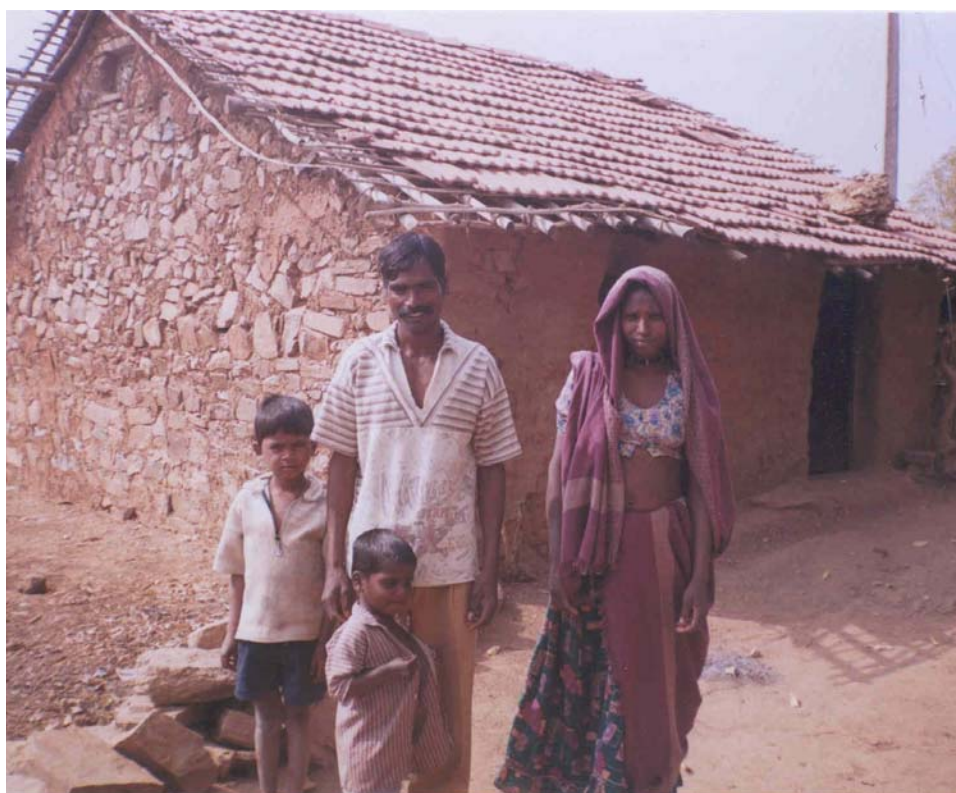


**Degree of inclusion of poor and very
poor category Households in
ASA's Micro-finance programme in the Tribal
Districts of Jhabua (MP)**

**A
Research Study
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Summary Report

Title:

To understand the **Degree of inclusion of poor and very poor category HH in ASA's MFP** implemented in 5 blocks of Jhabua distt.

Objective:

The main objective of this research study was to find out how many out of total poor and very poor categories families have been covered under ASA's MF Program. In other words the study is an attempt to explore and tell whether ASA's MFP is reaching the poor and poorest segment of the society.

Scope:

The research study might help in knowing about the lending trend [frequency, amt, source and term of loan etc] of poor and very poor families and thereby finding out what fraction of total such HHs are being addressed through ASA's MFP. It may also throw light on the extent to which their credit requirements are met through this program along with stating the % that poor and very poor families constitute among the total beneficiaries of the programme.

Area and sample:

Following the principle of homogeneity, those villages were taken up where atleast 60 % of HH have been covered under program so that the representation of HHs from each of the categories is fairly equal. There are total 20 such villages out of which 16 villages (Annex:1) were taken up for conducting the study from 5 blocks where the program is being implemented.

Methodology:

The methodology adopted for research study was based on processing the data obtained through primary and secondary sources by means of wealth ranking, chapatti diagram, **interviews** (Annex:2), earlier reports etc. It involved personal interaction with 38 SHG members of 19 villages to get qualitative information.

Time Schedule:

The research study was carried out in the month of November 06 as per the availability of respondents. It took 7 days field work (24 .11.06 to 30.11.06) for data collection and 10 days table work for data processing to get the final conclusions and interpretation.

Observations & findings:

1. Discussion during wealth ranking indicates that the HHs in villages can be divided in 4 categories on the basis of socioeconomic conditions.
2. Following is the consolidated criteria for differentiating them into the above said categories(As came up after the discussion with various groups)

S.no.	Criterion	V.poor	Poor	Medium	Better off
1	Land holding	< Beegha	1-5 Beegha	4-10 Beegha	>15 Beegha
2	Irrigation facility Other than rainfed	-	no	May have Dug wells or some other source also	Well, LI
3	Cattle	-	0-2 bullock	Pair of bullocks & cows	Cow(s),goats Bullock cart, tractor,motorcycle
4	Agriculture production	-	Consumption purpose	May sell or barter	Sell also.
5	Migration	All for 8 months or more	Half of family members(4-6) Twice a yr for 6-8 month	One third of FM (2-3) Once A yr for 4-6 month	No migration. May have some enterprise
6	Loan dependency (Any source)	90%	80%	75%	<5% or Lend money to others
7	Dwelling	Hut Small kachcha	Kachcha	Kachcha, Bigger	Pakka house, Kitchen garden
8	Clothing	Single pair	Double pair	Sufficient	Variety wear, as per fashion
9	Asset(Silver)	-	1-3 kg/ <i>girvi</i>	3-5 kg	>10 kg

3. As per above the average composition of villages taken under study can be shown like this.

Avg No. of HH in each of the above category (**percentage**)

Category	V.poor	Poor	Medium	Better off
1 In village	9	38.6	46.8	5.6
2 In Faliya	2	35	48	-
3 In SHG	5	35	65	-
4 In MF program	10	35	55	-
5 % of village population (respective category) Covered under MFP	5	70	80	-

4. V. poor category members were found in 18% of groups studied wherein there no. is just 1 or 2.

5. BPL- non BPL criterion for group formation was observed only at few villages. Rests are APL-BPL mixed group.
6. In villages of Jhabua block one third groups are such which consist only of v. poor & poor.
7. Medium category HH % covered in MF program in Jobat block is more than the average %.
8. three fourth of groups save Rs. 50 and one fourth of them save 100 Rs. per month
9. Loan frequency depends on amt. In case of Jobat-Udaigarh groups it is once a year while in some of the Jhabua, Ranapur and Meghnagar groups it was twice a yr too.
10. Avg amt of loan taken ranges from 4-10 k per member.(exceptionally 20-25 K)
11. **Respondents unanimously indicated that most appealing benefit of the program for them is the low ROI and non-collateral loaning (no mortgage).**
12. The expected loan size among the very poor and poor category is 10-20 k. (among medium category 20-25 k per member)
13. Their 50% credit requirements are met through this program. For rest they have to depend on local money lenders especially for marriage loans.
14. Poor and very poor families constitute 45% among the total beneficiaries of the programme.
15. On an avg 5% very poor and 70% poor category HH of a village are being addressed with the outreach of programme.

Suggestions/Recommendations:

Based on the findings and the analysis following is suggested :

1. 57.7% of the poor and very poor are being covered under program, programme should try to ensure the inclusion of rest half.
2. Loan limit could be resized. The expected loan in poor and very poor category is 15 K per member.
3. Timely Loan disbursement can increase further reliability.
4. May design products such as bigger size loans to be paid in say 2-3 ys span.
5. The reason for less involvement in some of the villages seems to be rooted in some bitter past experiences (some other schemes) so more rapport building & clearer communication is required in such villages.

Annexure 1. Villages covered under sample study

Household Coverage under MF Programme

Sr#	Village name	Total #of House Hold	To be covered (60% of the total HH)	HH covered under ASA's MF Programme	Total no of SHGs	Remaining HH
Block-Jobat						
1	Wagdi	123	74	89	7	0
2	Vanpur	86	51	36	3	15
3	Kherwa	162	97	89	8	8
4	Jaisingpur	116	70	69	6	1
5	Dudhalwat	150	90	106	9	0
6	Kanda	57	34	50	5	0
Block-Ranapur						
1	Mandli nathu	190	114	154	14	0
2	Gowsar	216	130	132	13	0
3	Budhasala	207	124	107	10	17
Block-Jhabua						
1	Koyadhariya	71	43	31	3	12
2	Titkikheda	26	16	33	3	0
3	Bhajidungra	89	53	22	2	31
Block-Meghnagar						
1	Rakhdiya	48	29	27	3	2
2	Jharadawar	193	116	109	9	7
3	Bisalpur	157	94	104	8	0
Block-Udaigarh						
1	Mannakua	97	58	55	5	3

Annex 2

Interview Schedule

To get qualitative information on coverage of poor category HH through
ASA's MF programme in Jhabua district

1. नाम -----
2. गाँव का नाम -----
3. समूह का नाम -----
4. समूह कब बना था ? -----
5. आप इसके सदस्य कबसे है ? -----
6. सबसे शुरू में आप कितनी बचत जमा करते थे ? -----
7. अब आप कितनी बचत जमा करते हैं ? -----
8. आपने ऋण कब 2 लिया था और कहाँ से

9. उस ऋण राशि का क्या उपयोग किया ?

10. क्या आप सभी ऋण समय पर चुका पाये ? यदि नहीं तो किस कारण ?

11. ऋण चुकाने के लिए राशि की व्यवस्था कैसे की ?

12. क्या ASA MF कार्यक्रम आपको स्वयं के लिए उपयोगी लगा ? यदि हां/ना तो क्यों ?

13. क्या आप ASA MF कार्यक्रम से संतुष्ट हैं? यदि पूर्ण रूप से/आंशिक रूप से/बिलकुल नहीं तो क्यों?

14. क्या आपको विश्वास है कि कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से आपको आवश्यकता के समय सहायता मिलेगी ?

15. क्या इस कार्यक्रम में कोई परिवर्तन करने की आवश्यकता है ? यदि हां तो क्या ?

