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Field Experimentation

Migration- Project Implementation Area, Mirzapur



Meeting with women SHGs: SSK Team members interacted with women SHGs(Maa Durga WSHG and Nirmla WSHG). The main focus of the meeting was to maintain the records register of SHGs. During the meeting, it was informed that saving account opening task in Punjab & Sind Bank Gurusandi is now complete.

Forming new Women SHG: In the project, SSK team members are encouraging migrants families to create new SHGs to solve their problems. In Masaree village, topics for community discussion issues were daily purchasing, women's health and other health related issues.

Campaign with Mobile Rath: Mobile Rath in 2 village Panchayats was organized. The main motive behind the campaign was to promote safe migration in village panchayats and to make people aware of migration related issues. SSK members distributed pamphlets of HIV/AIDS and safe migration with the help of Mobile Rath.

Migrants meeting: SSK team members attended the migrants meeting which was held at Turkapar village in Masaari village Panchayat. Total 19 members were present in the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to share the information about safe migration and prevention of HIV/AIDS. **Following topics were also discussed in the meeting:** Banking system, insurance, sensitization on railway rules and other necessary precautions and its benefits.



Information camp at Mirzapur Railways station:

This month SSK organized migration information camp at railways station. Main motive of the camp was to spread information about the safe migration, new age Banking services and its benefits to migrants. This was done through pamphlets and counseling medium. In the course of camp 56 migrants were registered.

Assignment of filling Questionnaire: Migrants profiles were filled by SSK in Masaree & Sirsee Baghel village Panchayats. This Questionnaire was based on migration related issues like migration period, time, main problems of migration places, changes in quality life after migration, information about HIV/AIDS. During the profiles filling, SSK team members got some interrogative issues from migrants like the purpose of filling the questionnaire, its benefits, etc. SSK members answered each question with patience.



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Guardian Meeting was organized :-

Guardian meeting was organized on 17 of June, 2010 for the girls enrolled in Vidya Gyan Scholarship Programme. Mrs. Shweta Verma, Programme officer of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi was also present in the meeting. Meeting was conducted in Adarsh Inter College Cholanpur where about 232 parents and girls were present.

Slogan Competition:

A slogan competition was organized on 17 June, 2010. Students of class 8th and 9th participated in the competition. The topics of the competition were Panchayat Election, Education and Female Feticide. Girls were enthusiastically involved in the Slogan Competition.



Summer Camp:- In summer camp, several competitions were organized at Cholanpur and Dhaurara justice panchayat. Theme based drawing completion was organized. All participants were asked to add some punch-line in their drawing, which will add theme in their drawing. Girls actively participated in this competition. In this way not only the confidence level of the girls was boosted but also their creativity explored.

Celebration of world Environment Day:- SSK team celebrated the World Environment Day in the summer camp. Competition was also organized. The name of the competition was JAM (just a minute). Competition was about instantly thinking about any natural thing which an individual likes and speaking few words related to it. Also answering some questions related to it.



Migration, Sitapur



Mobile Kiosks:- Two mobile kiosks were organized. One in Saraya Sanni market and another is in Machrehta Chouraha. Through the kiosks, beyond 15 Panchayats labour have been informed about the project activities. Labour came in the center and registered themselves before their migration.

Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra as Services from Shramik Sahayata Kendra:- 130 migrants are registered in the Kendra. ID cards have been distributed to 50 migrants.



Community Outreach:- Migrants rights and awareness campaign was organized in two Panchayats, namely Jainpur Sohrya and Pakariya. The campaign was headed by the Panchayat Pradhan. 8 villages are covered through this campaign. Migrants are registered and informed about the project activities.

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Group Formation: -

The newly formed Jyoti Swayam Sahayata Samuha (SHG) organized their first meeting. This group also started their savings.



Workshop: -

A block level Migrants rights workshop was organized. The workshop was headed by Block Development Officer (BDO). Panchayat Pradhan and advisory members participated in this workshop.

Strengthening Rural Governance

PEVAC (Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign)- Project Implementation Area, Mirzapur



Panchayat Rath: SSK team organized Panchayat Rath which ran in several villages. The Panchayat Rath sent the message to the community for participating & electing good members in PRI election. Our main focus was on weaker section and women. While the Panchayat Rath was moving, SSK team members pasted the PRI election awareness posters on walls. Also convinced the community for electing good & dedicative representative.

Wall painting work: This month 5 new wall paintings were completed on Panchayat election. Issues presented through wall paintings were:- Avoiding Dummy candidate, women participation in Panchayat, transparent PRI election and other issues.



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PEVAC, Varanasi

Wall-Writing:- Under PEVAC programme, Wall-Writing work was done to increase awareness of people against dummy candidate and to encourage women for PRI election. Wall writing work took place at Cholapur Justice Panchayats. In this context, meeting with Communities was also organized.



Orientation Programme For The Nigarani Samiti Of Cholapur:- In PEVAC Cholapur campaign, 2 Orientation Programme were organized with Nigrani Samiti in the field area on 18th & 25th June at Srikhandapur, Dhaurhara and Cholapur. The objective of the orientation was to clearly define the aim of PEVAC and roles & responsibilities of Nigrani Samiti.

Health

Capacity Building of ASHA Trainers

Completion of all Post Experience Sharing Workshops:- After the 2 day training on Post Partum Home visit of L3 ASHAs and the mentoring process, one day Post Experience Sharing Workshop was planned in all the 7 districts of U.P.

The objective of the workshop was:

- Providing a stage to ASHAs for Experience Sharing related to home visits and discussing the learnings extracted
- Enhancing their (ASHAs) efficiency on counseling and communicative skills

• Reinforcing the correct usage of home visit checklist register and flip book
Post Training Experience Sharing Workshops were conducted in all the Sure Start Districts as scheduled:

Review meeting at PATH office:- Review meeting was held at PATH Office on 11th June, 2010 with all the SSK District coordinator team and of SSK team working under the project. The main issues discussed were related to make certain modification in the ongoing Post Training Experience Sharing Workshop.

Compilation of Reports:- The documentation of the completion reports and weekly reports on the Post Training Experience sharing has been done till date.

Strengthening Citizen Collectives

C-TAG (City Technical Advisory Group):-

SSK holds State level Consultation:- Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra organized a state level Consultation under Jawaharlal Nehru National Renewal Mission (JNNRM) in association with C-TAG (City Technical Advisory Group). Main objective was to share the study and findings of survey and also to share burning issues of city and their probable solution. In the presence of Municipal Commissioner V.K.Dubey and other officials, SSK initially shared the findings of Citizen report card on water supply ,sanitation and solid waste Management in Varanasi.



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Municipal Commissioner V.K.dubey praised the efforts of SSK and also accepted points mentioned in the findings of survey and assured to provide all possible help in solving water and sanitation problem of city. He stressed need for transparency in activities of local bodies .

Interface meeting of VMC and CTAG for sharing the progress under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Renewal Mission (JNNURM) programme:-

An official meeting of City Technical Advisory Group on 10th June 2010 was organized by Varanasi Municipal Corporation. The meeting was chaired by the honorable mayor of Varanasi Municipal Corporation. The other participants were Mr V.K Dubey Municipal Commissioner, Mr S.N. Singh Deputy Municipal Commissioner. Mr J.K Singh from Jal Sansthan was also present in the meeting with the C_TAG Members. VMC presented the progress of the programmes implemented under JNNURM. SSK team members presented the Role and responsibility of C-TAG and discussed in details on the facilities provided by municipal Corporation to C-TAG. Municipal commissioner assured c-Tag that he will take serious action on the suggestions of C-TAG and provide monthly progress to C-TAG .



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C-TAG meetings:-

C-TAG meeting was organized on 1st June, 2010. All the C-TAG members participated in the meeting. The key issues undertaken in the meeting was on developing strategy to put pressure on the municipal corporation to call official meetings of C-TAG and share the progress of the sanctioned projects under the JNNURM programme. The other issues undertaken in the meeting for

discussion was on the same model building ground work undertaken by C-TAG for the city.

Disaster

2 Days field visit of Asia Desk Head:- "SSK is doing commendable work at the field level", said Mr. Roland (Asia Desk, Head), Malteser International, Germany who was on two days field visit to DIPECHO project. He visited the Kaiserganj project area on 29th and 30th June 2010, interacted with Community Based Disaster Management Committee (CBDMC) Task Force Members at Kandauli and Nasirganj Panchayat. In Ahata Panchayat he interacted with Hamlet Development Committee members of 11 hamlets. He also met the District Magistrate, Bahraich and discussed the issue of Disaster Management in the district.



DIPECHO Partners' Meeting held at Guwahati:- Three days DIPECHO partners meeting was held at Guwahati wherein all the 9 partners of DIPECHO, who are implementing Disaster Management projects in all parts of the country, participated. Mr. Nagendra Singh and Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh participated to represent SSK and shared the project's achievements. SSK's efforts in mainstreaming the disaster risk concerns were lauded in the meeting and its training modules were highly appreciated.

Training of CBDMCs' task forces at Lucknow :- The training for task force members of Community Based Disaster Management Committees (CBDMCs) of eight flood affected panchayats of Bahraich district was organized by SSK from May 31st – June 15th, 2010 at SSK training centre, Lucknow. In each panchayat, these task forces were formed on the issues of early warning, search and rescue, first aid, water, sanitation and hygiene and social inclusion and were trained on their respective issues.



The average ratio of male-female participation was 7:3. It was experienced that women adhered to their traditional roles and participated in first aid, watsan and social inclusion trainings in larger number as compared to early warning.

Intervention in 5 blocks started:- SSK through its partner organizations started its intervention in the other 5 flood affected blocks of Fakharpur, Mahasi, Mihinpurwa, Balha and Shivpur in Bahraich district. Like the two directly intervened blocks – Kaiserganj and Jarwal, task forces of CBDMCs of 12 panchayats, 2 in each block will be trained on the issues of early warning, search and rescue, first aid, water, sanitation and hygiene. The trainings have been started in these blocks.