CENTRE FOR KNOWLEDGE PROMOTION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT (CKPSD)

Project: Holistic Rural Development Program (HDFC Bank)

To empower women by formulation of women collectives known as SHG

The formation of women collectives was organized from 23rd May to 27th May 2017 in 13 villages. In this meeting covered key points of the discussion are as follows:

- Sensitization of women for the need of SHG and its relevance in their empowerment.
- To mobilize the resources of the individual members for their collective for economic development.
- To uplift the living conditions of the impoverished.
- To create a habit of savings, utilization of local resources.
- To identify the need of training for skill development.
- To facilitate collective wisdom in organizing and managing their own finance and distributing the benefits among themselves.
- To create group feeling among women and enhance the confidence and capabilities of women.
- To sensitize the women group acts as the forum for members to provide space and support to each other.

Making Rural youth Employable - Job Fair

SSK initiated a training program named “नवपरिवर्तन” for the marginalized youths under our intervention in some villages of Varanasi. Major one included training on Retail Showroom Executive, Marketing and sales executive, and Intensive Training Program on Personality Development and Employability Skill Enhancement. Some specific skill-based training were also organized like PC maintenance and Mobile repairing and etc. These youth have completed their trainings and are willing to start their career and to provide them with an opportunity we are organizing a job fair for their placement and support. In this programme 134 trained youth participated and 78 youth got job by corporate groups (V-Mart, Pantaloons, Max, McDonald’s, Dominos, Spencer’s, Big Bazar, Reliance’s-Trends etc) on 30 May, 17 at Plaza – Inn Hotel Varanasi.

Monthly Cluster level Meeting with Youth Core Group

On 4 May, 17 monthly meeting was organized; total 28 participants attended this meeting. Objective of monthly meeting was to have a discussion on the initiative taken in Cholapur to stop VAW. 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.

Recap of previous meeting was done. Discussion on the opinion of youth on existence of violence in community and discussion on next strategies under KBC program.

Project - Kadam Badhate Chalo (KBC)

KBC sports camp was also held in May from 22 May to the 24 May, 17. The camp was organized in collaboration with PRIA (Society for Participatory Research), MFF (Martha Farrell Foundation) and PSD (Pro Sport Development). The sport camp saw the participation of a total of 152 youth, which included 89 girls and 64 boys. Among the total number of participants, 80 were aged between 14-17 years whereas 34 were aged between 18-25 years. The sessions were implemented according to the age groups. The younger group was led by PSD trainer Mr. Tempa Hansdah whereas participants of the
older age group were led by PSD trainer Miss. Gurmeet Kaur. They were supported by local representative, Miss Kushaboo. The 14-17 year old group had 3 sessions, whereas the 18-25 year old group had 2 sessions as part of the camp, each session lasting for 2 – 2.5 hours in duration. The sports camp had a positive impact on the youth as they were excited and happy to play various kinds of games. The participants learnt how to communicate amongst each other, some of them mentioned that if we talk amongst ourselves, only then we will be able to solve different problems. The Q&A sessions were also able to bring out the understanding of the concept of Leadership within the participants, the major take away being that the youth were able to understand the importance of the role of a leader and the leader’s role in guiding the team members in achieving a target.

**Youth Festival**

SSK in collaboration with PRIA implementing a program name Kadam Badhate Chalo, to Stop Violence against Women in Cholapur block, under which SSK has organised a Youth Festival on 26 May,17 in Varanasi. The festival was to mobilize the youth and create awareness about the importance of readressed the VAWS issues. 156 Students from 8 colleges participated.

In the event ABSA shared that Although the Right to Education Act, 2009 ensures primary education for all children, a variety of reasons cause girl to drop out at various levels. The absence of proper toilets, the risk of sexual harassment, as well as the responsibility of household chores and younger siblings often urge young girls to give up their education, voluntarily or otherwise. To bridge gender inequality, it is imperative to address these issues.

Speaking at the event, Ms. Sonal Srivastava chairperson, ASHA Joyti Kendra said, “Educating youth will bridge inequality in the society, for which the youth play a crucial role. I urge the youth to help solve the issues Violence’s against women.”

**Celebrating World Menstrual Day**

On the occasion of World Menstrual Day on 28th May, organized the campaign to encourage women & girls to be more confident and up front about their hygiene and self-care. The awareness drive aimed at creating awareness about the importance of intimate hygiene and the challenges women face during their special days. Their awareness level about menstruation is negligible. Even, they are not feeling free to talk on it with others. So, through the proper training with adolescent girls and women, SSK Varanasi has organized one day orientation on it. Under this Orientation we covered Cholapur & Tadi village from Cholpaur Block. Total 165 Number of participants participated.

**SSK’s Intervention in Jharkhand**

New batch start in Tikerper computer Center

From 1st May 2017 new batch has started at Tikerper computer center. 24 students were enrolled the computer class. SSK has provided two month basic fundamental course for the youths. 21 students from Sixth and seventh batches students were successfully completed the course. They have understood about the Generation of computer, Paint, window, MS-office, excel, power point and internet etc. The students sheared that the book was very useful and give lot of knowledge for learning. Class room and practical was very useful for each and every student. Some of the students were applied for job related to computer operator at Daltongunj and Ranchi. Jharkhand Government has much focused for providing Skill building training for youths in large number.

Participate the Mobile repairing Course

From 29th April 2017 to 12th May 2017, 14 days training mobile repairing course under SVTC was held at SSK, Lucknow. Ajit Kumar Metha and Surya Bhan Kumar Singh from Japla were participated in this training. This course includes technical and theoretical knowledge about mobile repairing and gives equals emphasis on practical and skill building. It is a short time fourteen days course in which a free tool kit is provided to each and every student. This course was very useful for every youth to develop additional skill for livelihood. Those people who have much knowledge about mobile repairing they will earn money in any situation. Small investment is enough for open mobile repairing shop. Ajit and suryabhan told that they will teach mobile repairing to other village youths.
**Outreach campaign at extensive Gram panchayat**

On 25th May 2017 SSK has organized an outreach campaign for women and adolescent girls on MHM at Sarahu Chaukhari of Urdhwar Gram Panchayat. This Gram panchayat is 18 KM from Hussainabad block and fully naxal affected. We have identified this gram panchayat because maximum of dalit and ST were lived and belong to very poor families. Mostly the Women’s were used a piece of cloth during menstruation period. They were not used enough money to purchase the sanitary napkins pad from local bazaar. The main objective of the campaign to oriented the most venerable women’s and adolescent girls on MHM and promoted URMI product to. During the orientation training age transformation, 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 topic were discussed.

**Sensitization meeting with school Girls**

On 5th and 8th May 2017 Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra was conducted one day orientation training programme for school girls on MHM at Nandeshwar Tiwari Balika Vidya Mandir, Japla and Upgrade High school, Malwariya. 117 teenage girls were actively participated in these two school level trainings. The main objective of this training to promoted URMI product and sensitized about menstruation health and hygiene. The trainer has define the meaning of menstruation, menstruation circle, precaution during period, using stationary Napkin pad, process of dispose etc. Some girls were sheared her personal experiences in open platform. Girls were understood that the topic was very important for every teenage girl. During the training the trainer has also presented the URMI sanitary Napkin pad and his quality. Some of the girls were much interested to purchase the URMI sanitary Napkin Pad. School teachers were also took the part of this training.

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

On 19th May 2017 one day orientation training on MHM for adolescent Groups organized at New Prathamic vidhyalay, Radiya of Bel Bigha Gram panchayat of Hussainabad Block under Urmi Project. 41 Adolescent girls from Radiya village were actively participated. First time this kind of training was conducted in our extensive Gram Panchayat. Mukhiya of the Gram panchayat was fully support to conduct the training. The purpose of this training to sensitized Girls and women on MHM and promoted URMI sanitary napkin. The major topics were discussed on training like - age transformation, physically change, menstruation circle and hygiene, personal health and hygiene. Some of the women were express her fallings and experience during training. Women were sheared that they were used a piece of cloth during menstruation period and suffered lots of disease. Some women’s were expense huge amount money for treatment. After the training participants has relished that this training has given huge knowledge to us.

**Koshi river project**

**Meeting with Mahila and Kisori Groups**

Under the URMI project we formed some mahila and kisori group in five intensive and extensive Gram panchayat. These 28 Groups were opened URMI vikray Kendra at five GP at round first. In the month of May 2017, 23 community level meeting were organized and 236 members were participated. During this meeting women and Kisori were sheared her experiences about URMI sanitary Napkin pad. All the group members were used URMI sanitary pad. They told us this sanitary pad was different to other sanitary pad. Which were available in local market? Branded or multinational company produce sanitary napkins were high price. So the poor women were not purchased those sanitary pads. Now a day’s women from Mahuari, Lotaniya, Bel Bigha, Barepur and Baniya Dih Barahi were used URMI sanitary Napkins pads. These sanitary Napkins were very useful for health. There were no side effects.

**WASH Campaign**

Wash campaign was organized in three panchayats (Baghwa, Telwa West and Ghonghepur) dated on May 11, 12 and 13 on Menstrual Hygiene Management. MHM is very sensitive topics for rural ladies. They believe that menstruation is a disease. Their awareness level towards this topic is negligible. So, SSK Saharsa
spread awareness on it to maximum of the rural ladies. Followings are the steps to do this sensitive issue as campaign mode. Make a group of 10 girls/women

- Decide a private place for this campaign
- Aware them about MHM through different technique
- At on village, there are there will be three venues for the campaign

Total 110 women and girls were taken benefits of it and will as a wing of spread this knowledge towards other women/girls of the villages.

**Training on Menstrual Hygiene Management**

MHM training was organized on 16 & 17 May 2017 with adolescent girls and women of Samani & Nawada village. The main objective of this Training was to understand about meaning of menstruation, Precaution during menstruation period, How to use Sanitary pad, Process of disposed, the main problems during menstruation period etc. During the training participants were openly shared her personal experiences. The participatory methodology tool was used in the whole process of the training.

31 girls from Samani and Navada villages were taken benefits of this training and will as a wing of spread this knowledge towards other women/girls of the villages.

**Kit distribution for Mobile Repairing Training**

Mobile repairing training was started on April 10, 2017 with 20 trainees of three targeted panchayats, centre of training is Samani of Telwa West village. On May 10, 2017 kits distribution was done. In this kit all tools like bag, soldering iron, all types of patch tighter, etc. were existed. Rather than this, trainees were also benefited with T-Shirt. The kits were distributed under consideration of their future aspects.

**Maltesar International Visit**

From Maltesar International, Ms. Isabel Brenn and Mr. Sitaram Bhatt came and visited Saharsa field area as well as SSK, Saharsa field office. Mr. Ashok Singh, Director, SSK and Mr. Ahmad Faraz, Program Manager, SSK have also present during the visit and facilitate Saharsa team to make it success. Visit was of two days i.e. May 23 & May 24, 2017. In these two days, they visited field areas as well as field office. As SSK, Saharsa has intervening in three panchayats, so, team was visited in all three panchayats. They visited one revenue village from each panchayat. Baghwa, Ghonghepur and Samani were the three revenue villages respectively from Baghwa, Ghonghepur and Telwa West panchayat, visited by MI team. MI team was mainly focused on followings

- Socio-economical conditions
- Flood and life-style
- Income generation sources throughout the year
- Health and disease
- Infrastructure available
- Women condition

**Liasoning with State Government**

To build healthy and supportive relationship with stakeholders especially government institutions and likeminded Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), it is most important to share the plan of activities and participate in it. Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) is one of the most important wings of Bihar Government who involve in making of policy at state level. After developing of policy SDMA send it to Department of Disaster (DoD), Bihar where policy is come in to action after getting approval from Government of Bihar. Department of Disaster (DoD) is now responsible for execution of this policy. For this purpose Mr. Ravi Prakash, SSK Saharsa went to Patna and meet with DoD and BSDMA. Rather than government official, he went to likeminded NGOs like UNICEF and OXFAM.

**Listing of Unemployed Youth**

For listing of unemployed youth, format has developed and survey had done. Survey was successfully completed under facilitation of all staffs and field supervisors. Data entry and analysis will do in next month i.e. June, 2017.

**Water Container Distribution**

Under activity “Distribution of 1000 water container to needy household of project areas“ survey is going on. Survey, data entry, analysis and report writing will be on June, 2017.