**CENTRE FOR KNOWLEDGE PROMOTION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT (CKPSD)**

**Project: Holistic Rural Development Program (HDFC Bank)**

**School Bag Distribution**

On 6–7th April, 17 SSK calls up School Chalo Campaign under School Bag & WASH Kit Distribution to ensure that nobody is left out from school in their localities and covered 12 Primary School of 20 villages total 1832 education kit distributed. SSK regularly organized this type campaign during the school admission period since the last few years, and our humble grass root level efforts have produced tangible results. Though the Right to Education Act has made education of every child between 6 and 14 years a fundamental right, it still remains as yet another unfulfilled promise. Instead of depending on the bureaucracy alone, both the central and state governments should support the efforts of voluntary organizations in order to fulfill this constitutional obligation.

**WASH Kit Distribution**

On 6–7th April, 17 WASH Kit Distribution was done which covered 12 Primary School of 20 villages total 1832 wash kit distributed. Under this activity, SSK promotes personal hygiene among youngster and children. In this, activity emphasized three things:

- The first thing to accept is that you will probably never look like those perfect specimens in the media - but you can, and will look good for most people if you follow basic personal hygiene principles.
- Secondly, your actions and the way you behave are more important for most people than the way you look.
- Thirdly, good hygiene practices will help to keep you healthy, give you confidence and be pleasant for those around you.

The major focus was to build clarity on why hygiene is important for health reasons as well as appearance. Hair and teeth are good places to start, together with those areas on the body that might smell or, which are more prone to fungal / bacterial infections.

**To empower women by formulation of women collectives known as SHG**

On 6th–15th April, 2017 meeting for formation of women collectives is organized in 20 villages. Monthly meeting of self help groups the 20 villages. The villages have 40 SHG groups and approx 600 members. Monthly group meetings are followed by a monthly meeting. SHG models allow members to leverage the benefit of numbers (membership base) as well as provide a social support mechanism.

At this stage, the idea of forming Self Help Groups for initiating saving and credit activities was introduced to promote savings and additional income generation activities. Many women from lower income group felt that they may not be able to contribute regularly. Most of them felt that the office bearers may misuse their money. Ability to maintain the account and follow up to recover the loan was also doubtful. They were further discouraged by the men, who felt that micro-credit may not be of any help to their families. The Supervisors and women field guides carefully addressed all these problems. Most of the women were convinced mainly because of the good reputation commanded by SSK in rendering self-less services for the development of their communities. As the women came together, they were willing to form groups of 11-15 members to discuss the project activities. Gradually, these Self Help Groups (SHGs) gained strength.

**Intensive training program on personality development youth**

16 days intensive training program on personality development was facilitated for 100 youth from 20 villages by SSK. It leads to generate confidence among youths for their better future. This program focused on Retail Show Room Sales Executive, Marketing Sales Executive, Mobile and Laptop Repairing Training and enhances employability skill through intensive residential training in SSK, Lucknow. We had enhanced capacities of young people to take leadership to help others to live a meaningful life and contribute towards family and society in greater manner. The training has helped in skill development and enhances the chance of employability.
**Monthly Meeting with Youth Core Group**

On 17 & 22 April, 2017 monthly meeting was organized, total 68 participants attended this meeting. Objective of monthly meeting is to have a discussion on the initiative taken in cholapur and devanandpur to stop VAW. Recap of previous meeting was done. Discussion on experiences of youths’ initiative to stop VAW and discussion on main activities of KBC was done. Discussion on the opinion of youth on existence of violence in community and discussion on next strategies under KBC program also done.

**Cluster Level meeting with Youth Core Group**

On 18 th and 24 th April, 2017 cluster meeting was organized, total 21, 29 participants attended this meeting. Objective of monthly meeting is to have a discussion on formation of youth federation by youth core group to have a better linkage between community and youth core group. Discussion on the works accomplished in previous month regarding gender equality and VAW programs in the schools and discussion on the experiences regarding committee formation in the schools was done.

**Visit from PRIA**

A five day visit from PRIA was executed. Ms. Yashvi came at Varanasi on 21-26 April, 17 for visit Cholapur from PRIA, Delhi. The visit covered youth led PSA sharing, meeting with core group, meeting with youth associated with the issue VAW. The issue VAW discussed in brief and what are the challenges faced by team during the program were discussed. Discussion on what could be added to improve the program implementation was done he prime purpose for this is to assess their ability of core group to take KBC forward on their own and plan for the same. Ms Yashvi discussions with the youth leaders and youth group members separately, in their own environment. The visit concluded with a team meeting. This visit added some new points to the program.

**Capacity Building training for Adolescent Group on MHM**

On 28th April 2017 one day orientation training on MHM for adolescent Groups organized at Rajkiyakrit Utkramit Madhya vidhyalay, Kamath of Baniya Dih Barahi Gram panchayat of Hussainabad Block under Urmi Project. 28 Adolescent girls from three Groups were actively participated in this training programme. The objective of this orientation training to enable adolescent Girls to express their feelings, emotions, issues that they face as an individual. The major topics were discussed on an age transformation, Challenges faced in various levels, menstruation circle, menstruation hygiene, Diet during menstruation period, Importance of personal hygiene, traditional views against women and present scenario of women in society and health and hygiene. This training was conduct in extensive GP under Urmi project. During experience shearing time participants told that they were suffered various problems related to personal health. The training has given huge knowledge. After the training participants were express their fillings that these kinds of training will conduct on regular basic.

**Field visit of RAF representative**

On 25-26th April 2017 two days field visit of RAF representative at Japla to see the various activities under Urmi project. Mrs. Shipra ji and Sashmita ji along with Ashok Bhai and Amit Singh were visited the Mahuari Gram panchayat to participated the Kisori Group meeting and also visited the Urmi Vikray Kendra. The main objective of this important trip to watch Urmi production unit and also manufactured sanitary napkin by local women. They also understood the process of Urmi sanitary napkin sailed through Urmi Bikray Kendra operated by women and Kisori group. During discussion with Kisori Group members and rural women they told that they were easily excess the sanitary napkins from Urmi Bikray Kendra. Kisori group’s members were sheared that community level MHM training were very effective for each and every girls to gain the knowledge about menstruation circle. Ashok Bhai told that mahuari & Lotaniya is one of the most backward GP of Hussainabad block. There was lack of facilities of secondary school, transportation, road connectivity, unemployment and people depend on agriculture etc.
**Completed sixth and seventh batches in computer Center**

Under skill building program SSK has running a computer training center at Tikerper of Mahuari Gram Panchayat. From this computer training center SSK has running two month basic fundamental course for rural youths and adolescent girls. On 30th April 2017 sixth and seventh batches students were successfully completed the course. During the experience shearing phase all the students were told that they have got knowledge Like – History of computer, window, MS-office, word, excel, internet, power point etc. All the students were crossed the weekly and monthly examination. Every passed student will get the certificate form SSK at end of the course. Some of the students has got job as a computer operator at local level.

**Outreach campaign at extensive Gram panchayat –**

During 8-13th April 2017 SSK has organized four community level orientations training program on MHM for women and adolescent girls at extensive gram panchayat under Urmi project. This one day training was organized at Bel Bigha, Barepur, Baniya Dih Barahi Gram panchayat of Hussainabad block. 171 women and girls were actively participated. The objective of this training under outreach mass level women were understood about MHM. They were aware about the importance of sanitary pad during menstruations period. Advertise about URMI sanitary Napkin pad to everywhere. Maximum of women and adolescent girls will use URMI sanitary Napkin pad. During the training women’s was belief to use a cloth as alternative options for sanitary pad. But modern day’s school going girls cannot purchase the sanitary pad from market. Because the shopkeeper has male. During training Facilitators has given more and more knowledge about side effect for using cloth during menstruations period.

**Field visit by Director & Program manager –**

From 25-26th April 2017 Sri Ashok Bhai, Director of SSK & Mr. Amit Kumar Singh-Program manager of URMI project both were come to japla to participated the field visit program. They were also participated the RAF representative field visit program also. During the meeting with URMI staff Ashok Bhai told that first time rural women’s felling empowered because women were also being a part of income generation. Every woman who have join they have contribute the some money to her house. On other hand SSK has provided low cost hygienic sanitary napkin pad to rural women form same village. They will get easily to purchase sanitary pad. During the field visit with RAF Representative at project area Amit Singh told that under Urm project we have formed 84 Mahila and Kisori Groups in five Gram panchayat. Amit ji also participated the Kisori Group meeting at Panchayat sachivalay of Mahuari Gram panchayat. Each and every Kisori Group members told that MHM training were most effective.

**Sensitization meeting with school Girls –**

On 18-19th April 2017, Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra was conducted one day orientation training programme for school girls on MHM at Rajkiya Uttrakramit Madhya Vidhyalya, Kurwakala and Rajkiya Uttrakramit Madhya Vidhyalya of Mahuari Gram panchayat. 75 teenage girls were actively participated in these two trainings. The objective of this trainings to understand about menstruation, menstruation circle, precaution and protection during menstruation period, importance of statinary Napkin pad, use Napkin pad and disposed etc. During the training some students were frankly shared her personal experiences in large group. Participatory methodology, games and exercises tools were used during the training. School teacher were also participated in this training.

**Regular meeting with Mahila and Kisori Groups -**

A large no of Mahila and Kisori Group formed under URMI project. 84 Mahila and Kisori Groups were formed in Mahuari, Lotaniya, Bel Bigha, Barepur and Baniya Dih Barahi. In whole month of April 2017, 38 meeting were conducted and 322 members were actively participating. Under URMI project regular meeting was organized on regular basic. The objective of this meeting to empowered these groups on MHM, women right, government schemes etc through short & long duration capacity building trainings. During monthly meetings of these groups Animators and Mobilizes were facilitate. These days each and every group was more interested to know about URMI. Few no of adolescent girls were purchasing the URMI napkin from nearest URMI Bikray Kendra. During the meeting animators and mobilizes were document the meeting report and also verifying the Urmi Bikray Kendra stock register.
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