



UNI DISASTER MANAGEMENT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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During 2004 ÷ 05 major emphasis was to consolidate the organizational efforts and community initiative to strengthen the women groups for their empowerment. The Groups initiated the community based programmes such as Balwaris, Self help group formation its, registration and Disaster mitigations efforts. A strategic plan was prepared for community based disaster management integrated with rural reconstruction to extent programme in Disaster prone Districts o Uttaranchal, Bihar, Orrisa. But had to contained ourselves to Delhi, due to lack of resources and delayed processing of FCRA however vigorous efforts were, made for raising local and external resources which will help in long run to get the dues support after obtaining the FCRA. This did not dampen our spirit to do our best to support and to encourage the communities.

The three Balwareis in Burari area of Sant Nagar are functional. It is looking after 90 children; the opening of fourth Balwari at Himgiri 30 children is in offing. 50 girls were educated and 20 out of this number were admitted in regular primary school which otherwise could not have availed this opportunity. One Self Help Women Group initiated, training of 15 poor girls/women started production of lines and cloths its marketing. The encouragement was received from Australian High Commission for displaying SHG products at their OZ Hatt Mela and promoted the products of the Society.

BALWARI

Four Balwaris have proved da vital linkage to our programme of ultimate Community based disaster and rural programme as it ahs made the effective participation of women and men in implementing our programme strategy in building the community capability for facing the challenges. Few activities are mentioned below:

- i. Four educated girls and three women volunteers were selected from within the community of the villages, who were trained as Balwari teachers.
- ii. Regular house to house visits were undertaken to establish communication and their counseling for improving the family and surrounding environment for children growth and development.
- iii. 120 children from 1 & ½ were provided nutrition and oriented for personnel hygiene and learning while playing together. Besides, around 30 girls from the age of 06-10 were prepared for entry to Primary Schools, which helped them in admissions.

Women Sensitization & empowerment

Once in a quarter the women's workshop were organized to sensitize them on women issues to become a valued partner through informal education and formation of Mahila Mandal which helped them to organized themselves for better health, raising income and the rights of the wome

Formation of Self Help Group

During women empowerment workshop women were educated, oriented trained for self employment and entrepreneurship. Two SHG's were formed one in Mukundpur under the leadership of Sarla Kaushik, which became independent through the registration and opening off Bank a/c for their day-to-day transaction.

The second SHG was formed under the joined leadership of Mrs. Anita (President) & Mrs. Panday (Sec.) at Himgiri.

15 Girls were trained for stitching in two Groups. This Center was supported for Swing machines and material. The production was undertaken for lines, cloths & handicrafts. The production and marketing was promoted through an exhibition and local weekly market survey this has created a source for sustainable income for the group and the trainees.

HEALTH

Health education for prevention diagnosis and treatment was regular feature through Mahila group meeting. The following were invited by the Balwari Teachers and Mahila Mandal Groups:-

- i. Prematal and Post natural care of expectant mothers were undertaken. Preventive Health education was provided to Balwari Teachers and all the mothers of the children to extend the programme in the neighborhood as well.
- ii. The awareness on TB and AIDS were focused which sensitized the women to take the help through Govt. Health Centers as a right.
- iii. These Groups helped the campaign of Polio and other immunization programmes particularly for children and expectant mothers.

DISASTER MITIGATION AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

The awareness on Disaster mitigation & preparedness issues were taken up in general with the women groups through workshop. A sensitization of preventive method for safety and to coordinate same with Govt. in an organized manner.

A selection of Community Leaders for Disaster Management Training has been discussed with National Institute of Disaster Management which is expected will be materializing hopefully in the next year.

1. The women groups organized representation to the Local Counselors which created general awareness among the public as well as the Govt. to take necessary measures which were initiated such as visits to Jamuna Embankments rising of roads levels right as well as the land leveling for housing.

2. DISASTER RESPONDE TO TSUNAMI (DEC' 2004)

Tsunami in Southern parts of India created havoc and devastation the impact o which was realized for its severity almost in tow months. The CEO UDMRD took immediate step to respond the disaster within its means Expecting help will come from different ÷ quarters team reached the Nagapattinam on 07 Jan' 05 morning. The strategically plan prepared was discussed with local volunteers and the govt. officials and the team found that devastation on large scale had taken place. The teams were put into action.

PONDICHERRY (Karaikal) – 07th Jan' 2005

First Team under Col P D Sharms met Dr. S Sunda Rava Divelu collector & ADM KARAİKAL under PONDICHERRY and briefed him the motto of UDMRD visit. The team at Village Pattinaccherry approaching door to door services. With the help of Local NCC Girl Cadets the UDMRD had distributed the dry ration and eatable to the villager.

Tamil Nadu – Nagapattinam – 7th Jan' 2005

The Second team under Mr. S P Gautam from (IERDT) visited NORTH ÷ VONJORE ARKAPATTI, KEECHUKUPPAM Villages and VAILANKANI Villages. The team distributed medicines at Arkapatti, Keechukupanm, Railway Station Camp along with Doctor and also a model toiletries items like Sanitary Towels and Soaps to the ladies and children at various places.

Efforts at the closing of the year were continued to raise funds for permanent rehabilitation of TSUNAMI victims in the area we initiated disaster management response. We are expecting a positive response from Govt. or from the international Agencies, which have shown interest such as Govt. of Pondicherry certain Corporate House and Embassy of France.

Co-operation by UNDP represent active at Delhi Cell and NIDM our staff received good orientation and encouragement to develop small workshop leading towards a community based Disaster Management approach with advocacy at a level of local Govt. machinery.