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**Guidelines for Convergence between State Rural Livelihood Missions
(SRLM) and Mahatma Gandhi NREGA under Rural Development
Department**

Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has mandated convergence of livelihood work under National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) with Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in all states. The category wise permissible activities as prescribed in Schedule I of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA issued by the Ministry clearly mentions category C as livelihood activities formulated by Self Help Groups under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The creation of durable assets for promotion of livelihood activities of NRLM SHG is one of the key priorities under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Hence, to ensure a smooth implementation of convergence works between DAY – NRLM and MGNREGA, Joint convergence guidelines has been prepared and issued by the department.

1. Type of works for convergence

| S. No | Name of Work | Work under MGNREGA | Work under SRLM |
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| 1 | Construction of Cow shed, urine tank and Compost pit | Construction of shed including both material and wage cost | Community Investment Funds through WDS or Bank Credit Linkage through Bank Sakhis for Dairy Cow. Pasu Sakhi Support on technical Issues, Capacity Building on scientific Dairy farming and marketing facilitation including value addition |
| 2 | Construction of Pig Sty | Construction of pig sty including both material and wage cost | Community Investment Funds through WDS or Bank Credit Linkage through Bank Sakhis for Pigglets. Pasu Sakhi Support on technical Issues, Capacity Building on scientific Piggery farming and marketing facilitation. |
| 3 | Construction of Poultry Shelter | Construction of pig sty including both material and wage cost | Community Investment Funds through WDS or Bank Credit Linkage through Bank Sakhis for Chicks. Pasu Sakhi Support on technical Issues, Capacity Building on scientific Poultry farming and Marketing facilitation |

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| 4 | Creation of durable infrastructure for livelihood activities formulated by NRLM SHGs | Construction of Infrastructure such as pucca storage facilities, processing centres etc (both material and wage component) for Producer Groups/ Federations | Producer Groups will be supported with Infrastructure and Meeting the credit requirement of PGs through Bank Sakhis. Capacity Building on Marketing and Value Addition. |
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2. Selection of Cluster / Blocks for Convergence work

- The selection of block / clusters for each of the activities as mentioned above in para 1 shall be done by the SRLM. The block wise potential activities for convergence work to be identified by SRLM as per the feasibility assessment or in consultation with concern BDO and SRLM team
- The extent of coverage of both SLRM and MGNREGA is across all blocks in Sikkim. However, a cluster for each livelihood activities would help prioritize these activities in a larger scale to yield higher outcomes. The cluster identification may be based on the existing potential of the livelihood activities, skills, number of household presently involved and most importantly the access to better market.
- A cluster for dairy farming, poultry and piggery to be identified jointly by MGNREGA and SRLM team after due assessment.
- The activities such as creation of piggery / dairy farm, nurseries, food processing / storage house etc to be identified based on the cluster approach

3. Beneficiary Identification

- The beneficiaries identification such as SHGs, Members within SHGs in case of Individual Benefit Scheme (IBS) shall be done by SRLM following due guidelines of DAY – NRLM. For groups activities and Group Infrastructure the beneficiary shall be SHG/Producer Groups/Federation of SRLM.
- The beneficiaries selected by the SRLM should be from the Poorest of the Poor (PoP) or from the vulnerable household as specified under Para 5 of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA guideline.
- The list of beneficiary identified by the SRLM SHGs should be placed before the Gram Sabha for inclusion in the Shelf of Projects under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. However, the beneficiary identified by the SHGs shall be considered final and incase of any changes, the Gram Sabha shall do the same only with the consent of the SHGs /SHG members/Producer Groups/Federation of SRLM.

- The list of identified beneficiaries sector wise is to be provided to concern BDO and a district wise compiled list to ADC – Dev concern with copy to Project Director – MGNREGA.
- Beneficiaries shall be identified based on the approved list of livelihood activities as proposed under SRLM, the infrastructure support should be given to that particular beneficiary who received the support for the particular livelihood activity under SRLM.
- In case of group activities such as creation of the infrastructure for livelihood activities of SHG members/Producer Groups/Federation, the same is to be identified based on the feasibility of the proposed activities including availability of land etc

4. Execution of the Work

- After the identification of the beneficiary, the same shall be placed in the Gram Sabha for inclusion in the Shelf of Project under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.
- The infrastructure support for the identified beneficiaries shall be taken up under MGNREGA in the name of the SHG members/Producer Groups/Federation and not as per the Head of the Household.
- The Sanction Intimation shall be issued in the name of the women members of the SHG/President of Producer Groups/Federation with the name of SHG in bracket
- The copy of the Sanction Intimation of MGNREGA is to be provided to Mission Director, SRLM and PD – MGNREGA, Head office
- The copy of the work order at the block level is to be provided to Block Project Manager (BPM) of SLRM to ensure the compliance of the SRLM component simultaneously
- The estimate, work execution shall be the responsibility of the AE along with his concern JE / TA looking for MGNREGA.
- Any suggestion of the design part may be provided to the technical cell by SRLM team before execution of the work.
- The BPM or SHG concern under SRLM shall ensure the full utilization of the asset created. The animal support provided or as approved must be ensured right after the completion of the asset. No assets must go unutilized.

- The asset once created shall be handed over to the SHG/PG/Federation with the beneficiary details; however, the maintenance post creation shall be the responsibility of the beneficiary SHG/PG/Federation.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

- The progress of the work shall be monitored closely by the Block Development Office and Assistant Engineer concern at the block level under supervision ADC – Dev concern.
- The SHG shall ensure that the quality of the assets is not compromised by keeping a watch on the beneficiary and Job Card Holders during the construction period.
- All asset created shall be geo-tagged in Bhuwan site under NREGAssoft.
- All MGNREGA component to be audited by the Social Audit Unit apart from other independent monitoring
- SHGs group and the beneficiary of the asset shall mandatorily attend the Social Audit Jan Sunwai and validate the public expenditure made under MGNREGA
- The Block Project Manager (BPM) of SRLM and Additional Program Officer (APO) of MGNREGA shall pay a minimum of two joint visits to the work site. Preferably during the ongoing period and during the handing taking to SHG/PGs/Federation after completion.

7. Non negotiable in work execution

- There shall be no contractor in implementation.
- Only MGNREGA job cardholders will be employed for unskilled part of the work.
- Muster Rolls to be maintained at the worksite with copies in Gram Panchayats.
- Wage payment will be done through banks / post office accounts only.

8. Role & Responsibilities

| Sl. No. | Activity | Responsibility |
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| 1 | Cluster identification | SRLM & MGNREGA |
| 2 | Selection of beneficiaries | SRLM |
| 3 | Estimate preparation | JE / MGNREGA |
| 4 | Sanctioning the work | ADC –Dev |
| 5 | Issue of Work order | BDO |
| 6 | Construction of proposed asset for SHG | MGNREGA |
| 7 | Geo-tagging of assets | MGNREGA |
| 8 | Assistance for procurement of animal and facilitating on Source of Funding for it | SRLM |

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| 9 | Capacity building of SHG / Members – and Technical Support | SRLM |
| 10 | Facilitating Market Linkage for the Products | SRLM |
| 11 | Handing, taking of completed asset to beneficiary | MGNREGA & SRLM jointly |
| 12 | Organizing the Social Audit | SAU |

9. Joint Signboard

The asset under MGNREGA like animal shelter shall have a standard Citizen Information Board as prescribed by the MGNREGA guideline. However, the name of the SHG/SHG Producer Groups/SHG Federation to be mentioned along with the beneficiary name in CIB.

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1. PS to HM, RDD
2. PS to Chief Secretary
3. Additional Chief Secretary cum Dev. Commissioner
4. All ADC - Dev
5. All BDOs
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