

Case Study- Borghar Adivasi Wadi

SHGs as the means towards Empowerment

Borghar adivasi wadi has two youth SHGs namely Kalakai and Wagheshwar Youth Self Help Groups (SHGs). There are 12 each members in each SHGs. Both the SHGs began in two years back. These youth have been daily wage workers who go to work at different places. All of them fall under the category of unorganized labourer.

From the beginning the Centre has been helping them to form and strengthen the groups. All the youth are regular for monthly SHG meeting. The youth are quite united and therefore most of the decision for the development of the village is done during the SHG meeting. Most of the work like availing ration cards, caste certificates, PAN, election cards etc done by the SHG youth.



After the series of discussion specially on alternative means of livelihood the youth came up with the idea to have their own DJ and banjo/drum sets. According

to their sharing there are more than 40 programs held in their own village

specially during engagement, marriages, paachvi (naming ceremony), festivals etc. And each time they had to book and rent drum sets and DJ for the functions. So according to their calculation at each



function they have to pay four to eight thousand for renting banjo sets. That would mean within a year more than one lakh Rupees used to go out of the village at different occasions. The purchase of banjo and DJ set is one of the means to support and supplement the income of the SHG. With the help of Janseva Society they got 3 lacs for purchasing DJ set from government schemes for adivasis. And with the money of Self Help Group they could purchase Banjo set.



The main objective of this project is to tap the resources within their own village. No resources should go out of the village. We are confident that one day the village will be self

sustaining.