Baseline, Dipstick, and Endline Evaluation Study of TRIF-SRLM Pilot in Madhya Pradesh

The Transforming Rural India Foundation (TRIF) initiative envisages transforming the lives of the rural communities by collating the forces of multiple stakeholders at different levels for a multi-dimensional change. This initiative's framework stresses engagement with the government to support civic action and user accountability while simultaneously building partnerships with the private sector to create new opportunities and address constraints.

The initiative was implemented in eight blocks of Madhya Pradesh to showcase the efficacy of multi-stakeholder engagement in transforming rural communities' lives and substantiate its ability to make a substantial difference.

Sambodhi proposed a quasi-experimental Difference-in-Difference (DID) design for the study to evaluate the effects of interventions and other treatments of interest on the outcome variable. A draft tool capturing critical health, nutrition, immunization, education, and livelihood variables was developed and piloted.

An instruction manual/guide for the tool was prepared to ensure the smooth functioning of field operations. The final tool was translated in Hindi after the incorporation of pilot findings. Tools developed for the study were thoroughly tested to ascertain their suitability in actual field conditions. The tool was built on a computer-based application using CSPro 6.3 and tried again in the pilot to make it robust. Training on the survey objectives, tools, and expected data quality was conducted with the final team for 5-6 days. The data collection process is currently ongoing. Statistical packages like STATA and SPSS will be used for data analysis. A detailed report covering all the specific areas listed under the study's objectives will be submitted to TRIF and Tata trust.