

Child Line Helpline 1098, Bhilwara

The Centre with the support of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India has implemented a project entitled, 'Child Line Helpline 1098, Bhilwara'. The objective of the project is to reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098 and advocate service for children those are inaccessible.

The project was launched and CL 1098 office was inaugurated on November 08, 2012. The programme was hosted by CL 1098 Bhilwara. Jyotiswroop Sharma Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bhilwara; K K Chanravanshi, Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Bhilwara; Dhramraj Parihar, Additional Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Bhilwara; Suman Trivedi, Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Bhilwara; Manju Pokharna, S L Ranka, Satyendra Upadhyay, Dhruv Kumar Kavia, Members, Child Welfare Committee, Bhilwara; District Development Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, and Tara Ahluwalia Mahila Chetna Samiti were present during the event.

A programme, *Child Line se Dosti* to create awareness was organised at Bhilwara on November 20, 2012. During the programme, puppet shows and signature campaign was organised. The inauguration was done by K K Chandravanshi, Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJ&E), Bhilwara along with other allied department officials and media persons from various newspapers and news channels.

A women's meeting was organised at *Rajeev Gandhi Sewa Kendra* Barundani village in Mandal block of Bhilwara, a joint collaboration with DoSJ&E under social welfare week on October 05, 2012. The main purpose was to celebrate this week by DoSJ&E to create awareness among rural women about various government and non-government schemes. The programme was highlighted by the media. More than 65 women participated in the meeting and extended support to make the programme successful.

An orientation-cum-workshop was organised by Child Line India Foundation (CIF) Delhi for Child Line Bhilwara project staff during October 16-19, 2012. It a four-day residential programme whose aim was to orient child line staff on child line project and the way forward. Two trainers' were from CIF and one trainer (Madan Giri Goswami) was from CUTS'. All three trainers provided complete information on JJ Act, 2000/2006/2011 and its functions. More than 12 staff members from child line participated.



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Community Based Rehabilitation

With the goal that 'No person in Chittorgarh district remains needlessly blind and those with irreversible blindness or low vision should have the same rights and access to services as their sighted counterparts' CUTS CHD has partnered with Sightsavers to implement Chittorgarh District Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project. The project is intended to make Persons with Disability (PwDs) aware about their rights and responsibilities and mobilise them into groups so that they can collectively ensure that their rights are well protected. Once the PwDs are identified and provided the basic facilities such as disability certification and the mobility training, it is expected that their access to services will be better and the system will also be more acceptable to them. The project will raise awareness and create demand for the eye care services in Chittorgarh district.

PRI Training and Access Audit

Today, the Government of India (GoI) is making efforts for empowerment of *Panchayati Raj Institutions* (PRIs) through decentralised planning. Recently, the GoI has transferred five departments (Education, ICDS, Health, DoSJ&E and Forest) under PRIs and PRI is completely responsible for them. PRIs are playing a very important role in implementation of various government projects, schemes and acts.



It is in this context, CUTS CHD organised an PRI training for them at Ghatyawali in Chittorgarh block on December 20, 2012. More than 54 PRI members participated in the programme along with *Viklang Mitra*, *Anganwadi* workers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Accredited Social Health Activists and other active

members from the community. Information on the role of PRIs in the implementation of various government schemes, sensitisation of Persons with Disability (PwDs) and PwD Act, functions of CBR project and IPAP project and education, especially for PwDs (Blind), and what role PRIs could play in mainstreaming PwDs.

PRI members assured that they will extend their full cooperation for PwDs and ensured that they will get the benefit of all the schemes of the government and get a right place in the society.

On this occasion, access audit of *Gram Panchayat* building was also done. In the presence of around 50 persons, PwDs tried to reach the building and the problems faced by them were noticed by everybody. The ramp could not be used by PwDs because its slope was not proper and it was too steep. Proper ratio of ramp was explained to them. The people were explained how a building can have access for PwDs.

Another access audit was conducted at *Gram Panchayat*, Lasdavan village of Nimbahera block. The ramp could not be used by PwDs because its slope was not proper and was too steep. Water facility was also beyond the reach of PwDs, for which the *Sarpanch* (*Pradhan* of village) took immediate action and the arrangement was made as per the comfort of PwDs.

Access audit at *Gram Panchayat* building Gatiyali was also done and similar problems were reported.

World Disability Day

The Centre, jointly with *Mewar Viklang Sewa Sansthan* Disabled People Organisation celebrated World Disability day at CUTS CHD office campus on December 03, 2012. More than 152 PwDs from different villages of Nimbahera, Kapsan and Chittorgarh blocks actively participated in the programme.

The programme commenced with the introduction and objective of the world disability day celebration. The President of *Mewar Viklang Sewa Sansthan*, Daleep Singh, stated that this institution is being empowered gradually with the support of active PwDs and they are helping PwDs in getting benefit of government schemes and social empowerment. He said that in future the *Manch* will raise funds, increase members and try to expand it in all the blocks of Chittorgarh. In the end, PwDs shared their success stories and informed that how they are empowered after linking with CBR project.



White Cane Day Celebration

White Cane Safety Day is a national observance in the US, celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane. Gradually, the whole world felt the importance of this day and now it is being celebrated all over the world on 15th October. Through this day, visually impaired (VI) and general community get to know the importance of white cane.



White cane day was celebrated on October 15, 2012 at Chittorgarh. More than 32 VI persons/their attendants participated in the event from Chittorgarh and Nimbahera blocks. The VI persons were asked to assemble at roadways bus stand. From the bus stand they walked through main road of Chittorgarh using white canes and reached the Public Park. The surrounding public was involved in the process and were explained about the event.

It was communicated that on 15th October whole world celebrates White Cane Day to make the use of white cane popular and to make common understanding of its significance. White Cane is being used by blind persons for the purpose of walking. While a VI person walks using white cane on road then other persons also know that he is VI and they take care of the VI person. In the public park, tea and lunch was served to the participants. After that, they came back to the roadways bus stand walking and from there they departed for their villages.

Case Study

Innocent Gets a New Lease of Life

During one of the field visits under one of the projects on child rights being implemented by CUTS Centre for Human Development in Chittorgarh, the staff first met Udai Lal. Born in a poor family in Samri, his mother had left him and married some other person. He and other two sisters were being brought up by their father when Udai started falling ill frequently. On examination, he was diagnosed with heart valve failure and needed immediate surgery for valve replacement involving lot of money. The poor family could not afford it. His family's condition was economically poor, so his family faced economic discrimination. His life was in danger.



The fellow villagers approached their MLA, Surendra Singh Jarawat, who was kind enough to write a letter to SMS hospital, Jaipur, for free treatment. This yielded positive result and, in April 2011, an amount of Rs 95,000 was sanctioned for his treatment under BPL Jeevan Raksha Fund. Being illiterate and unaware, his father could not get the treatment of Udai done and, suffering from poverty and ignorance, Udai's father passed away in April 2012. Being orphaned, Udai started living with his uncle, Prabhu Lal.

CUTS staff at Chittorgarh then took the responsibility of the treatment of Udai with the support of Save the Children organisation and approached the District Collector, Ravi Jain, who wrote to the Chief Minister for funds under the BPL Jeevan Raksha Fund. In June 2012, Jain also wrote to the Superintendent of SMS Hospital for Udai's treatment. With a copy of this letter, CUTS staff, Kailash Vyas, approached Dr R M Mathur at SMS hospital who checked the boy up but treatment could not be started. CUTS then approached Deepak Kalra, Chairman of Child Protection Committee, and, on his instructions, ADM contacted the SMS Hospital to start the treatment. However, in July, due to blood deficiency, the doctor could not operate upon Udai and asked him to come again after a month when his condition improves.

CUTS then approached the State Child Rights Protection Commission and on its advice, Udai was shifted to Ashray Care Home in Jaipur. In the meantime his uncle also left him in Jaipur and returned to Chittorgarh. But, CUTS never gave up hope. After vigorous follow-up, Udai was operated upon on October 18, 2012 at SMS Hospital. The operation was successful and Udai got a new lease of life.

VISITORS

- Kumar Bikram, District Facilitator, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) visited Chittorgarh on October 26, 2012.
- Snehashish Chanda, Head, CSR, Aditya Birla visited the Centre on October 26, 2012 and on November 13, 2012 respectively.
- Pankaj Yadav, District Development Manager, NABARD visited Chittorgarh on October 26, 2012.
- Balaji S Sharma, Vice President, Labour Net, Bengaluru visited the Centre on October, 2012.
- Narendra Chand from Sightsavers, Jaipur visited Chittorgarh to do the audit of CBR project on November 15-16, 2012.
- Manoj Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director, DoSJ&E, Chittorgarh visited the Centre on December 01, 2012.
- Nitin and Arif Mohammad from ICICI Bank visited CUTS CHD in December 2012.

CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Dharamveer Yadav along with Arun Talwar attended a work shop on 'Women Leaders Transform Politics, Policy and Livelihoods' organised by UN Women at Jaipur, Rajasthan on October 04, 2012.
- Vandana Chauhan and Gayatri Moud participated in a four-day training programme on 'SHGs Recording keeping Online' organised by NABARD at Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 15-1, 2012.
- Aradhya Shanker Gour and Yogesh Parashar attended a two-day training programme organised by Sightssavers at Jaipur on November 20-21, 2012.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a workshop on the 'Status of Child Rights' organised by Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (RSCPCR) at Udaipur on November 21, 2012.
- Dharamveer Yadav along with Arun Talwar attended a two-day workshop on 'Rural livelihood-India' organised by ACCESS organisation on at New Delhi, on November 29-30, 2012.
- Dharamveer Yadav and Aradhya Shanker Gour attended a two-day Annual Sightsavers Meet at Jaipur on December 10-11, 2012.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a two-day training on 'Data Management' organised by Save the Children at New Delhi, on December 17-18, 2012.
- Madan Lal Keer attended a workshop on 'Sexual Offence Act 2012' organised by RSCPCR and State Police at Jaipur on December 27, 2012.

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