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Financial Literacy Awareness

A financial literacy awareness programme supported by National Bank of Agriculture and Regional Development (NABARD) was conducted at village *Nagri* of Chittorgarh. In the introductory session of the event, Pankaj Yaday, District Development



Manager (DDM), NABARD, Chittorgarh elucidated about the financial system of banks, its components and functions. Ashok Sharma, Lead Development Manager was informed about the need and the benefits of being associated with the banks. Ved Prakash, District Collector, Chittorgarh said that the *Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana* (PMJDY) is ensuring access to various financial services to the excluded sections.

C P Joshi, Member of Parliament, Chittorgarh provided basic lessons in savings for life-time and investments. O P Toshniwal, Deputy Director Social Justice and Empowerment, informed about various schemes and explained in detail the procedure for opening the bank

accounts. Gauhar Mahmood, Centre Coordinator, CUTS Centre of Development (CHD) explained the concept of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their approach to address poverty. Madan Giri Goswami, Assistant Centre Coordinator, CHD spoke in the concluding session of the programme and rendered vote of thanks to the eminent guests and the participating villagers.

Social Welfare Camp

on July 29, 2015, a welfare camp was organised at *Panchayat Samiti*, Chittorgarh, in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, District Judicial Authority and *Mewar Vikalang Sewa Santhan* supported by CHD. Ved Prakash, District Collector-Chittorgarh; O P Toshniwal, Deputy Director of Social Justice and Empowerment Department (DoSJ&E); Praveen Rathore, *Pradhan* of *Panchayat Samiti* and M S Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate participated in the programme. People with disabilities (PwDs) were benefited with various schemes like pension, *Sukhad*



Dampatya Yojana, Mukhyamantri Swarojgar Yojana. Around 29 physically challenged people acquired adaptive living daily aids.



Priyadarshni SHGs Training

Priyadarshni Self Help Groups (SHGs) training of two, three and five-day's respectively was organised for about 100 women of 10

SHGs at *Bagore* and *Mandal* cluster in July and August 2015. The Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), and Account Officer of CDPO and Social Justice and Empowerment officials visited and delivered

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lectures on relevant issues. Later, the group's members visited the Institute of Skills, Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS), Bhilwara, where the women learnt about various vocational training courses.

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Capacity Building Workshop for Disabled People SHGs

On August 21, 2015 a capacity building workshop was organised at Sanwaliya Guest House, Nimbahera city with an objective to understand disability; causes of disability; sensitise members of SHG and community; understanding on SHG concept and its advantages. The workshop also facilitated group leaders/members for writing books on accounts, understanding laws, provided orientation on group management like how to organise meetings and importance of saving. It also explained about credit, bank linkages, informed about participation and livelihood enhancement plan and discussed other important aspects.



Programme for Physically Challenged Group



On July 03-05, 2015 a three-day training was organised by Sightsavers on leadership for Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) members at Jaipur. About 35 participants comprising DPO members and Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme (RSIP) staff from all partner organisations participated in the programme. The objectives of the training were to understand the situation of people with disabilities in the society and the economic, social, educational goals of the DPO. The programme also provided training on developing leadership skills, managerial skills, documentation and reporting proficiencies and awareness generation on legal and government schemes.

Environment Awareness and Tree Plantation

PO has taken an initiative to create awareness on environmental protection and plantation of trees at *Kanera* in Nimbahera block. DPO members conducted self-advocacy at *Gram Panchayat* and at the block-level and motivated people for planting trees. Around 250 plants were planted in five *gram panchayats* of Nimbahera and were also assigned the responsibility of tree plantation to all *gram panchayats* for monitoring the growth and survival of trees.



Capacity Building of CHILDLINE Staff

two-day Staff Capacity Building training for CHILDLINE staff was conducted on Child Rights-related Acts i.e. Juvenile Justice Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO), Right to Education, Child Marriage Prohibition Act, Child Labour Act, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Child Protection Policy (CPP) etc. Satish Choudhary, Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Alwar and Shailandra Singh Yaduvanshi Advocate, Bhilwara delivered important lectures to the CHILDLINE staff.



National Environment Awareness Campaign

conference cum tree plantation event was organised under National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) at *Atal Seva Kendra* village *Nagri*, Chittorgarh on September 27, 2015. NEAC partners as Navkar Education Society, *Vir Shiromani Pratap Shiksa Samiti Anwalkheda* and *Anukul Sansthan*, *Ghatiawali* were part of the event. The consultation commenced in the presence of C P Joshi, Member of Parliament, C B Singh Akya, MLA, *Sarpanch*, Deputy *Sarpanch*, Ward *Panch and* school children. SHGs,

women and villagers participated in the programme. About 500 trees were planted at *Atal Seva Kendra* with the help of the participants. B S Tanwar, Environmentologist and Non-government Organisation (NGO) representatives delivered talks on environmental awareness to bring more clarity in generating environment awareness in people of Chittorgarh.

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Survey on Mobile and Internet Users

CHD conducted surveys for know the response and collect information on the quality of services of 2G/3G from mobile and internet users from rural and urban area with help of networking partners in nine districts namely Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Pratapgarh, Udaipur, Rajsamand, Dungarpur, Banswara, Bundi and Kota. For this, Rohit Singh, Assistant. Policy Analyst, CUTS CCIER visited to apprise the surveyors on the survey questionnaire for the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) project. About 270 respondents were selected randomly including students, academician, SHGs, women, business units, government/private sector employees, Community Based Organisations (CBOs).



Workshop on IEC/BCC Material Development

On September 05-06, 2015 a two-day follow-up workshop on Information Education Communication (IEC)/Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) material development was organised at Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management (RICEM), Jaipur. The objective of the workshop was to finalise the developed IEC materials, pre-testing the same and final printing of the the IEC/BCC material. CHD presented all IEC material along with posters and stickers and modified the prepared material, according to the comments received from the partners. This will be a kind of pre-test in the project area before final printing of the IEC stuff.

Disabled People Sports Meet

On September 19, 2015 a Sports Meet for physically challenged people by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Mewar Vikalang Sewa Sansthan and Sanwaliya Bahuudhsay Vikalang Sewa Sansthan was organised at DoSJ&E campus. C P Joshi, Member of Parliament and O P Toshniwal, Deputy Director of DoSJ&E were the eminent guests of the programme. On this day, many sports activities were organised. Children actively participated in the event and enjoyed all the organised activities. Mewar Viklang Seva Sansthan participated in programme and received awards and appreciation from the disabled members.



CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar and Madan Giri Goswami, Assistant Centre Coordinator, CHD met Pankaj Yadav, District Development Manager Chittorgarh and Shiv Kumar Gupta, DDM, Bhilwara to discuss about SHG progress report, credit linkages to eligible groups, issue of loan recovery and Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs).
- On July 15, 2015 Madan Lal Keer, Project Coordinator attended the consultation on Rajasthan State Electricity Regulatory Commission (RSEC) at CART office.
- On August 27, 2015 Madan Lal Keer attended State-level workshop of NABARD for formation of Farmers' Producer Organisation, under Produce Organisation Development and Upliftment Corpus (PRODUCE) Fund at Jaipur.
- On August 27, 2015 Madan Giri Goswami attended a meeting to share a presentation with B D Tripathi, Project Officer, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) Jaipur, regarding the Project proposal submitted on good practices, under Saansad Aadarsh Gram Yojna (SAGY).

- On September 02, 2015 Gauhar and Field Supervisor participated State-level Consultation on Strategies for improving Adolescent Girls' Nutrition organised by Chetna, Udaipur.
- On September 22, 2015, Radhe Shyam Vaihnav, Project Officer of CHD attended a workshop on 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006' organised at the Institute of Development Studies Jaipur supported by CHILDLINE India Foundation and 'Save the Children' India.
- On September 29, 2015, Madan Giri Goswami attended Open House of Bharat Sanshar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at Nandwai Block Bengu, Chittorgarh. The workshop's objective was to build a good rapport and understanding between the service providers and the consumers.

VISITORS

- On July 16-17, 2015, Lavina Rathore, City Coordinator, CHILDLINE India Foundation made a networking visit. She monitored the status of activities undertaken during past six-months i.e the outreach activities and provided valuable suggestions on open house, mass outreach, Child Advisory Board (CAB) and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) meetings and gave good feedback on the project activities.
- On July 15, 2015 Amit Gordon, Director, CUTS International and Zishan Ali, Assistant Manager, Habitat for Humanity visited CHD for partnership. Amit monitored the field work and met CHD staff, examined the monetary management and verified the field data. During his field visit, he interacted with 10 SHG members as part of the assessment process for the ones interested in the sanitation programme.
- On July 22-23, 2015, S K Gupta, DDM Bhilwara, went for a monitoring cum assessment visit of 14 SHGs at Bigod, Bilod, Dhakarkhedi, Singroli along with Gauhar, Madan Giri Goswami for examining book records. They interacted with the SHG members and discussed about new income generating activities through SHGs members.
- On August 11, 2015 Kinshuk Sharma, Freelancer, visited SHGs in Chittorgarh and interacted with the members and examined the SHGs book records, their financial management and discussed about some of the livelihood promotion activities, market linkages and expressed his desire to assist the SHGs in financial inclusion, livelihood activities with market linkages through partnership possibilities.

- On August 17-19, 2015, P R Sharma and Neeraj Jha, representatives from Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) visited CHD to observe best practices in Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Project. The online application was submitted where CHD's application was shortlisted as one of the top 30 best practices of India, out of 600 application entries. They met to target the beneficiaries during their visit and recommended to Nodal Agency to replicate best practices in Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojna.
- On September 18-19, 2015 Noor Jahan Khatun, State coordinator (RSIP) visited few villages, under the RSIP Project to review the programme activities, for verification of baseline survey, livelihood survey in the field, assessment of capacity building training to new SHGs and to review the activities of living skill camps to the visually impaired. She met each beneficiary and collected feedback on the training programmes.
- On September 25, 2015, Narender, District Programme Manager (DPM) NHRM visited CHD to acquire an insight of the ongoing projects, especially the impact of CHILDLINE Project on the community.
- On September 30, 2015, Archana from Chittorgarh Kendriya Sahkar Bank (CKSB), Bhadesar discussed about the progress of new credit linkages to the eligible SHGs and insisted the Project staff to recover money from the non-performing SHGs.

