

How to conduct Model Landscape Assessment?

A guide to CSOs

This playbook has been designed for <>

Primary user: Landscape Coordinators Secondary users: Community Mobilizers

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What need/pain point is this playbook addressing?

Understanding needs of the landscape with a community participatory approach.

What are the benefits to stakeholders?

Catalysing development process in a community led manner enriched with indigenous knowledge and Scientific solutions in a sustainable manner.

What steps does this solution take?

Step 1

Step 2

Community Development (Mobilization, Behavioural Development, Nurturing Community Leadership, Creating a Cadre of Rural Managers (Dedicated youth to volunteer for the upcoming steps) Conducting HH Surveys, Village Level Meetings, Focus Group Discussions

Secondary Data Collection.
Seasonal Calendaring, TNA and
Model Landscape Administration
Exercise etc.

Basket of Needs, Priority Action for the pain points (Short-Term, Long Term)

Data Analysis and Regional Assessment Report

Step 3

Institutional Strengthening:

Community Level: Formation of a Village Development Committee, Engaging the strongest Local Governance Model in VDC Departmental Level: Constituting a Landscape Coordination Committee consisting of the line Departments

Step 4

Endorsement of the Priority Action through PRI Heads (Resolution)
Clarifying role of various stakeholders and integration in GPDPs.
Selection of Rural manager to own the specific Pain point based action.
Exploring Convergence + External Support to bridge the gaps (NRM Based, Livelihood Based etc.)

Materials required

Step 1

Community Mobilizers/ Teachers, Local Governance Model, Hall with Sitting Arrangements and Residential Course

Step 3

Hardcopy of Basket of Needs, Regional Assessment Report, Local Governance Model, Charts, Colours, Meeting Venue, Notepads, Pens

Step 2

Surveyors, Questionnaires, Chart Papers, Pen, Colours etc.

Step 4

Community based Self Driven Initiatives,
Documentation to strengthen
Convergence, Documentation/ Proposals
seeking outside support (Financial/
Technical/ Knowledge)

Step 1.1:

Community Mobilization and Entry Level Awareness Programs



This step involves Rapid Assessment of the village/ landscape, where the field team rapidly visits the area to have an initial understanding about the region. This is followed by community mobilization and preliminary meetings. (1-10 Days)

Step 1.2:

Community Development through Behavioral Programs

This step engages multi stakeholders in entry level behavioural development program through our teachers followed by conducting Nav Chetna Shivirs. (18 years and above) and Bal Chetna. Medha Yoga Programs for the students) for 3-3 days duration each (50-60 participants batch is ideal). (11-30 Days)





Step 2.1:

HH Surveys Offline and App based (20-25 days)



Field team starts conducting HH level surveys and also handholds 4-5 local interested youth in the process. 25% of sample is surveyed during the process and make sure that every socio-economic, cultural segment is equally covered. (4 Survey/ Day/ Team Member)

Step 1.3:

Capacity Building Program and Creation of Youth Leaders



Rural Development Program

This is a 4 days' long capacity building programs for age group 18 years and above.

A mix of tools including Breath Exercise,
Meditation, and activities for connecting the participants with the sense of Awareness,
Happiness, Harmony, Hygiene, Self Reliance,
Respect to village and nature are conducted.
This Module is taken by a certified AoL Teacher.
Batch of 40-50 participants is ideal.



Youth Leadership Training Program

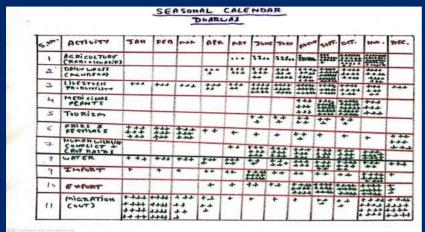
After the Rural Development Program, interested and dedicated youth is engaged in this 7 Days rigorous development program. This is a residential program, that consists of Meditation, Yoga, Discipline and most importantly the concept of Sewa.

As outcome of this Program, the participants are inducted as Rural Managers, who become the focal contact/ Resource Persons to further take up/ own the activities under Model Village/ Landscape development. (4-5 Rural Managers/ Landscape)

YLTP Module is taken by a certified AoL Teacher.

Step 2.2:

Village Level Data Collection and Group Exercises



Preparing Seasonal Calendars

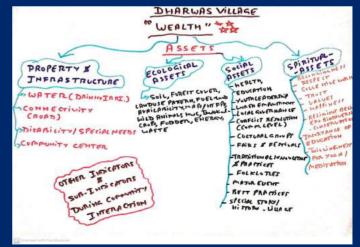
During the village level meetings, Seasonal Calendars are prepared through villagers to Understand the seasonality of socio, economic, cultural, Agri, Horti and Natural Resources.



Identifying Place Indicators

This step engages the community in identifying the key factors in their village/landscape that have important role in their day to day life. (socio, economic, cultural, Agri, Horti and Natural Resources)





Village Level Meetings

Village Wealth Assessment

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Village Level Meetings cum Village Level Data Collection Meetings are conducted after Step 1.2. It comprises of 3 key sessions, where the participants describe their villages/landscapes through Seasonal Calendars, Place Indicators and Wealth Assessment (Locally available important resources).

Step 2.3:

Identifying The Basket of Needs

Problem Statement	Preliminary Analysis (Needs Basket)	
Unscientific Collection of NTFPs/ MAPs	Encouraging Good Field Collection Practices (Low Cost - Eco Friendly Innovation)	
Lack of Skill Development opportunities and Youth Migration	Skill Development of local youth and linkage with landscape models for livelihoods/ entrepreneurship	
Unorganized community institutions	Community Based Institutional Development (SHGs, VOs, Cooperatives, FPOs etc.)	
Unorganized Value Chains resulting in exploitation of local people	Strengthening existing value chains with more emphasis on supporting product development using locally available material and waste (Paper, Fibre, Glass etc.)	
Poor Market Connectivity	Access to Market (Fair Price)	
Waste Management/ Drainage issues	Waste Management solutions	
Youth Migration	Community-Nature Based Tourism Model	
Increasing Pressure on Forests (Fuel-wood)	Green Energy Solutions (Solar Water Heaters, Improved Space Heating etc.)	
Increasing HwC	Reducing Human Wildlife Conflict by institutional development and technical solutions	

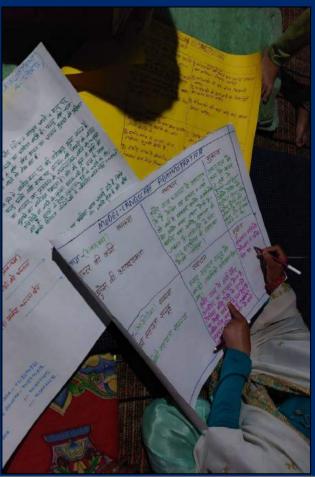
Basket of Needs

Basket of Needs is the outcome of step 2.2. It comprises of the Preliminary Problems/ Issues/ Challenges and require guidance for further solutions/ actions.

Step 2.4:

Model Landscape Administration Exercise





Model Landscape Administration Exercise:

This is community participatory tool, where the community participants are divided into 3 groups. One group represents the local responsible community, while the other group represents the local govt. departments and third group represents local Governance Model. Based on the Basket of Needs, the groups conduct a walk to the village and try to document problems/ issues/ challenges with their respective group lenses and also document the solutions (community led, PRI based, Line Department based, External support etc.). This exercise helps in developing a sense of awareness and belongingness amongst the communities about their village/ landscape and possible local solutions.

Key Highlights

- Local Issues' identification by community participants
- Solutions' identification by community participants (community based)
- Role Play Exercise Place Indicators
- Role Play Exercise Concerned Departments
- Praja Mandal will be in the Center of all Reporting by Role Players on Chart papers. (Praja + Community + Govt + Innovative Solutions)

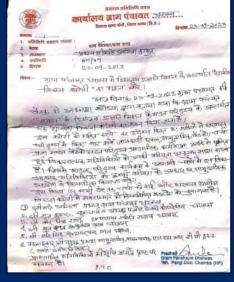
Effective tool to generate sense of **awareness and responsibility** among the community participants through this exercise. The Outcome of exercise is shared with the Local Governance Model.

(This exercise is generally conducted during Rural Development Program or can be done separately)

Step 3.1:

Constitution of the Village Development Committee





Village Development Committee

Constitution of the Village Development Committee comprise of representatives from Local Governance Model, PRIs and Rural Managers inducted under Himalay Unnati Mission.

They work as bridge between the community stakeholders, local administration and Himalay Unnati Mission.

Village Development Committee monitors and facilitates the activates taken under the Model Landscape Development.

The activities came out through Surveys and participatory exercises are routed through PRI system by the Village Development Committee.

Step 3.2:

Stakeholder Consultation (Community and Local Administration)

In order to align the findings, Basket of Needs and Prioritization of the activities along with the stakeholder analysis, Stakeholder Consultations are done at following level:

- Community Level Consultation
- Department Level Consultation

(One Day Activity)

The prime objective of the Stakeholder Consultation is to present the findings to the participants and explore scope of engagement at multiple tiers such as Community Level, Local Governance Level, PRI level, Focus Group Level and Convergence scope through related departments/institutions.



Step 3.3:

VDC Recommendation on Prioritization of Activities under Model Landscape Development through Local Governance and PRI

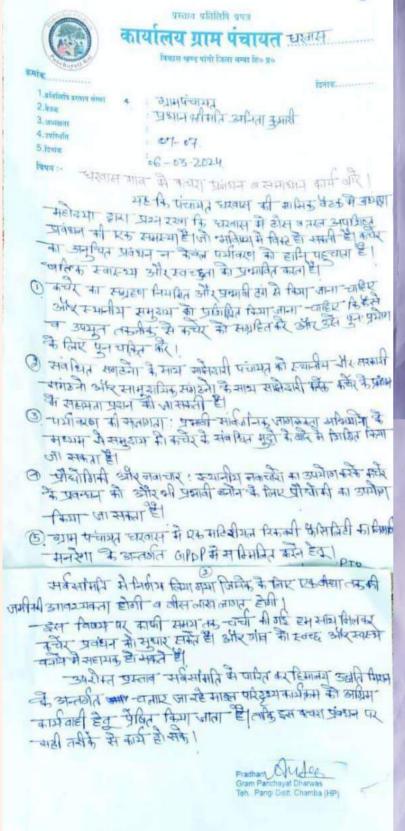
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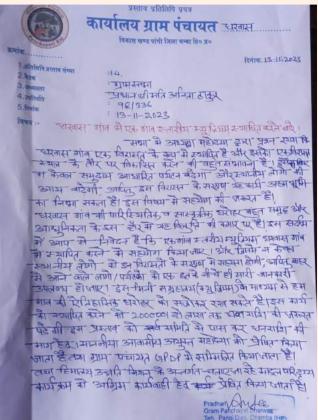
Prioritized activities suggested by the Village Development Committee (Example) **Economic** Dairy Development Value added products (Ghee, Cheese etc.) Cultural Community Village 1 Heritage Tourism Social Solar Based Solution to Primary Health Better Health facilities Center **Ecological** Effective Technological Solutions to Reducing Human Wildlife Conflict 1 combat Crop Raids by wildlife Ecological Support to NTFPs/ MAPs and Market Value Chain strengthening of NTFPs and Medicinal Plants **Economic** Linkage Spring Recharge and Water Packaging Linking one women SHG to this 2 **Ecological Economic** livelihood activity Tech. Support Ecological, Waste Management, Effective Solutions Product Development from fibred/ 2 Plastic Waste **Economic Social**

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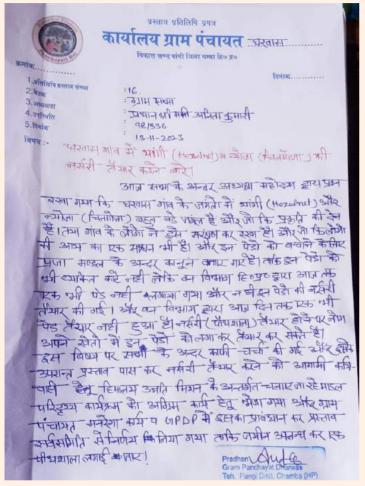
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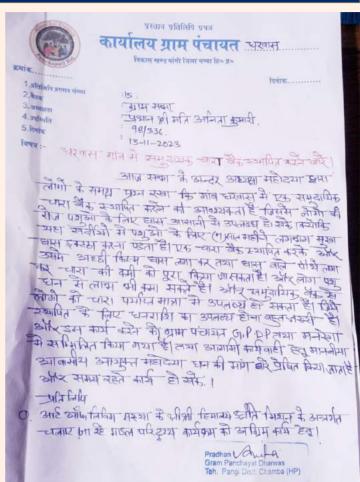
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Skill Development of the Rural Managers (Livelihoods)

Group formation of community stakeholders, especially women stakeholders is conducted under ongoing govt. schemes/ programs. The Rural Managers coordinate/ head the initiative.

These groups are covered under various skill development programs through convergence/ CSR support/ SSRDP Skill Centers.

The main objective behind these skill development programs is the strengthening of the local value chains to boost circular economy.

(Duration of Skill Development may vary from 3 days to 90 days)



Step 4.3:

Development of Brand and Market Linkage

The products developed from local value chains are brought under a Brand.

Under this step, Packaging, Branding, Value addition, Labelling, Certifications and Market Linkage etc. support are provided to the initiatives led by the Rural Managers.

The products from various landscapes are brough together under an umbrella brand, where the respective Rural Managers come on board as official representative of the brand. This step is implemented to make sure that the fund flow takes place with transparency and every active member gets fairly benefitted.

The profits raised from the initiative are further utilized for investment and gearing up other related initiatives.

Himalayan region, being eco-sensitive, the intent is more on regeneration rather than collection of resources. The respective villages/ landscapes thus focus on regenerating and fostering more NTFPs in forest area under the concept of Community Forestry with the support of local governance system and line department.



Timeline for Model Village/ Landscape Development Program Assessment

S. No.	Step No.	Activity	Timeline (Days)	Month
1	1.1	Community Mobilization and Entry Level Awareness Programs	1-10	1
2	1.2	Community Development through Behavioral Programs	11-30	1
3	2.1	HH Surveys Offline and App based (25-30 days	31-45	2
4	1.3	Capacity Building Program and Creation of Youth Leaders	31-60	2
5	2.2	Village Level Data Collection and Group Exercises	41-50	2
6		Data Analysis and Secondary Data Collection	45-60	2
7	2.3	Basket of Needs	41-50	2
8	2.4	Model Landscape Administration Exercise	51-60	2
9	3.1	Constitution of the Village Development Committee	61-75	3
10		Compilation of the Village/ Landscape Assessment Report	61-75	3
11	3.2	Conducting Stakeholder Consultation (Community + Department Level)	75-90	3
12	3.3	VDC Recommendation on Prioritization of Activities under Model Landscape Development through Local Governance and PRI	75-90	3
13	4.1	Endorsement of the Priority Action through PRI Heads (Resolution) Clarifying role of various stakeholders and integration in GPDPs for implementation	91-120	4
14	4.2	Skill Development of the Rural Managers (Livelihoods)	120-240	4,5,6,7,
15	4.3	Development of Brand and Market Linkage for strengthening local value chains + Conservation initiatives	120-240	4,5,6,7,