INNOVATIVE PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NAXAL EFFECTED AREA

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Naxal impact:

- All 24 districts of Jharkhand has been notified as Naxal effected
- Santhalpargana region is less effected; compare to other districts
The issues

- Over 2 lakhs youth are added every year as unemployed.
- Youth opportunities and perspective are missing.
The issues

- Tribal population feels that they are yet excluded new state did not gave them a way forward
- Participation of youth in Governance is denied i.e PRI elections held up
Issues:

- Most Food Insecure (3 to 9 months)
- High Involuntary Migration
- Distinctly Rural – 80% to 90%
- Poor Husbandry,
- Resource Degradation
“why you want us to live in poverty and misery”;

why you say “agriculture is the solution for poor”

“why you say a trained dai should be sufficient to conduct deliveries; when comes to rural “

“why you think our children should study under the tree or sit on floor? “

“Why you think that a auxiliary nurse is the right answer to our health issues??”

If you have answer to any of these questions, we will not be rebelling”….; says a naxal youth encountered us in a village
The Future is Ugly, We Need to Act Now

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We need to think differently
But

- The state has a huge potential of economic growth and rural prosperity
Strategies that helps...

- Inclusion
- Transparency - provide information
- Accountability
- Engage adolescent /youth [education, vocational skills; sports and health activities]
- Work through women groups of self help
- Focus at block level - essentially [concentration is a factor]
Models of success......

- Demonstrate change through prototype modeling, while transfer full knowledge and skill involving community in decision making
- Start with what they have, focus on sort duration interventions [seasonal]
- Focus on know how and skill- ensure visioning and full participation in decision making
Micro financing addressing on financial exclusion issue, however, high rate of interest is difficult to justify poverty lending and livelihood linkages with micro finance

To improve on service delivery and accountability, NGOs are taking initiative in community based monitoring
Impacts:

Demonstrating change in productivity more than national standard have motivated farmers and young people to listen if agriculture, i can bring some change?
What worked:

1. Focus on food security as their immediate need
2. Start with what they have with short duration intervention
3. Give them social security [group bonding]
4. Build up new knowledge and skill once changes are realized
5. Involve in decision making in a transparent manner
6. Allow them to handle resource
7. Scale up or hand hold for diversified livelihood initiative
What works:

- A case:
  - Given the opportunity VHCs in 176 villages monitoring the health service delivery i.e. malnutrition, immunization coverage etc - this is now raising questions on accountability

- Give them information, knowledge and skill
- Give them a platform
- Allow them to take decisions
Way forward:

- The resurgence of agriculture and provision of clean administration are prerequisites for the containment of the Naxalite threat and mitigation of inequalities.
- Youth of Jharkhand wants a diversified opportunities to bring 40% population to left with agriculture.
- This demands focusing on building up agriculture and allied sector infrastructure at block level.
Way forward

- Inspite of NREGA for employment generation, Jharkhand require immediate intervention in infrastructure building at every block level to generate sustained livelihood opportunities
- Simultaneously, Jharkhand require intervention in quality education inputs at elementary education level without which talk of developing a knowledge society would remain as fraud
Let's accept...

- Micro innovations would do little, we need to address the aspirations of young people, and we have the talent and resource to do it.

- But we perhaps do not have the political willingness or visioning to bring such change.
What kind of Infrastructure

- Convert over 60% land in to arable holding
- Insitu water harvesting
- Post harvest technology infrastructure building
- Knowledge access
- Technical institutions within access

- High standard education infrastructure
- Road and habitation-this would create huge wage employment itself
- Health service access
- Marketing infrastructure

All at block focused
Include youth and women in decision making at every hamlet level
Make women SHGs to be frontier in resource handling
Intensive adolescent focused programming
Increased CSO intervention [be selective through genuine process]

Bring transparency and accountability
PRI election – sooner the better
Develop strategies to increase in service sector, shifting population from agriculture; giving agri business opportunities to young farmers
Create infrastructure
Focus on rural and slum poverty
Hand over ICDS centers to SHG federations [under the supportive supervision of technical institutions, not administration]- require total reform
Bring CSO in PHC management; change PHC as network hospitals with 100% insurance facilities- require total reform
What CSO can do:

- Mobilizing/organizing and ensuring community participation
- Facilitate developing block plans through visioning process with community
- Community monitoring and dissemination
- Capacity building, knowledge transfer and skill enhancement
What CSOs can do...

- Coordination and facilitation, mentoring of community leaders/ institution
- Making institutional arrangements
- Facilitating Public-Private-Partnership
- Financial inclusion [help linking with financial institution]
- Develop special projects i.e. distressed families dependent on illegal mining; forest displaced and so on
NEEDS working to achieve food and nutrition security of marginalized in the state of Jharkhand

NEEDS and other proactive CSOs are practicing few of the strategies suggested in health, livelihood areas

We are currently operating in selected pockets of 11 districts of Jharkhand
About us…..

- Our Program participants are women, children and young people.
- We work in a self help institution base of women.
Long way to go; let us take the journey together- JOHAR