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Janab (student of Class VII) was initially an introvert and lacked confidence. With the help of mentoring support as part of Vidya Gyan Scholarship Programme which includes formal and informal discussion with the girls for the academic support and personality development and regular interaction with her family, gave her a dash to develop her confidence level. She demanded to ride bicycle but her father did not allow her. Her teacher convinced her father as a result of this she not only got permission to perform but also got promise that when she will perform her father will come to watch her play. Her parents saw her performance, they were shocked by the confidence she displayed. They were proud of her and as a reward she is now allowed to ride her bicycle on the road.

I decided to participate in the school play in MEENA Manch but my father don't like it due to orthodox mentality of community. I shared my desire with community instructor of Vidya Gyan Scholarship Programme. My teacher convinced my father. As a result of it, I got permission to perform and also got promise that when I will perform, my father will come to watch my play.



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STRENGTHENING RURAL GOVERNANCE

Promoting Education of Minority women and girls through Community Led- Agents

Final Selection of Community Change Agents (CCAs)

The community change agents are major element of this project. 20 community change agents were selected from 10 Gram panchayats. In order to identify these community change agents, a fair and a transparent process was designed. In the first round of identification, 75 candidates were identified from 10 Gram Panchayat. Candidates who have completed minimum 8th standard education were selected.

In the second round, listed candidates along with their guardian and community members were oriented regarding their roles of CCAs. They were oriented through focus group discussion in their respective villages. Thereafter, application form for CCAs were distributed. As a response, we received 35 application forms.

The final procedure of the selection was the interview process.



One day orientation of selected CCAs

FIELD EXPERIMENTATION

Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Sitapur (Source End)

District Level Workshop

One day district level workshop on Migrant issue was organized with GOs, NGOs and other stakeholder. In the workshop, DM, CDO, BDO, Advisory members, local NGOs, stakeholders, CLS federation and others took part. The main objective was advocacy on migrant rights and entitlements. **From SSK three issues were presented in the workshop, 1) Legitimacy of ID card, 2) Social security benefit of the migrant family and 3) legal aid to the migrant.** D.M. ensured that he will conduct a meeting with the Labour department and SSK team and will make some strategy to work on the issue. He stated that one information cell should be formed to keep the record of migration of the district and in the forthcoming meeting, strategy will be formed for the authenticity of the Migrants ID proof. Chief Development Officer (CDO) suggested that in the ID proof phone number of Block office can be incorporated. He also suggested SSK to start the same work in Laharpur block, as in the official record, at least 80% people migrate to other places and this kind of services can help them in better way at the time of their migration.

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TRAININGS

Training of Trainers on Participatory Training

SSK conducted a TOT on participatory training during 13th January to 20th January which was attended by 26 participants from Jeevika (BRLPS), 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, learning facilitate participatory training sessions and understanding Trainer Team.



Upcoming Trainings

SSK is going to organize 3 consecutive TOT on participatory training in the next month..

As a part of capacity building for its own staff, SSK has plan to conduct a training on Gender Sensitization very soon.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

**Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
follow up project**

A one day orientation was organized for selected CCAs on 17th Jan, 2011 at SSK regional office Varanasi. The objective of the orientation was to provide brief introduction of SSK and introduce with our staff members of Varanasi so that will be clear with their roles and responsibilities.



First batch of vocational training started for Adolescent girls

Promoting education and women empowerment are 2 main goals of all the assignment. Adolescent girls who discontinued their education due to economic and social problems are the target for training. The vocational training at various trend will help in economic empowerment of these girl. Through their income generation, they can continue their education. Thus, first batch of vocational training started at Vanita polytechnic. 17 girls were identified from 5 different gram panchayat who have willingness to do something. The courses applied by these girls are Jardoji, Sewing and knitting, beautician and machine embroidery.

Developing format for Citizen report card survey on School Sanitation

The format has been developed for citizen report card survey on school sanitation. The survey will be conducted at 10 gram panchayats of Cholapur block from second week of February. The survey will covered all the issues related to quality education and school sanitation. The major stakeholders at local and block level were also covered through this survey.

EDUCATION

Muslim and Dalit Girl Child Education and Women Empowerment Programme

Celebration of Republic Day

Regular interventions and meetings enables the community to observe the significant days like Independence Day, republic day, women's day etc. In this way, on 26th January 2011, the community of gram panchayat of Cholapur block celebrated republic day at Village



Felicitation of Newly Elected Representation

In the workshop, we welcomed the newly elected representative. In this regard, brief overviews about the Migration scenario was presented in front of the PRI representatives. Felicitation has been given through BDO Khairabad.



Mobile Kiosk

One mobile kiosk was arranged in Saraya Sanni market place. The focus was to reach out to the mass population. Through the kiosk, registrations has been done and information related to Shramik Sahayata Kendra services was disseminated. In the kiosk, the Citizen Leaders from Samajik Vikas Prerak Manch took part actively and gave information to the visitors.



Prawasi Pariwar Samuha (Migrant Women Collective)

Regular monthly meeting of the collectives was organized. The members of the Prawasi Pariwar Samuha took part in the district level workshop and raised

Orientation for newly elected panchayat representatives

3 orientation trainings, on the issue of local self governance, were organized for newly elected panchayat representatives of Ahata and Bahrapur panchayat of Jarwal block and Baghaiya panchayat of Kaisarganj block in Bahraich district. They were oriented on the concept of local self governance, roles and responsibilities of pradhans (village head) and ward members (panchayat representatives). The duration of all the three trainings was one day. Pradhan and 16 panchs participated in the training in Ahata panchayat, 11 panchs along with pradhan participated in the training in Bahrapur panchayat and in Baghaiya also 11 panchs and pradhan participated in the training.



Resource Centre. It was the first time where a huge mass assembled at Cholapur Panchayat Bhavan. The member of Jasmine and Garima Self group actively participated and helped to collect the community. In this occasion, about 178 community members participated. The celebration helps in enhancing community solidarity and confidence.



Meeting with Self Help Group (SHG)

On 20th Jan 2011, the meeting was held with Laxmi SHG group at Dhaurhara gram panchayat. The main agenda of the meeting was to avail some vocational opportunities to the members. It was decided that the confectionary box will be prepared by the members and they will sell it to any local confectionary shop, but firstly they will arrange training to make this box. The issue discussed in the meeting was Sanitation of the village. Members of SHG informed that, there is no toilet facility in their area.

Orientation on Self and Personality Development for Adolescent Girls Group

Regular meetings with Sanjeevani Kishori Group, enhance their perception and they are now more conscious citizen of their village. Now they play a vital role to mobilize the community in their respective areas. In this progression, training programme of 1 day on self and personality development was organized, where 92 girls were collected in the training centre at Bhojubeer, Varanasi. The trainer Mr. Rajeev Singh (MBA, TISS Mumbai) from career counselling research center is a national level trainer who facilitated adolescent girls. The objective of the orientation was to enhance their confidence level and encourage them to develop their potential and provide a platform to increase their capacity by improving their innovative ideas and thoughts.

their voice regarding their rights and entitlements. Mobilization meeting was organized at Maheshpur and Akbarpur Khund for new collective formation. The member of Jyoti Prawasi Pariwar Samuha raised voice regarding not getting benefits of social security scheme. In this regard, DM and BDO gave them assurance that action will be taken very soon and asked Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra to give Panchayat-wise list for the same.



Advisory Committee

The monthly meeting of the advisory committee was organized. In the meeting, discussion was held regarding involvement of new members, follow-up plans of the workshop and extensive outreach through mobile kiosk in new area were prepared.

Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Ghaziabad (Destination End)

Networking with Stakeholders

At destination end, networking and liaison has been made with the stakeholders for the advisory group formation. For this purpose, SSK contacted with different NGOs, Social elites, Doctors, etc. The plan is to organize a meeting with the stakeholders and form the advisory group for the support of the migration project at destination end.

Meeting with Migrants

SSK met the migrants of Sitapur, at labour chouraha. Focus of the meeting was on their issues.

PRE ELECTION VOTERS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (PEVAC)

PRI's Strengthening and Women Empowerment Programme, Varanasi

Orientation for a day of elected representative

HDC and Task Force Meetings

Regular meetings of HDCs (Hamlet Development Committees) and task forces are being organized on regular basis. In the month of January eight such meetings were organized in eight intervened panchayats. In these meetings, HDC and task force members themselves decide their agenda and draft their action plan according to the decisions taken in the meeting.

Views from the Frontline, 2011 – the Global Survey

The disaster management resource centre (DMRC) participated in conducting the views from frontline, 2011 – the global survey. The survey is conducted every two years by the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). This year the focus of survey was on the key aspects of local governance to determine progress in building community resilience. The DMRC participated in conducting this survey in Bahraich district in which government officials, elected representatives of panchayat, community based organizations and the community were interviewed through individual interviews and focused group discussions.

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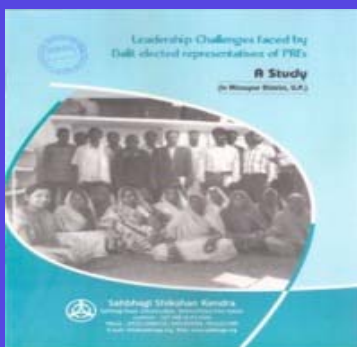


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New Publication- Leadership Challenges faced by Dalit elected representatives of PRIs- A Study



Support in Bell Bajao Campaign

The campaign against Domestic Violence is planned with Breakthrough India. In this campaign, SSK is providing support in Varanasi. The Breakthrough India put into operation a video van. This video van is running in Varanasi from 21st Jan till 21st Feb, 2011. Through this video van, various activities, like street play and games occurred in the public place and the topic was domestic violence. The objective of this campaign is to sensitize the community for domestic violence against women and aware them for PWDVA act. In the SSK intervened area, this campaign will be organized on 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th February, 2011. SSK is organizing activities like, signature campaign, cycle rally and community meeting with this campaign.

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Orientation for a day of elected representatives of PRIs of Cholapur and Dharsauna Gram Panchayat of Cholapur Block was organized on 20th Jan, 2011 at Cholapur panchayat bhavan. Objective of the orientation was to orient elected representatives and sensitize them with new vigor, new content and knowledge so that they could be able to handle the responsibilities efficiently and with confidence.



Capacity Building and training of Elected Representative and Functionaries of PRIs

Training Need Assessment Exercise of PRIs

TNA exercise was carried out in 4 units at partner organizations. Name of them are:- Swami Vivekanand Shiksha Samiti, Gyanchanchal Seva Samiti Mirzapur, Yuva Vikas Samiti Gyanpur, Child and women welfare association Jaunpur. Objective of this exercise was to understand the learning needs of elected representatives, particularly women and dalit. The exercise was based on the awareness of local self governance and village situation. From each unit 20 representatives were analyzed where 16 ward members were undertaken for this exercise.

