



## SAHAY FOUNDATION

### Mangrove conservation:

Our first visit to Tridibnagar in lot 126 of Jharkhali happened in Jan2020 at the request of Mr Mohanty and Mr Kartik Sarkar who ran the only primary school there - Rabindra Vidya Niketan.

While we went there to understand how we could contribute to sustaining the school, our visit opened our eyes - how the women folks are fighting to save their land and livelihood from the onslaught of nature - series of cyclones and erosion of soil.

The immediate need was to support their struggle with nature by supplementing their modest efforts in mangrove plantation. We realised that our objective of educating the children would be achieved only if the people were able to protect their land from the fury of the nature every year. We started supporting them in planting mangrove saplings along the riverbank. Next time, we went to the village in September 2021 and helped them plant 2000 mangrove saplings. Apart from an effort at protecting the land it generated some earnings for the women folk there too.

We repeated this plantation exercise in the succeeding years while continuing small help for the school till 2024. The efforts are yielding results. Mangroves planted have survived and grown and giving protection to the land(see pictures).



We plan to continue these activities every year so that the entire river bank surrounding the village could be covered. This year we plan to plant 5000 saplings. Villagers would work for two-three days. It would cost approximately Rs.1,00,000/, which include the cost of sapling (@Rs.10 per sapling), wage cost ( @ Rs.500/- per labourer) for 25 labourers and other administrative cost(transport etc.).

Additionally, we also look forward to mobilising funds (estimated cost Rs.2 lakhs per year) for meeting the operating expenses and teachers' training cost to run the school professionally in a sustainable manner.

**Sahay Foundation** is looking forward to any contribution for sustaining and extending the above initiatives. Bank details of Sahay Foundation are as below.

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