

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE SOCIETY

Annual Report 2014-15



Vision

We envisage a just, equitable, humane and non-exploitative society based on the principles of justice, peace and solidarity

Mission

We strive to bring about peace, justice, empowerment, liberation from all kinds of bondages in the lives of people especially the marginalized, deprived sections(Dalits, Women, Children) of the society through the process of animation, organization and empowerment.

Objectives

- To promote development awareness
- To promote community based health and education
- To initiate income generation programmes
- To organize vocational training programme
- To help people to fight against various natural calamities
- To promote legal awareness



Bishop's Message

The annual report of DDWS for the year 2014-15 opens up yet another chapter of unmatched success in the field of socio economic development for the poor people, majority of whom are scheduled castes and schedule tribes mainly in 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh, India. The broad spectrum of activities and their success rate speak volumes about the dedicated work taken up by members of DDWS under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Fr. Antony K.K., Director of the Organization, who has a concern for the good of the diocese, its people and its mission. The Organization is marching ahead each year being more eventful than the previous one.

It is my pleasure to commend to your reading the Diocesan Development & Welfare Society's Annual Report 2015 which highlights the critical work and many successful initiatives that DDWS has undertaken during the past year.

Over the years the Diocesan Development & Welfare Society is working in the most remote villages, the most desperate communities and the most disadvantaged region of the diocese. The lives are saved, the livelihoods are restored, the hopes are shared and that is all due to the love DDWS shared so beautifully and willingly within the community.

On this achievement I wish to thank the Advisory Board members for their time and expertise and the dedicated staff who gave a great deal of time and put in much effort to make this possible. I also acknowledge with gratitude the support and cooperation of the donors who provided the monetary support.

The achievement 2014-15 epitomizes the success of the intrinsic values which DDWS stands for. I once again congratulate the staff & members of DDWS and wish them more and more success in years to come.

Finally, I would like to appreciate the earnest cooperation and support from allied NGOs, Government Departments, including local self government authorities, who involved in the implementation process and extended effective cooperation.

My sincere thanks go to all who supported the program implementation and organizational activities timely and properly and the preparation and publication of the annual report of DDWS. May God continue to bless the work of those who renew hope and seek justice for them.

+Most Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly
Bishop of Allahabad

Director's Message

Once again we are publishing our Annual Report for the year 2014 - 15. At the end of the fiscal year 2015, we would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our sincere appreciation to all our friends and donors who provided generous and continuous support to our project and its activities.

The projects implemented by Diocesan Development & Welfare Society specifically target those communities and beneficiaries that had been left out from the economic development with a wide range of welfare services including social security, services for the elderly, rehabilitation and medical social services, family and child welfare services as well as services for young people. Our social welfare services cover a range of preventive, nurturing, supportive and remedial measures. We seek to allocate resources to the most needy to meet their basic needs and help them move from welfare to self-reliance.

Our target communities suffer from a set of adversities and challenges due to various reasons and our projects are designed for their livelihood improvement, social empowerment and health promotion. The key to the successful implementation of our program is active participation of the beneficiaries in the planning and operation under the close collaboration with local authorities.

Our effort in each community and activity might be only a drop in the ocean, through this Annual Report our aim is to exchange information, present best practices, highlight events and give different perspectives in addressing the challenges related to the empowerment in rural areas.

Let me take the opportunity to thank all our Donors, members, technical partners, local partners, consultants and friends for their great interest and generous support intended for the programme conducted during the year. Over all the results of DDWS operations, in the realms of socio-economic development of poor marginalized, segregated, exploited are impacting their lives positively.

In this successful endeavour, one should appreciate, recognize and laud the contribution made by the people who presided over, workers who produced results and recipient communities who change to depict a model. I am happy and proud to present the Annual Report of DDWS. I look forward to your support and future contributions to make this Annual Report our joint endeavour.

In the face of the increasingly complex social problems, I sincerely hope that the public at large, the welfare sector and the business community will continue to forge partnership with the Government in building up a caring society.

Rev. Fr. Antony K. K.
Director, DDWS

Organization Outlook

Diocesan Development & Welfare Society (DDWS) was established in the year 1980, mandated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allahabad with an objective to bring a sustainable change in the society. Though it was registered in the year 1980 it started working decades back. After its registration, in the last 31 years DDWS has grown into a big tree with its different branches giving fruits of development and shades of love and affection to the people coming under it.

Diocesan Development & Welfare Society is presently working in 13 civil districts in Uttar Pradesh and 6 civil districts in Bihar through its various ongoing programmes. Breaking the barriers of social and economic status, DDWS has been able to bring the community on a common platform to discuss the issue of development and change in the society. With its philosophy of working with the community rather than working for the community, it made a base of development at the grass roots level through its various programmes.

The organization works with the poorest of the poor through its social centers spread out in the remote areas. Currently this work includes credit unions and literacy movements. Strengthening government schools and health services through local advocacy, income generation programmes, trafficking, health education, a shelter home for women in crisis, legal aid and legal literacy, community vigilance against bonded labor and child labor, Child line programme (the national hotline for children in crisis) and Bal Vikas Ashram. Capacity building among these communities is creating a layer of skilled leadership among the poor and oppressed, especially of people who are now social activists, youth leaders, paralegals and paramedical workers. During the last 34 years DDWS has initiated community based development work to strengthen the poorest and most marginalized groups in the remote areas and has brought fruitful results in the targeted area.

The philosophy of the DDWS is to work with grass root communities. The DDWS believes in accelerating change as a catalyst would do with the aim of building self-reliant community through social action. Over the years it has made a sincere effort to use new strategies to intervene in the community and provide innovative techniques like micro planning to the community.

In keeping with the mandate of the gospel values by way of reaching out to the poor, the underprivileged and the oppressed, DDWS has extended its services to all irrespective of any caste, creed, color. Various right based activities to safeguard the exploited, especially the girl child, children and women, empower the weaker section, credit unions are established and disaster management teams are set up and health camps are conducted. DDWS also takes responsibilities to promote development through meticulously designed policy, plans and programs by effectively implementing, monitoring and evaluating them to yield targeted result. Organization works at right based rehabilitation, education of the deprived children, integration of the distressed children and legal and moral support to battered women. DDWS with its desire to bring positive changes in the lives of the destitute that live in an abject miserable condition has been trying sincerely in forging partnerships with other NGOs and establishing and maintaining friendly contacts with the Government organizations and Donor agencies.

In other words, it wants to undertake all possible action for the regeneration of self-esteem and confidence along with re-assertion of the marginalized and deprived sections of the society, so that they can control and improve their own destiny.

A Report on Farewell of Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D' Souza & Welcome of Rev. Fr. Antony K. K.

24th June 2014 was a memorable day in the history of DDWS when the entire staff bid adieu to Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D' Souza, Former Director and welcomed Rev. Fr. Antony K. K. as the new Director of Diocesan Development & Welfare Society, Allahabad at the **“Farewell & Welcome”** function held at DDWS, Allahabad. The DDWS hall was full of mixed emotions of joy and sorrow.

The programme started at 10:00 am with a prayer song and blessings of His lordship Most Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, Bishop of Allahabad. Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D' Souza, Former Director, DDWS, Rev. Fr. Antony K. K., the new Director, DDWS, entire staff and project team of DDWS along with all the teachers of NFE centers were present during the function. After the blessings the floral bouquets were presented over to His lordship Most Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, Bishop of Allahabad, Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D' Souza and Rev. Fr. Antony K. K.

The programme was anchored by Mr. Boniface George, Coordinator, DDWS. On the occasion Rev. Fr. Deepak said that it has been a fantastic seven years and he has enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity representing the Organization as its Director, he also thanked the entire Staff, donors, members, technical partners, local partners, consultants, friends and supporters of the Diocesan Development & Welfare Society, Allahabad during the time of his tenure. He said with the appointment of Rev. Fr. Antony K. K. as the new Director of DDWS, Allahabad has ensured the continuation of maintaining the high standards. He felt privileged that he was part of such a visionary organization. At last he mentioned that he would take with him many fond memories of the organization and would always treasure the fond memories.

Official handover was done smoothly in the presence of His lordship Most Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, In his speech he said that Rev. Fr. Deepak has brought warmth, care and support to DDWS and has contributed greatly to the upliftment of the weaker section of the society.

Rev. Fr. Antony K. K. accepted the new post of a Director, DDWS and assured the gathering that he would do his best with full dedication as long as he is associated with DDWS. He also requested the entire staff for their cooperation.

At the end Momento was presented to Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D' Souza as a token of love and appreciation by Rev. Fr. Antony K. K. The programme ended with tea & snacks.

DDWS Team

DDWS Ongoing Project

S. NO.	PROJECTS	DONOR AGENCIES
1.	ADHIKAR	CARITAS INDIA
2.	SAKHI PROJECT	UTTAR KSHETRIYA SAMAJ VIKAS KENDRA (NOIDA)
3.	INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN 20 VILLAGES OF AKBARPUR BLOCK IN AMBEDKAR NAGAR DISTRICT	MANOS UNIDAS – SPAIN
4.	EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION OF WOMEN AT SHELTER HOME	MISEREOR - GERMANY
5.	KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYA	SARVA SIKSHA ABHIYAN, GOVT. OF INDIA, NEW DELHI
6.	EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN THE SLUMS OF ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.	MANOS UNIDAS - SPAIN
7.	HARIT PRAYAS	CARITAS INDIA

CBOs BECOMING MAJOR PLAYERS

In our field level operations virtually everything is being attended by different CBOs. All our field activities are factually managed by our CBOs, which are usually users group for the specific activities. Over the years these CBOs have become very strong and powerful and have become major players in our project activities. This is real strength of Diocesan Development & Welfare Society in implementing massively and successfully all the Mobilization and Empowerment based programme at very large scale.

During the year 2014-2015 these CBOs and their federation were dominant players in the implementation of all our programmes.

Before we describe in very brief summary the programmes implemented by CBOs, let us have a look at the nature of CBOs and their federation.

ADHIKAR

DDWS under the aegis of Caritas India implemented the Project ADHIKAR in 15 villages of Jalalpur Block of Ambedkar Nagar District to enhance the standard of living of the community through improved agricultural production and availing entitlements under MNREGA and RTE. Due to intensive mobilization of local people and involvement of the project staff people participated in the programme in large numbers. Much of the needs and problems of the families related to agriculture, education, health services, ration card, gender discrimination, livelihood opportunities and many others were addressed through economic & social changes emerged during the year “2014 – 2015”

Target group

Scheduled Castes (SCs), Muslim minorities, women, girls, people with disability, extremely poor people, marginalized low income farmers, land less and BPL families

Project Area

15 villages of Jalalpur block of Ambedkanagar District

Goal

80% of Scheduled castes (SCs), Muslim minorities, women, girls, people with disability, extremely poor people, marginalized low income farmers, land less and BPL families have enhanced their standard of living through improved agricultural production and availing entitlements under MNREGA and RTE in Jalalpur Block of Ambedkar Nagar District.

Objective

- 1113 SC marginalized low-income farmers will increase their production by 27% across the various crops by the EOP.
- 1027 BPL families, marginalized low-income farmers, land less will get adequate benefit through Government Scheme MNREGA. (At least 75 – 100 days job, unemployment allowance, facility at site, wage as per norm) by the end of the project.
- 1857 never enrolled and drop out marginalized children between 6 – 14 years will be enrolled and continuing their education and receiving their due entitlements under “RTE” by EOP.

Methodology

The process of implementing the programme in the selected area was participatory, integrated, collaborative and right based. There was a paradigm shift in welfare approach of development to right-based approach of development. People were the centre of development and become action oriented for attaining their rights to work, education, livelihood etc. Effective communication between the stakeholders linkages with government departments accelerated the process of development in the area.

Activities Conducted

- Training on Increasing agriculture production and access to market.
- Improving capacity of rural community, with a particular focus on women and young people.
- Enhancing through knowledge generation and dissemination, the capacity of rural communities.
- By representing summary of findings from the case study of the developmental interventions carried out in the targeted area related to agriculture and support to sustainable farming at village level.
- Ensuring people's participation and promoting good agriculture practices for sustainable agriculture.
- By promoting greater public awareness of the role of people's participation and people's organizations, especially women's groups, youth, indigenous people and people under occupation, local communities and small farmers, in sustainable agriculture and rural development.
- By taking into account the different needs of subsistence agriculture as well as market-oriented crops.
- By Providing support and training recognizing the variation in agricultural circumstances and practices by location; the optimal use of on-farm inputs and the minimal use of external inputs; optimal use of local natural resources and the establishment of networks that deal with the exchange of information on alternative forms of agriculture.



Progress made during the year 2014 – 15

Agriculture

- Adhikar Project has facilitated the adoption of new technologies and practices adopted by almost 700 farmers in the targeted area which has led to significant and gradual improvement in agricultural production.
- Evaluation was also done about the medical camps held for livestock during the period. 80% of the vaccinated livestock found healthy.
- There has also been increase in number of house hold keeping livestock as compared to what it was marked earlier, now the number of HH keeping livestock in the targeted area is above 650 with the increase of 133 HH in numbers who started keeping livestock that includes cows, buffaloes, goat, sheep, chickens, rabbits etc.

MNREGA

- 32 applicants received 80 days work and 8 people got work for complete 100 days under the scheme MNREGA during the project period.
- More than 800 HH worked for 70 – 80 days under MNREGA and received stipulated wages.
- 22 Micro plans implemented such as Sokhta, Brick Road, Mud Road, drainage system etc. through constant effort of the community members.
- PRI members are working efficiently
- Block level officials supported us to initiate the programme, have given training & have helped people in receiving services

- Field activities are factually managed by our CBOs, which are usually users group for the specific activities. These CBOs have become very strong and powerful and have become major players in our project activities.

Education

- 972 dropouts children were reenrolled in the school
- 757 never enrolled children were enrolled into the school
- Parents showed interests in their children's schooling
- Village Education Committee is functional
- Parents Teachers Association formed and is functional



Integrated Development Programme

Integrated Development programme (IDP), is working for the rights of marginalized community, especially girls and women and scheduled castes who are experiencing severe forms of exploitation and so on. In order to provide the rural people with better prospects during the period activities such as training on women's right, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), training to TBA, awareness programme on HIV/AIDS etc. were the major highlights of the period which has helped a lot in providing the information related to problems of rural population. Programs such as, campaign on health related issues such as HIV/AIDS, using herbal remedies for curing their diseases have also come into focus. People in SHGs formed under the programme are asserting their rights by using these tools and joining these campaigns which is leading them in the direction of making the community self reliant.

Target Group

Extremely poor, marginalized, landless laborers, BPL, SCs & STs.

Project Area

20 villages of Akbarpur block of Ambedkarnagar district, Uttar Pradesh

Goal

60% of the marginalized communities of 20 villages of Ambedkarnagar district attained better quality of life in the sector of health, livelihood and gender equality through integration with the likeminded NGOs within three years.

Objective

1. Women of 20 villages under Jafferganj social action center of Ambedkarnagar district established one each stable federations which work with a right based approach.
2. 50% Increased in the income of 60% of total SHG members in the targeted areas.
3. 80% of the targeted community gets accessibility to govt. health services and 60% of the women get awareness of HIV/AIDS and start using herbal remedies for curing their diseases.
4. 50% women start playing active role in decision making in the family as well in the society and start giving importance to girl child education.
5. Effective networking between the like-minded NGOs and Caritas funded project partners through which marginalized communities get uplifted.

Activities Conducted

- Training on National Rural Livelihood Mission
- Health camps conducted
- Training on Reproductive Child Health
- Training on Diarrhea
- Formation of new Self Help Groups
- Puppet shows on women' s right and education
- Village level sensitization meeting on women trafficking, women atrocities, exploitation and male domination, govt. schemes and program and right to information act.
- Facilitated the communities/ federations to organize advocacy meetings, rallies and campaign against improper implementation of govt. program.
- Interface meeting with PRI and block level officials on effective implementation of govt. program.
- Organized sensitization program on health issues, HIV/AIDS, mother and child health care and herbal remedies.
- Promoted girl child education in the targeted communities

Achievement

- More than 600 people got benefited through the health camps
- Targeted community accessed their basic rights for food, job, health and education through SHGs by exerting pressure on the concerned people/authorities/departments
- 60% of the total SHG members became functionally literate.
- 15 HH started their Income Generation Programme
- 5 new Self Help Groups formed
- 2 new villages were reached by our animators
- People are much aware of family planning.
- Parents are now taking more interest in sending their girl child to schools.
- 5 more Self Help Groups were formed
- Communities have gained awareness about various government schemes and programmes such as MNREGA, Right to Information, Right to food, Right to education, Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs), Education for All, Panchayati Raj Institutions, etc.

Education & rehabilitation of children living in the slums of Allahabad

DDWS under the aegis of Manos Unidas implemented a project "Education & Rehabilitation of Children in the slums of Allahabad" in the year 2010, with the objective to improve the status of children in slums of the city of Allahabad and to work for the rights and privileges of the community members. An effort is made to combine an innovative and sensitive approach to understand the ground realities of slum dwellers. It has designed and developed a framework on conditions for integration, innovation and implementation. Education & Rehabilitation of Children in the slums of Allahabad with its view to suggesting a future direction for the children between the age group of 6 – 14 years, by educating and rehabilitating them so that their educational status can be improved and be able to get their rights and privileges in the community and also they can gain new awareness and self esteem.

Target Group

Slum children between 6 – 14 years, parents living in slums

Project Area

20 slum areas of Allahabad district, Uttar Pradesh, India

Goal

Children of 6 -14 years age group of Allahabad District living in slums have been Educated and Rehabilitated.

Objective

- Educational status of children in project area has improved.
- Community members benefit from their rights and privileges.
- Children regularly attended NFE centre
- Community participates actively in all the mobilization activities
- Improved access to government schemes and services to which families living in slums are entitled.

Activities Conducted

- Medical check-ups / health camps
- Training for Non Formal Education teachers on 'Teaching and Learning Methods'.
- Regular awareness programme on importance of education, their rights and responsibilities, child labour, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, community development, livelihood options, health and hygiene through street plays and puppet shows.
- 4 Indian Dental Association (IDA) camps were organized throughout the period for the dental check up of the children.
- Training on life skills activities

Achievement

- More than 250 people opened saving accounts under the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna'.
- 50% of the targeted community having savings account have developed a practice of saving.
- Around 80 children were enrolled into the government schools in which 60% were girls.
- Around 60 Aadhaar Cards (Government ID Proof) were made for the targeted community.
- More than 300 children were benefited through the health camps organized by DDWS
- Around 220 children were benefited through the camps organized by Indian Dental Association.
- 70% of the targeted community is concerned about the education of their children.
- Awareness programmes on education, child labour, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, community development, livelihood options, their rights and responsibilities, health and hygiene has created colossal awareness among the masses.



Health Camp



Kasturba Gandhi Awaasiya Balika Vidyalaya, Dhanupur, Allahabad

The Kasturba Gandhi Awaasiya Balika Vidyalaya was started in the Dhanupur block of Allahabad District under the Central Government Scheme of Sarva Sikhsha Abhiyaan. Under this scheme the most impoverished blocks are selected for educational upliftment. It was therefore, Dhanupur, a very underdeveloped block of Allahabad district was selected.

With economic vulnerability especially among the socially backward classes, there prevails ignorance of the importance of education. Girls are not sent to school either for economic reason or for doing household chores. Some girls who get an opportunity to attend primary education are taken off from school at early stages thus, becoming drop outs. Therefore, the female literacy rates are very low.

This block also witnesses a lot of prevailing discrimination based on caste and creed. Untouchability and other orthodox superstitions are still followed. Similarly, economic discrimination between the two classes of have and have-nots also prevails.

- Pre campaign/ school chalo Abhiyan





Important celebrations at KGBV

- Independence day celebration
- Unity day celebration
- Children's day celebration
- Human right day on 10th December
- Teacher's day celebration
- Republic day celebration
- New Year celebration



- Exposure visit to Skill Development Centre, Emergence Help Line Cell, Railway



- Station, Police Station, Post Office, Bank and Bank ATMs



Examinations & Result Distribution



Medical Camp & Distribution of sweater by DDWS



Distribution of shoes & socks



Sakhi

SAKHI Project gives adolescent girls the opportunity to stay in school and delay early marriage practices indicating not only the social benefits but the economic importance of investing in empowering adolescent girls. Their well-being is crucial for societies and communities; improvements in their health and education ripple out to their children, families and communities. Statistics show that future social and economic indicators depend on the condition of adolescent girls today, not just in terms of their education but also their health and decision-making ability. Investing in girl-specific programs in the areas of reproductive health, education and financial literacy has an intergenerational impact.

Adolescence is the last chance for interventions that would continue to have a positive impact through subsequent life stages. It is time for a long-overdue dialogue between civil society organizations, policy-makers and the private sector on what can be done to improve the lives of adolescent girls and enable them to fulfill their potential. There is an urgent need

to place adolescent girls at the center of development by understanding their environments and the challenges they face in order to design interventions that ensure safer, healthier cities where girls can fully develop their social and economic potential.

Role of DDWS, Allahabad in empowering Adolescent Girls

1

Generating awareness Informing individuals and communities of choices and ways to exercise them

Behavior change communication Developing communication strategies that promote positive behaviors among individuals, communities and societies

2

3

Creating an enabling environment fostering an environment that is favourable in all aspects to empowering adolescent girls

- Networking with the school teachers and community based workers
- Interaction sessions of girl's forum with women forum of the village



- Lobbying with the Govt. authorities to prevent child marriages.
- Family planning sessions with newly married couples



- Regular classes on “Menstrual System and Hygiene”.
- Conducting AIDS awareness program and “kishori swastha sivr”(Adolescent health camp)
- Specific workshops on how to file an FIR? How to open a bank account and how to file RTI?
- “Jago sakhi”
- (Aware adolescent girls) program with the help of various govt. personnel.



- Exposure visits to post office, bank, police station, family court, AWC etc



- A triangular, “Girl friendly session” between parents, teachers and AGs.
- Teacher sensitization program for equitable learning opportunities.
- Networking with the key players i.e. central and state govt. through SSA, MSY and KGBV



Life skill training (Relationship with girls)
 Training on gender distinction (Biological and Psychological)
 Training on gender distinction (Biological and Psychological)



Peer Exchange program for better communication.



Harit Prayas - 2

HARIT PRAYAS 2 is a zero programme cost model in Bundelkhand region (ALLAHABAD) to empower the community to attain better quality of life by accessing and claiming their rights through strengthened community based monitoring system and proper convergence with the government and non government institutions with special focus on livelihood promotion for poor SC families of Shankargarh block of Allahabad district.

Objective

To empower the community to attain better quality of life by accessing and claiming their rights through strengthened community based monitoring system and proper convergence with the government and non government institutions with special focus on livelihood promotion for poor SC families of Shankargarh block of Allahabad district.

Achievement of the Year 2014-15

- ✦ Harit Prayas Team reformed 5 SHGs and linked 7 SHGs with NRLM & SGSRY (Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana).
- ✦ We have successfully formed 15 NREGA clubs in all the villages
- ✦ Youth Linkage to NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission): Throughout the period we have been able to link 8 youths 5-girls and 3 boys to NRLM learning vocational skill.
- ✦ 226 HHs got job cards after applying for job cards in the village level application campaign for making of job cards.
- ✦ 557 villagers from 6 Gram Panchayats demanded work through written application and got work for 20 days with stipulated wages under MGNREGA by Gramin and Panchayat departments.
- ✦ We have been able to leverage an amount of Rs 17, 37,840 under MGNREGA from Gramin and Panchayat Departments.
- ✦ Construction of road through micro plan
- ✦ 106 HHs got labour card
- ✦ 45 Wall Paintings on MGNREGA, RTI & to promote women participation in Gram Sabha
- ✦ 15 street plays on MGNREGA, SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES, RTI
- ✦ 15 SHGs active and functioning
- ✦ 15 NREGA club active and functioning



Baseline Survey and Project Development Workshop

Orientation Program – HP2



Activities under Harit Prayas 2





PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT PLAYS A KEY ROLE

IRRIGATION DEPT GRANTS 14 CHECK DAMS FOR SHANKARGARH BLOCK IN ALLAHABAD

25 JUNE 2015, ALLAHABAD : The acute water shortage in the area of Shankargarh Block, Allahabad will soon be mitigated as construction of 14 check dams across streams get approval from the irrigation department.

“The initiative will bring much needed relief to the ongoing water crisis that is affecting 50 villages and nearly 5000 households in the area.” as per Harit Prayas -2 Allahabad (HP2) project supported by Caritas India.

HP2 team Allahabad has been working for the past 11 months in the Shankargarh block and created a major movement of the masses demanding the water shortage problem to be addressed. HP2 Program Specialist Jang Bahadur Singh met and appraised the DM on the problem. A report on current situation of water scarcity and the need of check dams at Shankargarh was ordered which eventually led to the approval for construction the check dams.

Each check dam would cost Rs 3.4 million (approximately), raising the total investment in the project to somewhere close of Rs. 50 million. The initial paper works are on the verge of completion.

These dams will mainly serve two purposes: the first is to provide direct irrigation when rain fails, and the second is to facilitate the recharging of surrounding wells through percolation of water. Additionally, check dams provide water for other uses also.



PEOPLE POWER

At least 25,000 lives to benefit from the project



Recognition & Awards

- DDWS team was declared as the best performance team among three Dioceses such as Allahabad, Jhansi and Sagar for the Project Harit Prayas 2.
- DDWS Allahabad team also received various awards like Best linkage & Laisining, Best Programme Specialist, Best Field & Cluster Coordinator by Caritas India.
- Our project 'Education & Rehabilitation of the Children in the Slums of Allahabad' has been chosen for the collaboration with Manos Unidas by a group of Donors from the City of BILBAO.
- Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalya run by DDWS received recognition by Chief Development Officer, (CDO) Allahabad as a best KGBV among 20 blocks of Allahabad district.



Meetings and training conducted at Janhit Sadan

- ADHIKAR Review meeting
- Workshop on FCRA 16-18TH Dec
- Orientation of SLUM Project Staffs
- Orientation of SAKHI Project Staffs
- Workshop for Development of LOGFRAME HARIT PRAYAS 2



Celebrating Independence Day
&
Children's Day with children of Slum



Adolescent girl's Day celebration- Diocesan Development and Welfare Society [DDWS] firmly believes that Adolescent's empowerment is the key to sustainable development. Therefore, to mark the importance of the adolescent girl's day and celebrate the achievements of our own adolescent girls who have persevered through much adversity to set their feet on the path to success, DDWS celebrated International women's Day with great enthusiasm on **14th September 2014 at Social Service Centre, Taraon, Koraon**. On this occasion adolescent girls from various villages and centres participated in the programme.



Monitoring visit by Ms. Taiyabba Kausar, UKSVK, Agra



Women's Day celebration



A study of Prisons, old age homes, Nari Niketans, Children homes, Observation homes, special homes, lock-ups, and police stations in two districts of Uttar Pradesh.

The sister wing of DDWS was spearheaded by Sr. Sheeba Jose, lawyer at Allahabad High Court. The project concentrated on the Central Jail of Allahabad and Kaushambi District Jail of Uttar Pradesh. We focused especially on those prisoners who have given bail but due to lack of payment of surety, dearth of lawyers, and women languishing in jails or Nariniketans.

As a major deviation of the project designed goals we have also added up Sitapur for action taking due cognizance of the state of large number of jailed prisoners especially women. As per records the largest number of jailed prisoners are from the District Jail of Sitapur.

Major observations of the project were:

1. Some of the courts in the state are in a deplorable condition. They are over packed with more than their capacity.
2. With the absence of requisite legal aid many prisoners are languishing in jails even due to minor offences. Some of the prisoners do not even know their crime in which they are booked.
3. We had to face lots of difficulties in getting an appointment with DMs and convincing them about the task assigned to us.

We are obliged to the DM Chaibasa and also the Block Development Officer who relentlessly worked to trace the family members of a prisoner named Mahendra who had been languishing in jail for the last 25 years. The outcomes of this project bear testimony to the immense support from the jail authorities of Central Jail of Naini and Sitapur. It was only because of the personal interest of the organization and its ever endeavoring team that this herculean task is showing its results.



Mahendra was released from Central Jail of Naini

List of the Visitors

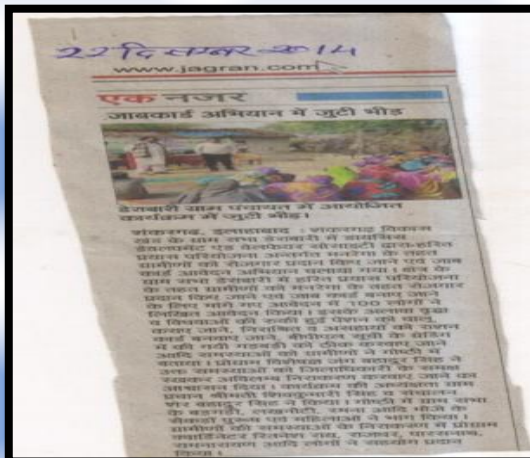
S. No.	Name	Designation	Agency
1.	Josefina	Program Officer, India	Manos Unidas, Spain
2.	Ana Laure	Program Officer, India	Manos Unidas, Spain
3.	Miss. Ruth	Senior Prog. Coordinator	UKSVK - Agra
4.	Miss. Taiyaba	Associate Coordinator	UKSVK - Agra
5.	Rev. Fr. Paul	Assistant Director	Caritas India
6.	Mr. Girish Peter	Zonal Manager	Caritas India
7.	Mr. Prakash Singh	State Program Officer	Caritas India
8.	Mr. Vinod Pandey	Program Officer Advocacy & Donors Relation	Caritas India
9.	Mr. Alok Tripathy	Program Officer	Caritas India
10.	Mr. Raj K. Yadav	Basic Siksha Ahikari	Sarv Siksha Abhiyan
11.	Mr. Mahendra Singh	Asst. Basic Siksha Adhikari	Sarv Siksha Abhiyan
12.	M. Atal Rai	Chief Development Officer	Sarv Siksha Abhiyan

13.	Mr. Vinod Singh	Food Inspector	Vigilance Dept., State Government
14	Mr. Sean Sokhi	National Director - India	Justice Ventures International Projects
15.	Mr. Lazurus Barse	Officer, Anti Human Trafficking Investigation	Justice Ventures International Projects
16.	Adv. Hanif Ur Rehman	Team Member, JVI	Justice Ventures International Projects

Professional Education Endeavours of Snehashraya:

At present 35 inmates are staying in the home. 12 girls have passed out class XII. All are taken admission in various Universities for professional qualification. 20 girls are studying in various schools i.e. St. Mary's Convent School, Mary Wannamaker Girls Inter College, Girls Government Inter College, Girls High school etc. 3 Girls are learning tailoring and hand embroidery. In the last 3 years girls passed out 12th class studying in various professional studies Like General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) B.Ed. M. Ed, National Institute of Fashion Technology and Nursery Teacher's Training etc. About 15 girls are giving professional Courses in various universities.





हरित प्रयास परियोजना संगोष्ठी
SHANKARGARH: विकास खण्ड शंकरगढ़ के टकटई गांव में
 हरित प्रयास परियोजना के अन्तर्गत ग्रामीणों को रोजगार प्रदान किये जाने एवं जाब कार्ड आवेदन हेतु अभियान चलाया गया. डीडीडब्ल्यूएस द्वारा चलाए गए हरित प्रयास अभियान के तहत आयोजित संगोष्ठी में टकटई व छिपिया गांव के सैकड़ों लोगों ने भाग लिया. हरित प्रयास परियोजना विशेषज्ञ जंगबहादुर सिंह ने स्वयं सहायता समूहों के गठन व उनसे होने वाले लाभ तथा पशुपालन जैसे बकरी, सुअर, डेरी उद्योग आदि के विषय में विस्तृत जानकारी दी. गांव के 60 लोगों ने मनरेगा के तहत रोजगार की मांग व जाब कार्ड का लिखित आवेदन किया.





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