

Memorandum of Understanding (Executed on 6 Ha. Nav. 2018....)

Between

1. The Animal & Fisheries Resources Department, Govt of Bihar, identified as the Implementing Agency to roll out the Animal Husbandry Sector activities of the World Bankfunded "Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project" (BKBDP) in Araria, Madhepura, Purnia, Saharsa & Supaul.

AND

JEEViKA, an autonomous body under the Department of Rural Development, Govt of Biharimplementing the World Bank funded Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), locally known as JEEViKA.

2. BKBDP aims to enhance resilience of community members to floods and increase agricultural production and productivity in the targeted districts in the Kosi River Basin, (namely in the 57 blocks of the 5 districts of Araria, Madhepura, Purnia, Saharsa and Supaul) and to enhance capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency.

The activities of Animal & Fisheries Resources Department are confined to Component 2 of the project: Enhancing Agriculture Productivity and Competitiveness which is focused on enhancing agricultural production and productivity by extending farmers' access to and adoption of innovative technologies and practices and extending their linkages to market infrastructure. The component is further sub-divided into three sub-components –

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Sub components 1- Intensification and Diversification of Agricultural Production Systems

Sub components 2- Strengthening of Agricultural Value Chains

Sub components 3 - Institutional Development for Market Led Extension

The AFRD has set up the Implementation unit for BKBDP at the State, District and Block levels, with staff comprising development professionals, Veterinary/ Fisheries Science graduates and agribusiness facilitators.

- 3. The core strategy of the JEEViKA is to build vibrant and bankable women's community institutions at the grass root level in the form of Self Help Groups (SHGs), which through member savings, internal loaning and regular repayments become self-sustaining organizations. The groups formed would be based on mutual support and solidarity towards each other. The primary level SHGs are federated at the village level in Village Organizations (VOs), and then again at a cluster level, known as Cluster Level Federations to become membership- based social service providers, business entities and valued clients of the formal banking system.
- 4. The community organizations promoted by JEEViKA also partner with a variety of organizations for providing both backward and forward linkages to their members, e.g., as bank correspondents for various banks and insurance companies, procurement franchises for private sector corporations and delivery mechanisms for a variety of government programmes. These organizations have also converged with many government programs and line departments.
- 5. The AFRD-BKBDP aims to augment farmer income by creating entrepreneurial skills among the project beneficiaries through establishing units of Broiler farming, Goat Breeding cum rearing farm and fishery activities. The project will support 50% of the total cost for establishing such units. Therefore, there is a possibility of convergence with Jeevika project to leverage thecommunity organizational platform promoted by Jeevika for selection of beneficiaries, service providers as also for providing credit support to the SHG members of the Jeevika fold using their SHG-VO-CLF financial intermediation mode.

Objective of the MoU

This MoU between the AFRD-BKBDP and the JEEViKA will be non-financial and seeks convergence between these two projects as follows:

- a. The JEEViKA will facilitate in identifying potential beneficiaries for the AFRD-BKBDP, as per the norms laid down in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of AFRD-BKBDP.
- b. JEEViKA has a mandate to develop strong community institutions. The AFRD-BKBDP envisages the development of commodities like Broiler and Goat Breeding. Therefore, synergies of these two projects help us to augment the income of beneficiary households.
- c. Possibility of convergence to leverage the BKBDP project, which can be subsidized by the VO members, promoted under JEEViKA to establish the IGA (Income Generating Activities) to add to the income of the families
- d. JEEViKA will support the AFRD-BKBDP to identify local Social Capital like LRPs (Lady Resource Persons) and AI (Artificial Insemination) workers who would be trained and provide support to the identified beneficiary households under BKBDP.

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Scope of Work of this MoU

- a. The State team of AFRD-BKBDP will be responsible for the orientation of the District and Block Teams of JEEViKA about the BKBDP.
- b. The JEEViKA block team and the AFRD BKBDP team members will jointly conduct meetings at the VO levels (with SHG) to disseminate the project contours and identify potential beneficiaries.
- c. AFRD-BKBDP team will select beneficiaries from the list of potential beneficiaries as per the criteria set by the SOP.
- d. Block team of AFRD-BKBDP would support the selected beneficiaries to generate applications for the specific activities.
- e. The selected beneficiaries may take credit from the SHG/VO/CLF to meet the contribution amount as well as for the working capital, as per the project design. Sanction of loan will be at the discretion of the concerned CBOs.
- f. The AFRD-BKBDP team would provide technical and handholding support to the beneficiaries in construction of the physical infrastructure, in getting access to quality inputs, support in providing market linkage for the produced output as well as capacity enhancement trainings, both technical and organizational.
- g. JEEViKA will help AFRD-BKBDP to participate in CBOs meeting for facilitation to identify women members from the community organization, who have a potential to develop as LRPs (Lady Resource Persons) one in each Panchayat. The LRPs will engage for small ruminant to impart training/services to the rural goat rears to provide healthcare facilities like vaccination etc. at the doorstep.
- h. The AFRD-BKBDP will train the LRPs/ AI workers on the different topics of goat rearing, feeding and nutritional requirement, vaccination, breed improvement techniques, timely castration of young backs to increase the feed efficiency and meat quality and other goat husbandry issues. A total of 973 numbers of LRPs to be identified in the project area.
- i. JEEViKA will help AFRD-BKBDP to participate in CBOs meeting for facilitation identify women members from the community organization, who have a potential to develop as AI workers (Artificial Insemination workers) one in each Panchayat. The AI workers will work with goats in the project village to expand AI coverage. The AFRD-BKBDP will train the AI workers and also support them with AI kit. A total of 973 AI workers have to be identified in the project area in phase manners.
- j. The ABF from AFRD-BKBDP will collect the information from the beneficiaries as per the requirement of the project.
- k. The BMT (Block Management Team) of AFRD-BKBDP will work closely with BMIU (Block Management Implementation Unit) of JEEViKA for obtaining the details of CBO meeting, participation in the CBOs meeting, Identification of beneficiaries and identification of community cadre.

Monitoring and Review:

a. A system of joint review cum co-ordination meeting would be placed at the district level comprise of Technical Consultant (AH/Fisheries) from AFRD-BKBDP and DPM and Thematic Manager (Livestock) of JEEViKA. The committee will meet at least once in a month to review the program as well as to set the future course of action.

b. The state team comprising SPIU team of AFRD-BKBDP and Livestock Team of SPMU, JEEViKA will meet once in every quarter to review the project progress and report the same

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- to Secretary, Animal and Fish Resources, GoB and CEO, Jeevika.
- c. For the benefit of the project as well as to augment the income of the BKBDP beneficiaries, Technical input may also be provided by JEEViKA as well as by AFRD-BKBDP.

Duration of MoU

- a. The MOU would be reviewed jointly on a quarterly basis by the senior management of both the parties involved, namely Secretary AFRD, CEO of Jeevika, senior concerned SPMU staff of Jeevika and senior concerned SPIU staff of AFRD-BKBDP.
- b. The MoU is valid for 3 years from the date of signing and may be extended for a period as per need and the mutual consent of both the party involved.

c. Each Party hereby appoints and designates its representative below with full authorization for implementing this MOU.

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