

Project Update: February 2016

The 1st Quarterly Progress report for the period of November 2015 to January 2016.

1. Formation and Strengthening of VMCs

The project has formed gender balanced Village Mangrove Councils (VMCs) at Junusnagar, Purussottampur, Mattha, Gupti and Jagannathpur villages. 75 members of five VMCs of these villages were provided capacity building training on VMC management.

2. Community Led Mangrove Plantation

The mangrove plantation activities were conducted with active participation of community members of Jagannathpur village. The plantation was conducted in a 8.5 ha area in that site.

3. Promotion of Alternative Livelihoods

48 members from 32 WSHGs participated in an interface meeting and interaction with delegates from Odisha Livelihood Mission, local bank, Sarpanch, Mangrove Forest Division (WL) etc. The delegates were given their valuable suggestions on sustainable alternative livelihood to women SHGs of these areas.

4. Community Awareness on Mangroves

The project was organised a discussion on '*Why mangroves are important to our community*'. 54 participants from different stakeholders participated in the programme.



Left: Mangrove Plantation work in Jagannathpur village. Right: Community Awareness Programme on Mangroves.