

FGLG-India

WORK PLAN 2012



FGLG India Annual Work Plan 2012

Serial No.	Activities	Who	When	How
1. (a)	<p><i>Forest Rights and Small Forest Enterprise</i></p> <p><i>Forest Rights Act (FRA) status of implementation</i></p> <p>In FRA, the focus will be on continued policy advocacy including tracking implementation and post forestland allocation challenges and impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learnt on FRA for policy feedback to different Union Ministries – MoRD, MoEF, MoTA • Continue policy advocacy work in the context of the way it is being implemented in states – reforms and amendment issues. • Hand hold solutions on FRA implementation • Studies of post FRA allocation impacts and challenges – social, environmental, conservation and livelihoods convergence – both at the community and household level. These studies will focus particularly on livelihoods convergence initiatives as a forest conservation mechanism. <p>This documentation of experience will be in two to three states: Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand and possibly Odisha.</p>	SU, SP and other team members	Jan-Dec 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and dissemination through strategic meetings with policymakers, and use of the media. • Sample study in a few states (Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha) of implementation of FRA and its outcomes and impacts • Discussion notes: short briefs targeting the District Administration and the State Administration - both at the nodal point of convergence i.e. the Collectors Office. They will also be used to influence the potential for replication at the state level.
(b)	<p><i>Strengthen Community Forest Management (CFM) through recognition of rights</i></p> <p>This work will look at benefit sharing in the REDD context, since (a)</p>	SP, REDD team and other	Jan-Dec 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field work, local workshops, dialogues • The consultations will target policy

	<p>the Government of India, under JFM+, has just started to implement a REDD project in a JFM area (b) in selected CFM areas one or two NGOs are planning to have a REDD project linking CFM, and (c) the current work by FGLG will focus on discussing benefit sharing at the national level to give it a statutory backing. FGLG will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with CFM groups in Odisha to devise a benefit sharing mechanism in the context of REDD and work with the State and National Government to devise a statutory benefit sharing model. This work will look into some of the existing work going on and the benefit sharing mechanisms that groups have used, and put that into the REDD context. • Forest land reforms and securing tenure – the Odisha experience - through paralegals 	team members		makers – political and executive, research institutions, NGOs, donors and forestry support organizations at the national, state and sub-state level. There will be a policy brief, and a few rounds of discussion at the state and national level.
(c)	<p><i>Strengthen community based institutions to run Non Timber Forest Product (NTFP) enterprises</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas for NTFP Division in the MOEF • Tracking the impact of recent policy change where bamboo has been declared as NTFP • The bamboo connect with FRA-PESA and NTFP governance • Provide capacity assistance to state governments in sustainable harvesting and marketing <p>This activity will also focus on reviewing the national scenario of NTFPs post-FRA, to include reflections on the proposed MFP Commission, Minimum Support Price, etc.</p>	PB and other team members	Jan-Dec 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy brief on current policy and management of NTFP, discussions at national state levels. • Engage with state NTFP institutions on providing strategic inputs • Support (non-financial) and guide studies and research • Provide strategic link between the state and centre <p>In states where FGLG members are present, the state governments have sought FGLG's support to help in NTFP management, formation of guidelines, etc. Eg. This is the case in Odisha where FGLG's support is constantly sought on these points. There are letters circulated by government.</p>

2.	<p><i>Legitimate Forest Products</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting the investment made in tree plantations, their current status, and their contribution towards meeting the need of legitimate forest products in the country. • An overview of the current demand of forest products (wood-based) and main sources through which this demand is currently being met. 	SS and others	2012 (second component). The first component of the study was completed in 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy paper for MOEF • Interactions with external agencies who are providing investments • Short report, powerpoint and media piece
3.	<p><i>Pro poor climate mitigation and adaptation through forestry</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing a policy brief based on the National consultation and experiences of others. b. Providing inputs to National REDD strategy, when MOEF initiate the process and/or influencing them to initiate. c. Inputs to REDD+ Preparedness through the Committee on REDD+ d. Exploring FLEGT; Lacey Act Amendments and REDD+. The focus will be on the connection between Lacey Amendments and Indian policy and legislation, especially that which covers NTFP. Similarly, FLEGT will be examined in terms of potential impacts in the Indian context. 	SK and other team members	2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations field assessment, workshops • Develop a “Learning Platform”/ generation of knowledge on climate change and REDD as a priority area, to develop strategies for replication. (The work will take advantage of existing knowledge hubs and platforms, which might be informal. The team will not necessary establish a new learning platform unless it is necessary for knowledge generation and sharing). • Generate awareness for all stakeholders. • Develop understanding of the Government of India’s Climate Change Action Plan so as to align the FGLG’s strategy • Interact with experts and field visit • Advocacy on allocation of funds from CAMPA: production of a brief note for advocacy purposes • Develop discussion notes.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the Farmers Guide to REDD+ preparedness. This will be produced in English and in vernacular languages, and will address particular state specialities.
4.	<p><i>Other activities: Respond to emerging governance developments and challenges</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRA- PESA and Scheduled Area Governance – Addressing LWE Continue work on PESA, FRA, Joint Forest Management – Connect Continue tracking Green India mission & Compensatory Afforestation, Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Following land – forest – climate change work in different parts of the country with innovative models and linking them to ongoing FGLG work. FGLG-Asia Fundraising Organise presentations by thematic experts On-going information and communication within team and externally through FGLG India website etc. Tree Farming on Non Forest Lands- Committee and inputs to that (3 FGLG India members involved) Show casing FGLG India work at CBD- COP (Hyderabad, October 2012) Contributions to Planning Commission sub-groups eg on International Cooperation Contribution to MOEF meeting on ‘JFM+’ Involvement in Forest Certification Council of India New challenges and responses from FGLG India as and when the need arises and after prior discussion with FGLG Members 	All members	2012	<p>Through policy dialogues, blogs, web-discussions, seminars, webinars, strategic meetings, media briefs. FGLG India is also considering producing a regular newsletter.</p>