

(A case study on Taptapani FPO)

Chandiput is a small part of Mohana block of Gajapati District. Most of the people are tribal and they basically depend upon NTFP products. After the arrival of Tibetan, they started the cultivation of Maize, and they are mostly depending upon local business man, and they don't have the bargaining power, and also exploited by the local business man. During 2014-2015, the pilot project was started for the promotion of FPO and it has been handed over to **Sahabhagi Vikas Abhiyan (SVA)**.



The base line survey was initiated by local NGO, SACAL, which includes the identification of social responsibility (gender, caste, tribe, educational status), Economic status, land holding capacity, climatic condition and major crops. After the completion of baseline survey, we came to know that, people are migrated

due to distress sales and exploitation by local traders. With the help of local NGO, we raised a proposal to NABARD, to form an FPO.

After seeing the nice works of SACAL, during year 2016-17 Government of Odisha engaged to implement a major Agriculture Programme under Odisha Millet Mission involving a few thousand farmers in



adjoining Mohana block. Under this programme Taptapani FPO has been appointed by Odisha Millet Mission CBO for promotion, marketing and value addition of Millet based produces about 2500 acres of varieties has been cultivated. And also 500 acres of maize and 200 acres of vegetables has been cultivated with the state horticulture department.

With the intervention of Taptapani FPO, there is a reduce in migration of labour, exploitation by local traders, easy and sound access to market place, and good inputs of (seeds, fertilizers and other farming tools).

The experience of Taptapani FPO throws a number of issues a learning's some of which are as follows: -

- 699 shareholders with an amount of share capital of 699000.
- It has been maintaining the Cash credit limit up to 550000.
- It has its own out let at luhagudi, Mohana Gobindpur and Chandiput for delivering its best services
- It has marketed 400 quintals of organic manure and 100 quintals of improved paddy for promotion of high yielding variety in 50 Acres
- It has promoted 100 acres of vegetables and it has promoted 2500 acres of millet crops through millet mission programme.
- It is regularly supplying finished millet product to the markets of BBSR and nearby towns.
- It has experienced in millet mixture marketing and observed that the value-added product has good demand.
- It has obtained the best FPO cash award for Gajapati District from Govt of Odisha through Krushi Odisha Programme
- It has registered with RMC and has the trading licence on Millet and Maize.
- During the year 2019 it has





facilitated good procurement in Gajapati District: 1400 quintals ragi.

- It has trading licence and agreement with TDCC for procurement of tamarind in MSP and Procured 119 quintals of tamarind and

appointed as primary procurement agency for Mohana Block.

- It is running community managed seed centre and costume hiring centre.
- It has experienced in mobilising and utilising the support through the KVK, R. udaygiri.

