

FGLG-India

Work plan 2013



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Serial No.	Activities	Who	When	How
1. (a)	<p>Forest Rights and Small Forest Enterprise</p> <p>Forest Rights Act (FRA) status of implementation</p> <p>Emerging Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversion of forest land where forest rights subsists: Implications in law and policy • Recent debates on CCI; Linear projects such as NHAI and FRA compliance; • Definitional and operational concerns: Ministerial Clarifications • Relevance in North Eastern States <p>Post Claim Strategy' on Forest Rights, - for ensuring conservation and sustainable management of forest by forest dependent people-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is Post Claim Strategy required? <i>The Need assessment</i> • Climate variations and its impact on agriculture - <i>Need to protect subsistence means of vulnerable communities</i> • Kind of assistance required - <i>Need for creative use of existing Schemes and Programs (Tripura; Umaria e.g.)</i> • New Amendments to FRA formalising Post Claim Strategy (FGLG India may take some credit for this) • Illustrative Institutional Framework for implementing post claim strategy (Lessons from Tripura) • Creative use of Orders of the Supreme Court of India for supporting the Post Claim phase- the Link to CAMPA • Besides, North East, focus will be on states like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha 	SU, SP KCM and VU	Jan-Sep 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and dissemination through strategic meetings with policymakers, and use of the media. • 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>Concept and rationale for JFM +</p> <p>JFM+ is a new development in the country to strengthen the JFM programme by addressing loose ends in reference to appropriate legal framework, appropriate entitlement regimes, fund leverage, more livelihood opportunities, dispute resolution, and better monitoring and evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Backup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linking statutory institution-GS ○ MoU to MoA ○ Integration with FRA, WPA biodiversity act, ○ Mid-course monitoring • Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proper micro plan development and implementation ○ Conflict resolution formal mechanism ○ SFM concept and appropriate silviculture • Livelihoods convergence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post claim/ benefit sharing ○ Convergence of scheme ○ IGA ,Local enterprise ○ Skill development-ecotourism, NTFP, ecosystem services • 	PB, AKB, SU, RCS, KCM	Jan-Sep 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position Paper Ready 5th June (World Environment Day) • Start Governance Advocacy activity from 5 th June to Sept. 2013 • Field visits
2.	<p>Legitimate Forest Products</p> <p>Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPAs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ CAMPAs : Origin, definitions, concept – Issues against a historical landscape – Institutional mechanism and operations: Issues and challenges ▶ CAMPAs Finance : State vs the Centre, state/centre plan, ▶ CAMPAs : Local communities: benefits, decision making, possibilities of integrating PESA and FRA institutions ▶ Approaches to decentralised and institutionalized benefit sharing – presenting a workable model ▶ CAMPAs: Exploring ways/ mechanisms for promoting SFM/ Ecosystem Approach (as defined by CBD) through the available 	AKB, SP, SU, SS	Jan-Sep 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position paper ready by August to be placed before state/national policy makers

	CAMPA funds			
3.	<p><i>Pro poor climate mitigation and adaptation through forestry</i></p> <p>Position Paper on National REDD+ Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Understanding international state of the art and best practice on REDD+ implementation and drawing lessons for India</i> • <i>Analysis of existing policy and legal spaces in India that promote or constrain REDD+ objectives</i> • <i>Identification of appropriate institutional and governance models for scaling up REDD+ in the country</i> • <i>Listing innovative tools, techniques and methods for promoting REDD+ actions, especially enhancement of carbon stock, without compromising other ecosystem services or local livelihoods (silviculture, fuelwood, NTFPs, grazing, etc.) (learning from existing initiatives)</i> • <i>Addressing Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) issues (protocols, capacity building, databases, etc.)</i> 	AKB, SK, RCS, SS	Jan-Sep 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in stakeholder consultations at different levels • Facilitating or assisting in capacity building efforts of different government or non-government initiatives/ projects/ programs • Position paper: January-June 2013 • Participation in stakeholder consultations and capacity building efforts: January-September 2013