



BASTAR DHARMA KSEMA SAMITI (BDKS)

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Safety Guidelines for Persons working in Bastar Region

Central Government of India has identified 26 districts in the country which are specifically affected by Naxalite based on large number of incidents of violence in the past three years.

A total number of 8 districts in Chhattisgarh such as: **Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada, Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon and Sukma** are highly affected. The CFCD Project area - 34 tribal villages of 19 Panchayats is located in **Pakhanjoor Tehsil of Kanker District in Chhattisgarh**. Therefore, certainly there has been concentration of the security forces in particular in these districts.

The local police and other security forces deployed in the region keep vigilant of movement of local people and outsiders. The local administration if so, wishes might ask the person's identity and one need to prove one's authentic identity.

Due to security reason entry and free movement of an expatriate in this region may be restricted by the local administration as there has been number of cases reported that a person/s with foreign origin has/have been taken in hostage by the Naxalite Group to strike a deal with the administration.

- Any representative from the donor willing to visit the project and spend sometimes in interacting with the community must inform CSA-Christ University well in advance so that the local administration will be consulted and necessary arrangements will be made to obtain permission.

Although Naxalite people are not against the development work undertaken by the NGOs, people from Naxalite Group might be interested to know the work and how the people are benefitted from the project. Reacting to them individually or collectively negatively or in an appropriate manner might lead to embarrassing and chaotic situation.

- One must refrain from altercation and unnecessary arguments/altercation with Naxalite and the local administrative bodies and security personnel.

The area is also known for high incidence of water-borne and vector-borne diseases such typhoid malaria, dengue, tuberculosis, diarrhoea and dysentery. Persons visiting



the project area and working for the CFCD project must ensure with all preventive measures. Always ensure packaged drinking water or boiled/filter water to protect one-self from water-borne diseases. Use of mosquito repellent, mosquito net etc. can protect one-self from vector-borne diseases.

Vaccination recommended: Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, Yellow Fever (vaccination is required if one arriving from yellow-fever-infected area like Africa, Japanese Encephalitis (this vaccine is required if you stay for more than one month in rural areas, Rabies (any participant who may have direct contact with animals should take this vaccination, Tetanus (TT or Tetanus Toxoid) as directed by family Physician

Persons visiting the project area and working for the CFCD project supported by KNH must always carry a copy of your passport and other legal documents and advised to keep identity proof handy (driver's license, passport, Addhar Card etc.)

While seeking information make sure that you have the right information from the right person.

Always identify with your team members. Avoid late evening or late-night project work in the community.

Photography and video-graphy etc. can be always with the proper consent and need to always consult the project team.

Summer is extremely hot (45 -49 °C) and winter is extremely cold (between 0 and 25 °C). One needs to be prepared for such extreme whether condition.

Regarding the local travel or travel in the region, always consult the project team who can make sure an appropriate travel arrangement.