

CHILDLINE 1098 Project

CHD with the support of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India (MoW&CD, GoI) is implementing a Project titled 'CHILDLINE 1098' at Bhilwara. 1098 is national toll free round the clock helpline for children seeking care and protection. In Bhilwara, the Centre has been running this Project as a collaborative agency. This model is an urban model and works through networking.

Open House

For the outreach activity of the targeted audience, 'Open Houses' were conducted in the selected areas and thematic issues were discussed and it was planned to address them with the help of community and Children's Collective members. During the quarter, Childline team has conducted five Open House activities in different areas of Bhilwara. Under this, several child protection issues have been addressed, which are being registered via toll free no. 1098. Besides, the above team has formed Children's Collective and capacity building is done on issues related to child protection and it was decided to organise monthly meetings for solving thematic issues.

Celebration of National Anti-child Labour Day



On June 12, 2014 the National Anti-child Labour Day was celebrated at *Kava Khara* slum area in Bhilwara with the association of Bhilwara Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and District Legal Support Forum. Chief Justice Magistrate, Bhilwara was the Chief Guest. During the event, Information Educational

& Communication (IEC) material was distributed to the children and their parents and they were informed about the consequences of child involvement in labour and other work, which is an obstacle in the education and proper development of children.

Children Group Meeting (*Bal Panchayat Baithak*)

The objective of the formation of the Children Group is to make the children conscious of their rights and to encourage them to participate in addressing issues, such as child marriage, education, cleanliness of villages and nutrition, health facilities etc. Further, these children, in turn, have been instrumental in making adults aware of their responsibilities. In the current quarter, two Children Group Meetings were conducted at *Banjara Basti* and *Dadabadi Khatik Mohalla*. Around 70 children were present in the meeting. Children related issues were discussed in the meeting and 'Children Collective' was formed during the meeting.



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PRYIDARSHANI Project

The objectives of the Project is to train and inculcate livelihood skills amongst the members of PRYIDARSHANI model Self-help Groups (SHGs) and raise their living standards and boost their economic conditions in *Suwana* block of Bhilwara, Rajasthan.

Training Programme on “Income Generation and Capacity Building”

In the current quarter, two one month long training programmes have been successfully organised by CUTS CHD, at *Kodukota* and *Pondras* village of Suwana block of Bhilwara district. More than 80 women and girls got benefited from the training programme.



In the closing ceremony of the income generation and skill development trainings, training certificates were distributed to all the participants for attending the events. During the event, Rajesh Yadav, Director, Women Empowerment, Jaipur, Lalit Dhadich, Dy. Director, Women Empowerment, Jaipur, Daya Sexena, Dy. Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Bhilwara, S K Gupta, District Development Manager (DDM),

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Bhilwara and Dharamveer, Centre Coordinator, CUTS CHD along with CUTS team were present. *“CUTS is doing wonderful job in the area of women empowerment and child development and we appreciate their work done and also want to associate in future to implement several women and child development projects”, according to Rajesh Yadav, Director, Department of Women Empowerment, Jaipur.*

Nai Roshni:

Ensuring a Bright Future

CUTS is having a long experience in the area of women empowerment and development and is running its Human Development Centre in Chittorgarh. It covers several districts and implements many women and child development Projects. As a result, the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India (MoMA, Gol) has been awarded a Project titled *“Nai Roshani”*. Under this Project, minority group women of Bhilwara will be trained for a year. Moreover, regular follow-up will enhance the leadership quality in women, who represent their village or *gram panchayats* in future and ensuring bright future for the coming generations, especially girl education, health, nutrition and sanitation, increase their participation in decision making process etc.

ProOrganic Project

The objective of the Project is to promote organic consumption and production in the state of Rajasthan (India) covering six major agriculture potential districts by awareness generation, sensitisation, capacity building, advocacy and networking activities. The Project will cover a total of 102 *gram panchayats*, with two selected *gram panchayats* each in 51 blocks in six districts. For Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts, CUTS CHD is responsible to implement the Project in partnership with CUTS CART, Jaipur. The Project is supported by SSNC (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation).

The key activities of the quarter were district-level farmers’ orientation cum workshop and exposure visit in Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh.

District-level Farmers’ Orientation cum Workshop and Exposure Visit

- District-level Farmers Orientation cum Workshop and an Exposure Visit has been organised by CUTS CHD. The Orientation cum Workshop was held on May 06, 2014 at *Kisan Bhawan, Krishi Upaj Mandi* Nimbahera Road, Chittorgarh and the Exposure Visit was held on May 07, 2014 at *Nirmal Farm House, Jaisingh-pura, Gram Panchyat Palka*, and near Bassi, Chittorgarh. Around 60 participants were present from all 11 blocks of the district including farmers, SHG women, special representatives, resource persons and CUTS representatives from Jaipur and Chittorgarh.
- District-level Farmers’ orientation cum Workshop and Exposure Visit has been organised by the Centre. The Orientation cum Workshop was held on June 11, 2014 at *Paliwal house, Tilak Nagar*, Chittorgarh Road, Pratapgarh and Exposure Visit was held on June 12, 2014 at *Sahu Farm House, Gomana-Near Chotisadar*, Pratapgarh. Around 50 participants from all five blocks of district including farmers, eminent guests, resource persons and CUTS representatives from Jaipur and Chittorgarh were part of the event.



IPAP Project

(Stronger Voice to Excluded Children in Government and NGO Policies and Programmes)



National Alliance Meeting

Two children from Chittorgarh, Ratan Dan Charan and Devi Lal Gurjar participated in National Alliance Meeting at Delhi. Both the children were from CUTS CHD and formed the 'Children's Collective' and they represented CUTS as well as Rajasthan state along with few other children. The event was held on June 09 to June 12, 2014, at *Vishwa Yuvak Kendra*, Chanakypuri, New Delhi. The meeting was conducted by 'Save the Children' to consolidate the work done, under child health programme in the last five years and to explore the possible platform or sustainable in a way to continue with the same in future without the involvement of 'Save the Children'. The children are also the member of the 'National Children's Alliance Forum', Delhi.

Case Studies

Ashapura Maa SHG Group

Shyama Bai Soni, President of *Ashapura Maa* Self Help Group said, "Before joining the SHG, I was a housewife and helped my husband in his tailoring work. Because of our poor economic condition, I was unable to do any other work; my husband never permitted me to go outside for work. One day, CUTS Community mobiliser came to our village and motivated me to join SHG. From our village 13 women also agreed to form SHG and collected ₹100 monthly. I found drastic changes in myself after joining SHG. Now my husband has started believing in me and encourages me to work. After 10 months, our SHG got loan and it was distributed in all 13 members equally. From my amount of ₹83553, I bought a stitching machine for shop. My husband gave training for stitching. Now I can stitch two shirts daily, from this I save two hundred rupees in a day. Now I want that the organisation should provide training of stitching, so that I can train other members of SHG for becoming self dependent".

Radhekrishna SHG, Occhari

It is a group of the women of *gaadi-luhar* community, which is believed to be a nomadic community. The SHG has 12 female members who have elected Badam Bai as the President, Santara Bai as the Secretary and Seeta Bai as the Treasurer. The group has its account in Bank of Baroda, Senth. The monthly saving per member is ₹100. Group member, Manju Bai, took a loan of ₹2500 from the group and started the work of manufacturing iron tools through which she earned ₹1300 per month and was able to repay the loan amount within three months. The group received its first loan of ₹60,000 and out of which ₹5000 was distributed to each member. The members used this amount to enhance their iron work. Till date, the group has received three loans of ₹2, 60,000 from the bank. The women also go to Ahmedabad and other areas in Gujarat to sell the iron tools. But at present they want to set up machines in their own village for which they would require a huge amount.



Badam Bai said, "Earlier, I had to mortgage my gold and silver jewellery to get loans from the money-lenders at an interest rate of 48 percent-60 percent repaying, which was extremely difficult. But due to the formation of the group, things have become quite easier". Badam Bai was also honored by the District Collector for encouraging the fellow women to be a part of the self-help groups. At present, these women have an opportunity to earn ₹1500-2000 per month and have been selling their products in Gujarat, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and rest of Rajasthan too. This process has not only decreased their dependence on private money-lenders but also increased their savings interns of low rate interest and boosted their productivity. So far, this group has linked 150 women with self-help groups and provided loan from various banks and government schemes as well. These SHGs has been talking about their children education, health and nutrition and sanitation along with other rights and entitlement from services providers and government.

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