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on Action Taken Report on Recommendations in Evaluation Report of KEA

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I. **Title of the Evaluation Study:** Evaluation of Impact of the Joint Forest Planning and Management (JFPM) programme in Karnataka

Department: Forest Department. [ATR Date: 18-09-2017]

ECO: Hyderabad Karnataka Center for Advanced Learning (HKCL).

Sl. No.	Recommendation of the Study	Action Taken by the Department	Status	Remarks / Comments
1.	<p>Based on the inputs from the study data and our interactions with different stakeholders of JFPM the following recommendations are made for making the JFPM program more effective and people centric. The recommendations are presented under the following three sub-headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Changes • Short Term Recommendations • Long Term Recommendations <p>Policy Changes</p> <p>One of the main factors inhibiting the successful implementation of JFPM is the lack of a clearly defined interface between the policy and institutional networks that have to operationalize the policy. The most critical need is to put in place an institutional set up within the KFD to</p>	<p>Action taken report provided as per letter no. 23/ಮುಅನಂ/ಪ್ರಾಚಾರ್ಯ/ಆರ್ - 01/2017-18 dated 18th Sep 2017 by Forest Department includes reports by Deputy Conservator of Forests of the respective forest divisions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not Practicable Recommendation.</p>	<p>In the opinion of KFPD there is no need of designating an exclusive APCCF for the purpose. There is effective institutional mechanism to carry out</p>

<p>handle different aspects of the JFPM program. It is suggested that there be a designated officer in the cadre of APCCF (JFPM) with a dedicated grant to monitor JFPM activities. Since the Karnataka Forest Act (section 31 A) has already made a provision for constitution and functioning of VFCs to carry on JFPM activities the need of the hour is only to strengthen the program.</p>			<p>purposes of the JFPM</p>
<p>At this point of time many VFCs have to depend on grant schemes that are not specifically JFPM centric and hence the continuation of a particular activity depends on the availability of funds that could be diverted to JFPM related activities. It is thus suggested that a designated grant for carrying on VFC activities may be set apart in KFD itself so that dependence of VFCs on scheme grants or other funds would not act as a block for carrying on their regular activities.</p>		<p>Not Practicable Recommendation.</p>	<p>If JFPM has to succeed, enough resources need to be generated by the VFCs. JFPM relying consistently on grants or other financial help from the external agency including government is not sustainable.</p>
<p>If JFPM has to succeed, a continuous flow of economic activities must take place in VFCs. Provision for designated grants must be made in the JFPM:policy itself. To keep the VFC in an activity mode the Private- Public-Partnership</p>		<p>Not Practicable Recommendation.</p>	<p>Same as above</p>

<p>model can be followed.</p>			<p>Distribution of LPG cylinders is subsumed into Chief Minister's Anil Bhagya Scheme Damages from wild animals are being covered under ex-gratia payment directly by the government.;</p> <p>Primary focus of the Forest Department is to protect forests. Keeping VFC engaged into economic activity is primarily a domain of Rural Development Department.</p>
<p>4. KFD must create a revolving fund for distribution of benefits such as gas cylinders, solar lamps and protection from wild animals. Our suggestion is that KFD must engage the VFC in activities that bring economic returns to members so that they have enough resources to lead comfortable lives and in the process reduce their forest dependence.</p>		<p>Not Practicable Recommendation.</p>	
<p>5. Services of facilitators must be continued because they are not only well informed about the JPPM program me and its implications, but also have the grassroots connections and network that can take the program forward. Facilitators can not only ensure a continuous flow of information but also motivate VFC members to convene meetings and discuss village development initiatives. The JPPM policy must include a provision for appointment of facilitators by KFD and ensuring that a sufficient amount be set apart for paying</p>		<p>Partially Implemented</p>	<p>Due to paucity of funds, it is not possible to keep all the motivators engaged.</p> <p>Wherever resources permitted, motivators have been retained.</p>

honorarium to the facilitators. NGOs should be engaged to provide the services of facilitators.

Abstract

Study Name: Evaluation of Impact of the Joint Forest Planning and Management (JFPM) program in Karnataka	
Status	To be filled up by the Department
Implemented	0
Partially Implemented	1
Not Implemented	0
Being Implemented	0
Policy Decisions	0
General/Unwarranted/Not Practicable Recommendations.	4
Total No. Of Recommendations	5
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