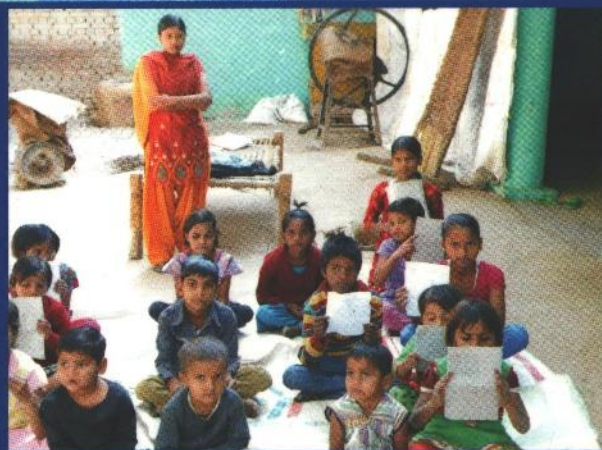




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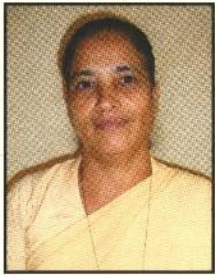
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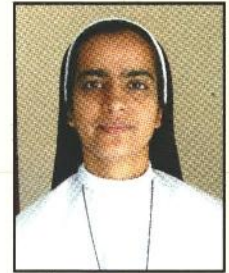
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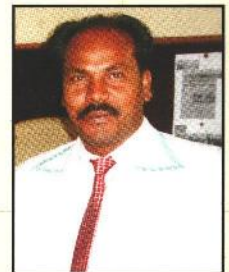
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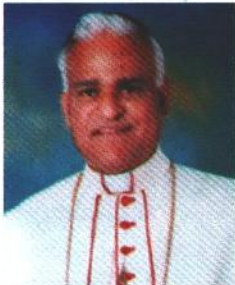
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MESSAGE

Agra Catholic Diocese Samaj Seva Sanstha (ACDSSS) functions as per its objectives with a sense of commitment and a spirit of service. The witness value leaves a mark of the Gospel mandate – “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me” (Mt. 25:41).

In the Jubilee Year of Mercy, there is a specific reason, as the Church-run Social Service Society, to launch into specific areas of the margins of society, so that the compassionate love of God is tangibly felt as the visible face of God the Father of all.

In a society where religious, social, moral and ethical values are side-lined, indiscriminate industrialization, digital priority and technological advance with unjust profiteering in business, promote materialism, endangering due respect for life, dignity of the human person and environmental concerns. This is bound to increase the rich-poor divide, class and caste barriers. A true sense of educational and culture aims at bringing all people together in fellowship, justice, equality, liberty, unity and integrity among all. ACDSSS through its well planned projects, reaches out to the rural masses, men, women, children, specially girl children. These interactions through people-based projects, do bring hope of an inclusive human society.

Basic human rights, the right to life, liberty and livelihood and solidarity with the less fortunate, the slum dwellers, the homeless migrant labourers, prisoners, the sick and suffering are the concern of ACDSSS.

I seek divine blessings on all our collaborators and I wish success to ACDSSS.

May God bless you.

✠ Albert D'Souza
Archbishop of Agra

From Director's Desk

Agra Catholic Diocese Samaj Seva Sanstha has been endeavouring to facilitate the rural people for empowerment through capacity building and skill development that is people-centric, participatory, collaborative and transparent. Through our intervention we offer the opportunity for people to aspire and achieve a better future for themselves and their families.

We have been organizing trainings of the Animators, SHG members, Mahila Mandal Members, Vikas Samiti Members, Adolescent Girls' groups, children's groups especially of the rural communities.

There may be little point achieving a sustainable system that reduces the quality of life of the people in that system. All our IGA trainings and capacity building trainings have been conducted in order to promote livelihood option to the rural people while protecting the environment.

We have been working to bring positive impact on various indicators of child rights through our interventions. In order to bring more sustainable outcomes, resources and policies have to be aligned to deliver better.

We make the rural people believe that they have place in the society but they cannot take freedom for granted. They are told to add their voices of justice, compassion and honesty. We have been teaching them to practice the values with pride and honour them in their daily life. We give the message that the resources of this country belong to them and help them to reach to the available resources for the people who are poor.

I have experienced among the rural people that they believe that this country belongs to all of them. They believe that diversity is not threat, but acceptance of it makes them what they are. The infusion of new cultures, talents and ideas that makes them great communities

We have been trying to become a positive force in the communities and instill power of hope in them. All our effort is to empower the rural communities with good knowledge and get out there to build our communities and our country.

We realize from our past experience that participatory processes at the grass roots of PRI can have powerful impact in empowerment process of under privileged rural communities. In this direction we have intensified our efforts through capacity building programmes.

This Annual Magazine will explain how widely the impacts of our efforts have been created. I am sure that you will find it useful and extend your helping hand to this organization.

I thank all the agencies (**Misereor, Manos Unidas, Caritas India, UKSVK, Kinder Missionswerk, Italian Bishop's Conference, Jan Vikas Samiti, Kleine FuBe-GroBe Spuren**) that have been with ACDSSS to deliver its mandate of capacity building and empowering the under privileged sections of the society.

A special note of appreciation to all those who voluntarily contributed their services for various empowerment programmes.

I do remember my team who has selflessly devoted their time and energy to ensure positivity in all the actions of ACDSSS. I am so grateful to all of you for your passion and your dedication and all the hard work on behalf of our people.

We are thankful to Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, the Archbishop of Agra and the governing body members for their guidance and encouragement.

With thanks and gratitude

Fr. Vinoy P.M.

Director



BACK GROUND

Agra Catholic Diocese Samaj Seva Sanstha (ACDSSS) works towards development, growth and sustainability through capacity building, education, livelihood and thus sustaining the change for a better and brighter tomorrow of the marginalized and deprived sections of the Society in the Archdiocese of Agra.

VISION

Visualize a human society based on the values of equality, distributive justice, secularism, love, brotherhood, Peace, respect and dignity.

MISSION

To strive for human society of sustainable development based on the principles of equality, distributive justice & secularism in solidarity with marginalized through the empowerment process.

T A R G E T

Women

Children

Adolescents Girls

Differently Abled

Marginalized

Child Labour Children

Farmers

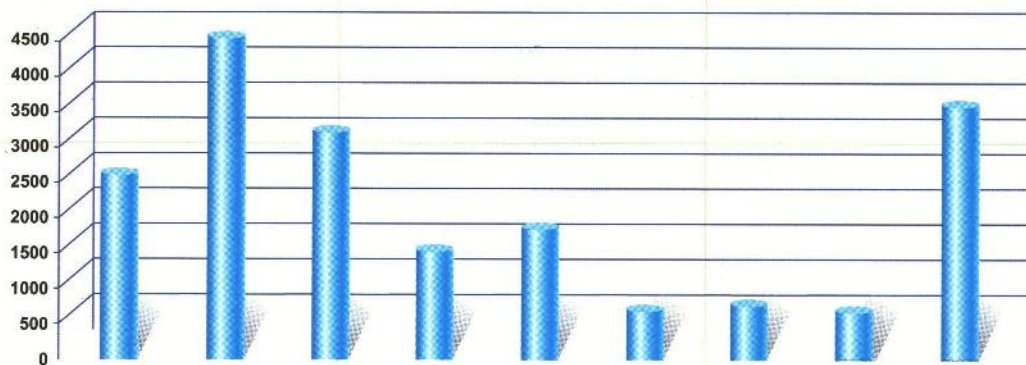
HEALTH

“To get rich never ever risk your Health. For it's truth that Health is a Wealth”. Health is related deeply to life-style. Ideal health will however, always remains a mirage, because everything in our life is subject to change. The basic need of a human person is good health and standard living. Economic condition plays a major role in defining our standard of life.

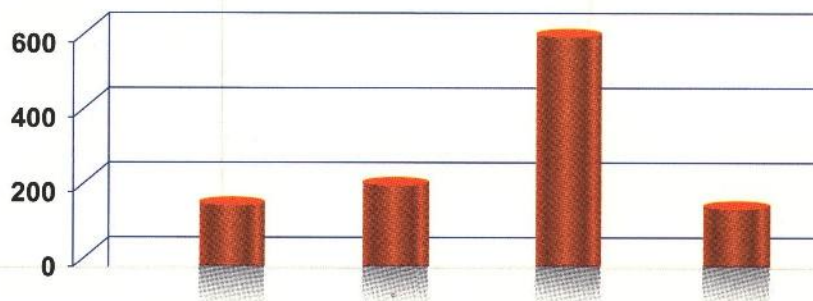
The project is implemented in 302 (villages & slums) in 8 different projects in Agra, Mathura, Kasganj districts. The people of target slums are now self reliant and they have improved their standard of living. They also have improved their health through medical camps, availing the government schemes and health training. Training to Non Formal Education children and Vikas Samiti members have helped to improve the health of the target communities.



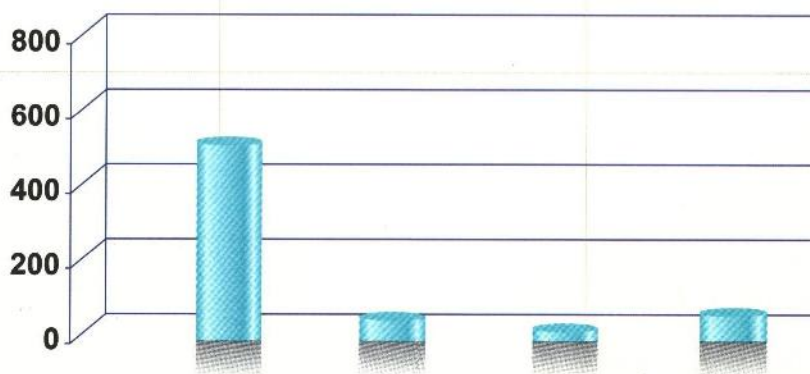
Sr.No.	No. of Camps	Beneficiaries				
1.	General Health Camps -14	1902 community members,				
	Referred to patients	PHC	Government Hospital	Private Hospital	Medical College	CHC
		285	407	287	56	131
2.	Disability Certificate camps-2	143 Disability Certificate made and 32 Referred to Aligarh for Eye and mental illness				
3.	Polio Drop	6232 children and their parents were facilitated (5 times in a year)				
4.	Eye camp -1	60 Eye operations and 20 Specs				
5.	Dental Camp -1	50 People				



	B.C.G.	D.P.T.	Measles	Buster	Hepatitis	T.T. for adolescent	Scheme for pregnant	ANC	T.T.I. & II
Beneficiaries	2552	4475	3117	1464	1759	591	672	590	3498



	Pregnant women	Children	Adolescent Girls	3 times extra for children
Supplementary Diet	133	191	579	123



	Worm Tablets for Children	Iron Tablets for adolescent	Calcium tablets	Iron Tablets for pregnant
Health Benefits	648	44	5	65





Awareness Programme on HIV/AIDS & T.B. for School going children



Women benefitted from Eye camp



Training on Food and Flag for Adolescent girls



Training on RCH for Community women



Adolescent Girls Immunization



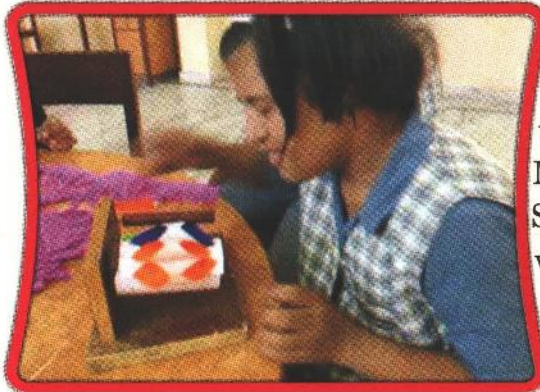
Training on Puberty Changes



Child Immunization

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION OF SPECIAL CHILDREN

The concern for the special children has been finding expression in the community based rehabilitation with the support from Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi. The programme has components like formation of DPOs, training for the parents of children with disability, medical Aids, Special education, vocational aids, Physiotherapy etc. ACDSSS supports 68 children directly for education and community based rehabilitation and also 2020 children in Ganjdundwara block of Kasganj District indirectly by forming groups, meetings, trainings, competitions and celebration.



Miss Sandhya was an orphan child from the care center of Missionaries of charity. She was a shy girl who was not able to do anything by her self. Now she is studying in primary-B with the



support of ACDSSS. She is a regular student of Alphonsa Institution for special education. She is taught academic as-well as vocational activities. She is able to trace out what is given her to do. She has learned to stitch, to make garland, flowers, Rakhi, Jumbar and Painting. She is performing very well and is showing improvement in all that is taught. She does her activities by herself and also helps others.

She had the opportunity of going out for competitions and she got a gold medal in state Olympic at Jaipur. She has also learned to dance.



Rehabilitation programme through Networking



Through 2 medical and disability identification camps 143 Disabled certificates were made for CWD's and PWD's

Nanhe Lal S/o Roshan Lal and Kamala Devi R/o Bastar, Kasganj district, U.P is 18 yrs old and affected with polio in his right leg. He is from an economically backward family. Nanhe lal likes to read books and study well. After completing B.Sc, he wants to earn money through good job. At present he is interested in teaching and later he wants to move out of village to city for better job. Nanhe lal is very pleasant, affectionate, and hard working. He is well behaved in the family, groups and society. Parents are illiterate, simple and farmers. They need to work daily on the field to cope up with their daily living. They find difficult to educate their children. At the initial stage the parents did not support the child's education etc. February 2007 onwards Nanhe lal is part of our CBR project. In 2007, through CBR project, operation of his leg is done and now he is able to walk independently. He is also helped for education, health and social mobility by the organization since 8yrs. In order to convince the parents for child's education the organizational staff faced lots of struggles. The constant family visit and counseling sessions by the staff helped the parents to change their attitude towards the education of the child. Nanhe Lal has passed B.Sc 1ST year now. He is also helping the family through taking tuition for the students, along with his studies (B.Sc 2nd year). Through the social work intervention of the organization Nanhe Lal has become more independent and self confident. At present Nanhe lal is economically independent and he does not need any financial assistance for his further studies.



SPORTS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED FOR THE PWD'S

58 CWD's participated in various sports and cultural activities like dance, poem, song etc. They showed their self confidence by taking part in cultural activities. The participants were very happy and grateful to ACDSSS for organizing such type of programmes and making them feel that they too are not less than others in the world and providing them platform to express their abilities. Winners received prizes and the smile appeared on their faces.



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Differently
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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Goal of the programme is to empower the women of the project areas, so that they have greater control and access on their own lives and be the agents of transformation of society.

The main objective of the women empowerment programme is to enhance the socio-economic status of the most vulnerable section of society by strengthening Self Help Groups and through training programme like Gender discrimination, Panchayati Raj, Social Awareness on Health, Linkage & Networking with bank and avail other Government Schemes etc.

The formation and strengthening of Mahila Mandal, Vikas Samiti, Bal Mandal and Education centers (NFE) have provided base for the empowerment process.



Self Help Group (SHG) is one of the concepts, which tries to bring justice to women through their socio-economic upliftment. ACDSSS is making all possible efforts to bring recognition and respect to the status of women in the society.

“If you want some thing said, Ask a man, if you want some thing done ask women”

On 18th November 2013 a Vikas Samiti, which includes 19 members was formed at Bastar in order to work for the development of the village with the help of ACDSSS. Every month the animator of the village used to conduct monthly meeting with the Vikas Samiti and gave awareness programmes to improve the health, sanitation, resource mobilization etc.

One of the problems faced in the village was alcoholism. A few people of the village lost even their land. On 5th June 2015 a marriage took place in the village and two children of 12 years were drunk



and all the people felt bad about it. On 9th July 2015 the Vikas Samiti members organized a meeting with the other members of the village and decided to remove the alcohol shop. The women of the Gram Panchayat along with Vikas Samiti members put fire on the shop and filed case against the shop owner Mr. Aravind and his brother to Sunagari police station. Though police raided Mr. Aravind's home they could not get him. The men and women of four villages of Gram Panchayat Bastar, Mau, Jalalpur and Nagla Devi, with the help of the social work

animators went to Sungari police station and told the Station Officer that if police take any action against any of the villagers the whole Panchayat will come here to protest. Finally police took action against the Alcohol shop owner Mr. Aravind and at present there is no alcohol shop in Bastar.

FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN RIGHTS

Village Savai falls under Etmadpur block in Agra District. In this village training was conducted on Panchayati Raj on 16th January 2016 where 59 men and women took part in the training program. During the training they got all the informations and also Mrs. Kamlesh the animator of that village used to give information and input session on different issues like ration cards, roads, water, pensions etc. The poor people those who do not have ration cards were not able to get their necessary needs like sugar, dhal and oil because they did not



have proper knowledge. After getting the knowledge on Panchayati Raj they thought to meet the ration dealer. So on 17th March 2016 the people of savai village approached the ration dealer and questioned him, why they are neglected without any ration. He replied that their names are not in the list. People were not satisfied with his response. There after they met village president yet they were not satisfied. So the next day on 18th March 2016, 25 women wrote an application and went to **Block Pramukh**, Mrs. Rajabety to submit it, but she refused to receive it. So the women did not allow her to move anywhere for two hours and they insisted that if the ration cards are not issued they will go for strike. Then she was very angry on ration dealers and she immediately asked them to make arrangement for ration distribution and enroll their names in the ration list. 20 families names were put in the list. Block Pramukh Mrs. Rajabety promised them that their ration cards will be issued by the end of April 2016. Women were waiting eagerly for the ration card but it was not issued as it was promised. So on 3rd



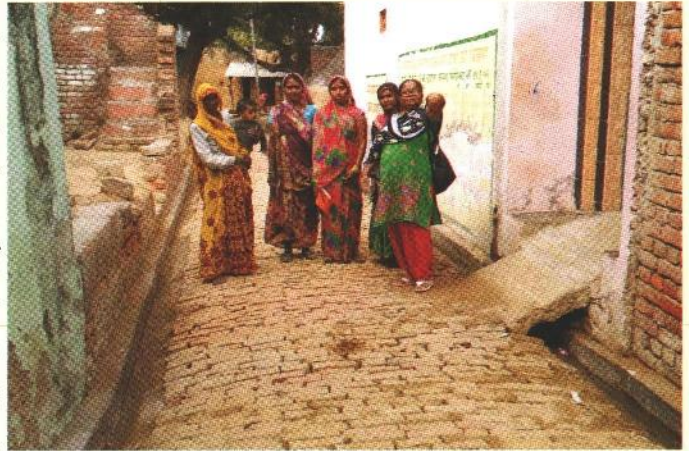
May 2016, around 50 women along with the animators, coordinator went to meet Mr. Pushpakant the in charge of ration dealers on Tahasil day where all the problems are heard and solved. Then Mr. Pushpakant wrote down all the women's name in his diary. Women told him that the Block Development officer had promised them to give ration card but why so far it is not issued. The officer said that survey is being done to find out the beneficiaries. He then immediately called Mr. Manoj and Mr. Giraj the ration dealers and

ordered them to distribute ration without the ration cards. 40 women received wheat, oil, sugar and rice. Now all the 20 families received Ration Cards and all are happy. The women are grateful to ACDSSS staff and the funding agency.

POWER OF WOMEN

In 2012 ACDSSS intervention began in Mitawalli village which is in Etmadpur block at Agra District through the Child Labour Project and slowly people of Mitawalli village were taken in to confidence. ACDSSS staff began to form SHGs, Mahila Mandals and Development committees in the villages and started discussing different issues of the village.

Mrs. Kushbu the animator formed Mahila Mandal in 2012 and through the monthly meetings this group was prepared by giving them input sessions every month on different issues. 2015 the village road was very bad and was damaged everywhere. During rainy season people were facing a lot of problem to reach the main road. Nobody was ready to take initiative to contact pradhan in order to repair the road. Mrs. Kushbu organized meeting with Mahila Mandal's women on 15/10/2015 and discussed the matter and motivated them to



approach Pradhan for better road. So they decided to meet Pradhan and the same day women wrote an application and 25 women went to meet Pradhan, Mr. Kalicharan. He then read the application and told women that he does not have funds with him for the repair of the road but they can take this matter to BDO. On 16-11-2015, 15 women went and met the BDO Mr. Brajmohan and submitted the application to him. He also said that he does not have funds for the same and he suggested them to go to MLA Mr. Rakesh. On the same day they went and met the MLA, Mr. Rakesh and he went through the application and women also interacted with him. After seeing the courage and enthusiasm of the women, the MLA immediately sanctioned 1300 meter road repair work. The work was completed on 12-12-2015. The women of that village were present there to monitor the repair work of the road. Finally the village people especially the women appreciated the animator Mrs. Kushbu for motivating and helping them to get a good road. Villages are thankful to ACDSSS and the donor agency for making them bold and active through this project. The women have realized the unity and strength that they have and feel very proud and happy.

**"I raise up my voice not so I can shout,
but so that those without a voice can be heard...
we cannot succeed when half of us are held back"**

—Malala Yousafzai



Training on SHG management



Training on Panchayati Raj



Training on Gender for women of target areas



Training on Education committee



Training on SHG documentation for staff



Training on SHG documentation for SHG women



Training on Leadership for SHG women

EMPOWERMENT OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS- SAKHI

ACDSSS has been organizing and promoting the empowerment of these focus groups through different ways and means. The first and foremost task in this direction is formation of groups in order to pool the collective energy. From time to time, these groups are sensitized and capacitated on the issues of health, education, responsibility for their villages and access to government programs.



Exposure visit to Mahila Thana



Exposure visit to Post Office



Exposure visit to Self Help Group



Exposure visit to Bank

My Mom is a guiding light

I am Rajesh Kumari "I have two brothers and two sisters. I am the youngest in the family. I lost my father when I was in my mother's womb. My mother took lot of trouble to look after me. Though my mother could not afford to send me to school yet she took lot of trouble and sent me to school. My elder brother also was a great support to me and he never made me to feel that I have lost my father. He played dual role in my life as a father and brother.

I was also part of this project and was motivated to become Lawyer and serve the poor people in the village.

When I passed class 10th from HarDevi village School, I also joined in the Empowerment of Adolescent groups. I am a member of Payal Adolescent group and have gained lot of knowledge through meetings, trainings, events, programs, celebrations, exposures organized by ACDSSS to different places like police stations, banks, Post office, SHGs etc. I leaned many things through these projects activities.



Activities of ACDSSS motivated me to study further and realized me to do something in life. I was able to complete class 12th with the support of my mother and brother. I had the desire to do law studies but since my family economic condition was not good, I began to waver. But my mother was a great support and encouraged me and said, "My daughter if you want to do something grate in your life stand erect I am with you." That gave me once again a push for my dream. My mother stood with me in all my ups and downs of life and made me to take admission for Law studies in Griraj Maharaj College at Goverdhan Chowraha, Mathura in 2015. When I started going for the classes people of that village were looking at me differently and started talking about me all bad things. They did not like that I am attending collage, but my mother had complete confidence in me. She made me to understand and said not to listen what people speak. My mother was guiding light to me. I also shared this with the staff of ACDSSS and they provided me timely guidance and encouraged me to go further in life. Now I am doing my Law studies with every one's help and guidance and I feel very proud that I will be very soon completing my law studies and through this I will be able to help the poor and marginalized. I am grateful to my mother and the organization (ACDSSS) for showing me the right path.

A girl child brings Joy, she is not less than a boy"

My name is Miss Laxmi Kumari and my family lives at Hayatpur village, Mathura district. I have one sister and a brother. I am the youngest in the family. My sister Mrs. Geeta Devi got married in the year 2008. Her husband was working in the transport company Delhi. They had two children one boy and a girl. After few years my brother in-law started troubling her and beat her mercilessly because he loved another girl and he wanted to get rid of my sister. It was unbearable for my sister, so she left her husband's house and came to our house at Hayatpur. By seeing the condition of my sister I was very much troubled. I have attended several meetings in the adolescent girls groups and gained lot of knowledge on different issues of life. The animators very often have explained about the right to property and if a man is married and having wife he cannot have another one. If a man keeps another woman the first wife can file a FIR and if the FIR is 100% real then he even has to go to jail. Whatever information I got during meetings and trainings, I shared it at home with my sister and brother. My sister, brother and I went to police station and filed a FIR against My sisters' husband Mr. Kishan Singh Thakur. The case went on for three months. Mr. Kishan Singh sensed that he has to go to jail and there is no other alternative. So he begged pardon in front of all and promised her that he will not trouble her anymore and will keep her happy as before. Mrs. Geeta Devi pardoned him and compromised with the case and happily went back with her husband to Delhi where he was working. Mrs. Geeta Devi stayed 4 months happily with her husband and after that he again began to fight and beat her unnecessarily. So Mrs. Geeta Devi once again got fed up with it and took her children and came back to our house. Mrs. Geeta's husband wanted to keep the children with him and asked her to give divorce which she refused. Once again the FIR was submitted to police station. The case went on for so many months. Now the court has asked him to pay the amount every month for the education of children and for the expenses of his wife. Mrs. Geeta is satisfied because she won the case and she is away from all the troubles and beatings. Now her children are also studying in a good school.



ADOLESCENT GIRLS EMPOWERED THROUGH DIFFERENT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Vocational Skill Development Programmes			
No.	Training Name	No. of Batch	Participants
1.	Computer Education	2	35
2.	Cooking	1	15
3.	Beautician	1	29
4.	Fashion Designing	1	18
4.	Tailoring center	29	641 Adolescent girls & 90 women (60 girls and women started tailoring work at home and earn Rs. 80 to 120 /- per day.)



Computer center



Fashion designe center



Stitching and Embroidery center



Mehadhi work

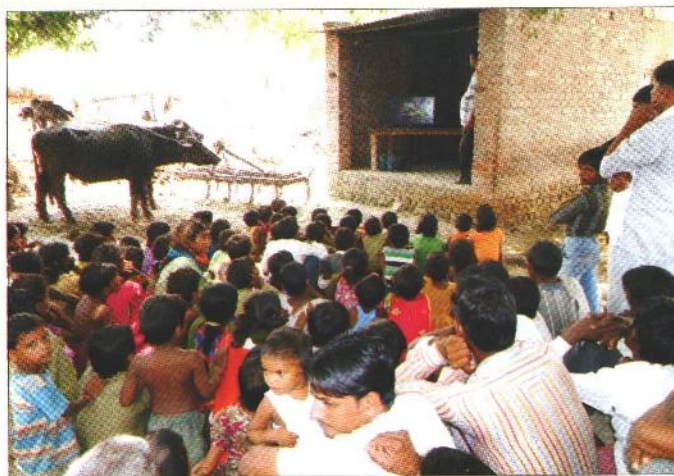


After the training 5 women from Akabarpur village took an order from the school and stitched school uniform and earned Rs. 14,000/- in the month of September 2015.

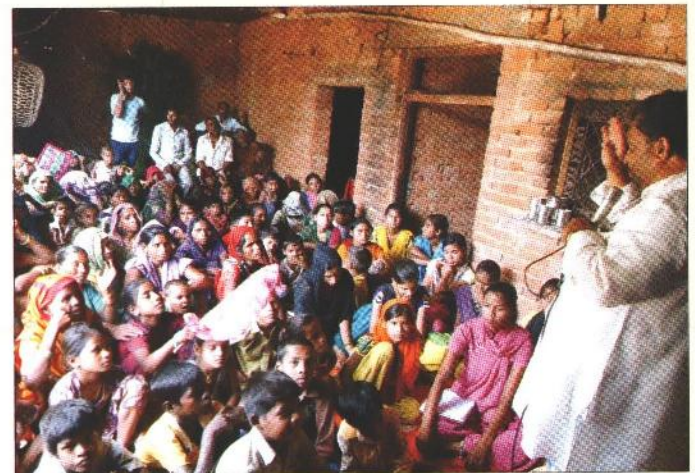
AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



Awareness through Rally



Awareness on Gender Equality



Awareness on Legal Literacy



Awareness through Street Play



Awareness on Health through Video Show

Street play & Trainings on various topics like importance of Education, Abortion, Women Empowerment, Dowry, Child Marriage, Government Schemes, Alcoholism, Self Help Group, Environment etc. were organized.

ELIMINATING CHILD LABOUR



Rally Against Child Labour



Meeting with loom agent



Training for child Labour children's parents



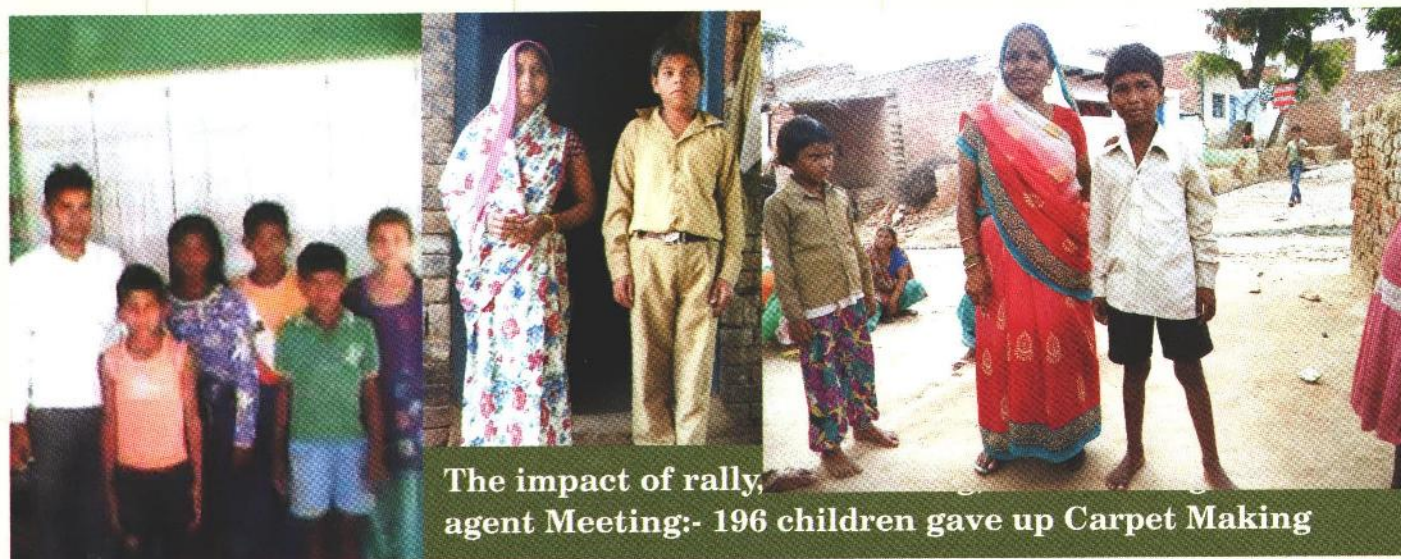
PTA Meeting

GAVE UP CARPET MAKING AND STARTED INCOME GENERATING PROGRAMME

Mr. Mukesh lives in Jhilara village, Fatehabad Block, Agra. He is married and having 6 children. He worked as daily labourer in small carpet making industry in his village itself. He earned daily Rs. 150/- and it was insufficient to look after his family. In 2012 SHGs were formed under the Child Labour Project namely Bhole Baba Self Help Group. Mr. Mukesh used to attend trainings regularly and see the functioning of SHGs. He also saw SHG members during the meetings taking loans for different purposes such as agricultural work, petty shops, education, sickness, debt payments, marriages etc.



Whenever he attended SHG trainings he was thinking that he could be part of SHG but he was not able to save money. He thought over and requested the Baba SHG members to make him part of their SHG. The members asked him to come during the meeting and put a request before all the members. Later he attended SHG meeting and requested to be part of it. All the SHG members received him gladly and explained to him all the rules and regulations. He agreed upon to follow all the rules and regulations and on 11th September 2012 he finally became the member of Bhole Baba SHG. He was very regular for meetings and monthly savings. He realized that working at loom is not enough to maintain his family. On 11th July 2015 during the SHG meeting he put forth a loan request of Rs. 10,000/-. The SHG members discussed and came to conclusion that loan should be granted. So he got the loan and very next day purchased all the general items like sugar, oil, dal, rice and other eatable items and started a petty shop. Now he earns Rs. 280/- to 300/- per day. He has left his loom work and devoting his time for selling the things in the shop. He is also paying back his loan to SHG. He and his family members are now feeling relieved of tension and are happy that through the intervention of ACDSSS, he was shown the right path. He is ever grateful to donor agency and the implementing agency.



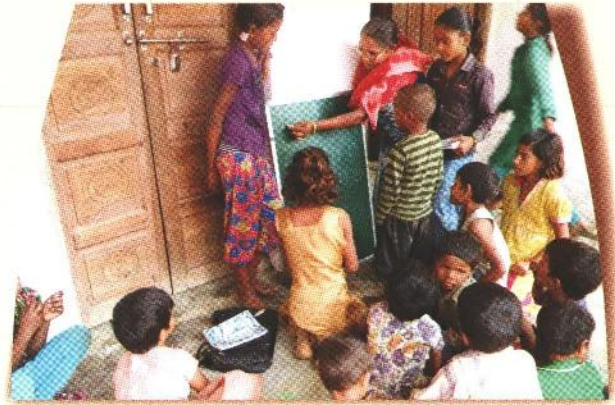
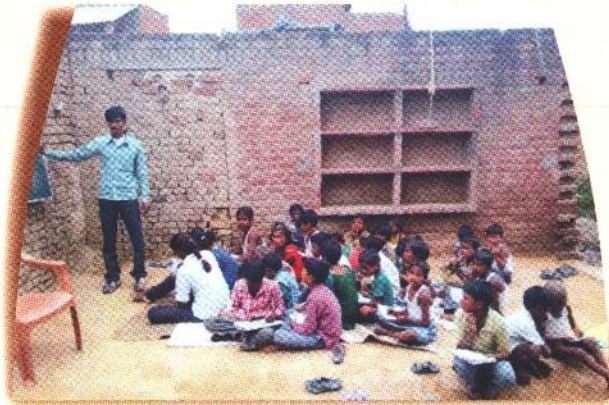
The impact of rally, agent Meeting:- 196 children gave up Carpet Making

EDUCATION

Education encompasses our lives. It is the foundation of our society. Education helps to stimulate our minds and mold inquisitive minds into intellectuals. Higher learning takes the intellect to the next level, providing deeper understanding of the world around us.

The goal of education is to form intelligent and truly characted people. The root of education is bitter but the fruit is sweet. The person who is educated is the one who has learned how to bring changes with in him and around him.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Education is not preparation for life, but it is life itself. The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.



1866 children & 254 adults are studying at 95 Non Formal Education Centre at different project areas



180

adults are learning
their signature & write name.

74

adults have learnt
to write their name
and signature.



Books and warm cloths distributions in schools with the help of animators

SELF HELP GROUP

Total SHGs 167

Women 1913

Men 298

Total Member 2211

Total Savings 22,60,119=00



S.N.	Group	No. of Groups	Total Members
1.	Mahila Mandal	99	1460
2.	Bal Mandal	95	1467
3.	Adolescent Girls Groups	71	1503
4.	Vikas Samiti	70	914
5.	Child Marriage Committee	2	57
6.	DPO Group	33	490
7.	Village monitoring committee	12	60



Meeting with Bal Mandal children



Meeting with Mahila Mandal membrs



Vikas Samiti meeting



Village monitoring committee

**INCOME GENERATING PROGRAMME
THROUGH INTER-LOANING IN SHGs**



Dairy Milk



Auto Purchase



Chain Work



Bracelet work



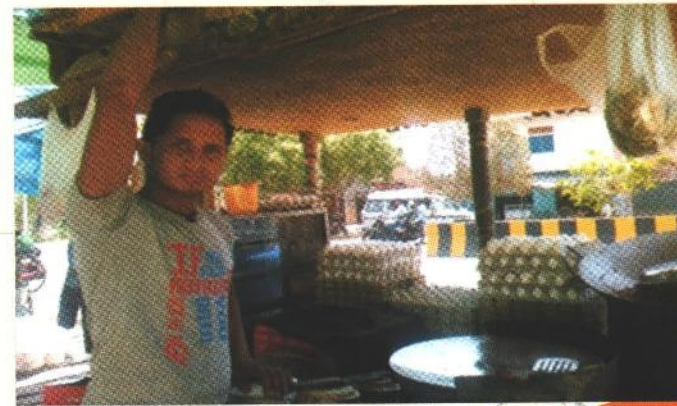
Petty shop



Bangle work



Sales Man work



Egg shop

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

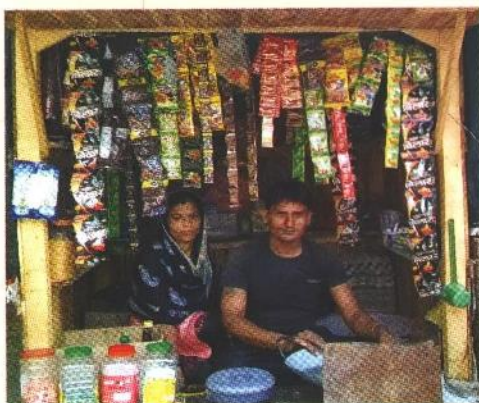
Mrs. Chanda Devi belongs to Jagrajpur village under Fathehabad Block. She lost her husband two years back, on whom she was dependent. Since her husband was daily labourer, her family was very poor and the money was insufficient to feed 6 children. She came to know about the SHGs that began in their village under Child Labour Project. She collected all information from ACDSSS animator Miss Arati and joined Jay Bhole Baba SHG on 15th Jan.2015. This SHG consisted of 13 members and was functioning well. They do inter loaning and members find relieved whenever they are in need of money. The members do take money according to their needs for sickness, marriages, agriculture, petty shops, education and other purposes.

Mrs Chanda Devi wanted to start a business in order to support herself and her family. After giving a thought finally she decided to start bangle business. During the SHG monthly meeting on 15th December 2015, she requested to

grant her loan of Rs. 3000/-. By seeing her condition the SHG members granted her the said amount. As soon as she got the amount she bought different kinds of glass bangles and put up the petty shop where she sells the bangles every day and earns Rs.200/- per day. She has also paid back Rs. 1500/- to SHG members. Now she is very happy with her business and thankful to ACDSSS for showing her way to live. Mrs. Devi feels that she was in darkness now she is in light.



STRONG SUPPORT FOR MY FAMILY



Mr. Rakesh belongs to Pachagai village, Baroli Ahir block and was married to Sapana in the year 2011. After one year the parents of Mr. Rakesh asked them to stay in a separate house. When they started to stay in a separate house, they had nothing with them and their condition was very bad. Mr. Rakesh was a daily labourer and the work was not regular. They had a baby girl and it was very difficult to run the house hold affairs. Mrs. Rinki the animator of ACDSSS, while doing the survey under the Women empowerment project came in contact with Mrs. Sapana and learned her situation. The animator then guided her to join the Self Help Group so that she can have the support of the group. She was convinced and wanted to be the member of SHG. She explained to

her husband and requested him to give permission to be the member of SHG. He refused and discouraged her saying there is no benefit and it is waste of time and at the end she will not get her money back. Mrs. Sapana was in confusion stage and did not know where to go about. When Mr. Vivek the coordinator and animator came to know that Sapana's husband was not allowing her to take part in SHG, they both went and met Mr. Rakesh and explained to him about SHG and its benefits. The frequent visits to Mr. Rakesh house made him to change his mind and allowed Sapana to be part of SHG. Sapana was very happy and gladly joined the SHG on 12th January 2015 and attended the SHG meeting and understood all the rules and regulations and how to avail the loan from SHG and also paid monthly Rs.100/- as saving. On 12th April 2015 during the meeting Mrs. Sapana made a request for loan of Rs. 3000/- to open snacks shop and her request was granted. She was very happy that she could avail the money within a short time. She opened petty shop and began to sell chawmin, patties, egg, bread and other eatables.

Now she earns Rs. 200/- per day after taking all the expenses. It has helped to minimize the problems of life. She not only got motivated but also motivates other women to be part of SHG. She also has repaid the loan to SHG. Mrs. Sapana and her husband are very happy and grateful to Organization and the Donor agency for helping them to improve their life condition and showing them the right path on right time through the formation of SHG.

"NOTHING WILL WORK UNLESS YOU DO"

- Maya Angelou

Mrs. Vimala Devi belongs to Savai village in Etmadpur block. Her economic condition was very poor. Her husband worked as a daily labourer and that too was not regular. She has four children 2 boys and 2 girls and they are studying in government school. Mrs. Vimala found very difficult to maintain her family. She used to admire those who are in the SHGs and their activities. Because of her poverty she was not able to join self help group. Animator Mrs. Kamelsh Devi used to motivate her every time and made her to understand the benefits of SHG. The animator also gave suggestions to save every day Rs. 5/-.



Mrs. Vimala gave a serious thought on what the animator had said and began to do exactly what was said. Finally Mrs. Vimala became part of the SHG on 5th May 2013. She was regular in paying her saving every month. Later on she along with her husband decided to do a small business on ready-made garments since her husband was a daily labourer and had no regular work. The idea was very much fitting for them but now the problem was money. So Mrs. Vimala assured her husband that she could avail loan from the SHG. The group organizes meeting on 13th of every month. 13th November 2015 the SHG members had their usual group meeting. Mrs. Vimala put forth her request for the loan of Rs. 15000/-. All the SHG members gave a thought to it and found the case was very genuine and granted her the amount. She and her husband were very happy to receive the amount. The very next day Mrs. Vimala and her husband went to whole sell market and purchased ready-made garments of small children. Mrs. Vimala's husband every day goes to nearby villages on the bicycle and sells the items. She earns Rs.3000/- per month and it helps them to maintain the family. She has been paying back her installments to self help group regularly. Now the family members are happy and living with dignity. She and her family members are very grateful to ACDSSS and donor agency for showing her right path through formation of SHG.

"A woman with voice is a strong woman"

-Melinda Gates

Sr. No.	No. of Productive Loan given	Purpose
1-	287	Petty Shop
2-	162	Agriculture
3-	211	Education
4-	118	Others (Milk Business, Sale of Bangles & Cloths, Chain work, Stitching work, Goat Rearing)

STRENGTH AND UNITY OF WOMEN



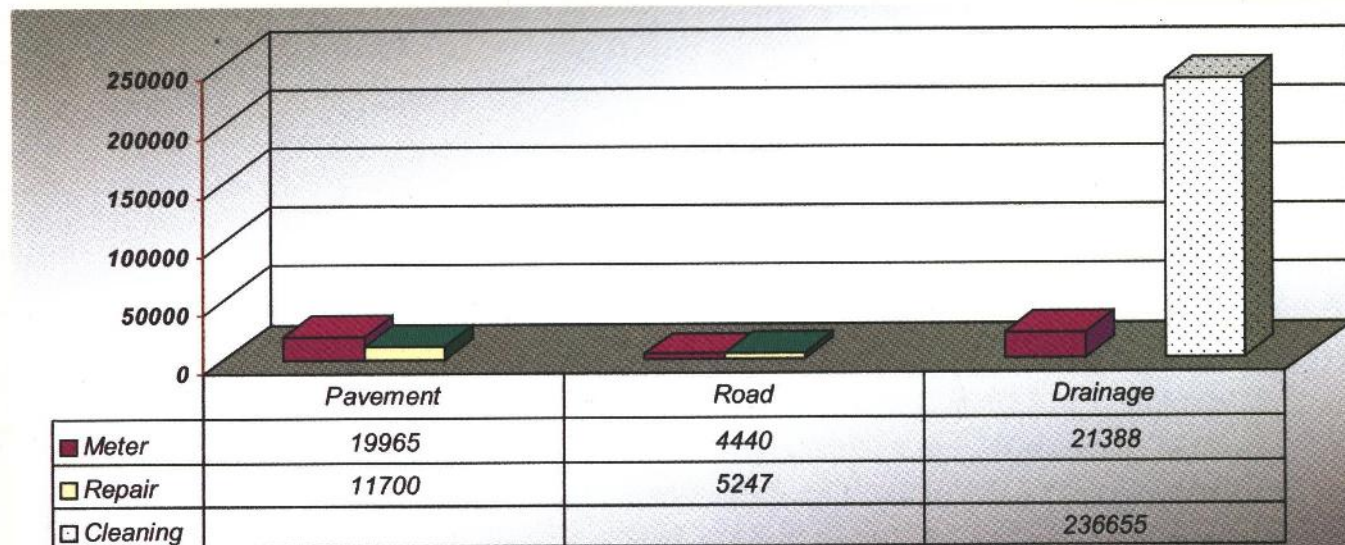
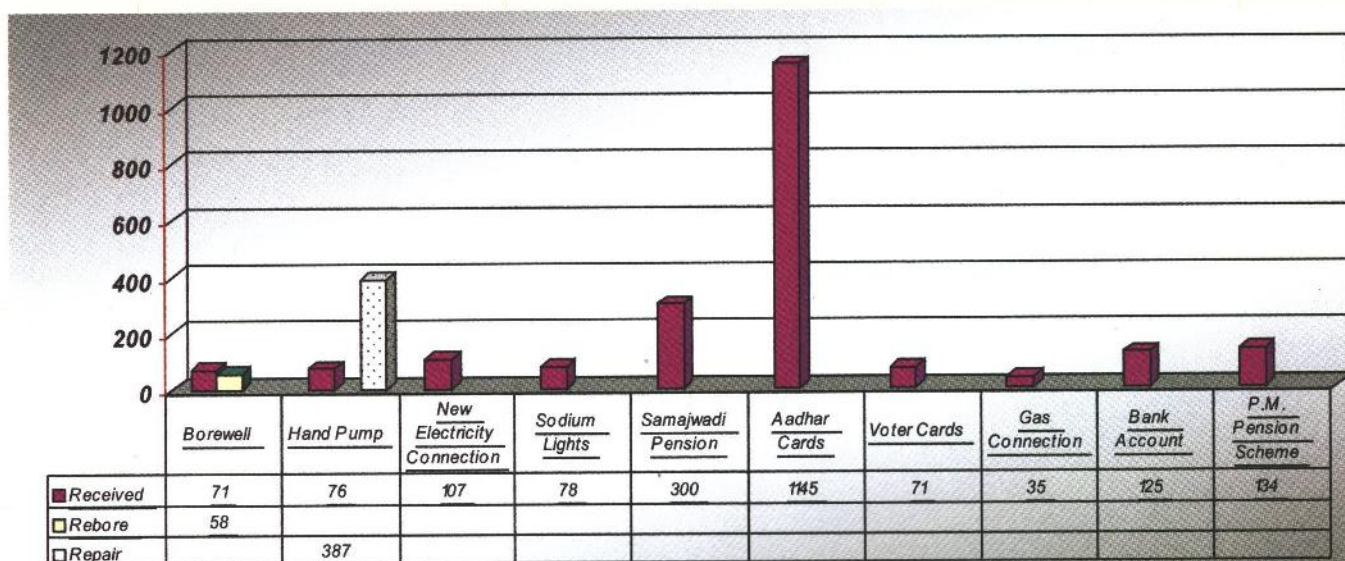
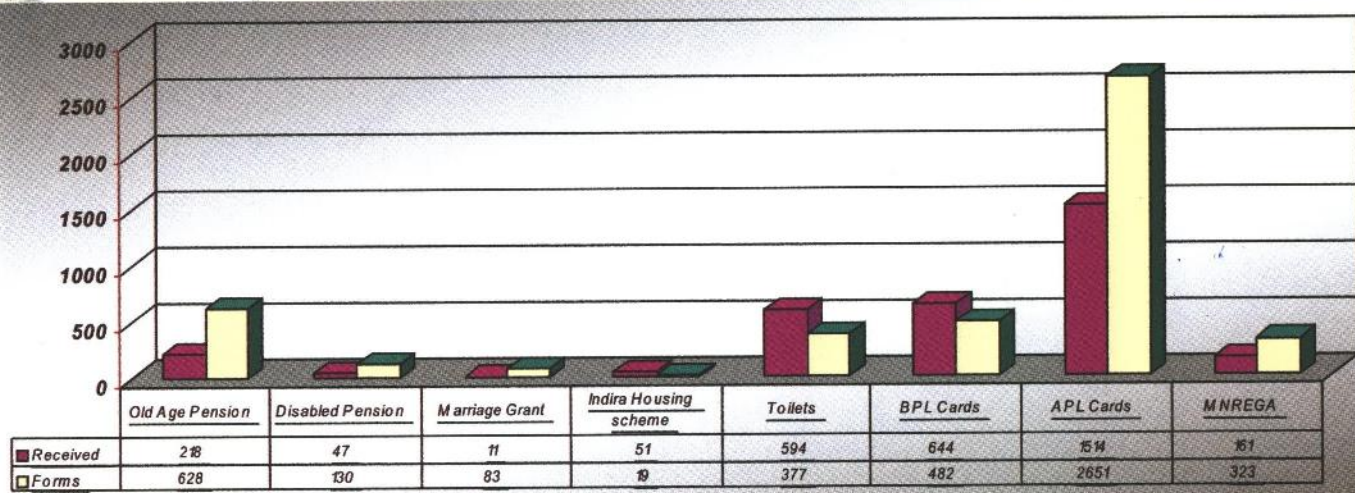
Mahila Mandal of Parvati Vihar slum consist of 18 members and are regular in conducting monthly meetings. Mrs. Bhagawan Devi the animator helps them in conducting the meetings and discusses different issues during the meeting such as health, immunization, gender, child marriage, female feticide and other development issues of the slum. Mahila Mandal women have become aware of health and hygiene and understand the importance of health. This Parvati Vihar slum has neither proper drain system nor road and all the waste water used to get collected on the road and many children were getting affected by that dirty water. People were suffering due to this but no one wanted to take the responsibility to clean or

to approach ward members of that slum. So on 18th November 2015 Mahila Mandal members had a meeting and discussed the matter. The Health Worker suggested them that all the women will get together and meet Mr. Karmvir Bharati the ward member. All the women agreed upon and the same day, 7 women along with Health worker went and met Mr. Karmvir Bharati. The women orally explained to him the exact problem of the slum but he did not listen to them and sent them away. Women came back but did not give up their hope. On 3rd December 2015 they went and met MLA Mr. Dr. Dharmapal, he with respect and regards for women asked them to sit and took note of their problem carefully. He then promised them that within a month pavement and drain will be constructed. As he had promised the work began and on 15th February 2016 construction of 200 meter pavement and 300 meter drains were completed. Now the slum people are very happy to see the strength and unity of women. Women of Mahila Mandal are very grateful for motivating them to take bold step for the development of their own slum. They feel very lucky to have such an implementing agency and also the Donor agency that constantly support them to be empowered and encouraged them.

“It took me quite a long time to develop a voice,
and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent.”

—Madeleine Albright

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION



TRAINING PROGRAMMES AT FIELD & CENTRAL



Distribution of Disability Certificate



Training on Herbal Medicine



Training on Gender



Training on Panchayati Raj



Training on Skills Development



Training on Legal Awareness



NFE Teacher's Training



Training on SHG Management & Documentation



Training on Food and Flag



Training on Rehabilitation of CBR children



Training on Gender Equality



Training on Resource Mobilization for SHG Members



Training on Children's Parliament & Management



Training on General Health issues



Training on Legal Literacy and Legal Aids



Training on Capacity Building for staff

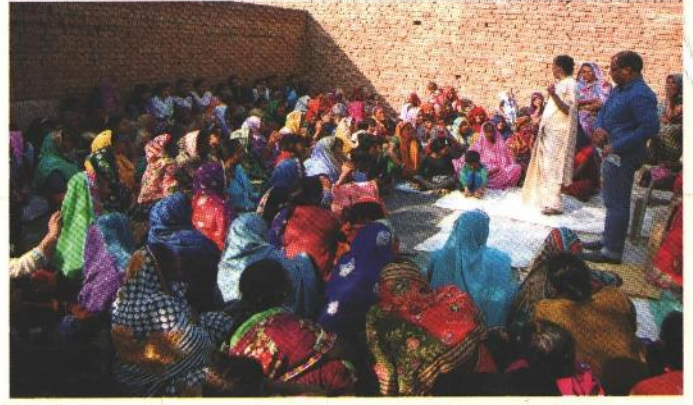
MONITORING & EVALUATION



Monitoring visit made by the Director & office personnel



Quarterly Evaluation at Central



Exposure & learning visit made to ACDSSS by Deepti Ashram, New Delhi



Learning visit to ACDSSS by MSW Students of Don Bosco University, Guwahati



Training on Income Generation Programme

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



ENTITLEMENTS AND AWARENESS THROUGH VARIOUS CELEBRATIONS



ACDSSS celebrated International Women's day in six project areas. The following were the Chief Guest Smt. Bavita Sahu (S.P, Rural), Smt. Kushal Yadav (District Panchayat president, Agra), Smt. Priyanka (Pradhan, Etmadpur), Smt. Mamta Gupta (Ganjdundwara), Smt. Sunita Yadav (Block Pramukh, Baroli Ahir), Dr. Shobha & Dr. Mansi (Mathura) They empowered the women by their very presence in the programme as well as through their enlightening speeches. 5800 women participated and got empowered through rallies, skits, dances and other cultural programmes.

ADOLESCENT GIRLS DAY IN AGRA, KASGANJ AND MATHURA



WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT TEDIBAGIA AND ETHMADPUR



बुधवार, 02 दिसंबर 2015

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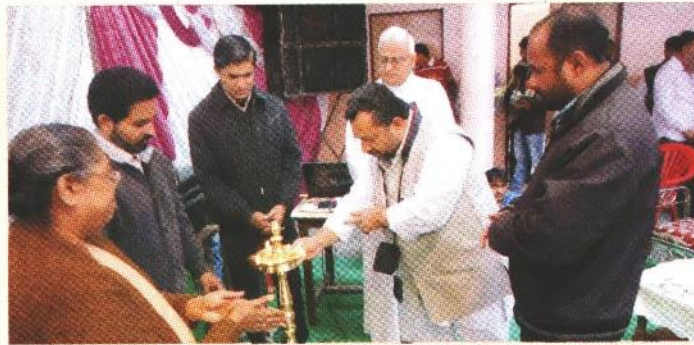
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रैली ने किया नगर का दमन

आगरा के थोलेक डायोसिस ने 2015 का विश्व एड्स दिवस (World AIDS Day) के अवसर पर नगर में एक रैली का आयोजन किया। रैली का शुभारंभ श्री विनायक भवन से मोहल्ला सतौली, कोरियाना, फाटकान, थाना, बीचपुरवियान, पत्थर गली, जैनगंज, तकिया चौराहा, पुरानी तहसील चौराहा, अम्बेडकर पार्क, हाईवे होते हुए एफ एच सेन्ट्रल कॉलेज पर रैली का समापन हुआ। रैली का संचालन डॉ. पंचशीत शर्मा व रमन चौहान ने किया। इस दौरान प्रमिला, एनीमेटर खुशबू, ममता, सर्वेश, इन्द्रवती, कमलेश देवी सहित एफएच कॉलेज के अनेक छात्र-छात्राओं व डॉक्टर उपस्थित थे।

WORLD DISABILITY DAY CELEBRATIONS

ACDSSS organized World Disability Day on 12th and 19th December 2015 at St. Felix Nursery School, Agra and St. Joseph Convent School, Bastar, Kasganj. 750 Children with disabilities participated from different project areas in which 75 of them participated in cultural programmes. Other school children like St. Francis School, St. Felix Nursery School, St. Joseph's School, St. Paul's Senior Secondary School, Agra, St. Joseph convent School, Bastar children, youth of Rosary Church, Bastar and teachers also encouraged and motivated differently abled children with skits and dances. Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'souza presided over the programme. Dr. V. R. Gutam (ACMO) of Agra District and Dr. Pawan Kumar (CHC, Shawar, Kasganj) were the chief guests of the functions along with many other prominent doctors.



INDEPENDENCE & REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



रैली निकाल शिक्षा के प्रति चेताव।

कल्पवृक्ष समाचार सेवा

फतेहाबाद। कैथोलिक दायीसस समाज सेवा संस्थान द्वारा संचालित बाल श्रमिक परियोजना के अंतर्गत मुख्यालय को गांव उद्घाटनी में स्कूल चले अधिवास रैली निकाली।

इस रैली के माध्यम से समस्त भारत-पिलाओं को अपने बच्चों को स्कूल भेजने का संदेश दिया। संस्था के लीगों ने ग्रामीणों से बच्चों के नजदीकी स्कूलों में एडमिशन कराने का आवाहन करते हुए बच्चों से मन लगाकर शिक्षा ग्रहण करने की बात कही। रैली में जय केचक पीएम सिंह, कच सिंह, प्रधानाधिका



स्कूल चले रैली में शामिल बच्चे व संस्था के लोग।

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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



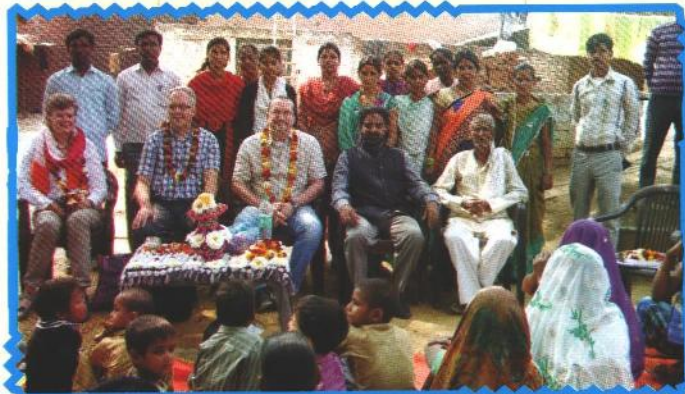
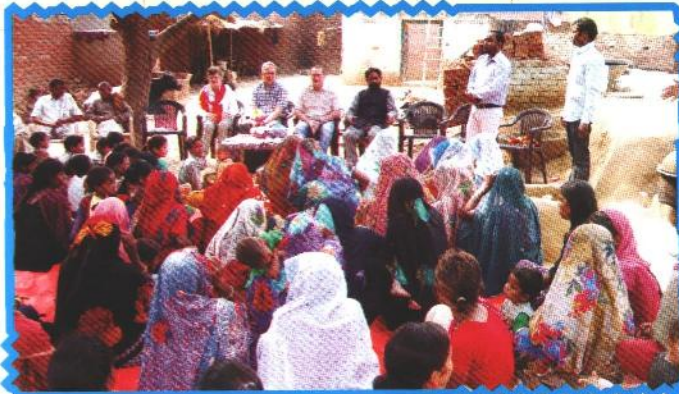
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



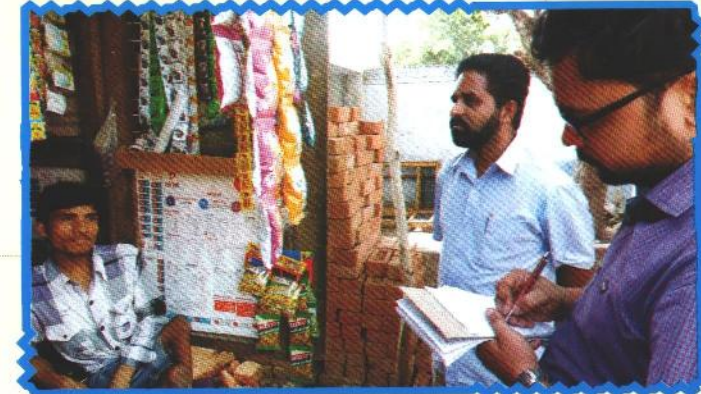
DONOR'S VISIT



Monitoring visit By Manos Unidas, Spain



Monitoring visit By Misereor, Germany



Monitoring visit By Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi

TRAININGS

S.L.	Training Programmes	No. of Trainings	No. of Participants
1.	Training on HIV/AIDS & T.B. for school children, SHG women and community people.	87	2683
2.	Training on Legal Awareness for staff and community.	2	120
3.	Trainings on First Aid for the staff & women of the project areas	3	57
4.	Training on Legal Awareness for staff, SHG members and community people.	44	1339
5.	Training on Re-productive Child Health (RCH) for staff, SHG members and community.	5	308
6.	Training on Sexually Transmission Infection (STI)/ Sexually Transmission Disease (STD) for community women	2	450
7.	Trainings on Income Generation Programme for SHG members.	6	336
8.	Training on child Rights Protection Committee for parents and children.	6	288
9.	Training on Gender for SHG members and adolescent girls and boys.	24	967
10.	Training on education committee for community members.	4	237
11.	Non formal Education (NFE) teachers training for staff	3	24
12.	Training on Bal Panchayat for children's group.	6	466
13.	Training on SHG Management & Documentation for SHG members.	19	1106
14.	Training on Panchayati Raj for Staff and community members.	5	123
15.	Training on health hazardous for women, adolescent girls and children.	73	1951
16.	Training on child Labour for the parents of child labour	2	82
17.	Training on leadership, self awareness and personality development for adolescent girls	6	144
18.	Training on Parental Care, Traditional health practices & Herbal Medicines for community members.	15	391
19.	Training on Inter personal conflict resolution and crisis intervention for Adolescent girls.	6	121
20.	Training on Leadership for the Adolescent girls group leaders on Social Analysis	6	311
21.	Disability training for the teachers of regular school on education for children with disabilities.	11	101
22.	Training on Capacity Building for the staff	1	5
23.	Training on leadership & their rights for Adolescent Girls	4	166
24.	Family planning sessions with newly married couples	4	115
25.	A triangular "Girl friendly session" for parents, teachers and Adolescent girls.	4	157
26.	Sensitization program for teachers on equitable learning opportunities	4	64
27.	Training on Property Rights for adolescent girls	6	180
28.	Life skill training on (Relationship with girls), Gender distinction (Biological and Psychological) & Behavior modification counseling sessions for boys.	12	354
29.	Training on "Food and Flag" for upgrading Adolescent girls on health condition.	3	86
30.	Kitchen Garden Training for adolescent girls.	1	20
31.	Training on Government Schemes for SHG and Mahila Mandal members.	3	182
Total		377	12,934

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS



Health Project, Anup Nagar, Mathura



Child Labour Project, Etmadpur, Agra



Health Project, Bastar, Kasganj



Health Project, Mirhachi, Etah



Child Labour Project, Fatehabad, Samshabad & Baroli Ahir, Agra



Sakhi Project, Baldev, Mathura

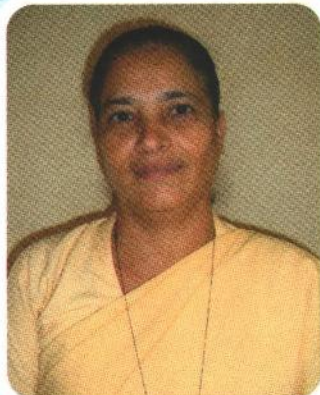


CHDP, Tedi Bagia, Agra

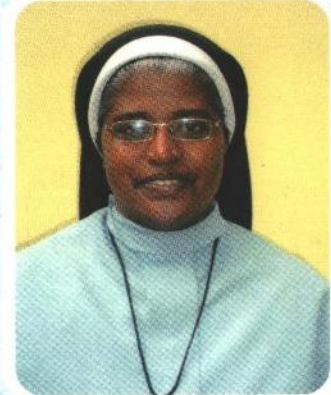


Women Empowerment Programme, Baroli Ahir, Agra

Thank You & Hearty Welcome



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