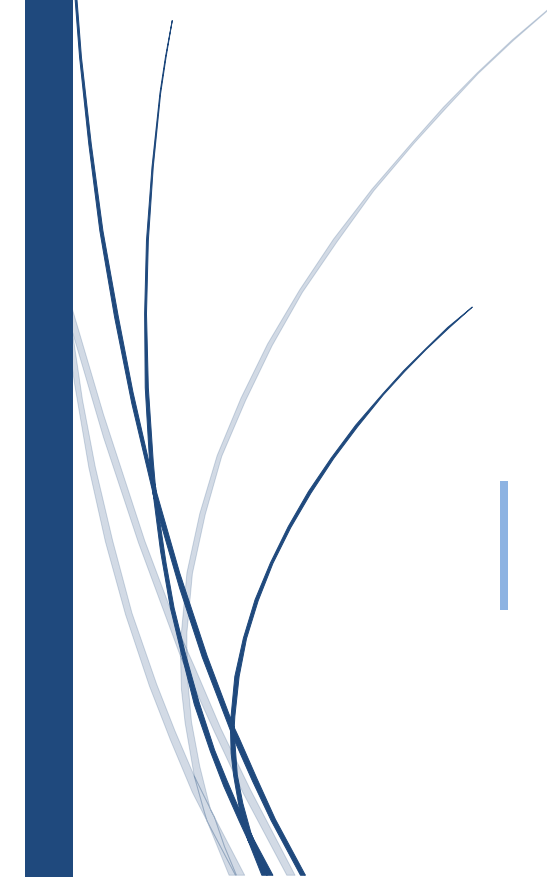




ACTIVITY REPORT

2017-18



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Ongoing Projects

1.Sustainable livelihood Enhancement in 14 border villages of Bishnah Block

Project Area: Bishnah 14 villages

Project Period: Jan 2018 to Dec 2020

The project aims to cater the needs of families living in the 14 border villages of Bishnah block. It is planned to facilitate the livelihood opportunities and overall development in the target areas through formation and capacity building of community-based organization (SHGs, farmer's club and youth group) on skill building, agriculture practices and health issues. The project main focus is to work on social inclusion services to the poor and low-income women by creating livelihood opportunities and skill building in collaboration with local governance and government departments. The project will ensure strong liasoning with specialists in the various fields of agriculture, extension personnel of Agriculture Universities, Development Departments and other related agencies for technical knowledge and inputs.

2.Promoting Sustainable Livelihood and Access to Rights and Entitlements in 20 border villages of Jammu District in J&K

Project Area: R.S. Pura & Mandal 20 villages

Project Period: Oct 2015 to Sept 2018

The project is working on the needs of 475 families living in the 20 villages of border areas in Jammu region. It aims to facilitate and promote the livelihood opportunities by strengthening the agriculture practices and evolving farming allied activities as an alternate source of income to the target families. It also deals with the promotion of multi stakeholder dialogue, institutional linkages for accessing rights, entitlements, government services, schemes and contributes towards effective grassroots governance. This project is going to end in September and so far, the results achieved been quite satisfactory. At present, we have 10 farmers club and 18 SHGs in the target villages including 435 families. These groups are strengthened and capacitated on agriculture and its allied activities to have better family income. The project enabled the farmers to grow and know their own potential that eventually turned them into progressive farmers who do not just follow the instructions or do farm practices but also see themselves as entrepreneurs. We have a group of 8 farmers who have gained technical expertise in the field of cash crops and organic manures are now work as a resource person in the target areas to enrich other farmers with their experiences and knowledge.

3. Strengthen local governance and promoting affirmative action in 10 villages

Project Area: Nagrota 10 villages

Project Period: July 2018 to June 2021

The project has just started in the month of July and it is going to work towards inclusive development through strengthening of community-based groups (SHGs), youth committees and halaqa panchayat members. The project will also facilitate lobbying with government, especially with the Panchayati raj institutions for increase participation in the decision-making process of the local self-governing body.

4. Inclusive development for the children and youngster with disability

Project Area: Mandal, Jammu & Bishnah

Project Period: Ongoing

The project aims to promote child's education and self-dependence through proper special schooling and vocational activities. If required, we also provide medical treatment for the child. We Sensitize families of the differently challenged persons, empower them to integrate them in a family and in the larger community and to make intervention for the normalization of the persons through home-based training making use of the ordinary articles and simple teaching aids. Moreover, their health is our top priority that is why we provide them proper medical care and therapies (Physiotherapy & Speech).

5. Women Empowerment through inclusive development in 20 villages of Akalpur.

Project Area: Akalpur 20 villages

Project Period: April 2016 to March 2019

The project aims at enhancing the social, economic, educational and health standards of people in the villages of Akalpur area. The project area consists of 20 villages of Marh and Kotbhalwal blocks of Jammu District in Jammu And Kashmir State. The project specific focus is on empowering women and also addressing the sanitation issues of the target villages. Various programmes of the project have brought together the socially backward community to work towards inclusive development. Capacity building trainings are promoting local leadership in PRI (Panchayat Raj Institutions) and village level government programmes like ASHA, AWW, GNM in block hospital, etc.

Village-based awareness programmes on health and social evils have enlightened the target community to stand together for their rights and entitlements. Decision making capacity of women have shown marked improvement by saying no to certain superstitious practices and medical consultation have improved for various ailments and women are becoming health conscious for themselves and for their families. Caste Discrimination is declining as many of the stake holders are becoming part of the social gatherings like marriages, last rites, etc.

6. Interim Proposal for programme development

Project Area: Nagrota, 15 villages

Project Period: Aug 2017 to Sept 2018

The above-mentioned proposal has been developed to bridge the gap of 14 months between two Misereor funded projects as they intend to merge two into one comprehensive project. We looked at several options for engagement during the interim period and came up with 15 villages in Nagrota block in Jammu district focusing on livelihood augmentation by involving communities and strengthening local governance to empower the socially excluded.

7. Post Flood Rehabilitation in Pulwama and Anantnag districts of Kashmir.

Project Area: Pulwama & Anantnag 10 villages

Project Period: Jan2015 to Dec2018

The project focuses on assessment by involving community and the Task Force in particular which includes vulnerability mapping, risk assessment and resource inventory development leading to early identification of signs of disaster, increased level preparedness and effective response to disasters, leading to mitigation of disaster. The project also aims to capacitate the Community Based Groups (CBG) by involving them in entrepreneurship development programmes and link them with concerned departments.

Achievements in 2017-18 (Thematic description)

1. Livelihood

- Well-functioning 35 farmers collectives in the target villages
- 15 Joint liability group (JLG groups)
- 85 training programmes conducted for farmers in (2017-18)
- Agriculture inputs (seeds, manures, small equipment's) given to 1852 farmers
- Initiated 15 compost pits in community in order to promote organic farming
- 35 women trained under chicken embroidery as a part of IGP activities.
- 24 women trained under mushroom pickle making
- 25 women trained under tie and die designing
- 105 women trained under food processing trainings
- 55 women farmers received seeds for kitchen gardening
- Conducted soil testing for farm fields of 55 farmers
- During the year, PRAGATI SHG conducted 5 Exhibition cum sale of cushions at SKUAST, CARMEL CONVENT, RAMADA HOTEL, RED CROSS MELA AND KALA KENDRA in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, R.S. Pura. Altogether more than 500 cushions were sold and women received good amount of profit
- **Skill development programme for youth**
- 80 girls trained under cutting & tailoring
- 36 girls trained under beauty culture

2. Microcredit

- Well established 279 SHGs
- 4 federation are in place including 75 individual SHGs as members
- Leadership training programmes given to 1450 members
- 1050 members capacitated on account & thrift management
- 35 members capacitated to keep federation accounts
- 885 members capacitated on life skills.

3. Inclusive development of People with Disability

- 2 Awareness Programs for persons with disability and their parents
- 3 Medical camps at St. John's Rehabilitation Centre in collaboration with Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu.
- 34 Student are supported in institutional ADL training and therapy at Mandal and SAHARA school.
- 31 children are supported through community-based rehabilitation at Bishnah, Mandal and other parts of Jammu.
- 15 students have achieved secondary education
- 3 Students have achieved higher education
- 44 children undergo physiotherapy and speech therapy
- 62 children were given nutrition support

- 8 Special students were given assistive devices
- Sewing machine were also given to deserved ones as a part of vocational activity

4. Rights & Entitlements

- Organised 18 meetings in 15 villages in Nagrota area where 1021 persons including the PRI members participated. Issues for deliberations included, increased participation in the Gram Sabha, dissemination of information on the available schemes for the villages and promoting fair selection of beneficiaries.
- 25 Sensitization cum awareness camps on Right to Information and Public Service Guarantee act were conducted with the participation of 735 members in R.S. Pura and Nagrota area.
- R.S. Pura unit organized 4 trainings on PRI in which 102 persons including ex- panchayats members participated.
- 12 awareness programmes were organized in R.S. Pura for the benefit of rural women for their access to government schemes and linkages with institutions
- With the help of CBOs facilitation 98 women themselves enrolled under Jan Dhan Yojna
- More than 100 farmers registered under Kisan Credit Card and received loans.
- More than 100 LPG connections distributed under Ujjawala Yojna with the networking efforts of community leaders in Balachak Panchayat and now this comes under smoke free village.
- We facilitated our target families to get Aadhar card and PAN card that helps them to seek services from Bank and other government departments.
- As a step towards financial inclusion, 90% of SHGs are linked with the banks.

5. Community Health

- St. Joseph Hospital has started one new service Pulmonary Function Test (PFT).
- Hospital conducted 6 Medical camps at the hospital and peripheral areas.
- 6 School health awareness and training were organized in Akalpur and Nowshera units through which we reached out to 2503 students of government as well as private schools
- Dental health checkup and screening camps organized at the hospital itself.
- Immunization programme at the hospital catered to 215 children
- 1120 women received training and awareness on health and hygiene

6. Disaster Risk Reduction

- 40 community-based groups consisting of 1250 members.
- 10 village monitoring teams are formed and 87 are capacitated to respond to disaster situations.
- 52 Asha and I.C.D.S workers were given refresher course on disaster mitigation
- 100 youths were trained on First Aid and Early Warning System and Search and Rescue under village volunteers DRR team
- 415 community members gained knowledge on preparedness and mitigation
- 361 students and teachers gained knowledge on preparedness through mock drills
- 116 community volunteers (DMT) registered with SDRF and civil defense and DDMA
- 9 mock drill conducted by Village volunteers DRR team in all the target villages.

- 100 members from farmers and fisheries club were capacitated on disaster mitigation practices through exposure visit and 27 farmers were given training on crop development and climate change
- 380 people were given awareness on DRR in –villages
- 650 women and adolescents in 10 villages including children were given awareness on mother and child health and precautionary measures during disaster.
- Nearly 200 youth attended awareness on livelihoods, skill up-gradation were offered career counseling.
- Formed very good linkages with government departments and NGO partners
- **CBG's initiatives Under DRR programme**
- Renovation of community health center at Reshipora ullar
- conducted clearness drives at Ghottokuna
- Farmers addressing issues with KVK experts and agriculture dept
- Flood response by DMT during flood threat in 28 June
- DMT volunteers' sports events
- Plantation drive and health checkup of community and students with BDO Pompora

Recently Concluded Projects

1. Promotion of Self - help group and Economic Development in 15 villages of Nowshera Block

Project Period: Jan 2015 to Dec 2017

Supported By: MANOS UNIDAS

2. Cross border peace building initiative among the young citizens of India and Pakistan

Project Area: 15 schools of Jammu & Srinagar

Project Period: Aug17 to March 18

Supported By: CARITAS INDIA

3. Support My School Programme

Project Area: 6 schools of Jammu region

Project Period: June 2016 to June 2018