

Meeting with Mr. Nakul Ojha (President, Slum Dweller Association)

Date: Tuesday, 13/04/2021

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Venue: Offline (Community Office, Mausmaa Sahi)

Attendees: SDA Member Mr. Srikant Behra and Mr. Basant Kr. Ojha

- Stakeholder – Mr. Nakul Ojha, President, SDA Group, Mausmaa Sahi (Ward no- 9), 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: How many houses had received land right certificate in this slum in the Phase 1?

Stakeholder Response:

- Out of 153 houses 122 houses has receive Land Right Certificate till now. Rest of the houses are Not Applicable for the certificate. According to the regulation, if the house size is more than 323 sq.ft then it will not be applicable for land right. So for the extra sq.ft area the dweller need to pay extra money to get the land right certificate and it is on hold at present. Later on they will get it.

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: What is the role of ward committee in the whole process?

Stakeholder Response

- Yes, ward committee plays an important role for finalizing the projects. The ward officer is the nodal person for doing the communication between NAC and SDA. This ward officer will be appointed by the Executive Officer of NAC and the process used to be done based on the UWEI guideline. Only Nolia Sahi slum comes directly under JAGA Mission as it was taken as pilot project implementation site in Konark but other slums are working under UWEI guidelines.

Question 4: What is the role of SDA members in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of JAGA Mission?

Stakeholder Response

- During the Phase 1, the SDA was formed and they have been given training to conduct community meeting, look after the implementation projects and work as one of the major bridge in between government and local people of the slum. The SDA directly started working for Phase 2, which is Slum Upgradation and Delisting. And all the SDA members were actively involved in this to make their livelihood better.

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 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.

Question 7: Are the SDAs and SHGs are working together actively for the selection of the project or finalizing the projects?

Stakeholder Response

- Yes, the SDA members work together with SHG members.

Question 8: Is everyone happy with the work that the JAGA Mission has done or doing?

Stakeholder Response

- Yes, everyone, all the people are very happy with the work and their involvement. Before this there were nothing as such but after the JAGA Mission and with the help of TATA Trust, now there are so many development work happening around. They are more than satisfied.

Question 9: How the funds used for project implementation?

Stakeholder Response

- After receiving the funds from UWEI and UASRRC, according to the need for the project implementation cost the money will be transfer to SDA bank account.

Question 10: 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 11: How often the TATA Trust members visit the slum?

Stakeholder Response

- Previously when the mission was started, they used to come very frequently like 2 to 3 times in a week. But after that they used to come once in a month or two.

Question 12: The developments works which is already done here, are the local people worked for that or outside contractors has been invited to do the works?

Stakeholder Response

- The projects which has been done till now, most of the projects were done by the outside contractors. Local People were involved in monitoring the implementation but not directly involved.