruited for this project. The total staff number increased from 144 to 164 and Women staff increased from 43 to 52.

2.4

related to other issues?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe:

3. Changes of social, political, economic and ecological project context

3.1

Are there important changes (social, political, economic, ecological) in the projects’ immediate environment since its inception?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe:

3.2

Is the underlying problem analysis of the project still valid considering possible changes in the context?

Yes No

If No, please describe:

3.3

Do these changes have implications for the work, the project objective and the latter's achievement?

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe:

4. Outcome and Impact

Project objective: With the promotion of sustainable agriculture, drought mitigation and alternate livelihoods, food and livelihood security have improved in 230 villages of Anantapur District.			
Indicators	Achievement of objectives (Assess using indicators)	Planned activities for the reporting period	Implemented activities during the reporting period
1. Atleast 30% of the target population has increased their income by 20% from which 50% are women.	<p>During the reporting period, 4923 families (30% of 16230 families from 779 active SMGs in 216 villages) have adopted appropriate Drought resistant measures and protected their Rainfed crops.</p> <p>62% of the farmers who adopted the sustainable Agriculture and Drought mitigation technologies were women.</p> <p>The Board of Directors of all the 8 MACS consists of 50% women and they have actively participated in implementing CMSS and Redgram Procurement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of CBOs <p>Sustainable Agriculture Practices & Drought Mitigation Technologies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Farmer Field School 2. Demonstration plots 3. Fodder Development 4. Cement Lining for farm ponds 5. Row Furrow Watering & Sowing 6. Protective Irrigation 7. Contingency crop 8. fruit plants for gap filling 9. Cycle Seeders/ Weeders 10. Three layer bags 11. Community Managed Seed System 12. Redgram procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3760 SMG meetings were conducted against the planned 4858. 70% of SMG members attended and women attendance was 64%. • 1136 GSMS meetings were conducted against the planned 1476. 65% of GSMS members attended and attendance of women was 62% • 44 MSMS/MACS meetings were conducted against 48 planned. Attendance was 62% and women participation is 72%. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 207 FFS sessions were conducted to rainfed farmers. 966 farmers participated, of them 615 are women. 2. 933 farmers have demonstrated improved varieties of Redgram, Castor and Groundnut Seed in 996 acres 3. 211 families had raised improved variety of fodder in 383 acres 4. 59 farmers have lined their farm ponds with cement and protected water from percolating 5. 153 farmer sowed crops in time using furrow watering & sowing method in 316 acres 6. 207 farmers provided protective irrigation in 630 acres and saved the crops from wilting 7. 2396 farmers had sown contingency crops in 6136 acres with Horsegram and Jowar and got some food grains and fodder 8. 466 farmers have filled the gaps in 530 acres of Dryland Horticulture plots with 10,600 fruit plants 9. 297 families were provided cycle seeders/weeders to reduce drudgery 10. 188 families were provided 1016 three layer bags of different sizes for storing seed and grains. 11. 4842 families availed 5349 Qls of quality Groundnut Seed in time and 6225 Navadhanya kits through CMSS program 12. The MACS had procured 12564 quintals of Redgram from 1595 farmers at MSP benefitting them to a tune of Rs 2000 per quintal.

<p>2. Atleast 50% skilled youth (girls and boys) have increased their income to average 60 Euro per month.</p>	<p>During the reporting period,</p> <p>155 boys were provided training in Driving, two wheeler mechanism and mobile phone mechanism. Among them 82 (53%) were employed earning Rs.5000/- to 8000/- per month.</p> <p>51 women were given training in Auto Driving and all of them were facilitated to apply for Banks loans to purchase Autos.</p> <p>98 women were given advanced training on garment making. Of them 71 were provided bank loans to set up garment making centres. They were being linked with garment industry.</p>	<p>Diversified/ Alternate Livelihoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in LMV & HMV driving • Ttraining on two wheeler mechanism • Training on mobile phone mechanism • Auto Driving course for women • Advanced Training on Garment Making • Facilitating bank linkages & market linkages for tarined women to set up garment making units. 	<p>During the reporting period,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 boys were trained on LMV driving; Of them 23 are from SC/ST community. • 22 youth were trained on HMV; Of them 10 are from SC/ST community. • 49 boys were trained on two wheeler mechanism, of them 18 are from SC/ST community • 30 boys were trained on mobile phone mechanism, of them 11 are from SC/ST community. • 51 women were given training in Auto Driving, Of them 34 are from SC/ST community. • All the trainees were facilitated to apply to Banks for loan to purchase Autos. They will soon get the loans. <p>During the reporting period,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98 women were given advanced training on garment making, • Among them, 71 have set up garment making micro units using bank & market linkages • 13 women have formed into Joint Liability Groups and availed loans for livelihoods.
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If the project is more complex and composed of different project components, kindly use the spread sheet attached.

4.1

What other changes beyond the ones described in the above table did you observe/detect? Please mention anything that may be of relevance to the project progress.

There is not much change observed beyond that has been described above.

4.2

In case you observed any direct negative outcome of the project, please describe it, too.

No Negative impact observed.

4.3

Which incidents / events could you observe, which you consider to be contributing to or interfering with the accomplishment of the development goal (impact-level)?

No such incidents / events observed.

4.4

Which methods did you apply to assess your project's outcome and impact?

The methods applied for assessing Projects outcome and impact are:

- Monthly progress reports from field
- Reports from monitoring officers
- Feedback from community in SMG, GSS and MSMS meetings
- Feedback from end users
- Data triangulation from different sources

5. Conclusion for the Future Work

5.1

Based on your experience gathered, do you see a need to change the planned activities in order to accomplish the project objective?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state the reasons and elaborate on the changes:

5.2

In case you require consultancy services, please state the respective area:

Need consultancy support in strengthening PME systems and coping with change (Change Management)

5.3

Which are the most important lessons learned during the reporting period?
Please refer to gender equality issues also.

Learnings:

- Communities need systematic long term nurturing to handle business oriented organisations like FPOs. AF has entered into agreement with APMAS, an expert organisation to build these community organisations.
- Increase in number of staff added more complexity in organisation processes and need to devise new systems to deal with complexity.
- Facilitating formally registered Farmers Organisations is a more complicated process due to intricacies of laws and by laws of Mutually Aided Cooperative Act. So, it is hard to make the farmers to follow the intricate legal aspects.
- It is not enough to work with women in skill development like comment making; it is necessary to work with her family members, particularly husbands and mother-in-laws also!

Annexe (Narrative Report):

Project components' objectives	Indicators (information differentiated by sex or one indicator for the gender dimension)	Achievement of objectives (Assess using indicators)	Planned Activities	Activities implemented /carried out
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