**Project Description**

**Project Title:** Release tribal women from vicious cycle of poverty

**2. Background:**

Tribal women of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand are working women almost without any exception and work harder than men. However, they are overworked, they rise in the morning and go to the forest to collect fuel, fetch water, help in agricultural activities, cook for the family, look after the children, do the washing etc. The status of the Tribal women is characterized by over-work, invasion of sexually, physically exploitation by market forces, illiteracy, sub-human physical living conditions, high fertility, high malnutrition, denial of basic women human rights and near absence of modern health care facilities for them. They live in abject poverty and living life in the clutches of vicious cycle of poverty. This picture clearly attributes that tribal women live in inhuman status of life especially in remote and inaccessible tribal villages. Not only have this but they been adversely affected to deforestation and development projects.

2. Despite of the constitutional safeguards and different socio economic, employment oriented programmes implemented for them, it is due to rampant poverty, severe unemployment problems and ignorance of their importance. Unfortunately for the last more than 20 years SINGLE Tribal women from the States of Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand have started migrating in search of any gainful employment and now in the metro city like New Delhi and even other metros in India , they are being exploited, physically and sexually, denied social justice, falsely implicated in many problems. They are being lured in the name of providing gainful employment and are being exploited in new place. Most serious crisis facing the Tribal women is that of unemployment, harassment, and denial of social justice particularly they are the worst sufferers due to gender bias.

3. In fact, these women/girls are being lured in the name of providing gainful employment, and exploited physically and sexually, denied social justice, falsely implicated in many problems. They are being lured in the name of providing gainful employment and are being exploited in new place. It is due to the grim situation in the tribal areas, resulting their deprivation and exploitation. They do not enjoy basic women human rights. They are denied fundamental services, prone to exploitation, lack of technical knowledge, no opportunities to upgrade and enhance their skills, less opportunities and allurement. Now they are being exploited, sexually, physically, denied social justice, falsely implicated in many problems. These migrant women are literate as well as illiterate and do not have any technical knowledge, unaware about their rights, and suffer, deprived in all aspects of their life. Migration of single tribal girls/women from poor Tribal families is facilitated. There are large numbers organizations (placement centers) even individuals were found operating under the pretext of social service but facilitating trafficking/ migration of tribal women/girls from tribal areas. It has become a very lucrative and comfortable vocation for these placement agencies. These individuals/agencies have their network in the metropolitan cities and other urban settings. While families in cities are having increasing demand for domestic aids and Tribal girls are attracted to offers made by operating agencies assuring them of good placements. At the local level, such organizations have agents alluring young Tribal girls to prepare them agree for menial and unskilled jobs in cities. One estimates says 44 % of the migrants came through the women who are already in this job and more than 30 % through some kinds of agents, 90 percent Tribal migrated women are Christian, 30 percent of them sexually exploited before any jobs, 94 percent of them work as maid servant, 3 percent as some kind of dignified jobs, 2 percent in petty business and only 1 percent are working as factory workers.

**4. Problems face by the tribal women:** They migrate due to the grim situation in the tribal area. Their income is low and their asset base is small, resulting there by poor health, poverty, and hence unavailability of fundamental services, lack of basic developmental infrastructure and economic opportunities. Due to acute unemployment, poverty, exploitation, less opportunities and allurement, tribal women migrate to different places in India. Also due to unawareness they live un hygienically , do not adopt sanitation and drink clean water, hence they always suffer by different diseases such water bon disease , scabies, malnutrition and various other disease and community is unable to contribute for economic growth, hence, trape in the vicious cycle of poverty.

6. The presence of this socially un-common migration is surprisingly confined mainly to one geographical pocket representing contiguous areas of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. [These tribal women are also migrating from the states of Orissa, West Bengal and Assam] From the states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand alone, about 250 thousand Tribal women/girls have migrated to different urban centers, according to an estimate made by NGOs operating in these areas and urban locations of migration. Further, it is estimated that more than 1,00,000 Tribal women have migrated/trafficked and are working as maid servant and looking for maid servant jobs in NCR of Delhi alone. It is due to grim situation in the tribal villages; problems of migrant/ trafficking of tribal women have increased many folds during the last 5-6 years. Equally large numbers of them are at the verge of trafficking in the remote and inaccessible tribal villages. Nobody takes care of their interest. They are not living life with dignity. Nobody is serious for their welfare protection and social and economic development. **The migration problem is growing day by day and it is very difficult to stop, however, it required to be regulated/manage properly.** To this effect, we are proposing for **“Release tribal women from vicious cycle of poverty”.**

**3. Objective**

* To enhance the income of tribal community in general and tribal women in particular
* To provide small financial support to those women who are engaged in collection of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and processing of Agriculture Surplus Produce (ASP), and
* To create total technical knowledge among the tribal community to adopt sanitation and drink clean water and live healthy and creative life.

**Means:** Keeping in view of the complex situation of tribal women, we have planned to extend sustainable economic opportunities to target women/ girls at their villages in the following manner;

* Providing pair of pigs to nurture in their mud house and generate income
* Provide small financial support to those women who are engaged in collection of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and processing of Agriculture Surplus Produce (ASP)
* Create Corpus Fund under the proposed project to support tribal women involved in MFP/ASP
* Local village level “Tribal Women Committee” (TWC) will be set up to implement/ monitor the project at grassroots level.
* Generate technical knowledge in 16 project villages among tribal community to adopt sanitation, drink clean water and live healthy and creative life and also contribute to family income in order to come out from the clutches of vicious cycle of poverty.
* Organize 16 small group discussions in the proposed project villages

**4. Target Group (Beneficiaries):**

**Beneficiaries would be tribal community in general and tribal women in particular:** 120 tribal women who are likely to be trafficked from their villages would be provided pair of pigs to nurture in their mud/thatched house, and 120 tribal women will be financially supported in collection of MFP and processing of SAP> It is planned that each beneficiary will donate one pair of pigs to local Tribal Women Committee (TWC) after one year to facilitate the TWC to donate other beneficiaries. Keeping all the limitations, every year TWC will donate 100 tribal women a pair of pigs to nurture and to generate income and it will be repeated year after year. This way after the project period is over, programme will be sustained. This strategy will help them to acquire basic needs for sustained economic growth consequently migration of the single tribal women would be managed properly. Further, 8 tribal women in each proposed villages would be financially supported for processing of MFP and ASP to get better remunerative price and under this strategy 240 tribal women/ girls who are likely to be trafficked from their villages will be cover of its implementation. Overall 720 tribal youths will be benefited and 1200 tribal people under the project. As per the strategy beneficiaries will be added every year. Project will also sensitize the tribal community though its women to adopt sanitation drink clean water and live healthy life. Positive impact of the project will be visible immediately within 9 months of its implementation. It is estimated that we should reach at least 16 villages tribal people effectively to adopt sanitation, drink clean water and live healthy and creative life. This will help the tribal community for overall growth towards eradicating the poverty and coming out from the vicious cycle of poverty.

**5. Project Description and Schedule**

**Project activities:**

* Purchase of pigs in order to distribute the same to poorest among the poor tribal women who are likely to be trafficked from their villages
* Create Corpus Fund under the project to support tribal women who are found engaged in collection of MFP and processing of ASP
* Set up Tribal Women Committee (TWC) to implement and monitor the proposed project at grassroots level, and
* Conduct series of Small Group discussions (SGDs) to inculcate technical knowledge among the tribal community to adopt sanitation, drink clean water
* 120 tribal women will be given pair of pigs to nurture in their mud house and generate income
* First year beneficiary will donate a pair of pigs next year to TWC for further donating the same to next beneficiaries free of cost and this cycle will be repeated year after year.
* Conduct 16 Small Group Discussion by the experts on sanitation and drinking safe water

**6. Participants**

**Project areas, Villages and participants:** Proposed project will be implemented in Jashpur and Balrampur districts of Chhatisgarh and Latehar and Gumla districts of Jharkhand. Each district we have to take 8 villages who are remote and inaccessible dominated by tribal community and are in an around the forest. Overall 16 tribal villages will be our project areas of contiguous districts of Chhatisgarh and Jharkhand States in Central India. All the participants would be tribal youths and their girls/women.

**7. Products**

Our product under the proposed project would be to enhance the number of pigs, enhance income and to sensitize community to adopt sanitation, drink clean water and live creative and healthy life.

**8. Budget Plan**

**Estimated Budget Requirement:** An amount of US$.30,833.00 is required to start the project.

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