Annexure – 1: Questionnaires

Right to Food and Mid Day Meal Scheme: A Comparative Study of Tamil Nadu and Orissa

Respondent No: ------- Date: -------

QUESTIONNAIRE (CHILDREN)

1) Name of the Student: ---------------------------------------------------------------
2) Age: -----------------
3) Sex:---------
4) Caste: -----------------
5) Which class you are?-----------------------
6) Since how many years are you in this school? --------------------------
7) Do you take food before coming to school everyday? Yes No Sometimes

8) What type of food generally you eat in breakfast?
   a) Rice
   b) Roti/chapatti
   c) Curry

9) Regularity in school? Daily Sometimes

10) If sometime, what is the reason?
    a) Do not like teaching
    b) No Mid-Day Meal
    c) Attend work in home
    d) When don’t feel well

11) Which are the things you like the most in your school?
    a) Teachers
    b) Study
    c) MDM

12) Since how long are you getting Mid Day Meal in this school? -------------------

13) In what form do you get Mid Day Meal?
    a) Cooked Meal
    b) Dry Rations
    c) Other (specify)

14) If it is cooked MDM, do you eat in the school premises? Yes No Sometimes

15) If no, what are the reasons?
    a) Share food with family in home
    b) Eat MDM with other members
    c) Quantity is not sufficient
    d) Other (specify)

16) Do you participate in cooking of the meal? Yes No Sometimes
17) Do you like to sit together while eating Mid-Day Meal with other caste students?  
   Yes | No | Cant say

18) Do your parents ever asked you not to eat MDM in the school?  
   Yes | No | Sometimes

19) Can you tell reasons for it?  
   a) Take home made food  
   b) Food quality is not good  
   c) Do not maintain hygiene  
   d) Do not like to sit with other caste people

20) Do you like to eat Mid Day Meal daily in the school?  
   Yes | No | Sometimes

21) Do you sit in a clean place while eating Mid Day Meal?  
   Yes | No | Sometimes

22) If yes, who cleans the place?  
   a) Cook  
   b) Helper  
   c) Teachers  
   d) Other (specify)

23) Where do you get plates for eating MDM?  
   a) Get plates from home  
   b) Get plates from school  
   c) Get paper plates

24) Do you have drinking water in your school?  
   Yes | No | Cant say

25) Do you go back to home after eating MDM?  
   Yes | No | Cant say

26) After eating Mid-Day Meal, do you feel good?  
   Yes | No | Cant say

27) Do you get anything else beyond MDM in the school?  
   Yes | No | Cant say

28) If yes, can you mention one of the following?  
   a) Vitamin Tablets  
   b) Iron Tablets  
   c) Different Vaccines  
   d) Fruits

29) Have you ever checked up by health department?  
   Yes | No | Sometimes

30) Have you ever checked up for cleanliness/hygiene?  
   Yes | No | Sometimes

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Respondent No: -------               Date: -------

QUESTIONNAIRE (PARENTS)

1) Name of the Respondent: -----------------------------------------------------
   a) Age: ---------------
   b) Sex: [Male | Female]
   c) Caste: [SC | ST | OBC | GEN]
   d) Village/Block/District: ____________________________________________________

2) Number of children
   a) One
   b) Two
   c) Three
   d) More than three

3) Number of school going children
   a) One
   b) Two
   c) Three
   d) More than three

4) Main Occupation:
   a) Regular employment (Govt./Private)
   b) Self-employment (non-agriculture)
   c) Self-employment (cultivator/farmer)
   d) Other (specify)

5) How would you rate your economic condition as compared to other households in the village?
   a) Among the poorest 20%
   b) Poorer than average
   c) About Average
   d) Among the best 20

6) Have you been enlisted in BPL category? [Yes | No]

7) Land owned: __________________________

8) Since when MDM has started in the school: ______________________

9) Do your child get MDM in school? [Yes | No]

10) Whether your children were going to school before MDM started: [Yes | No]

11) How many of your children are going to school after MDM started?
   a) One
   b) Two
c) Three  
d) More than three  
e) No one  

12) What type of food is distributed to your children in school?  
a) Cooked Meal  
b) Dry Ration  
c) Other (specify)  

13) On an average how many days a week your child gets cooked meals served in the school?  
a) Every day (except holiday)  
b) Most days (4-5 days)  

14) Do you feel that, your children are able to get adequate food through MDM?  

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15) Do you feel that your children feel happy with the Mid-Day Meal?  

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16) Who cooks food for MDM?  
a) School teacher  
b) Cook  
c) Parents  
d) Other (specify)  

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17) Do you think that while cooking/serving, hygiene is maintained?  

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18) If no, what should be done to improve hygienic conditions?  

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19) Whether all caste/class groups are served MDM together?  

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20) Do you feel all children should take meal altogether?  

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21) Do you have any objection to children of different castes sharing a common meal at school?  

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22) Do you think that your children were ever discriminated at school while serving Mid-Day Meal?  

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23) If yes, in your opinion what are the reasons?  

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24) For food, plates are provided  
a) By school  
b) Children themselves carry  

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25) Whether school has got safe drinking water arrangement:  

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26) If yes, what is the arrangement?  
a) Piped water supply  
b) Tube well
c) Others (specify)

27) Has it ever happened that your children developed any kind of health problem after eating MDM?  
   Yes  No

28) Is there any sort of health improvement in your child after having MDM?  
   Yes  No

29) Whether MDM scheme has encouraged people to send their children to school:  
   Yes  No

30) Do you think that due to MDM, the drop out rate has reduced?  
   Yes  No  Don’t Know

31) If yes, is there decline in child labour in the village?  
   Yes  No  Don’t Know

32) Whether there is a Parent Teacher’s Association to manage MDM:  
   Yes  No

33) If yes, in what way PTA helps in cooking and serving MDM:  
   a) Parents–Teachers discuss about MDM  
   b) Parents-Teachers cook MDM  
   c) Parents-Teachers monitor MDM

34) In case irregularity of MDM, do you refer to officials?  
   Yes  No  Sometimes

35) Whether officials concerned with MDM visit the school to check the MDM scheme:  
   Yes  No

36) If yes, what is the frequency of their visit?  
   a) Once a week  
   b) Once a fortnight  
   c) Once a month  
   d) Other (specify)

37) How often do you or other members of the family visit to the school regarding MDM?  
   a) Everyday  
   b) Every alternate day  
   c) Once in a week  
   d) Once in a month  
   e) Others (specify)

38) Do you discuss with the VEC members regarding various issues of MDM?  
   Yes  No

39) Have you ever discussed with the officials regarding various issues of MDM?  
   Yes  No

40) Do you feel that MDM should continue?  
   Yes  No

41) If yes, in which form?  
   a) Cooked meal  
   b) Dry ration  
   c) Financial assistance

42) Do you think people mind for the children through Mid-Day Meal?  
   Yes  No  Don’t Know
43) Do you feel that because of Mid-Day Meal child issue has become the center of discussion?  
Yes  
No  
Don’t Know

44) What according you are the other benefits of mid-day meal scheme?  
   a) Nutritional development  
   b) Educational advancement  
   c) Decrease child labour  
   d) Decrease drop outs

45) Do you ask your child what did he eat in school under MDM?  
Yes  
No  
Sometimes

46) Did you child talk to you about MDM scheme?  
Yes  
No  
Sometimes

47) Has it reduced your house expenditure?  
Yes  
No

48) Did you talk to the people regarding MDM?  
Yes  
No

49) Did you make representation regarding MDM?  
Yes  
No  
Sometimes

50) If yes, in what form?  
   a) Individual  
   b) Collective

51) Did you ever discuss regarding MDM in public debates?  
Yes  
No  
Sometimes

52) Mid-Day Meal is good because:  
   a) Child is not hungry  
   b) Child is getting regular food  
   c) Child is studying  
   d) Child is not going for work

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QUESTIONNAIRE (TEACHERS)

1) Name of the Teacher: ----------------------------------------
   e) Age: ---------------
   f) Sex: Male    Female

a. Name of the School: ----------------------------------------
b. Subject: ----------------------------------------
c. Village/Block/District: ----------------------------------------
d. Types of School:
   a) Government School
   b) Government Aided School
   c) Private School

e. Upto which standard the school is?
   i. Upto 3rd class
   ii. Upto 5th class
   iii. Upto 7th class
   iv. Any other (specify)

7) Number of classrooms the school has:
   a) One
   b) Two
   c) Three
   d) More than three

8) Number of Students: ---------------------

9) Number of Teachers: ---------------------

10) Since when MDM has started in the school: ---------------------

11) What type of food is distributed in your school?
   a) Dry ration
   b) Cooked MDM
   c) Other (specify)

12) Is the menu same everyday? Yes  No

13) Who decides the menu?
   a) District Social Welfare Department
   b) Headmaster/Teacher
   c) VEC/PTA/MTA
14) Are you involved in the MDM programme in your school? □ Yes □ No

15) If yes, what is your Responsibility?
   a) Cooking
   b) Supervision
   c) Assisting in both the work

16) How would you rate the quality of the grain received for the MDM?
   a) Very good
   b) Good
   c) Average
   d) Poor

17) Kitchen facility for the MDM:
   a) Constructed kitchen
   b) Temporary shed

18) Who cooks the food for MDM?
   a) Cook
   b) Teachers
   c) Students
   d) Other (specify)

19) If it is the cook, who has appointed the him/her?
   a) Government
   b) Gram Panchayat
   c) Head master/Teacher
   d) VEC

20) Do you feel that the MDM disrupts teaching anyway? □ Yes □ No □ Somewhat

21) If yes, in what way? Please describe-----------------------------------------------

22) What is this school’s monthly grain entitlement for the provision of MDM?
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23) What is the quantity actually received in an average month?
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24) In case of a shortfall, what is done?
   a) Food served only on some days in a week
   b) Quantity of food per child is reduced
   c) Other (specify):

25) Does the grain usually reach the school in time? □ Yes □ No □ Somewhat

26) Is there enough space for grain storage in the school premises?
□ Yes □ No

27) If no, where is the grain stored?
   a) School premises
   b) Fair price shop in the village
   c) Teacher’s house

28) Is there a regular record of inventory? □ Yes □ No
29) Has the MDM been inspected by officials from the government?
   Yes  No

30) If yes, how frequently do they visit?
   a) Monthly
   b) Quarterly
   c) Half yearly
   d) Other (specify):

31) Who monitors the MDM at school level?
   a) Gram panchayat
   b) Parent-Teacher Association
   c) Teachers
   e) Other (specify)

32) Has there been any increase in children enrollment due to MDM?
   Yes  No

33) If yes, roughly how much increase, in percentage terms?
   a) Less than 10%
   b) Between 10% and 20%
   c) Between 20 and 40%
   d) Above 40%

34) Is there decrease in drop out rate among the children after the introduction of MDM?
   Yes  No  Don’t Know

35) How would you rate the interest level of children in studies after the MDM has started?
   a) More interested
   b) Same as before
   c) Less interested
   d) Other (specify)

36) MDM is a means of ensuring right to food of the children?
   Yes  No  Don’t Know

37) When food is distributed, what is the sitting arrangement?
   a) Boys and girls separately
   b) Children of different grades separately
   c) Children of different castes separately
   d) All children together

38) Have parents ever objected to their children sharing a meal with children of other castes?
   Yes  No

39) For food, plates are provided:
   a) By school
   b) Children themselves carry
   Yes  No

40) Whether school has got safe drinking water
   Yes  No

41) If yes, what is the arrangement?
   a) Piped water supply
   b) Tube well

42) Has it ever happened that your children developed any kind of health problem after eating MDM?
   Yes  No

43) Is there any sort of health improvement in your child after having MDM?
   Yes  No

44) Whether MDM scheme has encouraged people to send their children to school
   Yes  No
45) Has there been any opposition to the MDM in this village? Yes  No
46) Do you think the MDM should continue in school? Yes  No
47) If yes/no, why? Please explain
   a)........................................................................
   b)........................................................................
   c)........................................................................
48) In your perception, what are the positive/negative changes that MDM has made to schooling, if any?
   a)........................................................................
   b)........................................................................
   c)........................................................................
49) Please tell us any suggestions you may have regarding the MDM:
   a)........................................................................
   b)........................................................................
   c)........................................................................
50) Have you ever discussed with the officials regarding various issues of MDM? Yes  No
51) Do you get proper co-operation from the officials as well as the parents regarding MDM in school? Yes  No
52) Do you notice when a child comes to school unwell? Yes  No  Sometime
53) If yes, what do you do?
   a)  Ask the parents to come
   b)  Ask the child to go home
   c)  Treat the child like other
   d)  Ask the child to get into the class
54) How often do you meet the officials regarding the improvement of delivery system?
   a)  Regularly
   b)  Sometime
   c)  Donot meet at all
55) Do you ever share experiences with other schools regarding MDM? Yes  No  Sometimes
56) Did you get a chance to share your feelings regarding MDM in meeting? Yes  No  Sometimes
57) Do you ever get training or orientation for mid day meal? Yes  No
58) How do you first come to know about MDM?
   a)  from the higher officials
   b)  official letters
   c)  government order
   d)  other(specify)
59) Did you discuss with the community regarding caste dispute? Yes  No  Sometimes
60) Who takes initiatives to bring community together in solving various problems? Yes  No
61) Has more girls started coming to school after MDM?  
Yes  No

62) Any time did media come to the picture?  

63) When you heard about some stories regarding MDM, what is your reactions?

64) Have your school is being public watch on Mid-Day Meal?

65) Which are the departments involved in the Mid-Day Meal Scheme?
   a) --------------------------------------------
   b) --------------------------------------------
   c) --------------------------------------------
   d) --------------------------------------------

66) Who provide fund for the programme?-----------------------------------------------

67) What is the procedure of procurement? -----------------------------------------------

68) Who inspects the programme implementation?
   a)  VEC Members
   b)  Gram Panchayat Members
   c)  Education Department
   d)  District collector
   e)  Other (specify)

69) How frequently do they inspect or monitor the programme?
   a)  Everyday
   b)  Per week
   c)  Per quarterly
   d)  Per month
   e)  Per six month
   f)  Seldom

70) How do they co-ordinate?
   a)  At State level: -----------------------------------------------
   b)  At District level: -----------------------------------------------
   c)  At Block level: -----------------------------------------------
   d)  At Village level: -----------------------------------------------
   e)  At School level: -----------------------------------------------

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Respondent No: --------                                  Date: -------------

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QUESTIONNAIRE (COOK)

Name of Investigator: .................................................................

Name of the Village: .................................

Panchayats: .................................

Block: .................................

District: .................................

State: .................................

1) Name of the cook: ---------------------------------------------

2) Sex: M/F

3) Marital Status: M/U

4) Caste: Yes | No

5) Resident of the village:

6) Whether the cook belongs to the specified category:  Yes/No

7) In an average week, how often is a cooked meal given to the children?
   a) Everyday (excluding holidays)
   b) Most days (4-6 days)
   c) A few days (2-3 days)
   d) Not at all

8) Where is the food cooked?
   a) Constructed Kitchen/ Temporary Sheds
   b) Open Space in the school premises
   c) Cook’s home
   d) Other (specify)

9) In case food is cooked outside the school premises, how is it transported to the school?
   Please describe-----------------------------------------------

10) Where the food materials are stored?
    a) School Premises
    b) Storage shed in school Premises
    c) Storage shed elsewhere in the village

11) Is there a regular record of inventory?
    a) Yes
    b) No

12) If yes, then who keeps stock of it?
    a) Cook
b) Teachers  
c) VEC  
d) Sarpanch  

13) What fuel is used for cooking?  
   a) Firewood  
   b) Kerosene  
   c) Gas  
   d) Other (specify)  

14) Is the fuel provided to you in time?  
   Yes  
   No  

15) If no, how is it arranged?  

16) How do you decide what to cook?  
   a) Follow the Govt. Instructions  
   b) Follow the Head Master's Instructions  
   c) Follow the VEC Instructions  
   d) Decide Oneself  

17) Do you cook the same amount everyday?  
   Yes  
   No  

18) If yes, then what is the quantity?  

19) If no, then describe how the amount is decided?  

20) How often does it happen that some food is leftover after the children have eaten?  
   a) Every Day  
   b) Most Days  
   c) A Few Days  
   d) Never  

21) What is done with the food that may be leftover on a particular day?  
   a) Thrown away  
   b) Distributed among Children  
   c) Given to other children in the village  
   d) Other (specify)  

22) How often does it happen that food is short?  
   a) Never  
   b) Rarely  
   c) Frequently  
   d) More or Less Everyday  

23) What is done when food is short?  

24) Do you have helper to assist you?  
   a) Yes  
   b) No  

25) If yes, how many?  
   a) Once  
   b) Twice  

26) Is this enough, or do you feel that more helpers are needed?  
   a) Enough  
   b) More needed  
   c) Not needed  

27) Is there an organizer who administers the cooking process and takes care of kitchen accounts?
28) Are teachers involved in the cooking process?
   a) Yes
   b) No

29) If yes, in what way? Cooking
   a) Cutting vegetables
   b) Collecting firewood
   c) Cleaning dishes
   d) Serving the food
   e) All of above

30) Are students involved in the cooking process?
   a) Yes
   b) No

31) Who has appointed you?
   a) Head Master
   b) VEC
   c) Gram Panchayat
   d) Other specify

32) In your perception, who has played the most important role in your selection as the cook?

33) What is your monthly remuneration?

34) Is any remuneration due to you at the moment?
   a) Yes
   b) No

35) If yes, how many months’ remuneration is due to you?

36) When food is distributed, what is the usual sitting arrangement?
   a) Boys and girls separately
   b) Children of different grades separately
   c) Children of different castes separately
   d) All children together

37) Do you think that MDM should continue?
   a) Yes
   b) No

38) If yes/no, please explain:

39) Do you feel that MDM scheme can able to fulfill the children right to food?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Somewhat

40) What are the main problems that you face in cooking and serving MDM?
   1) 
   2) 
   3) 

41) Can you suggest some measures to improve MDM Scheme?
   1) 
   2) 
   3) 

Researcher’s Observation:
Focus Group Discussion (VEC/SHG/MTA/PTA)

Name of Investigator: ..........................................................

Name of the Village: ..............................

Panchayats: ..............................

Block: ..............................

District: ..............................

State: ..............................

1. Name of the Respondent: ------------------------------------------------------

2. Designation of the Respondent: --------------------------------------------------

3. How many members does the VEC have? --------------------------------------

4. How many of them belong to SC/ST? --------------------------------------

5. Who has appointed you as VEC? --------------------------------------

6. Are you aware of the MDM Scheme?
   a) Yes
   b) No

7. How often are cooked meals served in the school?
   a) Everyday (excluding holidays)
   b) Most days (4-6 days)
   c) A few days (2-3 day)
   d) Not at all

8. What are the specific functions of yours as VEC with respect to the MDM?
   a)------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   b)------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   c)------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

9. Do you get proper co-operation from the administration regarding the scheme?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Don’t Know

10. Do you face any short of problem regarding implementation of the scheme?
    Please specify. ---------------------------------------------------------------

11. Have you ever faced any problem like caste, gender, etc. while sharing MDM?
    a) Yes
    b) No
    c) Somewhat

12. If yes how has it been resolved?
13. Has there been an issue in the Panchayat regarding various issues of MDM?
   a) Yes
   b) No

14. What was the resolution in the Panchayat?

15. Do you have sufficient infrastructural facilities for MDM in the school?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Don’t know

16. If no what steps have you taken to improve it?

17. How often do you discuss with other VEC members regarding MDM?
   a) Everyday
   b) Once a Week
   c) Once a Fortnight
   d) Once a Month

18. Do you co-ordinate with other committees (PTA/MTA) during implementation and monitoring of the scheme?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Sometimes

19. How often do you meet the higher officials regarding MDM?
   a) Everyday
   b) Once a Week
   c) Once a Fortnight
   d) Once a Month

20. Do you think MDM can fulfill children’s right to food?
   a) Yes
   b) No
   c) Somewhat

21. Can you suggest some measures to improve MDM?
   a) 
   b) 
   c) 
   d) 

Researcher’s Observation:
Annexure-2: Photos from the Field

Mid-Day Meal in Tamil Nadu
Mid-Day Meal in Orissa