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Adolescent Girls Meeting: CHILDLINE PROJECT: Adolescent girls meeting have been organized at Babiya village of Kotpad on 21st Aug, 2018. In the meeting 7 adolescent girls were participated and shared their issues and problems with the CHILDLINE team members. They were provided leaflets on CHILDLINE 1098 services. The Adolescent girls were also orientated on the bad impacts of child marriage and how one can stop the child marriage by taking support of CHILDLINE and other allied systems.

ANM and ASHA workers meet: CHILDLINE Project has organized ANM and ASHA meet has been organized at Babiya village of Kotpad on 22nd Aug, 2018. The objective of the meeting was to sensitize them on childline 1098 and its services, addressing child rights issues and tracking the child related issues i.e. child marriage, child abuse, child labour, school dropout etc. The CHILDLINE team members were sensitized them on the use of 1098 toll free phone number during addressing the child's need, care and protection. In this meeting, 1 ANM, 4 ASHA workers, 4 AWW workers and 1 health worker were participated.

Open House: CHILDLINE- Open House activity has been organized at Residential school of Anchala village at Borigumma on 30th Aug, 2018. The objective of the program was to discuss and take appropriate action against the issues related to child rights. In this program, 52 children and teachers (22 boys, 28 girls & 2 teachers) were participated. Drinking water, separate toilets for boys and girls, road connectivity and electricity problems were raised by the children during their presentation. An action plan has been developed to sort-out these issues. In this connection, it has decided to write an application which will be given to the Sub-Collector, Block Education Officer and Block Development Officer after consultation with Ward Members and school teachers. The CHILDLINE team members were facilitated in the Open house program.

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Case Intervention: Childline Koraput Ekta has intervened 5 numbers of shelter cases during the month of August, 2018. All 5 shelter cases were produced before Child Welfare Committee, Koraput and as per the order of CWC, one child has provided shelter at open shelter, Koraput whereas other 4 children were send back to home for social inquiry. They will provide vocational training after completion of social inquiry by District Child Protection Unit. The Childline team members have done 464 hours of outreach which includes 64 Individual hours, 115 Small Group hours and 285 Group hours. Total 150 phone calls tested during the outreach program.

Child Message Collection Program: AESS Project; The Child message collection programme has been organised at Kotia (Pottangi), Bhitargada (Laxmipur), Murkar (Dasmantpur), Sambai (Pottangi) and Kermity (Kundra) in Koraput district in phase wise. In this activity, around 300 children (both sponsor and non-sponsor) were participated. This is one of the common platforms where the sponsored children have got an opportunity to share about their progress in education and other curricular activities with their respective supporters. The children have expressed their views through message writing in various forms i.e. paintings, poems writing, stories, comics, poetry, traditional songs and stories.

People with Disability and their Carers

Sharing of IEC with Carers Groups:

VDC Project: One of the major activities was to sharing IEC materials with the Carers groups in August, 2018. This meeting has facilitated by the VDC project staffs by involving carers, people with disabilities and mentally ill family members and community people. The objective of this meeting was to create aware of the benefits of the carers group by attending different meetings regularly, strengthen Carers groups and develop effectively functioning mechanism in the operational areas. This will certainly helps to the groups to function independently by the end of the project period.

Annual Review Meeting and Field visit:

Annual review and field visit made by Mr. Natesh, Carers Worldwide and Mr. Ramakrishna Surdeo, Development Consultant and Trainer on 18th Aug, 2018. They visited Majhiguda of Paika Phulbeda GP and Denga Janiguda of Mujanga GP where they made interaction with the carers groups. They discussed the achievements of carers groups and their future plans. During the visit, they met Person with Disability, Key stakeholders i.e. People representatives and Medical Officer of Area Hospital, Podagada (Dasmantpur).

Annual Participatory Project Review Meeting: VDC Project: Annual participatory project review meeting was held at Ekta Training Center, Duruguda on 19th August, 2018. The prime objective was to sharing of learning experience of the annual review process of VDC project through a common meeting after completion of one year and plan for the coming years. This program was being jointly organized by SPREAD, WORD and Ekta, Koraput with the support of Rangoonwala Foundation India Trust, Mumbai and technical support by Carers Worldwide UK. In the program, 22 participants including Chief functionaries of above said Organizations and members of Voice for Disabled and their Carers Project of 3 Organizations were participated. Mr. Natesh from Carers Worldwide and Mr. Ramakrishna Surdeo facilitated in the program. They shared their observations during the review meetings.

Person with Disability and their Carers

Assessment Camp for Corrective Surgery of Clubfoot Patients: VDC Project: This program was held at Town hall, Koraput on 9th Aug, 2018. The camp has been jointly organized by Social Security and Empowerment for Persons with Disability (SSEPD) and District Administration. In the camp, 10 patients were attended from our project areas.

Bhim Bhoi Vinnakhyama Samarthya Sibira (BBSS) Single Window Camp: VDC Project: This single window camp for Dasmantpur Block was jointly organized by SSEPD and Block Administration on 29th August 2018. 110 People with Disabilities were participated from VDC Project areas. They had been linked with different schemes like Disability certificate, Pension, UDID, DRI Loan, PMAY, Antodaya, Assistive devices, IAY etc .

Home Based Therapy: CRC Project: Home based intervention to the multiple disabled cases by transferring of skill to their parents by the Physiotherapist and project staffs at CRC, Duruguda, Koraput.

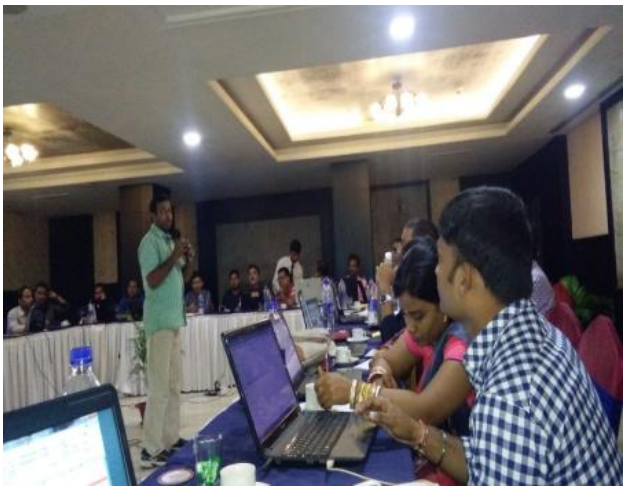
Institutional Based Therapy: CRC Project: - Mr. Diptiranjan Mangaraj, Physiotherapist from Community rehabilitation center, Duruguda has provided support service to the Children with Disabilities not only at institution but also at the community level.

Targeted Intervention on HIV/AIDS for Female Sex Worker (FSW) and Migrant Labour

Community Based HIV Screening and Testing (CBST): Targeted Intervention Project:

The Projet staffs sucessfully conducted community based HIV screening and testing at the TI operational areas on 10th, 22nd and 28th August, 2018. The main objective of this program was to identify the new hotspots and HRGs in a systematic manner, know the HIV positive prevalance among the new Female Sex Workers and old registred HRGs. The Project staffs were tested 73 targeted group people from Dumuriput, Beheraguda and Damonjodi areas. Before the testing, the Peer Educators were conducted a group meting for sensitise the CBST program and where finalized date for testing.

Training on TI monitoring tools: Targeted Intervention Project: Two days training programme organised by India HIV/AIDs Alliance and Odisha State AIDS Control Society at Hotel Excellancy, Bhubaneswar on 29th to 30th August, 2018. The objective of this training program was to continuty of TI Monitoring Tools in a regular basis. 40 Targeted Intervention Project's staffs, M&E and Project Managers were paticipated in the said training program. Mrs. Bharati Mahapatra, Project Manager and Mr. Bimal Kumar Parida (M&E) were represented from Ekta. Mr. Subhrojit Pakaira, State Coordinator of India Alliance was faciliated the training program.



MOBILE HEALTH UNIT (RAMGIRI)

In the month of August, 2018 Arogya Plus Mobile Health (MHU) team of Ramgiri, Boipariguda had provided basic health facilities and services through a Health Camp to the devotee of Bolbam at Gupteswar.

Sustainable Livelihood, Climate Change & Governance

Formation of VAT: Sustainable Option for Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL) Project team members had formed Village Action Team (VAT) at 7 villages of Gumma GP in Rayagada district. 20 VATs have formed in Kutuli, Kumbhikota and Gumma GPs under SOUL III phase. The average size of the VAT committee is 10-12 and ratio of male and female members are 60:40 as per the size of the village population. In this reporting month, monthly meetings of VAT members had been organized in 12 villages.

Promotion of Nutrition Garden: Sustainable Livelihood Initiative through Community Empowerment (SLICE) Project has developed two community nursery at Bhejapader (Mujanga) and Khajuriput (Gadiaguda) villages. This nursery has raised 4000 papaya and 4000 drumstick plants. The main objective was to create kitchen garden to ensure an inexpensive, regular and handy supply of fresh vegetables which are basic to nutrition. And also, maximum output and a continuous supply of vegetables for the kitchen throughout the year with healthy and pesticide free vegetables at home level. Ultimately helps us to solve our food problem and reducing malnourishment. GPTF and VDC were monitoring all the process. In this reporting month, 760 families were collected papaya and drumstick plants from the nursery. It has added nutrious plants in their concerned kitchen gardens.

Promotion of SRI and SMI: SLICE Project has selected 15 interested farmers who have to promote System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and System of Millet Intensification (SMI) in the operational pockets. The main objectives of these activities the tribal farmers use the traditional methods for paddy and millet cultivation. The SRI and SMI methods is very useful in reducing the input cost (seeds, fertilizer, water, labour etc) and gets more yield in the same field using the new technique which was proved in the areas. So that, the production level is enhance and the duration of the food security improved.

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Formation of Farmers Field School (FFS): SLICE Project has developed 4 Farmers Field Schools (FFS) at Paikapuki (Gadiaguda GP) and Batriguda, Badaguda, Durkaguda (Mujanga GP) of Dasmantpur. The project has taken initiatives to promoting the agriculture practices through FFS approach would be adopted in some of the models in use of traditional with new technology. This is because, the farmers are adopting individual knowledge as gained from their elders, applying heavy doses of agriculture inputs, not calculative in assessing the profit and the agriculture extension workers not really sharing their experiences and expertise.

Developed Flip Chart: SLICE Project has designed an awareness flip book for the containing information on community mobilization, empowerment, strengthen and team building. It helps to the community / CBO members to get benefits from Government sponsored programs. Use of the flip book, the community will mobilize towards the schemes and facilities of the Government and others in this way. They will able to access the services, resources and provisions available at different levels.

Training program on Soil and Water Conservation measure: SLICE Project has organized 2 days soil and water conservation and measure training program at CPL, Duruguda, Koraput on 27th and 28th August-2018. In this program, 41 CBO leaders, farmers and project staffs were participated. This program was facilitated by Mr. Kartik Prusty, Project Manager, FES and Mr. Prasant Kumar Swain, Field Officer, Soil Conservation department. The main object was to developed new technology for soil and water conservation and its measures. Koraput is the hilly areas the communities are depending on agriculture activities for their main source of livelihood. The training also useful while developing the best practices for livelihood models through harnessing natural resources.

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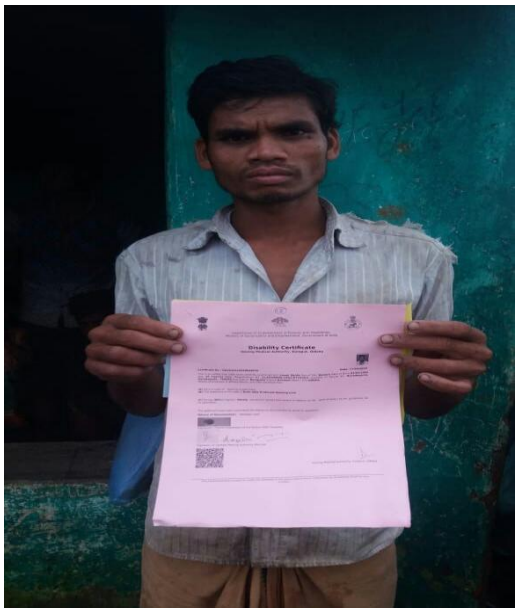
Distribution of Disability Certificate: AESS Project has organised program at Haridaguda (Borigumma) of Koraput district on 19th August, 2018. The prime objective of this activity was to linkage with Govt. to provide Disability certificate to the eligible people. Few months before, we had discussed with the eligible entitlement holders about their rights and provision of Govt schemes. As a result, 14 right holders went to the Samarth Sibira Program at Borigumma and applied for the certificate. They produced all the required documents at the program. Mr. Susanta Sahu, Project team leader was facilitated and monitored all the process. Till the reporting period, 4 right holders have received Disability Certificate from District Social Security and Empowerment for Person with Disability (DSSEPD), Koraput.



Observation of Gram Sabha meeting: CCFD, Project: The Government of Odisha notification regarding to conduct of Gram Sabha meeting on 15th & 16th, August 2018 in all over the State. In this connection, Kendar Gram Panchayat has organized Gram Sabha meeting in the office premises at Kendar. The day-1 of the meeting was focused to sensitization on various Govt. Schemes and programs. In day-2, it was finalized the beneficiaries of different projects for the year 2018-19.

The Sarpanch was presiding in the meeting whereas the PEO facilitated it. The PEO presented the consolidated beneficiaries details in the project wise which was proposed by the villagers during in the Palli Sabha meetings. After that, the beneficiaries and the project was finalized and recorded in the Gram Sabha minutes book. The Ward members and other community peoples were observing whether the things finalized during Palli Sabha find in the Gram Sabha or not. Some of the ward members were raised their voice to rectify in the Gram Sabha meetings, which was not brought in the Palli Sabha meetings. The other topics i.e. IAY, BRGF, CC Road, Pension and developmental works were also discussed. In the Gram Sabha meeting 114 peoples were participated where included 66 male and 48 female.

Other Activities at Organizational Level

August 2018

- On 3rd & 4th of August, 2018 all the project staffs including the members of the management had assembled at the conference hall, Duruguda for annual review of all projects. It was really a nice learning opportunity for all of us to sit, discuss, review and further planning with everybody's support, presence & participation

- On 6th August, 2018, 1st meeting of district level committee for the disabled had been organized at Sadbhana Gruha, Koraput in which the Collector cum District Magistrate Shri. K. Sudarshan Chakravarty (IAS) presided over the same. On behalf of the organization, Mr. Jagannath Mishra, Secretary was represented and shared his points of view in relation to disability and people with disabilities issues

- Mr. Jagannath Mishra, being the member of Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) attended the meeting chaired by Collector cum District Magistrate at CDMO Conference hall, Koraput

- On 31st July and 1st August, a team of Care India visited our operational areas by meeting the members of the producer groups, interacted with users, beneficiaries both at household and institution level. They also discussed with the management regarding the clean cook stove.

- Like every year, this year also, we the staffs and well wishers of Ekta celebrated 72nd Independence day of our country in its liaison office, Janiguda, Koraput on 15th August, 2018

- Meetings of various committees were organized their quarterly meetings from 20th to 31st August, 2018 at liaison office, Janiguda, Koraput. The purposes of these committees were to sensitize the organizations' staffs on different policies and suggestion for its betterment to the management of the organization.

- The Organization has successfully mobilized INR 20,000/- by collecting funds from its staffs and members of management towards Kerala floods. The said among has transferred to Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund, Kerala.

- Project Steering Committee meeting of MHU, Pottangi has been organized at Sunki on 28th August, 2018. In the meeting Medical Officer, MHU, Pottangi participated in the said program.