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Executive Summary

Promoting life to the physically challenged has been the main objective of Vikas Deepti. In the fifth year of its activities in the two blocks of Bargarh and Bheden in Bargarh district, it began its activities with zeal for the physically challenged from January – December 2010. The approach continued was Right based in every activity it undertook. STICHTING KINDERPOSTZEGELS NEDERLAND as in the previous year supported Vikas Deepti wholeheartedly and we are grateful to them from our institution and on behalf of all the physically challenged in these two blocks.

The year 2010 has brought in more joy for all of us as working for the less privileged has been a happy moment. The reason being, in this year more and more CWDs and PWDs along with their parents/guardians have take a more responsible role in promotion of life and dignity.

Let me place on record the selfless service and commitment shown by the staff of Vikas Deepti. Without their contribution it would not have been a happy year. The involvement of the PWDs and their parents/guardians has been great and appreciable.

Good care has been taken to empower the SHGs, network committees, Village Education Committees and this has made a positive contribution to the project. Let me also acknowledge the contribution of IBR (institution based rehabilitation) of Vikas Bhavan (belonging to Vikas Deepti). It has immensely contributed in this effort by helping for the provision of aids & appliances, providing extra help of the staff of institution in the common programs. The facilities at the institution have brought smiles to the faces of the helpless children of the field area and to their guardians.

Efforts are also being initiated for a smooth continuation of the activities in the future with everyone's involvement. We have got some success and lot has to be still achieved. Since we are dealing with a section of the society that needs more support and encouragement, we believe it will need more time and certainly one day it will stand in its feet. We will keep on working for creating common platforms for the accompaniment and self sustenance of the physically challenged in these two blocks. We also look for assistance for other blocks.

We certainly didn't have only roses throughout the year but with the co-operation of the staff and people around us the difficulties were not pushed beyond the limit that we could break down. A glimpse of all the above is available in the following pages of the narrative report.

NARRATIVE REPORT FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER- 2010

2. SOME SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS/RESULTS:

The narrative annual report section focuses on the presentation of some remarkable achievements made by “**VIKAS DEEPTI**” in the last one year through the staff, Block level networking committee, village leaders & community members.

With immense joy and gratitude to God for the past five years, we are glad that we have brought smile on several physically challenged children & persons with disabilities. This was made possible primarily due to the financial support and guidance of SKN, Nederland. The physically challenged were privileged to get love and support in the two blocks of Bargarh and Bheden.

3) Achievements under Planned Results

Lobby & Advocacy

Relevance of Action-1: Action for getting rights for the PWD's:-



As a part of the action plan - 2010, Block level Rally on PWD issues was organized in majority to the office of the Block Development officers in Bheden Block.

On 19th April-2010, the three blocks of Bargarh, Bheden and Bhatli (outside operational area) with 450 PWDs were on streets with slogans for their rights. It was heartening to see the strength of the network committees as they came out as one united force to demand for

their rights. The slogans, placards, banners were part of this message to the officials. The trouble taken by them for fighting for different issues with journeying long distances will surely bare fruit in their efforts. The staff of Vikas Deepti, network members and volunteers made it a grand success.

A memorandum with seven demands of PWDs/CWDs was presented to the District Collector with copies to the DSWO & BDO. This rally had the intention of creating mass awareness to the public and government officials on the PWDs / CWDs rights and govt. facilities.

Change:

After this Rally and the submission of the Memorandum, the government of orissa has declared that the PWDs will get the benefit of 30 kg BPL rice at the rate of Rs.2/- from state government.

a) Participation in the hunger strike:-

Our network committee members attended a state level hunger strike in the capital at Bhubaneswar, on 25th June 2010. It was organized by Odisha biklang manch. They presented their issues like increment of the monthly pension from Rs 200 to Rs 1000, Supply of Free PDS rice to the PWDs through Antodaya yojana etc.

b) NGO Partners Meet:-

On 12th April -2010, Vikas Deepti took initiative to organize a partners meetings at Hotel Maa Sarla to discuss the rights of PWDs and Advocacy strategy. It was expressed that collective efforts only will give a clear direction for further improvement. The need to come together often to achieve this goal was expressed.

Given below is the table focusing on the Lobby & advocacy programmes in 2010

SL No	Activities	Place	Date/Month	No of Participants
1	Block Level Rally on PWD Issues.	✗ Bheden	19.04.2010	460 persons
2	Meeting with ST/SC Development Ministers, Govt. of Orissa.	✗ Papanga	12.04.2010	30 Persons
3	Meeting with CDMO	✗ Bargarh	03.04.2010	20 Persons
4	Meeting with the MLA	✗ Bargarh	09.04.2010	36 Persons
5	Contact with the Collector	✗ Bargarh	19.06.2010	15 Persons
6	Attend State Level Hunger Strike of PWDs (Orissa Biklang Munch)	✗ Bhubaneswar	25.06.2010	35 Persons
7	NGO/CBOs Review Meeting.	✗ Hotel Maa Sarla, Bargarh	12.04.2010	21 Personas
8	PWDs Cricket Match.	✗ Ranjita Stadium, Bheden	09.03.2010	50 Persons
9	Exposure Programme for Network & CBR Workers.	✗ PKK, Khurda	21.10.2010 To 23.10.2010	20 Persons
10	Meeting with Tahasildar.	✗ Bheden & Bargarh	01.06.2010	10 Persons
11	District Level SHG Convention.	✗ Mini stadium, Bargarh	25.11.2010	480 Persons
12	District Level Workshop On PWD Rights	✗ Vikas Deepti, Bargarh	16.11.2010	60 Persons
13	Block Level Workshop on Child Rights	Block office, Bheden	12.10.2010	45 persons
14	Lobby & Advocacy Training for NGOs/CBOs.	✗ Hotel Ganapati, Bargarh	20.09.2010 To 21.09.2010	20 Persons

c) Lobby and Advocacy Training:-

Taking into consideration the need to focus on Lobby & advocacy, on 20th Sept, 2010 - 21st Sept, 2010 a training on lobby and Advocacy was held at hotel Ganapati, Bargarh. The participants were our NGO partners, CBOs and Network members. The intention was to develop their capacity and discuss common issues for making a collective effort in the district. As a result of this training we have built up a good relationship with Network committees, NGO's and CBOs in the district. A collective opinion for unity in the existing NGOs was expressed and the participants expressed happiness at this awareness being created.



It was also felt that few more similar meetings in the future could be a good reminder for this collective effort. The participants also showed their interest in helping out in the needs of the physically challenged.

The Achievements:-

- 1) At the moment 2 Block Level network committees have mobilized 30kg BPL rice at the rate of Rs 2/- on a monthly basis. 230 PWDs have been made available PDS rice in their local Gram Panchayats.
- 2) 14 PWDS / CWDs are getting Govt. facilities like, Indira Avas houses, free medicines and four decimal of land through the help of MLA, Bargarh.
- 3) 22 CWDs have got the individual financial support of Rs 9,70,000/- (Nine Lakh Seventy Thousand) from different Banks.
- 4) 12 review meetings were organized by the Network committees and 315 members were involved in this process and they got sensitized about the rights.

Changes:

The network committee members are able to handle PWD/CWD issues by themselves. They have collectively pressurized the government to provide different rights and benefits for the PWD/CWD in the district. They take responsibility in mobilizing the

local resources and peoples Contributions for the different Programmes. They have also built a good rapport with the families of the PWDs, PRI leaders and govt. officials. Time to time they meet the BDOs, Banks, DSWOs and CDMOS in the district. Now in the project area govt. officials and general public are aware about the PWD rights and they help in mainstreaming them in the society. PWDs are getting BPL rice, individual loans and get help for promoting livelihood support for their families.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 2:- Support for skill building training:-



We have been providing various vocational trainings for the young PWDs both boys and girls. At present good many of them are self employed in their locality after getting trained. 50 new PWDs have completed their different vocational trainings on tailoring, screen printing, cotton bati, embroidery and cycle repairing in their villages. It is good to see changes taking place in their living due to this economic gain that makes tremendous progress in their surroundings.

The Achievements

- 1) 375 PWDs of the project area continue their vocational activities in their villages.
- 2) 127 PWDs are able to earn Rs1000/- per month regularly.
- 3) 36 PWDs have created home assets like; mobile sets, table, Bi-cycle, sewing machine and color TV etc.

Change:

PWDs of the project area are self employed and earn regularly in the villages. Now they are independent and their socio – economic condition has improved. Some PWDs support their families financially. Since they have become earning members of their family, their dependency in the family has reduced. This change is so obvious that, other blocks and PWDs request for starting vocational trainings in their areas.

Status of vocational training - 2010

SL No	Name of the Trade	Name of the Village	Name of the GP	Name of the Block	No of Participants		Total
					M	F	
01	Tailoring	Rengalpali	Sarsara	Bargarh	-	06	06
02	Tailoring	Dhaurakhandada	Nileswar	Bargarh	-	06	06
03	Embroidery	Sarla	N. Jampali	Bargarh	01	04	05
04	Cotton Bati making	Kalapani	Kalapani	Bargarh	06	02	08
05	Screen Printing	Remenda	Remenda	Bheden	08	-	08
06	Cycle Repairing	Saharatikra	Talmenda	Bheden	06	-	06
07	Tailoring	Dalab	Dalab	Bheden	-	06	06
08	Tailoring	Dhatupali	Rusuda	Bheden	-	05	05
	Total	-	-	-	21	29	50

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 3;- Special Education For CP & MR Children:-

We have four special schools to prepare the CP& MR children for formal school admission. Due to regular Exercises, ADL training, regular counseling and through motivation, parents are sending their children to the special schools regularly. Joyful learning method is used in these special schools. VEC members are the motivators, supervisors and snacks distributors in these schools. They are to monitor the school and motivate the parents to send the children regularly to the school. The children are provided with study material, uniforms, nutrition and play articles etc.



The Achievements

- 1) 53 CWDs in four GPs attend the special school regularly.
- 2) 153 old CP and MR Children and 14 new CWDs have got admitted in different formal schools.

Change:

It is amazing to notice that CP and MR Children from our special schools are enrolled in the formal schools and mingle with other normal children and continue their studies. They get opportunities to take part in different competitions like, singing, debate, art and sports. They have also got the monthly scholarship, aids and appliances from Sarba Sikhya Abhijan. Now the parents of the CWDs help them for their regular education with some school materials. Some parents have also enrolled their children to the formal schools. VEC members motivate the parents and monitor the schools regularly.

Status of Special School

SL No	Name & Address of the Special School	Name of the Village	No of Students					
			CP	MR	Polio	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Special School, Katapali	Katapali	07	08	02	09	08	17
2.	Special School, Jamunda	Jamunda	03	04	03	03	07	10
3.	Special School, Resham	Resham	04	06	04	10	04	14
4.	Special School, Talmenda	Talmenda	04	04	04	09	03	12
	Total	-	18	22	13	31	22	53

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 4: Children's Parliament:-



The children's parliament has brought awareness of child issues like; child rights, child education, personal health, hygiene, child labor, child protection, child drop out and child violence etc. The children's parliament has regularly organized quarterly meetings and discussed commonly their problems and child issues. The parents of the CWDs are encouraged and they attend the meetings regularly with their children. Now the children's parliament members are aware about their rights and are able to help other children too. There is more mingling with other children and in return, the self confidence and the desire to get child facilities and rights are clearly visible. They too take part in different school competitions like Republic day, Independence day, children's day and disability day etc. we had arranged a capacity building training of children parliament members and 145 CWDs took part in it. They have learnt in some way how to manage the meeting and identification of child issues.

The Achievements

- 1) In our 7 children's parliaments, 28 quarterly meetings were organized and 896 CWDs/parents attended the meeting.
- 2) In the 4 children's parliaments, CWDs actively took part in formal education and 23 CWDs are getting the govt. facilities from different schools.
- 3) 96 CWDs have got aids and appliances and free surgery from Sarba Sikhya Abhijan in their locality.

Change:

The children's parliament members have developed unity among the other CWDs and good relationship has been established with their parents. Now their personal health and hygiene has improved. Awareness of child rights and govt. facilities for the CWDs has got a boost. As children's parliament members have jointly identified the child issues, their self confidence and aspiration to get their rights has enhanced. They have collectively taken steps towards solving the different issues in their villages.

Status of children's parliament:

SL No	Blocks covered	GPs covered	Villages covered	No of CWDs		Total	Executive body members		total
				Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls	
1.	02	21	76	262	165	427	91	62	153

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 5:- Government Facilities Obtained:-

We have motivated the parents of cwds/pwds towards linkage of different govt. facilities like; Handicapped certificates, bus passes, train passes, I.D.Cards, pension, scholarships, Individual loans, IAY house, Aids & Appliances etc. We feel happy that at the moment 4233 old PWDs/CWDs have got linked in previous year and 802 new PWDs/CWDs in 2010. Through the village meetings & individual contacts, our CBR workers and Network members motivate the people. Today they are aware and are able to come forward to get the different facilities and schemes like; SGSY, PMRY and SHG Loan support etc. The monthly pension of Rs 200/- though not substantial, enables them to meet their daily needs.

The Achievements

- 1) By the end of 2010, 5035 PWDs/CWDs have got linkage for different facilities in two blocks.
- 2) 22 PWDs have got the individual loan support from different banks for their promotion of self employment activities.
- 3) 2 single window camps were mobilized from district Administration and 1790 PWDs have participated in the camps.

Change:

The awareness regarding the government Facilities and other govt. schemes are appreciable. Our Network committee, NGO partners, Parents of the PWDs/CWDs met the govt. officers both at Bolck level and District level. Some govt. officers have been also sensitized about their rights and they help our PWDs. Through the help of aids and appliances our PWDs/CWDs are able to go to different places by their own. Due to the individual loans and SHG loans, now their social and economic status has improved. The govt., officers, PRI leaders, School teachers and general public are also very cooperative with the PWDs/CWDs for their mainstreaming in the society.

Status of Govt. facilities obtained: 2010

Bloc ks cove red	GPs cover ed	Villages covered	H.C	B. P	T.P	ID card	Pensi on	Schola rship	Individu al loan	IAY House	Total
02	46	160	279	97	223	12	101	06	22	06	746

Aids & Appliances

Tricycle	Wheel chair	Crutches	Hearing	Caliper	total
12	23	01	18	02	56

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 6: Self Help Group (SHG)

Self Help Groups were the base for our grass root level organization. These SHGs are associated with the networks. During this reporting period we have formed 110 groups in our project area. 751 pwds are involved and have a savings of Rs 6,61,474/- (Rupees six lakh sixty one thousand four hundred seventy four only) in the bank. During this period we have given training programmes on record keeping, membership collection, loan recovery and group management in their villages. Now 15 SHGs have



already managed to mobilize loan support from different banks. They are taking loans from their groups and doing different Income Generation Activities (IGA) like, Tailoring, weaving, poultry, petty business, STD booths, betel shop etc.

The Achievements

- 1) 10 SHG trainings were organized and 297 PWDs participated in it.
- 2) 110 SHGs have savings of Rs 6,61,474/- in the banks
- 3) 15 SHGs have mobilized a loan support of Rs 9,09,000/- from different Banks towards IGA.
- 4) One district level SHG convention was organized at mini stadium Bargarh and 460 PWDs were part of it. They were awarded with the certificates and prizes.

Change:

The SHG members of the project area are able to earn by themselves for their livelihood. They have earning members in the family. Now the SHG members are independently going to the banks, Blocks and Gram Panchayats for their work and loan facility. They also meet the different officials in order to create the linkage of loan support and other govt., facilities. Today SHGs are getting chance to manage the mid day Meal (MDM) from Govt. The parents and guardians do co- operate with their pwds and help them to attend the different meetings and programmes. They also supervise Anganwadi centers and extend their help for the immunization, health meetings and regular education of the children.

Status of self Help Groups (SHG) 2010

SL No	No of Blocks Covered	No of GPs Covered	No of Villages Covered	No of SHGs	No of Group members	Male	Female	Total group savings
01	02	46	160	10	751	498	253	Rs 6,61,474/-

Status of SHG Bank Linkage 2010

SL No	No of block covered	No of GPs Covered	No of villages Covered	No of SHG Bank Linkage	No of Members loan taken	Loan support From Bank	Group Activities.
1	02	13	127	15	90	9,09,000/-	Tent house, Kirana Shop, Diary, Betel shop, Mat making, and seasonal business.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 7: Home based Education and therapy:-



In our operational area the children who are unable to attend the special schools are taught in their homes. At present 345 cerebral palsy and mental retardation CWDs are given regular physiotherapy and ADL trainings. Their parents and family members are trained in this to enable them to give physiotherapy and ADL training to their children. Under the guidance of the physiotherapist and CBR

workers, they regularly do the follow up and are given exercises to improve the condition of the children. When the need arises the suggestions are given for aids and appliances for their mobility. Now 42 CWDs are able to study in their houses. The progress is monitored by the co-ordinator, CBR workers and the physiotherapist and future action plan is suggested in the presence of their guardians. Some children have already begun to go to special schools and formal schools which bring hope and joy to their parents.

The Achievements

- 1) At the moment in 36 GPs, 345 CP and MR Children have got the home based education and therapy.
- 2) 42 CWDs of the project area are able to do their ADL by their own.

Change:

Due to the regular physiotherapy and ADL training, some of them are able to eat by their own and have improved in their head control and drooling has come down immensely. Most of the CWDs are able to do their daily activities by themselves. They go to the special schools and formal schools with enthusiasm. These facilities for the CWDs at their door steps are very much appreciated.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 8: Special School to Formal Schools:-

During this academic year 2010-2011, we were able to admit 13 CWDs from the special schools last year to the formal schools. This development has encouraged the other CWDs to get admission in formal schools. Because of the hard work of the teachers and VEC members, the CWDs are enrolled in the formal schools.

After joining the formal schools, the CWDs have received scholarships, aids and appliances from Sarba Sikhya Abhijan. Now they are able to participate in different extra curricular activities on the occasions like Annual Function and other National day celebrations.

Change

Due to the motivation and regular efforts of the CBR workers, the cwds and their parents are interested in admitting their children in formal schools. They are given educational materials through the formal schools. Now some children are able to get free treatment facilities and insurance facilities from the government. After seeing the development on these children, the other CWDs of the area are also encouraged to join the formal schools.

The Achievement

- 1) 13 CWDs have got admission in formal schools.
- 2) 38 CWDS have got the scholarships & aids and appliances from the govt.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 9: Health Awareness:-



We have conducted ten GP level Health Awareness Camps for RCH women. There were 378 participants in the health awareness camps. ANM, Ashakarnis, and Anganwadi workers gave talks on prenatal, natal, and postnatal care, immunization and personal health, “Janani Sarakhya Yojana” etc. steps were explained on safe delivery and causes of disability and protection of mother and child care. Both the adolescent girls and RCH

women were sensitized about the Janani Surakhya Yujana and early marriage.

The Achievements

- 1) 10 Health camps have been organized
- 2) 378 women from 22 villages have participated in the health camps
- 3) In 38 GPs, ANM, Anganwadi worker and Asha Karmis along with CBR workers have developed their skills in health activities.

Change:

Due to their collective approaches more children and women have become part of the immunization. Hence the percentage of infant mortality rate and mother mortality rate has come down in the villages. It was really a great opportunity to impart knowledge to our RCH women, who are still ignorant of many things that they need to know for their day to day life. The RCH women are aware of the causes of disability.

ii) Training Camp for CP and MR Children:



A training camp for CP and MR children with one of their parents was held at Bheden and Tilapali villages. There were 79 participants. The main purpose was to teach the parents/family members how to take care of their children with the help of physiotherapy, ADL training and behavior modification. Now they are able to give regular exercises and ADL training to their children in their homes. CBR workers and physiotherapist do follow up

the children in regular intervals in their homes.

The Achievements

- 1) Today 179 families are giving regular physiotherapy and ADL training to their CWDs in their homes.
- 2) 153 CWDs have improved in their mobility and behavior pattern.
- 3) 79 parents have gained knowledge on different rehabilitation services and govt. schemes for their children.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 10: Self Employment of PWDs:-

In our project area 103 old PWDs and 25 New PWDs have got self employment by the end of Dec-2010. They are undertaking different activities like; Salon, Kirana shops, goatery, tailoring, electronic shop, leaf plate making and rice business in their villages. The new PWDs who are in the BPL families have got individual loan support of Rs 9,70,000/- (Rupees nine lakh seventy thousand) from different banks under SGSY schemes. Our CBR workers and project staff help for the financial linkage. It is nice to know that PWDs are getting self employed in their villages.

The Achievements

- 1) 128 Pwds are undertaking different activities in 85 villages under two Blocks.
- 2) 21 new pwds are getting the individual loan support of Rs.9,70,000/- from different banks like SBI And UGB Banks.
- 3) Now their monthly earning is Rs1500/- to 4000/- per month.
- 4) 36 PWDs are having regular savings and have created home assets like; mobile, TV, bicycle, watch and fan etc.

Change:

The PWDs are self employed in their villages and earn their livelihood and support their families. Now family members are also helping towards marketing their products. Some of them have created home assets and individual savings in the banks. At present 128 PWDs have got individual loan support form different Banks and are continuing their activities in the villages. Now their Socio- Economic condition and living status have changed and they have become earning members in their community and their dependency in the family is reduced. Government also helps them to get the benefits and different schemes for their self-employment.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 11: Supply of Aids & Appliances form Vikas Deepti.



Vikas Deepti has already provided different types of aids and appliances to the CWDs/PWDs. Through our orthotic and prosthetic workshop 87 CWDs have got the different types of appliances for their use. With the provision of these aids and appliances their mobility has improved and they are able to go to different offices, schools, colleges, and markets by themselves. These provisions have given them a new hope and the dependency has reduced to a large extent. Since Vikas Deepti is close to the project areas, indeed it is a privilege as earlier they would have to travel 480 kms to avail this facility.

The Achievement

- 1) 363 CWDs/PWDs have got the different aids and appliances from our orthotic and prosthetic workshop. Out of these, 87 have got in this year.
- 2) 27 CWDs have attended the different schools by the help of caliper, crutches, walkers, BK& AK prosthesis etc.
- 3) 13 CWDs have got the Knee kage, Spinal brace, Fracture brace, corner seats, etc.

Change:

The CWDs/PWDs of the project area who got the aids & appliances from Vikas Deepti workshop are able to move to different places. Their dependency on the family has reduced by 40%. The CWDs who earlier thought that they could not be able to move by their own now believe that they can do something in life. Seeing their changes other CWDs are also showing interest to come to the workshop to have the aids and appliances. This has helped the children to be regular to classes, go for festivals, markets etc. on their own. The parents of the CWDs are very cooperative and they are happy to see their children's progress.

SL No	Name of the aids & appliances	Type of disabilities	Qty	Male	Female	Total
1	Corner Seat	Cerebral Palsy (CP)	4	1	3	4
2	AFO/KAFO	Post polio residual paralysis (PPRP)	38	20	18	38
3	Axillary Crutches	Polio	8	5	3	8
4	Knee kage	Genurrceunvatum	7	3	4	7
5	Walker	Cerebral Palsy (CP)	3	2	1	3
6	Fracture Brace	Accidental Case	7	6	1	7
7	Spinal Brace	Spinal deformity	6	3	3	6
8	BK&AK Prosthesis	Amputee & congenital	8	5	3	8
9	AFO	CTEV	6	3	3	6
	Total	-	87	48	39	87

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 12: Celebration of world disability day:-



The world disability day was celebrated in Sarla and Bheden village on 9th and 29th Dec-2010 respectively. There were 463 CWDs/PWDs for the programme from 160 villages. The Block Development Officer (BDO), Vice President of Zilla Parisad, Local Sarpanch and other Govt. officers were present on these occasions. Different events like pot breaking, ball throw, music chair, chocolate race, tricycle

race, song competitions were conducted by dividing them into senior and junior groups. Quite a number of cwds took part in different competitions. The winner in each category was awarded with a prize to encourage them. It was a great awareness in the rural community to have respect and dignity for each of them. The CBR workers, project staff and network committee members were actively involved in the success of this programme. The local volunteers, PRI leaders and village leaders also contributed their help for the success of the programme.

The Achievements

- 1) 463 cwds/pwds attended the programme from 160 villages under two blocks.
- 2) 60 cwds received prizes in different events.
- 3) In two blocks govt. officials were part of the programme and were sensitized for the help of cwds/pwds in our project area.

Change:

The interests of the CWDs/PWDs are greater than before in different extra curricular activities. The PWDs and parents celebrated the disability day on 3rd December in all the Blocks and District head Quarter. The co-operation from other people has been great.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 13: National day celebration:-

In our for special schools we have celebrated republic day, independence day and



children's day with the cwds, their parents, VEC members and village leaders. They took part in the celebrations and various kinds of events were conducted. All in all there were 367 CWDs for the programme. On this day VEC members, CBR workers and project staff were present. A village padayatra was organized in the day and songs were sung and slogans were raised.

During this programme, children also participated in various competitions and enjoyed a lot. CWDs took part in different competitions and the winners were awarded with prizes to encourage them. It raised a great amount of awareness in the community regarding their potentiality. This was a good opening for good relationship between the teachers, parents and general public in the village level.

The Achievements

- 1) In 4 special schools 367 CWDs and their parents took part in the celebrations of the national day.
- 2) Through the programmes 120 cwds got prizes in various competitions.
- 3) This was the right occasion for involvement of teachers, parents of cwds and village leaders for the encouragement of cwds at the village level.

Change:

In our project area, village peoples are aware of different National day celebrations. This has brought in grass root level co-operation with our staff and community in all villages. Now the CWDs and other children are interested for the participation in different events of the day.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 14: District level workshop:-



On 16th November 2010, we had organized a District level workshop at Vikas Deepti with 60 participants. Honorable MLA Mr Sadhu Nepak was the chief guest and Mrs. Sashi prava Bindhani member of Human Rights Lowers Network {HRLN} BBSR was the chief speaker. Samiti Sabhiya, Sarpanches, Anganwadi teachers, ICDS supervisors, NGOs, School teachers, Govt. Officers and

Net work members took part in the workshop. PWD rights, Govt. schemes, and facilities were discussed. MLA expressed happiness and said that “VIKAS DEEPTI” should take up other Blocks too in the district. He assured his assistance for the PWDs/CWDs in solving their concerns.

All the govt. officials who were present assured their support for the PWDs. In a lively group discussion, 13 core issues of PWDs/CWDs were prepared as a memorandum and submitted to the District collector with copies to DSWO, W&CD department, Govt. of Orissa. This workshop has enhanced the awareness of the PWD Rights in the participants.

The Achievements

- 1) In the 2 blocks, 60 participants under 46 villages attended the district level workshop.
- 2) 13 core issues of PWDs/CWDs were identified commonly.
- 3) Memorandum was submitted to the Govt.

Change:

The PWDs/CWDs of the project are getting different Govt., facilities and are aware of the different schemes for them. Govt. officials, school teachers, PRI leaders, NGOs and CBOs are cooperative to PWDs/CWDs for their rehabilitation.

RELEVANCE OF ACTION 15: Block level workshop on child rights:-



On 12th October 2010 we had organized a block level workshop on Child Rights at Bheden Block. There were 45 participants. As a part of the action plan, Child Rights workshop for different stake holders like; PRI Leaders, ICDS Staff, Block Staff, NGOs, CBOs, Anganwadi teachers, School teachers and Network Members was undertaken. Some topics were like understanding Child

Rights like: who is a child? What are child rights? (Right to survival, Right to protection, Right to development, Right to Participation) etc. the issues like all the children must attend full time formal day school, all work labor is hazardous, it harms the overall growth and development of the children etc were discussed in the group.

Awareness was also raised on developing the capacity to analyze, understand and influence the child rights for advancing issues of child care and protection.

The Achievements

- 1) 45 participants from one block attended the workshop.
- 2) The workshop created mass awareness to the officials, PRI Leaders, NGOs, ICDS Staff and Network members etc.

Change:

The PRI Leaders, Govt. Officers, ICDS Staff and NGOs became aware of the child rights. Child Welfare committee (CWC) functions in the district and child issues and problems are not that difficult to solve in the district level.

4) Problems faced in implementing the project and how they were overcome:

The problems faced during the implementation and how they were handled is as follows;

1. **Extreme heat:** For almost 4 months the temperature from March to June was somewhere between 45- 49 degrees which made the field work impossible. However canceling anything was not possible as work would come to a standstill. Hence we sat together and found ways and means like beginning the work very early and beginning very late in the evening and going for visits and attending morning hours. Adjustment of hours of work was the strategy.
2. **Swine flu effect:** During the project period there was a health scare and all the educational institutions and common gatherings were banned for sometime and due to this our special schools and some common programmes could not be held during the specified time. But commonly we decided to postpone some programmes and held them later and the schools went on as scheduled due to talking to their parents and convincing them that it is not a problem. They co-operated.
3. **Lack of facilities:** We heavily depend on the network members for future sustenance of the work. But due to their disability and lack of infrastructure it is difficult to move and plan together. They were requesting for an office and two vehicles. We have motivated them to go to the local leaders for space and they are in it. As far as vehicles are concerned, we have approached the funding agency.
4. **Large area:** We found that the area was large and the CBR workers and a co-ordinator was essential and to reduce the burden we decided to ask for two more CBR workers and one co-ordinator from the agency.
5. **Late arrival of funds:** Due to late arrival of funds we were finding difficult to continue the work as payments were getting delayed. We asked and got money from Vikas Deepti organization as advance and returned after the arrival of funds.
6. **Loss due to exchange value:** Due to exchange rate difference we lost almost Rs 144000.00 and this was also realized later as money was given in two installments and we had carried on the activities as per schedule. Later on we have taken advance (loan) from vikas Deepti and we need to find ways to refund it. We plan to ask for help and do some local contribution for the refund.

Case Study 1

Hope Lights Purnima's Life



Purnima Sahu was born on 15th November 2001. She is 9 years old girl with 60% of CP from Tora village in Bargarh Block. Her father is a carpenter; they are six members in their families.

After birth she cried only after five minutes and her weight was just two kg. Unfortunately 10 days later she suffered of malaria and pneumonia. Thus her growth slowed down and became unhealthy.

As years passed by our CBR worker Prabhavati Nag from Vikas Deepti often made visit to her house for regular Physiotherapy and she collected her birth history from her parents. Her parents consulted many doctors but without any success.

The regular visits of the CBR worker from Vikas Deepti brought in good news to Purnima. She says, “After the regular visit of the CBR worker from Vikas Deepti, I could slowly feel the change in my physical growth, because they not only visited my house but also started giving me physiotherapy. They also trained my parents. Thereafter my parents started giving me physiotherapy regularly. Now without the help of my parents I am able to walk and move by my own. Today I am hopeful for a better future. All this is due to the timely intervention of Vikas Deepti and the tireless follow up of the CBR worker. I am really thankful to them”

Case Study: 2

Special Care Cures Suprita

On 22nd August 2002 Suprita was born in Vir Surendra Sai hospital at Burla. She is a MR child and she hails from Katapali village in the district of Bargarh, Orissa. Now she is eight years old and from a poor and small family of four members. Her father Suryakant Rout is a farmer and her mother Aloka Rout is a simple housewife. During the time of pregnancy her mother had a regular check up with



Dr.Satyabati Patel at Virasurandra Sai Hospital Burla.

Her mother says that they were twins, born in the hospital and Suprita's weight was one Kg and Two hundred grams, because of that she underwent lots of treatment. Gradually her skin color changed into yellow on the fourth day of her birth. Later she was treated by Dr. Arjun Meher, at Bargarh Hospital and after a year she was suffering from fits and was treated by Pediatric Doctor at Burla Medical College.

In the year 2006 CBR worker Miss. Nalini Neti from Vikas Deepti visited her house and collected her birth history from her parents. During those times our CBR worker found out that she was afraid and would not come out. She suggested their parents to start the regular ADL training and Home based education at their home itself. This little act of concern bore good result.

Today her parents are very happy to see her getting special care and attention in various ways and they say, "She gets ADL training in the family and in the special school as well. Now she is able to dress, comb and eat by her own. She is also able to read and count letters and identify the different picture like birds, animals, fruits and vegetables in the special school. With the support of Vikas Deepti staff and CBR workers she got facilities like; monthly pension, handicapped certificate, bus and train pass etc. today we all are happy to see a lot of change in her." Our sincere thanks to Vikas Deepti and all the staff for this wonderful life to our child.

Case study -3 **RABINDRA STANDS BY OWN**



I am Rabindra kumar Meher son of Late –Bhulanath Meher from Bordool village in Bargarh block. I am 27years old and my physical deformity is polio from my childhood. We are five members in my family; my family is poor and we fall in BPL category. I studied till class VII only as my father was poor. After that I have started a small fancy shop with the amount of Rs.170/- in my home in the year-2006. After about six months, Mariam Barla the CBR worker from Vikas Deepti came to my

family and motivated me for the formation of Self Help Group (SHG). Then I joined the SHG and deposited Rs.50/- regularly. After an year the Bank gave me micro finance loan support of Rs.20,000/-and my group members gave me five thousand loan support towards developing my shop. Thereafter I developed my business. At present my monthly income is Rs.2500/- to Rs.3000/- and I have a stock value of thirty thousand.

I am also glad that I have been able to create some home assets like- portable color TV, mobile hand set, and one coin box STD booth. My future plan is to add some clothes and shoes in the shop. The staff of Vikas Deepti has regularly guided me and is helping for the bank linkage and other moral support. Today I am able to stand on my own and manage my family smoothly. Indeed I am glad and grateful to CBR workers and to Vikas Deepti for extending their support towards me.

Thanks

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With best wishes and thanks,

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