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Whats In?

Updates:

- First phase of training of trainers for Girls Gaining Ground project completed.
- ICDS services will now reach the women and children at Construction Site in Mumbai – first time in India
- Day Care cum Anganwadi centres in Dharavi started.
- Field level training on Food Diversification project started in Nandurbar



Coming Next: Plan of initiatives and their progress in Nandurbar & Amaravati

Project Updates August'08

Training of Trainers under Girls Gaining Ground (Gheu Bharari)

A ten days Training of Trainers for the 26 Master Trainers and NGO Coordinators was conducted during 20-29th Aug'08 at Talegaon. Participants from Mumbai, Jawhar and Mokhada, Trimbakeshwar, Peint, Chikhaldhara, Dharni, Mulchera and Dhargaon participated in the training. These coordinators would further train the facilitators in the above blocks who will in turn work with the adolescent girls in the village.

The training was facilitated by Ms. Anju Uppal and Ms. Seema Kurup of Media Matters. Media Matters helped us in redesigning the content of the UNICEF's adolescent module to make it more suitable to the specific objective of the GGG program.

This training was the first phase of 10 days of the total 20 day Training of Trainers Programme and covered sessions on perspective building on entire adolescent intervention, training skills, leadership, group building, issues of adolescents, menstrual hygiene, marriage and sexuality.

This 10 day training was full of activity and creative space for the participants. It allowed group activity as well as time to explore self and others.

It was tough for young mothers especially to leave behind their kids for 10 days. Nevertheless, they made efforts to strike a balance and be just to both themselves and the rights of the children.

At the block level, the 10 day training of facilitators will include the sessions on above topics as well as allow girls some practice time to be able to take these sessions to the girls in the community as well as the Ashram schools. Second phase of the Training of Coordinators is planned to be held after two months. Baseline survey for research purpose is expected to start in the end of Sept'08.

GGG Training



Practice Sessions during training



Participants demonstrating issues of girls through role play



Resource Materials shared to help understand the issues of girls

ICDS services will now reach the women and children of construction sites in Mumbai- first time in India

Project on Day Care cum Anganwadi centre in partnership with Mumbai Mobile crèches, Nirman, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), B.G. Shirke builders and Bhavishya Alliance has led to major policy change in ICDS. The ICDS Commissionerate issued an order for provision of ICDS services at the big construction sites in Mumbai where the work will go on for 2 years or more and having appropriate number of children in the sites. This is the first time ever in India that ICDS services will be reaching to the unrecognised sites with migrant labour.

Memorandum of Understanding between the partners has already been signed and the roles and responsibilities of partners have been agreed upon. Two of the Anganwadi centres have already started in Pratiksha Nagar, Sion and Ganesh Nagar, Malad and the Anganwadi worker and helpers have been appointed by ICDS. Also additional staff for carrying out activities along with Anganwadi Worker has been appointed and placed by Mobile Crèche at both the centres. Conversion of the Anganwadi centre to run as a full fledged Day Care Centre is in process.

Day Care cum Anganwadi centers in Dharavi

Roles and responsibilities by each partner have been agreed upon and the Memorandum of understanding has been signed by ICDS, SNEHA and BA. One of the Anganwadi centres in Kunjikuturve Nagar in Dharavi has been identified which will function as a Day Care Centre and the repair work of the space to make it child friendly is going on in a full swing. Activity in the center is expected to begin in the end of Sep'08.

Field level training on Food Diversification project started in Nandurbar

Next level of training on 'Food diversification and cooking Hygiene' has started on the ground following the training of the ICDS functionaries held from 25th to 31st July'08 at IHM Aurangabad which included CDPO's, supervisors, mothers groups, women SHG's, Anganwadi workers and local NGO's of Nandurbar district. These trainers have formed teams and started imparting training to the next level consisting of SHG, mothers committee and the Anganwadi worker for each Anganwadi centers at the sector level of respective talukas of Nandurbar district.

The tools and methodology for capturing Baseline data for impact assessment has been jointly finalised by ICDS and Taj Group of hotels. Baseline survey is expected to be initiated in third week of Sept'08.

Reader's Response

Just a note of thanks for preparing these regular updates. It gives a good perspective of what is being achieved on the ground. I trust the collective efforts of the BA will help bring the much needed change in society which PCN agreed to deliver on the outset this endeavour. Kind regards- *Paulus Verschuren, Senior Director, Partnership Development, Unilever (R&D), Vlaardingen.*

I am the regular reader of the Bhavishya Alliance News letter and this time I am quite excited to see the chef's contribution in developing 37 recipes for the beneficiaries of ICDS out two rupees budget. Could you please send me the recipe booklet since it could be useful for its adoption in ICDS program in West Bengal? Thanks- *S.B.Saha, State Program Representative, Care India, West Bengal.*

I thank you for the BHAVISHYAVANI which is very comprehensive and covers all the relevant details. A wholesome menu with required vitamins from the available resources in a particular geography is a great education for the resident of that area. I congratulate the team. With Regards and Best Wishes- *Maj Gen (Retd) B G Shively, AVSM, Consulting Advisor, Tata Consultancy Services*