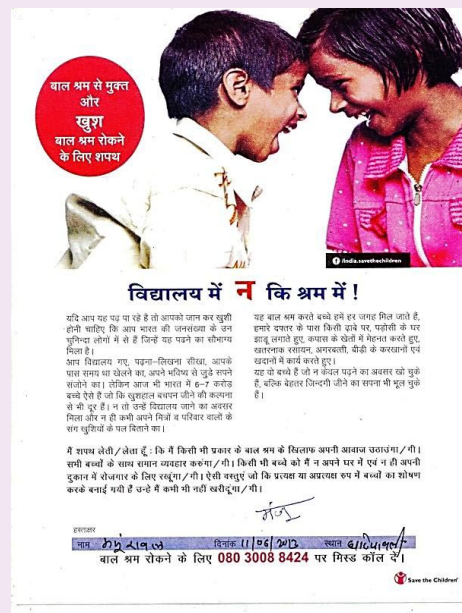


Anti-Child Labour Campaign

CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD), Chittorgarh Organised Anti-child labour campaign at all IPAP 28 intervention villages through rallies, pledge signatures, child-tracking survey, etc. This campaign commenced at Chittorgarh on June 03, 2013. In continuation to this, World Anti-child Labour Day was held at *Gram Panchayat* headquarters of Eral block, Chittorgarh on June 12, 2013. Children's rally was organised in Eral village where encouraging messages were given to the community to stop child labour and support the campaign.

After the rally, a meeting was conducted with *Gram Panchayat*-level Child Protection Committee members, *Panchayati Raj Institutions*, and community members where child labour issues were discussed.

A 'Suggestion Box' was also placed at Eral *Gram Panchayat* during this campaign.



Orientation Camp for Adult Visually Impaired Persons

CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh is implementing a project entitled, 'Community Based Rehabilitation' with the support of Sightsavers in two blocks of Chittorgarh district. One of the most important components of this programme is rehabilitation of adult visually impaired (VI) persons so that they get better status in the society and their earning is increased. More than 27 persons visited National Association for the Blind (NAB) training centre, Mount Abu, on June 18-19, 2013 to get exposure on livelihood/income generating activities. Out of 27 persons, 21 were VI, three each were attendants and CUTS CBR project staff respectively. This was totally new experience for VI persons and they learnt new things.



Vimal Dengla, Principal, NAB gave a brief introduction of NAB training centre, different types of courses and income generating activities. He informed that NAB provides training for one year free of cost which includes stay, food, training etc. The Centre also gives ₹50 per month as pocket money. They give training on orientation and mobility, daily living skills, braille and skills of communication, handicrafts, light engineering, agriculture, physical education, computer education and corrective therapy, etc.

The team visited the halls of training centre. In each hall, different types of activities were conducted, such as knitting, canning, making bags and baskets, making doormats, sewing and wood work, computer operation, making candles, making soap, motor rewinding, etc. The VI persons did all activities practically and learnt how to do them.

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Children-Media Interface Meet



A District-level Children-Media Interface was organised by the Centre on April 26, 2013. More than 40 participants attended the meet. Total 7 children participated in the workshop. Out of 7, 4 were VI. The VI students shared their success stories with media persons, and how their lives have been changed after the commencement of CBR project, what type of problems they faced during their education and got support from CBR staff.

11 media persons came from leading newspapers and print media. They listened to the stories of children carefully and got impressed. The VI children who participated in the workshop were Manju, Sonu and Devendra from Nimbahera block and Lokesh from Chittorgarh block. There was Leela Charan from Gadwara village, who was able to study in 10th Class in KGAV Vijaypur; thanks to the efforts of *Bal Panchayat*. Girija from Amarpura was able to regularly study after class 10th before three years. At present she gave exam of class 12th in SAWA School and is the only girl from her village and the community who gave exam of 12th Class. Ratandancharan from Gadwara village narrated his initiatives for raising awareness towards health in the village. He is working as Health Minister in *Bal Panchayat*. After attending the workshop, VI children were very happy as their presentation skills were improved and confidence level was increased.

Sakhi Saheli Training

The Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – ‘SABLA’ programme is being run by CUTS CHD in Suwana block of Bhilwara district. The objectives of the programme are to enable adolescent girls for self-development and empowerment; improve their nutrition and health status; promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, adolescent reproductive and sexual health and family and child care’ and upgrade home-based skills, life skills and integrate with the National Skill Development Programme for vocational skills.



A one-day Sakhi-Saheli orientation-cum-training programme is being organised at sector level in Suwana block by the Centre every month. During the period, around 437 adolescent girls participated in 12 batches of training programmes. Life skills education, changes in adolescent age, nutrition and government schemes were discussed during the training. Trainings were organised at *Anganwari* Centres of Women & Child Development Department.

Child Line 1098, Bhilwara District

The Centre, with the support of the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, is implementing a project entitled ‘Childline 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 services for children which are inaccessible. Around 94 different types of cases were registered during the period from toll free number 1098 service. After receiving cases, Childline team reached the respective places and initiated the process of helping the child.

A rescue event in collaboration with Child Welfare Committee and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment was organised at Bhilwara on April 22, 2013. Eight child labourers were rescued from different areas of Bhilwara. All the children were sent to the child shelter home after medical for night stay and handed over to their parents the next day.

Mini-Retreat

Organising retreats have been a tradition of CUTS since years for evaluation of work done and preparation for the future work. Following this tradition, a Mini-Retreat was organised at Chitrakoot resort, Chittorgarh on June 15, 2013.

Dharmveer Yadav gave the inaugural speech, which included a brief introduction of the Retreat. He explained its significance and also shed light on the process followed during the Retreat. He stated that Mini-Retreat is organised by each centre prior to the main retreat of CUTS which is going to be held at Jaipur during June 28-30, 2013.

Objectives

- Identify opportunities and challenges;
- Take a view of the work done in the past and analyse; and
- Finalise the mission on the basis of decisions taken during the Retreat.

VISITS

- Eva Eiderström, Head of Department, Shop and Act Green-Good Environmental Choice Ecolabel; Sara Nilsson, Programme Officer, Sustainable Consumption; and Annelie Andersson, Staff in-charge, Green Action Week Cooperation, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), visited the Centre, on June 04, 2013. The purpose of the visit was to explore the possibility of collaboration between SSNC and CUTS on sustainable consumption-related issues under the Green Action Fund. They visited Chittorgarh farmers and met with the CHD team and farmer groups and had discussions about their farming activities. The team also visited Chittorgarh Fort before returning to Jaipur.
- Sightsavers is in the process of developing a programme database for the organisation in a phased manner as part of which a team has been constituted. The team wanted to understand the data generation at the field level, programme-related management and monitoring. It is in this context, Sightsavers visited the Centre with the visitors. Nitin Sharma, Programme Officer, Jaipur; Praveen Kumar, Programme Manager, Jaipur; Claire Walsh, UK; and Vincent Bishop, UK visited CHD on May 08-09, 2013.



CASE STUDIES

Missing Boy Returns Home

A 16-year-old boy, Mansingh, returned home after two years. He was a regular student in 9th Class in his village Agarapura of Bhilwara district. One day, he was beaten by his father regarding studies. He was upset and ran away from his home without any information. Mansingh reached Byawar and started working with a truck driver. After six months, he reached Bhavnagar, Gujarat and got involved in stone-blasting work. During this period, he learnt tractor driving and got ₹3,000 for driving work.

His father, Shyamlal, was worried and tried to find his son but was unsuccessful. Syamlal filed a case before Childline in helping finding his son. One day, Mansingh met his cousin at Bhavnagar and got his father's mobile number. He called his father and said that he will not return home.

Syamlal informed Childline which succeeded in contacting his employer and asked him to hand him over to his parents. Mansingh reached Byawar and was received by Childline team member and was handed over to his parents by CWC. Now, Mansingh is happy with his family and going school regularly.

Income Support through Self-Help Groups

Sampat Bai, Member, Kala Bavji Self-Help Group (SHG), living at Kamdhaj Nagar, Nimbahera Block, Chittorgarh district said that she did not forget those days when her financial condition was poor. She worked on daily wages to fulfil her needs. One day, CUTS employee came to her village and provided information about SHGs. Like other women, she also agreed to be a member of SHG. After six months, when SHG got loan for the first time, it was distributed evenly to all members. She got her share of ₹2700. From this loan amount, her husband started *panipuri* lorry. After deducting all expenses, she got profit of ₹00 daily. After payment of first loan amount, SHG applied for second loan. From second loan of ₹6000, she started trade of *papad-bari* also. From this, she is earning ₹2000 per month extra. Now, her financial condition is good.

