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Strengthening Urban Governance

Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra Ghaziabad is working as a State Facilitating Agency(SFA) in Public Participation and Awareness component of Yamuna Action plan-II under Social Engineering Cell.

Comments on Final Self Appraisal Report of Agra and Ghaziabad Region of Partner NGO's- SFA studied draft self appraisal report of all partner NGO's and prepared comments on the same and shared it with partner NGO's, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and PMC.



Video Documentation of BARD Field Area in Ghaziabad and Noida: - SFA conducted a brief video documentation on school health & hygiene program in Ghaziabad and Noida to document the best practices and impact assessment of the program.

Meeting with UP Jal Nigam and PMC on Sustainability Policy Guideline: - SFA shared draft report with UPJN, PMC and took valuable suggestions for finalization of the same.



Review Meeting of Agra and Ghaziabad Region Partner NGO's : - SFA team actively conducted and facilitated final review meeting. Meeting was held at Mathura, Vrindavan, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur, Ghaziabad and Noida from 5th to 9th April 2010.

Strengthening Civil Society

Training of Trainers on Participatory Training :- SSK conducted 8 days Training of Trainers on Participatory Training from 23rd April to 30th April. Participants in the training were from Government departments, Himachal Pradesh through GTZ, Shimla and the officers of CSOs/CSR belonging to Rajasthan, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.



By the end of the training, participants learnt 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. Participants also learnt 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.

Training of trainers on SHG and Federation :- SSK is going to organize 6 days training from 21st May to 26th May 2010 at Social Development Center, Ranchi.

The fee for the training program is Rs. 6000 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. Training details are available at www.sahbhagi.org.

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Field Experimentation

Migration



Exposure Visit :- Two days exposure visit of Citizen Leaders has been organized at PEPUS Allahabad. The main focus was on the intervention area of PEPUS, to understand the initiatives on migration issue.

Orientation Workshop :- Two days Orientation workshop and Exposure visit of Project Staff has been organized at Ajeevika Beauru Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Monthly Meeting of Citizen Leaders :- Monthly meeting of Citizen Leaders has been organized on 12th April, in which the members has shared their learning from the exposure with other members. The work plan for next month has been decided in this meeting.

Registration of Migrants :- Registration of 80 Migrants has been done at Paragpur and Mubarakpur cluster.

Capacity Building of ASHA Trainers

Training Program for ASHA :- The Post Experience Sharing Workshop was decided to fulfill the needful requirement of ASHAs while making the Home Visits. After the completion of the two day training program on the post partum home visit and the mentoring process it was important that such a stage should be designed where ASHAs can come up and share their experiences/ problems/ challenges in field level during Post Partum Home visits. ASHAs go through various experiences out of which some are good and some are such where extra effort is required. Various roles are to be played by them to commute well with the community, as in and as per the situation, sometimes as a friend, mentor, and guide or as a counselor.



Objectives of the Post Experience Sharing Workshop

While framing the frame work of the module certain objectives were kept in mind;

- Providing a stage for Experience Sharing related to home visits and discussing the learnings extracted

- Enhancing their (ASHAs) efficiency on counseling and communicative skills

Incorporating all the above strategically, a final copy of module was pilot tested.

Pilot testing on the post experience sharing workshop took place in the Banki block, of Barabanki district, on 27th April, '10. The workshop took place in the CARE office which was facilitated by the SSK facilitators in association with the lead Partners and the team member from PATH.

Dalit & Girl Child Education Program



SSK has initiated Practical Sessions of Math's and Science for Vidya Gyan Scholarship Programme for girls. This programme was organized with the objective of developing understanding of the girls on Math and sensitizes them on the applied science which inspires girls to take interest on Math's and Science. Practical session was focused on the providing the conceptual information's and activities on:

- Properties of Magnet
- Relation of Magnetism to Electric Current
- Energy
- Concept of Fraction

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Community Meetings :- Main Objective of this meeting was :-

- To build a platform for continuing PEVAC
- To sensitize the community on the issue of involvement of women in Panchayat.
- Political empowerment of the women.

This main focus of these meetings was on issues of active participation of Muslim community as well as identifying reasons for their lesser involvements in Panchayats. During meetings, people shared their observations regarding development initiatives taken within their areas and also shared that Muslim Community are landless labours so Muslims community depend on traditional skill of weaving sarees . Nowadays chinese silk is available in the market, so demand of hand-made sarees is reduced. Now people have engaged themselves in other labour related to embroidery work of sarees. They also shared that they do not accept labour work available at local area due to traditional thinking.



Strengthening Citizen Collectives



In the various meetings it was felt by the members of C-TAG that there is need to be office bearers in this committee for its effective functioning and independency. Election of the office bearers was held for the three posts i.e. Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons and Secretary. After the rounds of discussions with the members, finalization of the names for the office bearers would be done with a common consensus. The following persons were elected, viz. Mr R.C. Jain as Chairperson, Mr Ambrish Singh as Vice Chairperson and Mr Rajeev Singh as Secretary.

On 29th April 2010 panel of C-TAG members have meeting with the new municipal commissioner of VMC. In this meeting C-TAG members shared their issues with the municipal commissioner and present their demands. C-TAG demands that municipal corporation call meeting of C-TAG and shared the present status of the JNNURM projects in the city and also demands the facilities provided by Municipal Corporation to the C-TAG for its effective functioning.



Disaster Management

One day multi stakeholders Workshop on Flood Early Warning Mechanism at District Level organised in Bahraich :- Workshop on Flood Early Warning Mechanism at District Level was organised in Bahraich by DMRC, SSK Lucknow in joint collaboration with District Disaster Management Cell, Bahraich on dated 3rd May 2010. The workshop was organised at Collectorate Bhawan, Bahraich under the chairmanship of Honorable Rigjiyan Samphil, District Magistrate and community members.



The workshop mainly focused on the Early Warning System developed by Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra in order to strengthen the existing early warning of the district. The D.M. praised the effort of SSK and said that the system shall boost the effort of the administration to reach the district's motto to "Locate nearest Possible High and Dry Land and Relief in Quickest Possible time". A unified consensus was reached in the workshop that the affect of Disaster can be mitigated to a large extent if the Government, N.G.O.s and community compliment and support each other.

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DMRC unit of SSK to launch training modules designed especially meant for training Community Based Disaster Management Committee in May 2010 These modules developed on five themes viz. Early warning, Search and Rescue, First Aid, Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Social Inclusion shall cater to the need of Flood prone areas of the country and help prepare a better cadre of task forces at the grassroots to act during the time of disaster.

Training of Trainers (TOT) for six partner NGOs under DIPECHO project on Community Based Disaster Management Committee starts from 13th May 2010 at SSK Lucknow.

District Administration announces raising platform level of handpumps in flood affected areas of Bahriach.



The issue of unavailability of safe drinking water during flood was raised by S.S.K. and success of flood proof handpump model installed by SSK in Kaiserganj block of Bahraich District in a meeting called by District Magistrate on 12th March 2010 held at Vikas Bhawan, Bahraich :- 750 handpumps with raised platforms will ensure safe drinking water to the flood affected communities in 200 villages. A decision was taken by the district administration to raise the platforms of handpumps by May 2010. This would ensure that the community is not bound to drink the flood water in the event of flood in the district. Subsequent meetings thereafter with the District Magistrate by SSK team members and willingness of the administration to share the dignity of human life has now brought a ray of belief in the community to fight the flood disaster with a new zeal.

HR/Admin

The new HRM policy was introduced during the month of March 2010 to all the staff members of SSK. The policy was drafted as per the convenience of both Management and the employees.

The performance appraisal for the year 2009 was conducted during the month of March 2010. The result of the performance appraisal was announced during the staff meeting through a presentation. As a result the staff members from different department whose performance was graded as 'Excellent' and 'Good' had been announced for rewards in the form of monetary incentives as per the SSK norms in order to motivate their contribution to SSK. The result was appreciated by every staff members of SSK.

ICT Unit

Now SSK have a separate website of Disaster Management Resource Centre (www.dmrc.sahbhagi.org) which is regularly being updated. Also SSK has started it's own blog where each and everyone can write their comments with respect to the thematic areas of SSK. Blog can be a positive way of getting feedback from people within and outside the organization.

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