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The members of Bhavani Prawasi Pariwar Samuha started to work in MNREGA. Before joined the group they were hesitating to talk to Gram Pradhan and to raise their demand to work in MNREGA. After formation of the group they have started to work, but when they individually approached Pradhan they didn't got any success. One day in the meeting they decided to go together and raise their demands for MNREGA. Nowadays women whose husband are migrated to other places to earn, they are working in MNREGA and earning for their family. They are very happy. Now they say that Unity is the power of Strength.



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STRENGTHENING RURAL GOVERNANCE

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

Conducting Survey of Adolescent Girls

To initiate the formation of adolescent groups in every panchayat, a survey was conducted at 10 gram panchayats of Cholahpur block which starts from the age of 12 years to non married girls of several panchayats. As a result, so far on an average 200-250 adolescent girls have been listed out in every panchayats who are poor but eager to join our efforts and get some vocational trainings so that they can do something ahead in their life. On this process we will form adolescent girls groups at Village level and reach till the each house by this intervention.

Meeting with Adolescent Girls

Meeting with an adolescent girls was organized at Rampur and Dhaurhara Gram Panchayats. The agenda of the meeting was to form their collectives and know their interests and background. Around 50 girls participated in the meeting. On the basis of girl's interests and needs, we encouraged them for vocational training. In the meeting, 70% present girls were drop out who discontinued their study due to economical and social problems.



Training on Life skill building - Sex Education to Adolescent Girls

Adolescent is the very crucial time for growing girls. There are lots of physical and

FIELD EXPERIMENTATION

Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Sitapur (Source End)

Women's Day Celebration

In Sitapur International Women's Day celebrated on 8th March in the collaboration with Jeevan Joyti. In this program 400 women were participated and took part in different activities. The program started with the rally from Jeevan Joyti to program venue. Two skits were presented by the member of the Jeeva Jyoti Organization on the topic of HIV/AIDS and the problem of the women in the villages and how the men in the society tried to exploit them in the names of issuing them the BPL ration cards, jobs under MNREGA and pension for the aged and widow of the society. The Chief Guest, advocate and social activist, Poonam Mishra, elaborated on the legal rights of the women and the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act. Govt. officer like BDO, local NGO's, and media person actively participated in the program.



Vocational Training/ Youth Mobilization

The new batch for Mobile Repairing has been started from this month. 20 youth from different villages of Khairabad block took this training in Grass Academy. The youth of Kamyabi club has organized their meeting on 11th in which they organized a film show, namely Iqbal is being shown among club member. They all took a lesson that nothing is impossible if someone have strong will power.

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

Women's Day Celebration

To salute the spirit of rural women, WOMEN'S DAY was celebrated on 16th March, 2011 in Ahata gram panchayat of Jarwal block of Bahraich district. Following the tradition of celebrating women's day in the month of March, the disaster management resource center facilitated the organization of women's day in the flood affected gram panchayat of Ahata. Interestingly the Hamlet Development Committee of Ahata gram panchayat, formed during the previous project implementation, took the initiative of organizing and managing the event. The event was focused on recognizing the efforts of rural women especially the task force members who are working for the betterment of their village. Pradhan and Block Pramukh were the chief guests for the event. The efforts of the task force members were recognized by them before the whole village and task force members shared their experience of training and the changes they feel in themselves after the training. A drawing competition was also organized on the occasion in which the school girls presented their ideal image for the village on paper. The celebration ended with the holi colors and greetings. Around 300 women participated in the event.



Draft copy of the booklet on Disaster Management Act-2005 prepared

With the objective of knowledge dissemination and thus making more people aware on Disaster Management Act, the main provisions of the Act have been compiled in Hindi. The booklet presents the provisions of the Act in

emotional changes taking place. Keeping in mind these issues, one day training Programme on sex education and gender sensitization was organized for adolescent girls groups of Cholakpur block at 5 gram panchayats named Cholakpur, Bhavanipur, Gadsara, Raunakhurd and Dhaurahara in March 2011. The objective of the training was-

- To provide a platform to adolescent girls for sharing their feelings about the physical and emotional changes of adolescent phase.
 - To sensitize girls about their security, against violence and sexual abuse.
- In these trainings, 428 girls participated from 5 gram panchayats and the training was done in 2-3 group in each panchayat.



Displaying the handmade items at Vanita Polytechnic

As the Vocational training for adolescent girls is going on, it has completed its two months. The girls displayed the dexterity on 31st March, 2011 at Vanita polytechnic. It has been observed that their skills of embroidery, jardoji, sewing and cutting were improved a lot. One major course in the training is of beautician where girls have completed the Manicure, pedicure and facial threading. Hair styling is currently being learned by the girls and need to be practiced more.



International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day Celebration was celebrated on 15th March, 2011 at Police Line campus, Pandeypur of Varanasi district. Objective of the celebration was to sensitize the community and stakeholders on right to education, women right and demanding action. In this occasion, chief guest Mr. Ram Kumar Singh, District Development officer (DDO) and other Stakeholders, Mr. Ram Asre Dubey (DPRO), Dr. Nimisha Gupta (MSW Dept-MGKVP), Dr. R.A. Singh, BHU (CHC Dept), R.C.Jain, President C-TAG was present. In this occasion about 620 participants from 20 Gram Panchayat of Cholakpur and Harahuwa Block were

Prawasi Pariwar Samuha

Regular monthly meeting of existing Pravasi Parivar Samooh is organized. A new Pravasi Parivar Samooh namely 'Jagruti' is formed in Mulahimpur Panchayat. Women of Bhavani Pravasi Parivar Samooh from Laddupur village of Paharpur Panchayat took initiative collectively, met with gram pradhan and got job in 'MNREGA'. To form new collective in the target areas the mobilization meeting has been organized in two GPs i.e. Chilwara and Badripur Mansurpur.



Legal Counseling

From March 2011 legal counseling is organized by Khairabad Samajik Vikas Prerak Samiti (Federation). They registered cases of migrant worker from different Panchayat. Primarily they are trying to negotiate with Contractor (thekedar) for wage related problem of the migrant. The federation started to find out legal cases and intervene on the issues.

Mobile Kiosk

Mobile kiosk is organized at Machhrehta Churaha. Information regarding services of shramik sahayata Kendra disseminated among migrants worker. Registration of migrant's worker is also done at the same time who were willing to registered themselves at Shramik Sahayata Kendra. Through this kiosk we have covered 100 migrants. The CLs of the federation has taken part in the kiosk and information regarding services disseminate to the migrant.



Reducing Vulnerability of Migrants Workers, Ghaziabad (Destination End)

Mobilization meeting with Migrants

The mobilization meeting with the migrants have been organized at Bhopra Colony with the Sitapur, source end group, Lohamandi with loader group and Shastrinagar with Rickshaw pullar and domestic worker group. In this meeting discussion has been held on

an easy to understand Hindi language and targets the professionals and organizations working on disaster risk reduction. However the booklet will be equally useful for all the people.

Concept note for the next project submitted to Malteser International

To continue the ongoing efforts for flood resilience in the region, a fresh concept note was submitted to the Malteser International with the required modifications in the previous project proposal. The proposal will be submitted to the Malteser International by the month of April.

TRAININGS

Training of Trainers on Participatory Training

SSK conducted TOT on participatory training during 23rd March to 30th March. Twenty seven participants from JEEViKA (BRLPS) and GMVS participated in the training as participant.

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.



EDUCATION

Muslim and Dalit Girl Child Education and Women Empowerment Programme

Exploring Vocational Opportunities of SHG Women

On 18 March, 2011 Vocational training of SHGs was organized with Radhika Self Help Group and Muskan SHG of Dhurahara & Shrikanthpur on strengthen the SHG with exploring the vocational opportunities for the SHG at Dhaurahara Nyay Panchayat. The objective of the training was: - To provide a platform for SHG for exploring vocational opportunities for SHG group with help of making the ring. There was 30 women

assembled. The women and the adolescent girls were major participants from the rural areas. In this occasion, VGSP girls and adolescent girls group of Cholapur block presented cultural programmes.



Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign (PEVAC)

PRI's Strengthening and Women Empowerment Programme

One Day orientation of PRI's Members

Orientation for a day of elected representatives of PRIs of five gram panchayats named as Chandapur, Tewar, Chandrawati, Bhavanipur and Katari of Cholapur and Harahua Block was organized at Panchayat Bhavan of respective Gram Panchayats. Objective of the orientation was to learn about 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. In these orientations 71 elected representatives, 4 ASHA's and 2 ANM actively participated.



Information Dissemination through Wall Writing

With the intensive approach of displaying the concrete dissemination of message on Panchayat Samitiis with the help of Wall Writing and Painting .It was completed at 10 Gram Panchayats of Cholapur Block and 10 Gram Panchayats of Harahua Block. With help of Wall-Painting and writing to make people aware of Panchayats. Wall painting illustrated that, what are the major roles of panchayats samities , Sensitization of community regarding the importance of gram sabha and active women leadership.

health issue. The different health related problem has been identified and inform them about the health camp to be organized in these colonies shortly. The other services from Sharamik Sahayata Kendra have also been shared with them.

Networking and Liaison

Liaison has been made with the govt. officials, Doctors, different stakeholders regarding upcoming health Camp program. Networking has been made with the resource group to arrange the Health camp.

Shramik Sahayata Kendra

The information regarding safe migration and migrant rights has been disseminated through wall paintings and Wall writings and hoarding has been placed in different areas of Ghaziabad destination. SSK and CITU has collaboratively working on this issue. Before finalize the places for wall writings and hoarding meeting has organized with Nagar Nigam and took permission on that.



Pre Election Voters Awareness Campaign (PEVAC)

Capacity Building of Elected Women's Panchayat's Representative

Finalization of Training Need Analysis

Training Need Analysis exercise is part of Women's Social, Economic and Political Empowerment project in Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Sant Ravidas Nagar of Uttar Pradesh.

- Objectives:**
- To assess the impacts of societal factors which influence the effectiveness and efficiency of EWRs and the role of capacity building initiatives in addressing them.
 - Designing of a suitable training plan for EWRs, based on the results of the study.

Major Findings

- 50% members are illiterate and around 30% are class 5th pass. Low literacy level of women elected representatives is one of the major hindering factors towards enhanced political participation
- Around 35% of the respondents told that practically they have no problem working with male colleagues, 26% told that they lack experience or knowledge in dealing with male counterparts while 29% told that they are hesitant or feared that in society their respect would be lowered down if they interact with males.
- About 98% of the respondents have no knowledge of the processes of gram panchayat and gram sabha.
- In response to our queries regarding the operation of different gram panchayat committees 86% of them answered a plain

participates in the training. Mr. Sunil Singh from Manav Sewa Samiti, was the resource person and given the training on making ring by using instrument to these rural SHGs.



Mobilization of Panchayat Suchana Rath

During the campaign, Panchayat Rath extensively moved in villages Harahua Block from 8th March to 11th March, 2011. Main aim of Suchana Rath was to deliver the message among the community of active participation in the village development and responsibilities of gram sabha members and panchayat members. The main focus was on weaker section and women. During the Sochana Rath run, SSK team members paste the PRI election awareness related posters on walls. During the movement of Suchna rath small village meeting also well throughout.



negative however 14% of them described about some committees relating them to their work.

Developing Training Design for Master Trainer and EWRs

As per the above analysis the design was developed with two approaches. Master trainer and EWRs.

■ Training Design for Master Trainer: This training will organize for six days. The brief introduction of panchayat tools used in training and major to panchayats EWRs. These master trainers will give training to EWRs. The training will organize from 18th April, 2011.

■ Training design for EWRs: As the EWRs training is the major components under this project. Thus 3 days residential training design also developed for EWRs for three districts this will organize from the next month.

One day Orientation of EWRs

One day orientation was organized with the EWRs. In this orientation general introduction of panchayat its committees and major responsibilities of ERs were discussed. Majorly women were focused under this orientation. About 10 unit of EWRs from 3 district at office of partner organization was organized.



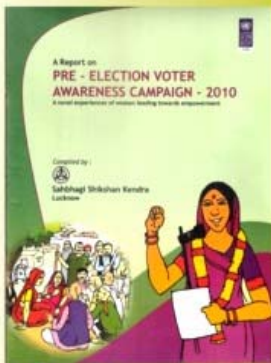
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A Report on
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