

Integrated approach towards community mobilisation and LFR

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LFR training
attended
(**November
2021**)

Bamboo-crafts skill
training programmes
organised in tribal
villages (**August 2022 –
December 2022**)

Rs. 26,000
invested and
Rs. 1,25,000
raised



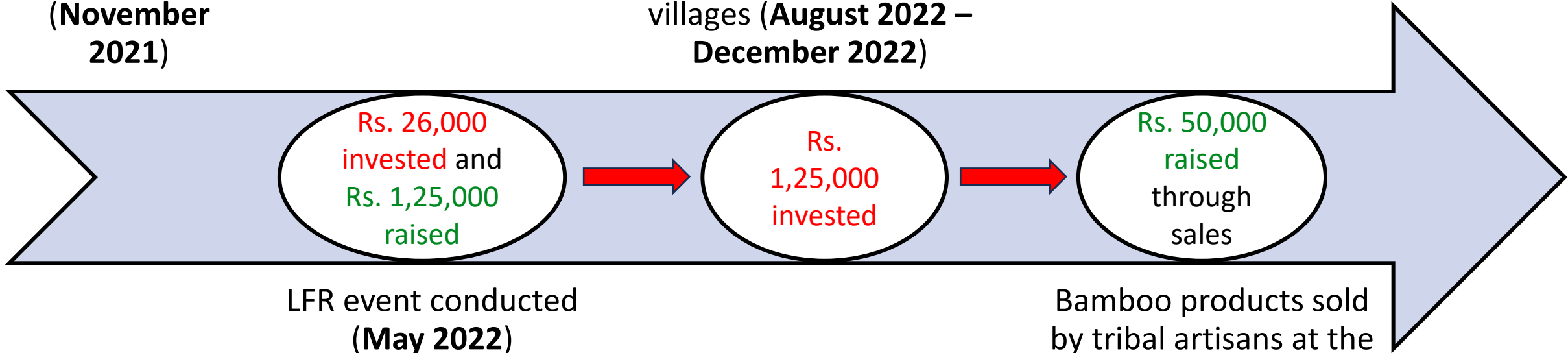
Rs.
1,25,000
invested



Rs. 50,000
raised
through
sales

LFR event conducted
(**May 2022**)

Bamboo products sold
by tribal artisans at the
local state fair (**January
2023**)



LFR funds played a role in empowering the tribal community

- After participating in the LFR training, conducted by Smile Foundation in November 2021, we successfully conducted an LFR event in our region and managed to raise 1,25,000 rupees through donations.
- With the amount raised, we conducted bamboo crafts training programmes in **15 tribal villages**
- Local artisans Shankar Kavji Bangare and Tukaram Kadhu Dhole taught the skill to tribal people of different age groups
- We particularly involved the youngsters and women for this training so that they could earn some income

Skill training workshops arranged for youngsters



Skill training workshops arranged for tribal women



LFR funds played a role in empowering the tribal community

- The baskets made in 15 villages through all the training programmes were sold at the local state fair – *Mhasa*, in January 2023
- The artisans **earned up to 50,000 rupees** through the sale of the baskets
- They have invested part of this amount in purchasing bamboo rhizomes to grow in their village areas – **a small step towards becoming self-sufficient**
- The rest, they have distributed amongst themselves for household expenses

Baskets sold at the state fair



Community led LFR events

- Inspired by the success of our LFR event, a community-based organization in our field area organized their own LFR on a very small scale
- They held an exhibition and sale of wild vegetables and fruits for local vendors, teachers from the government school, and residents
- **With minimal investment, they raised 7000 rupees**
- This amount was utilized by the tribal women in 2 villages to file their forest rights claims
- The event highlighted the potential of **community-driven initiatives** and showcased the power of grassroots efforts for positive change

Community LFR initiative



Seasonal wild vegetables and fruits sale



Exhibition of leafy green vegetables

How we managed the CLASP Principles

Credibility

- Before organizing the event, we conducted **thorough research** on the specific needs and challenges faced by the tribal communities, and the prospects after bamboo crafts skill training
- We **shared this information** with the beneficiaries

Legitimacy

- To ensure legitimacy, we **collaborated** with reputable CBOs and CSOs and tribal **community leaders**
- Their **involvement** provided us with necessary support
- Working with the leaders helped us understand the needs of the community and we aligned our efforts accordingly

Accountability

- We formed a local committee responsible for the allocation of funds.
- This committee consisted of representatives from our team and members of the tribal community.
- We made sure to maintain **transparency with all stakeholders** about the budget, objectives, and research

Service orientedness

- We actively sought input from the tribal beneficiaries
- We conducted **surveys and focus group discussions** to understand their preferences
- By building **good relationships** with all stakeholders and providing **capacity building training** to the CBOs, we have tried to create a **sustainable model** of grassroots empowerment

Power-based

- By **shifting the power dynamics** from a top-down approach to a **collaborative** one, the beneficiary involvement increased to a large extent
- We not only **strengthened our position** amongst all stakeholders, but also **empowered our beneficiaries** to play an active role in the outcomes of the event

Planning for the future - establishing local enterprises for tribal women



- Setting up small-scale enterprises for tribal women will provide them with financial independence and opportunities for skill development.
- These enterprises will aim to uplift the marginalised tribal communities and contribute in a small way to their socio-economic development.

Some ideas we would like to work on for tribal women's enterprises

- Natural colours from flowers
- Bamboo crafts
- Vegetable cultivation
- Turmeric powder processing
- Leaf plates and bowls
- Seed banks and local nurseries
- Vermicompost
- Food and millet processing units
- Poultry and goat rearing
- Collection and sale of gums and resins