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The year 2018-19 has been full of activities for the society (*SPARDHA- Society for People's*

Action and Rural Development in Himalayan Area). The activities during the year were mainly concentrated around the welfare of community especially *Help Groups*. Around 30 Self Help Groups

National Bank for Development

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Bank (UGB) block- Sult of Self Help about a

economic the rural areas of life was earlier confident enough

facilities- cultivating the habit Society has been promoting

two decades. So during even bee keeping activities, and gradually becoming aware important role of honey

the existence of human The people are coming with receptive

and are adopting bee practice.

The society has concerned for the children, has always been one of its thematic always been addressing different child related issues

labour, child marriage and child education etc and its endeavor is

CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) under Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India . The Society also has an informal tie-up with *Lok*

Vigyan Kendra (L.V.K.), Almora, where young students are trained to make power point presentations and they are helped improve their articulation through power point



women folk through *Self* (SHGs), supported by Agriculture and Rural (NABARD), are in the getting credit linked *Uttarakhand Gramin* branch- Machhor in district Almora. The Groups have brought significant socio-Transformation in

the block. The women, whose

limited to a certain extent, have now become

and are coming forward to avail of the available banking of saving, meeting their credit needs etc. Moreover, the

bee keeping practice in the region for around

this year, it has accelerated its

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presentations based on different themes. Regular forums are conducted, in which discussions and presentations are held on different topics. The children are encouraged to think rationally rather than mugging up lessons.

During year 2018-19, the society has directly been engaged in different kinds of activities related to Children, as it has been working for the protection of children and their rights for the last three years through our Child Help Line, Sub Center, Machhor/Sult. Round the year different activities are done through this sub Centre like – organizing awareness programmes about child help line- 1098; conducting open house meetings with children, helping children who are in need of care and protection, coordination with different departments etc.



Besides, the Society has carried out a survey of the village- Billekh, in block Tarikhet of District- Almora, as the village has been facing the problem of water scarcity for quite some time. The economy of the village is dependent on vegetable farming. Their crop is mainly dependant on rain, if it doesn't rain in time; the crop is adversely affected and gets destroyed. In fact, the

region for drying up of *Naula* is the low ground water table due to deforestation and below average annual rainfall. The scarcity affects the life of women a lot, as its their responsibility to fetch water from long distances. They have to walk miles to reach the available source in the early hours of the day and have to perform other household responsibilities like collecting fodder from the jungle etc. They have to do back breaking work from dawn to dusk.

The detailed account of the activities done by the society during the year 2018-19 are as follows:



- **Workshop on Child Protection and Juvenile Justice Act:**

On 9th October 2018, a workshop was organized by Child Help Line- 1098 Sult under the banner of Society for People's Action and Rural Development in Himalayan Area (SPARDHA) for police officers, Police

personnel and *Gram Praharis*. The objective of the workshop was to

sensitize the participants about child protection laws, specifically **Juvenile Justice (J.J.) Act** and **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act**; as police play an important role in dealing with such issues. The key participants at the workshop were- 1) Inspector Dharamveer Solanki, Station House Officer (SHO), Police Station, Bhatrojkhana 2) Senior Sub Inspector Om Prakash Negi, Police Station, Bhatrojkhana 3) Senior Sub Inspector Rajiv Upreti, S.H.O. (In-Charge), Police Station, Bhikiyasain.



- **Workshop on Child Trafficking:**

On 12th of October a workshop was organized by SPARDHA-Child Help Line Sub Centre Sult for **Seema Suraksha Bal** (S.S.B.) officers and Jawans at Sector Headquarters, SSB, Almora.

The objective of the programme was to sensitize SSB officers and Jawans on “Child Trafficking”, so that they could enhance their understanding about the issue and could be able to deal with such in the right way. S.S.B. guards the Indo- Nepal and Indo- Bhutan border and many incidents of Trans-border human/child trafficking are reported

- **Workshop on Child Protection Laws**

A one-day sensitization programme on Child Protection Laws for Police officials, Revenue officials and *Gram Praharis* was organized on 14th October 2018 at Block office Hall, Sult, Almora. Among Participants were: Station House Officer (SHO) Mr Harish Prasad; Sub Inspector Mr Lalit Singh and Sub Inspector, Ms Neha Rana, Police Station, Sult and Revenue Sub Inspectors and Revenue Inspectors from Tehsil Sult. In addition, there were *Gram Praharis* swelling the total number to around 50.

The objective of the programme was to increase the understanding of these officials about child laws, so that they could be protected within the framework of the law in the right way.



The Resource person Mr Anjani Kumar started making power point presentation on Child

Laws with special focus on **Juvenile Justice (Protection and Care) Act 2015** followed by **Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)**.

- **Child Line Se Dosti Saptah**

(14th November – 20th November 2018)

Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Sult observed the week, 14th-20th November 2018, as “*Child Line Se Dosti Saptah*”. During the week different activities were carried out at different schools and other establishments of the area and children/ students, faculty members, officials from different departments and people from different walks of life were made to commit that from then onwards they had befriended with Child Help Line, Sult and they pledged (orally & in writing):



*“I would like to get associated with **CHILD HELP LINE** and will be part of its activities”. I.....commit to work towards protecting children by being a friend **CHILD HELP LINE.**”*

Written Commitment from People

Date:..... I would like to get associated with Child Help Line and will be part of its activities. Name:..... Mobile No:..... Address:..... Email:..... Signature:.....	I Commit to work towards protecting children by being a friend of CHILD HELP LINE . This means that I will: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will call 1098 when I see a child in distress. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spread the CHILD LINE message everywhere I go. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a train ticket, clothes, education books, medical tests etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financially support Child Line Activities. Date: 16.11.18 Signature:
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Programmes were organized at the following schools in the area, in which Child HELP LINE



team told them about the Role of CHILD HELP LINE in protecting children and creating a sense of security in them. They told that **CHILD HELP LINE- 1098** is the first toll free emergency service of the nation. The students and the faculty members of different schools were told that any child who is in need of protection and care or a concerned person, on behalf of the

child, can dial toll free **CHILD HELP LINE** number **1098** at any point of time of the day, and the help reaches the caller – victim within a time-frame of 24 hours from the moment the call was received by the **CHILD HELP LINE**.



Outreach Programmes:

Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Sult team is always making efforts to reach out to maximum number of children and people in every nook and corner of the block and in some cases it has conducted programmes beyond its regular working area, in close by block.

- An outreach programme was organized on 23rd August 2018 at Government Inter College, Binoli Estate, Kedar, Block- Bhikiyasain by CHILD HELP LINE, Sub Centre, Sult team. And they expressed their happiness over the presence of CHILD HELP LINE-1098 in their area and said that now they feel quite safe, as the help is quite handy.
- **On 18th of December 2018**, an outreach programme for **Accredited Social Health Activists**



was organized at **Primary Health Centre (PHC)**, Machhor (Sult). The objective was to expand the reach of the Child Help Line by making them aware about its presence in their own area. They were explained about the 24x7 hours emergency service of **Child Help Line-1098** under **Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)** of government of India. They were told that since they are working at grass root level, so they might



come across such distressed children who are in need of care and protection. So they were told that they should immediately inform Child Help Line by dialing toll free number **1098**.

- On 19th December 2018, an outreach programme was organized at Primary Health Centre (P.H.C.) by Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Sult team. There were about 27

Aganwadi workers present at the programme. The objective of the programme was to generate awareness amongst the *Aganwadi workers* about the nationwide emergency service of **Child Help Line-1098**. As *Aganwadi workers* deal with the public during their routine work,

- **AWARENESS THROUGH KIOSK/STALL:** On 21st December 2018, a kiosk was set up in the main market area of Machhor (Sult). The objective was to general awareness among general masses about Child Help Line-1098.



As organizational establishments and schools are often visited by the child help line team and outreach and open house programmes are organized, but general public is often left unaware; so the purpose was to catch the attention of common people at random.

- **OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR ACCREDITED SOCIAL HEALTH ACTIVISTS (ASHAs)**

On 18th of December 2018, an outreach programme for Accredited Social Health Activists was organized at Primary Health Centre (PHC), Machhor (Sult). The objective was to

expand the reach of the Child Help Line by making them aware about its presence in their own area.

- **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

On 26th January 2019, Republic Day was celebrated by Child Help Line, Sub Centre, Sult team at Machhor.

Children from nearby schools were invited by the child line team and a procession was taken through the main market of Machhor. Children and child help line team shouted slogans about Republic Day and Child Help Line-1098



PARTICIPATION:

SPARDHA participated in different workshops and seminars/meetings during the last three years. One such one-day Regional Summit on *Sharing Best Practices of Community Intervention and Leadership Development amongst Grassroots Workers* was organized on Friday, 31st of August 2018 at Tivoli Garden Resort (Empress Hall) Chhattarpur Mandir Marg, New Delhi by **Stop Trafficking and Oppression of Children and Women (STOP)**, meant to form a global alliance

