





MADLIJHAR ECO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MANAS TIGER PROJECT BANSBARI FOREST RANGE

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List of Acronyms

Acronym	Full Form		
APFBC	Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation		
AFD	Agence France de Développement		
BPL	Below Poverty Line		
втс	Bodoland Territorial Council		
COMPELO	Consortium for Micro Planning and Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities		
EPA	Entry Point Activities		
GIS	Geographical Information System		
На	Hectare		
ПЕ	Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship		
EDC	Eco Development Committee		
Kg	Kilogram		
Km	Kilometre		
Manas NP	Manas National Park		
Manas TP	Manas Tiger Project		
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization		
NTFP	Non Timber Forest Product		
PDS	Public Distribution System		
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal		
Rs.	Indian Rupees		
SHG	Self Help Group		
VCDC	Village Council Development Committee		

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Micro-Plan for 10 Years [Livelihood Development Plan & Forest Development Plan]

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About the Project

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'.

The above project is being mainly funded by the *Agence France de Développement* (AFD) - i.e. the French Development Agency, with cofunding 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.

Micro-Planning & Livelihood Development

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.

A consortium comprising of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati, *Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi* (RGVN) and Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML) has been formed to implement (*inter*-alia) 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.

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 <u>both</u> forest development and livelihood development.

Micro-Plan for the MADLIJHAR EDC

This document gives the Micro-Plan for the MADLIJHAR EDC, which is located in the Baksa district of Assam. The EDC falls under the jurisdiction of the Field Director, Manas Tiger Project and Bansbari Forest Range. The profile of the community is given in the next section.

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 Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)

process undertaken by the community and personnel of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati in July 2016. The micro-plan has been compiled by IIE based on the project guidelines. The document has been discussed and finalized for adoption in July 2016.

2. Village Socio-Economic Profile

Location Key Information	The Madlijhar Eco Development Committee (EDC) has been formed to cover the existing community dwelling in Madlijhar village. The area covered by the above EDC falls within the Madlijhar VCDC, BAKSA district of Assam. Appendix-1 gives the Village Map. The key information of the EDC is furnished below.			
·	Table-A: Key Information of the EDC			
	Name of the EDC	Madlijhar		
	Habitation	Madlijhar		
	Name of Revenue Palsibari Village			
	Name of the Gram Panchayat / VCDC Madlijhar			
	Revenue Circle Jalah			
	District Baksa			
	Forest Division	Field Director, Manas Tiger Project		
	Forest Range	Bansbari		
	Forest Beat	Kahibari		
	Year Formed	2015		
	Description of	GPS Coordinates(Centre Point)		
	Boundary of EDC N 26°39'31.6'			
	E 91°01'43.1'			
	North: Manas National Park			
		South: Bahbari village		
	West: Barengabari village			
		East: Kahibari village		
	Source : EDC Records & Discussions during PRA Exercise in June 2016 Additional details are given at Table-1 of Record-I. (Given at Annexure)			
Brief Details of	The brief details of Execut	ive Committee & General Body of the EDC		
the Executive	are contained in the table, which is given below.			
	Table-B: Brief Details of Executive Committee & general Body			

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Committee &	Name of President	Boloram Boro	
General Body	Name of Secretary	Haripad Medhi, Fr-I	
	Name of Treasurer		
	Registration Number	MTP/EDC/02, Dated 10 th April, 2016	
	No. of Members in	Male: 06	
	Executive Committee	Female: 04	
	No. of Members in the	One member from each household	
	General Body		
	Source: EDC Records		
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Households &	_	cholds. The number of female headed	
Population	-	opulation is 325of which 170 are male and	
Structure		pers. Out of 57 HH all 10 belong to the SC,	
	•	to Bodo community and the rest 6 HH are	
	Adivasi (Tea Tribe) belongi	ng to OBC.	
	Toble 2 of December 1	a mafarmad for fronth or date the total of	
	•	e referred for further details in the above	
	regard.		
	From this, it is inferred that:		
	The sex ratio is 846 females per 1000 males in the village.		
Education &	Over 44% of the total population is reported to be literate. Most of		
Skills	•	ve received school level education. On	
Development	the other hand, relatively fewer households have college educated		
	and graduated members.		
	Livelihood skills are usually acquired under various settings –		
	formal & informal. In the EDC area, informal means for skills		
	development is the traditional norm. People have traditional skills in		
	the following areas:		
	(a) Horticulture		
	(b) Farming		
	(c) Livestock rearing		
	(d) Handloom		
		in promoting formal skills development	
	•	as well as in the state. The village has not	
	1 1	of any such programme has been carried	
	out in the habitation or in ne	arby areas.	
Soil	The soil is deen alluvial Him	nalayan wash. This type of soil can support	
NOII	_	ne soil is reported to be fertile on the whole.	
	anieroni kindo or crops, as tr	to soft is reported to be fortule on the whole.	
	The fast flowing Manas rive	r on entering the plains from the steep hills	
	loses its speed and as a result deposits enormous quantities of boulders,		
	-	debris that are carried down by the water	
	stones, sand, sint and other	acoms mar are carried down by the water	

	and this leads to the formation of alluvial terraces, comprising deep layers of rocks and sands deposits.
Water	The Manas River flows through the west of the Park, where it splits into two separate rivers, the Beki and Bholkaduba, to join the River Brahmaputra some 64 km further south. These and five small rivers running through the Reserve carry enormous amounts of silt and rock from the foothills as a result of heavy rainfall, steep gradients and friable bedrock upstream.
	Over the limestone and sandstone bedrock, boulders and gravels of the Bhabar savanna area to the north, flood waters have formed shifting channels and swamps and a soil of porous alluvial river terraces of coarse detritus under layers of sandy loam and humus where the water table is very low. The Terai grasslands in the south consist of deep deposits of fine alluvium with underlying pans where the water table lies very near the surface, making it potentially useful farmland. The Manas basin in the west of the Park is frequently flooded during the monsoon but never for very long due to the sloping relief. Drowning of wildlife is negligible as animals are able to take refuge on islands of high ground.
Climate: Temperature & Rainfall	The climate of the EDC is moist tropical with an annual rainfall between 3000 mm to 4000 mm. Winter (December-February): It is characterized by cool weather and fog. The temperature remains 20°C + 5°C. January is the coldest month. Average total rainfall is 114 mm with relative humidity of 77% + 5. Pre-monsoon (March-May): It is a transitional period between relatively dry winter and hot summer and is characterized by a rapid rise in temperature. As the season advances, the amount and frequency of rainfall increases due to frequent thundershowers with hailstorms. Average total rainfall during the season is 518.70 mm. The season is marked progressively by a greater number of cloudy days. Average temperature and humidity in this season are 23 °C + 5°C and 70% + 5 respectively. Monsoon (June-September): It is the characteristic major rainy season of the year. The average monthly rainfall is 2860 mm. The average temperature during this season is 27.17°C with an average diurnal range of over 6°C. The humidity increases to 82% + 5. August is the hottest month. Retreating monsoon (October-November): Towards the end of September, the monsoon weaken with an abrupt retreat followed by fair weather. With the advancing of the season the temperature falls and moving mist and fog appears. The average temperature is 27°C + 2. The average monthly rainfall is 1400 mm and the rainy days become fewer. Relative humidity is 82% + 5.
Forest & Biodiversity	The main tree species are Sida, Ajar, Khokan, Gamari, Titasapa, etc found in Manas National Park. Lemon trees are grown in abundant in

	this EDC village. Some other species such as Arecanut Tree, Jack Fruit, Mango, Bamboo, etc. are also grown in the village.
Land Use Pattern	Appendix-2 gives the land-use pattern of the village. From the same, it is seen that the land-use in the village is as follows:
	Crop Land: 31.28 % Habitation: 28.17 % Tea estate: 9.06% Cultivable wasteland: 3.10 %.
Land Holdings	The type of households as per land-holding is given at Table-3 of Record-I. From the same, it is seen that: • 100 % of the households are marginal farmers (less than 2 Ha)
Livestock	The total number of livestock in the village is 871. The main types of livestock possessed by the households include:
	Cows: 158 Goats: 15 Duck: 180 Hens: 495 Pigs: 23
	Table-4 of Record-I may be referred to for the details in the above connection.
Village Infrastructure & Communication Facilities	In any community; the availability of basic infrastructure enables the development of sustainable livelihood options. The present condition of infrastructure in the village is not satisfactory. This is borne out by Table-5 of Record-I, which gives the present status of the village infrastructure.
	From the above table, the following have been noted with regard to village infrastructure:
	Physical Infrastructure: The habitation is deprived of basic physical infrastructure like paved roads, electricity, water supply, mobile network etc.
	Education & Health Facilities: There are minimal educational and health facilities. Public transport is not available, and the community members have to use bicycles to move around.
	Govt. Offices: The government offices (such as Police station, Gram Panchayat office, Revenue office, Forest Beat office etc.) are located at a considerable distance, which gets amplified as the villagers do not have access to regular public transport from either the habitation or from nearby areas.
	Financial Inclusion : Facilities for financial inclusion like bank and post office are located at a considerable distance from the habitation.

	Hence, the community members do not have bank accounts or postal savings accounts.		
Agricultural Crops	The details of the agricultural crops grown in the village is available at Table-6 of Record-I.		
•	The above shows that the following are the main crops grown in the village. Kharif Crops: Sali, Yum Rabi Crops: Mustard,pulses Others: Lemon, Betel-nuts, Mango, Jackfruits, Pomelo		
	Most crops are rain-fed		
Crop Production Profile	Table-7 of Record-I may be referred to for the production and yield details of the crops grown in the village.		
	The production and yield of these crops is given as follows:		
	(a) Paddy: Production 725 Quintal Yield 18-19 Quintal /ha(b) Oil seeds: Production 5 Quintals Yield 1 q/ha		
Fodder Availability	The matter of fodder availability in the village is dealt with at Table-8 of Record-I. The table shows that the main sources of fodder in the village are as follows:		
	(a) Crop residue(b) Household wastage		
Markets	Table-9 of Record-I shows the location of the different markets from the village. The main markets used by the community are as follows: (a) Grocery / PDS: Inside the village (b) Weekly / Bi-weekly Market: : Bansbari at 4 km away (c) Major Market: : Bansbari at 4 km away		
Water Resources	The water resources are tabulated at Table-10 of Record-I. The main water resources with the water availability is as follows: (a) River (Water Availability: Perennial / Seasonal) (b) Stream (Water Availability: Perennial / Seasonal) (a) Ring Wells (Water Availability: Perennial / Seasonal) (b) Tube Wells (Water Availability: Perennial / Seasonal)		
Energy	Table-11 of Record-I shows the major sources of energy in the village.		
Consumption	 The same have been listed below. (a) Fuel wood: Households Depending: 50 Nos. Source: Purchase from local market outside forest area (b) Kerosene: Households Depending: 46 Nos. Source: Open Market 		
	(b)(c) LPG: Households Depending 11 Nos		

Socio-economic	Social set-up: The village is inhabited by Assamese, Bodo, Bengali		
status	and Tea tribe (Adivashi) community and they are from General, OBC,		
	ST and SC caste and belong to Hindu and Christian religion.		
	The society is not marked by deep social divisions. The observed position of women is satisfactory. Franchia Condition: The connemic position is not satisfactory. The		
	Economic Condition: The economic position is not satisfactory. The main livelihoods are Daily wages, Horticulture, Livestock rearing etc. Most households earn Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 35,000 per year.		
	There is some migration of the youth and others for livelihoods. Additional details are available at the next section.		
Impact of wild	Positive impacts		
life area	Soil and water conservation		
	Economic benefits from tourism		
	Environmental improvement		
	Negative impacts		
	Human wild life conflict		
	Cattle/crop residue		
	Damage of property by wild animals		
Maps	Appendix-1 gives the following maps, based on PRA exercise:		
_	Village Map		
	• Village Social Map (with the names and particulars of members in PRA)		
	Village Resource Map		

3. Livelihood Opportunity Analysis

PRA Exercise	Team from IIE Guwahati carried out PRA exercise in MADLIJHAR village as follows:			
	Date: 7 th July Location: Community Hall, Madlijhar			
	Numbers Present: 25			
	In Presence of: Village Headman, community members, Forest Department personnel, etc.			
Objective of PRA	The objective was to study the existing household conditions and obtain other primary data about the community for developing the livelihood options and the forest development plan.			
Tools Used &	Different tools were used and outcomes obtained. These include:			
Outcomes of the				
PRA	Social Mapping			
	Wealth Ranking			
	Time Line review			
	Seasonality of Livelihoods			

	Venn Diagram				
	Appendix-3 furnishes detailed information of the above.				
Ranking	Ranking exercise has been done for the following: • Livelihoods & Skills Development (discussed in the Chapter 4) • Entry Point Activities (EPA) Ranking of EPA				
	Rank	Village EPA as ranked	Details (Appendix-3 has additional particulars)	Probable source of funding/deptt.	
	1. 2.	Community Hall Electricity	Community meetings can be organised properly. Solar light facility to	Panchayat & Rural Development. APFBC	
	3.	Sanitation	each HH Providing HHL(House Hold Latrine) Low cost,	Swach Bharat Mission/PHE	
	4.	School	septic and sanitary type Upper Primary School	SSA/ Elementary Education Deptt.	
	5.	Road Connectivity	Black Topping of road From Bansbari to the village (~4 KM)	PMGSY/PWD	
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Livelihood opportunities	Livelihood Opportunities were identified as follows: Agriculture & Horticulture Livestock Eco-tourism Skills Development Credit Facility				
	Additional discussion about the above has been given below.				
Agriculture & Horticulture	Table-12 Under Record-2 may be seen in this connection for opportunities in the areas of agriculture and horticulture.				
	(a) (b) (c) equipm	Lack of irriga Lack of a ent's	er for wild animals.	modern tools and	

	The emperturities and
	The opportunities are:
	(a) Application of HYV seeds
	(b) Provide irrigation facilities
	(c) Organic farming increases productivity
	The suggested programmes are:
	(a) Tractor operation training
	(b)Organic farming training
	(c) Development of Fencing and solar lights.
Livestock	Table-13 Furnishes additional information about opportunities for
	livestock rearing.
	The main constraints are:
	(a) Unable to buy fodder from market due to poor financial condition.
	(b) Threat from wild animals which destroys most of the livestock.
	(c) Lack of knowledge about the proper rearing of livestock.
	The opportunities are:
	(a) Higher income from livestock rearing.
	(b) Disease control
	(c) Increase the life span of cattle
	(d) Higher income from milk and milk products
	The suggested programme is:
	(a) Training on making different milk products
NTFP	All village is located adjacent to protected area, there is no scope for collecting NTFP
Specialized Skills	For skills development, the opportunities are tabulated at Table-15
1	under Record-2
	The main constraints are:
	(a) Lack of product diversification
	(b) Lack of research on product quality
	(c) Non availability of raw material
	(d) Use of traditional machineries
	The opportunities are:
	(a) Exploring new markets
	(b) Developing demand based products as per the
	needs The suggested programme are:
	(a) Training on Modern Tools and Equipment
	(b) Providing modern technology to the villagers

	(c) Skill Up gradation & Training on New Product Development
	and Product Diversification
	(d) Setting up a raw material bank
	(e) Providing a bulk buy arrangement of the finished product with
	institutional buyers.
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Credit Facility	Table-16 under Record-2 discusses this aspect.
	The main constraints are:
	(a) Financial exclusion
	(b) Higher rate charged by the private money lender.
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	The opportunities are:
	(a) Setting up modern financial institution
	(b) Adequate awareness.
	(c) Credit at low rate of interest
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	The suggested programme is:
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	(a)Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby areas.
Eco- tourism	The main constraints are
	(a) Infrastructure
	(b) Marketing
	(c) Lack of trained guide
	(c) Luck of trumed garde
	The opportunities are
	(a) Location near Manas NP
	(b) Increase in eco-tourism
	Suggested programmes are
	(a) Training in eco-tourism
Strategic	1. Agriculture & Horticulture: Organic farming, Tractor operation
Interventions	training, Agri-skill development programme, Training on HYV
	application, bio fencing
	2. Linnata da Dinana Pantum
	2. Livestock: Piggery, Poultry
	3. 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.
	innsied product with institutional ouyers.
	4. Credit facility: Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby
	areas.

4. Livelihood Development Plan

Livelihood opportunity Analysis	Framework of livelihood Opportunity Analysis has been done with the help of the following criteria: A) Livelihood assets B) Livelihood context C) Priority ranking on potential livelihood The livelihood situation of MADLIJHAR EDC has been analyzed during the PRA exercise using sustainable livelihood framework of DFDI (Department of Funding for International Development). The existing livelihood situation of EDC is outlined in terms of — • Natural Capital • Physical Capital • Social Capital • Human Capital • Financial Capital
Natural Capital	The present EDC is under the jurisdiction of Field director, Manas Tiger Project and the major river flows near the EDC is Beki River with two adjoining streams named Kasindoha and Madlijhora. For farming purpose and for livestock rearing, the villagers use the stream water. Villagers use the ring well and hand pump for drinking water. They collect leafy vegetables from the forest along with some seasonal fruits. (Refer table 10, 11 of annexure 6, table 3 of FDP for further details)
Physical Capital	Majority of the households in the MADLIJHAR EDC are involved in farming of lemon and Betel-nuts and are categorised as marginal farmers. (Detailed land holding pattern is described in the table 3/annexure 6.) All the houses of the EDC are made of thatch. Among the various sources of energy consumption such as Biomass, kerosene, electricity, LPG and candle, villagers depend on the firewood and kerosene for household and other uses. (refer to table 10,11 of annexure 6.) There is only LP school present within the EDC area along with 4 numbers of anganbadi center. No other education institutions are present. (refer to table 5 of annexure 6) In case of water sources, there are 18 ring wells and the streams in the EDC area which is connected to the Beki River.
Social Capital Human Capital	The villagers are not fully involved in the EDCs functioning due to lack of awareness on their roles, functions, and specific benefits they are going to receive. Four numbers of unregistered Mahila Samiti are there in the EDC. The village has no youth club and no community hall inside the EDC. 41 per cent of total population of the EDC are reported to be literate.

Financial	Most of the people (about 28 per cent) have crossed the upper primary level education. However, people are less interested to continue their education post HSLC. Graduate people is nil till now (refer to table i/annexure 6) There is no government bank or lending institution available in the EDC
Capital	area or in the nearby areas. However, villagers lend from informal lending groups, relatives etc. More than 70 per cent have bank account in commercial banks, but they are not aware of the benefits of financial inclusion
Livelihood Context	 Livelihood activities of the MADLIJHAR EDC are identifies on the basis of following criteria: a) Contribution of particular livelihood activity in the total income of the EDC b) Percentage involvement of income group in a particular livelihood activities. c) Priority ranking of the potential livelihood activities
Contribution of livelihood activity in the total income of the EDC	 (a) Lemon and betel nuts farming, farming of paddy (b) Daily wage earning (c) Livestock rearing (d) Service (refer to table ii/annexure 6)
Involvement of income group in a particular livelihood activity	As observed from the household survey and PRA activity that all the households are involved in the above mentioned activities in some or other parts of the year. Primary livelihood: Lemon and betel nuts farming, farming of paddy Secondary livelihood: Daily wage labour, livestock rearing Some service sector employee are also there
Priority ranking of the potential livelihood activities	Priority ranking of Livelihoods & Skills Development 1. Horticulture 2. Livestock rearing 3. Handloom 4. Tourist Guide

5. Forest Development Plan of MADLIJHAR EDC

This Forest Development Plan has been prepared after a detailed PRA exercise at the village level as a part of the Micro-Plan of MADLIJHAR EDC. 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 EDC; while meeting the consumption and livelihood needs of the community in a sustainable manner.

Convergence

The planned initiatives may be converged with the following schemes of the Government of India:

- (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural employment
- (b) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for agricultural and allied development
- (c) Rashtriya Krishi Sinchay Yojana (RKSY) 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.

The above convergence will yield synergies for the present plan, as well as help in sustaining the planned works in the post-project period.

1. Status of the EDC Forests

The micro-plan takes into consideration the following categories of the EDC Forests of the MADLIJHAR EDC

For the MADLIJHAR EDC, the salient points of the forest soil type are summarized below:

- (a) Alluvial deposit
- (b) Fertile
- (c) Clay loam mixed with silt

1.1 Forest Soil Type

The forests of Madlijhar EDC 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 Madlijhar EDC

Parameter	Status in Assigned Forests	Status in Other Planted Areas
Fertility Level	Fertile	NA
Soil Erosion Status	Low	NA
Presence of:		
(a)Silt	Nil	NA
(b)Mud-flat	Nil	NA
(c)Newly accreted land	Low	NA
(d)Sand dune	Nil	NA

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

1.2 Existing Composition of Flora

In the forests of the MADLIJHAR EDC, 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

Parameter	Local Name(s)	Biological Name(s)
Major Forest Species		
Associates	Gamari	Gmelina Arborea
	Arjun	Terminalia arjuna
	Acacia	Racosperma
	Tora	Angiosperm
	Sonaru	Cassia fistula
Shrubs	Dhekia	Ferns
Medicinal Plants	Arjun	Terminalia arjuna
	Hilikha	Terminalia Chebula
	Neem	Azadirachta indica
	Amlakhi	Phyllanthus emblica
Others, if any	Jati Bah	Bambusa Tulda
	Bhuluka Bah	Bambusa Balcooa
	Amlakhi	Emblica officinalis
	Bijuli Bah	Bambusa Pallida
	Arjun	Terminalia arjuna
	Sachi	Aquillaria agallocha

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 MADLIJHAR EDC.

2.1. Past Protection Measures of the EDC

The measures taken by the MADLIJHAR EDC for forest protection in the past have been discussed as follows.

- (a) Number of households involved: 200
- (b) Number of people involved:200 (1 Person Per House hold)

(c) Summary of the measures: Not available

(d) Any formal mechanism: Not available

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

2.2. Domestic Requirements of Forest Produce

The dependency of the local community on forest produce for household requirements is very low as the village is located near the protected area.

Table-4 (A): Domestic Requirement of Forest Produce per Household of the MADLIJHAR EDC

Name of Forest Produce	Average Household Requirement		How met at Present	Source
	Frequency of Requirement	Approx. Qty		
Firewood	Less Frequent	20-25 kg		Market, Forest
Timber for House	Once in a year	2-3 nos.		Market
Small timber for Implements	-	-		-
Pole / Bamboo	Once in a month	2-3 bamboo / per month		Market
Fodder from Forest	-	-		-
NTFP	-	-		-
Other	-	-		-

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

There are 200 households in the MADLIJHAR EDC. From the above table and this number of households, it is inferred that the total annual requirements of the village for forest products for own use is as follows:

Table-4 (B): Total Domestic Requirement of Forest Produce - All Households of the MADLIJHAR EDC

Name of Forest Produce	Community Requirement (Kg per annum) (*)	Remarks
Firewood	1,08,299	Throughout the year
Timber for House	270 nos.	Dec – Jan
Small Timber for Implements	-	-

Pole / Bamboo	650 bamboo	Dec – Jan
Fodder from Forest	-	-

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

2.3. Collection & Marketing of Forest Produce by Villagers

The community is not involved in the marketing of any kind of forest produce.

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

The total requirements of forest produce by the community members of the MADLIJHAR EDC is very low.

Table-6: Total Requirements of Forest Produce by Villagers

Name of Forest Produce	Community Requirement (Kg per annum)	Surplus Marketed (Kg) From Table-5(B)	Total Requirements (Kg)
	From Table-4(B)		
Firewood	1,08,299	-	1,08,299
Timber for House	270 nos.	-	270 nos.
Small timber for Implements	-	-	-
Bamboo	650 bamboo	-	650 bamboo

Source: 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 MADLIJHAR EDC have been summarized below.

Table-7: Protection Problems of the MADLIJHAR EDC

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	Yes	Yes
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 EDC are:

- (a) Grazing Local Animals
- (b) Grazing Animals from Other Area

3.2. Reasons for Degradation of the Forest

In the MADLIJHAR EDC, the reasons for degradation of forest are as follows:

- (a) No Scientific Plan
- (b) Traditional Cultivation

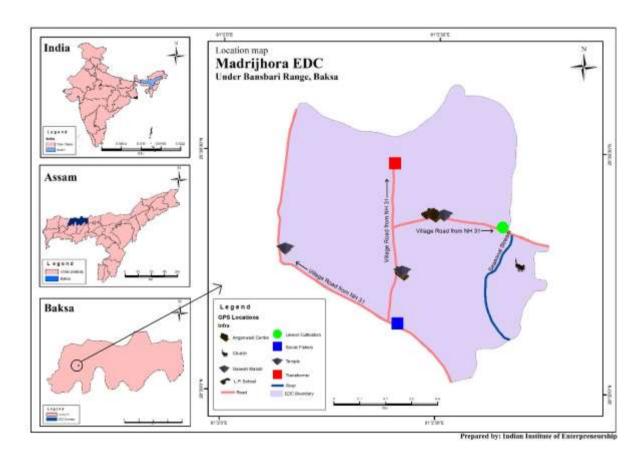
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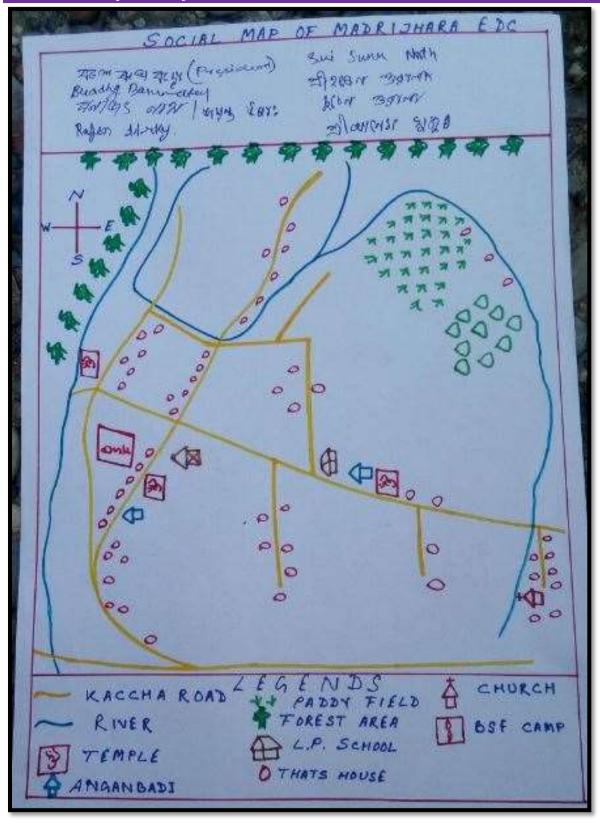
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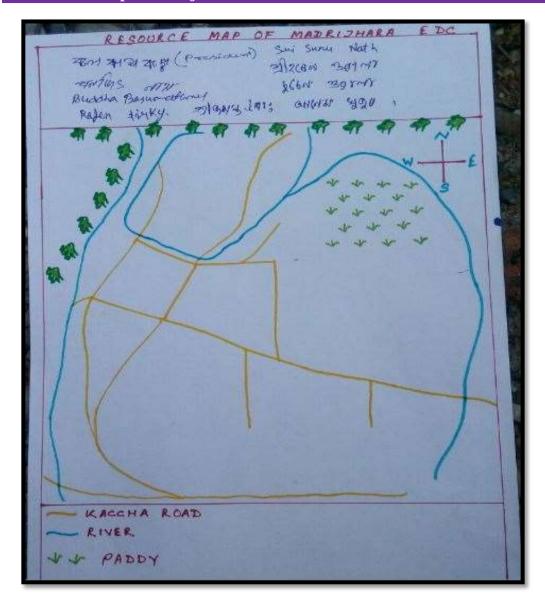
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3. Social map of Madlijhar EDC

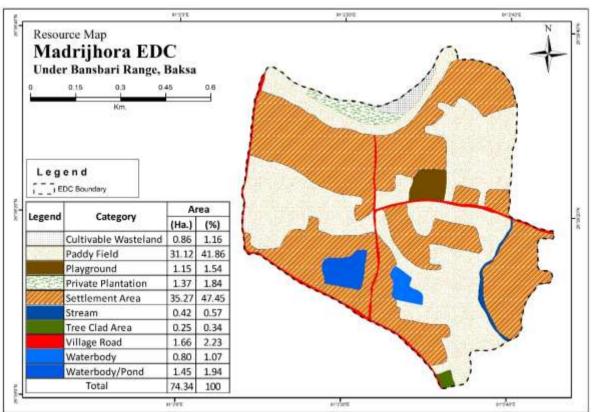


3. Resource Map of Madlijhar EDC:



Appendix 2

Land Use Map of GIS



Source: Google earth Imagery

Prepared by: Indian Institute of Enterpreneurship

Appendix 3

PRA ACTIVITY

Location and Timing of Participatory Rural Appraisal:

Numbers of participants :	36
Time:	10.30 am, 4 th July 2016
Venue:	Community Hall (Madlijhar village)

Table – 3.1Brief about the villages under MADLIJHAR EDC

Sl. No.	Name of the Village	No. of households		Population		
NO.		nousenoius	Total	Male	Female	
1	Madlijhar	57	325	170	155	
	Total	57	325	170	155	

Source: Field Survey

Table – 3.2 Education profile MADLIJHAR EDC

Illiterate	Primary	Middle School	High School	Higher Secondary		Total
130	52	97	32	12	2	325

Table – 3.3 Income category of MADLIJHAR EDC

Income Category(in Rs)Yearly	No. of Households
15000-45000	47
45000-60000	9
>60000	1

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

- a) Social Mapping
- b) Wealth Ranking
- c) Time Line Review
- d) Seasonality Analysis
- e) Chapatti diagram

3.1 Social Mapping:

Social mapping is used to visualise the socio-economic aspects of the Madlijhar EDC where the housing patterns of the households, the numbers of schools, social infrastructure, and religious beliefs among households. Due to time constraint and bad weather we have to skip the transect walk. The villagers were enthusiastic about the mapping process and they actively participated in the process.

At first, 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. All the villagers spotted their households in the map.

Table 3.2: Information about the villages

Social Information	Village	Madlijhar			
	Total population	325 nos.			
	Male	170 nos.			
	Female	155 nos.			
	Total households	57 nos.			
	Numbers of Pucca Houses	7 nos.			
	No of thatch house/Kutcha House	44 nos.			
	No's of semi pucca house	6 nos.			
Land Marks	Bridges	Nil			
	Stream	Nil			
	River	Nil			
	PHE	Nil			
	Community hall	1 nos.			
	Community Hand pump	4 nos.			
	Well	8 nos.			
	Embankment	Nil			
	Check Dam	Nil			
	Play Ground cum Grazing filed	1 nos.			

Findings of	f Social Map:
	The participants of social mapping have identified all 57 households out of which 50 households are thatch house or kutcha house. There is only 7 Pucca. No IAY household though the entire village come under BPL category. This signifies that the IAY scheme of Government has not achieved considerable coverage of poor people residing in rural area yet.
	Other than the class based division of the households, important places like community hall, schools, and playground, stream, well, embankment, check dam, hand pump and bridges are mapped.
	Main sources of water for the villagers are the community hand pump and few ring wells.
	Provision of Education facility is not satisfactory.
	Most of the people belong to the Bodo community which are of schedule tribe caste. There are also few Adivasi (tea tribe) communities which belong to the
Learnings:	Even though electricity is available inside the villages of the Madlijhar EDC but its presence is negligible due to continuous power failure for more than 19-21 hours per day. Most of the Household still dependent on forest and use firewood for their cooking purposes. They used to go to the forest for collecting the
	firewood which is still a concern for the forest department for degradation of the forest.

- ➤ The primary health centre along with post office is located in Salbari, which is 4 KM away from the EDC. The villagers have to cover a long distance for their health check-up.
- ➤ There is also one community hall available beside the L.P school in the EDC where various meetings are held. Major meeting are Gram panchayat meeting, village head meetings, forest department meetings etc.
- > The availability of fodder for domestic animals depends on the resource available in the forest area and the capacity of the household who can rear the livestock's. The village of the EDC are fully dependent on crop residue, trees fodder, grasses, and green fodder. Field residues are materials left in an agricultural field after the crop has been harvested. These residues include stalks and stubble (stems), leaves, and seed pods.
- ➤ There are some grazing field where villagers use for their cattle rearing. These fields are available for a maximum of six months. Seasonal grazing

incorporates "grazing animals on a particular area allows the land that is not being grazed to rest and allow for new forage to grow.

- ➤ Agricultural and livestock are mostly damaged by the wild animals that come from the national park where very poor fencing is being constructed throughout the area.
- ➤ The villagers of the Madlijhar EDC have to move Bansbari, a distance covered with 4 km, for their weekly marketing activity. Domestic materials, utensils, bangles, cloths and stationeries are sold in different stalls.

3.2 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 socioeconomic stratification of project beneficiaries and local people's definitions and indicators of wealth/wellbeing.

Wealth ranking was done with the help of the following criteria:

- a) Land holding
- b) Occupation

As such about 81 per cent people are poor, about 19 per cent are belong to middle class. Poor people are mainly irregular wage earners, sometimes they lease (adhilua) others land. They also have good amount of agricultural land.



Figure 3.1: Wealth Ranking

3.3 Timeline Review

In order to know the past important cum historical events over time, the team has conducted the timeline analysis. The team members discussed about the local events to the village head, elderly persons and also to some young people to have an idea about how they dealt with those situations and what was the impact of those events on their lives as well as on the development of the village. Our time line illustrates the following events.

Table 3.3: Timeline review

Year	Event	Type
1972	Primary School established	Construction
1993-1996	There was a community clash in the village between Adivasi community and Bodo community.	Socio political
1996	Severe Flood in the village.	Environmental
2015-16	Construction of road earth filling and sand gravelling	Construction

3.4 Seasonal Mapping of livelihood activities:

Seasonal calendars drawn by the local people are very useful means of generating information about seasonal trends within the community and identifying periods of particular stress and vulnerability.

Best undertaken in the context of a group discussion (to help verify the information obtained), seasonal calendars are often drawn on the ground with the relative trends depicted using stones or seeds, as in a preference-ranking matrix.

In other instances, simple line graphs can be drawn to show seasonal increases or decreases. A whole series of seasonal variables can be included in one calendar to give an overview of the situation throughout the year. These variables can include: rainfall, crop sequences, labour demand, availability of paid employment, out-migration, incidence of human diseases, expenditure levels, and so on. Important periods, such as festivals, can also be shown.

Seasonal mapping mainly covers the seasonal variation of crops. In seasonal mapping, we considered agricultural crops and the timing of three activities viz. showing, cropping and harvesting criteria and collected the details throughout the year.

From the seasonal mapping, it has been noticed that the main crops grown in the village are Sali rice, Mustard, Jute, Betel-nut, Ginger, etc.The FGD conducted revealed that other major livelihood options available in the EDC are Livestock rearing (Piggery, poultry), shop-keeping, weaving, daily wage laborers, mason, tailoring, carpentry which are not seasonal in nature but is showed in the seasonal mapping.

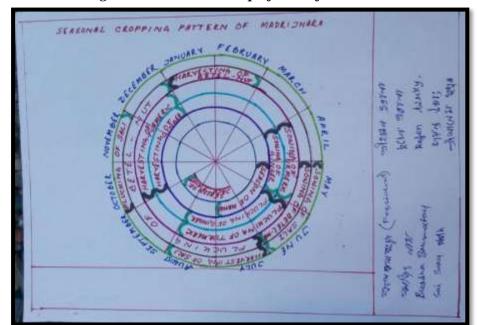
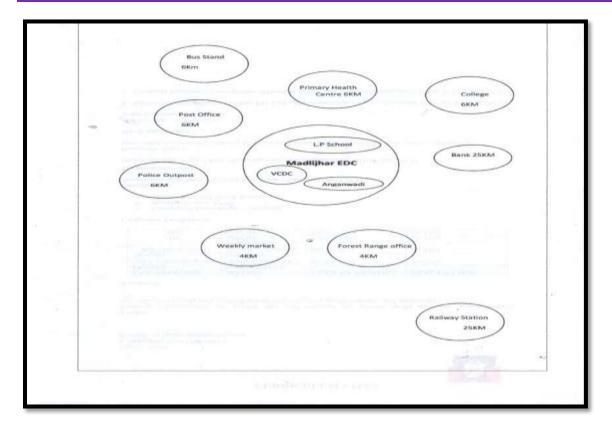


Figure 3.2: Seasonal Map of Madlijhar EDC

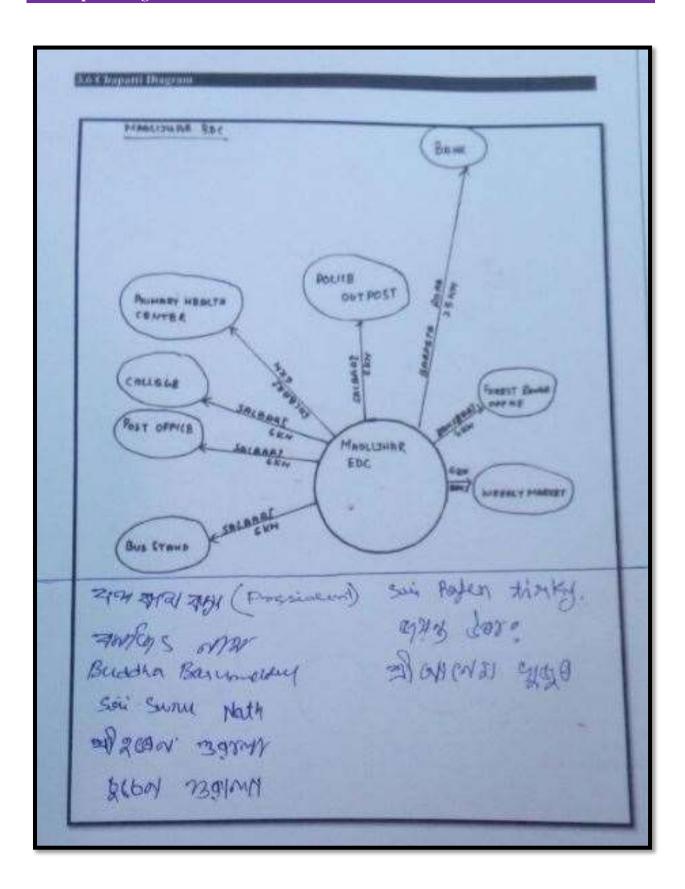
Table 3.4 Seasonal cropping pattern

Categories		Time o	of Activity					
Farming		Sowing	Harvesting	Plucking				
	Sali	May-June	July-Aug	Oct-Nov				
	Betel-Nut	May-June	Jan-Feb	July-Dec				
	Mustard	Oct-Nov		Jan-Feb				
	Turmeric	April-May	Oct-Dec					
Ginger		April-May	Oct-Dec	June-Sep				
	Lemon	T	Throughout the ye					
	Weaving							
	Livestock							
	Rearing	_						
	Daily Wage							
	Earning	Т	Throughout the ye	ear				
Non-Farming	Shop-keeper							
	Electrician	1						
	Masonry							

3.5 Venn Diagram



3.6 Chapatti Diagram



Priority Ranking- EPA and Livelihood

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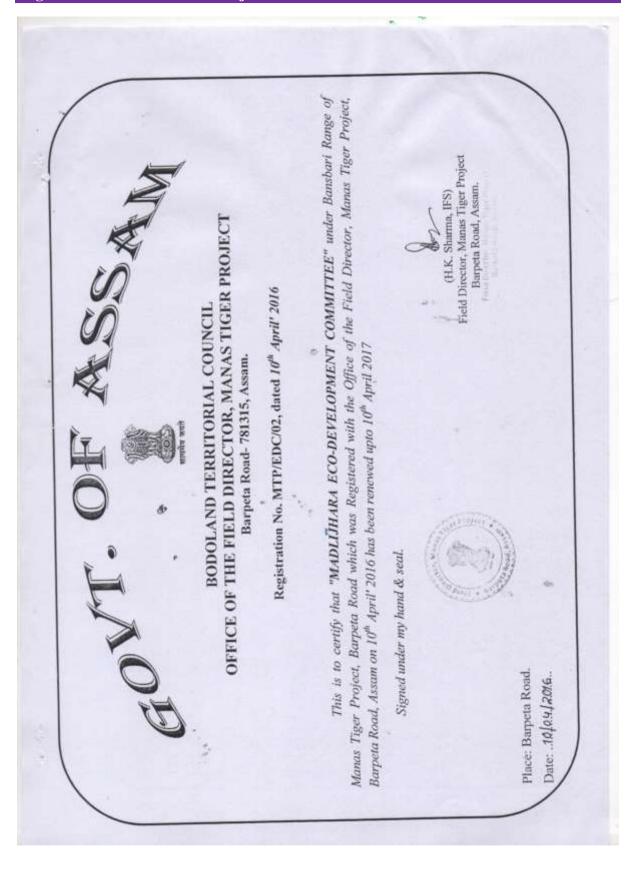
Lemon plantation which also serves as Bio-fence

Annexure 5

LIST OF EDC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Bolaram Boro	President
2	Mr. Haripod Medhi	Member Secretary
3	Banajit Nath	Member
4	Buddha Basumatary	Member
5	Sunu Nath	Member
6	Haren Guwala	Member
7	Susen Guwala	Member
8	Rafen Tirky	Member
9	Jayanta Orang	Member
10	Anem Khujur	Member

Registration Certificate of Madlijhar EDC



Annexure 6 (Record I)

Table 1: Basic Data of the Village:

Table 1: Basic data of the EDC

Name of the EDC	Date of establishment	No. of members in executive	Name of the president	Name of the secretary	Name of Treasurer	Contribution per family /per	Social fencing used Yes / No	Remarks on special	Grading %of success by RFO
Madlijha r	2015	10	Mr. Bolara m Boro	Mr. Haripo d Medhi, Fr-I	NA	NA	Yes	Na	Na

Table 2: Village wise population data:

Table -2: Demographic status of the project villages

SI · N	Name of village	Househ olds (No.)	Tot al	ST Ma le	Fem ale	Ma le	BC Fem	Ma le	SC Fem ale	Sex rat io	Avg. HH size(Appr ox.)
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1	Madlij har	57	325	133	120	15	13	28	16	846	6
	Total	57	325	133	120	15	13	28	16		

Source: - Field survey report.

Table 3: Village wise farmer category on the basis of landholding:

Table3 Village wise farmer category on the basis of land holding

Sl	Name of the	Type of famer according to land holding								
no	village	Large Small farmer same 2-10 ha.		Marginal farmer (household) <2ha.	Land less (household)	Total				
1	Madlijhar	-	-	57	-	57				
	Total	-	-	57	-	57				

Table 4: Livestock Population:

Table 4: Cattle Population of the EDC

Sl	Name of	village v	wise no of ca	ittle's or	type of	animal			
no	the village	Cows	Buffaloes	Goat	Duck	Hen	Camels	Pig	Total
1	Madlijhar	158	-	15	180	495	-	23	196
	Total	158	-	15	180	495	-	23	196

Table 5: Village wise Infrastructure:

Table 5 Showing village wise infrastructure

Sl no	Infrastructure	Location	Distance from
			village
1	Bus Stand	Salbari	6km
2	Primary Health Centre	Salbari	6km
3	Primary School	Madlijhar	Inside Village
4	Middle School	Kahibari	.5km
5	Post office	Salbari	6km
6	High school	Salbari	6km
7	Bank	Salbari	25km
8	Anganwadi centre	Madlijhar	Inside Village
9	Police Outpost	Salbari	6km
10	Forest Range Office	Bansbari	4km
11	Railway Station	Barpeta Road	25km

12	College	Salbari	6km
13	Police Outpost	Salbari	6km
14	Weekly Market	Bansbari	4km
15	VCDC	Madlijhar	Inside Village

Table 6: Agricultural crops

Table 6 Agriculture Crops

Particulars	Rain Fed		Irrigation	
Tur ticulars	Name of the crop	Area (in ha.)	Name of the crop	Area (in hc)
Kharif	Sali rice	40	NA	NA
Rabi	Mustard	7	NA	NA
Others (Lemon)	Vegetable, Fruits	22	NA	NA

Table 7: Crop production profile of Madlijhar EDC:

Table 7 Crop production profile of BITHORAI EDC

Type of crop	Total Production (approx.) in quintals	No of household growing	Average production (quintal/ hc) approx.	Area under crop (hc) approx.
Paddy	740	38	19	40
Oil seeds	4	12	1	1
Vegetable	7	50	1	1
Fruits	4	50	1	3

Table 8: Fodder Availability (animal)

Table 8 Fodder availability of the EDC

types	1-3 month	3-6 month	>6 month
Crop residue	Not Applicable	Due to Protected	
		Area	
Trees fodder	Not Applicable		
Grasses	Not Applicable		

Green Fodder	Not Applicable	
Grazing in Forest	Not Applicable	

Table 9: Location of market from the village

Table 9 Location of market from the village

For Purchase	Location	Distance from village if in other village (in km)
Grocery shop	Madlijhar (1 no.)	0km
Weekly Market	Bansbari	4km
Major Market	Bansbari	4 km
Forest Corporation Sale Depot.	NA	-
Tendu Patta PHAD	NA	-
Fish Market	Bansbari	4km
Medicinal Plant collection Centre	NA	-
Forest Corporation Medicinal plant Collection Centre	NA	-

Table 10: Water Resources Facility:

Table 10: showing the water resource facility available in the village

Water source		Availability of	Uses
	Number	water	
Stream	1	Seasonal	Irrigation, livestock
			rearing
Tube well	49	Perennial	Drinking, Domestic
			uses
Ring Well	8	Perennial	Drinking, Domestic
			uses

Table 11: Energy consumption:

Table11 showing the Energy Consumption of the EDC

Type of Fuel	Number of	Number of	Sources (local,	Major/
	household	months	village, forest,	Secondary
	depending	dependent	other sources)	
Fuel wood		12	Outside Market	Major

Kerosene stove	46	12	Market	Secondary
Gobar/Bio gas	NA	-	-	-
LPG	11	-	Local LPG	Major
			Agency	
Electric Healer	NA	-	-	-

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Table 12: Agriculture and Horticulture:

Table 12: showing the agricultural and horticultural status

Constraints	Reason	Opportunities	Programme
Low Production	 Lack of fencing which is mostly important. Only one crop undertaken annually (Sali) Very negligible use of fertilizers and pesticides, insecticides. Lack of irrigation facilities. Lack of agricultural infrastructure, modern tools and equipment's viz, power tillers, tractors etc. Non usages of high yielding seeds. 	 Introduction of Bio-Fencing process. Eco-tourism with guide. Well-structured training programme. The villagers are inherited with the skill of cultivation. But an improvisation of skills is the need of the hour. Usage of high yielding seed programme. 	 Tractor operation training Agri-skill development programme. Training on insecticides, pesticides, hybrid cultivation
Storage and Production	 Lack of common storing place Lack of cold storage facility due to non- availability of electricity. 	 Helpful in preserving unsold products for a longer period of time. They can store their product and sell it when there is a higher demand. 	PackagingTransportation and distribution.
Marketing	• Lack of transporting facilities for carrying	Smooth transportation facility will help the	Buyers sellers meet

Table 13: Livestock

Table 13 Livestock

Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Less grazing land	Not Applicable		
Availability of fodder	 Unable to buy fodder from market due to poor financial condition Green fodder is also not available for the whole year. 	 Higher income from livestock rearing. The villagers can make it as an alternative livelihood opportunity if they have the easy access of livestock fodder. 	
Veterinary care facility	 No veterinary care clinic Lack of knowledge about the proper rearing of live stock 	 Disease control Increases the life span of cattle. It will also help to aware the villagers and will encourage them for livestock rearing. 	
Production of milk and Dairy Products.	No scientific knowledge on cattle rearing to increase the milk production.	 Training on the milk production can enhance the skill of milk production. Availability of supplements like cattle "Milk Booster, Milk Plus" etc. can increase the production of milk in the area. 	
Milk market	 Less contact with the direct market for milk Unaware of the market demand of different milk made products. 	A huge demanded market for milk	

Table 14: NWFP

Table 14 NWFP

Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Less	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
collection			

Unsustainable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
extraction			
Low rates	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Value	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
addition			

Table 15: Specialised skill

Table 15: Specialised skills: Handloom

Constraints	Reasons	Opportunities	Programme
Raw material availability	 Non-Availability of Raw Materials within reachable location (market 7km away) No Storage 	Common place for setting a raw material storage	Setting up a raw material bank
Product quality	 Shortage of High Quality Materials Use of Traditional machineries 	Developing Quality Products for new market exploration.	 Training on Modern Tools and Equipment. Providing modern technology to the villagers
Marketing potential	 No standardised market No pricing policy No linkage with the institutional buyers No Product Diversification or New Product Development. 	Exploring new markets with diversified products	• Providing a bulk buy arrangement of the finished product with institutional buyers.
Credit facilities	 No linkage with the banks or post office saving banks. Unaware of the development schemes of banks and government 	 Financial assistance by the Govt. Providing easy access to credit. 	Microfinance, Term Loans, Working Capital Arrangement
Product Diversification	 No Product Diversification or New Product Development. Lack of concept for product diversification. 	Developing Demand Based Products, as per the needs of the modern day market.	Skill Up gradation & Training on New Product Development and Product Diversification

Table 16: Credit facility

Table 16 Credit facility

Constraints	Reason	Opportunities
Indebtness	Nil	• Setting up modern financial institution in the nearby areas.
Rate of interest	Higher lending rates charged by the private money lender	Subsidised credit arrangement
Availability of loan	Fear of risk takingNo knowledge of documentation	Start-ups entrepreneurial venture
Mortgage difficulty	Unavailability of proper documentation of mortgaged property.	Proper awareness about documentation in the area