

**Post - Tsunami DRR Strategies
with special reference to
Livelihood Recovery.
Approach of CCD in India**

MAIN OBJECTIVE

Restore and Rebuild livelihoods of Coastal Occupation Groups and Communities who are bound by common local resources and mostly traditional skills-based livelihoods

STRATEGY

CBOs as a launching pad to switch over from rehabilitation to long term development mode in order to re-invigorate livelihoods.

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

- To ensure that the affected communities have a secure livelihood
- To build sustainable community based support structures to take up development challenges
- To establish linkages for the overall development of local populations by integrating use of infrastructure, finance, technology and market access
- To demonstrate the viability and effectiveness of this strategy in disaster situations.

AREA & SCOPE

Three districts in the Indian State of Tamil Nadu.

The State response to Tsunami recovery was very good in Tamil Nadu.

One of the main interventions was to provide loans for productive purposes through women's SHGs in all coastal districts.

CCD encouraged all CBOs to actively engage with Government, Banks and the Private sector for credit, information, legal support, technology and marketing inputs.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- **Five federations** were formed covering **10,000 families** in the last two and half years. They are engaged in active dialogue with local and State Government for planning and implementation of development programmes. For input and output marketing they are collaborating with government and private sector actors
- One **ITI (Industrial Training Institute)** established to train school drop out children in coastal districts in boat repair, four wheeler repair mechanisms. 40 children passed out during 2005-06 and 45 children are undergoing training currently. This ITI has been approved by the State Government
- **Occupational groups** are agriculture, rope making from coconut fibre, sea-shell craft, fish vending among others
- **Revolving loan Fund** of USD 0.3 m as grant and 0.1 m as commercial borrowing mobilized by CCD and managed by federations for supporting economic activities
- **Capacity building** of participating members and leaders
- **Improvising existing practices** to improve production and productivity

LINKING TO HFA PRIORITIES

LOCAL PRIORITIES WITH AN INSTITUTIONAL BASIS

Formation of activity-specific groups and federations focused on recovery of livelihoods.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFETY

Women leaders prepared to become
community trainers for DRR

REDUCE UNDERLYING RISK FACTORS

Reducing vulnerability and conserving natural resources by diversifying and expanding income options of farmers, women fishvendors and coastal occupational groups.