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## Field Experimentation

### Migration- Project Implementation Area, Mirzapur

**Migration Awareness Campaign with Mobile Rath :** SSK conducted migration awareness campaign through mobile rath. The mobile Rath main focusing issues were promoting safe migration to migrants and aware them about the migrant's issues. Another objective behind the campaign was to motivate people for the selection and participation in Gram panchayat election along with women and weaker section for equal and equity development.

**Monthly Meeting was Organized with Migrant families:** SSK organized meeting with migrant families in Masaree village. Total 38 women participated in the meeting. The main objective was to share the information about HIV/AIDS and encourage participation in PRI elections. After the meeting, the Women of migrant families decided to add name in voters lists of their adolescent girls. Women were interested to know more information about HIV/AIDS.



### Information camp at Mirzapur Railway Stations:

This month SSK team organized Migration Information Camp at railway stations. During the Camp, SSK team members were counselling the migrants and provided information about the safe migration, taking advantage of new age Banking services and its benefits to migrants through pamphlets and counselling medium.

**Meeting with Self Help Group's women:** During the meeting with SHGs, it was found that the members were not aware to use iron tablets. During the health related issues, this point came up. They were ready to demand iron tablets in PHC. During the discussion of Panchayat Election, the SHG members talked about adding name of adolescent girls and women.



### Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Sitapur (Source End)

#### Services from Shramik Sahayata Kendra

- 100 migrants are registered.
- Information related to their rights and about center has been disseminated.

#### Legal Counseling and Aid

- Two legal counselling sessions were arranged.
- Migrants came with their problems.
- Problems has been documented.



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## Migrant Rights Campaign

- Migrant Rights campaign has been organized in 5 Panchayats of two sub- centres.
- Through these campaign, 39 villages were covered.
- Campaign Rath has been prepared to reach each and every villages easily.
- Information related to project services has been disseminated through street plays, using loudspeaker, mega mike and distributed IEC materials.

## Mobile Kiosk

- Two mobile kiosks were organized at Labour Chouraha (Sitapur District).
- Registration has been done through the kiosk.
- Information has been given about legal counseling, ID card, registration etc.



## Vocational Training

- From 2nd August to 17th August Vocational Training has been organized on Office Management at SSK, Lucknow.
- 20 youths have been attending this training.

## Group Formation

- One new group has been formed at Karimnagar of Mulahimpur Panchayat.
- Monthly meeting of already formed group have been organized.

## Exposure visit of team

- SSK, Stapur Migration team went for exposure visit at Khalilabad, GDS source center.
- Interacted with the federation members of two blocks.
- Knowledge gaining on linking the federation with the project.



## Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Ghaziabad (Destination End)

### SSK is conducting study and analysis of present living conditions, challenges and other issues of Migrant workers moved to Ghaziabad:

SSK is intervening in Sitapur as Shramik Sahayata Kendra from past 9 months under this project. According to the undertaken survey, it has been found that most of the workers of Sitapur migrate to our national Capital region, i.e. Delhi and nearby region like Ghaziabad. Since national capital region provides several work opportunities to the migrant workers who come from outside, therefore, each year lakhs of people go there to earn. Hence, under this project, SSK has decided to treat Sitapur as Source end and to establish Destination end at Ghaziabad.

### Before starting work at Ghaziabad, SSK is presently having detailed study of following issues of Migrants:

- Present living conditions.
- Circumstances.
- Challenges they are facing like shelter problem, work, i-cards, correct wages, ability to take advantage of services of government, etc.

### Methodology:

- Secondary Data collection from Labour Dept, Nagar Nigam etc.
- Primary Data collection from Target Group.
- Field Visit & Meeting with different stakeholders.

- Interview & focus group discussion (FGD).
- Trade Identification through FGD's.
- Meeting with stakeholders & Listing of Trade & its prioritization.
- Random Sampling for 10 Focus Group Discussion's (FGD's) with 10 types of trade groups & 50 Interviews.
- 5 interviews of each identified Trade of 10 Trade Group.
- Random Selection of Coverage area for Interviews & FGD's.
- Observations.

**Target Group:** Migrants Labour, Contractor, Trade Unions, Working NGO's, Govt. officers from different dept.

## Strengthening Rural Governance

### Dalit & Girl Child Education Program, Varanasi

**Celebration of Independence Day at Cholakpur:** On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010, members of 'Garima SHG' celebrated Independence Day at Panchayat Bhavan Cholakpur. People of Cholakpur assembled at Panchayat Bhavan in the morning where flag hoisting ceremony was done by Head of Garima Self Help Group followed by national anthem and a speech. It was the first time at Cholakpur where community had taken this initiative and more than 500 people were assembled.



**Educational Game as a learning tool:** To enhance the learning capacity of community children, different educational games were organized at Village Resource Centers (VRCs). At Dharauhara, VRC children of class 8th and 9th developed their understanding on living and non living things by a group activity (in circle by step game) whereas at Nai Basit VRC children developed their understanding on odd and even numbers by the same activity.

**Rakhi Making Competition:** On the Occasion of Rakshbandhan a competition of Rakhi Making was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 at Dharauhara Gram Panchayat of Cholakpur block. In this competition 58 Vidya Gyan assisted girls participated. The objective of the competition was to show their creative skill and enhance their talent of innovative idea.



### Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign (PEVAC), Varanasi

**Information Dissemination by Suchna Rath:** Suchna Rath successively moved at selected gram panchayats and Harahua. Main aim of Sochana Rath was to disseminate the message extensively among the community for participating & electing good members in PRI election, emphasis was given to the weaker sections and women. Pamphlets and posters distribution was also done during the movement of Rath.



**Village Level Meeting under PEVAC:** Village level meetings were arranged on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> of August at Cholakpur, Dhaurhara and Dhasanipur respectively.

**Topics discussed in the meeting were:**

- To clear the aim of PEVAC & roles & responsibilities of community
- To share the information about Panchayat
- Encourage participation in PRI election.

After meeting, community decided to strongly participate in PRI election for equal growth. SSK shared the involvement of the women's in the Panchayat election process both as a voter and a candidate. Total participants in the meeting were 258.

### **Nukkar Play was organized at Harahua Block:**

Nukkar Play was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2 Gram Panchayat of Harahua Block. About 267 villagers enjoyed and appreciated the theme of **Nukar Natak "Sapna Sajal Ba" on panchayat election**. The main theme of the natak was to demonstrate panchayat representative role and explained that how dummy pradhan can affect the whole village whereas an honest pradhan will develop the village.



### **Wall Painting on PEVAC**

Under PEVAC programme, the messages on Panchayat election were painted on walls. It was done at Cholapur Justice Panchayats and Dhurahara Justice Panchayat and Harahua block. Main motive of wall painting was to sensitize community regarding voting importance, active women leadership and avoidance of dummy participation of women candidates.



### **Refresher workshop programme on PEVAC for UNDP partners**

Workshop of 1 day was organized in 5 batches of 40 facilitators on 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of August. It was based on the principal of adult learning and participatory methodology.



### **Consultation with university students on Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

One day consultation was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> of August for the students of Public Administration BHU. Objective was to build an understanding on Grievance redressal system and to develop an ability through some innovative model of GRS in context of Varanasi. SSK shared several grievance redressal mechanisms available in the Varanasi municipal Corporation.

## **Strengthening Citizen Collectives**

### **City Technical Advisory Group (CTAG), Varanasi**

**C-TAG Meeting was organized:** City Technical Advisory Group meeting was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010. All the C-TAG members participated in the meeting. The key agenda of the C-TAG meeting was to take some action in the city. Chairperson of C-TAG suggested that there is a need of sharig the CPF (Community Participation Fund) with the ward counsilors and help in formulating projects under CPF. Vice Chairperson of C-TAG suggested that in each meeting of C-TAG, 10 to 12 ward Counsilors must be invited.



## **Health**

## Capacity Building of ASHA Trainers

### Organizing and facilitating Cluster Meetings

The cluster meeting with the ASHAs in Gram Panchayat level is an ongoing process till the date scheduled and finalized. Through these cluster meetings the gaps ascertained during the Post Trainings Experience Sharing workshops will be fulfilled with the simultaneous follow ups by the partner NGOs.

These meetings are facilitated by the SSK District Coordinators.



### Strategy for covering the left over ASHAs

After the completion of the two to three cluster meetings it was observed that the number as decided and formalized per cluster was not fulfilled, 2 to 3 ASHAs were not able to attend the meetings due to their personal reasons, thus the partner organizations were asked to club those left over ASHAs with the nearby clusters.

### Compilation of Reports

The documentation of the completion reports and weekly reports on the Post Training Experience sharing and the project holistically has been done till date.

## Disaster

**Monitoring visit of ECHO:** Mr. Aftab Alam from ECHO was in Kaiserganj visit from 23rd to 26th August, 2010 to monitor the ongoing DIPECHO Project. During the visit, he went to Chulambha and Ahata panchayat and interacted with Hamlet Development Committees; citizen collectives, Community Based Disaster Management Committees and the community. He also had a meeting with Mr. Veerendra Pandey, Project Officer, District Disaster Management Cell and S.D.M. Kaiserganj and discussed about the early warning system, installed by SSK in DDMC.



**SSK's response to floods in Baharaich:** Floods hit Baharaich in August and 87 villages have been inundated forcing people to stay on embankments. Efforts are being carried out for the relief of the people. SSK facilitated the distribution of 400 jerry cans, 50,000 ORS packets, 60,000 Chlorine tablets and 110 tarpaulin sheets which were procured by it from the district administration.

The mechanized and wooden boats provided by SSK are being largely used by the community as well as by the district administration. It is also distributing leaflets to the community on "Do's and Don't" during the flood and also providing flood update on daily basis to all the stakeholders at the State Level. Further, the community based Disaster Management Committees formed by Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra at the Panchayats are acting as volunteers and aiding the government in reaching the affected people with resources.

## Trainings

### Following trainings concluded successfully in the last 2 months:

- Training of Trainers on Participatory Training
- Training on leadership for women worker of NGOs
- Formation and Management of DPO
- Leadership Management & Right to Information (RTI).





**SSK conducted TOT for AALI.** In another TOT organized by SSK participants were mostly from Jeevika (BRLP), Bihar. By the end of the training the participants learned and internalized about the concept of participatory training, analyzing training needs, understanding appropriate participatory training methods, tools, techniques, understanding group processes, improving self and personality of a trainer, different roles a trainer has to play during participatory training, designing effective participatory training and its various steps, facilitating participatory training sessions, understanding Trainer Team etc.

**SSK also organized 3 trainings for World Vision India** on Formation and Strengthening of Disabled People's Organization in which the importance of formation of DPO, sensitizing people towards person with disability, Rights and UNCRPD etc. were discussed.



**Training on leadership for women worker of NGOs** was organized in which 5 days session was taken by Breakthrough, New Delhi on gender, group processes (Leadership, decision making, communication, participation and conflict management), facilitation skill, self and personality development, documentation skill etc. were discussed.

**A training on Leadership Management & RTI** was organized at Moradabad in which the importance of leadership for social, economic and political development of community and in program implementation; leadership behavior and its key features, leadership in group processes; RTI Act. And it's provisions, process of getting information and application formats were discussed.

**Orientation on CBO:** 3 days of orientation on CBO was organized for Grameen Vikas Parishad, Madhubani in which orientation on CBO management and exposure to different CBOs at Mishrikh and Sitapur was organized by SSK.

#### **Future Training - "Training of Trainers on Participatory Training"**

SSK is going to organize a 8 days Training of Trainers on Participatory Training at SSK, Lucknow. The aim of the training program is to develop understanding on participatory training, enhance the training skill, self and personality development, training design, group processes, training methodologies etc.

The fee for the training program is Rs. 10000 per person that includes tuition fee, cost of learning materials, staying and food charges, and other training expenses except travel expenses to and from the training venue.

Training dates and its details is likely to be available at [www.sahbhagi.org](http://www.sahbhagi.org).