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FOREWORD

As we reflect on the impact of our initiatives over the past year, it is essential to acknowledge the resilience and determination of the communities we serve. At FORWARD, our mission has always been to empower marginalized populations, particularly in Odisha, through sustainable development practices. This year has presented us with numerous challenges, but it has also reinforced our commitment to fostering positive change in the lives of those most in need.

Our diverse projects, ranging from nutrition programs for young children to housing solutions for the homeless, exemplify our holistic approach to development. We recognize that addressing immediate needs, such as food security and shelter, is just as important as promoting long-term sustainability through education and skill development. By integrating these aspects, we aim to create a comprehensive support system that uplifts individuals and families, helping them break the cycle of poverty.

The success of our Pre-School and Nutrition Program, which serves 210 children in Gudari Block, is a testament to the positive outcomes that can be achieved through targeted interventions. By providing daily nourishment and educational opportunities, we are laying the groundwork for a healthier, more educated generation.

Furthermore, our Environment-Friendly Low-Cost Housing Project in Bijay Chandpur demonstrates our commitment to addressing the housing crisis faced by the most vulnerable. Supporting 45 families in obtaining safe, secure homes has not only transformed their living conditions but has also instilled a sense of dignity and hope.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we remain dedicated to our core values of inclusivity, sustainability, and empowerment. Our partnerships with local communities, government agencies, and other stakeholders are vital in realizing our vision for a just and equitable society. Together, we will continue to strive for transformative change, ensuring that the voices of marginalized individuals are heard and that their needs are met. Thank you for your unwavering support as we embark on this journey towards a brighter future for all.



FROM SECRETARY'S DESK

As the Secretary of FORWARD, I am proud to share the progress we have made in our mission to uplift marginalized communities in Odisha. This year has been a significant chapter in our journey, characterized by resilience, innovation, and collaboration.

Our diverse initiatives—ranging from nutrition programs for young children to low-cost housing solutions for the homeless—reflect our commitment to addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by the communities we serve. By focusing on sustainable development, we aim not only to meet immediate needs but also to empower individuals and families for long-term self-reliance.

The remarkable success of our Pre-School and Nutrition Program, benefiting 210 children, and our Environment-Friendly Low-Cost Housing Project, which supports 45 homeless families, exemplify our holistic approach to community development. These initiatives are made possible through the unwavering support of our partners, volunteers, and stakeholders.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to fostering inclusivity, sustainability, and empowerment. Together, we will continue to strive for transformative change, ensuring that the voices of marginalized individuals are heard and their needs met. I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our mission. Your support is invaluable as we work towards creating a brighter, more equitable future for all.

PRASANNA KUMAR LIMA
Secretary

OUR HISTORY

Farmers Organisation for Research Welfare Agriculture and Rural Development -FORWARD is a non-government organization founded in 1995, formally registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 on 22nd April 1995 by a group of small farmers and socially committed young professionals. It was a noble expression of their concern for the welfare of the small and marginal farmers, disadvantaged and the underprivileged groups of people like women, children, unemployed youth, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, dalits, People with Disabilities (PWDs) with positive responses to build capacity of the community and the grass-root organizations. FORWARD has resolved that its programs would always be "pro-poor, pro-women, and pro-environment." With those principles in mind, the organization began by generating awareness on literacy, preservation and conservation of forest, organic farming, promotion of women's health & economic empowerment of women and rural youth, introducing small social enterprises and other income generation activities.

Our Vision

We envision, "An Egalitarian, Empowered, Self-Reliant, Just, Peaceful, and Environmentally Sustainable Society" with more accountable leadership.

Our Mission

We seek fund from individual philanthropists, groups, communities, civil societies and small farmers communities to creating successful models of grassroots development for sustainable livelihood, food security, health, social enterprises, education, preservation and conservation of natural resources through direct field interventions for replication, and sector level support to small and marginal farmers groups, women groups, differently abled, unemployed youth and children, through collective, self-motivated action, taking up research work, management services.

Prime Goal

To facilitate process for creation of inclusive and equitable development of the most marginalized, vulnerable and socially excluded communities in the state of Odisha by the creation of organic agriculture development models through direct field interventions, building capacity of farmers groups, women groups, CBOs & like-minded non-government and Civil Society Organizations and articulation of demands and realization of the rights of the target community.

Our strategies & approaches

We empower farmer groups, women groups and gram sabhas to become solid project partners and implement future-proof, sustainable practices. We support them so that they can build their destiny

Our programme aims to foster sustainable traditional food production and consumption, and to ensure a fair share for all actors in the value chain.

Reaching a critical mass of farmers, markets and consumers can only be achieved through changes at the structural level through improvements of the institutional and village environment. To contribute to making sustainable production and consumption the new norm, we are applying a combination of four strategies:

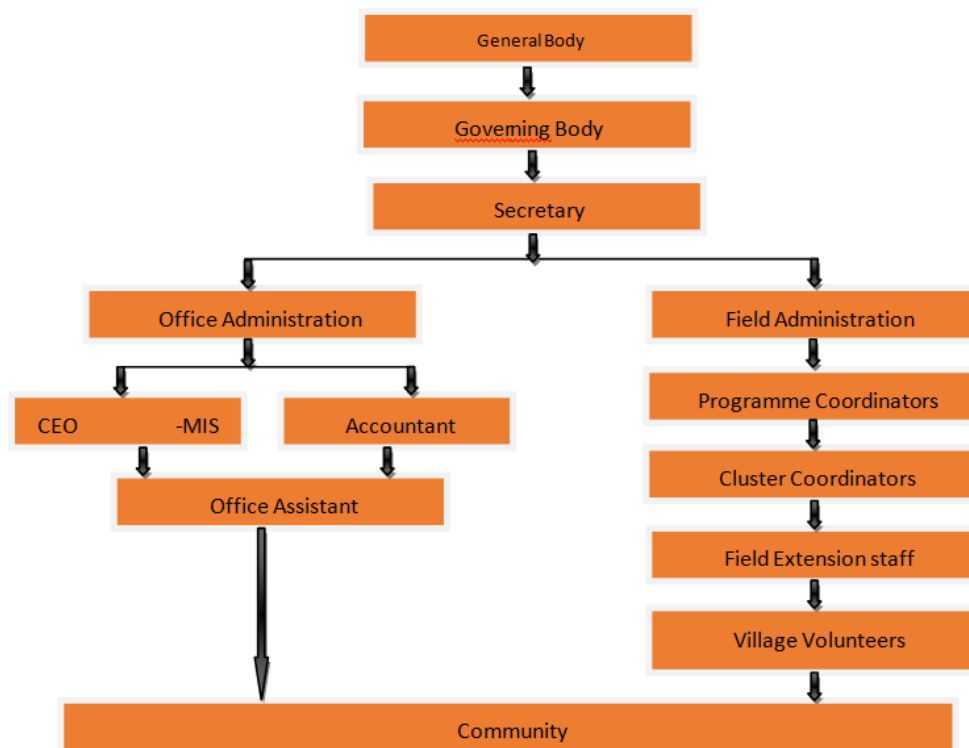
Strengthening partner capacities for collective actions by improving farmer organizations' technical, Organisational and business skills, and facilitating market linkages between chain actors;

Fostering innovation by investing in innovative methodologies to promote new inclusive and sustainable models and deepen our understanding of how to bring about transformational changes in the agriculture and food systems;

Supporting an enabling environment for small holders and consumers together with our partners, we leverage our results and support for evidence-based sustainable practice

Multi-stakeholder Engagements involving villagers, service and technology providers, local and state level government officials and researchers are regularly organized to promote cross-learning, increased access to technology and resources, a shared understanding of problems and a consensus on solution pathways. This process contributes “ground truths” to the policy process as well as helps improve program design and implementation.

Our Structure



Organisation Structure and Human Resources

We have the Board of Members at the apex of the organisation, which governs the overall management of the organisation. The governing body meeting takes place annually, which reviews the technical and financial performance of the organisation. There is a Secretary cum Chief Functionary, who runs the organisation. He has more than 30 years of experience in research and development sector, exclusively leads the operation and the other governing body members. The treasurer is of commerce background, manages the finance of the organisation. Under the chief functionary, there is a core team of 10 professionals having quantitative and qualitative research experiences. Besides, there are 10 field executives, 2 translators and more than 20 research investigators, who are hired as on requirement to undertake the research and evaluation activities.

Governance

General Body is the supreme authority of FORWARD which is consisted with 15 members. General body elects the 7 members to form Governing Body for a period of 3 years. The Governing Body brings any amendment in the organizational structure. It is responsible and accountable to General Body for its work and organizational management. This is the body accountable for effective smooth functioning of the organizational activities. Beneath the position Secretary-cum-Chief Functionary performs the management functions and guides the staff members as assigned by the Governing Body. The field administration and office administration staff works under the direct supervision of the Secretary-cum-Chief Functionary. Both the staff reciprocally hold responsible before the Secretary and simultaneously before the target community for the performances of the activities. Simultaneously the Secretary /Chief Functionary is also responsible before the Board.

Organizational Transparency

- FORWARD is transparent to the donors and is providing all types of information considering the requirement.
- FORWARD is transparent to the participants. It is always very much open to the participants/beneficiaries especially about information. It is also transparent to the Counterpart and Partners.
- FORWARD never tries to hide any information to the stakeholders it is working with.
- FORWARD is maintaining its working relationship with Government Functionaries and providing all necessary information to the authorities as when required

Accountability

- The Governing Body is accountable to the General Body for its activities. As per constitution, FORWARD management is responsible to the Governing Body for the effective management of the Organization and the program as well as for the proper utilization of funds mobilized from different sources.
- The Governing Body members always monitor the activities of Accounts Section for ensuring the good accounting. Before implementation of any project or plan it needs to be approved by Governing Body, the responsibility assigned to the Secretary-cum-Chief Executive.
- FORWARD is also accountable to its beneficiaries for the activities and services.

Legal Status

It is a Non-Government Organisation registered under Society Registration Act - 1860, FCRA-2010 & 12 AA (2) of the I. T. Act, 1961.

Our Team Members



ACTIVITIES DURING 2022-23

MEETING WITH MARGINAL AND SMALL FARMERS ON MILLET CULTIVATION

A series of meetings organized in the remote areas of Gudari and Chandrapur blocks in the district of Rayagada and held interaction with the Marginal and Small Farmers on the issue of Millet Cultivation during 2019-20. FORWARD is helping its 25 small farmers groups consisting of 250 small and marginal tribal farmers in Gudari and Chandrapur blocks.

“In fact, following the western model of development, we have lost out on a lot of useful and meaningful things. Food habits have been one of

the biggest changes. We are quickly forgetting our indigenous foods and chasing standardization” said Mr. Bijaya Nayak, President, FORWARD in a gathering at Gudari. Millets too have been discarded as being too primitive to be used, forgetting the roots.

These changes, coupled with state policies that favour rice and wheat,



have led to a sharp decline in millet production and consumption said, Mr. Prasanna Kumar Lima, Secretary, FORWARD. Even though India is the world leader in terms of production of millets, it should not be forgotten that the share of millets in total grain production had dropped from 40 to 20 percent, leading to some serious agricultural,

environmental and nutritional consequences he said. Rice has replaced millets as to be eaten directly, while wheat flour has replaced flours made out of millets, and is now used extensively to make Indian breads. We have been sensitizing small and

marginal farmers groups to increase the demand of millets including changing the mind-set of the people. Efforts are being taken to educate farmers about better millets growing techniques. Many recipes with millets as the base have been floating around too. Each millet has an importance of its own. While some millet, such as finger millet, is full of calcium, some like jowar have potassium and phosphorus, and foxtail is fibrous while qodo is rich in iron. Therefore, it is advisable to keep rotating the kind of millets we are eating. We are also generating awareness on the significance of millet intake habit saying that, we should not mix millets and should only eat one grain in a meal as each grain has its own requirement as the medium for digestion and mixing them can create imbalances in body.



TRAINING ON GREEN MANURE AND VERMIN

This year, FORWARD organized training on “green manure and vermin compost” for selected 20 young farmers of Gudari, Gumma and Chandrapur. The participants learned that, organic agriculture is an integrated production management system which promotes and enhances agro-ecosystem health, including biodiversity, biological cycles and soil biological activity. It emphasizes the use of natural inputs (i.e. mineral and products derived from plants) and the renunciation of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. They also equipped knowledge on many techniques used by other sustainable agricultural approaches (e.g. intercropping, crop rotation, mulching, integration of crops and livestock).



VEGETABLE SEEDS AND SAPLING DISTRIBUTION TO SHG WOMEN

This year, FORWARD made a significant impact on the livelihoods of women in Kujang, Chandrapur, and Gudari through the distribution of vegetable seeds and saplings. In Kujang block, Jagatsinghpur district, 101 women from 5 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were provided with banana, papaya, beans, and maize saplings, enabling them to develop horticulture on the ridge areas surrounding their fish ponds. This integrated farming approach not only maximizes land use but also promotes sustainable practices by combining horticulture with aquaculture.

Additionally, 25 women from Chandrapur and 23 women from Gudari were supplied with vegetable seeds and organic fertilizers to promote the

cultivation of organic vegetables. This initiative focuses on healthy farming methods, minimizing the use of harmful chemicals while encouraging the production of nutritious food. The program not only enhances food security and nutrition for these women and their families but also provides opportunities for income generation through the sale of surplus produce. By supporting these women in adopting sustainable agricultural practices, FORWARD fosters community resilience, self-reliance, and empowerment, improving both economic and health outcomes.



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SAVING & CREDIT MANAGEMENT SELF-HELP GROUPS

FORWARD has been focusing on the participation of women in savings and economic attainment will improve the status and gives power to participate in decision making process. It changes the nature and direction of systems affecting marginalized women and other disadvantaged sections in the society. Self-help groups are small voluntary association of people from the same socioeconomic background with a purpose of solving their common problems through self- help and mutual help. It is a tool to promote rural savings and provide gainful employment. The collective actions introduce leadership, Strength, reduce risk and external threat. It enables women to overcome the oppression of patriarchy

by helping to realize their true potentials which reflect total well-being. The micro credit is one of the solutions to promote the quality of life which accelerate the socioeconomic development and reduce the rural poverty considerably. Self Help Groups play important role of ensuring good health and empower women within the household as well as in the society. This paper describe about constitution, scope and credibility of Self Help groups, the Governments initiatives towards its promotion, Women Empowerment initiatives in rural areas and analyses the impact of intervention towards socioeconomic and rural development.

FISHERY AND DRY FISH BUSINESS BY WOMEN

The 101 women fishers earned Rs. 70910 from 4 villages from beans and sweet corn cultivation at the ridgeline area of fish ponds. The



women are so happy to share this earning. They are expecting more from banana and papaya too. The Fish and Duck Farming project in Kujang block, supported by NABARD, has significantly benefited 101 women fishers by enhancing their livelihoods. This initiative provides an alternative income source through the integrated farming of fish and ducks, improving economic resilience. The women received training to develop technical skills, empowering them to manage small-scale enterprises and boost their income. The dual farming system promotes environmental sustainability, as ducks naturally manage pond pests, reducing the need for chemicals. Additionally, the project has improved nutrition security for the women and their families, with access to fresh fish and duck meat. This initiative not only strengthens livelihoods but also fosters community empowerment and sustainable market opportunities for women.

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN (NUTRI-GARDEN)

This year, FORWARD made significant strides in promoting organic vegetable gardens (Nutri-Gardens) by training 75 small farmers, particularly women, from the villages of Gudari and Chandrapur. Through technical knowledge-sharing and capacity-building, these farmers are now actively engaged in sustainable vegetable cultivation.



As a result, they have successfully developed 30 Nutri-Gardens in their respective villages and backyards. The Nutri-Garden initiative focuses on growing organic vegetables, ensuring that farmers and their families have access to fresh, nutrient-rich produce. This contributes to improved household nutrition, addressing issues of malnutrition while promoting food security. The project also supports the local economy by enabling surplus vegetables to be sold in nearby markets, providing additional income for the participating farmers.



By adopting organic methods, the initiative minimizes the use of harmful chemicals and fertilizers, fostering environmentally sustainable practices. It also strengthens the farmers' technical skills in organic cultivation, improving their capacity for self-reliant farming. The women involved in the program have become key drivers of change, gaining confidence and leadership within their communities.

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The establishment of these 30 Nutri-Gardens not only enhances the nutritional intake of families but also serves as a model for sustainable agriculture in the region. FORWARD's ongoing support and training ensure that this program will continue to grow, empowering more farmers to adopt organic practices and contribute to healthier, more resilient communities.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TERRACOTTA TRAINING AND SUPPORT

In the Kujang area, 30 women from the potter community have been empowered through terracotta training, a project aimed at improving their skills and economic independence. This training program



focuses on enhancing traditional craftsmanship while introducing new techniques to improve the quality and marketability of terracotta products. By refining their skills in shaping, designing, and firing clay, the women have gained the ability to produce high-quality, aesthetically appealing terracotta items.

The initiative not only promotes cultural heritage but also creates income-generating opportunities for these women, enabling them to support their families. With the knowledge gained, they are better positioned to access local and regional markets, improving their financial stability. This project fosters self-reliance, boosts confidence, and promotes the active participation of women in the local economy, furthering their role in community development.

LIFE SKILLS AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING TO VILLAGE YOUTH

This year, FORWARD took a proactive step toward empowering village youth by organizing life skills and livelihood training for 23 young individuals (11 males and 12 females) from Gudari, Chandrapur, and

Kujang. The training focused on equipping these youth with essential life skills, including effective communication, problem-solving, decision-making, and teamwork, all crucial for personal and professional development. These skills are designed to build their confidence, improve interpersonal relationships, and enhance their capacity to navigate daily challenges.

In addition to life skills, the youth were introduced to various livelihood options, with a focus on local and sustainable opportunities that align with the needs of their communities. They received guidance on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and practical skills that could be applied in agriculture, small-scale enterprises, and vocational trades. This diverse training aims to create pathways for self-employment and secure livelihoods, reducing dependency on seasonal jobs or migration for work.

The inclusion of both male and female participants ensures gender inclusivity, promoting equality in access to opportunities and decision-making roles within their communities. Through this initiative, FORWARD has fostered a sense of



responsibility and empowerment among the youth, encouraging them to become active contributors to their local economies.

This comprehensive training program not only strengthens the skill sets of the participants but also contributes to the overall socio-economic development of the region by nurturing a new generation of self-reliant, skilled, and motivated individuals.



WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

In the Kujang area, 8 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have successfully adopted mushroom cultivation after receiving training, as part of a women economic empowerment initiative. This sustainable agricultural practice has become a reliable source of income for these women, with each group earning an approximate net profit of Rs. 500 per day. Mushroom cultivation requires minimal space and resources, making it an ideal livelihood option for the women, who are able to grow and harvest the mushrooms in small, controlled environments. The project has not only provided them with a steady income but also enhanced their technical skills and knowledge in farming practices. This initiative has significantly improved their financial independence and contributed to the overall socio-economic development of their families and communities.



VULNERABLE FAMILY SUPPORT FOR GOAT REARING



Rebati Majhi, a 65-year-old woman from Kujang, faced vulnerabilities as the head of her household. Like many families in similar situations, she was under financial and time pressures, which prevented her from accessing services. Intimidated by the process and concerned about what others might think, she did not seek help. Recognizing this, FORWARD stepped in to provide direct financial assistance, offering Rs. 10,000 to ensure Rebati felt secure and supported in her time of need.

In addition to the financial support, FORWARD connected Rebati with government assistance programs, ensuring she could access further help without difficulty. To improve her livelihood and make her financially independent, FORWARD also facilitated personal credit for goat rearing. With this support, Rebati has successfully started raising goats and has seen her herd grow significantly. This has not only improved her financial situation but has also provided her with a sustainable source of income.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH DRYFISH BUSINESS

Women in Kujang the coastal fishing villages have turned to selling fish and value-added fishery products after eliminating middlemen and abolishing the home brewing of country liquor, the root cause of their problems. This was the game-changer,” said Pintu Samataray, Senior Staff of FORWARD. “With this positive development, women in the villages across 5 villages formed groups and they too fought to end exploitation by middlemen. “There were still some issues. Every group did not have equal access to the market to sell their stock. Prices of fish differed from place to place. In order to bring all the fisherwomen under one umbrella and develop common market linkages, they formed a group.



In order to empower the fisherwomen as entrepreneurs, FORWARD organized training sessions for them on hygienic methods of producing dry fish and other fishery-based products. “It opened up new earning opportunities for us and fetched better profit than the raw fish,” Nirupama Samantaray, Fatepur, Kujang.

AWARENESS ON PERSONAL HEALTH & HYGIENE AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

Many adolescent girls from low-income households rely heavily on school-provided menstrual hygiene products. With the closure of schools, this supply has been disrupted, forcing many girls to resort to using cloth pads. This shift, while necessary, highlights the need for proper education on maintaining hygiene when using reusable menstrual products. There is a growing necessity to promote sustainable menstrual hygiene management practices, including the use of reusable products such as cloth pads and menstrual cups. Providing education on proper maintenance and hygiene is crucial for building resilience in managing menstrual health.

In response to this, FORWARD trained 30 adolescent girls on personal health and hygiene this year, focusing on menstrual hygiene management. The training provided these girls with valuable knowledge about the use of reusable menstrual products, their maintenance, and the



importance of proper hygiene practices. By promoting the use of cloth pads and menstrual cups, FORWARD is helping these girls adopt sustainable solutions that not only address the issue of limited access to hygiene products but also reduce environmental impact.

Through this initiative, the girls gained confidence and practical skills to manage their health better, reducing the stigma surrounding menstruation in their communities. This program empowers young girls to make informed decisions about their bodies, improves their overall well-being, and promotes healthier, more sustainable menstrual hygiene practices.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR PROMOTION OF MILLETS IN TRIBAL AREA

FORWARD implemented a Special Programme for the Promotion of Millets in tribal areas, focusing on the two blocks of Tiring and Sukruli in Mayurbhanj district. This initiative is part of the Odisha Millet Mission and aims to enhance the livelihoods and nutritional security of local farmers. With the support of the Department of Agriculture, the program targets approximately 1,200 small farmers who are directly benefiting from this initiative.

Millets are nutrient-rich, drought-resistant crops that have historically been a staple in tribal diets. However, their cultivation has declined due to the rise of cash crops and modern agricultural practices. This program seeks to revive millet farming by providing farmers with the necessary training, resources, and support to cultivate these resilient crops effectively.



Training sessions focus on sustainable agricultural practices, including soil health management, pest control, and crop rotation techniques that promote biodiversity. The farmers are also educated about the nutritional benefits of millets, highlighting their importance in combating malnutrition and improving overall health within the community.

In addition to training, the program provides access to quality seeds and financial support to help farmers transition to millet cultivation. This holistic approach aims not



only to increase millet production but also to empower farmers economically, enabling them to achieve greater self-reliance.

The promotion of millets also aligns with environmental sustainability goals, as these crops require less water and are more resilient to climate change impacts compared to traditional cereals. Through this initiative, FORWARD is contributing to the restoration of traditional agricultural practices, fostering food security, and enhancing the livelihoods of tribal communities in Mayurbhanj.

PRE-SCHOOL AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME

FORWARD is implementing a comprehensive Pre-School and Nutrition Program in five villages within Gudari Block, benefiting 210 children aged 0-5 years. This initiative is designed to combat malnutrition, stunting, and anemia, which are critical issues affecting the health and development of young children in the region. Recognizing the urgency of addressing these challenges, the program focuses on providing essential nutritional support and early childhood education.

To ensure that children receive adequate nutrition, the program provides milk and biscuits every day except Sundays. This daily feeding regimen not only helps improve children's dietary intake but also enhances their overall health and growth. By supplying nutritious food, FORWARD aims to mitigate the risks associated with malnourishment, supporting children in achieving their developmental milestones.

In addition to daily feeding, the program also distributes rice as part of the Rahat assistance initiative in response to the ongoing challenges posed by the post-pandemic period. This distribution of rice helps families ensure food security and provides additional support for their nutritional needs.

The Pre-School and Nutrition Program also emphasizes the importance of early childhood education, offering basic learning activities to engage young children and

promote cognitive development. By combining nutritional support with educational opportunities, the program seeks to create a holistic approach to child development.

Through this initiative, FORWARD is making significant strides in improving the health and well-being of children in Gudari Block, ensuring that they have the necessary resources to thrive. By addressing malnutrition and promoting early education, the program contributes to building a healthier, more resilient future for these children and their families.



ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY LOW COST HOUSING PROJECT

FORWARD has implemented an Environment-Friendly Low-Cost Housing Project in Bijay Chandpur, located in the Paradeep slum of Jagatsinghpur district, aiming to support 45 homeless families. The beneficiaries of this initiative predominantly belong to fisher communities, including widows, destitute individuals, the poorest of the poor, and the most marginalized members of society. Low cost houses built for 45 homeless families at Bijayachandpur, Paradeep, Jagatsinghpur.

Previously, these families lived in makeshift shanties, which provided little protection from the elements and posed serious health risks. The new low-cost houses are designed to be both affordable and environmentally sustainable, ensuring that families have access to safe and secure living conditions. Each house is constructed using locally sourced materials and incorporates eco-friendly building practices, which not only reduce the carbon footprint but also promote sustainability within the community.

This housing project not only addresses the immediate need for shelter but also empowers families by providing them with a stable environment. Having a proper home allows them to focus on improving their livelihoods, access education for their children, and seek healthcare without the added stress of housing instability.



The initiative reflects FORWARD's commitment to uplift marginalized communities and improve their quality of life through sustainable development practices. By offering these families a safe and dignified living space, the project fosters resilience, encourages community engagement, and lays the foundation for a better future for all residents in Bijay Chandpur.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, FORWARD's initiatives across various projects demonstrate a strong commitment to improving the lives of marginalized communities in Odisha. By addressing critical issues such as nutrition, housing, education, and sustainable agriculture, these programs empower individuals and families, fostering resilience and self-reliance. The support provided to vulnerable populations, including women, children, and the poorest households, highlights the organization's dedication to social justice and equality. Through these efforts, FORWARD is not only enhancing the quality of life for beneficiaries but also promoting sustainable development, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and prosperous future for the communities it serves.



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