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We Believe...

highly on the formation of Community Based Organizations and encourage the community members to take responsibility for their own prosperity. We assist them in identifying their priorities and goals and to assert their right to influence and assess public services and decision-making processes.



Watershed Management

We have been implementing Micro Watershed Project in Narayanpatna block of Koraput district. Given below are the glimpses of some of our activities in this quarter.



A two months (01.08.2009 to 30.09.2009) training session was conducted on construction and maintenance of Solar double lead lantern, Single lead lantern, Home light

and Street Light. Eight participants attended the training session out of which three were female participants. The participants were certified with permission from POCB (Programme Officer, Capacity Building), ITDA. The training programme facilitated in making them self-employed.

Villagers of Pipalpadar block were trained on hill broom making using improved technology and easily available raw material of this region through a training programme. The brooms would earn them high profit.



Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter!

It is a pleasure to launch the first quarterly news bulletin of Vikash. This is an endeavor to keep our donors and well-wishers informed about our activities. This newsletter carries information about new initiatives of Vikash for setting up a unique rehabilitation centre for disabled children, applied research on Azolla as a cattle feed. There is many more information that is interesting in this newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy reading.



Workshop on Gender Sensitisation held on 25 September 2009.



Capacity Building Programme held on 19 September 2009

Organic Farming

Vikash has taken up an innovative project to conduct participatory research on **Azolla** as a cheaper substitute of cattle feed for remunerative income of milk farmers. This project, which is of one-year duration, has been implemented in Delang and Satyabadi blocks of Puri district. Initially, 65 beneficiaries were selected and trained on azolla cultivation. A second phase training programme was conducted in this quarter of the year for these beneficiaries. These villagers have taken up Azolla cultivation as an important means of livelihood.



Pictures above show the cultivation of Azolla and being used as cattle feed

Our Intervention to give them a meaningful life...



Mukti Kiran, a place for development of physical human potentialities, was shifted to a new building at Jagamara, Bhubaneswar, in July'09. The institution came into being through our project named 'Inclusion of disabled children'. The new building has more space with greenery all around.



Two MI camps were organized in the Khurda and Puri districts in which 68 beneficiaries were diagnosed. Dr. Sarada Prasad Swain, Asst. Professor of SCB Medical College, Cuttack did the diagnosis.

A ray of hope in the life of Rana

Rana, 10 yrs old, was Micro Cephalic during her birth. Her mental growth was not in accordance with her physical age. Her parents admitted her in the village school but she showed least interest towards studies. She was a slow learner and was not able to help herself with her daily chores. Multi-Rehab-Workers of Vikash identified her in the year 2008 in course of survey. She has undergone special treatment and education under the care of special educators and therapists on a regular basis. She has shown significant developments. She is independently helping herself in the daily chores. She has also shown significant improvements in education. We trained her to calculate and speak. She got class promotion and is attending the classes regularly. She has also emerged as an active leader in the class.



He is now leading an independent life

Mr. Kartikeswar Moharana, a 35 years old young man of Kuha block of Jatni was polio affected from birth. His deformities made his life miserable. With the intervention of Vikash through its CBR project, Mr. Moharana was properly counseled. Vikash arranged for him a Disability Certificate from the competent authority, tricycle and a bus pass. He was also linked to Bhinakshyam Sangathan (Local association of disabled persons promoted by Vikash) and SHG for PWDs. With the combined effort of MRWs, Sangathan and SHG, he has started a beetle shop of his own and is now leading a successful life. Now the success of Mr. Moharana is an example of self-reliance for others.

Women Empowerment

Vikash promotes women empowerment activities by promoting the formation of SHGs and SHG unions in various districts of Orissa. The promotion of women SHGs accelerates action for women empowerment and gender mainstreaming particularly involving women in decision-making process both at the household and community level. This also helps in the leadership

Regular SHG meetings and workshops on 'Hindu Marriage Law', 'Women and Law' have compelled women like Mrs. Gitanjali Lenka to lodge re-appeal case for their rights.



Research on Advanced Technology



A workshop was organized at the Biju Pattnaik Renewable Energy Park, Bhubaneswar. The workshop was conducted with a view to generate awareness on the potentialities of alternative sources of energy like Wind, Solar and Biomass in Orissa. Mr. Nicolas Martin Diederichs, engineer from German, and other members of the forum presented their findings in the workshop.

A Seminar on Energy Efficiency of Buildings of Bhubaneswar was organized at the Regional Engineering College on 18 September 2009, Bhubaneswar. Kevin Jaouen, an engineering student from ESME-Sudria, Ivry, France University who was the key researcher presented his findings. Mr Ashok Nanda introduced the students to the concept of environment, living and buildings. Dr Prabhas Sutar gave a talk on the technical aspects of energy efficient planning.



Our way towards the Development of Education

In its long and arduous journey of ensuring equitable and quality education for all children, Vikash has used a host of tools, which include opening of quality pre-school centers and organizing workshops in remote inaccessible areas.

The Pre School at Jahnibalia, Gop block, Puri district is shifted to a new building with improved infrastructure. The need of a new space was felt when more number of students dropped in at the school. More number of teaching and non-teaching staff was recruited for the school.



A State level workshop on Right to Education Bill 2008 was organised on 27 June 2009 in Bhubaneswar. Fifty-three participants from across the State participated in the deliberation. The objective of the workshop was to discuss and debate on the Right to Education Bill and suggest measures and strategies for effective implementation of the Act.

Leadership Development



Alternative leaders stand for building new emerging Konark (From left-**Dilip Nayak**, ward no 10, **Satya Biswal** Activist, **Johan Sahu**, ward no 3, Manas Ku. Muduli at Loksammukhya Office, Konark)

Guided by the true spirit of activist, the above three young man belonging to different wards of Konark NAC came forward as leaders for future Konark. They are already working for Nehru Yuva Kendra, Konark NAC.

Vision of Lok Samukhya, a platform for citizens to debate and discuss issues related to urban area, basic service facilities and to influence policy change, attracted them towards its fold. Mr. Johan Sahu participated in the Vision-Mapping programme for Konark development on 31 July 2009.



Mrs. Chandrakala Sunani is a tribal woman. Although she had poor knowledge in law, she wanted to raise voice against the inequality of tribal women. Members of Vikash met her at her village. With their intervention, she participated in a leadership-training programme conducted at Damanjodi, Koraput. She also attended workshops on 'Women and Law' and a state level consultation on Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006.

Now she has emerged as an active leader in her village. She organizes meetings within her community women regarding laws and women rights. She is also taking initiatives for their economic empowerment. She is one of the Managing Committee members of Krushak Nidhi, Semiliguda and is a board member of Vikash. Vikash is always in need of enthusiastic leaders like Mrs. Sunani for the success of its mission.

Visit of International Dignitaries



Mr. Alis, BBC's reporter and Madam Abi, Photographer and DFID state co-ordinator with PSU staffs visited Tinginaput Solar Unit and Tolokutinga of Narayanpatna block of Koraput district on 29th & 30th of September. They have highly appreciated the efforts of Vikash in facilitating the lightning of 23 houses and streetlight. They have also observed the peration of distilled water plant in this district.

Mr. Bernard Cappi from Action humanitaire au Sri Lanka visited the projects of Urban Governance and Disability in NAC, Konark. He was highly excited seeing the method of operations of Vikash. He has been inspired to work with his group to sponsor for the rehabilitation of disabled children to start with.



Mr. Nabin Aryal, Programme Officer, Niwano Peace Foundation visited the Mukti Kiran Site on 9 October 2009. He saw the activities going on at the centre. He highly appreciated the ambience and institutional care provided to the patients.

Our Interns



Ms Marion Guitton and Ms Delphine Gros are Business Management Students from France. They joined us in the last quarter and worked on Fundraising.

Nicolas Martin Diederichs is an engineering student from Germany. He did a research on the opportunity of alternative sources of energy in Orissa and a detailed study on the scope of solar energy in different districts of Orissa.



Kevin Jaouen is a French engineering student did a research work on Energy Efficiency of Buildings of Orissa.



We thank you all for your best wishes.

We would be glad to have you visit our office and our programmes.

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