

Nippon Koei India Village Development

(Irrakam Village Panchayat, Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh)

<u>Activity Report – April 2015</u>





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1 Project Overview

The project "NIPPON KOEI INDIA Village Development" is an Integrated Village Development model focusing on and contributing towards two critical areas of development and sustainability: community and social infrastructure development in Irakam and Kuppam villages of Tada Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. The project emphasizes on improving quality of life and well-being of rural community.

The project aims at community development and transformation of Irakam and Kuppam villages into NIPPON KOEI INDIA Model Villages.

Key project highlights include:

- Community Engagement and Mobilization
- Village Infrastructure Development
 - ✓ Renovation / Up gradation of Schools and furniture for health center
 - ✓ Installation of hand pumps
 - ✓ Construction of shelter
 - ✓ Provision of seating and water facility at temple
 - ✓ Installation of streetlights

2 Executive Summary

During the reporting month, various activities were carried out which continue to mobilize the community, encourage knowledge sharing among stakeholders and improve the facilities in village panchayat. At the inception of the project, SEED team visited the operational area and initiated interaction with community members and different stakeholders.



To empower the community, village level committees

were formed and a platform was provided for knowledge sharing and exchange of dialogues

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between community members and the team. During the formation process, various meetings have been conducted at village level. Team has shared project information with the stakeholders and motivated them to participate actively.

In order to develop village infrastructure, project team has carried out a series of activities, which are as follows;

- ✓ Visit of sites for construction and installation
- Identification and selection of vendors
- ✓ Material procurement
- ✓ Initiating construction process
- ✓ Facilitation in construction etc.

All the activities conducted in April were on time and ahead of schedule as per work plan.

3 Monthly Activity - Updates

The following key activities took place in the reporting month;

3.1 Community Engagement and Mobilization

At the inception of the project, team has made interactions with the community people and various stakeholders through village level meetings. Team has taken consent from the village panchayat for implementing village development activities in the project villages. Panchayat members appreciated the CSR intervention for village development.



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In continuation with that, Village Development Committees (VDCs) were formed in both project villages viz. Kuppam and Irrakam. These VDCs include 13 and 15 active community members from the entire village, which would help to avoid prejudices and biases during the work progress. Project staff had organized a formal meeting of VDC on 20th April, 2015 in both villages, to familiarize the members with project activities. During the meeting, team has motivated members to take ownership of their village infrastructure. In addition to that, the VDCs will be strengthened to mobilize government resources for the development of the villages.

Annexure 2 – VDC members list for 2 villages

3.2 Installation of Hand Pumps

Project team has conducted a primary civil survey with the VDC members for installation of Hand Pumps. Sites for installation of Hand Pumps were identified with the help of the VDC members. Two hand pumps were installed on the proposed sites as per the plan. Presently, the construction of a cement platform around the hand pump is under process, which will be completed as per the plan.



3.3 Installation of Solar Street Lights

To implement this activity, team has discussed with VDC members about identification of locations. Team visited the proposed sites along with VDC members and selected the locations





for installation of the Solar Street Lights. Material procurement and arrival of supplies has taken place. Vendors have been involved with the grounding of iron pipes and filling them with cement for base strengthening (size 4ft x 2ft) at all 10 sites. Team facilitated all the activities for improving the progress of work.



3.4 Construction of Shelters

In order to construct a shelter, the team had visited the sites along with panchayat members. They reviewed the sites of construction and shared their views with the identified vendor. Procurement and delivery of the material including cement, bricks, iron pipes, sheets etc. has been undertaken. Now basement grounding work has been completed and the installation of iron pipes is in process. Team along with VDC members are reviewing the work progress closely and providing required guidance as well.



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3.5 Seating & Water Facility at the temple

Project team along with VDC members have visited the sites of construction, where seating facilities and water facility would be provided. As per the suggestions of VDC members, locations near the temple were finalized for the sake of convenience. Field staff has identified a vendor with the consultation of VDC members. Meanwhile, material has been procured and transported to the construction site.



4 Way Forward

On behalf of Nippon Koei, SEED is working vigorously and effectively to transforms Irakam and Kuppam villages into NIPPON KOEI INDIA Model Village. This value project is positively impacting the overall community and village infrastructure development.

Moving ahead, SEED ensures that the intended benefits will effectively reach the targeted communities. The following activities will be carried out in the future, for accelerating the progress of work;

- ✓ VDC Meeting for the month of May is scheduled for 20th May 2015
- ✓ Completion of construction of cement platform for the 2 installed hand pumps
- ✓ Completion of 10 Solar Street Lights Installation
- ✓ Completion of construction of two shelters





✓ Completion of seating arrangement and provision of water facilities at project areas

5 Annexure

Annexure 1: Consent Letter

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