

“Saajha Sankalp”

Lucknow - 23rd September 2005

We the stakeholders under the umbrella of the Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme supported by Department of International Development (DFID), India, under the Management Consultancy of Development Alternatives and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, today subsequent to a two day consultation on “Empowerment for Livelihoods: State Policy, Private Initiatives and Civil Society Action” today, in Lucknow at Ganna Sansthan, Lucknow, on 23rd September 2005, together declare the Saajha Sankalp, where all of us unanimously make the following commitments:

COMMITMENT 1

We will set concrete targets in our respective areas of work, so that we are able to enhance the attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) through appropriate and relevant plans and interventions.

COMMITMENT 2

We will work in a synergetic manner with different stakeholders, prominently with the Government, to leverage resources for promotion of livelihoods and ensure reduction of poverty in our operational areas.

COMMITMENT 3

We will undertake strategic planning together so that we set a realistic and attainable time line for the achievement of our targets.

COMMITMENT 4

We will reduce existing gender gaps by promoting girls/women’s education, economic empowerment, improved health services through collaborated action and concerted efforts, for ensuring equity in access to entitlements. We would also work with disabled community for equity and entitlements.

COMMITMENT 5

We will work to bring about systematic reform and improve service delivery by including PRIs & communities through purposive & focussed linkages for sustaining developmental efforts.

COMMITMENT 6

We will work to improve the infrastructure, in terms of enhancing the access of all communities to safe drinking water, hygienic environmental sanitation, schools, primary health centres and hospitals, rural roads, electricity and other public services, to provide an improved quality of living.

COMMITMENT 7

We will empower consumers to demand better services from Government, introduce competition among public, private and corporate providers and stimulate frontline workers, to be more motivated and accountable to beneficiaries.