

**BALIJAN SANMILITA JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JFMC)
DIGBOI FOREST DIVISION**

**MICRO-PLAN
(2016-17 to 2025-26)**

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1. Introduction

<p>About the Project</p>	<p>The vision of the Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) is ‘to enable sustainable forest and biodiversity conservation and management in Assam through multi-scale integrative planning and involvement of forest dependent communities in target areas and giving fillip to their livelihood activities through sustainable use of forest and non-forest resources’. The project’s objective has been stated as: ‘In collaboration with the forest dependent communities, to restore forest eco-systems to enhance the forest dependent community’s livelihoods and ensure conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity’.</p> <p>The above project is being mainly funded by the <i>Agence France de Développement</i> (AFD) - i.e. the French Development Agency, with co-funding from the Government of Assam. The Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society (APFBC Society) has the mandate for planning, implementation, monitoring, coordination and management of all the activities under the above mentioned project.</p>
<p>Micro-Planning & Livelihood Development</p>	<p>In order to promote livelihood activities through market potential based value addition; the present project intends to take up activities like entrepreneurship promotion, product processing value addition and marketing under this project. This has become necessary on account of the pressures on existing forest resources due to the growth of population. There is a need to explore value addition to the existing forest and biodiversity products and services, based on the market potential. In addition, non-forest based livelihoods need to be explored and the capacities of the community members need to be built-up through skills development initiatives.</p> <p>A consortium comprising of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati, <i>Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi</i> (RGVN) and Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML) has been formed to implement (<i>inter-alia</i>) the micro-planning and livelihood development under the above project. The above consortium has been titled as ‘Consortium for Micro Planning and Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities’ - COMPELO in short.</p> <p>As per project guidelines, this micro-plan includes ‘various operations of village and forest development ... livelihood support of forest dependent members and keeping sustainable forest management as the broad objective’. It includes both forest development and livelihood development.</p>
<p>Micro-Plan for the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC</p>	<p>This document gives the Micro-Plan for the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC, which is located in the Tinsukia district of Assam. The Balijan Sanmilita JFMC falls under the jurisdiction of the Digboi Forest Range under Digboi Forest Division. The present micro-plan has been prepared by members of the community, including both male and female members. This document has emerged as an outcome of a PRA process undertaken by the community and personnel of Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML) Guwahati in June 2016. The micro-plan has been compiled by CML based on the project guidelines. The document has been discussed and finalized for adoption in July 2016</p>

2. Village Socio-Economic Profile

Location	<p>The Balijan Sanmilita JFMC constitutes 3 villages namely Balijan, Kenduguri and New Colony. The JFMC is located at a distance of 8 kms from Digboi Forest Division. The habitation is located near Assam Arunachal boarder.</p> <p>Appendix 1-Village Map</p>																				
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<p>Households & Population Structure</p>	<p>In Balijan Sanmilita JFMC, the total number of households is 116 with a total population of 576. Out of 116 households, the number of households which fall in the below poverty line are 70 households. The JFMC has 3 villages- Balijan, Kenduguri and New Colony.</p> <p>Over 90% of the households belong to the OBC category. Other castes include SC and ST.</p> <p>The demography of the village includes Adivasi, Assamese, Ahom, Kachari and Kalita. The average number of persons in a household is 5 and the sex ratio is 952 females per thousand males</p> <p>Table-2 of Record-I may be referred for further details in the above regard</p>																																				
<p>Education & Skills Development</p>	<p>The village has 116 households. The number of female headed households 2 nos. The total population is 576, of which 295 are male and the 281 are female members. Most of them are belong to others backward classes,4 Nos. of HH belong to ST community,18 Nos. of HH belong to SC community & 4 Nos. Of HH belong to General category.</p> <p>Table-C: Age and sex distribution</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1037 1377 1199"> <thead> <tr> <th>Age/Sex</th> <th>Below-14</th> <th>Between 15-30</th> <th>Between 31-45</th> <th>Between 46-60</th> <th>Above-60</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M</td> <td>33</td> <td>98</td> <td>95</td> <td>83</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>40</td> <td>103</td> <td>81</td> <td>50</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: PRA</p> <p>Table-2 of Record-I may be referred for further details in the above regard.</p> <p>Education & skill Over 31.54 % of the population is reported to be illiterate. Most of the community members have received school level education. On the other hand, relatively fewer households have college educated members.</p> <p>Table-D: Education distribution</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1566 1377 1728"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Illiterate</th> <th>Up-to IV</th> <th>Vii-X</th> <th>X-XII</th> <th>Graduate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M</td> <td>98</td> <td>19</td> <td>27</td> <td>30</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>96</td> <td>12</td> <td>21</td> <td>21</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: PRA</p>	Age/Sex	Below-14	Between 15-30	Between 31-45	Between 46-60	Above-60	M	33	98	95	83	6	F	40	103	81	50	7		Illiterate	Up-to IV	Vii-X	X-XII	Graduate	M	98	19	27	30	12	F	96	12	21	21	3
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	<p>Livelihood skills are usually acquired under various settings – formal & informal. In the JFMC area, informal means for skills development is the traditional norm. People have traditional skills in the following areas:</p> <p>(a) Handloom (b) Pisciculture (c) Livestock rearing (d) Farming</p> <p>Government has been active in promoting formal skills development programmes in the country as well as in the state. The village has not reported receipt of benefits of any such programme has been carried out in the habitation or in nearby areas</p>
Soil	<p>There are three types of soil available: sandy loam, loam and clayey loam in Balijan Sanmilita JFMC villages.</p> <p>These favour the cultivation of winter rice (Bodo paddy), Rabi crops including mustard, pea, seasonal vegetables, etc.</p>
Water	<p>Ground water is the main source of drinking water. Good quality water is available to the villagers around the year. Almost every household has tube well connections and wells. There are natural small outlets</p>
Climate: Temperature & Rainfall	<p>Highest temperature is generally observed in the months of July/August (35°C) and lowest is in the months of December/January (7-8°C). Humidity in the morning hour's ranges from 90-95% and 50-70% in the afternoon hours. The climate of the region is sub-tropical wet and is characterized by hot and humid summer and dry cool winter.</p> <p>The Balijan Sanmilita JFMC experiences 2300 to 3000 mm rainfall per year. Average annual rainfall of the area is 2819 mm. While normal rainfall (1901-1950) is 2796.4 mm. It is observed that on an average 64 to 68% of annual rainfall is received during the monsoon period (June-September) and 22-26% of annual rainfall during pre-monsoon period (March-May).</p>
Forest & Bio-diversity	<p>The local forests have been broadly classified as- Tropical Wet Evergreen forest. The nearby forest is enriched with various tree species like- Lagerstroemia parviflora (Sida), Delonix resia (Radhasura), C resiniferum (Dhuna, Dhup), Ficus hispida (Dimoru), Caeslpima pulcherima (Krishnasura), Tetrameles mdiflora (Bheleu) and Tactona srandis (Segun) etc. The forest can yield elephant apples, bamboo, thatch, fodder, medicinal plants.</p> <p>Additional information is provided in 'Forest Development Plan'.</p>

Land Pattern	<p>Use Details of land use pattern of the village can be seen as:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table-c: Nature of Land Use</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No</th> <th>Nature of Land Uses</th> <th>Percentage of people having it</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Homestead</td> <td>100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Farm Land</td> <td>54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Waste Land</td> <td>14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Forest Occupied Land</td> <td>NA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Land under Mortgage</td> <td>NA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Land under share cropping</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Other</td> <td>NA</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Table 4 of Record I provides detailed data</p>	Sl. No	Nature of Land Uses	Percentage of people having it	1	Homestead	100%	2	Farm Land	54%	3	Waste Land	14%	4	Forest Occupied Land	NA	5	Land under Mortgage	NA	6	Land under share cropping	10%	5	Other	NA
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Village Infrastructure & Communication Facilities	<p>The infrastructures which are available in the villages can be categorized into the following heads:</p> <p>1. Physical Infrastructure: The households have the basic amenities including electricity, mobile phones, cycles and motorbikes for communication purposes. The villages are well connected to the main road which connects them to the town</p>																								

	<p>2. Education and Health facilities: Education and health facilities include one lower primary school, Four Anganwadi centres, One public health centre which is available with the families</p> <p>3. Govt. Offices: The Government offices and line departments which are existing in the area are Panchayat office, Revenue office, local police station, Forest beat office but those all are located in a considerable distance from the village</p> <p>4. Financial Institutions: There are banks and post offices which are present in the area but they are at a considerable distance of at an average distance of 5 km from the village</p> <p>Details of infrastructures are given in Table 5 of Record I</p>
<p>Agricultural Crops</p>	<p>The details of the agricultural crops grown in the village is available at Table-6 of Record-I.</p> <p>The details of agricultural crops grown in the village are mainly Sali paddy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 6% of the households from the villages are engaged in Sali paddy cultivation. • Proximity to the Digboi town and limited farm landholding discourages the farmers from engaging in agriculture • and certain traditional fruits like jackfruit, mango, banana and vegetables are grown by the farmers <p>Few families have also started engaging in the cultivation of small scale tea gardens.</p> <p>Table-7 of Record-I may be referred to for the production and yield details of the crops grown in the village.</p>
<p>Crop Production Profile</p>	<p>The production and yield details of the crops grown in the village are as follows.</p> <p>The crop cultivated by the families is basically rain fed.</p> <p>The production and yield of these crops is given as follows:</p> <p>Paddy: Production 12000 kg and Yield is 600 kg /ha</p>
<p>Fodder Availability</p>	<p>The matter of fodder availability in the village is dealt with at Table-7 of Record-I.</p> <p>The above shows that the main sources of fodder in the village are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop residue, • Grazing in forest • Household vegetable wastes

Markets	<p>Table-8 of Record-I shows the location of the different markets from the village.</p> <p>The main markets used by the community and its distance from the JFMC villages are mentioned below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Grocery/ PDS shops: Nearly 1km distance from village ➤ The Weekly/ Bi-weekly Market: Nearly 1km away ➤ Major Market: Digboi (nearly 3 km away)
Water Resources	<p>The main water resources within the JFMC villages are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tube-well: 88 Nos. (Adequate) ➤ River: 1 No. (Adequate)-Digboi River <p>Table 9 of Record I provides details on water resources available in the area</p>
Energy Consumption	<p>Energy Consumption: The major sources of energy in the village have been listed below.</p> <p>(a)Firewood: Households Depending: 96 Nos. Source: Local forest area Average firewood required for a family in a month 80 kg</p> <p>(b)Kerosene: Households Depending: 96 Nos. Source: outside market. Average litre of kerosene required for a family in a month is 3 litre</p> <p>(a) LPG: Households Depending: 10 Nos.</p> <p>Table 10 of Record I gives details on energy consumption</p>
Socio-economic status	<p>Social set up- The villages are inhabited by people mostly belonging to the OBC category. The society overall is not marked by deep caste divisions. The observed position of women is satisfactory.</p> <p>Economic Conditions- The economic condition of the people in the area is overall satisfactory. The annual income of the household ranges between Rs 20,000 to Rs 1, 50,000 per annum for the households.</p> <p>The families belonging to the OBC categories do nit migrate much from the villages, but there are some Adivasi families who have youths migrating to neighbouring town in search of stable employment.</p>

3. Livelihood Opportunity Analysis

<p>PRA Exercise</p>	<p>The PRA was done in Baliijan Sanmilita JFMC villages which are situated under Digboi Forest range of Tinsukia district of Assam. The three villages under the JFMC are having a total of 116 households with the total population of 576.</p> <p>Date: 6th June, 2016</p> <p>Facilitators: Abhishek Mazumder, CML and Anil Pegu, CML</p> <p>Venue: Community Hall, Baliijan</p> <p>In the presence of: JFMC office bearers, community members, Panchayat Ward Members, Forest Personnel</p>
<p>Objective of PRA</p>	<p>Objectives of PRA: The specific objectives of the exercise are to:</p> <p>(a) To understand the livelihood options existing within the region, its prevalence and challenges.</p> <p>(b) Better understand the credit needs of the poor and their coping mechanism. Examine the options, challenges, and opportunities for financial institutions interested in delivering financial services and</p> <p>(c) Identify existing livelihood support mechanisms and explore viable options of providing livelihood support services for increasing income and employment opportunities of the people.</p>
<p>Tools Used & Outcomes of the PRA</p>	<p>Tools Used & Outcomes of the PRA:</p> <p>In this study, Qualitative methods</p> <p>Social and Resource Mapping,</p> <p>Wealth Ranking,</p> <p>Seasonality of Livelihoods and</p> <p>Venn diagram</p> <p>Quantitative methods</p> <p>Household survey through questionnaires is applied. The above methods are briefly outlined here.</p> <p>Appendix 2 furnishes the details on above</p>

Livelihood assessment of the JFMC:

Human capital	
1.1 Skill profile:	<p>In the project area, as far as human capital is concern, the people are traditionally skills in the farming sector. All the household reported to be farmer in nature and do subsistence agriculture for self-sufficiency. The farmers focus on growing enough food to feed themselves and their families. The output is mostly for local requirements with little or no surplus for trade.</p> <p>Although it is also seen from the survey that there is an immense potentiality of sericulture, weaving and cane and bamboo industry in the area.</p>
1.2 Occupational profile:	<p>In the project area, it is seen that majority of the households having land holding from 2-10 hector. It is found that the relationship between land holding and livelihood strategies that larger landholding did not imply higher income after a particular class or stage. Having higher land holdings did not suggest a greater dependence on land in terms of higher agricultural income (in cash or food) from their lands.</p> <p>This suggest need for building skills like cane and bamboo, tailoring and other non-farm based activities so as to enable household to diversify their basket of livelihood option.</p>
1.3 Level of Education:	<p>Sustainable livelihood is the capability of people to make their living comfortable and improve their quality of life without endangering the livelihood options of others and education plays an important role to achieve this. The provision of educational opportunities to all people must be facilitate to alleviate poverty and social empowerment.</p> <p>In the project area, it is seen that there is no facility to attain higher education. There is a need to provide both formal and informal education in the area to equip vulnerable with entrepreneurial and related functional literacy skills.</p>
1.4 Source of Information:	<p>Source of information always a factor for successful society. Perhaps the reason for backward in the forest area is the lack of access to information. There is no such medium (only radio) available in the project area. There is also negligence of forest offices to provide information to the people. Source of information became an important factor so that people may became upto date to compete with modern society with a better livelihood opportunities gathered from various source.</p>
1.5 Culture and tradition	<p>The culture and tradition of a community shows a communities civilisation. The project area is highly cultured and their traditional way of living brought immense potentially of tourism in the area.</p>
1.6 Gender Participation in day to day life	<p>In the project area, males are largely engaged in farm activities such as land preparation, sowing, weeding, inter culture and harvesting. Where females are involve in cooking, child care, livestock rearing etc. It is important to analyse gender participation to see how value addition can be provided based on their skills which they perform in day to day life.</p>

1.7 Migration	<p>Migration is one of the important factor in analysing human capital. Out-migration or in-migration is take place due to available opportunities for better livelihood. In the project area there is no such out-migration or in-migration seen in the PRA. This is due to the less high educated persons available in the area. As education plays an important role in the migration factor. Higher education level increases the migration because people willing to go outside for better livelihood option. The family size also limited. In this certain case migration from other place to another is seen negligible in the project area.</p>
2. Social Capital	<p>Social capital has been used to explain the improved performance of diverse groups, the growth of entrepreneurial firms, superior managerial performance, enhanced supply chain relations, the value derived from strategic alliances, and the evolution of communities.</p> <p>In the project area, only limited number of SHG groups are available. In this case, there is a need to strengthen the SHGs and build up village communities and cooperative societies for better performance of the livelihood opportunities in the area.</p> <p>It is also seen that the delivery of government schemes to the people is very less. Social schemes are yet to be received in the area.</p>
3. Natural Capital	<p>The project area is renowned for its biological diversity. Key natural assets include trees like Haldu, Gamari, Titachopa, Nahar, Bonsum, Bogipoma, Bola etc. These high value of trees and their extraction for fuelwood collection, zhum cultivation, timber exploitation (either for local consumption or for sale to urban centers), causes deforestation and it is directly connected to rural livelihood strategies.</p> <p>This broad-based dependence on natural resources in the project area, we do not put forward an expectation regarding distinctions in access to natural capital across the populations. There is a need to provide alternative such as LPG connection for cooking etc would provide a lesser dependence in the forest. Other livelihood option to be build up for the same cause to preserve the natural resource in the project area.</p>
4. Economic & Financial Capital	<p>Economic & Financial Capital indicates the capital base (cash, credit/debt, savings, and other economic assets, including basic infrastructure, production equipment and technologies) which are essential for the pursuit of any livelihood strategies.</p> <p>In the project area, it is seen that only limited number of people (2 percent of the total households) having their bank accounts. Other facilities like having health insurance, crop insurance, bank loans, availing micro finance is nil.</p> <p>In this case there is a need to improve the Economic & Financial Capital in the area by providing bank accounts, health insurance, crop insurance, bank loans, availing micro finance in order to improve the livelihood scenario of the area.</p>
5. Physical Capital	<p>Physical capital include the basic infrastructure that people need to make a living, as well as the tools and equipment that they use. For example, transport and communication systems, shelter, water and sanitation systems, and energy.</p> <p>When we observe the availability of physical capital in the project area, the situation</p>

	<p>is very poor. There is no good roads, transport and communication systems is very week, water and sanitation systems are not adequate and access to electricity is nil.</p> <p>In order to improve the livelihood of the project area, emphasis should be given to improve the physical structure of the JFMC area by providing road, water and sanitation facilities and solar lights alternative to electricity.</p>																																															
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	<p>It is observed during the PRA that preference for agriculture and allied activities like bee keeping, sericulture related training programmes is highest. This is because of the available resource present in the JFMC area. The second and third preference is given to Horticulture and livestock rearing such as piggery. Handicraft sector like skill development on cane and bamboo products and handloom where tailoring and weaving activities are came less into focus.</p> <p>Agriculture & Horticulture Livestock NTFP</p> <p>Additional discussion about the above has been given below.</p>
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<p>Forest Development Opportunities</p>	<p>In Balijan Sanmilita JFMC, ranking has been done in order to understand how people are aware regarding opportunities lead to forest development. The following details provide the rank wise forest development opportunities in the project area. (Matrix ranking is given in Annexure)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plantation of firewood, 2. Demarcation of land, 3. Plantation on medicinal NTFP etc. 4. Plantation of tree Raising of nursery, 5. Development of degraded forest, 6. Plantation of bamboo 7. Forest protection 8. Natural regeneration 9. Fooder cultivation
<p>Agriculture & Horticulture</p>	<p>Table-12 under Record-2 may be seen in this connection for opportunities in the areas of agriculture and horticulture.</p> <p>The main constraints are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Very negligible use of fertilizers and pesticides, insecticides. (b) Lack of irrigation facilities (c) Lack of agricultural infrastructure, modern tools and equipment's viz, power tillers, tractors etc. (d) Non usages of high yielding seeds etc. <p>The opportunities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Application of proper and controlled pesticides and insecticides. (b) Introduction of new and advance technology (c) Well-structured training programme. The villagers are inherited with the skill of cultivation. All they need is improvisation of their skill level. <p>The suggested programmes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tractor operation training • Agri - skill development programme. • Training on insecticides, pesticides, hybrid cultivation etc.

<p>Livestock</p>	<p>Table-13 furnishes additional information about opportunities for livestock rearing.</p> <p>The main constraints are:</p> <p>(a) Unable to buy fodder from market due to poor financial condition.</p> <p>(b) Trees fodder n crop residue are available only for 3-6 months. Green fodder is also not available for the whole year.</p> <p>(c) No veterinary care clinic.</p> <p>(d) Lack of knowledge about the proper rearing of live stock</p> <p>The opportunities are:</p> <p>(a) Higher income from livestock rearing.</p> <p>(b) A huge demanded market for milk is available as Tinsukia district head quarter .</p> <p>The suggested programme is:</p> <p>(a)Piggery</p> <p>(b)Poultry</p>
<p>NWFP</p>	<p>The opportunities for NWFP are tabulated at Table-14 under Record-2</p> <p>The main constraints are:</p> <p>(a) Less availability of NWFP</p> <p>(b) No technical know-how</p> <p>(c) No processing units</p> <p>The opportunities is:</p> <p>(a) Availability of fertile fallow land</p> <p>The suggested programme are:</p> <p>(a)Plantation of Food plants,</p> <p>(b)Medicinal Plant etc.</p>

<p>Specialized Skills</p>	<p>For skills development, the opportunities are tabulated at Table-15 under Record-2</p> <p>The main constraints are:</p> <p>(a) Lack of product diversification (b) Lack of research on product quality (c) Lack of TQM techniques.</p> <p>The opportunities are:</p> <p>(a) Providing good communication facility (b) Training of the skill holder (c) Financial assistance from govt.</p> <p>The suggested programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on Modern Tools and Equipment • Providing modern technology to the villagers • Skill Up gradation & Training on New Product Development and Product Diversification • Setting up a raw material bank • Providing a bulk buy arrangement of the finished product with institutional buyers.
<p>Credit Facility</p>	<p>Table-16 under Record-2 discusses this aspect.</p> <p>The main constraints with the reasons are: (a) Financial exclusion (b) Higher rate charged by the private money lender.</p> <p>The opportunities are: (a) setting up modern financial institution (b) Adequate awareness.</p> <p>The suggested programme is: (a) Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby areas.</p>
<p>Strategic Interventions</p>	<p>Summarizing the suggested programmes at above as strategic interventions for the Livelihood Development Plan:</p> <p>a) Agriculture & Horticulture: Tractor operation training, Agri-skill development programme, Training on insecticides, pesticides, hybrid cultivation</p> <p>b) Livestock: Piggery, Poultry</p> <p>c) NWFP : Plantation of Food plants, Medicinal Plant etc</p> <p>d) Specialized Skills: Training on Modern Tools and Equipment, Providing modern technology to the villagers, Skill Up gradation & Training on New Product Development and Product Diversification, Setting up a raw material bank, Providing a bulk buy arrangement of the finished product with institutional buyers.</p> <p>e) Credit facility: Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby areas</p>

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Income Generating Activities	<p>The main income generating activities as planned at the village are:</p> <p>Farm Sector :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.poultry and piggery 2. Paddy cultivation 3.Horticulture (Tea) <p>Non-Farm sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Handloom/ Weaving 2. Tailoring & Embroidery.
SHG Activities	<p>SHGs of the village can plan the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create awareness. 2. To organise and form group 3. To involve the villagers in Livelihood Activities collectively.
Exposure Trips	<p>The following exposure trips are planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exposure to National Handloom Institute 2. Exposure to Agriculture University <p>Source: Table-34 of Record-4</p>
Summary of Action Plan	<p>As attached in next page.</p>
Convergence	<p>The planned initiatives may be converged with the following schemes of the Government of India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme - for rural employment (b) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) - for agricultural and allied development Krishi Sinchay Yojana (RKSJ) - for irrigation, including watershed development (d) National Rural Livelihoods Mission (e) Skills Development schemes (f) Other schemes for rural development and livelihoods as found appropriate. <p>The above convergence will yield synergies for the present plan, as well as help in sustaining the planned works in the post-project period.</p>

5. Action Plan

Action Plan Baliyan Sanmilita JFMC

Sl. No.	Activity	Numbers	Method
A. Participatory Micro Planning			
1	Preparation of Micro Plan	1	PRA, Baseline Survey
B. Organize Producers and Build Entrepreneurial and Technical Capacities (Capacity Building)			
1	Awareness Build-up Programme	1	Awareness Programme
B1 Training on Skill development			
1	Training Programme on Livestock & Weaving.	1	Conducting Training
2	Skill Development Training Programme on Weaving.	1	Conducting Skill Development Training programme (40 days)
3	Training on Micro Enterprise	1	3 days Entrepreneurship Orientation programme
C. Social Mobilization			
1	Awareness generation camp on Formation of collective units (e.g. SHGs, Societies, NGOs, Bodies, Producers Companies)		4 days awareness camp on formation of collective units through cooperative experts
2	Hand Holding guidance support and linkage promotion programme for self-employment and placement		Hand holding support from CML experts through out the year upto march 2017
D. Value Chain Improvement			
C1	Product improvement Through Value Chain Improvement		
1	Value Chain Improvement in readymade garment	1	10 days Training on design diversification
C3	Supply of modern tools		
	Supply of modern tools for Weaving	7	supply of modern tools
	Supply of utensil for Livestock	15	Supply of spinning machine
C4	Improved Production and Processing Capacity		
E. Support for Access to Market			
D1	Linkage with institutional buyers and/or govt. Organizations. (throughout the year)	2	Creating platform for buyers' and sellers' interactions (2 day)
D2	Setting Up Ban Bazar	Throughout the year	linkage through van bazar
D3	Exhibition Participation	1	Participation in one exhibition through forest department
D4	Access To Other Geographical Markets	1	Exposure visit
D5	Publicity through E-portal, brochure, catalogue etc	1	2 day training and awareness programme taken by marketing expert

6. Forest Development Plan

This Forest Development Plan has been prepared after a detailed PRA exercise at the village level as a part of the Micro-Plan of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC. The objective of this plan is to provide for the sustenance of the conservation and bio-diversity values, environmental functions and productive potential of the forests assigned to the JFMC; while meeting the consumption and livelihood needs of the community in a sustainable manner.

1. Status of the JFMC Forests

The micro-plan takes into consideration the following categories of the JFM Forests of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC:

- (a) Forest areas assigned to the JFMC by the Forest Department as per prevailing rules and regulation; and
- (b) Areas planted / to be planted on community lands and other lands outside the notified forest area.

The status of both the above categories of JFMC forests is briefly discussed below.

1.1. Forests & Their Conditions

The details of the status of forest areas assigned to the JFMC have been furnished at Table-3.1 under Proforma-3 ('Forest Development Plan'), which has been attached as Annexure to this micro-plan. After considering other areas planted (or to be planted), the conditions of the forests of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC have been summarized below.

Table-1: Conditions of the Forests of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Identification	Area of JFMC Forest (Ha)	Distance from Village (Km)	Condition of Forest [Good - Forest with crown density of 40% of more Else 'Degraded']	Frequency of Use by Community [2-3 m / 3-6 m / 6-9 m / Over 9 m] (spacing)
(A) Assigned Forest				
Along the periphery of UDRF(WB)under Digboi Range with GPS	20 Ha (2015/16)	0Km	Good Area: - 16 Ha Degraded Area: 4 Ha	2-3m
(B) Other Planted Area				
To be allotted as per sanction amount in due course of time				
TOTAL	464 Ha (NR=348 ha .IP=116)		Good Area: - 160 Ha Degraded Area: 50 Ha	

Source: Proforma-3, Table 3.1 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

1.2. Forest Soil Type

The forests of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC are located in loamy type(s) of soil. Some salient points of the forest soil type have been given in the following table.

Table-2: Forest Soil Type in JFMC

Parameter	Status in Assigned Forests	Status in Other Planted Areas
Fertility Level	2.3 to 2.94% organic. The available N, P205 and K20 content of the Soil is comparatively less.	-
Soil Erosion Status	-	-
Presence of:		
(a) Silt	24%	-
(b) Mud-flat	31%	-
(c) Newly accreted land	Low	-
(d) Sand dune	45%	-

Source: Proforma-3, 'B. Forest Soil Type' / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members.

For the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC; the salient points of the forest soil type are summarized below:

1. Entisol (30.3%)
2. Inceptisol (51.3%)
3. Alfisols (11.3%)
4. Ultisols (7.1%)

1.3. Existing Composition of Flora

In the forests of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC, the existing composition of the flora has been given as follows. It may be noted that the local forests are classified as deciduous moist Forests.

Table-3: Existing Composition of Flora in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Parameter	Local Name(s)	Biological Name(s)
Major Forest Species	Holok	<i>Tectona grandis</i> Linn
Associates	Titachopa	<i>Gmelina Arborea</i>
Shrubs	Dhekia	<i>Ferns</i>
	Bhot jalakia	<i>Capsicum chinense</i>
Medicinal Plants	Arjun,	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>
	Hilikha	<i>Terminalia Chebula</i>
	Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>
	Amlakhi	<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>
Produces		

Others, if any	Jori bet	<i>Calamus erectus</i>
	Jati bet	<i>Calamus tenuis</i>
	Raidang bet	<i>Calamus rotang</i>
	Chuli bet	<i>Calamus flagellum</i>
	Lejai bet	<i>Calamus floribundus</i>
	Kako Bah	<i>D. hamiltonii</i>
	Pahari Jati Bah	<i>Oxytennera parvifolia</i>
	Dulu Bah	<i>Schizostachyum dulloa</i>
	Amlakhi	<i>Emblica officinalis</i>
	Halakh	<i>Terminalia myriocarpa</i>
	Hollong	<i>Dipterocarpus macrocarpus</i>
	Arjun	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>
	Agar	<i>Aquillaria agallocha</i>

Source: Proforma-3, 'C. Composition of Existing Fauna & Flora' / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members.

2. Other Inputs for the Forest Development Plan

The following sub-sections discuss the other inputs for the Forest Development Plan of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC.

2.1. Past Protection Measures of the JFMC

The measures taken by the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC for forest protection in the past have been discussed as follows.

- (a) Number of households involved: 183
- (b) Number of people involved: 183 (1 Person Per House hold)
- (c) Summary of the measures: Not available
- (d) Any formal mechanism: Not available

[**Source:** Proforma-3, 'JFMC Status - viii + ix' / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & JFMC members]

2.2. Domestic Requirements of Forest Produce

The dependency of the local community on forest produce for household requirements is available in the table given at below.

Table-4 (A): Domestic Requirement of Forest Produce per Household of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Name of Forest Produce	Average Household Requirement		How met at Present	Source
	Frequency of Requirement	Approx. Qty		
Firewood	Frequent	60-75 kg		Forest
Timber for House	Once in a year	2 nos.		Forest
Small timber for Implements	-	-		-
Pole / Bamboo	Once in a month	2-3 bamboo / per month		Forest
Fodder from Forest	Frequent	5-6 kg per day		Forest
NTFP	Frequent	2-3 kg per day		Forest
Other _____	-	-		-

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.2 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

There are 116 Nos. Households in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC. From the above table and this number of households, it is inferred that the total annual requirements of the Balijan village for forest products for own use is as follows:

Table-4 (B): Total Domestic Requirement of Forest Produce - All Households of the Balijan sanmilita JFMC

Name of Forest Produce	Community Requirement (Kg per annum) (*)	Remarks
Firewood	120700	Throughout the year
Timber for House	116 nos.	Dec - Jan
Small Timber for Implements	-	-
Pole / Bamboo	730 bamboo	Dec - Jan
Fodder from Forest	140800	Throughout the year
NTFP	204000	Throughout the year
Other _____		

Source: Table - 4(A) at above & Total Household Number from Community records

(*) = Approx. Qty. of Average Household Requirement (from Table-4 (A) x 65 Households

2.3. Collection & Marketing of Forest Produce by Villagers

Apart from use in the households, the community dependency on forest produces also includes the collection of such items for sale in local markets. The collection and marketing of forest produce by villagers of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC is given in the following table.

Table-5 (A): Collection & Marketing of Forest Produce by Villagers of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Name of Forest Produce	Collection for Marketing			Location of Collection
	Season / Months	No of Households Collecting	Average Qty. Collected (Kg)	
Firewood	Throughout the year	183	4320	Forest
Timber for House	Dec - Jan	183	4 nos.	Forest
Small timber for Implements	-	-	-	-
Bamboo	Dec - Jan	183	16 nos.	Forest
Pole	-	-	-	-
Fodder from Forest	Throughout the year	183	8 kg per day	Forest
NTFP	Throughout the year	183	9-11 kg per day	Forest
Other	-	-	-	-

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.3 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

In the above connection, the following table gives additional pertinent information.

Table-5 (B): Collection & Marketing of Forest Produce - Additional Information [Balijan Sanmilita JFMC]

Name of Forest Produce	Surplus Marketed (Kg)	How marketed	Average Income per HH from sale of Forest Produce
Firewood	117000 kg/year	Local Market	1800-2100/month
Timber for House	-	-	-
Small timber for Implements	-	-	-
Bamboo	22-40 pc/ month	Local Market	800-1250/month
Pole	-	-	-
Fodder from Forest	1200 kg /year	Local Market	900-1400/month

NTFP	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.4 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

2.4. Total Requirements of Forest Produce - Domestic Use & Marketing

The total requirements of forest produce by the community members of the Balijan sanmilita JFMC have been summarized below - based on the information in the previous sub-sections.

Refer to: Tables 4 (B) & 5 (B) of this Section, given at the previous pages

3. Forest Protection Issues

3.1. Protection Problems

The protection issues of the forests of Balijan sanmilita JFMC have been summarized below.

- **Table-7: Protection Problems of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC**

Type of Problem	Relevant (Yes / No)	Significant (Yes / No)
Grazing - Local Animals	Yes	Yes
Grazing - Animals from Other Area	Yes	Yes
Illicit Felling of Timber	No	No
Smuggling of Timber	Yes	Yes
Accidental Fires	Yes	Yes
Encroachment of Forest Lands	Yes	Yes
Incident of Snake bites/life threats/risks while protecting forest	Yes	Yes
Theft of Medicinal Plants	Yes	Yes

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.5 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

Thus, it is seen that the significant forest protection issues facing the above JFMC are:

- Grazing - Local Animals
- Grazing - Animals from Other Area

3.2. Reasons for Degradation of the Forest

In the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC, the reasons for degradation of forest are as follows:

- No Scientific Plan
- Traditional Cultivation of Tribal People
- Extremist problem in hill sides

[**Source:** Proforma-3, Table-3.6 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members]

4. Components of the Forest Development Plan

The following sub-sections discuss the main components of the Forest Development Plan of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC; viz. the plans for Protection, Forest Improvement (Treatment), Nursery Development, Maintenance and Miscellaneous Operations.

4.1. Protection Plan

The Protection Plan given at below, discusses the measures for the protection of the forests of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC from the issues discussed earlier at Sub-section 3.1

Table-8: Protection Plan of the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Protection Work [to be filled from Table 3.7 of Proforma-3 as applicable]	Location in Forest Area	Quantification of the Measures [Length, Area, Size etc.]	Timing	Priority [High / Medium / Low]
1. Engagement of Watcher	R.F.	3 km	6pm-6am	High
2. Informers award	R.F.	3km	Anytime	High
3. Fire Protection	R.F.	3km	Anytime	High

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.7 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

Thus, it is seen that the significant protection measures planned to be undertaken in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC (with high / medium priority) are as follows:

- (a) Fencing
- (b) Fire protection

4.2. Types of Operations Proposed

The types of operations proposed for the treatment of degraded areas of the JFMC Forest of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC are given here under.

Table-9: Types of Operations Proposed in the Baliyan Sanmilita JFMC

Treatment	Required (Yes/ No)	Responsibility of JFMC (Yes / No)	Month / Year when can be done	Extent of Area proposed for Treatment (Ha)
Restoration of Degraded Forests	Yes	Yes	June - July	200 Ha
Protection to Cut Stumps of Trees	Yes	Yes	All the Year	200 Ha
Watershed Treatment	Yes	Yes	All the Year	5 Ha
Water Reservoirs	Yes	Yes	All the Year	5 Ha
Grass and Silvi Pastoral activities	Yes	Yes	All the Year	-
Bamboo culture and earth piling	Yes	Yes	All the Year	R.F
Seed Sowing	Yes	Yes	All the Year	-
Root & Shoot Cutting & Plantation	Yes	Yes	All the Year	-
Cut Back & Coppice Treatment	Yes	Yes	All the Year	-
Stone wall fencing/live Hedge fencing	Yes	Yes	All the Year	200 Ha
Social Fencing	Yes	Yes	All the Year	200 Ha
Other Activities(Protection of Elephants)	Yes	Yes	All the Year	R.F

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.9 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

Thus, it is seen that the following are the treatment operations which have been proposed in the forest area of the Baliyan Sanlilita JFMC:

- (a) Seed Sowing
- (b) Root & Shoot Cutting & Plantation etc.

4.3. Forest Improvement Plan - Advance Works & Creation

The pertinent details in the above connection have been tabulated as follows.

Table-10: Forest Improvement Planned in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Treatment	Area in Ha under Plantation Module	Priority for Block Plantation	Species	Spacing (metre x metre)
Assisted Natural Regeneration (with plantation in gap)	45 Ha ANR by APFBC	-	Non Sal NTFP	2/2
Block Planting	-	-	-	-
Sowing of Neem, Amla, Mahua, Bahera (Medicinal Plants)	15	-	Medicinal Plants	-
Enrichment Plantation/ Sowing	-	-	-	-
Direct Plantation	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Area (in Ha.)	60 Ha	-	-	-

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.8 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

4.4. Forest Improvement - Annual Targets

5. Table-10 (A) and (B): Annual Targets of Forest Improvement in Balijan Sanmilita JFMC (Year-1 to Year-5) and (Year-6 to Year-10)

The annual targets in the above connection are given below for a ten year period.

Name of Plantation : Block Plantation of Saal Mixed with Associates
 Plantation Period : 2016-17 to 2025-26 (10 Years)
 Plantation Area : 100 ha
 Spacing : 3m X 3 m-1100 plants per ha
 No. of Plants to be Raised : 110000 (11000 approx. annually)
 Number Blocks : 10 Numbers(10 ha each)
 Species : Saal ; Associates - Gamari, Sissoo, Titasopa, etc.
 Rates : As Approved by APFBCS(to be increased by 20% every two years)

Action Plan for Creation of Plantation		
Financial Year	Activities	Amount
2016-17	Identification of suitable site for regeneration-examine possibilities of natural seed fall-determine intensity and nature of biotic interference-Area Not Less than 100 ha, Demarcation of land during the month of December-January, Partition of land in 4 blocks, Land development, Soil Working @ Rs 1000/ha	100000

2017-18*	Block Plantation 3m x 3m, 1111 plants/ha-during the season of April-June ; GPS marking of the area	497000
2018-19*	Block Plantation 3m x 3m, 1111 plants/ha-during the season of April-June ; GPS marking of the area	497000
	1st Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	61600
2019-20*	Block Plantation 3m x 3m, 1111 plants/ha-during the season of April-June ; GPS marking of the area	596400
	2nd Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	73920
2020-21*	Block Plantation 3m x 3m, 1111 plants/ha-during the season of April-June ; GPS marking of the area	596400
	3rd Weeding	147840
2021-22*	4th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	266112
2022-13*	5th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	354816
2023-24*	6th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	266112
2024-25*	7th Weeding	266112
2025-26*	8th Weeding	266112
Total Budgetary Requirement		3989424

* Silvicultural thinning to be undertaken on intervals of five years post plantation

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.10 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

Name of Plantation : Block Plantation of Teak Mixed with Associates, Firewood and Bamboo
Plantation Period : 2016-17 to 2025-26 (10 Years)
Plantation Area : 100 ha
Spacing : 2m X 2 m-2500 plants per ha
No. of Plants to be Raised : 110000 (11000 approx. annually)
Number Blocks : 10 Numbers(10 ha each)
Species : Teak; Associates-Ajar, Khoroi, Khayer, Sissoo, Jia, Arjun, Ghora Neem, Bamboo (Jaati, Kako, Bholoka, Bijili), etc

Action Plan for Creation of Plantation		
Financial Year	Activities	Amount
2016-17	Identification of suitable site for regeneration-examine possibilities of natural seed fall-determine intensity and nature of biotic interference-Area Not Less than 100 ha, Demarcation of land during the month of December-January, Partition of land in 4 blocks, Land development, Soil Working @ Rs 1000/ha	100000

2017-18*	Block Plantation 2m x 2m, 2500 plants/ha-during the season of April-June ; GPS marking of the area	262500
2018-19*	Block Plantation 2m x 2m, 2500 plants/ha-during the season of April-June; GPS marking of the area	262500
	1st Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	26950
2019-20*	Block Plantation 2m x 2m, 2500 plants/ha-during the season of April-June; GPS marking of the area	315000
	2nd Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	32340
2020-21*	Block Plantation 2m x 2m, 2500 plants/ha-during the season of April-June; GPS marking of the area	315000
	3rd Weeding	64680
2021-22*	4th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	266112
2022-13*	5th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	155232
2023-24*	6th Weeding; Replacement of dead/struggling saplings raised in the previous year	116424
2024-25*	7th Weeding	116424
2025-26*	8th Weeding	116424
Total Budgetray Requirement		2149586

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5.1. Nursery Development Plan

The Nursery Development Plan for the Balian Sanmilita JFMC depends on the following types of Nurseries:

- (a) JFMC Nurseries (incl. Departmental Nursery)
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The following table gives the details of the nurseries of the Balian Sanmilita JFMC. This includes the Departmental Nursery involved in JFMC works.

Table-11 (A): JFMC Nurseries of the Balian Sanmilita JFMC

Location of Nursery	Species	Year of Development	Number of Seedlings	Remarks
Balian Sanmilita JFMC	Varieties	2016	7,20,000	Proposed

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.11 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

Other Nurseries

The following table gives the details of other nurseries near the Balian Sanmilita JFMC.

Table-11 (B): Other Nurseries near the Balian Sanmilita JFMC

Name of Nursery	Species	Year of Development	Number of Seedlings	Remarks
Balian Sanmilita JFMC	Varieties	2016	7,20,000	Proposed

Source: Proforma-3, Table-3.12 / Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

5.2. Maintenance Plan - 10 Years

The maintenance plan for plantations raised in the Balian Sanmilita JFMC is given below. This covers a period of ten years.

(A) Timber Species, Gameri, Tik

Table-12 (A): Maintenance Plan of Teak Plantation in the Balian Sanmilita JFMC

Year(s)	Treatment
1 st Year	Periodic weeding and removal of creepers Ring formation
2 nd Year	Removing of all dominating weeds affecting supply of sunlight Gap filling Training the plants for straight pole formation
3 rd Year	Removal of side branches
4 th Year	Pruning the nearby trees
5 th Year	Pruning the nearby trees
6 th Year	Gap plantation
7 th Year	Gap plantation
8 th Year	Gap plantation
9 th Year	Gap plantation
10 th Year	Removal of alternative row of teak

Source: Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

(B) Bamboo

Table-12 (B): Maintenance Plan of Bamboo Plantation in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Year(s)	Treatment
1 st Year	Weeding and removal of dominating other weeds Ring formation around the buses
2 nd Year	Weeding and removal of dominating other weeds Ring formation around the buses
3 rd Year	Removal of culms
4 th Year	Removal of culms
5 th Year	Removal of culms and trimming of criss-cross culms
6 th Year	Removal of culms and trimming of criss-cross culms Light pruning to improve adequate sunlight and aeration
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10 th Year	Removal of culms and trimming of criss-cross culms Light pruning to improve adequate sunlight and aeration

Source: Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

(C) Fuel wood Plantation

Table-12 (C): Maintenance Plan of Fuel Wood Plantation in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Year(s)	Treatment
1 st Year	Weeding around the fuel wood seedlings Ring formation around the seedlings
2 nd Year	Weeding around the fuel wood seedlings Ring formation around the seedlings
3 rd Year	Cutting of side branches, Removal of criss-crossing
4 th Year	Cutting of side branches, Removal of criss-crossing
5 th Year	Rows of plantation
6 th Year	Remove Stumps
7 th Year	Prune trees (This would create a 15 years pruning cycle)

Year(s)	Treatment
8 th Year	Cutting of side branches and weeing
9 th Year	Cutting of side branches and weeing
10 th Year	Cutting of side branches and weeing

Source: Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

(D) NTFP / Medicinal Plantation

Table-12 (D): Maintenance Plan of NTFP / Medicinal Plantation in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Year(s)	Treatment
1 st Year	Weeding around the seedlings Ring formation Nipping of terminal Disbudding to delay the fruit set to next season
2 nd Year	Weeding around the seedlings Ring formation Nipping of terminal Disbudding to delay the fruit set to next season
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Year(s)	Treatment
10 th Year	Collection of fruits Minimal pruning for removal of criss-crossing, overcrowding branches

Source: Discussions with Forest Department personnel & Community members

5.3. Miscellaneous Operations Plan

The miscellaneous operations planned in the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC are given below.

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Operation	Required (Yes / No)	Responsibility	Month / Year	Area (Ha)
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Expected Benefits

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5.4. Expected Benefits Related to Wood & Grass

The above has been tabulated below for the Balijan Sanmilita JFMC. The benefits are expected from the forests protected by its members under this Forest Development Plan.

Table-14: Expected Benefits from Forests Protected by Members of Baliyan Sanmilita JFMC

Item	Month	Year (Indicative)	Quantity
Firewood	12 month		65-75 Kg/month
Timber for House	-	-	-
Small timber for Implements	-	-	-
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Pole	-	-	-
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Year(s)	Treatment
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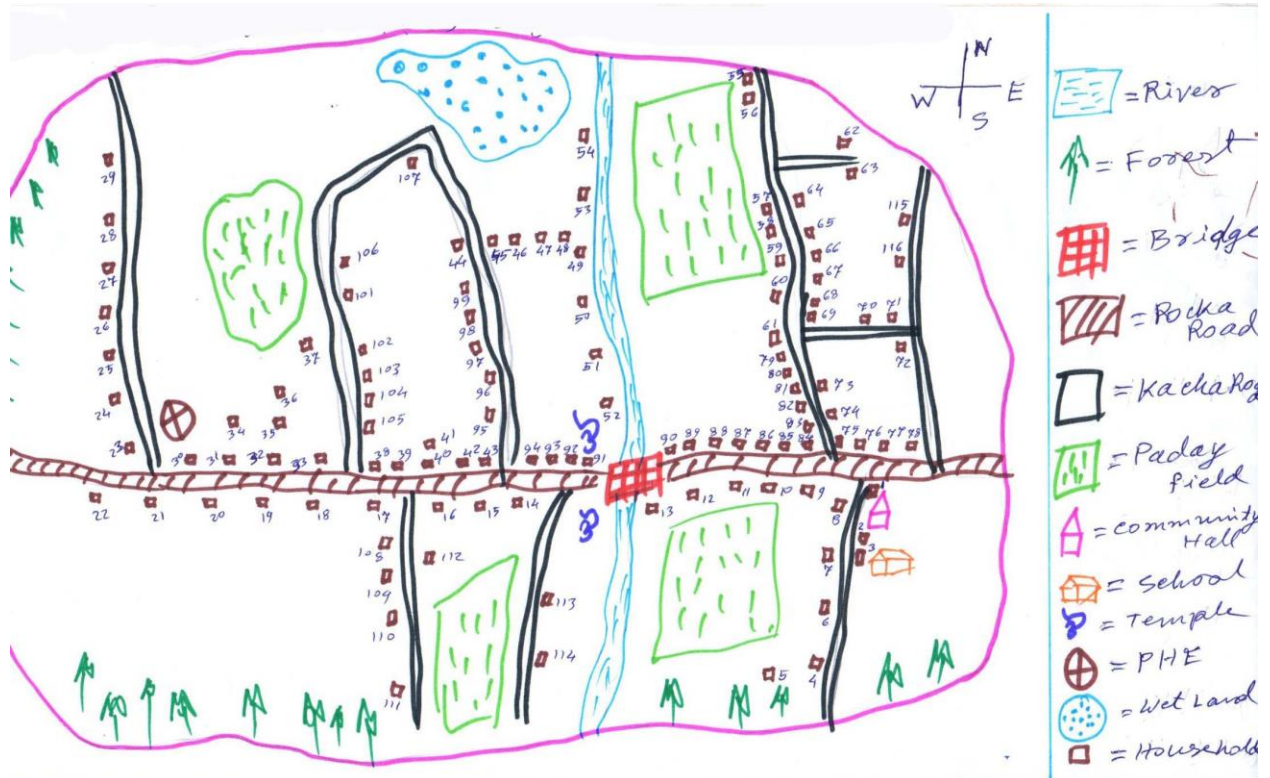
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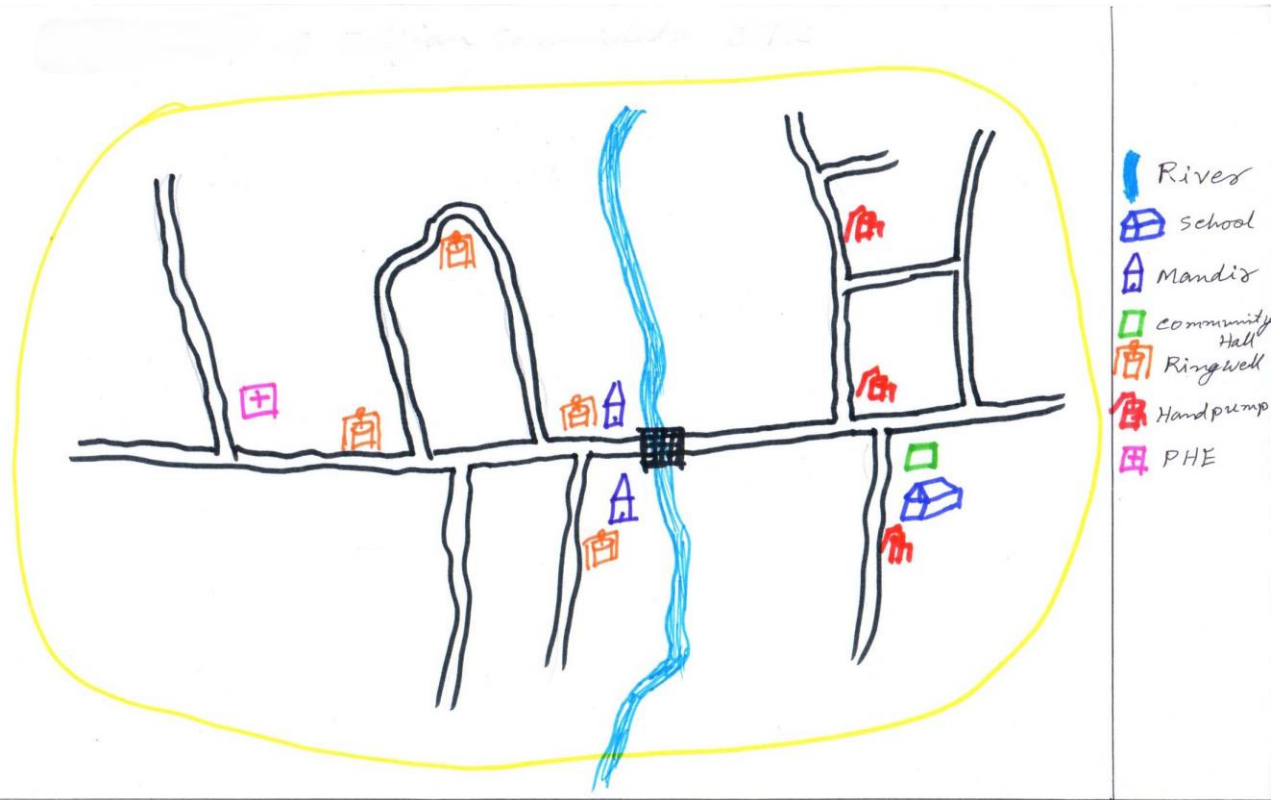
Appendix 1

Resource Map of Baliyan Sanmilita JFMC



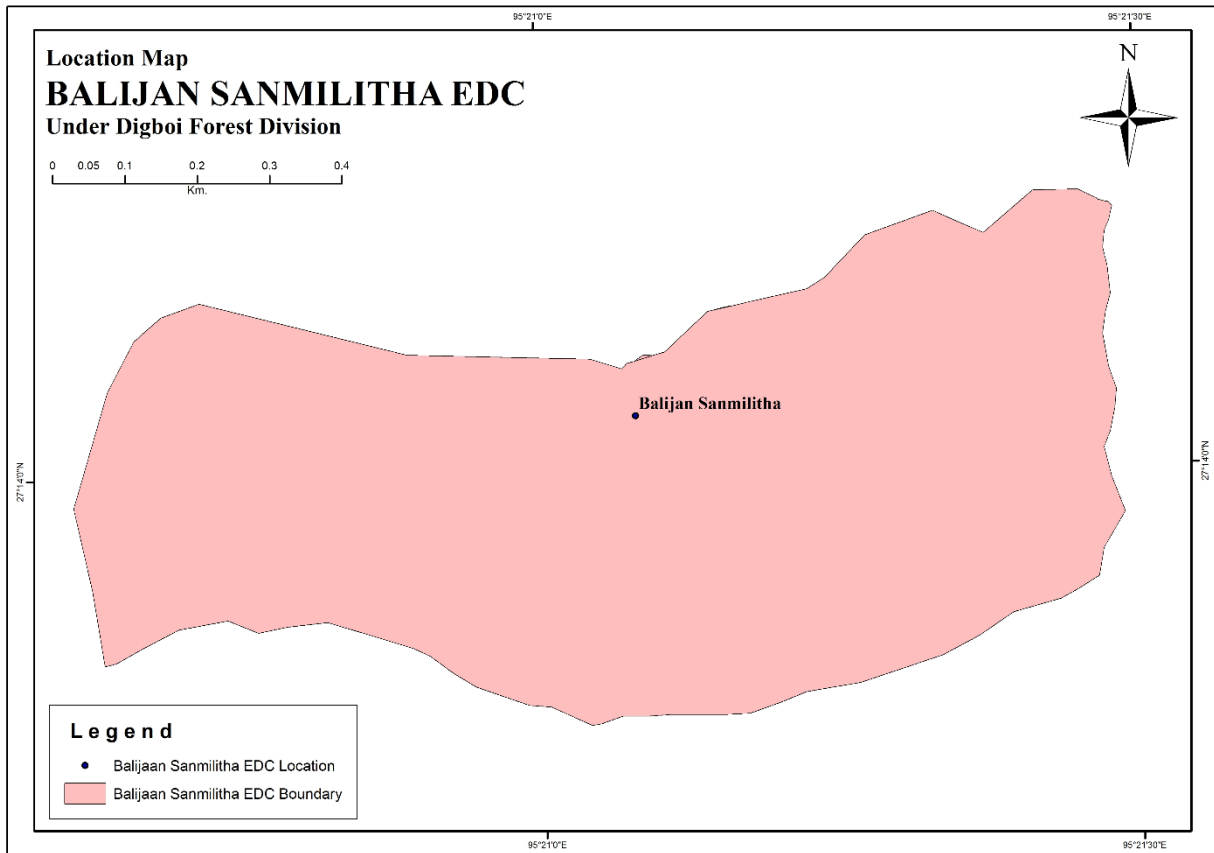
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Village Social Map of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC



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GIS Map



Appendix 2- PRA Activities

Location and Timing of PRA

Numbers of participants :	55
Time :	1:30 pm,
Venue :	Namghar, Balijan Village

Table – 1.1 Brief about the villages under Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Sl. No.	Name of village	Households (No.)	Population (No.)		
			Total	Male	Female
1	Balijan	21	84	43	41
2	Kenduguri	17	102	52	50
3	New Colony	78	390	200	190
	Total	116	576	295	281

Different PRA tools used under the exercise of PRA technique are:

- a) Focussed Group Discussions
- b) Seasonality Analysis
- c) Social Mapping
- d) Wealth ranking
- e) Venn Diagram
- f) Chappati Diagram
- g) Ranking Exercise

a) Focussed Group Discussion:

The entire FGD were centered on the elements of rural economy namely- primary livelihood options of the JFMC, agriculture, livestock, skill-sets, available support services, infrastructure etc. and also considering the important determinant of the presence of forests area all around. These factors have been blended well before extracting the information out from the respondents.

Findings from FGD

- The existing livelihood options available in the JFMC villages are daily wage labour and a few private jobs. Agriculture is not prevalent in the JFMC, only about 6% of the families cultivate paddy which is mainly rain fed.
- Some of the emerging livelihood options are mid-scale poultry and wage labour in the nearby tea gardens.
- There is no support services available in the field of agriculture.
- The villagers rear cow, duck, local poultry and pig. Almost in 90% of the cases, it is mostly the womenfolk who looks after the reared livestock. However, the villagers face serious challenges like outbreak of diseases, attack of wild animals etc. while rearing livestock.
- There is no support services provided by the Government authorities in ensuring proper rearing of livestock. Even the veterinary sub-centre available in BhadoiPanchali is non-functional.
- Some of the traded where the villagers are skilled at are weaving, masonry, bamboo craft, electrician, plumbing etc. In few of these courses, the villagers have been provided basic training as well under the Forest Department project.
- Some of the Government schemes through which some of the villagers have been benefitted are MGNREGA, IAY, provision of tube-well etc. However, these benefits have covered only 20-30% of the villagers.

b) Seasonality Analysis

Seasonality analysis was done to generate information about and identifying periods of particular stress and vulnerability. In the context of a group discussion with respondents during the PRA, parameters such as expenditure, income, credit and savings were probed in sync with the factors such as employment trend, health conditions, education etc. associated with its increase or decrease in one's households.

Expenditure & Income

Children's education is also a component where most of the households spend during the start of the year. It is especially during the months of January to March when the new academic session of schools begin and apart from admission fees, the people also spend on buying new uniforms, textbooks and stationaries. The community also spends during April as it marks the onset of festival of Bihu. Again, for those engaged in paddy cultivation spends significantly during sowing season starting May till July along with harvest season starting in the months of October till December.

When it comes to income, it is seen that selling of paddy, arecanut and livestock provides a good source of income to the villagers in the months of October and November. Those are engaged as daily wage labour in nearby tea estates earn good amount of income in the months of June and July as these months are considered to be peak season for plucking.

Savings and Credit

It was mostly found that amount of savings increases with the increase in income and most of the dwellers resort to institutional savings with likes of Post Office and bank savings. It is to be noted that the rate of interest for credit varies between group inter-loaning and outside members.

Seasonality of Engagement_ Farm Activities

Crop	Sowing	Harvesting
Paddy	May-July	October- December

Seasonality of Engagement_ Non-Farm Activities

Engagement	Period of Engagement
Daily Wage Labour	April-August
Masonry	September-March
Petty business	Throughout the year
Mason	August to March
Other Private Service	Throughout the year

a) Social Mapping:

The social mapping activity was carried out to visualise the socio-economic aspects of the household under the JFMC villages. The mapping identified the housing patterns of the households, availability of schools, social infrastructure, religions and beliefs of the communities etc. Prior to social mapping an awareness camp was organised within the villages with an objective to gather villagers for PRA. The villagers were actively participated in the PRA activity. Initially, the people of villagers were asked to draw the main roads of the village and then asked them to locate their houses and locate the important social places and government offices with help of the PRA team members. Two of them voluntarily came out to draw and they were assisted by other villagers and the team members.

Table-3.1: Information about the villages

	Village	Baliyan	Kenduguri	New Colony
Social information	<i>Total Population</i>	84	102	390
	<i>Male</i>	43	52	200
	<i>Female</i>	41	50	190
	<i>Total households</i>	21	17	78
	<i>Numbers of semi pucca Houses</i>	18	13	72
	<i>Numbers of Pucca Houses</i>	3	4	6
	<i>Numbers of IAY Houses</i>			
	Landmarks	<i>Bridges</i>		
<i>Stream</i>		1	1	1
<i>River</i>		1	1	1
<i>PHC</i>		-	-	-
<i>Power Transformer</i>		-	-	-
<i>Community hall</i>		1	-	-
<i>Primary School</i>		1	2	1
<i>Anganwadi Centre</i>		1	1	1
<i>ME, High School & College</i>		Nil	Nil	Nil

- Under social mapping study a total of 116 households have been identified. Of which only 13 houses are pucca houses (bricked wall)
- Other than the class based division of the households, important places like community hall, primary schools, anganwadi centre and playground, religious institutions etc. were mapped.
- Main sources of water for the villagers are the tube-well which is used by villagers as a source of drinking water and for their day to day use.
- Provision of Education facility up to primary level is satisfactory in the village as there are 4 primary schools in threevillages along with Anganwadi centres. However, for ME & High School, the students have to go upto 4-5 kilometers.

b) Seasonal Mapping of livelihood activities:

Seasonal calendars were drawn to generate information about and identifying periods of particular stress and vulnerability. In the context a group discussion with villagers were organised, using stones or seeds, as in a preference-ranking matrix. For instance, simple line graphs were drawn to show seasonal increasing or decreasing trends. Seasonal variables like- rainfall, crop sequences, labour demand, availability of paid employment, out-migration, incidence of human diseases, expenditure levels etc., has been considered. Besides, important periods, such as festivals have also been included.

Findings from Seasonality Analysis: To find out the status of household income, expense, savings and credit, both qualitative and quantitative research tool namely- Seasonality Analysis (SA) was carried out in sync with Focus Group Discussion in the JFMC villages.

Appendix-2 furnishes detailed information of the above.

Key Findings:

The FGD conducted revealed that the major livelihood options available in the JFMC are agriculture, Government and Private Job, weaving, livestock rearing and daily wage labour.

One of the recent livelihood options which according to the respondents have emerged in the last 3-4 years has been the engagement of some village youth in owning and running auto-rickshaws or small-sized commercial transport carrier such as Tata Ace.

Agriculture: Agriculture is the primary occupation of the people in the JFMC and the principle crop cultivated is paddy which is also the staple diet of the people. People also take up seasonal vegetable cultivation in their backyard homestead gardens and the produce is mostly for self-consumption. However, a few families also take to commercial vegetable cultivation. Mostly, people engaged in *Sali* paddy cultivation are busy in the months starting from June until the harvest is done in November-December

Challenges in Agriculture: Agricultural produce to a great extent depend on the type of soil, inputs like- high yield variety seeds and fertilizers, capital investment and also a good linkage with the different schemes of government, institutions etc. But, the study in the area brought into light problems particular to this area and expressed as serious by the villagers engaged in agriculture. Some of the problems expressed by the villagers are as follows:

➤ The trespassing of elephants in the paddy fields especially during harvest season has been expressed as one of the major problems faced by the farmers. The herd of elephants attack the fields mostly during the peak season because of which many lose their desired harvest.

➤ Poor irrigation is problem in the area. Recession of ground water level and low retention of rain water are causing water shortage problem for paddy cultivation. The respondents pointed out that the farmers in their own ways have been managing irrigation for their farm lands which is not sufficient in most cases.

Also, villagers even if they want to take up homestead gardening as a commercial activity, can't take up owing to lack of irrigation facilities.

➤ The villagers lack the know-how on scientific agricultural technical application for ensuring better agricultural productivity

Livestock Rearing/Holding: Livestock is a key component in the economic growth of the JFMC. Most of the members are involved in rearing of goat, pigs, poultry and cows.

Challenges in livestock rearing:

➤ The Government veterinary care service in the area does not reach the villagers in most cases. The villagers have to take recourse to private veterinary services which are often costly for them. The veterinary doctors including the Government doctors charge high fees each time they visit. Some of the respondents also expressed that due to poor vet-care service, they have learnt from private clinics how to vaccinate and even provide medication to their livestock. In some of the places where people have started undertaking small scale or mid-scale poultry, lack of technical guidance and medication are acting as a great problem in scaling up the activities.

➤ Piggery is said to be the most profitable livestock but due to the high intensity in the outbreak of diseases, the villagers find it difficult to rear it on a large-scale. The pigs get sick with the change in season. Most prevalent diseases are swine fever, diarrhoea, and paralysis. Even in case of poultry, prevalence of avian flu is common and the situation becomes such that once the outbreak take its toll, most of the villagers sell their poultry at very lower prices

Non-Farm Livelihoods: The number of available trained or skilled resources has been found to be very less in the JFMC. It was also expressed by some of the villagers that a few of them have also been trained in cane and bamboo crat but have not been able to pursue it as a livelihood option. Villagers are interested in taking up trainings on weaving, embroidery, soft toy making, LMV training and fabric painting

Challenges of Non-farm Activity

- The villagers engaged with craft and other activities are having low entrepreneurial Spirit. This can be attributed to the fact that, the artisans are having low level of education, lack of exposure and awareness regarding prospect of entrepreneurship income and employment generation.
- Non-availability of tools and machineries is another major impeding factor for the growth of non-farm activity in the JFMC villages.
- Absence of storage facilities of the raw material and finished products.
- Absence of adequate market and marketing channels

WEALTH RANKING :

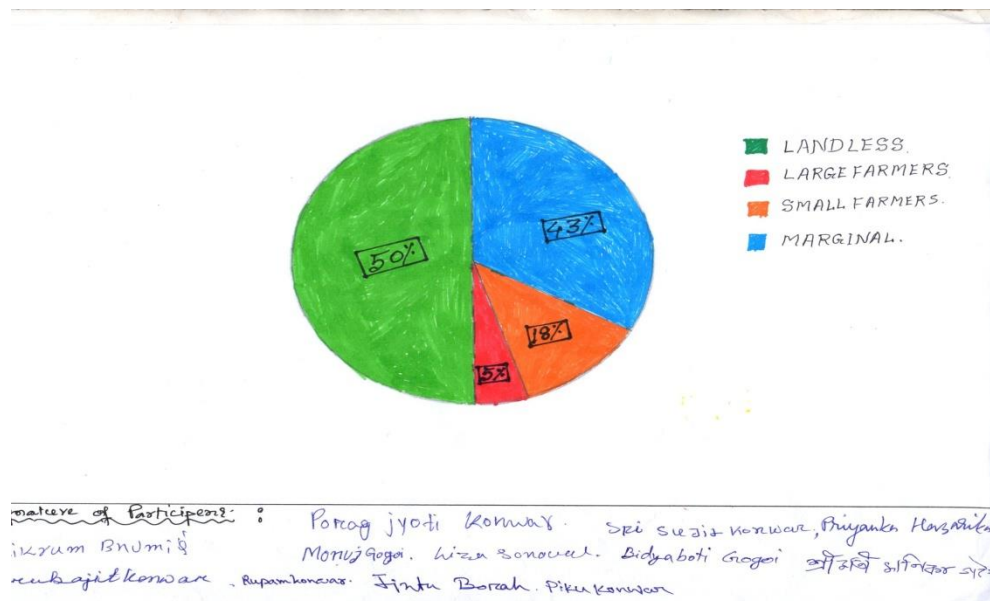
Wealth ranking, or well-being ranking, involves community members identifying and analysing the different wealth groups in a community. It enables evaluators to learn about the socio-economic stratification of project beneficiaries and local people's definitions and indicators of wealth/well-being.

Wealth ranking was done with the help of the following information about the households

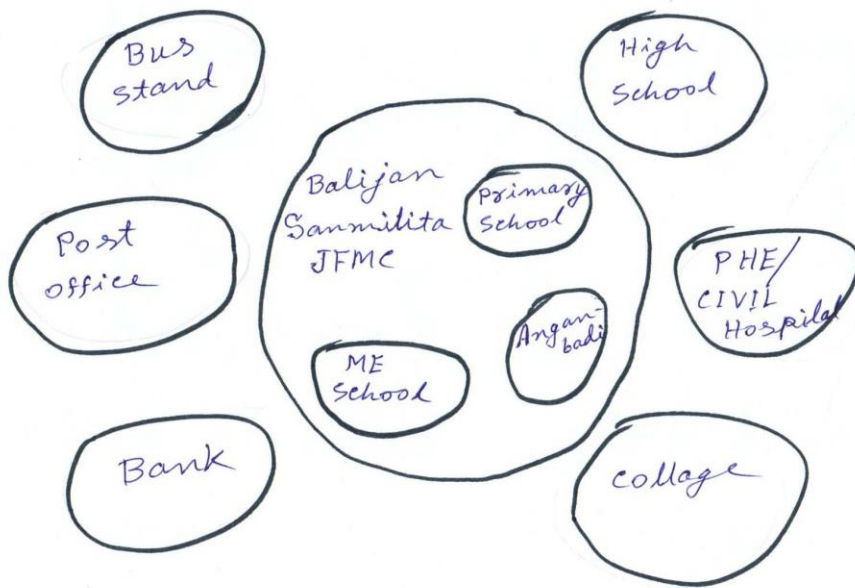
- Occupation/livelihood
- Land holding
- Types of living house
- Ownership of assets

As such it is found that about 38.30 % per cent people are poor, about 38.89% per cent are belonging to middle class and about 22.81% per cent are categorized to be rich. Poor people are mainly irregular wage earners and mostly mortgage land for the paddy cultivation. Rich people are mainly involving in tea cultivators and paddy cultivators with good amount of agricultural land. They also have televisions sets, two wheelers, and four wheeler etc. Middle class people are doing cultivation of Tea, horticulture products as well as of paddy with own agriculture land along with mortgaged lands.

Figure 3.1:



Venn Diagram of Balijan Sanmitita JFMC



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Chapatti Diagram



Priority Matrix of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC for Potential Livelihood Activities

Priority Matrix Ranking of Balijan JFMC for Potential Livelihood Activities

Potential Livelihood Activities	Weaving (A)	Cane & Bamboo (B)	Horticulture (C)	Dairying (D)	Tailoring (E)	Vegetable (F)	Live stock (G)	Electrical (H)					
Weaving (A)	X	B	C	A	A	A	H	A					
Cane & Bamboo (B)	X	X	C	B	B	B	B	B					
Horticulture (C)	X	X	X	C	C	C	C	C					
Dairying (D)	X	X	X	X	D	D	H	D					
Tailoring (E)					X	E	H	E					
Vegetable (F)						X	H	I					
Live stock (G)						X	H	G					
Electrical (H)							X	H					

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Priority Matrix of Balijan Sanmilita JFMC for EPA

Priority Matrix Ranking of Balijan JFMC for Entry Point Activities

Entry Point Activity	Road	Drinking Water	High School	Community Hall	+ PG. Connection	Electricity	Sanitation	Health Center			Rank	Position
Road (A)	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			7	1st
Drinking water (B)	X	X	B	B	B	B	B	B			6	2nd
High School (C)	X	X	X	C	E	F	G	C			2	5th
Community Hall (D)	X	X	X	X	E	F	D	D			2	4th
+ PG. Connection (E)	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	E			3	3rd
Sanitation (G)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	G			1	6th
Health Center (E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			0	7th

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Appendix 3-Photographs
Pictorial Glimpses of PRA undertaken
Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

PRA Activity in the JFMC







Record I

Table – 1: Brief about the villages under Balijan Sanmilita JFMC

Sl. No.	Name of village	Households (No.)	Population (No.)		
			Total	Male	Female
1	Balijan	21	84	43	41
2	Kenduguri	17	102	52	50
3	New Colony	78	390	200	190
	Total	116	576	295	281

Table – 2: VILLAGE WISE POPULATION DATA

Name of the village	Nos. of House Hold	SC		ST		OBC		General		Total of all Category
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Balijan	21	3	4	2	4	38	33	-	-	84
Kenduguri	17	3	5	-	-	49	45	-	-	102
New Coloney	78	11	16	-	-	189	168	8	6	390

TABLE-3 : VILLAGE WISE FARMERS CATEGORY ON THE BASIC OF LAND HOLDING

SL.NO	NAME OF THE VILLAGE	TYPE OF FARMERS ACCORDING TO LAND HOLDING				TOTAL
		Large Farmers >10 Hact.	Small Farmers 2 to 10 hact.	Marginal Farmers < 2 Hact.	Landless	
1	Balijan	1	5	8	7	21
2	Kenduguri	1	3	9	4	17
3	New Coloney	3	10	33	32	78
	Total	5	18	50	43	116

Table - 4: Cattle Population:

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JFMC	Village wise numbers of Cattle or type of animal							
	Cows	Buffaloes	Goats	Cocks/Hens	Bulls/Oxeing	Camels	Pigs	Total
Balijan Sanmilita	71	15	37	411	65	Nil	55	654

Table - 5: Village wise Infrastructure:

Head	Particulars	Additional Information
<i>Institution Name</i>	Balijan Sanmilita JFMC	President: Mrs. Anjali Gogoi (9859858318)., Member Secy: Arun Kr. Hazarika, Ranger
<i>Year of Formation</i>	June, 2015-16	Formed by forest department and villagers
<i>Division</i>	Digboi Forest Division	2 kms from Balijan Sanmilita JFMC
<i>Range Office</i>	Digboi	3.5 kms from Balijan Sanmilita JFMC
<i>Number of Executive Committee members</i>	11	Male 7- Female -4
<i>Names of cluster/villages under JFMC</i>	1	Balijan Gaon, Natun Colony and Kenduguri
<i>Total no. of Households</i>	116	
<i>Residing Communities</i>	Ahom, Adivasi, Sonowal Kachari, Kalita	
<i>Nearest LP School</i>	1 LP School; Balijan Parthmik Bidyalay LP school (0 km);	0 km

Anganwadi Kendra	4 attached with LP school plus 1 in Gondhia gaon (2 kms)	0 km
Church/Temple/Namghar	1 Shiv Mandir, 3 Nam Ghar	0 km
Nearest ME School	Digboi High School School (2.5 kms) Borjan ME & High School (4 kms from the JFMC
Nearest High School	Lakhipathar High School	4 kms from the JFMC
Nearest College	Digboi College, Digboi Women College (7 kms)	
Nearest Hospital	Sub-centre (1 km) Digboi Civil Hospital	1 kms from the JFMC
Nearest Police Station	Digboi PS	10 kms from the JFMC
Nearest Post Office	Balijan	2 kms from the JFMC
Nearest Market	Digboi	2 kms from the JFMC
Approach Road	Digboi Road, Duliajan Road, Lakhipather Road	

Table - 6: Agricultural crops

Table 6 Agriculture Crops

	Rain Fed		Irrigation	
	Name of the crop	Area (in ha.)	Name of the crop	Area (in hac)
Kharif	Sali rice, Chinese rice	30.5	NA	
Rabi	Mustard, leafy vegetables	Household use	NA	

Table - 7: Crop production profile

Table 7 Crop production profile

Type of crop	Total Production (approx) in quintals	No of household growing	Average production (quintal/ hac) approx	Area under crop (hac) approx
Paddy	684	49	22.42	30.5
Rubber	80	15	4.98	16.05
Vegetable	288	53	22.32	12.9

Table - 8: Fodder Availability

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Types	1-3 months	3-6 months	>6 months
Crop Residue	√	--	--
Trees Fodder	--	--	√
Grasses	√	--	--
Green Fodder	--	√	--
Grazing in Forest	√	--	--

Table - 9: Location of market from the village

Table 9: Location of the markets from the village

For Purchase	Location	Distance from village if in other village (in km)
Grocery shop	Debitola	2
Weekly Market	Debitola	2
	Alamganj	5
Major Market	Alamganj	5
Forest Corporation Sale Depo	NA	
Tendu Patta PHAD	NA	
Fish Market	Debitola	2
Medicinal Plant collection Center	NA	

Forest Corporation Medicinal plant Collection Center	NA	
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Table - 10: Water Resources Facility:

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Water Source	Number	Water Availability	Uses
Water Harvesting Structure	NA		
Hand pump	66	Perennial	Drinking
Streams	1	Not adequate	Irrigation Livestock rearing
well	4	Seasonal	Washing and Kitchen Gardening

Table - 11: Energy Consumption

Table- 3.11: Energy Consumption

Type of Fuel	Number of household depending	Number of months dependent	Sources (local, village, forest, other sources)	Major/ Secondary
Fuel wood	96	12	Forest	Major
Kerosene stove	96	4	Market	Secondary
Gobar/Bio gas	NA			
LPG	10	3	Market	Secondary
Electric Heater	NA			

Additional Tables:

Table - 12: Income Distribution

Table 12: Income distribution of the households

Categories		No. of households in each category
BPL	below 25000	43
APL	25000-50000	50
	above 50000	23

Table - 13: Education Status

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Level of Education	Name of Villages			Total
	Balijan	Kenduguri	New Colony	
Illiterate	20	45	129	194
I-IV	12	-	25	37
V-VII	20	-	-	20
VIII-X	10	-	38	48
XI-XII	22	-	29	51
Graduate	-	5	10	15
Post Graduate	-	-	-	--
Total	84	50	231	365

RECORD: II

LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS

Table - 12: Agriculture and Horticulture:

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Constraints	Reason	Opportunities	Programme
Low Production/ Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degraded fertility level of the paddy land due to tea Cultivation • Negligible knowledge for organic farming • No use of HYV seeds • Lack of irrigation facilities • Negligible use of modern machineries like tractor, power tiller etc. • Not driven by the market demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of irrigation facilities, modern machineries which directly lead to increase production • Application of HYV (high yielding variety) seeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on organic farming • Provide training on the application of modern seeds, machineries etc. • Provide credit facilities to buy modern machineries.
Storage and Processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of common storing place • Lack of cold storage facility due to non-availability of electricity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpful in preserving unsold products for a longer period of time 	
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of transporting facilities for carrying products • Less contact with the direct market; much dependency upon middle man • No knowledge on marketing know-how, dependence on traditional system of selling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smooth transportation facility will help the farmers to carry their products to the nearby markets. • Generate highest market price by removing middle men. • More knowledge about the current market situation as well as the current value of their products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buyer seller meet

Table- 13: Livestock

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Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Less grazing land	Not Applicable		
Availability of fodder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to buy fodder from market due to poor financial condition • Trees fodder n crop residue are available only for 3-6 months. Green fodder is also not available for the whole year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faster growth of cattle • Higher income from livestock rearing 	
Veterinary care facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No veterinary care clinic • Lack of knowledge about the proper rearing of live stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disease control • Increases the life span of cattle • encourage livestock rearing for earning purpose 	
Production of milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less availability of fodder • No scientific knowledge about the cattle rearing for increasing milk production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High demand for milk products • Availability of supplements to cattle like “Milk Booster, Milk Plus” etc. can increase the production of milk in the area. 	
Milk market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less contact with the direct market for milk • Unaware of the market demand of different milk made products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A huge demanded market for milk is available as Kokrajhar district head quarter and West Bengal state is too far from the JFMC. 	

Table 14: NWFP

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Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Less collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less availability of NWFP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of fertile fallow land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantation of Food plans, Medicinal Plant etc.
Unsustainable extraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of fertile fallow land 	
Low rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 		
Value addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No processing units Non availability of required resources No technical know-how 		

Table 15: Specialized Skills

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Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Raw material availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Availability of Raw Materials within reachable location No Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common place for setting a raw material storage Strengthen the commercialisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up raw material bank
Product quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of research on product quality Shortage of high quality materials Depend on traditional machineries. No use of modern machinery and equipment Lack of TQM techniques. Lack of innovation in product development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase productivity Optimal use of manpower Use of modern machinery and equipment Improvement of quality and designs by comparing their products with those of others' artisans in the fairs/seminars/expos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on Modern Tools and Equipment. Providing modern technology to the villagers

Marketing potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No proper market for hand made products No pricing policy No direct contact with the institutional buyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better price for the products Expansion of market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish link between buyers and sellers Marketing provision for participation in national and international seminars/expos Intervention in the form of engagement of market consultant Introduction of product catalogues
Credit facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No linkage with the banks or post office saving banks Unaware of the development schemes of banks and government 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microfinance, Term Loans, Working Capital Arrangement
Product Diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Product Diversification or New Product Development. Lack of concept for product diversification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Demand Based Products, as per the needs of the modern day market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skill Up gradation & Training on New Product Development and Product Diversification

16. Credit Facility

Table 16 Credit facility

Constraints	Reason	Opportunities	Programme
Indebt-ness	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby areas. 	
Rate of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher lending rates charged by the private money lender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised credit arrangement 	
Availability of loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear of risk taking No knowledge of documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start-ups entrepreneurial venture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microfinance, Term Loans, Working Capital Arrangement
Mortgage difficulty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unavailability of proper documentation of mortgaged property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proper awareness about documentation in the area 	

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