

## Project Update: July 2016

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Progress report for the period of May 2016 to July 2016.

### 1. Community Led Mangrove Plantation

The mangrove plantation activities have been continuing with active participation of community members of Jagannathpur village. Plantation was conducted in 4.5 ha area in this period.

### 2. Federation of Village Mangrove Councils

Odi-MAN (Odisha Mangrove Action Network) a federation of Village Mangrove Council has formed. Odi-MAN is a unique partnership of 27 VMCs (Village Mangrove Councils), other stakeholders continues facilitating knowledge sharing and opportunities of mutual cooperation for conservation, restoration and management of mangroves.

### 3. Community Awareness on Mangroves

On the occasion of International Mangrove Action Day, the project has organised a panel discussion on "Role of Mangroves in Reducing Disaster Risks" on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 48 participants were represented from MFD (Mangrove Forest Division), NGOs, VMCs, media personnel etc. The participants were discussed about the importance of mangroves for Odisha on account of disaster risks to the area.

### 4. School Students Education on Mangroves

42 schools students were participated in a quiz competition on mangroves at Balijhari School, Rajnagar.



Left to right: Community volunteers are participated in mangrove plantation work; Organize of International Mangrove Action Day 2016 & School Students were participated in mangrove quiz competition