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Field Experimentation

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.
- 30 cases have been identified.



Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign

- PEVAC program organized in 10 Gram Panchayats by Samajik Vikas Prerak Sangh.
- The information has been disseminated through IEC materials.

Group Formation

- Two days SHG and migration training has been organized at MRC
- 15 members of Jyoti Self Help Group attended.

Mobile Kiosk

- One mobile kiosk has been organized at Labour Chouraha (Sitapur district place).
- Registration has been done through the kiosk.
- Information has been given about legal counseling, ID card, registration etc.
- Labours visited the migration resource center and registered themselves.



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Vocational Training

- From 4th September to 18th September Vocational Training has been organized on Office Management of second batch at SSK, Lucknow.
- 20 youths participated in this training.

Advisory Committee Meeting

- Monthly meeting of Advisory committee has been organized at MRC.
- In this meeting discussion held on about progress of project activities, placement for the youth and also health awareness program for SHG members.
- Discussion also was on the district level workshop.



Strengthening Urban Governance

Publicizing telephonic Grievance

Redressal Cell :- During SSK's interaction with the various stakeholders, it was found that most of the citizens are unaware of the newly launched telephonic Grievance Redressal Cell. Hence need of popularizing this GRS service & helpline number was felt to the citizens via hoarding. Later on, need by putting display board to spread GRC information at zonal office & head office of Varanasi Municipal Corporation was aroused. SSK displayed hoarding to serve the purpose.



Exposure visit :- CINI team arrived on 6th Sep 10 and left on 8th Sep 10. There were total 9 members which constitutes 2 men & 7 women. They visited SSK Varanasi's field areas and interacted with the community members.

Objective of the exposure visit was -

- Urban Governance system and the various mechanisms involved
- Community Development through rights based approach- related interventions at same time how Community Development through administration .
- Process of participatory learning



Dalit & Girl Child Education Program, Varanasi



Developing Innovative Skills by Educational Games: Some educational games were organized on 10th and 22nd Sep 10 at Dharauhara and Ugapur gram panchayat to enhance the innovative skills of girls. With the help of these games, participants developed their understanding on colors identification, wooden materials, even and odd numbers, living and non living things, moving and unmoving things. These were group's activities where girls enjoyed very much and have taken interest. The games were played outside of VRC where girls assembled in a circle, and play the game with the help of instructors (librarian).

Story Telling Competition: On 14th and 25th Sep 10, story telling competition was organized at Katari, and Cholapur Village resource centres. Objective of the competition was to develop the confidence level and imaginative thinking of the girls. In this competition participants not only listened the stories they asked questions related the the terms and objects used in the story. They prepared a list of objects used in the story.



Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign (PEVAC), Varanasi



Mass level Community Meeting :- On 13th and 20th Sep 2010, mass level community meeting was organized on PEVAC by Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra Varanasi at Dharhaura and Murli gram panchayat Cholapur. There were 220 people participated in these meetings in which 100 female and 120 male were present. The objective of the meeting was to encourage the voters to make best use of their right to vote and encourage them for active participation of female in Panchayat election. To develop understanding on Panchayat election process, video shows were also displayed. They watched Suno Behna and Udaan documentary movies and participated in discussion on it.

Stakeholders Sensitization Workshop :-

At Harahua block under PEVAC, a workshop was organized on 14th Sep 2010 with different stakeholders of gram Pannchayat level and block level at block auditorium of Harahua block. 100 participants participated in this program where Block Development Officer (BDO), ASHA, teachers, Aganwadi etc. were also present. The workshop was chaired by BDO of Harahau Block. The objective of the programme was to sensitize different stakeholders of block level and gram panchayat level. During the workshop, open discussion session was done where



participants (stakeholders) cleared their doubts and query related to panchayat election.



Nomination Help Camp at Harahua and Cholapur Block :- Nomination Help camp was organized to assist the Panchayat Election candidates in filling the nomination form at Harahua block (from 24th to 26th Sep 2010) and at Cholapur block (from 30th to 3rd Sep 2010). Main objective of the camp was to decrease the probability of rejection of the form as to help candidate to understand the process of filling the form. In this camp, total 635 candidates participated. During the camp, candidates also checked their forms and asked about the formalities needed for the nomination. The SSK team and local Volunteers helped the candidates.

Information dissemination of panchayat election:- Information regarding Panchayat election was disseminated from door to door with the help of panchayat sochna rath. SSK team members and community mobilizer moved in intervention areas of cholapur gram Panchayats and distributed IEC (Posters and pamphlets) materials. Our team members discussed with the community about the process of Panchayat election and make people aware to cast their vote. We also encouraged people to elect good representative and to decrease dummy candidates



Village Level Meeting :- Meeting was organized in the field area on 14th, 20th, 23th and 29th Sep 2010 at Cholapur area and Dhaurhara and Dhasanipur. Major points of discussion in the meeting were to clear the aim of PEVAC and roles & responsibilities of community to start interaction with the other community members on the developmental issues of the village and their plans regarding these issues. SSK shared with the community, the involvement of the women in the Panchayat election process both as a voter and a candidate. Total participants in the meeting were 248 and the meeting's main objective was to share the information about Panchayat and encourage participation in PRI election.

Second round Refresher Training :- One day Training programme was organized in 5 Batches for 200 participants between 6th - 15th Sep 10. Program was organized for promoting inter-learning of the two teams and building a common understanding on block level activities of PEVAC. During this training program 200 facilitators were oriented on the Panchayati Raj system election process, need of PEVAC and on the



issue and strategy for intervention.

Regarding Broadcasting of Radio Jingle on PEVAC :- Under UNDP – IKEA programme, Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra was broadcasting Radio Jingle related for dissemination of concrete information on Panchayat election in UP. Jingle is broadcasting in the film music programme from 20th Sep 10. Radio jingle broadcasted before & in between state news programme (Lucknow) from 4th-10th Oct 10. With help of radio programme SSK's messages were delivered to the larger group of community which includes all age group of society.

Trainings

Training of Process Documentation and Report Writing:- SSK is going to organize a 5 days Training on Process Documentation and Report Writing from 12th November to 16th November 2010. The Course Objectives are as to explain the basic principles, importance, framework and steps for effective process documentation; Develop basic skills for writing different kinds of process reports and documents ; Differentiate various tools and techniques for gathering, analyzing and presenting qualitative and quantitative data for preparing different kinds of documents etc.

This training course is designed for middle and senior level programme/project managers, monitoring and evaluation managers, documentation officers, team leaders and other staff who are directly or indirectly involved in process monitoring and documentation of programmes and projects or are expected to be engaged in such activities after this course.

The fee for the training program is Rs. 5000 per person that includes tuition fee, cost of learning materials, staying and food charges, and other training expenses except travel expenses to and fro from the training venue. The details of the training is available on www.sahbhagi.org

Training of NGO Management:- SSK is also going to organize a 3 days training program from 21st October to 23rd October on NGO Management. The objectives of the training are as to develop understanding on framework of an organization; develop understanding on Vision, Mission, strategy and program planning of an organization; develop understanding on Internal organizational functions and environment and leadership; develop understanding on legal environment of the organization. Most of the participants in the training are from NACDOR.