

Report on
Sensitization workshop @ Kendrapada, Odisha
Date: February 28, 2020

Details of the programs were provided below:

Sl no	RWSS Division/Executive Engineer	Workshop Proceeding Report
Workshop-III (February 28,2020)	Kendrapada/Mr Dilip Kumar Dehury	<p>This workshop was organized on the 28th February 2020 and it was last in the series. It was arranged in a conference room with all facilities for the presentation such as projector and pointers etc. 17 number of participants were present in the workshop including 2AEEs,4JE-I, 6 JE-II, 2 AE, 1 SDO.</p> <p>The workshop started at 10.30AM as the participants arrived late. Mr Dilip dehury welcomed all the participants and introduced Mr R K Tripathy to the participants.</p> <p>He started with highlighting number of issues being faced by their department. Almost all issues were similar that was discussed in earlier workshops. There were serious allegations of non-cooperation from the gram panchayats, especially from the sarpanchs. Though, state government staffs are having a tendency to blame the GPs and GPs pass on the blame to state government functionaries for non-provisioning of services or maintenance issues.</p> <p>Workshop Proceedings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Tripathy presented the outline of the progrmae, objective of the government and discussed in details of the programe that was carried out in support of UNICEF and state government.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. He presented the finding of the survey of that area to the participants and sought their opinion on that.3. They agreed to the poor service conditions of water supply in the rural areas and said that majority of the issues are due to funds unavailability.4. They alleged that GPs are not spending the amount they have received through various FC grats and state governments.5. GPs delay the payment to the mechanic and several times, the mechanic has to come to RWSS to complaint and there are several cases registered for these issues.6. While highlighting several issues, the participants opined that private sector intervention will certainly help in improving the services in the sector.7. Also, the old assets require overhauling and piped drinking water provisioning is getting priority of the government now.8. They also endorsed the Management and operation contract model for the PPP intervention of the sector for rural areas. This is because governmet of Odisha is also spending a good amount of money in O&M every year and there is scope of corruption every time.9. A long term arrangement with private player with output based monitoring mechanism will suit to every stakeholders. This will minimize repetitive process of awarding the contract every year and hopefully, political intervention will be less. However, they are skeptical of people paying for the services.10. The workshop discussed various facets of PPP interventions for social sector projects and discussed various alternatives.11. The participants were sensitized about the difference between privatization and PPP. The partnership aspect of the project was discussed in length and also, the role of people and community in the PPP project.12. The workshop ended with the potential role of RWSS in the PPP project and with a request to organize such trainings on frequent basis.
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Annex 1: Photographs of the workshop

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