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Project:

Child Right Project:

Protecting child rights, in particular the right to education and protection in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh.

Activities:

- For the purpose of establishing the civil society alliances, two block level workshops (one in Halia block and one in Madihan block) was organized with CSOs, CBOs, youth clubs, etc. in the month of April 2012. Two block level civil society alliances (one in each block) established in the meetings. The identification of CSO members for district level Civil Society Alliance was also done in these meetings.
- Later, 4 meetings of the civil society alliances were also held on quarterly basis. During these meetings, the alliances formed theme based action plans for the quarter and reviewed progress of it in the next quarter meetings.
- 36 child protection committees (CPCs) in line with ICPS formed at village level and total number of child protection committees formed under the project became 221.
- During the year, the village level CPCs organized 993 meetings including quarterly and monthly meetings. 63 CPCs formed the action plan for the village on the basis of assessment of the situation of child protection in their respective village to save the rights of the children and their protection.
- 443 CPC members, 2 members from each of 221 village level CPCs, were provided 2 day training on child right and child protection. These trained members oriented remaining CPC members through cascade model in which 2,277 members were oriented.
- Apart from village level CPCs, two block level child protection committees also formed in the two project blocks (one in each block). These block level CPCs met on quarterly basis and developed action plan on child protection and acted upon it. The problems related to child right and child protection which could not be solved at village level were brought to the respective block level CPC.
- A four day refresher training was organized for training of community based trainers (CBTs). 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda, Inter-Personal Communication (IPC) and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) Skills, Child Right, Child Protection and Facilitation Skills were covered in the training. The training was imparted by an external agency Independent Thought, New Delhi from 29th July 2012 to 1st August 2012.
- 48 hamlets of vulnerable / marginalized communities identified this year and total number of hamlets of vulnerable / marginalized communities identified in Halia and Madihan blocks under the project became 341.

- A 7-day creative workshop for 36 folk troupes/artists was organized for the purpose of their training to perform on the issue of child labour. These folk troupes/artists were selected by four NGOs including CREDA who were also implementing the Child Right Project in Mirzapur district. The folk troupes/artists were provided with script on the play. After getting the training, two groups with 6 members in each group, performed in the project villages in Halia and Madihan blocks. These groups organized 69 shows (36 shows in Halia block and 33 in Madihan block) covering approximately 33 thousand people including men, women and children.
- SHG members and community organized 224 meetings with service providers and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to share the problems in the delivery of services to the children.
- As per plan, open meeting organized in 5 model Gram Sabhas according to government guidelines. The copy of simplified model Gram Sabha guidelines was provided by UNICEF. The project staff supported and facilitated in organizing the open meeting of model Gram Sabhas.
- Field animators conducted field visits at least twice in a month in each of the project villages assigned to them and they facilitated in community meetings, meetings of SHGs, meetings of CPCs, meeting of SHG members with service providers and PRIs, etc.
- To change the behaviour of family on 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda, the members of SHGs visited 6 household selected by them. They used GATHER (Greet Ask Tell Help Explain Return) approach and communication materials for dissemination of knowledge at family level to change their attitude for the promotion of child rights and the protection of children against violence, exploitation and abuse.
- For the purpose of social awareness on the 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda and child protection, wall writing (slogans) in 100 villages of Halia block done.
- 255 SHGs were involved in the project. Last year, 83 existing SHGs were identified but most of them were not so active that they can promote the messages of the project including 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda in the community. Therefore apart from some of the existing SHGs which were active, some new SHGs formed and involved in the project.
- 444 members of the SHGs (2 from each of the 222 SHGs) were provided 4-day training on 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda and communication and facilitation skills. The capacity of these women built up so that they can orient the remaining members of their group on these topics. The training was imparted by community based trainers.
- The 444 SHGs members who were trained by community based trainers, oriented remaining members of their group. Under this process 2,069 members were provided one day orientation.
- The members of SHGs conducted 1,475 group meetings to deliver the message on 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda.
- Each of the SHG members selected 6 households of their choice. They visited to the households and encouraged the family members to adopt the 10 Point Child Friendly Agenda. 14,991 households have been covered by under the home visits by SHG members.
- To improve the quality of the group meetings and home visits, field animators and community based trainers provided supportive supervision to the SHG members. They went with the members to the houses and seen the communication skill and the knowledge level of the SHG members and provided their inputs as per need.
- At the end of every month, a monthly review meeting was organized at block level. In these meetings, the field staff i.e. field animators and community based trainers, updated about the progress of the project activities at the field level and prepared a monthly

progress report at cluster level, shared the problems face by them (if any) and key learnings. The monthly progress reports were compiled at block level and then the report was prepared at project level. The project level monthly progress reports were submitted to UNICEF.

- 211 collective of adolescent girls in the name of '*Kishori Sangam*' (Adolescent Girls' Association) and 142 collective of adolescent boys in the name of '*Kishori Sangam*' (Adolescent Girls' Association) have been formed under the project. The adolescent girls and boys are cooperating in discussions on child rights and helping in organizing the meetings of community, SHG and CPC in their respective villages.
- 185 persons, in both of the project blocks, who were directly concerned for arranging and settling marriages has committed on a commitment form of CREDA that neither they will arrange child marriage nor they will ceremonize child marriage. This is an innovative activity towards prevention of child marriage in our project villages.
- During the month of July to September 2012, through the efforts of our field staff, 2,906 children could be mainstreamed in the education through survey and identification of out of school and dropped out children and their enrolment in primary and upper primary schools.
- 250 children have been admitted in Anganwadi Centres by our project staff.
- In the month of August 2012, the field animators and CBTs monitored the counseling sessions organized at Anganwadi Centres on 4th and 11th August under the World Breastfeeding Week, 2012. During their visits, they visited 182 AWCs (some of it may be common on both dates). Through such visits, they found that 5,455 men, women and children benefited from the counseling sessions.
- In the month of October 2012, our project staff reached at 162 places for participation and monitoring of Global Handwashing Day events. These 162 places include 110 primary schools, 25 upper primary schools, 26 Anganwadi Centres and one health centre. At these places FAs and CBTs discussed the importance of handwashing among the children, their parents and community. They also monitored the availability of soap for handwash. 5,876 boys and 5,271 girls benefited from this activity. Before the Global Handwashing Day events, the project staff also discussed the importance of handwash during their visit in project villages and community meetings. We believe that the process of awareness will bring change of habit among all in the project villages.
- On 20th November 2012, the Child Rights Day, 61 events in the primary and upper primary schools to ensure the discussions and children's participation on various issues related to child right. Our project staff organized games, discussions, debates, essays competitions among children in the schools.

Project:

TARA Akshar+ ICT Based Literacy Programme

Activities:

- For the recruitment of project staff to implement the TARA Akshar+ ICT Based Literacy Programme, advertisements were published through posters and handbills. In response, a number of applications were received for the post of instructor, quality controller, master trainer, and block coordinator.

- After short listing of the received applications, 81 candidates for the post of instructors, 14 for quality controllers, 6 for master trainers and one for block coordinator were called for personal interview.
- A meeting was organized with the successful candidates on 28th February 2013 to prepare them for attending a 13-day residential training and they were provided with a guideline for this purpose.
- The successful candidates, comprising 32 instructors, 6 quality controllers, 3 master trainers and one block coordinator were provided the 13-day residential training organized by Development Alternatives, New Delhi at Nav Sadhna Kendra, Shivpur, Varanasi from 5th March 2013 to 18th March 2013.
- During the training, the project staff were provided a laptop and needed accessories and they were trained on how to operate the TARA Akshar and TARA Ganit software installed in the laptop provided to them, how to conduct the literacy classes, what would be the activities at the literacy centres, what would be the roles and responsibilities of the various project staff, etc.
- Survey of the target group was completed in the first week of March 2013. In this process, 1,325 women in 30 villages of City block of Mirzapur were identified to conduct the literacy programme.
- On 29th March 2013, first teaching cycle of 1,260 women started in the following villages:

Sl. No.	Name of Village
1	Ahmalpur
2	Amoi
3	Aurjunpur
4	Bharuhana
5	Bariyarpatti
6	Barkachha Kalan
7	Barkachha Khurd
8	Bhodsar
9	Bikna
10	Beerpur
11	Chintamanipur (Chitawanpur)
12	Dubara Pahari
13	Gopalpur
14	Indarpur
15	Itwan
16	Jasowar
17	Kantit Grameen
18	Nuwaon
19	Padara Hanuman
20	Padara Kangal
21	Ranibari
22	Samogara

Sl. No.	Name of Village
23	Shahpur Chausa
24	Sirsi Baghel
25	Sirsi Gaharwar
26	Shobhopur
27	Tand
28	Tedhwa
29	Aghauli
30	Lachchhapatti

- In each of the 30 villages, 3 batches were formed having 14 women in each batch. Thus, 42 women were enrolled in each village to go through the literacy and numeracy programme.
- Majority of learners were from vulnerable families and communities.
- Apart from the above 30 centres, CREDA facilitated in opening and running of two demo centres directly operated by Development Alternatives, New Delhi in Chandaipur and Lohadi Kalan villages of City block of Mirzapur district.
- These demo centres were inaugurated on 8th March 2013, the International Women's Day with participation of delegates of Development Alternatives, New Delhi and community of the respective villages.

Some Photographs of Activities Carried Out During the Year 2012-2013



An ASHA administering dose of Vitamin A to children in Beerpur village of Halia block



Training session of CPC members in Deepnagar village of Madihan block



Project staff explaining charts in a community meeting in Neemdeeh village of Madihan block



Training of women champions by the CBT in Piuri village of Madihan block



4-day training of women champions at Community Centre, Godtutva village in Madihan block



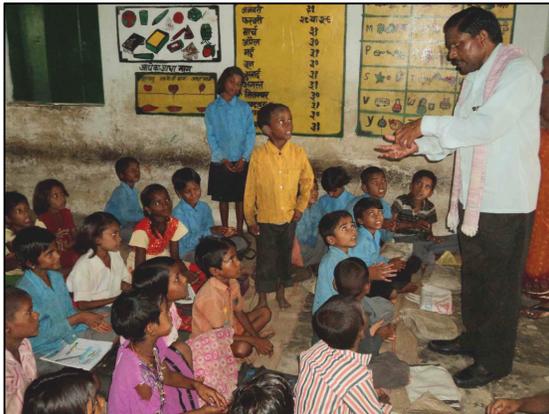
Quarterly meeting of Civil Society Alliance of Halia block at CREDA Resource Centre, Sukhra, Halia block



A CBT explaining charts in orientation of SHG members at Primary School, Kolahan village of Halia block



Showing film during 2-day training of CPC members at Primary School, Piuri village of Madihan block



A CBT demonstrating handwashing in a primary school in Halia block



Group exercise during refresher training of Community Based Trainers (CBT)



4-day training of selected 2 members of women self-help groups in Madihan block



Performance by folk group (street play) on child labour in a village of Madihan block



Meeting of TARA Akshar ICT Based Literacy programme staff before the start of training



Training of TARA Akshar ICT Based Literacy Programme staff at Nav Sadhna Kendra



Inauguration of Demo Centres of TARA Akshar ICT Based Literacy Programme



Literacy of women and girls by TATA Akshar Instructor in Bikna village of City block



Literacy of women and girls by TATA Akshar Instructor in Bodsar village of City block



Beneficiaries reading books at TARA Akshar centre in Aghauli village of City block