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Abbreviations

ADL	Activities of Daily Living
BP	Bus Pass
CBO	Community based organization
CP	Cerebral Palsy
CWD	Child with Disability
DSWO	District Social Welfare Officer
GP	Gram Panchayats

HC	Handicapped Certificates
JSY	Janani Surakhya Yojana
MR	Mentally Retarded
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institution
PWD	Persons with Disability
SHG	Self Help Groups
BDO	Block Development Officer

Executive Summary

Providing life support to the physically challenged in the two blocks of Bargarh and Bheden once again was the primary concern of Vikas Deepti in the project activities from January – December 2011. Focus was clearly stressed on the Right based approach and advocacy. Sincere thanks to **STICHTING KINDERPOSTZEGELS NEDERLAND** who once again wholeheartedly came forward to be with us and the physically challenged in the above two blocks.

In 2011 concentration was on empowering the PWDs for their betterment. Things are changing and to see improvement in the lives of the challenged is indeed a joy. The effort made by the PWDs, staff and the active groups has borne good result. Sustenance of these groups and capacity building is a constant concern to be taken forward.

Though the activities were of same nature as of 2010, they were taken in a very specific way. Today they are continued with the aim of making them self reliant, responsible and assertive in the society. No doubt they have been made to feel wanted, encouraged to and hopeful by giving them enough opportunities to be at the forefront in all Vikas Deepti does. All in a sentence can be said is, it has been good so far.

Once again the IBR (Institution Based Rehabilitation) of Vikas Bhavan (belonging to Vikas Deepti) was a great help. The infrastructure has been a great help for the success of the project in terms of providing a base for their mobility, awareness and training. We hope it continues to be a good base in the future too.

The year 2011 saw ups and downs in all the fields. The commitment for the cause and happiness at serving the less privileged took the centre stage and that brings in satisfaction. There is also a felt need that we still look for committed persons in the field of our involvement. Efforts were made to empower the people and involve them in every field possible so that they become part of the Society in every way. This effort will continue even in future as a priority as what the physically challenged need is not sympathy but accompaniment and encouragement. We have created several platforms and they are slowly coming out in open and we sincerely hope that they will have success.

Our involvement in the year 2011 in the two blocks has been put down in the narrative report presented below. We are confident that it has done much for the physically challenged. We feel more needs to be done for the neighbouring blocks too.

NARRATIVE REPORT FROM JANUARY 2011 TO DECEMBER 2011

We are happy to present to you the narrative Annual Report for the SKN project which focuses on presentation of some remarkable achievements made by “Vikas Deepti” through the staff and block level network committees that were possible through the platforms created by the project interventions. The differently-abled, staff, guardians and families have played a great role in this achievement. Giving the physically challenged an opportunity to bring out their hidden talents has tremendous strengths. We are confident that they will continue in the same zeal for the future. Given below are some examples of the involvement during the year 2011.

Some significant Achievements/Results:

Relevance of Action 1:- Networking Action for Getting Rights for the PWDs:

There is no better way than getting closer to the officials with the people and so taking the action plan of 2011, District Level Rally on PWD rights was held to the office of the District Collector on 17th March 2011. The PWDs from the three blocks were part of this. It was inspiring to see the strength of the PWDs as they came out as one combined force in great number to claim their rights. The slogans, placards, banners were the means used for making the administration aware of the deprivation of the PWDs. The staff of Vikas Deepti ably supported them in planning and guiding them in this venture. We are confident it will have some effect on the lives of the PWDs.



Memorandum/demands of 10 core issues of PWDs were presented and there seems to be some effect as the Government of Orissa has declared some schemes/ facilities for the PWDs. The single objective of the Rally was to create awareness to the Government officials of the PWD's rights and Government facilities. It was a grand success as nearly 430 PWDs collectively pressed for their rights. Indeed it was a great sacrifice from the PWDs to put up with difficulties of long travel, heat and mobility problems.

The Achievements

- So far the 2 Block Level Network Committees have put in their efforts to mobilize BPL rice at the rate of Rs. 2- and 10 kg rice to 75% to 100% disability to 600 PWDs/CWDs from Government in every month.
- 112 PWDs have got employment in their Gram Panchayats as education volunteers in Sarba Sikya Abhijan (SSA) in the District.

Change

- ❖ We can see that the network members have been able to build up a good rapport with the government officials, PRI leaders, NGO's in the district. To some extent they are also able to handle PWD/CWD issues by themselves. They are able to take up the responsibilities in mobilizing the local resources and motivate the PWDs' parents to attend different programmes. Time to time they contact the Government department and mobilize the different Government schemes for the benefits of the PWDs/CWDs in the project area. Monthly pension is available due to lobbying & Advocacy.

Relevance of Action 2:- Special Education



We continue to do efforts towards preparing the physically challenged children towards formal school in the 4 special schools in our 2 blocks. These CWDs fall in the category of CP and MR. It is great to see that the efforts have not gone in vain as the parents/guardians send their children to special schools on a regular basis. Besides teaching, the special school children are given physiotherapy and ADL training in the schools. The **Joyful Learning method** is still used extensively.

Four village education committees (VEC) are a great help in these special schools. Since the meetings and training are given to them they do regular monitoring of the teaching, school material, nutrition etc. They also motivate the parents to send their children to special schools regularly. VEC members do make efforts to manage and run the school by themselves to some extent.

The Achievements

- 54 CWDs are attending the special school regularly.
- 103 CP & MR children from our special schools have got admitted in formal schools.
- 09 CWDs have got scholarships from the Government.

Change

- ❖ Due to the above facility, today CP and MR children are enrolled in the formal schools and they mingle with the other normal children and continue their studies in different schools. They also get opportunities to take part in the different competitions like, song, debate and sports on national days and get prizes.

Status of Special Schools

S. No	Name of the School	Name of the Village	CP	MR	Polio	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Special School Katapali	Katapali	01	01	13	04	11	15
2	Special School Jamurda	Jamurda	02	03	04	04	05	09
3	Special School Resham	Resham	04	05	08	12	05	17
4	Special School Talmenda	Talmenda	05	05	05	08	07	15
Total			12	14	30	28	28	56

Relevance of Action 3:- Skill Building Training:



When the young PWDs are bread winners it makes a difference in their lives. Hence we continue on vocational trades for them and this year 3 tailoring units at Katapali, Tora and Saleana Villages gave opportunities to 40 young girls for tailoring training. It is good to see them happy as they are able to earn.

Since they are able to earn for their sustenance their zest to go forward is easily noticeable. After some training some of them have purchased machines and we are sure it will bring a lot of change.

The Achievements

- Today 350 PWDs of the project area have become self employed in our two blocks and they are able to earn Rs.2000 to 3,000 per month through different vocational trades.
- In the year 2011, 40 new young girls have completed tailoring training and started earning Rs 500 - 1000 per month.

Change

- ❖ Along with their earning, home assets like mobile, T.V, bicycle, fans etc. are purchased. They can be independent and their socio-economic status can improve for better. Their living conditions are in line with the others in the society.
- ❖ Some of them get financial support from bank and extend their activities. The earning has gained self respect in their communities.

Status of Vocational Training 2011

SL. No	Name of the Trade	Name of the Village	Name of the GP	Name of the Block	Male	Female	Total
1	Tailoring	Saleana	Des Bhatli	Bheden	-	10	10
2	Tailoring	Tora	Tora	Bargarh	-	14	14
3.	Tailoring	Katapali	Katapali	Bargarh	-	16	16
Total						40	40

Relevance of Action 4:- Government Facilities Obtained:

We have gone beyond our earlier methods of doing the work by ourselves for the Government facilities and today to a great extent they are able to go for different Government facilities like handicap certificates, bus passes, train passes, ID cards, Pension, scholarships, IAY houses and Aids & appliances.



The schemes like SGSY, PMGSRY, SHG loans are available to the PWDs. This has made them the earning members. Their effort has made the Government officials sensitized and in turn they help the PWDs/CWDs in our neighboring blocks. Network members and Govt officials have developed good relationship in the block level and district level. Through the SSA/dist administration to certain extent they are able to get health facilities like surgery and aids and appliances. Panchayat Raj institutions/ NGOs/Teachers/ Anganwadi Workers and general public co-operate to work for mainstreaming the PWDs/CWDs in the area.

Status of Govt. facilities obtained

No of blocks Covered	No of G.P.s Covered	No of Villages Covered	HC	BP	TP	ID Card	Pension	Scholarship	IAY House	BPL Rice	Individual Loan	Surgery	Total
01	46	161	406	99	128	12	112	09	19	600	15	05	1405

Aids and Appliances

Tricycle	Wheel Chair	Crutches	Hearing Aids	Calipers	Total
16	12	02	03	03	36

The Achievements

- We are happy that 802 old and 1441 new CWDs & PWDs got different facilities in 2011.
- Directly our two network committee members are following-up the medical board camp at district level on the 1st day of every month and provide the report to the office.
- 600 PWDs are getting the BPL rice from Government at the rate of Rs. 2

Change

- ❖ The network members, NGOs, together with their parents and staff time to time meet the concerned government authorities and create awareness about PWD/ CWD issues and linkage of government facilities/schemes on a regular basis in the project area.
- ❖ 600 CWDs/PWDs are able to get BPL rice and meet their livelihood. Now their socio-economic condition has improved.
- ❖ PRI leaders, school teachers, Govt officials do cooperate with CWDs/ PWDs for their mainstreaming in the society.

Relevance of Action 5:- Children's Parliament:



The opportunities given to the children at the beginning are certainly not a waste. In our field area we have regularly organized quarterly meetings and discussed their common issues through the medium of children's parliament. Now children parliament members and their guardians are aware of their rights, care and protection of the CWDs.

There is some change as the parents of the CWDs attend the meetings regularly with their children. The CWDs are aware of their rights and are able to help other children in their villages. They take part in different school competitions during the celebrations of national festivals. We also provide capacity building training for the members of the children parliament to get Govt facilities like scholarship, aids and appliances, pension, surgery etc.



The Achievements

- 8 children parliament quarterly meetings were organized and 1125 CWDs/ parents attended the meeting.
- 42 CWDs got Govt facilities in different schools.
- 106 CWDs were awarded with prizes in the competitions during the national day celebrations in the project area.
- 37 CWDs have got aids and appliances and free surgery from Sarba Sikhya Abhjan and govt. administration.

Change

- ❖ There is good relationship with CWDs and their health condition has improved. Child rights, regular education, Govt. facilities for the CWDs have been received in the project area by 85%.
- ❖ There is unity among the children for getting their rights in all the child parliaments.

Relevance of Action 6:- Self Help Groups (SHG):



Self Help Group is a wonderful medium for self reliance and unity. It is good to see that 116 Self Help Groups are formed under “*Mission Khyamata*” in our two blocks of Bargarh and Bheden. These SHGs regularly do their monthly meetings and savings in all groups. They have a savings of Rs. 9, 85,650 (nine lakh eighty five thousand and six hundred and fifty). During this period we have given training to 87 SHGs on record keeping and group management in their villages. A total of 346 members had attended the training programme and 16 SHGs have already managed to mobilize loan support from different banks. SHG members have started their individual activities and income generation programme for their sustainability. 32 SHGs have developed business development plans (BDP) in their groups and promote their small micro entrepreneurship activities in their villages.

During this period 16 SHGs have already mobilized loan support of Rs. 7, 27,000.00 from different banks and continue their activities like petty business, Kirana Shop, tailoring, betel shop, dairy and hotel business in their villages.

The Achievements

- 116 (old and new) PWD SHGs have been formed and 713 PWDs are involved in the groups and they have raised savings of Rs. 9, 85,650 in their group accounts in different banks.
- 16 old SHGs have got linkage with banks of Rs. 7, 27000 as loan support from SGSY & micro finance schemes.
- In 87 SHGs 346 members have got capacity building trainings on record keeping and group management in their locality.
- 32 SHGs have developed their business development plan (BDP) in our two blocks.
- 10 CBR workers and staff attended the capacity building training for 5 days organized by the ASK team at Vikas Deepti, Bargarh.

Change

- ❖ SHG members of the project area are able to earn by themselves and create individual/home assets in their groups. The parents and guardians do cooperate with the PWDs and help them to attend different meetings and programmes. Govt officers also encourage them to develop micro entrepreneurship activities and get support subsidy schemes of Rs, 5000 to every group towards running their small business at free of cost as a revolving fund.
- ❖ SHG and network members collectively organize different Lobby and Advocacy programmes for solving the PWD/CWDs issues. Now their socio economic condition is better and other PWDs are ready to form new SHGs in their field.

Status of Self Help Group (SHG) - 2011

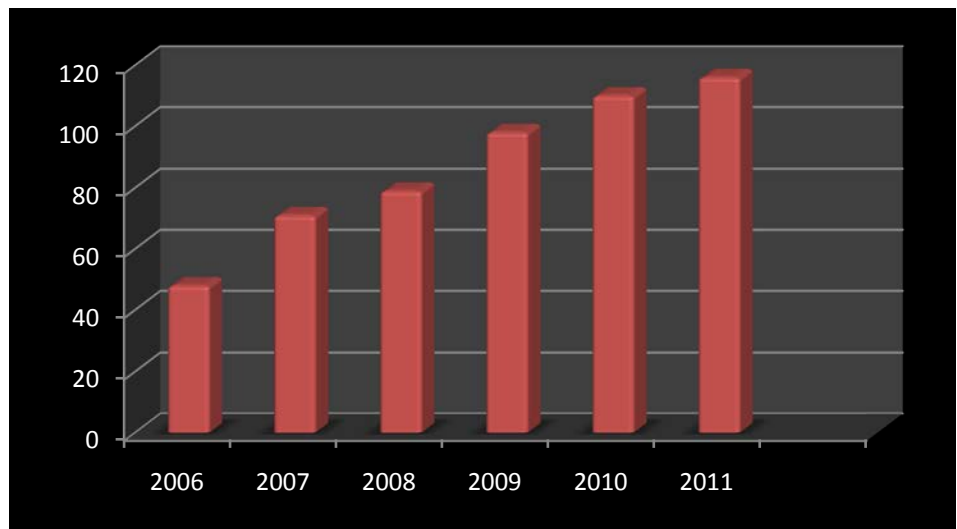
S. No	No of Blocks covered	No of GPs covered	No of Villages Covered	No of SHGs	No of Group Members	Male	Female	Group Savings
1	02	46	160	116	713	445	268	Rs.9,85,650.00

Status of SHG bank linkage- 2011

SL No	No of blocks covered	No of GPs covered	No of Villages covered	No of SHG bank linkage	No of members loan taken	Loan support amount	Group activities
1	02	11	16	16	110	Rs. 7, 27000	Petty business, Kirana shop, dairy, tailoring, hotel and betel Shop

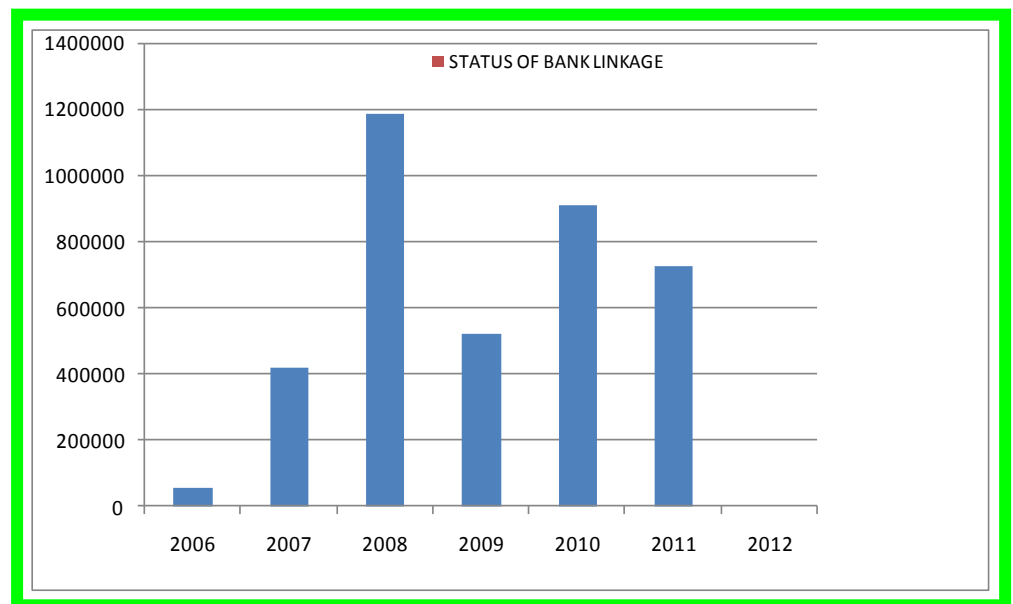
Self Help Groups 2006-2011

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2008.....79
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2010.....110
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STATUS OF SHG BANK LINKAGE

Year	Amount per Year
2006	58,000
2007	4,16,654
2008	11,87,000
2009	5,23,000
2010	9,09,000
2011	7,27,000
Total	38,20,654



Relevance of Action 7(i):- Health Awareness Programmes:



provides Rs. 5000 for the mothers as nutrition package.

Health awareness camps for the newly married couples on immunization and prevention of disability were organized in 10 gram Panchayats of Bargarh and Bheden blocks. There were 312 participants in the health awareness camps. ANM, Ashakarmi, Anganwadi workers gave talks on safe delivery, causes of disability and immunization packages. They motivated the newly married couples about “JSY” schemes and hospital delivery with regular check-up, pre-natal, natal, post-natal care, immunization etc. Now Odisha Govt also

The Achievements

- 10 health awareness camps were organized in 10 Gram Panchayats and 312 newly married couples became sensitized for the immunization and prevention of disability.
- 31 newly married couples got aware about “JSY” schemes and got the financial support of Rs. 43,400 from the medical department.
- 65 newly married couples got free medicines like: calcium tablet, polio dose, T.T and tonics in 39 villages.

Change

- ❖ All our newly married couples are registered with Anganwadi centers and have got the delivery cards, iron tablets, tonic and JSY benefits in their villages.
- ❖ Newly married couples are aware about their food habit and go for regular check-ups with the reputed doctors.
- ❖ Infant mortality and mother mortality rate has come down drastically in the villages.
- ❖ ANM, Asha, Anganwadi, CBR workers collectively approached the newly married couples and new born babies have become part of the immunization in the project area.

Relevance of Action 7 (ii):- Home Based Education and Therapy:

The Cerebral Palsy (CP) and Mental Retardation (MR) CWDs are given regular physiotherapy and ADL training in their houses. The parents and the family members are trained about the exercise/ ADL to give to their children. On a regular basis they too give them physiotherapy. CBR workers and physiotherapist frequently follow-up and suggest methods to improve the condition of the CWDs. They are also advised for the use of necessary aids and appliances for their mobility. Now 103 CWDs are able to study in their locality and this enables the CBR workers to give physiotherapy and ADL trainings in their homes. Every month CBR workers, co-coordinators, physiotherapist follow-up and make future action plan for their improvement. Some children have already got admission in special schools and formal schools in the project area. The joy of the parents is a constant encouragement for the rest.



The Achievements

- 360 CP and MR children from 38 GPs have got regular home based education and therapy.
- At the moment 103 CWDs are studying in their houses.
- 21 CWDs have got mobility aids from Govt and are able to move by their own.
- 75 MR CWDs perform ADL like: combing, brushing, toilet, and bathing by themselves.

Change

- ❖ The C.P. & M.R children are able to do their ADL activities by themselves. Due to regular physiotherapy and ADL training, some of them have improved in their health condition and mobility. This certainly is encouraging the parents for doing ADL & use of aids and appliances.

Relevance of Action 7 (iii):- Training Camp for CP and MR Children:



A training camp for MR and CP children with one of their parents was held at Bheden and Nagenpali. There were 80 participants. The parents/ guardians of the CWDs attended the five days training and became aware of the benefit of regular exercise and ADL trainings along with the use of aids and appliances. The Physiotherapist and CBR workers do the follow up of the same in the field along with the coordinators. They too

create awareness about Govt facilities like, HC, BP, train pass, scholarship and pension etc. The parents of the CWDs/ family members are asked to get involved with the exercise demonstration and behaviour modification trainings so that they can provide the CWDs the same facility in their homes regularly.

The Achievements

- 2 training camps were organized in two blocks and 80 participants attended the camp and got sensitized about the regular exercise and ADL trainings.
- 69 CWDs family members are giving regular physiotherapy and ADL trainings on their own.
- 45 CWDs got linkage in pension, handicapped certificates, and scholarship in their villages.

Change

- ❖ At present the family members of the CWDs give regular physiotherapy and ADL training to their children. They are also able to avail facilities like handicapped certificates, train pass, pension, and aids and appliances from the Government by themselves. Because of the regular physiotherapy and ADL training, most of them have improved in their health condition and mobility.

Relevance of Action 7 (iv):- Regional Workshop on Child Protection and Alternate Child Care:



On 12th December, we had organized a regional workshop on child protection and alternate child care at “Purohit Bhavan” Bargarh. There were 45 participants from western Odisha in the programme. DSWO, NGOs, network Members and staff took part in the workshop. Mr. Rajendra Meher the resource person explained about the different child acts & child rights in India. He also called on all the participants to discuss the topics like: child protection, alternative child care, kinship care, foster care, JJ act, child labour act, and a child without family, parental care etc. The

participants became aware of the various aspects of child care.

The Achievements

- During the regional workshop from 10 blocks 45 participants attended the programme and became aware about the child protection and alternate child care.
- The network members have planned to prepare action plans and request the Govt to implement the child protection act in the district.

Change

- ❖ The NGO, CBO, network members have started identification and survey in their working area.
- ❖ Motivation is on in the community for the protection of children in different ways.

Relevance of Action 8:- Self Employment of PWDs:

Security and welfare of the physically challenged is our aim and this is best done through self employment. So far the field has responded well. At present, 128 old PWDs and 15 new PWDs have got different self employment activities by the end of December 2011. They have started different activities like: Kirana shop, tailoring, mobile repairing, betel shop, cycle mart, petty business in their villages. During this period 15 PWDs have got the financial linkage of Rs. 4, 20,000 (four lakh twenty thousand) from banks. Now they are earning monthly Rs. 2000 - 3000. Block officers and bankers also cooperate with the PWDs for their self-employment.



The Achievements

- 143 PWDs have got self employed in our two blocks.
- 15 PWDs got the financial support of Rs. 4, 20, 000 from different banks and continue their activities.
- 128 old PWDs are earning per month Rs. 2000 to Rs.3000.

Change

The PWDs are self employed in their villages and earn their livelihood and support their families. Some of them have created home assets and individual assets. Now their dependence of the family is reduced and PWDs have gained self respect from their community. Some of them are having regular savings in SHGs, banks, Sahara India. Their socio -economic status has improved and other PWDs are showing interest for the self employment activities.

Relevance of Action 9:- Supply of Aids and Appliances from Orthotic Workshop, Vikas Deepti:



Through the Orthotic and Prosthetic workshop, 67 CWDs have got the different types of aids and appliances for their use. These are like: AFO/ KAFO, Corner seat, Knee cage, Calipers, etc. Their mobility has improved and they are able to go to different places like offices, schools, markets and Panchayats



by themselves. As their dependency is reduced in the family they can also take part in the different occasions and festivals in their villages. It is an eye-opener for other CWDs in the villages.

The Achievements

- 363 old CWDs and 67 new CWDs are regularly using the different aids and appliances from the orthotic workshop.
- 65 CWDs are attending the schools, colleges, by the help of calipers, crutches, walkers, BK/AK prosthesis etc.
- 11 CWDs have got corner seat, Knee cage, and spinal brace in the field area this year.

Change

The CWDs/ PWDs of the project area have got access to different types of aids and appliances from Vikas Deepti, and use it regularly. Now their mobility has increased and they move by their own in different places with the help of the appliances.

Relevance of Action 10:- Block Level Workshop on PWD Rights (outside of Operational Area):



On 27th July 2011, we had organized a block level workshop at Bhatli Block “Ekalabya Conference Hall” with 65 participants. Chief Guest was Mr. Brajabandhu Bhoi, BDO, Bhatli block and Mr. Pramod pradhan, Zillapasidad. School teachers, samitisabhiyas, sarpanchs, Govt officers, Anganwadi workers, NGO, CBOs network members participated in the workshop.

We also discussed PWD rights, Government facilities and other Govt schemes during the programme. The programme helped to collectively identify the PWDs issues and to plan to solve them in one platform. This workshop has enhanced the awareness of PWDs rights in the participants and to build relationship with stake holders of the block.

The Achievements

- 65 participants of PRI Leaders, school teachers, Samiti Sablings, zillaparisad members and Anganwadi teachers became aware of the PWD rights from one block.
- 10 core issues of CWDs/PWDs were identified commonly and memorandum was submitted to the Government.

Change

- ❖ The Govt officers, Sarpanches are aware of the PWD rights and now they are helping CWDs/PWDs for Linkage of Govt facilities like –pension, IAY house, individual loan support and supply of BPL rice and aids and appliances in the field area.

Relevance of Action 11:- Celebration of the World Disability Day:

On 3rd December 2011 and 7th December 2011 world disability day was celebrated at Jamurda and Bheden respectively. There were 525 CWDs/PWDs for the programme from 46 Gram Panchayats. The district social welfare officer (DSWO) ADSWO, SEO, local Sarpanch and other Govt officers were present to these occasions. We had organized meetings and different



events like: ball throw, pot breaking, chocolate race musical chair, song competition, Tricycle race etc.

Quite a number of CWDs and PWDs took part in the competition. The winners in each category were awarded with prizes to encourage them. DSWO assured that, that it was a good programme for the CWDs/PWDs and we must help the CWDs with Govt facilities linkage and supply of BPL rice. It was a good opportunity for the CWDs/PWDs to show their talents and win prizes. ADSWO, SEO, Sarpanches also said that they would help the CWDs in different schemes & linkages in the villages. Network committee members were actively involved in the programme management and it was a grand success. The local leaders, volunteers, and PRI members contributed their help for the success of the programme.



The Achievements

- 525 CWDs/PWDs had attended the programme from 46 GPs and came to know about the World Disability Day.
- 120 CWDs received prizes in different events.
- 2 blocks Govt officers, PRI members, guardians were part of the programme and were sensitized about the disability day.

Change

- ❖ The network members managed to organize the world disability day in their blocks and CWDs/ PWDs are also aware of their rights. The interests of CWDs/PWDs are very much appreciated in performing of different curricular activities. The cooperation from the Govt officers and general public has increased.

Relevance of Action 12:- Media Interface Meeting with NGOs, CBOs and Network:



On 21st September 2011, we had organized a media interface meeting with press reporters, electronic media representatives, NGOs, CBOs, network members at Bargarh. There were 32 participants who attended the programme. As a part of the meeting, Press Reporters were asking the CWDs/PWDs issues in Bargarh District and we had commonly 8 core issues presented in their presence. They also discussed about the grass root issues and policy

issues and highlighted them in the different newspapers for public awareness and created advocacy methods for pressurizing the Govt department. Political leaders, policy makers also were sensitized about PWD issues and make law for the pwds rehabilitation in the country. Media pares, NGOs, network members have developed cooperation in the district and helping the PWDs in the project areas.



The Achievements

- 32 participants from NGO Partners, CBO, Network and press reporters, and Electronic media persons attended the meeting and came to know of the PWD issues.
- The media personals had created awareness to general public through different news papers and electronic media by highlighting the PWD issues.
- Govt officials and other line departments are helping the PWDs for obtaining Govt facility linkage in the district and state.

Change

- ❖ In our operational district of Bargarh, Govt officers are now cooperating with the CWDs/PWDs and their parents for linkage the different facilities.
- ❖ NGO, CBO, Network members are collectively handling the PWD issues and demanding their rights through the electronic media and daily newspapers.

Case study: 1

“My Life has changed”



I am Dukhu Nag, son of Mayadhar Nag At/Po Dhangor in the district of Bargarh. I am 22 years old and my physical deformity is 60% Polio from my childhood.

I have passed 8th std and we were eight children in my family. My father was a farmer. We had no sufficient land so my father worked on daily labour. Due to my poor condition, my father was not able to educate me in higher stages. I used to play with my friends in the village and

looked for some daily labour. It was quite hard for me to survive and that time Mr. Sahu from Vikas Deepti, the project coordinator and Ms. Prababathi Nag, a CBR worker came to my house and discussed my childhood life and motivated me for the Govt facilities linkage of self employment.

I could not think about my self employment and regular earning. They motivated me for business and tailoring activities. In the year 2006 I was interested in tailoring in my village and my brother Manoj Bhoi taught me tailoring. When I finished my tailoring training Mr. Sahu and Ms. Prabhavathi Nag once again came to my house and motivated me for the formation of PWD's Self Help Group. We had selected 6 PWDs for the SHG and formed one SHG named "*Satyasai Virnakhyam* Self Help Group". I joined the SHG and took the responsibility as the president. We had a monthly deposit membership of Rs. 100 in my group account. After a year we got loan of Rs 36000 from ADB bank. I also took a loan Rs. 5000 and purchased one sewing machine and started my tailoring work in my village. Now I am making different designs of clothes for boys and girls. I have developed my tailoring shop in my village and it is a model for others. At present my monthly income is Rs. 8000 and I have purchased assets like one zigzag machine, table fan, mobile set and two chairs for my shop.

I am also glad that my plan was to add 2/3 sewing machines and appoint other boys and extend my shop. The staff of Vikas Deepti regularly guided me and is helping for the financial support and for my skill building and other moral support. Today my family and I are happy for I am not dependent. My sincere thanks to Vikas Deepti & the staff for giving me hope and making me independent.

Case study: 2

“Unity is Strength”

Maa Ghanabanian Self Help Group



Bonde is a small village located 19 kms from its District head quarters. The people here belong to OBC, SC, ST castes. In 2009, Vikas Deepti's coordinator Mr. Sahu and CBR worker Ms. Nalini Neeti came to my village. They had arranged a village meeting in my village and identified the PWDs and CWDs. 13 PWDs were selected in the village and they discussed the Govt facilities and benefits for the PWDs. They also motivated us for the formation of SHGs under mission *Khyamata*. With 6 PWDs a SHG named *Maa Ghanabanian* Self Help Group was formed. We also selected a president and a secretary to handle and manage the group. Every month membership fees of Rs 100 per head was collected and deposited in group account.

Smt. Debaki Bisi, with 50% Low vision was selected as President and Mr. Bhagabotia Bhisar, with 60% polio was selected as secretary. We had opened a joint account at SBI branch of ADB bank, Bargarh. After eight months we had got a loan support of Rs. 14000. Since all

our members were skilled in brooms making we invested this amount in the vocational activities. We had got a profit of Rs 4900. After the six months, from brooms business alone all loan dues were repaid. Bank manager and field officers were very happy with vocational activities and he asked us to apply for the next loan.

All our SHG members were also very happy and good relationship was developed with many in the groups. Then we had decided for the second loan to be applied and extended the vocational activities. During this period our savings raised to Rs.11, 819 and brooms making activity was carried on.

Vikas Deepti also provided different capacity building trainings to our group members and linkage to the Govt facilities like: monthly pension, train pass, bus pass, IAY house and BPL rice etc. Now all our members have got the monthly pension of Rs. 200. And they are grateful to Vikas Deepti & the staff. Smt. Debaki Bisi is also a network member and she has attended the different trainings and meetings at the block level.

Now there is unity in the group and that is our strength. We are able to do all business and strengthen our SHG. The socio- economic condition of our members has changed. At present my group's savings is Rs. 32460 in the bank account. A big thanks to Vikas Deepti and the staff for their generous help to us.

"I was slightly brain damaged at birth, and I want people like me to see that they shouldn't let a disability get in the way. I want to raise awareness- I want to turn my disability into ability."

- Susan Boyle



"For me, disability is a way of getting some extremity, some kind of very difficult situation that throws an interesting light on people."

-Mark Haddon





Miracle does take place in today's world and it is possible through able hands and commitment. The donor agency **STICHTING KINDERPOSTZEGELS NEDERLAND** was very generous to us by providing the financial assistance for all the activities of the project area. More than this their encouragement and guidance has certainly helped us immensely. We are confident they will be with us and extend us the needed support. Kindly accept our sincere thanks.

We need to thank our **project staff of Vikas Deepti**. Their constant visit and commitment shown has brought in good results. While appreciating and thanking them, I would only say **MAY GOD BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY**.

Sincere thanks to all the **PWDs, their parents/guardians, officials and well wishers**. If their co-operation and help was absent then our success would have been very less. Surely they have benefitted and we hope that it will be double in the future. Good wishes to all of you from all at Vikas Deepti.

WITH SINCERE GOOD WISHES,

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"Not only do physically disabled people have experiences which are not available to the able-bodied, they are in a better position to transcend cultural mythologies about the body, because they cannot do things the able-bodied feel they must do in order to be happy, 'normal,' and sane....If disabled people were truly heard, an explosion of knowledge of the human body and psyche would take place."

- Susan Wendell