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Best Wishes for coming Year " 2008"



Dear Friends,

"Best wishes for the coming Year 2008! The coming year, we hope millions of children around the world walk a path towards a healthier and a more promising future. Let's take an oath to make this future possible and we call upon compassionate partners like you to continue your support to this cause.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Let 2008 be the year of unparalleled success, may all your dreams come true"

- Bhavishya Alliance

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"We will find many stones on our path. Its up to us to make a bridge or a wall"

- shared by Dr. Sudhakar Kokane, DHO, Thane in Supply Chain Capability Building workshop (17-19 Dec'2007)

Progress Report for December' 2007

The progress of the Alliance is summarized in the following paragraphs.

A.PROJECTS

a. *Strengthening the Government Systems*

i. Day Care Centers:

There is an exploration underway with McDonalds, ICDS and NGO's to support development of 3 Anganwadi Centers in Mokhada, Thane. The operational working hours of the Anganwadi Centers would be extended to more than 4 hours so that it could also operate as a Day care center. An MOU will be signed with the partners and is in the process of finalization.

Two Anganwadi centres have been identified in Dharavi for piloting Day Care Center jointly by SNEHA, ICDS and BA. A meeting with the ICDS Anganwadi workers, ANM and helpers of two communities in Dharavi namely, Kunjukurve and Kumbharwada was convened by SNEHA to understand from them the reasons of under nutrition in the area and different ways by which it could be addressed along with day care centers.

Representatives from ICDS, SNEHA, Mobile Creche, Nirman and BA visited the day care center run by Mobile Creche in Thane. Two Anganwadi-cum Day Care centre will be operationalized for the children in construction sites in Mumbai in joint partnership of ICDS, Mobile Creche and Bhavishya Alliance. An MOU will be signed by the partners.

ii. Supply chain management strengthening

The demand assessment for medicines using the software has been installed and manual systems are in progress in Primary Health Centers in Nasik District.

A 3 day residential workshop for the district level officials of Department of Health from Thane and Nasik was organized from 17th to 19th December at Nasik. This workshop was jointly organized by Department of Health and Hindustan Unilever Ltd. Biswaranjan Sen, General Manager, Supply Chain of HUL was the lead facilitator in the training.

Mr. V. Ramani, Director General, State Nutrition Mission, Dr. Chahande, Divisional Commissioner, Nasik and Mr. Rajurkar, CEO Nasik graced the occasion by motivating the participants and highlighting the importance of reforms in the health system.

The focus of the training is to improve availability of medicines at the PHC level through collective learning and strengthen the knowledge and the skills of functionaries. Additionally, the training will help identify the gaps and jointly create a way forward for effective supply chain of medicines based on the study at Nasik and recommendations. There was a visit to HUL Nasik factory for exposure to supply chain and analysis of live case studies as a part of the training.

b.Empowering Communities

i.Promoting literacy

Tata Consultancy Services is working in partnership with the State Nutrition Mission, and NGOs in Nasik and Thane to set up literacy units in 3 blocks. These units will be provided with primers and computers, and the program will run in batches of 3 months. The project on adolescent girls will be linked up with these units. 40 sites for literacy centers have been identified by the partner NGO's (BAIF, VACHAN, Nasik Social Service Society and Nirmala Niketan) in Nasik and Thane.

ii. Addressing needs of Adolescents

The girls gaining project is moving towards the implementation which will begin with a baseline study and a master trainers training programme. A day long meeting with the heads of implementing organizations and project coordinators is planned to be organized on the 21st December to discuss the MOU and overall implementation framework for districts. A 10 day training of the Master trainers from each block is planned to be organized by the end of the year.

B.CONVENINGS:

i. Capacity building workshop within ICDS

A capacity building workshop was organized jointly with ICDS on 6th December'07. Approximately 80 participants and resource persons from in and outside Maharashtra came together to brain storm on the different issues on capacity building. Some recommendations included need for a State Resource Group, mobile training centers and district level training center.

ii. Induction of the new CEO

Bhavishya team engaged in a 2 day reflective dialogue on 10th and 11th December with K.S. Murthy, the New CEO of BA as a part of his induction into the organization. The team reviewed the progress in the year gone by and prepared a broad action plan for 2008. On 13th December K.S. Murthy met with some of the Governing council members, V Ramani, Dr. Armida Fernandez and Anant Nadkarni and they had discussion with BA staff team and Shilpa Deshpande of ICICI Bank on the plan for 2008.



BA team meets GC members at Yashada

Aurangabad takes the lead from Bhavishya Alliance

Vijay Wagmare, CEO of Aurangabad and S.D.Patil, Dy CEO, Aurangabad have taken a lead from Taj ICDS initiative and have initiated training on the nutritious recipes for Anganwadi workers at Aurangabad. These Anganwadi workers would further train the SHG workers. The Aurangabad team has prepared a module for nutritious recipes and invited local nutritionist for conducting the training. Also two Medical officers and the Deputy CEO of Aurangabad visited the NRC's in Nasik to understand the concept and replication in the context of Aurangabad.



Anganwadi workers training at Aurangabad

Introducing the new CEO



K.S. Murthy, CEO , Bhavishya Alliance

Dear Friends;

It gives me great pleasure to introduce K S Murthy as the new CEO of Bhavishya Alliance. K S Murthy joined us on December 10, 2007 after more than three years of service as CEO of Brooke India and will report directly to the Governing Council of BA. He is a graduate in Dairy Technology from National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (1984-88) and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (1989-91).

K S Murthy worked for four years in his native village in Andhra Pradesh as a social entrepreneur and then worked with a professional social development organization at various levels in Bangalore, Lucknow and Delhi. As a freelance consultant he carried out many assignments related to public health, family welfare, child nutrition, primary education, water and sanitation supported by The World Bank, WHO, UNICEF, DFID, among others, in Asia and Africa. Before joining Brooke India he worked as Lead Procurement Specialist (Asia) for United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and carried out Assessments for Global Fund to Fight AIDS TB and Malaria (GFATM) in China, East Timor, Mongolia and India.

This is an exciting time in the evolution of BA as an organization. KS Murthy joining the BA staff team, which includes CV Sharma, Raju Narayan, Purnima Upadhyay, Nayan Chakravarty, Sangeeta Dasmohapatra, and Manish Srivastava, as CEO formalizes the BA staffing structure. My role will shift to resuming my duties as Director of Partnerships for Child Nutrition (PCN) for Synergos Institute. My immediate duties will include a three month transition in India with KS Murthy and the Governing Council till March 2008. As BA remains a significant development of PCN our hope is to continue to engage in ways which add value and continues to demonstrate the ongoing engagement of PCN in contributing to the success of BA. This will mean several trips to Mumbai in the next year for shorter durations and will ensure my continued engagement with BA, albeit in a different capacity.

In the coming months KS Murthy will be engaging in his own learning journey to understand BA by meeting with the implementing BA partners and visiting the various initiatives in our designated blocks. K.S.Murthy can be reached at ksmurthy@bhavishyaalliance.org.in and telephone no.-099-308-90001.

Best wishes,
Surita Sandosham

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT STAFF

Dr. Isha Prasad Bhagwat, the Chief Program Officer, seconded by UNICEF will be leaving Bhavishya Alliance to join Water Aid as Director, Programs at Delhi. He has been with BA right from Maharashtra change lab and been instrumental in leading the programs and partnerships. BA has had the benefit of his experience, wisdom and knowledge derived from conducting learning journeys last two years. We progress with our work in Bhavishya Alliance with gratitude to Isha for his time, inputs and knowledge, knowing that he continues to remain connected to our mission and being of service to community.

– BA Team

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