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Block level convergence meeting was held on 22/10/2024 in Janpad office at Kasdol. The main aim of this coordination meeting was to strengthen the networking with the various line departments and to make the officials more supportive, and active about the concept of convergence. Detailed discussion was held on mode of convergence, activities to be taken up under convergence, monitoring, and learning's from convergence activities done in the block.

At the beginning of the workshop KALPs officials were welcomed by NREGA program officer Ms. Chanchal Varma. In his inaugural speech president Jafar sir said, in his opening remarks emphasized the role of personnel of other services in integrated approach in rural development. He expressed his belief that this meeting through sensitization of personnel of other services would achieve the goal of Rural development in better and effective manner. Further he said there is focused need for Convergence for strengthening of the rural economy and the livelihood base of the poor, especially the marginalized groups like SC/STs and women. The convergence of different programmes like, Watershed Programmes, Agriculture Development Program (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana)



department of Horticulture, Irrigation and Water Management Program, ICDS, Forest, PWD etc. Whereas with NREGA this meeting will enable better planning and effective investments in rural areas.

As NREGA helps to create durable assets, sustainable livelihood options and aid in natural resource regeneration. Taking it, further Project coordinator Kavita did a detail

presentation about the KALP as an organization and its long contribution in social development sector. Continue to this in her presentation she explained about the detailed process of micro planning which was followed in the identification and design of convergence activities in the intervention villages. It was made clear that whatever plan has been prepared, they have been prepared only after meetings, discussions, survey and with the help of community by using various tools like seasonal map, resource map, social map, awareness programs, survey, wall writing, involvement of PRI members, etc. and finally approved in Gram Sabha. Emphasizes was given on the

participation of local communities and their direct involve in developing village development plans. Project director Abhishek ji added that these action plans are prepared to address the identified needs and achieve the set goals.

A detailed Matrix in the form of table have been prepared and placed. In this table the details of possibility of activity-based Convergence of ongoing different programmes with NREGA i.e. details of work allowed under NREGA, /activity/ (Area), The work of renovation of Traditional Water Bodies/ Desilting on the common land and individual land of SC/ ST/ BPL/ can be carried out under NREGA. Activity Wise Convergence Proposed Program have been elaborated in detail. These plans include specific activities, resource requirements, and responsible stakeholders. The plans cover various sectors such as agriculture, education, health, water supply, sanitation, and livelihoods. Further there was a detailed discussion on the process, followed in the identification and design of convergence activities in the intervention villages. He pointed out the long interventions done in 33 villages on livelihood. The organization is utilizing the farmers and SHG groups in the process of awareness regarding NREGA. Creation of awareness among wage seekers through village organizations in providing of 100 days of guaranteed employment is being done, it acts as a platform for capacity building for them. At the same time, it provides a broader citizen base for NREGA.



In second half, a few successful and innovative projects was highlighted by P.O NREGA for example the number of the approach road more than ten lakh has been constructed through the NREGS fund; besides land levelling has also been done through the NREGS funds. Several works of construction of CC Road have been undertaken through convergence of NREGA and MLA/MP fund in the

various blocks of the kasdol. In this convergence, the land work is being done under the NREGS with 60:40 ratio of labour work and material component. Meanwhile, the MLA fund is being used completely for material component. She said, “in convergence too, the works are proposed by the Gram Panchayats and consolidated at the block (Janpad Panchayat) by the CEO, and submitted to the Zilla Panchayat for necessary approval and sanction.” Mr. Ravikumar Bahgel (REHO) from horticulture department Pointed out that technical knowledge and subsidized inputs, including supply of saplings can be provided from Horticulture department to the small and marginal farmers under NREGS. This can be taken up with Watershed Development.

The farmers can be given training to cultivate the horticulture crops (Mango, Sweet Lime) by the horticulture department. Technical assistant Lokesh Chandrakar said that, “the assets created under

NREGA have the potential to enhance agriculture productivity. This can be achieved through convergence of various schemes to make the asset durable as well as increase overall productivity.”



During the work shop list of the activities have been proposed and submitted for convergence with different schemes and of line departments. Project Director and project coordinator explained the detailed process which was followed in the identification and design of convergence activities in the intervention villages.

NREGA officials Mr. Patel added, the NREGS is the principal contributor. and the line departments join with their technical inputs, (knowledge & expertise) and funds in a small way. With NREGA, there is convergence visible in the various forms. He requested Kalp’s officials to work significantly for adoption of indigenous micro-irrigation technique and Planting of multipurpose trees on farm boundary for vegetative fencing, fodder, fuel and green manuring as they are working among farmers. Activities to be covered by NREGS and line departments/ agencies were discussed at the block level under the direction of the Project officer (NREGA) and communicated down the line up to the present officials in the meeting.

After tea, at the concluding remark project director Abhishek ji said that, the vision behind the convergence planning is to make community self-reliant. This aims at livelihood security for excluded communities.

Local community members, line departments, and other stakeholders play an active role in implementing the plans. Further he added that convergence awareness and planning at the grass root level will lead to ownership of projects. And requested to integrate those plans into larger planning frameworks.

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