

Livelihood Resource Centre Network (LRCN)



A community level capacity building initiative to improve the quality of life

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LRCN is an initiative of Orissa Watershed Development Mission (OWDM) supported by DFID under the Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project (WORLP). It is a network of field NGOs, Resource Organizations (ROs), Resource Persons (RPs) from different disciplines, Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) and OWDM

Mission

Empowering village communities to improve their quality of life.

Purpose of LRCN

The purpose of LRCN is to institutionalise and sustain the capacity building processes for the primary stakeholders (communities).

Area of Operation

Four Districts in Western Orissa - Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada & Bargarh

Strategies

- Working through the project implementing agencies (PIAs)
- Building on the existing capacities, resources and experiences
- Providing need based, focused and consistent capacity building inputs in a systematic manner
- Capacity building interventions beyond trainings i.e. information resource centres, demonstrations, exposures etc
- Advocacy for mainstreaming capacity building

LRCN Facilitators

Orissa Watershed Development Mission (OWDM)

OWDM is a registered society responsible for planning, monitoring, supervising and implementing all watershed programmes with a special focus on creating an enabling environment for the State to initiate people-centred livelihoods based watershed projects. It is headed by the Director Watershed Mission supported by a team of Professional experts.

Coordination and Facilitation Unit (CFU)

The CFU provides managerial and technical support to the network partners in LRCN. It is a part of the WORLP Management Consultants. It consists of two specialists - Technical Coordinator and Social & Gender Coordinator. The CFU works in close coordination with the Project Support Unit (PSU), WORLP to oversee and guide the functioning of LRCN.

Resource Organisations (RO)

Several institutions and individuals of repute and experienced in different sectors are associated with LRCN. They provide technical guidance and support in development of certified training kits and monitor the training quality. Orissa University of Agriculture Technology (OUAT), Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Society for Management of Information, Learning & Extension (SMILE), Xavier Institute of Management (XIM), Central Institute for Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Water Technology Centre for Eastern Region (WTCER) and Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) act as some of the Resource Organisations.

Cluster Livelihood Resource Centres (CLRC)

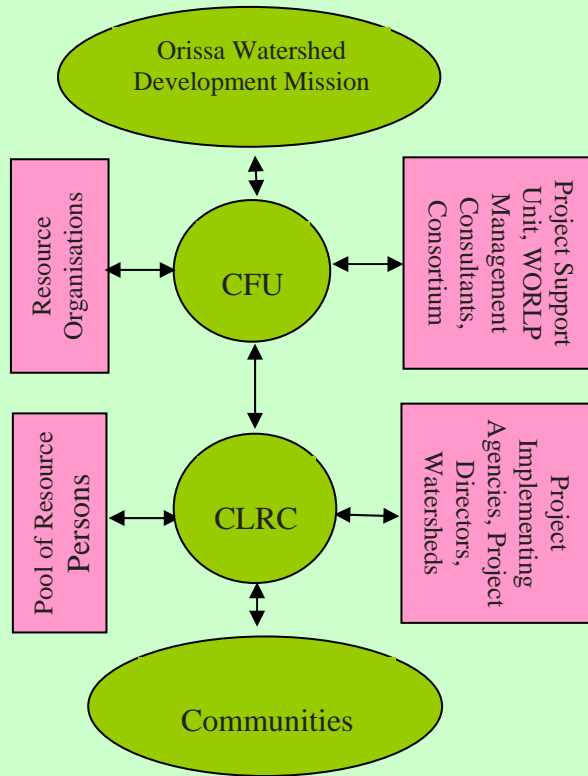
CLRCs are anchored by well established organisations that are located close to the communities. Currently there are six CLRCs covering over 200 villages. Each CLRC is managed by a dedicated team of professionals.

Pool of Resource Persons (PRPs)

The CLRCs deliver training programmes directly to the village communities through a pool of resource persons. Over 250 qualified PRPs specialised in a range of subjects such as agriculture, soil and water conservation, livestock, right to information, micro-enterprises, community health, aquaculture and community organisation are part of the resource pool.



Structure



LRCN is committed to:

1. Working with and supporting partners in need based community capacity building;
2. Making positive difference to people's lives;
3. Being innovative;
4. Promoting and following participatory capacity building processes;
5. Being sensitive and responsive to local communities' values, culture and beliefs.

CLRC offers a series of quality capacity building programmes for the primary stakeholders on a range of themes, including :

- Natural Resource Management
- Soil and water conservation
- Animal husbandry
- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Horticulture
- Community Health
- Right to Information
- Gender
- Community Organisations
- Micro Enterprises
- Composting
- Apiculture
- Disaster Preparedness
- Vocational Training

In addition CLRC functions as resource centre supporting information dissemination, documentation, report writing, project appraisal and undertaking monitoring & evaluation.



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List of CLRCs:

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2. Western Orissa Resource Centre(WORC), Xavier Institute of Management, At: Rajendrapara Bolangir, Telephone : 06652- 230274
3. Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan(SVA), At: Bilenjore, Po: Korabia, Nuapada, Telephone: 06679 - 244671
4. Banabasi Seva Samiti(BSS), At: Dangariguda, Po: Deypur, Via: Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi Telephone: 06846 - 243637
5. Jeevandhara Womens' Community Trust (JWCT), At/Po: Narla Road, Kalahandi Telephone: 06677 - 240193
6. West Utkal Agricultural Centre (WUAC), At/Po: Diptipur, Via: Padampur, Bargarh Telephone : 06683 - 227750