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SPARDHA

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ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR (2017-18)

During the year 2017-18, Society for People's Action and Rural Development in Himalayan Area (SPARDHA) continued with its activities under different categories like community development through formation and saving linkage of Self Help Groups, Livelihood improvement activities like motivation and capacity building of people for their livelihood, working for the protection and care of the children through CHILD HELP LINE etc.

PROMOTION OF BEE KEEPING:

Recent studies have shown that bee population is gradually decreasing and the trend is on for last few decades. If the trend continues, the day will not be very far when honey bees will the thing of the past. So against such backdrop, SPARDHA has decided to take on the challenge to save honey bees, though the activities are confined to the hilly region of Kumaun region only. Though SPARDHA came into



being with a vision to promote bee keeping in the region and has been engaged in bee keeping related activities for the last 1-2 decades.



One such project is being carried out with support from Integrated Livelihood Support Project (I.L.S.P.) of *Gramya Vikas Samiti* under *Gramya Vikas Vibhag*, Government of Uttarakhand. A common facility centre is being established and all the facilities related to bee keeping are being made available - bee boxes, equipments like queen cage, frames, queen

gate- bee colonies and even technical advice.

Under this project bee keeping groups have been formed and all the groups are being provided with bee boxes and other equipments along with bee colonies at subsidized rates. Gradually, people are getting motivated to adopt bee keeping they are now aware that bees are the best agent of cross pollination. Bees play an important role in crop yield enhancement due to good deal of cross pollination. In addition, honey bees provide honey that is known for its nutritional properties and have miraculous properties, as no other food product has. Under the project more than 500 people have been mobilized through groups and are upscaling the activities.

SELF HELP GROUPS:

With support from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) more than 175 SHGs have got credit linked and have availed credit of more than Rs 4 L. Now all these groups are self sustainable and are continuing their activities on their own. At present 100 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under new sanctioned project are being formed and saving linked in block- Salt of district Almora, Uttarakhand. Now they are availing banking facilities efficiently.

Self Help Groups (SHGs) have transformed the socio-economic scenario of the region. The members of the SHGs are able to avail banking facilities, which they were deprived of earlier.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:

As a partner Institute of National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business

Development (NIESBUD) for last 5-6 years, SPARDHA provided logistic support to NIESBUD in organizing the Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes based on Honey Processing, Food Processing, Food grain processing etc

During programmes the participants were motivated and made aware of different financial



schemes being implemented by different state government departments to take up entrepreneurship as career, so that job opportunities could be created, as unemployment has become a big problem.

CHILD HELP LINE-1098:

SPARDHA through Child Help Line, Salt has been engaged in activities for the protection of children. The project is being run by CHILD LINE India Foundation (CIF) with support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, government of India. It's a national emergency service working for 24 hours in more than 500 districts in the country. The objective of the help line is to



make child friendly atmosphere in the country so that they could develop to the mental and physical potential.

Number of outreach programmes, open house meetings, and workshops were organsied and other related activities were carried out during the year 2017-18.

• CLEANLINESS FORTNIGHT (Swachhata Pakhwara):

The first half of the month March 2018: from 1st March to 15th March 2018, was observed as

LOkPNrk i[kokM+k by CHILDLINE India Foundation (C.I.F.) in over 500 districts across the country, where CIF has made its presence through COLABs and Child Help Line Sub Centres. Number of activities were take up to make people aware about cleanliness especially children. The objective of observing first half of March 2018 as LOkPNrk i[kokM+k (Swachhata Pakhwara) was to give momentum to the CLEAN INDIA MISSION launched by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014.



SENSITISATION PROGRAMME ON "CHILD PROTECTION LAWS INCLUDING

CHILDTRAFFICKING": One day workshop was held at Machhor by CHILD HELP LINE, Salt, Almora on 24th March 2018. The objective of the workshop was to sensitise village heads, *Aganwadi* workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) about Child protection laws including Child trafficking and Identification, prevention and redressal of child abuse. As a matter of fact, these people are duty bound to work at ground level and



in their day to day routine work they come across many cases related to children, but due to ignorance about child protection laws, the cases just go unnoticed/unreported/unattended.

LAWS & CHILD TRAFFICKING": Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Salt organized a one day workshop on Child Protection Laws with special focus on Child Trafficking at SPARDHA's training centre, NTD, Almora, Uttarakhand on 22nd March 2018. The programme was attended by Revenue Sub Inspectors and Regular Police officers and constables, team members of Child Help Line sub



Centre Salt, Chaukhutiya and Collaborative Agency of Almora and workers of SPARDHA, the parent organisation of Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Salt. The objective of the programme was to make Revenue Police Sub Inspectors and Police officers and constables about child laws and sensitise them about child issues.

PARTICIPATION:

Besides, other activities were carried out all through the year like participation in different symposiums, workshops, meetings, training of trainers on SAFE CHILDHOOD organized by Uttarakhand Institute of Rural Development etc. and children related various activities like conducting forums for children in which the



learn to make power point presentations on different themes.

Headlines



बाल संरक्षण कानुनों की जानकारी दी



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