

UNIT 22

INTEGRATING OTHER SCHEMES WITH JFM PROGRAMME

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22.0 INTRODUCTION

Although some north-eastern states like Nagaland have taken a conscious decision to implement all afforestation schemes of the state government through JFM, most states neither have any special scheme to implement JFM nor such policy decision has been taken by them to implement the existing schemes through JFM. Therefore, it is required that other north-eastern states take initiative to arrange suitable schemes for restoring the degraded forest areas through afforestation, reforestation and natural regeneration techniques adopting JFM approach. Besides plantation activities, it is required to channelise other rural development and land development schemes to JFM areas so that the overall community development programme can be undertaken. Such an effort not only enhances the confidence of local people in government programmes but also helps in reducing pressure on the forest managed under JFM through providing a number of alternative livelihood sources. The activities and schemes that could be integrated with JFM include fodder and dairy development programme (Animal Husbandry Department), fishery development (Fisheries Department), horticulture, nursery and orchard development (Horticulture Department), introduction of modern agricultural techniques, support for mushroom farming, development of food processing and value addition facilities (Agriculture Department), implementing irrigation schemes (Department of Irrigation), providing drinking water facilities (Public Health Engineering Department), providing health care facilities (Health Department), providing communication and road facilities (Public Works Department) and constructing schools and colleges for providing educational facilities (Education Department). Besides, various rural development schemes aiming at creating employment opportunities should also be implemented along with JFM programme as fringe area development activities.

An example of such successful integration of schemes is presented in Box 22.1.

Box 22.1 Integrating the schemes of other departments with JFM : A success story

A sal (*Shorea robusta*) plantation raised in 1972 in Kathalia village in West Tripura district has been brought under JFM. The protection responsibility of this almost matured plantation forest has been entrusted to the Kathalia Forest Protection and Regeneration Committee. The committee members have been quite effective in protecting the forest particularly from illegal felling. This success story demonstrates how the JFM can be extended to the matured forest stands for their effective protection. In order to encourage the people of Kathalia village in their protection efforts, the Rural Development Department has come forward to provide the barbed wire fencing to the plantation plot near the road sides. Although it is desirable to integrate JFM activities with many more such schemes by several departments, Kathalia JFM plot nevertheless represents an excellent beginning of such integration efforts by the villagers, Forest Department and Rural Development Department.

The schemes described above are supported mainly by three categories of sponsored agencies. These are :

1. State Governments
2. Central Government
3. International Donor Agencies

Important schemes currently being sponsored by the above agencies are briefly described below.

22.1 SCHEMES SPONSORED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS

These schemes include the schemes earmarked for various line departments under the state plan and are implemented annually under annual operating plan. Funds under these schemes are utilised and works are undertaken mostly through village level officials of concerned departments. Since actual works under JFM are undertaken at village level, and village level officials of different departments are included in the working groups constituted for the implementation of JFM, it is possible that depending upon the needs of different villages, the concerned departments can implement the desired schemes in JFM area as fringe area development programme. Necessary policy decisions to facilitate this process may be taken at appropriate level by the concerned departments. Effort should be made to involve all departments of the state government to channelise their schemes to JFM areas. Important land use departments having direct impact on the rural people including the departments of agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, rural development, wastelands development, community development, etc. should invariably be involved and most of their schemes should be implemented along with JFM wherever required.

22.2 SCHEMES SPONSORED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Several schemes of various ministries of the Central Government could be integrated with JFM. Efforts should be made to prepare viable project proposals for the schemes so that JFM activities can be supplemented through these scheme-specific activities for the overall development of the participating villages. The relevant schemes under the various ministries are listed below :

The Co-operative Division of the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation (Ministry of Agriculture)

Assistance for Co-operation Marketing, Processing and Storage Programmes in Co-operatively underdeveloped States/Union Territories

Assistance for Share Capital Participation in Spinning Mills of Cotton Growers

Assistance to Co-operatives for Weaker Sections

Assistance to National Co-operative Federation and Development of Multi-State Co-operative Societies

Assistance for Share Capital Participation in Co-operative Sugar Factories

Co-operative Storage and Processing Programmes as well as Development of Rural Growth Centres with International Aid

Co-operative Training and Education

Integrated Co-operative Development Projects (ICDP)

Promotion of Women Co-operatives

R & D Funding for S & T projects – Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)

Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife (Ministry of Environment and Forests)

Regeneration of Degraded Forests Lands

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Department of Environment (DOEn)

Eco-regeneration : Eco-development Camps

Eco-regeneration : Field Demonstration Project for Integrated Ecological Improvement

Environment Education & Information : National Environmental Awareness Campaign

Environment Education & Information : Seminars, Symposia and Workshops

Environment Education & Information : Grants-in-aid to Professional Societies and Institutions.

Voluntary Organisations Project (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)

Financial Assistance to Private Voluntary Organisations for Health, Family Welfare and Nutrition (PVOH)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Department of Culture (Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Building Grants to Cultural Organisations

Financial Assistance for Research Support to Voluntary Organisations

Financial Assistance for Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas

Financial Assistance for Preservation of Manuscripts to Voluntary Organisations, Educational Institutions, Libraries, Museums and Universities

Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations

Financial Assistance for the Reorganisation and Development of other Museums

Financial Assistance to Eminent Institutions in the field of Performing Arts

Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for specified performing Arts Projects

Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture

Department of Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Environmental Orientation to School Education

Improvement of Science Education in Schools

Integrated Education for the Disabled Children

Mahila Samakhya-Programme for Education for Women's Equality

National Literacy Mission (NLM) -- Jana Shikshan Sangathan

Non-Formal Education (NFE)

Assistance to Voluntary Agencies in Adult Education

Non-Formal Education (NFE) for Elementary Age-Group Children under the Programme of Universalisation of Elementary Education

Experimental and Innovative Programmes for the Education at the Elementary stage including Non-Formal Education

Department of Women and Child Development (Ministry of Human Resource Department)

Assistance for the Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Creches for Working and Ailing Women's Children

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Education Work for Prevention of Atrocities on Women

Brochure on Socio-economic Programme

Condensed Course of Education for Adult Women

General Grant-in-Aid Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Women and Child Development

Awareness Generation Projects for Rural and Poor Women

Setting up Women's Training Centres/Institutions of Women in Distress

Short-stay Homes for Women and Girls

Support to Employment Programmes for Women

The Central Social Welfare Board (Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Assistance to Hostel for Working Women

Assistance to Voluntary Action Bureau

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Organising Holiday Camps for Children

Assistance to Welfare Extension Projects

Assistance under the Socio-Economic Programme

Department of Youth Affairs and Sports (Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Youth

Assistance to Youth Clubs

Grants to State Sports Councils etc. for Development of Sports and Games

National Service Volunteer Scheme

Promotion of Adventure

Grants to Rural Schools for Purchase of Non-Consumable Sports Equipment and Development of Playground

Schemes of Synthetic Track and Artificial Surfaces

Grants for Games and Sports in Universities and Colleges

Training of Youth

Exhibitions for Youth

Programmes for Promotion of National Integration

Promotion of Youth Activities among the Youth of Backward Tribes

Ministry of Labour (Voluntary Organisation Project)

Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for projects on Child and Women Labour

Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) (Ministry of Rural Development)

Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

Advancement of Rural Technology Schemes (ARTS)

Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)

Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)

Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)

Organisation of Beneficiaries of Anti-poverty Programme

Promotion of Voluntary Organisation in Rural Development

R & D Funding for S & T Projects

Grants-in-aid Scheme for Voluntary Agencies of National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB)

Department of Bio-Technology (DBT) (Ministry of Science and Technology)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Department of Bio-Technology

Department of Science and Technology (DST) (Ministry of Science and Technology)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – S & T Application for Rural Development

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – S & T for Women

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – S & T for Weaker Sections

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – S & T for Young Scientific Professionals

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Special Component Plan

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – S & T Communication & Popularisation Programme

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Natural Resources Data Management System

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Utilisation of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists

Department of Electronics (DOE) (Ministry of Science and Technology)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – National Photonics Council (NPC)

Increasing Socio Economic Impact of Electronics through development of Rural Technologies and generation of gainful employment in rural areas

Ministry of Urban Development (Voluntary Organisation Project)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Ministry of Urban Development

Ministry of Welfare (Voluntary Organisations Project)

R & D Funding for S & T Projects – Ministry of Welfare

Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances

Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled Persons

Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention

General Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Social Welfare

Grant-in-Aid for Research and Publications

Aid to Voluntary Organisations for improvement of Educational and Socio-economic conditions of SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes.

Voluntary Action Co-ordination Cell (Planning Commission)

The Creation/replication/multiplication of Voluntary Institutions in the rural and tribal areas of urban poverty for participatory planning and development

The Training of Functionaries of voluntary Agencies

The deputation of Experts/Consultants to Voluntary Organisations

22.3 SCHEMES SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL DONOR AGENCIES

A number of international aid agencies have identified several rural development, agriculture, irrigation, health, education, environment and forest schemes for implementation in India. These agencies sponsor such schemes to both government and NGOs. Efforts should be made to implement suitable schemes sponsored by these international funding agencies in JFM areas so that a number of community development problems faced by the villagers can be addressed. The names and contact addresses of such funding agencies are listed below.

1. Swedish International Development Agencies (SIDA)
A-1616, Vasant Vihar
New Delhi-110057
2. International Development Research Centre (IDRC)/
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
H.O. Siege Social, 250 Albert Street/rus Albert
P.O. Box/B.P.-8500
Ottawa, Ont. Canada. K1G 3 H9.
3. Global Environmental Facility (GEF)
C/O Ministry of Environment & Forests
Government of India
Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodi Road
New Delhi-110003
4. The World Bank
1818H Street
NW Washington, DC 20433, USA.
5. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Plaza
New York
NY 10017, USA.
6. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
1818H Street
NW Washington, DC 20433, USA.
7. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Via del Serefico 107, 00142 Rome
Italy.
8. Ford Foundation
55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110003
9. Department for International Development
British High Commission
New Delhi.
10. Winrock International India
7, Poorvi Marg
Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110056