Konkan Corridor Project

Total Rural Transformation
by inclusive integrated development
with no change of land ownerships

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Project location:
Kokan, Maharashtra, India
Ratnagiri and Sindhudurga Districts

Scope:
117 Village clusters

Inclusive ⇒ no change of land ownerships
What is a village cluster?

**Area:** Approx 15,000 hectares i.e. 10x15 km

**Population:** ~ 5000 families

Geographically, a cluster shares a water shed.

Administratively, in each cluster Maharashtra state government has one supervisor and four assistants.
What does it mean to urbanize one village cluster?

**Construction** of approx. 500 hectares of homes and workspaces

**Afforestation** 4500 hectares of afforestation

**People:**
5000 local families
5000 external migrated families

**Funding to be mobilized:** Approx. Rs. 1000 Crore (~ 200 million USD)

**Constraint:** no change of land ownerships
What do we need to do to urbanize one village cluster?

Skills Development
Intensive agriculture
Farm produce processing
Rivers & water conservation
Energy & Transportation
Industry integrated in global supply chain
Education
Self administration
How will we organize and coordinate the project?

- **Semi government and government agencies in the region**
- **Loosely coupled NGOs**
  - Self Help Microfinance groups coordinated by various support groups,
  - Farmers Study groups
  - Vidnyan Gram
  - Farmer Producer companies
  - Numerous Micro enterprises
  - Self Administration Agency created for each cluster
  - Growth Lab Business incubators,
  - Agri-tourism cooperatives
- **Urban SEZ in each cluster**
  - managed by land owners companies
  - created on Magarpatta model
- **Educational institutes**
  - Schools, colleges,
  - ITI and other educational institutes in the region
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Vision, status and action plans
Skills Development in each cluster

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
  – 10,000 persons trained for vocational skills
  – Monthly earnings of at least Rs. 10,000
  – Managed with skillnet.in web based portal

• Action plan:
  – Apprenticeship program
Intensive agriculture in each cluster

• As is:
  – Small farms

• To be:
  – 100 Intensive Integrated farms of 50 Hectares
  – managed by farmers groups
  – initiated as self help study groups

• Action plan:
  – TBD
Farm produce processing in each cluster

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
  – 100 Farmer Producer companies
  – Each company associated with a farmer’s study group

• Action plan:
  – TBD
Water conservation in project area

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
  – Assured water supply

• Action plan:
  – Subsoil water conservation
  – Check dams for rivers
Rivers in project area

• As is:
  – approx. 13 rivers

• To be:
  – Rivers flow all year around

• Action plan:
  – Rivers trained to flow year around
Energy

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
    Tidal, small hydro,
  – conventional electricity
  – muscle power

• Action plan:
Transportation in each cluster

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
  – Heliport to connect with rest of Maharashtra
  – Internal transportation with eco-friendly vehicles

• Action plan:
  – TBD
Industry in each cluster

- As is:
  - TBD

- To be:
  - Small and Micro enterprises in supply chain
  - Assembly and services for industrial goods

- Action plan:
  - Incubation by “Growth Lab” business incubators
Science Communication in each cluster

• As is:
• To be:
  – Vidnyan Gram
    • Formed as Section 25 society
    • Partners living on campus
  – Science communication center with 20 hectares
• Action plan:
  – TBD
Self administration

• As is:
  – TBD

• To be:
  – GIS based Self Administration model

• Action plan:
  – GISDA open source GIS based solution provided by S&T Park
Knowledge partners

• Science & Technology Park, University of Pune
  – Science & Technology Support for skills development and growth of micro enterprises

• IITans and other professionals with the commitment for rural transformation
Upcoming events

• 12th Feb - 18 Feb: Kokan Corridor Week

• 18th Feb - 8th March: *Jatha* from Dodamarg in south Kokan to Dapoli
  – meetings and presentations at each Taluka level

• 14th-15th March: Workshop at Agriculture University Dapoli