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Women's Organization for Socio-Cultural Awareness

Participation is the Key to Success







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Words of President

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t is my pleasure to say a few words out of my whole hearted involvement and experience of long eight years with Women's Organization for Socio-Cultural Awareness (WOSCA).

I am fully satisfied with the on-going programs of WOSCA and sincere services of its members. Timely advice and cooperation of the District Authorities, various Departments of the State Government as well as the Ministries in Government of India, and other Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies towards social service of the organization specially for the disadvantages group of people striving for their livelihood, and towards actualizing the objectives of the organization.

Besides participation of the community and its beneficiaries, cooperation of the elected representatives and the social workers in the program implementing areas have been properly utilized in achieving the mission of the organization.

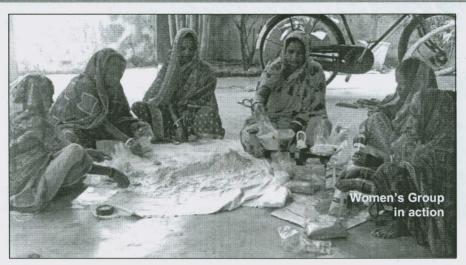
Since the achievement rate towards building healthy civic society has been truly recognized by the organization because of its interlinking participatory approach, I strongly believe that the signing days are not far away in providing basic requirements to poor and helpless mass living in tribal far flung areas.

In present scenario the duties and responsibilities of the Voluntary/Development Organizations is immensely felt. We must, therefore, move in positive direction with task and desire to achieve the objectives best suited for the development of underprivileged mass vis-a-vis the growth of the community.

Let us join hands to face the reality.

Dr. Rina Routray President

Organization's Profile



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WOSCA involves itself in multifarious developmental activities through need-based programs for socioeconomic, environment and human resource development. It strongly believes that people should not be the passive recipients. WOSCA has strong commitment for sustainable development through resourceful training, capacity building and community participation towards establishment of an equitable society.

WOSCA focuses on people-centered development through following strategies:

- » Sustainable development initiatives.
- Community involvement/participation.
- Animation of the community and sensitization.
- >>> Community organization or organized
- >>> Promotion of human potentialities, skills and knowledge.
- Mobilization and capacity building.

WOSCA's Linkage with **Government Agencies**

WOSCA has been associated with MAHILA VIKASH SAMABAYA NIGAM, ORUPA, ORMAS, TRIFED, PLC-ITDA, State Dowry Prohibition Board, District Health Advisory Board, OVHA and CCD Orissa.

VISION STATEMENT

A society full of peace, joy and happiness where there will be no poverty, ignorance, diseases, suffering, hunger, exploitation, injustice, and which will be saturated with solidarity, integrity, fraternity, nationality, nondiscrimination, brotherhood and prosperity.

MISSION STATEMENT

Transformation of thoughts into deeds through people's participatory actions, people's organizations, participatory learning and working together for human resource management.

LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under Societies Registration Act., 1860 in 1993.
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act., 1976 in 2000.

GOVERNING BODY

Dr. Reena Routray

President

Mrs. Sunita Mohanty

Vice-President

Dharitri Rout

Secretary

Mansingh Durga

Prasad Nayak

: Member

Pravat Kumar Pradhan: Member

WOSCA's Present Activities

- Socioeconomic upliftment of rural poor women through strengthening of Mahila Mandal and Mahila Banks for Self-Help initiatives.
- Women's Empowerment through formation and organization of Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Micro-Credit and Income Generation program
- >> Vocational Training for Women
- >> Community Health Development program
- >> Training and Capacity Building program
- » Agricultural and Environment program
- Integrated Watershed Development Program
- >> Community action and Rural Development program through advocacy
- Elderly Care program
- Disaster Preparedness and Management program

WOSCA's Project Area

Keonjhar District					
Sl. No.	Block	Village	No. of Bene- ficiary		
1.	Keonjhar Sadar	8	1572		
2.	Patna	4	445		
3.	Ghatagaon	4	287		
4.	Hatadihi	1	45		

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Miss Sukeshi Oram

Chairperson, TRIFED Former Member of National Mahila Commission for Women, Govt. of India

Rajeswari Panda

Dy. Director Indian Nursing Council Govt. of India

A. K. Navak

Retd. D.F.O., Keonjhar

Dr. P. N. Satapathy

Retd. D.T.O., Keonjhar

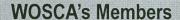
Rajesh Ku. Sahoo

Chartered Accountant

WOSCA's Major Thrust Areas

- Women's empowerment, promotion and strengthening of Self Help Group (SHG)
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Sustainable Development of underprivileged, marginalized and oppressed groups
- >> Environment and sanitation promotion
- Reproductive Child Health and Community Health Management
- >> Welfare of the handicapped and elderly
- Human Resource Development and Literacy
- >> Human Rights and Legal Aid Service
- >> Science and Rural Technology
- >> Child Development and adoption

- Disaster Mitigation and Natural Resource Management
- >> ST/SC/OBC and Minorities Development
- Establishment of Technical, Non-technical and Vocational Training Institutes
- Poverty Eradication and Income Generation
- Handicraft Promotion Development of Rural Artisans
- Advocacy, lobbying, liaison and capacity building
- Revamping of culture for better living and human rights
- Animation and capacity building
- Income generation program and rural entrepreneurship development



General Body Members

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Governing Body Members

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Expertise, Experience and Facilities of WOSCA for Promotion of SHG

The focal area of work for WOSCA is women's empowerment. Since last nine years WOSCA has been giving high importance on socioeconomic development of village women through promotion and strengthening of SHG. Today, there are forty seven SHGs, promoted and strengthened by the sincere effort of WOSCA team. WOSCA has been able to initiate two partner NGOs for promotion of SHGs. WOSCA has strength and expertise in this field because of...

- Who have participated in many district, state, national programs on empowerment of women through SHG.
- Long experience in implementing projects on women's empowerment through SHGs by support agencies like NABARD, NIRD and SIRD
- Suitable infrastructure and mobility facilities.
- Good rapport with financial institutions and government bodies.
- Marketing facilities including trade fairs.
- Marking, lobbying & advocacy.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Government:

- **ORMAS**
- »» TRIFED
- » OREDA
- >> State Social Welfare Advisory Board
- » DRDA
- » ITDA
- Ministry of Textiles, Handicraft Development Commission
- Mahila Vikash Samabaya Nigam
- » OMFED
- » NABARD

BANK ACCOUNT

Central Bank of India Keonjhar Branch (A/C No. 462) Central Bank of India Keonjhar Branch (A/C No.1437 for FCRA only)

CONTACT PERSON

Mrs. Dharitri Rout, Secretary

FIXED ASSETS

As on 31.03.2002:

Rs.1,24,608/-

WOSCA's Staff Strength

Full time Staff

10

Part time Staff

06

Activities of the Year 2001-2002



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INCOME GENERATION PROGRAM

The socioeconomic condition of rural people in Orissa has always been below the national level. Particularly in present scenario of globalization the position of rural artisans has been very worst and there is little hope for their sustenance. WOSCA, on realizing the gravity, thought it worthwhile to assist the downtrodden, the SC/ST, low income groups, and village women by way of providing training support in process technology and strengthening marketing tie-ups. The noble effort has been initiated by WOSCA since the beginning of its inception.

Support Service Trades:

- >> Promotion of rural handicrafts.
- Training-cum-production unit of Tailoring and Bakery.
- Training and production of Soft Toys.



Name of the	Discourse	0 " "	W (D
Name of the Trade	Place where undertaken	Coordinating Agencies	No. of Bene- ficiaries
Handicrafts	Marigaon of Hatadihi block of Keonjhor	D.C. Handicrfts, New Delhi	100
Tailoring	Mining Road & Old Town area of DHO	WOSCA	32
Soft Toys	. *	WOSCA	20
F.P. & Bakery	Gobindpur Dimbo Tentu- linananda Mining Rd. Daburchua Nelung	DRDA	50
Incense Stick	Chaka	DRDA	20

MICRO CREDIT PROGRAM

Majority of people living in remote rural areas of the tribal district have either no land, or other means for sustenance. Even though natural resources are plenty, they lack proper knowledge to utilize those resources for growth of income. Except seasonal jobs, employment on daily wage basis, they find no other alternative, rather sit idle and depend upon landlords for their livelihood.

As a means to uplift the socioeconomic condition of the poor villagers, WOSCA has involved itself

in the national SGSY program. So far, WOSCA has formed 47 SHGs in Keonihar Sadar, Patna. Hatadihi and



Ghatagaon blocks of Keonjhar district in which 490 have become members. After mobilizing and formation of groups, only 6 SHGs have been linked with SGSY scheme on the basis of their smooth functioning. Baitarani Gramya Bank and Bank of India at Keonjhar are providing financial assistance through micro credit scheme. WOSCA has taken all initiation to complement the process through training, management, product process assistance and marketing for income generation of the SHG members.

SHG GROUPS / MICRO FINANCE					
Target Area	No. of SHG	Members Involved	Purpose of Credit	Amount Financed	Bank Linked
Gobind- pur	2	20	Bari, Spices, Turmeric, Papad, Chatua, etc	2,00,000*	Baitarani Gramya Bank, Keonjhar
Tentuli- nanda	1	10	Chatua, Bari and Pickles	2,05,000	Baitarani Gramya Bank, Keonjhar
Chaka	2	20	Incense Stick	5,00,000	Bank of Baroda, Keonjhar
Nichi- ntapur	1	10	Goatary	2,50,000	Bank of India, Keonjhar
* @Rs.25,000/group					

COVERAGE / ACHIEVEMENTS		
Villages covered under Micro Credit Scheme	15	
Micro Credit Groups organized (SHG)	47	
Support Services provided to SHG Groups	41	
Groups identified for SGSY linkage	11	
Loan disbursed under SGSY	06	
Groups linked to revolving fund	05	
Vocational Training provided	02	
Skill Upgradation training given	04	
Support withdrawn as they are now self sufficient and independent to maintain their entity	02	

SUCCESS STORY

One SHG (10 members) formed in Gobindpur in 1997 had first stepped to this venture through DWCRA program of DRDA Keonjhar. After basic knowledge and training they became highly motivated to raise funds through savings. Considering the Agro-based food product as best suitable, they started preparing Badi, Chatua, Spices and Turmeric Powder. After that they have never looked back. In the process Baitarani Gramya Bank has come forward to link the SHG to micro credit financing scheme and an amount of Rs.2 lakhs has been sanctioned to continue the same income generation programs.

The performance of the above SHG was highly appreciated by Mr. N. Ramachandradu, RDC of Sambalpur division. He spared two hours with the members in presence of promoters, i.e. WOSCA. The District Magistrate and his subordinates also evaluated the activities periodically, and expressed their satisfaction over the functioning of the SHG. WOSCA has taken all responsibilities for marketing of their products through tie-up with different organizations and displaying the products in State and National level exhibitions.



Mr. N. Ramachandradu, RDC of Sambalpur division visiting the Self Help Groups

HEALTH PROGRAMS

Of the total district population, nearly 57% belong to SC and SC communities. Government health facilities have not covered every corner of the district. It is also peculiar to observe that most tribal people are not aware about proper preventive care of their health problems, and they are still depending on traditional method of treatment. As a result, the mortality and morbidity rates, particularly of mother and children, are on the rise, and prevalence of malnutrition among children is alarming.

WOSCA has been putting its efforts to make aware and educate the communities about health problems and its preventive measures. During the year the following health related programs have been organized by the organization.

Health Check-up Camp:

On 12.12.01 one health check-up camp was organized at Chikina. Dr. D. K. Rout, ADMO, Turumunga PHC had taken the lead to conduct the camp. The paramedical staff of Turumunga PHC were present on the day for all cooperation and assistance. The members of WOSCA were coordinating the program for success.

A total number of 178 patients came for the checkup in the camp. They were also supplied with medicines. Only 13 cases were referred to district hospital for further diagnosis and treatment. Through group counselling, they were explained about healthy environment, timely consultation with doctors and immunizations to live diseasesfree, healthy life.



Health Check-up Camp at Dabar Chua village

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Family Counselling & Population Stabilization Camp:

WOSCA had organized a four-day non-residential family counselling camp in Silsuan village from 17.10.2001 to 20.10.2001. A total number of 60 women participated in the program. Dr. Ushamani Tripathy was the key resource person to conduct the program.

They were sensitized on the importance of community sanitation, immunization of children, and pregnant women, emergency service during diarrhoea, dehydration and sunstroke, first-aid treatment, development of kitchen garden and care for balanced diet for prevention of malnutrition, etc. Besides, they were motivated for small family towards population stabilization.



Family Counselling Camp at Silsuan



Vaccination Camps:

WOSCA has been regularly organizing vaccination camps in different places. Last year a camp was organized at Dabarchua on 21.01.2001. Besides giving pulse polio vaccine to small children, immunization was also conducted in the program. On the very day a total number of 163 children were given with pulse polio vaccine, and 92 cases were immunized.

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

Watershed Development:

Watershed in a broader sense is the water balance to maintain the equilibrium between elements of the natural eco-system, vegetation, land and water on the one hand and human and animal activities



on the other. Keonjhar district is full of forest, hilly areas and cultivated lands. Many rivers and streams are also flowing. But comparatively agricultural production is less than the average and there are some rural villages where safe drinking water is not available. This is due to lack of irrigation facilities and improper use of water. However, the new integrated watershed program emphasized by Government of India is a welcoming step for proper use of water and land both in agriculture and social living, for sustainable development.

Last year, WOSCA was associated with ITDA (PIA) as chief facilitating agency for Nischintpur-Gopalpur Micro-watershed project covering an area of 550 hectares. By the end of the year WOSCA was able to cover 568 beneficiaries of the above two villages; and five SHGs have been formed. WOSCA has also taken the responsibility to construct a community centre at Gopalpur village and the work is in progress. The members of WOSCA are regularly visiting both the villages and organizing the people for true participation through water users associations. The ITDA

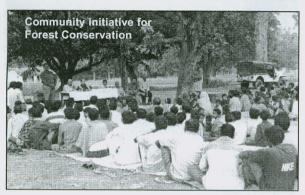
officials, DRDA, Horitculture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Forest officials and WOSCA members are holding meetings for best



implementation of integrated watershed program in Nischintpur and Gopalpur villages.

Environment Conservation:

At present nearly 60% of the green environment of the district has been degraded due to massive deforestation. Most of the tribal people are destroying the forest to take up shift cultivation. Considering this burning issue, WOSCA has started its Community Based, People's Participatory Environment Conservation Movement in selective places to make aware and educate the community on forest conservation.



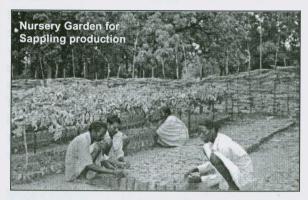
On 24.01.2002 a people's participatory program on environment was organized in Gopalpur village where majority of the villagers (tribals) were involved. Mr. J. B. Mishra Project Administrator ITDA, Keonjhar; Mr. G. Jena, Dy. Director (Agril.), Keonjhar; Mr. B. P. Mohapatra, Forester were the invited guests on the day to address the village people. On the same day the villagers preferred to constitute **Bana Surakhya Samiti** with a view to conserve and protect the surrounding forest areas. It was also decided in the meeting to involve each individual of the village in the Integrated Environment Management, and to give them scope to enjoy the benefits.

Demonstration on Improved Farm Technology:



Most of the people living in tribal and hilly areas are still depending on shift cultivation which in return giving less output in comparison to other areas. They are also still depending upon old traditional method of

agricultural farming. As a result neither they are self-sufficient nor their income standard is increasing.



Considering it as most vital, WOSCA with the help of agriculture professionals has organized a demonstration camp in Gopalpur village on 26.10.2001 where nearly 60% farmers of the locality had taken part. In the demonstration camp they were properly explained about use of organic manure, modern scientific implements and methodology for higher production. They were also taught about the utility of tissue culture to achieve high rate of yielding.



WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In Keonjhar district the problems of children and mothers are manifold. During the year WOSCA has taken up the following programs as a response to priority needs of mothers and children.

Women's Empowerment & Legal Counselling Camp:

A four days non-residential leadership-cum-legal counselling camp was organized in Gobardhan village of Sadar block from 17th to 20th October 2001. Mrs. Arundhati Ghosh, an eminent Social Activist, was invited to address and coordinate the program. Twenty women participants were truly involved in the program to know the responsibilities and duties of women towards building healthy society and the impact of legislation for prevention of women atrocities and exploitation. This program has motivated other women in the village to come up equally with their male counterparts.



Creches:

In Nichintapur village WOSCA has opened one Creche. The State Social Welfare Advisory Board, Bhubaneswar has provided necessary financial assistance to run the centre effectively. A total number of 25 children of the above village are being taken care of, under the supervision of two Ayas. The children and ailing mothers are also provided with nutritional food and medicine. Timely immunization, vaccination and health check-up are also done in the centre.

TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & CAMPS

Vocational Training of SC/ST Boys & Girls:

At present situation the unemployment problem has paralysed the healthy movement of the civic society. The educated youth are either sitting idle or involving themselves in anti social activities without finding job opportunities in the area. The solution of this crisis is possible, if they are properly trained and educated individuals to utilize the available resources. Considering this, WOSCA had organized six months vocational training programs on Diesel Mechanic and Spinning & Weaving for both SC/ST boys and girls. A total number of 25 trainees of respective trades have been trained and some of them have started selfemployment units for their income generation. The members of WOSCA are also assisting them to avail bank loans to set up their individual units. One Placement Officer is their in the office of WOSCA to look after them.

Vocational Training to OBC Boys & Girls:

The socioeconomically backward boys and girls belonging to OBC community are mostly unemployed even after their higher education. They have not only become burden to the family but also to the society as a whole. To get rid of the problem, WOSCA had taken appropriate steps to impart need-based Vocational Training to the interested OBC boys and girls on Tie & Die and Tailoring Trade in Dimbo and Chaka villages, respectively. Last year, 25 boys and girls in Tie & Die and 20 boys and girls in Spinning & Weaving trade had taken admission.

After successful completion of the course they are involved in SHGs to take up a cooperative initiative on Textile. WOSCA is also trying to appraise the matter to Government of India for financial assistance.

Workshop on Promotion & Marketing of Forest Produce:

Poor people are being exploited by middlemen while selling minor forest produce/collections. Considering such exploitations, TRIFED had organized a workshop on "Marketing of Tribal Produces" in Keonjhar district headquarters on dated 9th and 10th January 2002. IDA and



WOSCA as the coordinating agencies have taken all responsibility to mobilize the tribal people, of the surrounding villages, leading local NGOs and have organized exhibition of different types of non-timber forest produces for widespread knowledge of common people. Mr. Juel Oram, the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India; Miss Sukeshi Oram, Chairperson, TRIFED; Mr. Ananta Nayak, MP, Keonjhar; Collector Keonjhar and G.M. TRIFED were the dignitaries who attended the workshop. The representatives of NGOs were also motivated to promote marketing through TRIFED, instead of through the middle men.

Workshop on Waste Management:

Organic as well as inorganic waste materials are causing serious health problems, mainly in the urban sector. In this context, WOSCA organized a workshop at Keonjhar town on 22.08.2001, with 50 participants. Mostly the housewives were involved in the program and were explained about the best use of waste materials, and to use them as manure for kitchen gardening. After the workshop, a team of women volunteers continued their effort to motivate the town household members to prepare manure out of the waste materials.

Workshop on Rehabilitation of Child Labour:

Most of the children in Joda and Barbil areas have not completed their education and they found it easy to work as labour for little income. Their parents are also in habit of engaging children in different sectors even in hazardous conditions. As deployment of children in different industrial units is considered illegal, WOSCA had organized a workshop on 15.11.2001 in Joda town where 20 child labourers and their parents were involved. In the workshop the parents were advised not to send their children to any working place for employment. They were encouraged to provide minimum education and need-based vocational training for proper rehabilitation.

Workshop on Preservation of Tribal Culture:

The Santalies living in Gonasika hilly areas of the district have gone far away from their rich cultural heritage and they are about to loose the traditional skill and values relating to their folk dance and songs. This has been due to migration of most the tribal people. As it was very much necessary to preserve the rich traditional culture of Santali folk dance and songs, WOSCA has taken full initiation to motivate the tribals to continue their cultural practice. The local organizations of the area have also been involved to start planned actions for preservation of their rich cultural heritage in the coming years, by appraising the issue to the concerned department of Government of India.

Legal Counselling Camp for Women Labour:

Particularly in Joda area there are several mining sectors where thousands of tribal women labourers are working. The mine owners are in habit of giving less wages than the actual and are quite hesitant to provide necessary working conditions. At the same time the union labourers are so illiterate that they do not show any interest to know much about legislation relating to labour. Considering this, WOSCA organized a two-day camp near Juruli of Joda NAC on 20th and 21st September 2001 where 50 women labourers participated. Mr. P. C. Mohapatra, a professional in labour field and Mr. Ajay Ku. Jena, a Trade Union Leader had taken the responsibility to organize the program. All the participants were enlightened about the existing labour laws and its applicability in the field. They were also encouraged to fight against exploitation caused to them.

CONSUMER AWARENESS & INTERFACE PROGRAM

WOSCA has selected Nichintapur village as the target area to make aware and educate each individual villagers to know the consumer behaviour, plan and policies relating to government programs and the procedure to utilize the scope for community development. The Project Director ITDA, Dy. Director Agril., Chief District Veterinary Officer, Block Development Officer, Asst. Director Sericulture along with



WOSCA members have organized a Consumer Awareness-cum-Interface Program Nichintapur village on 17.07.2001. On that day the villagers were explained about the procedural method to fight against the trademen who are usually in habit of exploiting the illiterate mass in their business sphere.

MISC. ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Service for the Disabled:

WOSCA has been sincerely working for the welfare of disabled since last two years. For the purpose, Kashipur village has been considered as the target area. During the year the volunteers of WOSCA visited the homes where a member of that family is disabled. The volunteers used to consult the person with disablity and take advise of doctor for supply of necessary medicines and required physiotherapy training. Now WOSCA is planning to start some Vocational Training programs to rehabilitate the disabled people of Kashipur village.

Cultural Program:

On the occasion of the Children's Day, WOSCA organized a cultural program in the recreation hall in OSME at Keonjhar town. The District Social Welfare Officer and the District Welfare Officer of the district were the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Guest, respectively on that occasion. Mostly the children were involve in the program and they had performed different cultural shows. The local people and the parents of the children had taken full initiation for raising of fund and success of the program.





TRAININGS ATTENDED

Implementation of different programs in integrated rural and hilly areas with the help of illiterate masses always needs special attention and planned strategies for achievement of overall mission. The NGO activists involved in the program required to be trained and to strengthen their efficiency through wide spread knowledge

and exposure from time to time. WOSCA has always given priority to depute its members to participate in different trainings those are helpful for effective functioning of the organization. Last year some of our members have attended the following training programs in the state and at national level.

Training Programs and Workshops attended					
Date	Venue	Conducting Agency	Subject	Person Attended	
14-19 April, 2001	Bhubaneswar	CYSD	Community Development	Prakash Pradhan	
22-28 April, 2001	Kolkata	Natya Niketan, West Bengal	Cultural Promotion	Dharitri Rout	
18 June, 2001	Bhubaneswar	Dept. of Agriculture	Consultation on Natural Resource Management	P. K. Nayak	
16-17 Nov., 2001	Bhubaneswar	CCD	Workshop on Promotion of Handicrafts	M. D. P. Nayak	
6-12 Dec., 2001	Keonjhar	ICPRD	Pro-poor Advocacy	Dharitri Rout Prasant Nayak	
8 Dec., 2001	Bhubaneswar	DC Handicrafts Eastern Region	State Level Marketing Workshop	M. D. P. Nayak	
21-22 Dec., 2001	New Delhi	R.M.P., Mumbai	National Convention of Voluntary Organization	Dharitri Rout M. D. P. Nayak	
9 Jan., 2002	Keonjhar	NABARD	NFS Gender Sensitization	M. Mishra	
7-9, Feb., 2002	Puri	EDI & NABARD	NGO-Bankers interface on R.E.D.P.	M. D. P. Nayak	
12 Feb., 2002	Bhubaneswar	WATERSHED MISSION	All Orissa Experience Sharing on Watershed Devt.	M. D. P. Nayak Parsuram Munda	
12-16 Feb., 2002	Bhubaneswar	OVHA	Training on Information	P. K. Pradhan	
22 Feb., 2002	Bhubaneswar	Mahila Nigam	TOT of Mahila Nari Shakti Yojana	Dharitri Rout	
23-24 Feb., 2002	Sambalpur	CAPART	Training on Project Formulation	K. Arukh	
8 March, 2002	Bhubaneswar	NABARD	Gender Perspectives	Ms. Sarita Nayak	
15-24 Mar., 2002	Siligudi	D.C. Handicrafts	Craft Bazar	P. Jena & S. Jena	
20-21 Mar., 2002	New Delhi	ICPRD	Women Participation on Joint Efforts Development	Dharitri Rout	
21 March, 2002	Bhubaneswar	Centre for Env. & Ecology (CEE)	Sustainable Development Bio Diversity	Dr. Reena Routroy	
22 March, 2002	Keonjhar	KSS	Kishan Mela	Mrs. Bisakkha Jen	

In the Pipeline...

It is obvious that every organization, small or big, need to prepare planning for effective functioning of the organizational work for achievement of its overall mission. WOSCA has also approved coming year programs in the following manner with due approval of the governing body. Accordingly the organization is marching ahead to achieve the target in due time with the help of the members and volunteers.

Strengthening of Income Generation Program through Vocational Training:

Mostly the young boys and girls belonging to below poverty group have been targeted both in rural and urban sectors to avail need based Vocational Training in different trades to set up their own self employed units as a source of income. During the coming years it has been approved by WOSCA to start Vocational Training on Readymade Garment making for women under NORAD scheme at Bhubaneswar and other suitable training for SC/ST and OBC boys and girls in rural tribal areas of Keonjhar.

Implementation of ARWIND Scheme of NABARD:

Earlier sanctioned scheme by NABARD to impart training on tailoring and food processing of six months duration at Nelung village of Keonjhar are set to start from the month of May 2002. The selection of trainees have already been completed and after inaugural of the training centre by NABARD officials the training program shall continue in full swing.

Coverage of more beneficiaries through SHGs:

Though the work on Micro Credit System is in operation in full swing and 517 members have been enrolled, WOSCA is ready to continue its effort for cover of more beneficiaries under SHGs.

Involvement in other Community Development Programs:

Since WOSCA has concentrated its work in different peripheral villages of Keonjhar district headquarters it is necessary to attend the basic desire of the people to build healthy community life. In the coming year major thrust area in village level shall be targeted to preserve the environment, empower the women, strengthening of income generation activities, provision of basic health services, protection to child and women labourers, upgradation of farm technologies, improvement in water use system and service for the aged.

Where each rupee spent?

Despite problems related to financial assistance, the level of expenditure could be maintained at par with yesteryears because of enhance participation by local project partners like state government agencies and subscription from the enlightened masses. Due consideration has been given to allocate budgetary formalities in priority sectors as well as in needbased programs. The figure shown here indicate the details of budgetary allocation of the year 2001-2002.

