

3. PACS Milestones in Jharkhand

PACS programme started in the state in the June 2002 with SGVK project. Today PACS have presence in 18 districts out of the total 22 districts with 22 projects in the state. Four more projects have sanctioned, recently. Following can be considered as Milestones (as per time line) of PACS programme in the state.

Beginning:

After the formation of *Jharkhand* on 15 November 2000, first outreach workshop was organized in April 2001 at Ranchi to inform potential partner about the philosophy and details of PACS.

In response to the out reached workshop, CSOs started presenting concept papers. JJK was the first concept paper from the state but the proposal was rejected by the 2nd PSC (13 April-02). However, SGVK was the first project cleared and started from 3-Jun-02.

Induction of Support Organization:

Mechanism of separate organization was brought in form of resource organizations. *Mimansa* was the first Supportive Supervision organization in the state. Active started work from October 03, as Project development resource organization. At present Praxis is working as SSRO form February 04. CMS has come in to picture from July 04 (MEAL piloting). Recently, a communication agency is inducted to support the PACS programme in the state form (April-05).

First Peer Learning Workshop:

When more than 79 partners are working in the state, their efforts and experience are very valuable. Peer learning workshop was started with the idea to promote sharing of leanings and views by all PACS partners.

1st PLW was organized in Ranchi on 1st and 2nd August 03. So far 4 Peer learning workshops have held in the state. This event has earned a remarkable reorganization from all.

Formation of Jharkhand Swashasan Manch (JSM):

Many issues related to policy advocacy were brought into discussions during the 1st Peer learning workshop. The issue of advocacy was discussed again in details, during the 2nd Peer learning workshop at *Deoghar*. After the prioritization of the issues decision was taken to form 2 forums first Jharkhand Swashasan Manch to address issues related to LSG and PRI elections and second to address issues related to natural resource Management.

Introduction of MEAL at CSOs:

During the MEAL core group meeting it was decided to implement MEAL system on pilot based in 2 States. *Jharkhand* was also selected and MEAL piloting was done between 27 July-04 to 4 August-04 in three CSOs namely *Badlao*, *Jan uthan Samitte* and *Spar*. First meeting of the MEAL implementation team was held on 3rd Aug-04, to discuss the experiences of piloting. It was discussed with newly formed state core group's meeting on 4th Aug-04 at Ranchi.

As per discussions taken by SCG, MEAL concept was shared with representatives of all CSOs; during 3rd Peer learning workshop and MEAL up-scaling plan was prepared.

First MEAL up-scale was started from 20th 04 at CV and Needs, simultaneously. MIT office was established in *Ranchi* in Oct-04. Jharkhand was the first state to complete Phase-1 MEAL in all 16 CSOs (project) on 12 Jan-05 (at *Spar*) and also to start Phase-2 (CBIA) from 17th January 05 at NEEDs.

Reactivation of JSM:

Although the JSM was formed during 2nd peer learning workshop and activities like formation of agenda, byelaws and activity planning were carried out till August 04, but due to some financial constraints the forum could not keep functioning as desired. Initiatives to revitalization of forum were taken by MIT and it was decided by core group of the forum to take up steps to reactivate the forum. The process started with un-standing concepts and issues of social audit in the 4th peer-learning workshop in March-04, at Hazaribag.

Subsequently meeting of the JSM core team and all CSOs representatives was organized to prepare action plan at Ranchi for Social audits on 21st

April-05 and action plan for short period is prepared keeping social audit and information collection in center.