

State Level Consultation On Sustainable Development Goals: Agenda 2030

Introduction

To build awareness among the Civil Society members at the state and national level Civil Society organizations and the Community based organizations who are involved with different activities with the marginalized section of the society. WNTA organized Six State Level Consultations on the SDGs in the State of, **Jharkhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andra Pradesh and Rajasthan.**

CSEI along with WNTA and wider CSO coalition facilitated Six State as well as one National Multi-stakeholders Consultation on Agenda 2030: SDGs.

Background of the project with relevance/rational in present context

Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI) CSEI is concerned with deepening democracy and developing our body politic by enhancing the enjoyment by excluded communities of their social, economic and cultural (SEC) rights. We recognize the widespread prevalence of exclusion and discrimination against Dalits, Adivasis, Muslims and other socially excluded communities in our society, and the specific vulnerabilities of women, children and youth within these communities, as regards access to education, employment and governance. Poverty, disability, physical/geographic in-accessibility, forms of illnesses and other context specific characteristics make the picture more complex, demanding sustained efforts in unraveling and addressing exclusion independently and intersectionally. **Education, employment, entrepreneurship and governance** are the key intervention areas keeping “**Exclusion – Equity –Inclusion**” as our watch words. CSEI collaborates with Civil Society Organisations, Networks and Community Led Organisations for promoting the development rights of the marginalised communities.

Government’s promises to its people regarding their rights and development are most critical in their development, particularly of socially excluded and marginalised communities. Tracking the governance process on the implementation of these promises and provisions provides an avenue for this. CSEI in collaboration with Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, which is a platform of civil society organisations initiated in 2000, proposes to take up Sate level consultation in six Indian states to popularize Sustainable development Goals (SDGs) at state level as well as a National multi-stakeholder consultation on SDGs in New Delhi, India.

Sustainable development Goals:

Since September 25th, 2015 the 193 country of the world adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All 193 countries have attended the United Nations General Assembly, on 25th September 2015 and have accepted the SDGs for the next 15 years. The SDGs consist of 17 goals, and 169 targets. These goals will help to frame the national development agenda of these countries. The international agenda aims to achieve these Goals by 2030. It aims in ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting oceans and forests and facilitating global peace ultimately improving the standard and the condition of living across all humanity. Leave no one behind was at the core of the principals of facilitating the SDGs.

In India, **Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)** has been leading the process of developing consensus from civil society and other communities around their aspirations from the new development agenda. Wada Na Todo Abhiyan has proactively engaged with working towards the formation of Sustainable Development Goals over the last three years. As a large civil society coalition, we have worked with stakeholders like academic and development experts in producing knowledge products from an Indian perspective to influence the SDGs process.

SDGs are ambitious goals that will help eradicate poverty and inequality and tackle climate change for the next 15 years in India, but they will only be successful if common people and affected communities get engaged with the goals. To achieve this aim, we are keen to reach out to the mass specially the marginalised sections (Dalits, Tribals, Minorities, Women and Children) and create awareness on SDGs and how it affects their lives.

People's manifesto:

The National People's Manifesto - the process which was completed in 205 constituencies across 24 states – with support from PACS, Christian Aid, Oxfam and in partnership with CASA and World Vision and several grassroot level CSOs. The campaign in its own network and with the involvement of the national platform on People's Manifesto facilitated with direct and indirect involvement of about 16 lakh people in 250 parliamentary constituencies in 24 states. A delegation from the National Alliance for people's manifesto met leaders and members of different political parties and advocated for the incorporation of the demands and aspirations of the marginalised community highlighted in the People's manifesto. Comparative manifestos of Political parties Vis-A-Vis People's Manifesto was developed and shared with the wider CSO network, media and the political parties.

Description of the action/activities and effectiveness

One of the pillars of the WNTA is to build awareness on SDGs among the civil society members/ Organizations, Community based organisation and other stakeholder at the state and national level who have long term engagement with different marginalised section of the society. WNTA organized six state level Consultations on the SDGs in the states of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andra Pradesh and Rajasthan and one National Multi-stakeholders Consultation on Agenda 2030: SDGs in Delhi.

Broader Objectives for SDGs

WNTA recognizes Agenda 2030 as an opportunity for ending poverty, social exclusion and discrimination through the implementation of the SDGs through the lens of “Leave No one Behind”.

The WNTA campaign envisages

1. Popularizing SDGs at State and National level and to facilitate dialogue between civil society groups and appropriate governments to realize and incorporate these goals in the national and sub-national planning.
2. Strengthening the networking with CSOs network and advocate with the Government, the NITI Aayog for better implementation of SDGs.
3. Regular monitoring of the SDGs and facilitating the periodic shadow reporting and, monitoring. Identification of Gaps and advocacy.

STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: AGENDA 2030

The brief detail of the State level Consultation in the State of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan is as follow;

ANDRA PRADESH



Release of SDGs Document in Local Language

The State Level Consultation was jointly organized by Andhra Pradesh & Telangana State chapter of WNTA, **People's Action for Rural Awakening** and **People's Monitoring Committee** on **26th October 2016** at **Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Baghlingampalli, Hyderabad**. Around 98 people from the state of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh participated in the event.

Outcome:

1. Orientation of different civil society organisations and the other stakeholder On SDGs was done.
2. Two committees: one for Andhra Pradesh and another for Telangana were formed. These committees were considered as the Adhoc committee members of WNTA Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State chapters.

3. A committee of CSO, academician, and other stakeholder to monitor the process on SDGs was formed at state level.
4. An attempt to strengthen the network of Government officials, bureaucrat and civil society organisation was proposed and seeded in the event.

UTTAR PRADESH

The State Level Consultation was organized by Uttar Pradesh State chapter of WNTA, **Supporting Association for Thematic and Holistic Initiatives-Uttar Pradesh** on **14th September 2016** at **Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow**. Around 60 people from the 15 district of Uttar Pradesh participated in the event.

Outcome:

1. Information on SDGs and its processes at national and sub national level was disseminated and people from different organisation was oriented on SDGs.
2. A committee of CSO, academician, and other stakeholder to monitor the process on SDGs was formed.
3. Hindi version of the SDGs document was also presented and a coalition of civil society organisation was proposed and advocated. People from different civil society organisation agreed to popularise SDGs in their community/district.

BIHAR



State level consultation Bihar, Patna

The State Level Consultation was organized by Bihar State chapter of WNTA, **in association with Save the Children & Bihar Voluntary Health Association** on 26th November 2016 at **A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna**. Around 88 people from different district of Bihar participated in the event.

Outcomes:

1. Popularised SDGs amongst distinguished participants who includes people from rural set-up and working with grassroots organisations.
2. A coalition of the civil society organisation was proposed and the people from different organisations agreed to strengthen their network at local level and agreed to popularise SDGs in their districts and locality.
3. A network of civil society organisation was formed to share information and Data on SDGs process amongst them. And civil society organisations agreed to disseminate the information to their respective community and marginalised group with which they have long term engagement.

RAJASTHAN

The State Level Consultation was organized by Rajasthan State chapter of WNTA, **CECOEDECON** on 15th October 2016 at **Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur**. Around 85 People from 10 district of Rajasthan participated in the event.

Outcomes:

1. Popularised SDGs amongst participants from 15 districts from different civil society organisation grassroots organisations and other stakeholders.
2. SDGs translated in the Hindi language for grassroots organisation and progress on SDGs at state and national was also shared.
3. Dialogues between Government officials, Civil Society organisation and grassroots organisations was initiated to strengthen the networking and to improve the flow of information amongst them.

JHARKHAND

The State Level Consultation was organized by Jharkhand State chapter of WNTA, **“Life Education and Development Support” (LEADS)** on 25th October 2016 at hotel **Le Lac Hotel Rabchi, Jharkhand**. Around 75 people from different district of Jharkhand participated in the event.

Outcomes:

1. Popularised SDGs amongst participants from grassroots organisations working with marginalised communities at the ground along with the people from government departments and local leaders.
2. SDGs goals and targets translated in the Hindi language for grassroots organisation and state and national progress on SDGs was also shared.
3. Dialogues between Government official and Civil Society organisation was initiated to strengthen the networking and to improve the implementation of SDGs process in the state.
4. Monitoring of SDGs process was advocated, a network of civil society organisation was formed to monitor the process on SDGs.

WEST BENGAL

The State Level Consultation was organized by West Bengal State chapter of WNTA, on 29th November 2016 at **The Stadel, Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Kirangan Gate No. 3, Salt Lake, Kolkata**. Around 83 people participated in the event.

Outcomes:

1. Popularised SDGs amongst different stakeholder, social groups such as women, youth and commercial sex workers.
2. SDGs goal and targets were translated in local dialects i.e Bangla and information on the progress and processes on SDGs at national, state and sub-state level was also shared.
3. Dialogues between Government official and Civil Society organisation was initiated to strengthen the networking and to improve the implementation of SDGs process in the state.
4. A network of civil society organisation was formed to monitor the progress on SDGs in the state.

Organogram of WNTA campaign

