

Meeting with Mr. Piki Titilu (President, Slum Dweller Association)

Date: Wednesday, 03/02/2021

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Venue: Offline (Community Office)

Attendees:

- Stakeholder – Mr. Pikki Titula, President, SDA Group, Nolia Sahi, Konark
- CRDF Team - Ms. Riya Mallick, Research Associate (Consultant)

Purpose of the Meeting/ Consultation:

Meeting objectives to discuss:

1. To understand how JAGA Mission is performing as a major Participatory Platform in Bhubaneswar.

Discussion:

Question 1: What are the role of SDA members under various themes of JAGA Mission?

Stakeholder Response

- In Odisha, currently JAGA Mission is focusing of 6 major themes,
 - (i) Tap water to household
 - (ii) Individual/Community Toilet
 - (iii) Covered Drains & Sanitation
 - (iv) Smart LED Street Lighting
 - (v) In house Electricity
 - (vi) CC/Paver Block Road and
 - (vii) Social Infrastructures like parks, playground, public space (if space is available) etc.

The SDA members are mainly focusing on the development of their own village. So the SDA groups tries to figure out the current problem in the slum, such as lack of proper road, proper drainage system, lack of public toilet etc. Based on their needs they prepare the list of the project and work accordingly. In Nolia Sahi the SDA has done many upgradation projects for the community, such as 4 nos. public toilets, draining line along the main road, 2 nos. children's park and one micro community center.

Question 2: What is the level of participation within the slum community?

Stakeholder Response

- The SDA members take everyone's opinion for finalising the list of projects based on their needs and the local people are participating by their own interest in the community development.

Question 3: Are SDAs involved in decision making or only implementation?

Stakeholder Response

- This has a bottom up approach. So the SDA members along with local people prepare the list of the problems they want to focus and the proposal will be send to Ward Committee for approval. Once the WC approve the proposal, it will be sent to ULB for final approval. After getting final approval from ULB the funds will be transfer to concern SDA bank account and the implementation will take place under SDA's supervision.

Question 4: Which all NGOs are working with them?

Stakeholder Response

- There are the following partners working with JAGA Mission,
 - (i) TATA Trust (Field Partner- Dealing with Land Rights & Property Rights)
 - (ii) Janagraha (Capacity Building)
 - (iii) Centre for Policy and Research (CPR- Knowledge Partner)

Apart from these there are no NGOs working the JAGA Mission.

Question 5: Which guidelines / Bye laws do they follow?

Stakeholder Response

- There are no on paper guidelines or Bye laws for them. The SDA members only decide what they want to do and how they want to proceed with the works.

Question 6: What is the role of SDA in utilization of Urban Poor Welfare fund?

Stakeholder Response

- The funds which are coming from Central government & State government for Urban Development, 25% of that fund will be transfer to the Urban Poor Welfare fund. According to the need for the project implementation cost the money will be transfer to SDA bank account.

Question 7: Is fund directly transferred to SDA's bank account?

Stakeholder Response

- Yes, according to the need for the project cost the money will be transfer to SDA bank account for implementation.

Question 8: Are there any other participatory platforms involved with SDA?

Stakeholder Response

- No. SDA is the only active group working for their own community development.

Question 9: What are the benefits the SDA members are getting?

Stakeholder Response

- The SDA members does not get any special benefits for being committee member. They work on their own interest to upgrade their liveability and make their community better.