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Developmental Association for Human Advancement-DEHAT

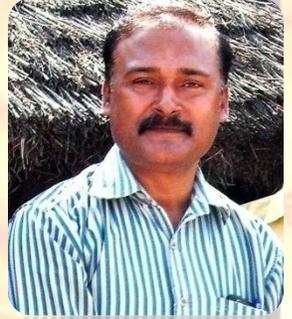
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From the Chief Executive's Desk



The Annual Report for the Action Year 2012-13 is another stepping stone towards the achievement of the goal for a just, empowered & egalitarian society, especially the women and children section. I am pleased and honored on the occasion of publishing the 13th Annual Report 2012-13 of our organization - Developmental Association for Human Advancement-‘DEHAT’.

DEHAT believes that sustainable development can only take place when the rural masses are mobilized to take active part in their own development. DEHAT also firmly believes that no society can hope for sustainable development unless its children are assured of their survival, protection and participation in the development process.

When we came into being, we were entirely unaware from the word NGO, but we had a motto to transform the picture of under privileged and deprived people into an improved and sagacious society. We were motivated for social work after seeing the badly harassed residents of Forest Villages of Bahraich, U.P. As the proofs reveal, they were accommodated by the Forest Department for the purpose of labour work in the interest of the department as ‘Begari’. They were allowed to live on forest land and grow the food-grains for survival, but they were deprived of having right to construct a concrete house and sale or purchase of their land. Their children were specially affected from the situation. Contrary to all the basic rights offered by the Constitution of Sovereign India, they were not even allowed to live like a human being and enjoy the facilities available in the environment. They were being treated as fourth grade citizen in their own land. Majority of the children were in capture of malnutrition and out-of school. The villagers could not apply for any Government job because they were not from Revenue village.

The regular monitoring of our work is strengthening the project work in the field. I am keenly observing all the activities for betterment of our work to reach our Vision. During the year we have got opportunity to get partnerships with two prestigious donors for our two dream projects i.e. Sustainable Community Development Project (SCDP) at Gauriganj Block in Amethi District sponsored by ACC, FASAL Project at Mihinpurwa of Bahraich District supported by SDTT, Mumbai.

Our achievements & progress rest on the level of commitment and dedication exhibited by activists and community volunteers who work with consistently for attainment of set goals and targets. We acknowledge with thanks and gratitude the valuable contribution of our donor agencies, support organizations, our bankers, and our social activists and last but not the least our target groups. We also expect their support and cooperation to strive in this field in our future development.

Dr. Jitendra Chaturvedi

Chief Executive

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Our acknowledgement will not be completed without thanking our staff & their family members, volunteers and community leaders.

Who we are..?

Background

Developmental Association for Human Advancement (DEHAT) was first established at the behest of some young people from Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh. Bahraich has been identified amongst 100 most backward districts of India by the Planning Commission.

DEHAT first started out as a school for 'Tharu' tribals and forest children. Ten years later, on 21st Aug'2000 it was registered under Society Registration Act 1860.

We firmly believe that no society can hope for sustainable development unless its children are assured of their survival, development, protection and participation in the development process.

In 1990, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) came into effect establishing a comprehensive set of rights for all children. We realize that this cannot be translated into reality in absence of focused intervention on capacity development linking child rights policy and practice.

Thus, Children remain the nucleus of all our work through which we aim at human advancement. A child is affected first and foremost by his immediate family and neighborhood situation. With this view, today DEHAT is involved in a multitude of community organization and development activities besides advocacy, awareness and rights struggle. Our intervention at policy making and/or influencing government is driven in the interests of the children particularly those coming from marginalized and oppressed sections of the society.

Vision

A child centered society in which all the children are enjoying all their rights.

Mission

To empower the deprived and under privileged sections of the society to promote people's initiatives towards the basic rights of the children.

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Some of the core rights based activities we do are:

Right to Survival

Facilitation of community initiatives for the strengthening of existing Govt. primary health care systems. We are also active in community education towards maternal, neo-natal and child health, epidemics control, nutritional

Right to Development

Establishment of alternative education centers for non-school and school Drop-outs especially for girls, running enrolment campaigns and promoting agricultural activities for ensuring food security for the family

Right to Protection

Formation of issue based Community Based Organizations like: Van Gram Adhikar Manch, Lok Adhikar Manch etc and the promotion of community efforts against human Trafficking, human rights violation, violence against women, violation of child rights (through the Childline-1098 24*7 service)

Right to Participation

Organization of Children Groups (Bal Adhikar Manch) and ensuring their participation in all community meetings.

Our Association and Networking

- White Ribbon Alliance-USA
- Association of Voluntary Agencies in Rural Development-AVARD, New Delhi
- SATHI-UP, Faizabad
- Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Action Network, Lucknow
- Quality Institutional Care & Alternative for Children-QIC&AC-UP, Lucknow\
- Guide Star India
- Tarai Action Group-Uttar Pradesh (TAG-UP)



The Awards to Organization & Chief Functionary:

The Manjunath Shanmugam Integrity Award-2009.

- The ‘**Manjunath Shanmugam National Integrity Award-2009**’ was given to “DEHAT” for its integrity, commitment and efforts against corruption by the Manjunath Shanmugam Trust (An International Organization of IIM Alumni) on dated: 13th June, 2009 at IIM-Bangalore. This award was presented by Ms. Aruna Roy- The Ramon Magsaysay Award winner and a well-known social activist. In this award, a citation and cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh is presented. The MST is an International IIM alumni initiative in memory of Manjunath Shanmugam-an alumnus of IIM-Lucknow and an Indian Oil Corporation officer, who was murdered while working against oil adulteration.

The India NGO Award-2010

- DEHAT is one among the four non-govt. organizations in the country, who are awarded with India NGO Award-2010 in a function organized on 5 August, 2011 at India Habitate Center, New Delhi. The Resource Alliance in association with the Rockefeller Foundation gives this prestigious award. India NGO Awards are the most coveted awards to honor NGOs adopting good standards and practices during implementation of their programmes. The organizations were shortlisted on the basis of highest standards of resource mobilization, accountability and transparency.

Global Award-2011

- **DEHAT** has been one among the five voluntary organizations (Water Aid UK, Ashi Naga-Japan, Head Strong- Ireland, Living Earth-Uganda and DEHAT from India) shortlisted at International level for Global Awards-2011. These organizations were shortlisted from the National winners of NGO Awards given by The Resource Alliance-UK.

Social Bravery Award-2012 (CID Gallantry Awards)

- On 11th March, 2012, Dr. Jitendra Chaturvedi-Founder and Chief Executive has awarded with gold medal of “**Social Bravery Award-2012**” by Bollywood under the banner of “SONY Entertainment Network” in Mumbai for his commendable work towards humanity.

The Projects

LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVES

Farmers Action for Sustainable Agro Based Livelihood “FASAL” (Supported by-SDTT, Mumbai)

Location: The area of the project is situated at Indo Nepal Border and covered by the dense forest. The distance of the area from state capital-Lucknow is 235 km., 105km. from district head quarter Bahraich and 45 km. from block head quarter Mihinpurwa .

Objectives

- ✚ To improve the livelihood condition of 600 marginal farmers and ensuring their food security.
- ✚ To bring positive changes in farming practices such as increase in productivity and conservation of natural resources.
- ✚ To ensure the access of marginal farmers to govt. livelihood programs through their mobilization and capacity building.

Major Activities

- ✚ Training of farmers on vegetable cultivation
- ✚ Demonstration of vegetable cultivation
- ✚ Demonstration of crop production
- ✚ Plantation of trees
- ✚ Demo of recycling of organic form waste
- ✚ Demo of bee keeping
- ✚ Training of farmers on mixed ginger and vegetable cultivation
- ✚ Mapping JFM potential in the area
- ✚ Demo of NADEP
- ✚ Demo of onion-bottlegourd though machan farming
- ✚ Training of leaders on group management and record keeping
- ✚ Training of federation leaders on leadership skill
- ✚ Workshop on MNREGA with govt. Staff, block level official, PRI members and Nari sangh
- ✚ Technical training for 11P planning
- ✚ Training of farmers on crop production



Achievements

- ✚ **Demo of Paddy- SRI:** Production is increased upto 40%. Record production (118 qu./hec.) have been recorded in paddy PRH -10 demo.

- ✚ **Demo of bee keeping:** 25 boxes for 25 selected farmers have been made and 100 frames of bees were also purchased.
- ✚ **Demo of vegetable production-Garlic:** 20 demos of 5 are area was done .Total yield was 85qt. This demo was a success to check wild animal to avoid damage to crops
- ✚ **Tree plantation of 10,000 plants:** Due to low germination of subabool, only 4150 plants have been planted around the field. On the other hands 20,000 plants are ready in the bamboo nursery beds.
- ✚ **Demo of crop production (Wheat-SWI) :** Total 33 demos have been conducted on 8.25 acre land. Farmers gained 25 to 50% more yield by this method.
- ✚ **Ginger mixed Bitter Gourd:** 25 demos were conducted in 2.5 acre land. Farmers gained extra profit by selling bitter gourd
- ✚ **Demo of bio-composting (Vermi compost, heap compost and NADEP) :**30 Vermi beds have been prepared by the project cost and later more than 200 beds were prepare as adoption.
- ✚ 30 Heap compost units were also prepared and 2 NADEP units have made



Story of Change-1

Increased Production of Paddy through SRI method

Pati Ram was a marginal but progressive farmer of Baajpur Bankati of Mihinpurwa block of Bahraich district. He has only 1.5 acre agricultural land. On that land he used to cultivate ginger as a spice cash crop. But due to poor production and low market rate he dropped ginger cultivation.

In the month of Feb.2012, under FASAL project, his villages adopted for advance agro based cultivation by DEHAT and formed farmers group named Aajivika Adhikar Samooh (A.A.S.) and Pati Ram became member of AAS-II. During monthly meeting of AAS project team started discussion on new and advance agricultural technique. In this process a demonstration given to Pati Ram, and he decided to grow bitter gourd on Machan technique and ginger crop under the Machan as mix crop.

After training at KVK Bahraich, Patiram was given 50 kg. of ginger seeds and fertilizers for demo. In 500 sq. meter of demo field he made temporary Machan after showing of ginger. On Machan plant of bitter gourd spread. Pat Ram started to yield the fruit of bitter gourd from the month of Oct.2012. He continuously gained bitter gourd for three month. He got total 4 qt.bitter gourd as a extra yield. He spent only 1896 Rs. from bitter gourd and gained Rs.8419 and the other hand the growth of main crop of ginger was spontaneous. He dug the ginger in Feb, 2013. His income from ginger was Rs. 6150 and the cost of production was only Rs.2906, thus he gained Rs. 14569.00 in 500 sq. meter plot.

In this way Pati Ram and other farmers of the village understood the importance of the mixed cropping in ginger through cultivation of bitter gourd on Machan technieue. To see the success of Machan cultivation Pati Ram adopted the same method in onion plot by growing bottle gourd on machan.

Skill Development Centre (Supported by CENTUM-WSI)

Location: Block Gauriganj, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

Objective-

To provide skilled based training to 1000 youths and provide hundred percent placement of desired candidates.



Activities

- ✚ Conduction of training classes for enrolled participants.
- ✚ Conduction of awareness campaigns for mass awareness.
- ✚ Registration of interested youths for training.
- ✚ Placement of trained and skilled youth in different companies and departments.

Achievements

- ✚ 350 students have been enrolled for the training.
- ✚ 326 Students have been trained on sales and BPO
- ✚ 155 trained and skilled youths have been placed in well reputed different companies like SERCO, BSNL, 108 Ambulance Services etc.

Uttar Pradesh Participatory Forest Management & Poverty Alleviation Programme

(Supported by: JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency))

Location: Renukoot Forest division of Sonbhadra

To save the forests and ensure the livelihood of the community residing in the forests depending on the forests for livelihoods, a project was initiated by DEHAT with the partnership of Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in February-2010.

We are working in 56 remote Tribal dominated villages of Duddhi, Wyndomganj and Myorepur forest Ranges of Renukoot Forest Division of most Nuxal (A violent terrorist movement) affected Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh.

DEHAT is leading and handholding four Partner NGOs in this project in 56 GPs of 3 Blocks of the District as NGO Support Organization (NSO).

Objective-

- To restore degraded forest and to augment forest resources.
- To secure sustainable forest management by improving forest administration, community organizations and other stakeholders.
- To conserve and better manage the wild life
- To improve the income of target forest dependents and their livelihood options.

Activities

- Consensus building exercise with villagers
- Orientation of PRI members on micro planning
- Identification of Forest Dependent Households for livelihood activities
- Identification of households for formation of FUGs (Forest User Groups)
- Formation and registration of Joint Forest Management Committees

Achievements

- 43 Joint Forest Management Committees has been Formed and registered under society registration act.
- Formed Self Help Groups, Total members 1022 (535 male and 487 female).
- 55 families engaged in Sericulture & average annual income (2 crops) is Rs. 10976.
- The contractor ship in the collection and selling of 'Tendu' leaves has been finished and now all the 'Tendupatta' laborers are getting actual price from UP Forest Corporation through Account Payee cheques.

- JFMC collected the 125 quintal forest Tulsi and sold in purchase camp of the forest department and got Rs. 156250 income. Previously, this aromatic herb was burnt by the forest department every year.
- Sales of 800 quintals of “Chiraunjee”.
- Training on IGP to 29 SHGs.
- Training of 269 JFMC members on JFM.
- 21 Health Camps.
- Repairing of hand pumps in 10 JFMCs.
- Repairing of link roads in 10 JFMCs.
- Solar lights in 7 villages.
- 12 Gram Panchayats have provisioned GS land for the construction of 12 JFMC offices.
- 5 FUG members donated their own lands for JFMC offices.
- 99 ha. Of forest land freed from encroachments and did plantations.

Career Counseling Programme

(A Joint venture of DEHAT and ACC Cement Ltd. Gauriganj, Amethi)

Location- 6 Villages of Gauriganj Block of Amethi district

Duration of the Programme-01st November-31st December-2012

Objectives

- ✚ To provide career counseling to 250 youths between the age group of 14-24 years.

Activities

- ✚ Rapport building activities in 6 project villages
- ✚ One day community mobilization cum participation registration camp at village level
- ✚ Cluster level camp for career counseling.

Achievements

- 270 Youths in respect to 250, were counseled for future planning.
- All the camps were inaugurated by Gram Pradhans.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

RGCEP (Rural Girl Child Education Program)

Location: 36 villages of Jamunaha block of Shrawasti district.

The Problem

Shrawasti is the most backward district and lowest in female literacy rate in India. The development block- Jamunaha taken under the initiative is the lowest one in the female literacy in the district.

The Effort

We have initiated 36 Learning Centers for 1336 never enrolled and drop-out girls with the shelter assistance of community. Each center is managed by the community through their CBO "BSAS (Balika Shiksha Adhikaar Samiti)" and operated through a woman Girl Child Right Worker selected locally. We provide them quality education to below 18 girls free of cost.

Objectives-

- ✚ To provide quality education to all the identified girls up to primary level by the end of project duration.
- ✚ To establish a positive attitude in the society of adopted villages towards the girl child education.
- ✚ To develop a perspective for higher education among the girls covered under the project.

Activities Regular classes of the children in our education centers using our fun based TLM

- ✚ Celebration of special days such as Children's day, Independence day, Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti
- ✚ Teaching the children a sanitation PT exercise.
- ✚ Selection of Child Teacher
- ✚ Regular games and fun activities for the children
- ✚ Quarterly Training programmes for all the teachers
- ✚ Conducting BSAS(Balika Shiksha Adhikar Samiti) AND Federation meetings on a monthly basis
- ✚ Celebrating Global Hand Washing Day, Iodine day
- ✚ Quarterly, Half Yearly and Annual assessment of girls



Category and class wise classification of the girls

Category	Total Girls enrolled(2012-13)					
	Class I	II	III	IV	V	Total
SC Girls	96	120	79	71	2	368
ST Girls	00	00	00	00	00	00
OBC Girls	72	112	219	54	6	463
Muslim Girls	188	202	104	86	05	585
General Girls	14	14	19	04	03	54
Total	370	448	421	215	16	1470

Achievements

- 17 girls children main streamed in govt. schools for higher education.
- 17 girls saved from child marriages/Gauna.
- 614 adolescents girls selected for SABLA Programme
- 174 adolescents' girls vaccinated by T.T.
- 640 girls have been selected as child teachers, (rotation basis) in our 40 learning centers.
- In 28 learning centers Bal Adhikar Manch has been formed.
- Our 40 Proactive (BSAS) CMC representative committees are involved in various processes like nomination of teachers for hiring, attendance monitoring and center management.

Story of Change-2

A mentally and physically challenged Phool Jahan defies all odds to score first class marks.

Phool Jahan, age 11 years, is a mentally and physically challenged girl who had never been to school. Ten months ago she enrolled in an IIMPACT-DEHAT learning center .Against all odds and to the disbelief of the villagers she managed to score first class marks in the half yearly exam.She is now a role model and a celebrity in her village and surrounding areas.



Story of Change-3 Story of Diffrently-Abled Ruby

Ruby is a handicap girl who unable to move herself. Her birth place is Banjaranpurwa which is nearby Bankati Learning Centre of Jamunaha block of Shrawasti. She is bright in reading in her childhood. Her mother Jhamman told the story of Ruby. "When she was only 5 years old, she suffered by fever and it was continue till month. We admitted him in Lucknow hospital but it was late. Ruby loosed her hands and legs movement".

Jhamman become very sad to see her in this potion. She worked hard with her daughter ruby. After a long practice now Ruby work all task with her hands but her legs are not in movement. Mrs. Tabassum Fatma is a teacher of Bankati & Ruby looked him daily when Fatma went their Learning Centre to teach the girls. One day Jhamman called to Tabassum and Tabassum went her home, she saw Ruby lay down and writing in her copy. Tabassum observed her interest in reading and writing but she could not come to Learning centre due to her legs. Now Tabassum Fatma taught to Ruby before coming centre and after going centre she gave home work to Ruby. Ruby is reading seriously and she say if she got wheel chair then she will come to the Learning centre and read with her peers. After three month later she received wheel chair with the help of organization. Now she continually attends the class at IIMPACT-DEHAT learning centre. This small effort gave a ray of light in her life.

CHILD-PROTECTION INITIATIVES

CHILDLINE-1098

An emergency 24 hours help-line for children in need and protection

Supported by: Childline India Foundation-Mumbai

Location: Bahraich District of Uttar Pradesh State in India

Objectives

- ✚ Facilitating rehabilitation of children all over India through a platform of networks amongst organizations throughout the country.
- ✚ Promoting child protection amongst every citizen through awareness about CHILDLINE 1098.

Activities

- ✚ Rescue and repatriation of children reported to our team.
- ✚ Conducted door-to-door contact for spreading awareness of Childline-1098
- ✚ Conducted Canopy based activity for spreading awareness of Childline-1098
- ✚ Open houses conducted by CL team with allied system & community members.

Achievements

- ✚ 478 children were restored to their parents during Dargah Mela in Bahraich
- ✚ 1877 hours of one to one outreach conducted by the team.
- ✚ Outreached 9077 people on child protection issues.
- ✚ 2227 citizens participated in open houses.
- ✚ Open houses conducted by CL team with allied system & community members.

Story of Change - 4 Rescue of seven children from Nepal



On the morning of 8th March 2013, at around 11:00 AM, a call came through to the Childline Centre (Bahraich), run by DEHAT organization, regarding the trafficking and bondage of 7 Indian children for forced and bonded labour in Kathmandu, Nepal. These children have tried to free their selves and got succeed but again after a 600 KM long travel to Nepalganj, they were again caught and kidnapped by the brickfield owners.

The call which came from the Police Station Rupaidiha (India), informed the helpline service that there were a total of 7 children who had been found to be working forcibly and illegally in brick factories in Nepal. They were currently being kept at the Nepalganj (Nepal) police station (right across the border opposite Rupaidiha).

The Childline Services delegation comprising Dr. Jitendra Chaturvedi, Mr. Triloki Nath, Mr. Vinayak Nagarajan and ANI press representative Mr. Azim Mirza, left immediately for Nepalganj, city of Nepal, to rescue and take custody of the children. On reaching the Indian side of the border at around 04:30 PM, the team informed the Rupaidiha police station of their arrival and the planned transit into Nepalganj. The team had been asked to first meet up at the Jamunaha police post located at the entrance of Nepal.

After clearing customs and other formalities, the team was escorted by the Nepal police to the Vada Prahari Police Station located in the heart of the city of Nepalganj. The team observed the presence of Nepal's Child Welfare Officer, Team Leader (CWIN, Child Welfare Team in Nepal), a team of lawyers from the local bar association and few Human Rights Activists from Nepal and the rescue operation was done.

Child Rights Project

(Supported by: UNICEF)

Location-Gorawal Block of Sonbhadra District

Child Rights project supported by the UNICEF is implemented in 200 villages of Ghorawal block of Sonbhadra District. The area is deprived in terms of access to Govt. schemes. Out of 200 villages, 32 are affected with “Nuxal” problem. The families suffer from impoverishment and children are highly vulnerable and suffer from deprivation of their basic rights.

It is, therefore, pertinent that DEHAT stimulates its initiative to address issues of children in this area. The Child Rights Program is promoting the following behaviors (10 Child Friendly Agenda) for comprehensive development.

Objectives-

1. To promote civil society alliance for addressing child rights and child protection issues especially child labour;
2. To enhance knowledge and attitude of families and communities in 200 villages of Ghorawal block in Sonbhadra district for the promotion of child rights and the protection of children against violence, exploitation and abuse;
3. To empower women especially those from socially excluded groups to champion/promote rights of children and have positive attitude to practice the 10 point child friendly agenda.

Activities

- Formation of Village Child Protection committees
- Orientation of CPC members in cascade model
- Identification and tracking of villages where vulnerable children in need of care and protection
- Identification of children who are linked to social protection schemes
- Formation and empowerment of Child Rights forums of children in 25% of project villages.
- Training of selected 2 SHG members on 10.CFA (on 10 point child friendly agenda)Organization of Shows by the folk troupes/ artists on ten point child friendly agenda
- Identification of Gram Panchayats for conducting model Gram Sabhas
- Conduction of Child focused events in identified Villages on Child Rights Day
- Establishment of civil society alliances for creating a protective environment



Achievement

- 200 Child Protection committees have formed in project villages with members 1468 male, 1267 female and 321 children.
- 14 CPCs Orientation completed with 400 members comprising 125 male, 216 female and 59 children.
- 52 Child Rights forums of children have formed in 25% of project villages with 201 children.
- 14 trainings of selected 2 SHG members on 10.CFA (on 10 point child friendly agenda) have completed.
- 82 Shows by the folk troupes/ artists on ten point child friendly agenda have been organized
- 9 Gram Panchayats have organized model Gram Sabhas with quorum in project area.
- 100% enrollment of children in schools.
- Improved the functionality of 52 Anganwadi Centres.
- Formation and strengthening of 55 Child Rights Forums.
- Formation and strengthening of 200 CBOs like SHGs on child rights and related issues.

Story of Change-5

A son mobilize his parent for not doing Child Marriage



Khajuraul village of Ghorawal block Sonebhadra is situated at distance of 15 KM south from Shahganj on Shahganj-Ghorawal roads. Satyam son of Bimlesh Kumar and Asha Devi live in this village. Satyam is eldest son (18 year) and his two younger brother Sundaram and Uma are 16 and 14 year respectively. Satyam belongs to a poor Brahmin Family, his father earn the bread of house through Jajmani (by conducting rituals for the other Hindu families).

Field Animator DEHAT visit his house first time while SHG listing on 10/2/2012, while discussion with other family members on 10 Child Friendly Agenda Satyam father arrived his home and after discussion on Child Marriages and its consequences he promised to Field Animator that he will marry his son after 21 years.

(Cont....) On 15/02/2012 Field Animator DEHAT come to know from Satyam that his father has fixed his engagement ceremony on 16th of this month.

Satyam was worried about the matter. On same day Field Animator again went to his father and counseled Satayam father and told that marrying son before the age of 21 year is illegal and prohibited. In the evening Satayam call Field Animator that his father is now agree with me and he has cancelled engagement ceremony. On 19th of February Field Animator went to home of Satayam and meet his father Bimlesh, both were happy and Bimlesh make a promise that he will marry all his son after the age of 21 years.

Comprehensive Helath and Nutrition Intervention

(Supported by: UNICEF)

Location: Block Chittaura, Payagpur and Mihinpurwa of Bahraich, Jamunaha of Shrawasti and Duddhi, Myorepur and Babhani of Sonbhadra district.

Objectives -

- + Strengthen, facilitate and monitor BSPM (Bal Swastha Poshan Mah).
- + Promote adoption of optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding practices by 80% target groups comprising of pregnant and lactating women and children <2 years.
- + Improve monthly reporting and adolescent meeting in 50 of 70 schools implementing Saloni and continue efforts to sustain the results in 20 A category schools.
- + Promote use of iodized salt in all the direct and indirect intervention villages and ensure use of use of adequately iodized salt by 75% families in direct intervention villages
- + Continue partnership with CSOs to increase awareness and uptake of BSPM services in approximately 627 indirect intervention villages with support of frontline government functionaries and PRI committees resulting in 10% increase in coverage from the last BSPM round in 75 gram Panchayat supported by CSO partners.
- + Document the model for reaching out of schools girls with IFA tablets and nutrition messages in Shrawsti district.



Activities –

- Demonstration of Iodine Stall in Village Haats
- BSPM Awareness Workshops through Partners Interventions
- AWWs Exposure Cum Cross learning Visits
- Capacity Building of Community Volunteers
- Folk Show Programmes cum Nukkad Natak Campaign
- Wall Writings/ Slogan writings.
- World Breast Feeding Week Celebration
- District Level Project Sharing Workshops

Achievements –

- More than 2000 community members sensitized on the usage of Iodized salt.
- Around 5000 community members participated in the workshops on BSPM and agreed to further the cause.
- 91 AWW participated in trainings and all their misconceptions about record keeping were removed.
- Around 50 girls were made aware of the health and nutritional problems
- Street theatre shows were organized on the topics of BSPM which benefited around 12000 members of the community.
- 800 sites covered in wall writing by volunteers.

Story of Change-7

Breast Feeding cum IYCF and Mother Health



Gram Panchayat Bhagwanpur Mafi, having single revenue of maximum Muslim populated family, is one of the remote Gram Panchayat of Chittaura Block of Bahraich District This village is adopted under Comprehensive Health and Nutrition Intervention, supported by UNICEF and implemented by DEHAT organization.

Shahjahan is 42 year old and one of the muslim family of the village, residing in Bhagwanpur Mafi. There were already 13 members in the family including 8 children (7 boys & 1 girl) of Shahjahan. Her husband Sabir Ali working as daily basis worker in Bahraich city and hardly able to arrange two times food for his family. She was also very anemic of 38 kg body weight.

First time on 21st June, 2011 Mr. Navneet Kumar met to Mrs. Shahjahan during the home visits and shocked to see very malnourished twins of 45 days old in her lap suffering from diarrhea in that days.

AWW Ms Vimala Shrivastva told that weight of first child was 1.9 Kg. and second one was 1.8 Kg. during the birth. When Mr. Navneet Kumar enquired to Shahjahan about colostrums feeding and breast feeding practices. She replied that she never had applied colostrums to any of her child before three days of the birth. She also added that she has given birth 8 children before the twins and all are healthy without feeding colostrums. But at last she added that her two children, before the twins, had dead within 30-45 days after birth due to low birth weight and diarrhea. It was the weak point for us to motivate her on importance of breast feeding. Mrs. Shahjahan was giving the goat milk to twins for surviving, but both were very thin and underweight and one of them was about to death condition.

The Process for change ...

Block Coordinator advise her to stop goat milk and to start her own milk and also told her about role and importance of the mother milk but she was rigid that there is no sufficient milk in her breast to feed the twins. After continued 4-5 effective home visits and counseling with her husband, she stop the goat milk feeding and begun her breast feeding on 27th June, 2011. It was very amazing result to all of us that after one month breast feeding practices both children gained more than .5 kg weight and recovering very fast. Mrs. Shahjahan was also very glad to know the weighing results of her children by AWW Ms Vimla Srivastava every month. She continued the breast feeding till six month and initiated complementary feeding after six month as per the guidance and AWW continued weighing in every month and share results to Shahjahan for encouragement and motivation. AWW Vimala Srivastava and BC Nawnit Kumar also educated and motivated her for her own health. She developed a small kitchen garden of green and iron rich vegetables at her own field and recover her 7.4 Kg. weight within 6 month.

American Students Visits

During the reporting year, an USA based university SIT World Learning Abroad has chosen DEHAT for the educational exposure of their students on "health, nutrition and human rights" related issues. 17 Students from 14 universities have visited DEHAT and stayed for a week. During the visits, they have visited 4 intervention villages of Mihinpurwa block of Bahraich district and 3 intervention villages of Jamunaha block of Shrawasti district.

During the visits, they have learnt a lot from DEHAT efforts. Later, Ms. Brett Levis (University of California) and Ms. Miranda Alquist (Women Collage, New York) have stayed for one months in DEHAT and conducted their research on High Infant Mortality Rate and High Total Fertility Rate in Shrawasti district.

23/3/13	Erika Barker (युटिका)	ebarker@puget-sound.edu	<p>The people I've met and stories I've heard through DEHAT have amazed and impressed me. Hearing the Tharu village organizations singing and chanting about their rights was so moving. Hearing the very impressive and creative and brave actions of children like Sujit and Angeli of the Child Rights Forum inspired me. These people seem truly energized and empowered in regards to their rights and it's clear that this is not only because of their hard work, but because of the diligence of Dr. Jitendra and DEHAT. This organization is so wonderful and I hope they can continue their work for a long, long time. I hope to keep contact when I return to the States. I feel I will be permanently changed by all I saw here.</p>
9/5/2013	Valvi Vansing F. (Rajvalvi)	rajvalvis@gmail.com	<p>This field visit I will never forget. and so many time goes meet work salary an thank you @dehat.</p>
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Program				
Project Director	Post Graduate/ Professional with 18 Year experience	01	00	01
Project Coordinator/ Project Manager	Post Graduate/ Professionals	08	00	08
Associate Coordinator/ Block Coordinators	Graduate/Post Graduates/Professionals	07	03	10
Field Coordinators	Graduate/Post Graduates	13	02	21
Documentation Officer	Graduate/Post Graduates	01	00	02
Community Level Workers/ Field Animator	Matriculate+	08	50	58
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
Accountant	Post Graduate+ Accountancy Courses	01	00	02
Assistant Accountant	Graduates+	02	00	01
Office Assistant	Inter+	01	00	01
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