

# MGS ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021



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## **A Message from the President cum Project Director**

**Dear Friends,**

During the reporting year, we had different interventions in the field of development of the rural poor communities who are underprivileged especially the small and marginalized communities. Despite pandemic it was a transformative year with shifting of our developmental strategies. Overall, it was another year of sustained high performance with considerable achievements. In line with our organization's goal, we took significant steps to drive growth and at the same time created a positive social impact. Our working model uses an integrated approach that tackles social,



economic and environmental factors. This Annual Report encapsulates our work in the year 2020-21 across the areas of livelihood, sanitation and hygiene, leadership development, and community based village upliftment. This year due to the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic phenomenon and lockdowns, our work was mostly affected. Conducting meeting, traveling to field areas all were restricted by the Government. During this period we formulated several plan of action for the continuation of our working in this new reality. Many of our meetings and discussions with the community leaders and members were done through phone calls, our field staff also informed them regularly about the norms/ guidelines that are to be followed like social distancing, usage of mask, washing of hands etc. I would like to thank all the communities for their full involvement, cooperation & participation during this pandemic situation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors for their strong and consistent support, without which we would not have been able to achieve so much.

My sincere thanks go to all the supportive Panchayats, block and district administration, local NGOs, friends and well-wishers for their generous cooperation.

I would also like to thank our governing body members for being proactive mentors and advisors and having influenced and shaped MGS's strategic direction.

I must thank all my committed staffs of MGS who passionately work with communities. Their commitment scores continued to be at a record high for the all out development of the underprivileged.

**Dr. Rashmirekha Mallick,  
President cum Project Director**



## **MGS - AN OVERVIEW**

Ministry of Good Samaritan, Rayagada is a non- profit secular NGO registered voluntary organization. bearing Regd. No. :1674/363/2001-02. It was founded by Mr. Amson Mallick in the year 2001. MGS is registered under the societies registration Act XXI of 1860 and registered under FCRA Act, 1976 as well as registered 12 AA under I.T. Act, 1961. MGS office address is Gayatri Nagar 5th line, Rayagada -765001, Odisha, India.

### ***Our Vision***

To build a just and humane society based on values of equality, love and peace

### ***Our Mission***

To uphold the human dignity of the oppressed and marginalized, through a process of human empowerment.

### ***Our Goals***

To build sustainable and self– supportive communities.

### ***Main Objective***

MGS has taken an integrated and innovative development approach through Participatory human development process by creating community based organizations to resolve the poverty issues and raising consciousness level of the people.

#### ***Our Approach***

*“Go to the people*

*Live among them*

*Love them*

*Listen to them*

*Learn from them*

*Begin with what they know*

*Build upon what they have”*

## **Focus Areas of MGS FY 2020-21**

MGS has livelihood, water, sanitation, solar street light, covid19 relief projects as its priority area of intervention for this financial year. We established a link between community people and government as well as private agencies to access assistance, services and funds. We are quite active in providing awareness programs on health and sanitation, education, environment, etc. We also provide training for capacity building and creating community based organizations.

**Operational Areas:** MGS is currently working in 9 Villages in 4 GPS of Rayagada district following PHD process and one residential school in Chudangpur GP of Mohana block, Gajapati district supported by Outreach International. Over a period of time the organization has been able to expand its sectoral programmes and geographical spread.

## Our Activities 2020-21

### PROJECTS:

#### ❖ Sanitation and Hygiene –

Open defecation is defined as the practice of defecating in open fields, waterways and open trenches without any proper disposal of human excreta. Open defecation contaminates the surroundings and spreads bacterial, viral, and parasitic infections. Moreover, for girls and women, the lack of toilets also affects their privacy and safety. The 2011 Census found that 70% of rural households do not have a toilet or latrine. Sanitation is at the core of our programmes delivery and MGS has taken initiative for the construction of 56 toilets in Kurumpeta village to promote safe sanitation and hygiene practice adoption. Previously MGS has constructed 84 toilets at Kurumpeta. Now a total of 140 toilets have been constructed, accommodating the 250 households of Kurumpeta village who are now getting benefitted. We also raise awareness of the fact that improvements in sanitation are key to the success of many other areas of development – including health and environment.





## ❖ COVID-19 Rural Relief Distribution -

COVID-19 pandemic has created havoc in our country. Many migrant workers and daily wage laborers in our field programme location also had to suffer due to lack of income and nationwide lockdown, the impacted families are placed in an increasingly vulnerable state and are subject to hunger, malnutrition, starvation and exploitation, in addition to the pandemic. MGS has taken initiative for conducting relief distribution camps in our field areas to help the underprivileged. MGS with support from Outreach International has reached 471 households in 9 Field program locations and have provided 25 Kgs rice and 2 Kg dal to each family, with a total of 11775 Kgs and dal – 942 Kgs to 471 Households. We have also distributed 25Kg rice, 3 Kg Dal, 2Kg Rawa, 2Kg Sugar, 2Kg Salt, 2ltr Oil and 3 Soaps to the 45 households, who come under very poor category from 4 communities - Kulicamp, Nandabadi, Kuliguda and Ghodabadi. The emergency support helped the community in fighting the pandemic and in supporting their families.





## ❖ Fish farming pond -

Aquaculture has been recognized as an important component of rural development strategies by MGS, aimed at generating more income for poor farming households. We have taken initiative and accessed fish farming pond with the support of Watershed Dept. at Ghodabadi village. Two households from the village are getting benefit out of it. Although fish production from farm pond may be limited, the ready availability of fish in small quantities allows families to easily catch a fish for a meal. With stocking of different sizes of fish and/or use of different traditional fishing gear, harvests can be fairly regular and consequently provide for a regular source of food. Supply to local markets also can become an income generating activity for the household. Also the pond add value to other farming activities like water from ponds can serve domestic and livestock water supplies as well as irrigation for high-value crops and vegetables.



## ❖ Housing project –

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a scheme launched by our honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG) of people. Through this scheme, the beneficiary is eligible to avail Rs.1,30,000 in 4 phases for house construction. Earlier the community people were living in huts. The huts were poorly constructed and were not suitable for living. During rainy season and cyclones the huts were getting partially or totally damaged leaving its residents vulnerable. In the last FY – 2020-21, with the guidance of MGS, 72 beneficiaries of Kuliguda, Kuljing and Kunjabadi accessed funds for housing. The govt. provided the fund in 4 phases – Foundation, Wall construction, Roof work and finally the finishing work. Additional Rs.20,000 is allotted to each beneficiary who completes their house construction within 100 days time.





#### ❖ **Goat project –**

In most of the communities we work, the major source of income for people is farming and labor work. Most of the community people live under poverty as their income is insufficient to provide for their family. During issue identification at Kunjabadi and Khilapadar, this issue was discovered and was deemed very important. The villagers sought a path to increase their income levels and during meetings they showed interest for goat farming. MGS provided loan for purchasing goats in the past years. Thus, the 8 household of Khilapadar accessed 48 goats and 16 households of Kunjabadi accessed 64 goats in total. The goats from Kunjabadi and Khilapadar have given birth to 20 and 22 kid goats respectively. With this project they are earning handsome income by selling goats for meat and the beneficiaries have raised their income level and can provide for their families.





## ❖ Leadership Training and Development –

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, we have to be the change we want to see in this world. To be able to be this change, it is imperative that the leaders of social purpose organizations set the pace, inspire and motivate others to take action. Under Participatory Human Development Process, MGS has always been active in the development process of leaders within the community. MGS has always taken steps in nourishing and enhancing the skills of the leaders within the communities, while also helping emerging leaders to attain their full potential. Leadership training has been provided to 56 leaders from Kunjabadi Vikash group, Khilapadar Prayash group, Utkapadu Unnati group, Kuliguda Pratibha group, Ghodabadi Adarsh group on PHDP process and objectives, Leadership style, qualities and roles, facilitation of meetings, etc. By getting this training session, the leaders have acquired and upgraded their knowledge and skills over the subjects. These trainings will help them achieve their objectives of issue resolution and accessing of developmental projects in their village long after MGS transition to other field areas. Training makes the leaders capable and independent.



## ❖ Graduation ceremony(Kuljing) –

PHD process had started in the year 2010 at the community of Kuljing, Rayagada. This FY 2020-21, MGS has reached the final stage that is the phasing out stage. In this stage the community people have become self sufficient and capable and thus, they do not require any guidance and help of MGS, the village leaders are now capable of resolving their own issues all by themselves. They are also managing and monitoring the village projects. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Graduation ceremony was conducted at Kuljing village.





- A meeting was conducted and in that meeting MGS congratulated the community upon completing all the steps of PHD process and becoming self reliant and capable.

MGS handed over the PHD process to the Jyoti group leaders and the community people. An oath taking ceremony was conducted for the group leaders, where they took oath for following the PHDP and keep on doing the developmental work for the welfare of the village. As a token, symbol of bond between MGS and Kuljing a Kashew nut seedling was presented by MGS to Kuljing community.

### ❖ Pension –

The government of India has pension provision for elder, widow and handicap. An elderly man or women under 60 years old, who is unable to work for his/her livelihood is eligible to apply for elder pension. Likewise any woman who has become a widow and is of 40 year of age is eligible to apply for widow pension. If anyone is differently able (Divyang) from the birth itself or afterwards, is also eligible to access pension card and monthly govt. assistance of Rs.500 every months. Due to lack of information many people in the rural are still unaware of such initiatives by the government. The HDFs in their respective field program locations have raised the consciousness levels and motivated the affected for mobilizing to govt. agencies for accessing their pension cards. In the year 2020-21 MGS has raised consciousness and awareness of 28 Elders, 49 Widows and 8 Handicaps in 9 Field program locations. The affected are utilizing the accessed money for buying groceries, day to day usage items, etc for their families and themselves.

### ❖ Resources accessed by MGS FPLs –

Total resources accessed by Field programme locations from government, non-government and Outreach International FY 2020-2021 for Toilet project, Housing project, Pension project, Fish farming pond, Goat project and Covid-19 relief project is **Rs.49,90,996.80/-**

### **FOCUS AREAS FOR 2021-22 :**

- MGS will focus more on skill development programs to encourage these people to participate effectively in the local self- Governance process and be part of the village development process.
- Expansion to new field areas.
- Community based organizations(CBOs) will be formed to identify local developmental issues & analysis resources available and fruitful utilization of the resources for the economic benefit of the region.
- Training will be imparted to ensure the well management of the projects.
- Establish more income generating projects and create the opportunities for people to have quality of life.
- To raise their conscious level on their issues, project management and organizing.
- Provide education and nutritious food to the school children.
- Provide leadership training to the village leaders to sustain the PHD Process.

## **Acknowledgement**

MGS wishes to thank the staff members for their committed and dedicated services towards that attaining of organizational goals and objectives in difficult situation. As MGS breaks the grassroots Indian nonprofit mold for making impact in the area of community-led development, our contributors inspire us to stay the course. Without our friends and partners, we would be nothing. We celebrate here in spirit our global investor - donors and recognize our institutional contributors, with enormous appreciation for the impact we make together!

