

A report of
the aid given to the fire hit villagers of
village Ektagram
through Emergency Fund
of Indienhilfe e.V. Herrsching, Germany



On 22nd February of 2009 at 1.45 p.m. in the afternoon, there is a sudden blast of wind that spreads fire of unknown origin just behind the project campus of EVS in Ektagram village.



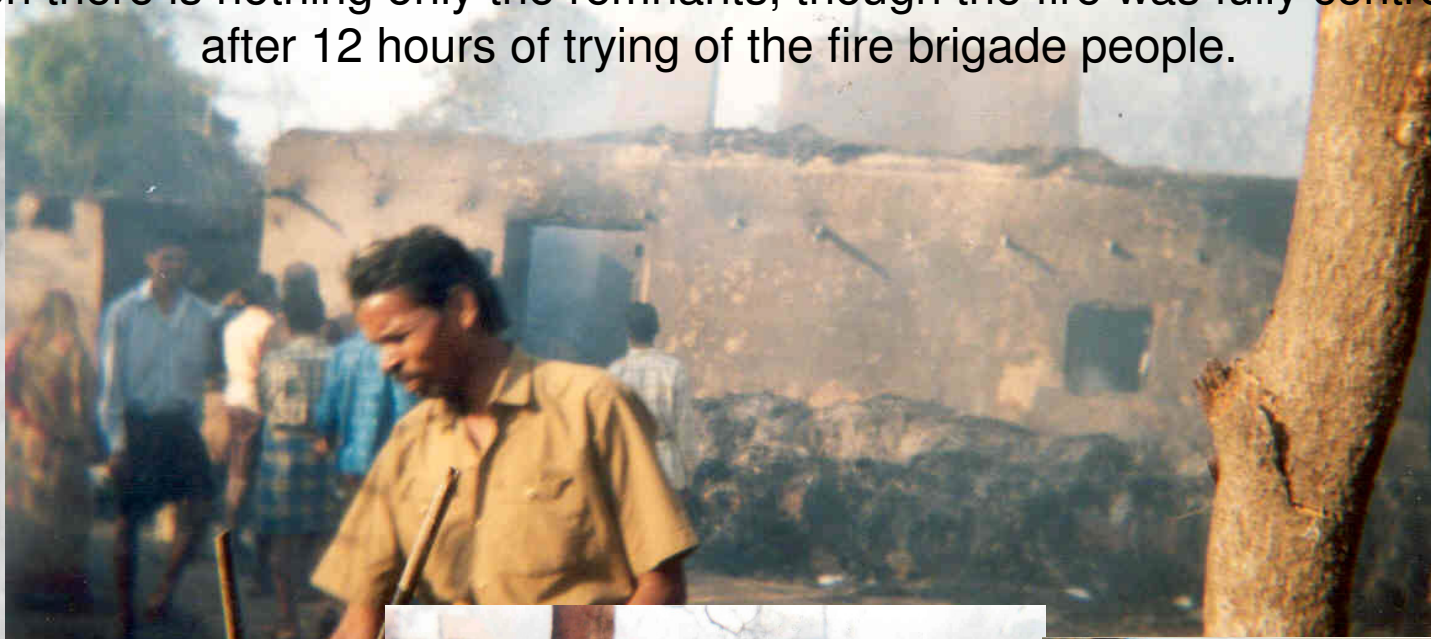
It was extremely draught, where drinking water itself is a problem, as we have enough water in rain water reservoir, we escaped along with our left sided hamlet comprising 10 households of 52 population after an one hour continuous trying mainly from the women community.



But our left sided hamlet which is resided at a distance of 200 meters, where only one dug well-the only source of drinking/bathing water- is covering 15 households of 57 individuals, was ruined just within 45 minutes where 75-100 % properties were destroyed like anything.

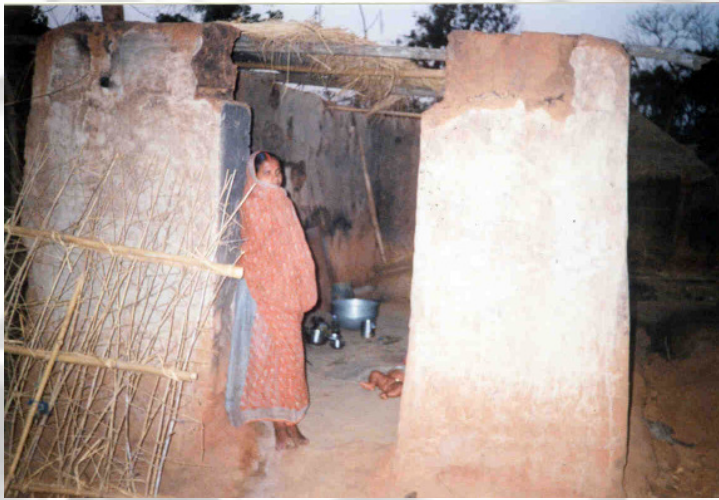


They have suddenly no paddy to eat, no utensils to cook, no shed for halting. The domestic animals feeling insecure, search their shelter. After an urgent call from EVS authority, the fire brigade people came from a distance of 80 kilometers. After three hours they came when there is nothing only the remnants, though the fire was fully controlled after 12 hours of trying of the fire brigade people.













The EVS authority opened their training hall to have a temporary shelter for the ill-fated villagers.



After a telephonic conversation with BDO of Nayagram Block, along with consultation of GP Pradhan, EVS conducted a relief camp at nearby primary school for providing breakfast and two meals a day for 22 days mainly from the Government reserve sources. The relatives of the fire hit villagers also extended their cooperation by providing straw for making a temporary shelter just side of the burnt houses.



But even after one and a half month, they have acute shortage of utensils to cook, the people still living in dark, no beds/mattress to sleep, all the affected persons have only one garment to wear, no study material to read and write for 18 of our coaching children. We have nothing to do - except prayer to Indienhilfe for releasing of their emergency fund just to give them short relief. After a quick response from IHH, we purchased all the required materials by obeying the kind advice from IHH specially on purchase of bucket (with a cover and a lid with tap) and distributed them after a long speech mainly from the EVA personnel/officials on hygienic issue and proper use of them for a healthy living. Now the situation is slowly improving as they already made temporary shelters and food arrangements for them from the well-wishers and government sources.











Except a deserted middle aged lady who became completely mad on this sudden shock.

Thank you

Spenden unter dem Stichwort „Notfall-Fond“

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