

## GANA UNNAYAN PARSHAD

( An Organisation for Comprehensive Development through the ideas of “KHADI”  
and People’s Action Groups and Affiliated with the Khadi & Village Industries Commission )

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### Annual Report for the year 2015-16

Gana Unnayan Parshad (GUP), a National Level Voluntary Organisation, has completed this year its thirty one years of involvement with the masses. As per its commitments GUP pursued its objectives of promoting Comprehensive Development of Human Resources through various activities based on the “*Khadi*” concept of sustainable development and through giving impetus to the local initiatives for formation and strengthening of people’s action groups in West Bengal and Jharkhand States.

The detail activities during the reporting year (1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016) are as follows:-

### GUP in West Bengal

#### 1. In Kolkata:

#### Child Development Programmes :

##### A. Open Shelter for Boys

Under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme of Govt. of India (ICPS), Gana Unnayan Parshad (GUP) has been running an Open Shelter for Boys named ‘Uttaran’ at 28/1B/1, Bosepukur Road Kolkata- 700 042 from April 2011.



#### **Target Children :**

In the beginning of the year, our open Shelter has taken a challenge to Teach, Care & Protect about 25 children properly so that the boys shall have some kind of Physical & Mental Strength in their disposal. We are happy to say in the end that we have done it successfully. But in respect of their adolescent period there are far greater challenges we need to address going forward with the programme. Because, later in their real life they have to face many hardship and we need to prepare them in such a way, so that when the situation arises they can face the crisis.

#### **Activities:**

Following activities were undertaken during the reporting time:

1. New Years day celebration
2. Open-shelter’s Birthday celebration. (01/04/2015)
3. World Music day and world ‘Yoga day’ (new inclusion) (20/06/2015)
4. ‘Bharatcharo Andolan’ and Tagore’s death anniversary programme. (8th & 9<sup>th</sup> Aug)
5. Anti Drug rally in collaboration with Kasba Police Station ((new inclusion)
6. Distribution of Drawing books along with other educational materials, donated by ‘Magna finance Corporation’ that benefited 230 children (including those of all contact points and child labour school. ((new inclusion)



7. Tagore's Birthday celebration. (08/05/2015)
8. 'Rakhi Utsab' (29/8/15) celebration with Kasba Police. (new inclusion).
9. Local Councillor, Mr. Bijon Mukherjee, invited us along with some children to take part on the occasion. They also distributed many gifts to our children. The programme organized by Dept. of Youth & Cultural Ministry, Govt. of West Bengal. Our children along with some of our staff members participated in that programme (New inclusion).
10. 21st February (Bhasa Sahid Day) (new inclusion). Along with this programme we have done Independence Day , children's day , Netaji's Birth Day, Birth day of Swami Vivekananda, Christmas , Republic day, Saraswati Puja, Death Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore etc.



We also organized a picnic cum excursion for the children of ICPS along with three of our outreach centre's children on .03/02/2016 at Budge Budge Diksari Garden with the support of Jindal Foundation Trust. The children enjoyed the Picnic very much through sports, songs etc.

#### **Food & other Essentials provided:**

Those who are staying in the Shelter for 24 hour were offered with 4 square meals a day. Apart from this, occasional extensive meal were arranged for the Boys with sponsorship from well-wishers. The corporate sponsors also came forward to provide/arrange the feasts on 16/04/2015, 05/05/15, 27/05, 08/08, 09/09/15 and 19/03/16 respectively.

#### **B. Residential Care Project for 100 Boys at Risk :**



Gana Unnayan Parshad has been running one Residential Unit in the Haranath High School for Boys at 78, Bag Bazer Street, Kolkata-700003 under the sponsorship of Sarba Shiksha Mission, Kolkata for the last 3 years by providing food, clothes, shoes, winter and casual garments, education, recreation, vocational training, medical check-up etc to the target groups – orphan, street children and other unprivileged , under privileged children who could not get access to school for continuation of their education. 100 such male children of 10-14 years have been enrolled in this residential care centre. Apart

from all regular activities and services provided to these children, some specific activities as mentioned below were undertaken.

#### **Major Activities organized during this span of time:**

- Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti at Haranath Residential unit on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.
- Sister Cyril and her team visited our Residential unit on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
- A day long seminar on JJ Act was organized at this centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015.
- 'Rathayatra Utsav' was celebrated with active participation of all children on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. - Birth day of Haranath Thakur, Saraswati Puja, National Independence day, Teachers' day, Republic Day, Netaji's Birth day etc. were celebrated at this residential unit of Haranath High School.
- A good number of inmates of this residential unit participated in a Drawing Competition organized by Teri, New Delhi on Save the Ganga at Nabajatak Girls High School.
- The children of Haranath High School participated in a Talent Search contest organized by Parle-G on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.
- Japani Encefalytis Vaccine were given to all inmates of this unit on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

-Besides, a day long annual picnic was organized for the students of Haranath Residential High School at Uluberia in Howrah district on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 with the support of Jindal Foundation Trust. All children of this residential school participated in this picnic along with all staff & members associated with this project

- Sister Syril and Jonny met all staff members of Haranath Residential School unit on the occasion of Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at Kolkata.

- Annual Guardians meeting was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in the presence of all staff and members of the organisation.



### **C. Residential Care Project for 100 Boys at Risk at Sahid Smriti Siksha Mandir Near Peerless Hospital, Kolkata(New) Under Sarba Shiksha Mission:**



Another Residential Unit for 100 boys at Sahid Smriti Pratamik Vidyalaya started under the sponsorship of Sarba Shiksha Mission, Kolkata with effect from 18/02/2016. This unit started functioning officially from 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 with 9 boys managed by one Warden and other 8 staff members.

All activities like residential educational programme for children at Haranath High School were undertaken in this residential school also. However, other important activities were not implementing due to incomplete infrastructure of the school.



### **D. Nazrul Shishu Shramik Vidyalaya : A Special School for Child Labour**

GUP'S Special School/Trining Centre for elimination of Child Labour started on May, 2002. First it was established at 17, North Range, Kolkata-700017 in Ward No. 67 of KMC and later shifted to 16/1/H, B.B.Ghosh Sarani, Kolkata-700067 in Ward No. 14 on and from 1st April, 2013. The project is sponsored by the Kolkata Child Labour Rehabilitation cum Welfare Society under the Office of the Labour Commissioner, Govt. of West Bengal.

50 nos. of child labour identified in the area are being supported through this project. Activities undertaken during this span of time are mentioned below :-

- Giving formal and informal education
- providing them mid-day meal.
- Health check-up at periodic intervals.
- Giving them vocational training
- Motivating and giving them training on singing songs, dance, dramas and other cultural activities.
- provide them with indoor & outdoor game materials.
- Visiting their homes by the project staff regularly to identify their progress as well as for interaction with their parents.

The children of this school participated in various programme organized by GUP on different issues at different places throughout the year. During this reporting period one joint programme with

SANLAP, Kolkata was initiated among the Child Labour for their protection and care and one Staff member of our Project is now being trained by SANLAP.

### **Other Programmes at Kolkata**

#### **E. Project of ‘Shelter for Urban Homeless’:**

During the reporting year, GUP has been successfully running the Shelter for Urban Homeless at C/O. Uttar Purba Kolkata Angikar, 225, Bagmari Road, Kolkata-700054 for the benefit of 25 male homeless people like labour, drivers, Security Guards, construction workers, porters etc. with the help of Controller of Vagrancy, Dept. of Social Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal.

The prime objective of this shelter is to provide safety & security to the homeless people, especially who are being forced to live on the pavement, railway station, in the parks or by canal side due to their poor financial condition We have regularly organised monthly staff meeting for the smooth running of the Shelter and welfare of the inmates. We have provided Carom and other indoor games materials to inmates. We have also provided Television for witnessing different programmes and enjoyment of the inmates of the Shelter. We have provided Bengali Newspapers & Journals to the inmates for reading. We hope that with the guidance of the Home Management Committee & Govt. officials and the active participation of the local people, we can run the Shelter smoothly and take care of the Inmates in future also.

#### **F. Street Food Vendors Project:**

GUP has been running this project in Kolkata (KMC) and Salt Lake Sector V area with the help from INNO AID, Denmark.



#### **Activities undertaken during this reporting period:**

- Mobilization meeting taken place with both old and new vendors to provide the clarity of the present project design and to have better understanding of the role model concept(RMS) and the need to identify the problem they are regularly facing.
- Reorientation of vendor's group formation completed. Project team formed 46 groups with 458 food vendors and developed a detail plan for capacity building workshop. Effort has been taken to form one additional group as per the need of the area.
- Meeting with all vendors to develop close and harmonious relationship for better understanding of value of the programme.
- Developed document on problem solution as per the Inno-aid guidelines and shared with Inno-aid for follow up strategy.
- 222 street food vendors from 22 groups actively participated in 1<sup>st</sup> workshop and discussed with technical solution on water management and waste management system
- Two technical solutions have been finalized – one water purification tablets at significantly reduced cost as developed by Wokhardt Foundation, Mumbai. For waste management discussion held with NDITA authority and they wanted to know how we are going to plan on the streets of Sector V for waste management. Significant number of vendors is using water purification tablets as one of the technical solution developed by the project team. Water purification tablets have been given to the food vendors and feedback taken, draft strategy are being drafted for vendors with whom we have completed workshops .
- Supported Disha group in their promotional activities mainly for hygienic spices that have been produced by Ma Kali rural SHG

- Conducted one meeting with few vendors those who have used water purification tablets and collected their feedback.
- Mobilized Annapurna SHG (group formed by the street food vendors) to obtain bank loan from their savings account to develop their own business
- Vendors agreed to have all the solutions planned so far at cost sharing basis
- Meeting done with the existing vendors association, namely Nabadiganta Parisheva Samity to find out possible sustainable solutions
- Steps ahead with a corporate agency on sponsorship for apron clothes for vendors which will be stitched and ready to wear by the rural SHGs of Sundarban area
- Draft plan had been developed on the linkage process with other marketing and corporate agencies
- Meeting done with NDITA officials and discuss on the RMS along with public private partnership model. They said to submit a detail proposal of the RMS model in the last week of January, 2016 and then they will discuss in their own Board meeting for next course of action.
- Approval taken from the local authority for distribution of waste-bin among the vendors of Anandabazaar area at sector V and the vendors agreed to share the cost. Regarding the solution of waste management and hand-washing station before doing anything they want the detailed proposal on where and how much the Project wants to invest. For drinking water storage, apron, tong and hygiene education programme they have no objection and the project team can continue with the same.
- Draft document developed on process followed for INI 1. Project team started capturing information for developing the manual as per the guidelines drafted by Inno-aid.



### **Other important activities**

- About 10 food vendors have participated in the Walkathon event on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry to raise awareness of how risks involved in handling, preparation, and storage of food can be avoided. This is one of the larger campaign called 'Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan' to sensitize the consumers, street food vendors and the industry to the need for hygienic practices. They also actively take part in the one hour hygienic workshops organized by Voluntary Organization in Interest of Consumer Education (VOICE) and Cargill India in the same event and their active response create a positive sensation among the organizers.
- Two food vendors and 3 of our staff members participated in the Street Food Festival organized by National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) at New Delhi with Bengalee snacks cuisine and with Bengali sweets. The purpose of this festival to promote the street vendors as service providers. In addition there was an opportunity to promote our Street Food Project Kolkata to the national arena as there were many significant dignitaries present in this festival. The news of joining in the project had been published in the national newspaper and was highly appreciated. The sales of two stalls as projected were more than 150000 in 3 days.

- Team participated in the 2-day capacity building workshop on project review and better understanding with follow up actions where Director and senior representatives of Gana Unnayan Parshad were present along with both Fcs , PI and Advocacy officer

### **Capacity Building**

All staff members of the Street Food project being capacitated on the following issues:

- a) National Street Vendors Act,2014
- b) Smart City
- c) Project Cycle Management
- d) Randomised Control Study- an overview
- e) Vision, Mission, Objective, Strategy and Action plan



### **New research**

#### **Financial wastage in the street food market**

In the daily life of Kolkata street food vendors, financial wastage is a common problem that should not be left aside. Estimations from the pilot study, done in Sector V in 2013, state that 54% of street vendors reported extortion as one of the main issues when doing business. In the current baseline survey, we estimate that 36% of street vendors report that “local authorities are charging money to undertake the business”. Next to the usual food hygiene and public health concerns, financial wastage causes damage to a vast proportion of the growing urban poor population working in the street food sector. This feature contributes to the uncertainty of the employment context of street vendors. Together with other factors, it contributes to negatively affect their ability to invest in the business and grow. In particular, our final goal is to publish an article in a scientific journal that would shed light on financial wastage dynamics in general and present an original methodology to investigate it. The study had been completed in 28<sup>th</sup> February and the report will be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> August,2016

## **2. In North-24-Parganas District:**

### **G. ASHA Programme:**

#### **Introduction / Background of the project:**

ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) was launched (under National Rural Health Mission) on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 by Government of India. The programme is being implemented in phases, starting from the 22 backward blocks and then gradually up scaling it to cover the entire rural population in the State.

ASHA is a link person like a bridge between common people (beneficiary) and Government service centres. They work for (500-1000) population at rural area. ASHA must be primarily women, resident of that area, married/widow/divorce and age group of 30 to 40 years (except SC/ST).Educational qualification of ASHAs are Madhyamik or Madhyamik appeared.

- GUP has been functioning as a district Training Center for ASHA for the last ten years with the help of Swasthya Bhavan & District Health & Family Welfare Samity.

### **Major Role of District Training Centre (DTC):**

- Conduct interview for selection of trainer's and capacity building, hand holding support to the trainers.
- Organise residential training programme for the ASHAs according to training schedule, prepared by Swasthya Bhavan.
- Organise monthly Review meeting with all eligible District Trainers in presence of Director of Gana Unnayan Parshad. Discuss & share experience to the trainers after field visit.
- Submit the training report weekly and monthly to Swasthya Bhavan & District Health & Family Welfare Samity timely.
- Prepare and plan for training and hand holding field visit roaster.

### **Outcomes of the programme:**

#### **Maternal Health:**

- That pregnant woman and her family receive health information of appropriate health care practice ---diet, rest and for increased use of institutional services for antenatal, natal and post natal period and family planning services.
- That every pregnant woman avails the antenatal care and post natal care at sub Centre /VHND.
- That every family with a pregnant woman has made a plan and it is prepared for the event of child birth.
- That every couple who need contraceptive services is counselled for easy availability of the service.

#### **Achievement:**

- In Sandashkhali-I,Sandashkhali-II, Hingalganj,Minakhan,Hasnabad blocks ASHA 4<sup>th</sup> round training successfully completed (as per State ASHA Cell Training plan).
- In Haroa, Barasat-II, Deganga, Basirhat-I, Basirhat-II, Swarupnagar Blocks ASHA 4<sup>th</sup> round training Programme continuously running successfully.
- Total **2718** no. (approximately) of ASHAs Refresher training completed.
- Batch report, Handholding visit report, monthly report, DTC details, Trainers details(both of DTC &System) are submitted to the State ASHA Cell.
- Chief Functionary of ASHA Programme of Gana Unnayan Parshad, North 24 Parganas(DTC) visited 1 field every month and filled up field format properly. Also the C.F.O Submitted her field visit report to the State ASHA Cell on regular basis.
- Monthly review meeting was conducted every month with all eligible District Trainers in presence of Director or her representative of Gana Unnayan Parshad. Discuss & share experience among the trainers after field visit and also discuss & share experience about training.
- From April,2015 to 15th March,2016 total-**1473**(approximately) Handholding Field Visits for ASHA are completed by District Trainers of North 24 Parganas. Also completed 2 field visits each by Training Co-ordinator And Asst.Co-ordinator on every month.

### **H. Short Stay Home:**



Gana Unnayan Parshad has been running a Short Stay Home for 30 destitute women and children at Rajarhat Kalaberia, since 1998 with the help of Central Social welfare Board, New Delhi. At present 19 destitute women with seven children below 7 years are staying in our short stay home at Rajarhat. All of the women are involved with some income generating or other activities. One of them has appeared for higher secondary examination. Two women are taking tailoring training under NABARD Scheme. One is going through computer training. One of them is working as a maid in an English medium school. One is working as 'Aya' and another one is looking after children in a center. Others are working as cook or looking after the patients as per requirement in local flats. Whatever they earn by doing all these assorted activities are kept as their savings for their future respectively. They are not encouraged to spend their income while they are staying in this short stay home. Many of these women are willing to learn tailoring, because they want to become self reliant in future by doing this tailoring work.

Three children out of seven are now going to local ICDS centre. The rest four children are very small. Three women of this centre are mentally challenged and they can not work. One tribal woman having two small kids also can not work.

This year nine inmates of this short stay home have been sent to their respective homes after establishing contact and motivation of their family members. All of them learnt some skill to earn their livelihood while they will be with their families respectively. We do keep contact with them regularly and they are found happily living with their husband and other family members.

Regular health check-up of all inmates of this home are being done by a part time doctor who visits the centre at least once in a month. In any emergency, inmates are taken to local BPHC or taken to the private doctors, if necessary.

Home meeting was organized with active participation of all inmates of this short stay home in every month to know their problems or suggestions given by them. Members of Home Management Committee met at least once in two month during the reporting period.



Various important days like Republic Day, Netaji's Birth Day, Rabindranath Tagore's birth day, World AIDS day, World Women's day, etc. are celebrated in the Home throughout the year. Sometimes they were taken for outing for a change. Apart from this, different festivals of Hindus, Muslims, birth days of the children were celebrated here to encourage the inmates of this home in order to live a normal life.

Members of Central Social Welfare Department visited this Home in periodic intervals for monitoring –evaluation of functioning of our home.

#### **I. Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC):**

"Nabodaya" of Gana Unnayan Parshad has been enlisted as a member of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) of Rajarhat Block in the district of North 24 Parganas and participated in the meetings held on 12/03/2015 at the office of BDO, Rajarhat and on 23/03/2015 at

the office of the District Magistrate, North 24 Pgs, Barasat, to review functioning of the BLCPCs of North 24 Parganas district.

BLCPC is also enlisted with the Child Line of North 24 Parganas. GUP in collaboration with Child Line organized one awareness Programme for the children of the locality in collaboration with Rajarhat Gram Panchayet and subsequently a meeting was held on 06/10/2015 at Local ICDS Centre.

#### J. Awareness Generation programme on PCPNDT Act:



In India female infanticide has existed for centuries and now female feticide has joined the fray and is increasing each day. The reasons for this evil are the introduction and proliferation of pre natal diagnostic test / sex determination clinics and cheaper ultrasound machines that help determine the sex of a child before the same is born. Dramatic reduction of birth rates in most of India's states is due to intensification of son preference in the existing patriarchal society. And one must also not forget the lack of ethics in pockets of the medical profession that results in furthering female feticide.

A declining sex ratio has various socio-economic and health implications. A woman's health suffers as she is forced to undergo multiple pregnancies and abortions. Decreasing number of females in the society can increase sex related crimes and violence against women. Imbalance is likely to cause a rise in social problems like dowry deaths, forced polyandry, rape, child marriage, bride-selling and kidnapping of women for marriage.

From 1982 the Health Activists groups and Women's groups became active on the issue and the protest began resulting in forcing the Health Ministry to issue circular declaring the use of tests for sex determination and subsequent abortion of female fetus a penal offence. *In mid eighties there was a big campaign in Mumbai under the banner of Forum against Sex Determination and Sex selective abortions.* The other states like Punjab, Gujarat and Goa too were not far behind. ***The concerted effort resulted in formulation of Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques [Regulation and Prevention of Misuse] Act which was passed in 1994 [PNDT].***

PC&PNDT Act was passed in the year 1994 but nothing has been changed since then in positive direction what the Govt. of India thought about. Because laws alone cannot bring about abiding changes in an ancient social fabrics of a country like India where patriarchal control redefine and reassert themselves constantly cutting across the barriers of caste, community and religion by destroying the dream of a gender just society. It is now fairly evident that a degree of societal reorientation is needed in different sectors and at all levels of our country.



To deal with this problem that has root in social behavior and prejudice, mere legislation is not enough. Various activities as mentioned below have to be undertaken for attitude & behavioral change of common people as well as to create awareness against the practice of prenatal determination of sex and female feticide.

- 1) Municipal area specific Community Event on ‘Save the Girl children’.
- 2) Meetings with Municipal wards members.
- 3) Sensitization of students of the colleges
- 4) Visit to USG Clinics as per requirement.

GUP has been conferred with responsibility of organizing such programme in 14 identified Municipalities of North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal. Accordingly, 10 numbers of college students’ sensitization workshop meetings were organized in 10 colleges with active participation of 595 college students and teachers. 252 numbers of Awareness meetings were organized on PC&PNDT Act, 1994 and its implication in 252 identified words in 14 number of Municipalities in North 24 Parganas district with active participation of Ward members and local people. However, we



have to organize such awareness camp in remaining 96 wards in near future. For monitoring of proper functioning of USG clinics in our operational areas, we have visited already 50 USG clinics with the help of ACMOH, Deputy CMOH-Hospital Super and concern health staff and we had to visit 18 nos. of USG clinics along with concerned officials from the Govt. Health Department of North 24 Parganas district and identified different types of mal functioning and to take necessary correctional measures.

#### **K. GUP as a Member DAC, PCPNDT:**

The Director of GUP as a committee member attended several meetings and workshops of District Advisory Committee , PCPN&DT at Barasat, DM Office and at other places of West Bengal.

#### **L. GUP as a Member of Sexual Harassment Committee, Social Welfare Dept:**

Very recently, GUP has been selected as one of the Members of Internal Complain Committee (ICC) of Social Welfare Dept, North 24-parganas District and one representative of GUP attended one meeting organized by this committee.

### **3. Murshidabad District:**

#### **M. ASHA Programme:**



Like North 24-parganas district, District Training Centre has also been running under GUP’s leadership to impart training to the selected ASHAs in Murshidabad district. During this reporting phase the following trainings were conducted as per guideline of the NHM and regular field visits were also done by the DTs, DTC, ATC and by the Director regularly.

MONTH (TAINING)	TARGET	ACHIVEMENT	FAILURE	REMARKS
26TH, MARCH-30TH, APRIL	500	434	66	BLOCK DID NOT SEND SUFFICIENT ASHA FOR TRAINING.
03,MAY-03,JUNE	500	471	29	
06,JUNE-7,JULY	500	435	65	
10,JULY -10,AUGUST	500	453	47	
13TH,AUGUST-13TH,SEPT.	500	463	37	
16TH,SEPT.-30TH SEPT	250	226	24	
TOTAL	2750	2482	268	
N.B.- OUR NEXT TERGET UPTO DECEMBER 2015 IS ASHA REFRESHER & 4TH ROUND TRAINING.				

PERIOD(FIELD)	TARGET	ACHIVEMENTS	FAILURE	REMARKS
21ST,MARCH-20TH,APRIL	208	208	0	D.T. DID NOT ATTAIN THE FIELD.
APRIL-MAY	208	206	2	
21ST, MAY-20TH, JUNE	208	208	0	
21ST, JUNE-20TH,JULY	208	208	0	
21ST,JULY-20TH,AUGUST	208	208	0	
	1040	1038	2	



#### **N. Child Protection (Situational analysis) Survey In Kandi Block:**

To analysis the present situation of the children in the block a Survey-cum data collection was done by our village level volunteers in the Block with active support of the District Social welfare Department,Murshidabad. During this Reporting phase 6 FGD, Interview of 570 children, survey of 228 stakeholders and guardians and discussions with 5 block officials were done .

#### **O. GUP as a Member of District level Sexual Harassment Committee, Health Dept, Murshidabad District :**

The District Health Authority of Murshidabad District has selected our organisation as one of the Members of their District level Internal Complaint Committee on Sexual Harrasment this year.

#### **4. Dakshin Dinajpur :**

##### **P. AHVY:**



Since 2011 we have been running Skill development and income generation programme among the 600 women artisans in Banshihari, Kushmundi, and Harirampur of South Dinajpur under AHVY scheme with the financial support of Ministry of Textile, Govt of India. Though we have organized One Mela, Skill Upgradation and Design Development programmes and SHG development programmes during the last three years, yet due to non-availability of the Fund from the Govt the regular activities are at stake. However, to make the women more interested, other activities like child care programme and EDP are being started in our centre.

As per suggestions of the Co- of SHGs the Marketing babu(C.I.) at Balurghat but he federation now. Because, we making block cooperative, we



operative office for making a federation Manager met with Mr. Sudipta said that it would not be possible to form have to make block cooperative first. For have to become member of 'Alo' Bank.

For this all members have to pay Rs. 220 each as membership fee. Therefore, all SHG accounts of AHVY with SBI have to be closed and new accounts have to be opened with 'Alo' Bank. So, this decision has to be taken by the Members of the SHGs and then only necessary action can be taken. Form for artisan cards have been filled up and the same has been submitted to the concerned office of DC (Handicrafts) at Shilliguri.



##### **Q. Children related Programme:**

Children of our new coaching center have been provided with necessary exercise books, pen pencils etc. Netaji's Birth day , Republic Day etc. were celebrated in this centre.

##### **S. Production related programme :**

It has not been possible to start any production centre because the cost of production of the handicrafts made by the artisans of Harirampur block is much higher than market price. Books related to SHGs have prepared up to date. Meetings were organized on different issues in collaboration with Lok Kalyan Parishad. Though it was proposed to different handicrafts other than jute, but nothing has been done.

#### **5. JALPAIGURI DISTRICT :**

##### **R. STD/HIV/AIDS intervention programme among the Truck-drivers,Helpers and FSWs with the support of WBSAP&CS**

##### **Situational Report:**

- During this reporting period, the two clinics have been running very successfully. One known as Static Clinic is situated at



Fulbari TSL; another known as Satellite Clinic is mobile and provides service at three major pockets of adjacent Matigara, Mandi & Sita Mansion TSL. The patients affected by STI or any kind of disease have come for their health check-up and necessary services were provided from all our clinic sites. During this period, so many important programmes were conducted like Sensitization Programme.

- The awareness generation programmes regarding STD and HIV infection at preventive level have been organized successfully. The active participation of CKIs and other community people in our project activities made the programmes a success.
- Few Internal Monitoring were also conducted by the Director and Finance & APD Officer from our Central Office, GUP through and some gaps were also identified and they gave us some valuable suggestions regarding technical and financial system to fulfil these gaps through proper implementation of the programme.

### **A brief discussion on major achievements:**

#### **Achievements:**

The major achievements are as follows,

- As per the benchmark, 110% of functional condom outlets was achieved.
- IPC sessions were achieved as per the benchmark.
- Total Clinic footfalls increased. And it achieved the benchmark at the end of this period.
- We provided STI treatment to 641 truckers and no. of patients increased than previous period.
- No. of Counsellings was done as per the benchmark.
- Condom sales increased than the previous year. And it has been increasing day by day.
- World Aids Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December was also organized as per guideline of NACCO and several awareness generation programmes were done through out the week.



### **GUP in Jharkhand :**

#### **Gandhi Ashram, Dist.- East Singhbhum:**

GUP has been working for comprehensive development of the poor tribal people of Baharagora block in the district of East Singhbhum of Jharkhand state since 1987. Baharagora block is densely populated with scheduled tribe and scheduled caste communities belonging mainly to small and marginal farmers, agricultural day labours and sharecroppers.

### **GUP in different Networking Programmes :**

Maitrayee, NAOW, WEBEN (Right to Education campaign Programme) MARAMI, Dash theke Das Hazar (Violence against women)

#### **MARAMI**

“Marami” Network has been established mainly for two purposes in active collaboration of GUP and other women’s groupss – (1) to provide medical, legal and other facilities to the Physically assaulted, sexually harassed , victims of domestic violence through nearby health centre or such institution like

One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) and (2) to provide emergency treatment to the sexually assaulted women through Medico-Legal-Guide Line and to see that the signs of torture are not wiped out. Department of Agriculture, Govt. of India, has enlisted “Maromi” as a member of Internal Complaint Committee (ICC). On 08/02/2016, a meeting on sexual harassment at work place was convened at the office of the District Magistrate, North 24 Pgs. One orientation Programme on the same subject was organized on 12/03/2016 at “Abanindra Sabha Grigha”. Gopa Routh, on behalf of GUP, Participated in those programmes.

### **Network for Right to Education :**

This network formed with the help of CRY,Kolkata and very recently GUP has become a member of this network to implement the Right to Education Act in Proper way. Representatives of GUP alongwith Director participated in so many discussions to take active action in this matter. One survey Form for collecting the Data of the status of the drop out children in the Districts is prepared and a team will do the advocacy with the newly declared candidates of the Assembly Election for inclusion, in their Manifesto, of the activity of Right To Education act.

### **MAITREE:-**

Maitree is a voluntary women organisation and a Woman’s Right based Network working against any type of atrocities and sexual harassment on women. As a member organisation of this network GUP has been given the responsibility of organizing all activities / programmes of this network for two terms during last one year.

The first phase was from Feb, 2015 to May, 2015. Besides conducting monthly meeting of this network, GUP organized a rally to observe International Women Day” on 8<sup>th</sup> March,2015 successfully from College square to Rani Rashmoni Avenue. Different student organizations, Democratic Alliances and civic networking people participated in the Programme. The theme of the rally was **“Dash Theke Das Hazar, Pathe Nambo Bar Bar”**. Thousand of festoons, Banner, Flex etc. with slogans of people made this Programme very colorful. Different news channels, newspaper medias also covered this Programme.

In second phase, the responsibility was given for the period from Oct. 2015 to Jan, 2016. On behalf of the network on last 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2015 in support of Eram Sharmila Channu, a street corner was organized in front of Tallygunge Metro Station.

A rally was organized to observe a Fortnight on “Violence Against Women” (25<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015) from Hazra More to Gariahat Crossing. The main focus of this Programme was on Domestic Violence against women.

A Press Conference was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Kolkata Press Club regarding Court Judgment against Suzet Rape Case at Park Street. All the members of our women cell participated in this programme. There was also a Programme at Ranu Chhaya Mancha Regarding 8<sup>th</sup> march Programme 2016 by South Kolkata Sunnidhya, Ms. Gopa Routh and Ms. Seema Chatterjee participated on behalf of the organisation.



**NAWO:**

National Alliance of Women is a network of the Women groups and other groups and is working on Policy Advocacy with the Govt. This year one big consultative meet was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata where the Chairperson of Women Commission alongwith a good numbers of academicians and activists (Male & Female) was present. The topic was Baisaymaer Mokabilay and its challenges. It is decided that a series of activities on that issue will be jointly organised in the coming days with member groups.

**AMAN Network:-**

This network mainly works on Domestic Violence against women.

Regular monthly meetings are organised on this issue. One “National Meet” on this issue was held at Seva Kendra” Kolkata from 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015. In this Programme, different national level women networks participated with their different women related issues. Gopa Routh Participated in ‘Two country Gender Training’ held at Bangladesh from 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2015). On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 there was a Programme on “One Billion Rising: on behalf of the organisation,

**DTDH:-**

Almost all Programmes of this network (Dash Theke Dash Hazar) and Maitree network are organized jointly. DTDH also participated in the rally held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Similarly one Rally was organized by Maitree on ‘Violence against women and sexual Harassment on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from College square to Dhaarmatala, Kolkata.

**GUP as a Member : ICC BESU, Shibpur, Howrah:**

The Director of GUP participated in several meetings of the Internal Complaint Committee on Sexual Harassment of BESU- Shibpur as a member of this committee and solved several complaints of the Students and Professors too during last two years.

**Publication and communication:**

During this period 2 Manabi, a journal for Women and 4 Kachipata (A Booklet for children), 2 ASHA orientation Matrix, Lots of Posters on Environment, Pollution, PCPNDT, Pamhlets on Save the Girl Child, Flex against Kanya Bhrun Hatya, Leaflet on Save the Girl Child are published to make people aware on different burning issues.

As previous years a good numbers of college students (MSW) got the opportunities to complete their field placement project with the help of our senior staff members.

Before concluding my report I want to convey my sincere thanks to our board members, staff members and other stake holders for their help and active participation in all the above mentioned works.