

# SKN ANNUAL REPORT



## THE SKN PROJECT 2014

*"To us the size of  
audience doesn't matter*

*We keep up the good  
work.... what wings are  
to a bird and sails to  
ship, so is SKN to the  
people".*

*The story here.....*

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## **Executive Summary**

*Human life always comes alive when new initiatives play a great role in any one's life. Happiness is certainly doubled when newness and cheerfulness enters into one's life. Vikas Deepti with the vision of "making opportunities for dignity of life without any discrimination" for the physically challenged began its activity in four blocks. It was just a dream but with the interventions today has certainly made in roads to the lives of the children and adults. Today with pride we can say that they see their lives more with care and concern. Their openness to venture into the mainstream is indeed praiseworthy.*

*Vikas Deepti was ably supported by SKN, Netherlands in this effort of community based rehabilitation. Their long term support has benefitted a lot and it means a lot to this vulnerable section of the society. Left to themselves, I am sure the life would not have been a joyful moment.*

*Till now we have been able to enter into many more lives in the villages through our initiatives. It has helped them in economic growth, education, mobility and sustenance. The children have been detected early of their disability, parents/guardians have been prepared to take care of them, others are sensitized and vocational trades have made them economically sound.*

*It gives immense joy to see them getting newness in their lives.*

*The past year 2014 saw some new initiatives specially concentrating on the suggestions of the IGSSS and concentrated on prevention of disabilities, health and awareness, making the networks more and more initiated into the programme, parents of the CWDs/PWDs being given more and more trainings etc. This we hope will bring a change in their life.*

*The year that has just gone by has also seen lots of changes in the attitudes of the PWDs. Now there is initiative from their part to come forward for obtaining their rights and facilities.*

***The IBR (Institution Based Rehabilitation) of Vikas Bhavan (belonging to Vikas Deepti) once again was very helpful for the CBR programme as the staff, facilities and infrastructure was useful in carrying out the programmes. Many of the trainings, practices were possible due to the presence of the residential children.***

*We march ahead in this new year with zeal to the lives of the disabled with hope that our presence will give them opportunities to grow and gain dignity in life. Thanks once again to SKN Nederland for their able guidance and support.*

## NARRATIVE REPORT FROM JANUARY 2014 - DECEMBER 2014

We are happy to present this narrative project report of the SKN which focuses on some changes/ achievements made by “**VIKAS DEEPTI**” in the lives of the physically challenged in 2014 through the CBR staff, Network committees, SHGs and the platforms created through the project intervention. The physically challenged and their parents/ guardians along with the staff of Vikas Deepti were able to achieve some good results in four blocks through their efforts and hard work. Here is a glimpse of the project;

### Some significant Achievements/Results:

#### Relevance of Action 1:- Health awareness camp for Adolescent girls:



Taking into account of the prevention and awareness that is crucial for growth, health awareness camps for the Adolescent girls on Nutrition, Immunization, anemia, early marriage and health education were organized in 15 Grampanchayats under four blocks of Bargarh District. Altogether 618 adolescent girls took part in these camps. The resource persons were ANM, anganwadi, Ashakarmi who gave talks on the safety of adolescent girls, causes of disability and immunization packages. They motivated them on the government

provisions and schemes for the adolescent girls. This has created some awareness among them for their safety and wellbeing. We hope it becomes a good background for their future.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 15 Health awareness camps were organized in our four blocks for adolescent girls.
2. 618 Adolescent girls were sensitized on nutrition, immunization, early marriages, and health checkup.
3. 327 adolescent girls got free medicines like – Iron tablets, Albondazal tablets, Folic acid etc.
4. 480 Adolescent girls now keep contact with AWC/ANM and check their weight every month.

#### Change

- ❖ The adolescent girls are sensitized about their marriage and good health. They also take nutritious food, iron tablets, Chhatua etc. All Adolescent girls are regular for their weight, health check ups. They are able to maintain good relationship with ANM, Asha and Anganwadi workers in the villages.

## Relevance of Action – 2: Health Awareness for Pregnant Women:



*“Prevention of disabilities”* through targeting the pregnant women is the programme that should bring changes in the society. Here the pregnant women are given awareness on the necessities of actions aimed at safe delivery, health & hygiene, care, nutritious food and health check up. The involvement of health workers like:- ANM, Anganwadi workers, Asha karmies, Physiotherapist & Co-ordinator have specially given motivation to the pregnant women and adolescent girls to be aware of their diet pattern, regular

checkup, immunization, and bed rest for providing better health for their children. The provisions of National rural health mission (NRHM) packages have also briefly elaborated the “Matrimonial” schemes provided for a safe delivery of each woman (@Rs-5000/- to all pregnant women) in the district.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 10 health awareness camps were organized in our four blocks.
2. 293 pregnant women were sensitized on food habits, immunization, regular checkup, bed rest, M.M.Y. (Matrimonial Yojana) schemes etc.
3. 291 pregnant women have got M.M.Y. support of Rs-14, 55000/- & JSY support of Rs- 410,200/- towards institutional delivery from government of Odisha.
4. 50% of MMR((mother mortality rate) and IMR(infant mortality rate) has been reduced in the project areas.

### Change

- ❖ The pregnant women now eat vegetables, fruits, iron tablets, folic acids, chatta for good nutrition. They are sensitized about the “causes of disability” and are aware of the better facilities for hospital delivery. They believe that ‘healthy mother gives birth to a healthy baby’.
- ❖ Now they are in contact with ANM, Asha and Anganwadi in all the villages and attend the health meetings on a regular basis. They also have better contact with CBR workers for their different govt. facilities. They get better assistance from the CBR workers for getting the government facilities.
- ❖ Most of the pregnant women are made aware of the happiness of the small family .

### **Relevance of Action 3:- Health Awareness Camp for The Newly Married Couples:**



In order to aim at the prevention of disability, programmes were conducted in 10 villages under four blocks for the newly married couples. 342 newly married couples were part of this programme. The resource persons were instrumental in instructing the newly married couples. They were given awareness on immunization, child care, janani surakhya yojana and causes and prevention of disability. They were also instructed on the most essential part of risk of home delivery and causes of disability. Various government schemes and

matrumangal yojana for the newly couples were also dealt with. Stress was given to regular health check ups, diet pattern, bed rest etc. Personal health problems too were highlighted. It was really a great opportunity to impart this knowledge to our women who are still ignorant of many things that they need to pay attention for their day today life.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. 10 health awareness camps were organized in our four blocks for the newly married couples.
2. 342 newly married couples were sensitized about immunization, mother and child care, causes of disability and regular health check ups.
3. 257 couples are put in regular contact with anganwadi, ANM and asha karmee for better facilities and getting the iron tablets and folic acids.

#### **Changes**

- ❖ The newly married couples are now aware of the causes of disability. They have enrolled their names in AW centre and started collecting iron tablets and folic acids etc.
- ❖ They are very much aware of HIV/AIDS and avoid the blood that is not tested.
- ❖ Usage of disposable syringes is another positive outcome.
- ❖ They are aware of the concept of family planning.

## **Relevance of Action 4:- Camp for C.P and M.R children:**



Making parents responsible for the growth and care of the physically challenged children is one of the good efforts that we carry on. This effort is made every year through the C.P & M.R. camp in the 4 blocks. There were 239 participants. The parents /guardians of the CWDs attended the 4 days training and became aware of the benefit of regular exercises 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 co-ordinator. It was an opportunity

for the older CWDs to assess the improvement and take corrective measures for the future. For the new cases it was an opportunity to do the assessment and begin the process of care and growth. The parents of the CWDs and family members were asked to get involved with the exercise demonstration and behavior modification trainings so that they can provide the CWDs the same facilities in their homes regularly. CBR workers plan and assign the process in every month and do the follow-up on a regular basis.

This occasion was also made use to make them aware of the government facilities like: monthly pension, scholarships, handicapped certificate, bus pass, train pass, PDR rice, etc.



1. 239 CP and MR children along with parents/ guardians participated in three training camps and got sensitized on regular exercise and ADL trainings.
2. 233 CWDs are getting regular physiotherapy and ADL trainings by the family members on their own.
3. 189 CWDs have got linkage for pension, handicapped certificate, scholarship, PDR rice and appliances from the government.

### **Change**

- ❖ At present many CP and MR children are able to sit, move and stand on their own. Some of them are brushing, eating, bathing and combing on their own.
- ❖ The family members of the CWDs are giving regular physiotherapy and ADL training to their children. They go to the special schools and formal schools with their own interest.
- ❖ There is a lot of improvement in the physical condition of the CWDs. Parents are also sensitized about the care for children, protection, regular exercise, education and different government facilities.

## **Relevance of Action 5: Eye check up and blood sampling for the CWDS/PWDS:**



Making provision for the better health care and prevention of sight and health problems, an eye camp along with blood sampling was held on 25.10.2014 at Vikas Deepti. Able teams from Grace Vision Sambalpur and laboratory staff from Mission hospital, Bargarh were at this service. There were 506 CWDs in this camp from our four blocks. A total of 268 CWDs/PWDs did their eye check ups and 238 blood samplings. The net work members, CBR workers and Vikas Deepti staff were actively involved with this venture. This was a golden opportunity for the parents to show their children with disability and plan future course of action for their wellbeing. Some of them were also referred for further check up and treatment. All in all this was a grand success.

The local leaders were called in to make them aware of the need to attend the CWDs/PWDs in their work area. They were very appreciative of this initiative.



1. 268 CWDs got free eye check up from the camp.
2. 238 received individual blood grouping reports freely.
3. 10 CWDs got spectacles after their check up.
4. 6 CWDs got free hearing aids from JMJ hospital.

### **Change**

- ❖ The CWDs/PWDs became aware of their eye condition and have got instruction for a healthy diet and eye care. We believe it will bring changes for good.

*“Childhood vaccines are one of the great triumphs of modern medicine. Indeed, parents whose children are vaccinated no longer have to worry about their child's death or disability from whooping cough, polio, diphtheria, hepatitis, or a host of other infections.”*

Ezekiel Emanuel

## Relevance of Action 6:- Special School for C.P& M.R children:



The children with disabilities especially C.P & M.R had the possibility of pursuing the educational opportunity through special schools. We had 6 units in 2014. The teachers and the CBR workers along with the Village Education Committee combined with parents of these children made this venture a successful one. We are happy that many have come forward to join the formal schools which fulfills the focus of having these special schools.

The children are also given time for physiotherapy and ADL. These along with joyful learning methods (songs, charts, play things, rhymes etc) give them enthusiasm for learning. The teachers are also gathered for some teaching tips so that new additions are made.

A mention of the village education committee is essential. Now they are given more and more responsibility to monitor, run and gather the children. We hope to give them also trainings on prevention of disability and food habits.



1. 93 CP and MR children are attending the special schools regularly. (Status page 07)
2. 23 CWDs are enrolled in the formal school during 2014.
3. 103 old CWDs are continuing their regular education in different formal schools.
4. 46 CWDs got linkage on scholarships and have got Rs 115000.00 from Sarva Sikhya Abhijan (SSA)

*"It is a lonely existence to be a child with a disability which no-one can see or understand, you exasperate your teachers, you disappoint your parents, and worst of all you know that you are not just stupid."*

Susan Hampshire

### STATUS OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS - 2014

Sl. No	Name and address of the special School	Name of the G.P	CP	MR	Polio	Boys	Girls	Total	Children fund
1	Special School of Kumbhari	Kumbhari	03	07	07	09	08	17	3560/-
2	Special School of Chichinda	Chichinda	04	06	06	09	07	16	2650/-
3	Special School of Katapali	Katapali	03	06	06	08	07	15	4340/-
4	Special school of Jarmurda	Jamurda	04	04	04	06	06	12	3740/-
5	Special school of Remenda	Remenda	04	05	8	09	08	17	2860/-
6	Special school of Bondhapali	Bondhapali	04	05	07	07	09	16	1200/
	<b>Total</b>	-	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>18,350/-</b>

### Relevance of Action 7:- Skill Building training for young PWDs:



Economic sustenance is the way of providing new initiatives to the physically challenged youth for development and growth. In the year 2014 the vocational trades have given them these opportunities. While some are given financial assistance to begin their vocational trades, others are given training for trades so that they begin their livelihood activities. We do it as we believe that this would give them encouragement to earning and supporting their families.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 60 New young (boys and girls) Pwds have completed vocational trades like tailoring, cycle repairs and mobile repairs.
2. They are able to earn Rs-1500/- Rs 4000/- per month through different vocational trades.
3. 36 young girls have got their tailoring units in their villages and 3 pwds have started their mobile repairs units.

### Change

- ❖ Due to the vocational trainings, our PWDs are self employed in their villages and have begun to earn.
- ❖ Their living condition has improved and it gives them a boost for trying more and more trades in their villages.
- ❖ Since they have become earning members of their families they are taken better care by other members.

### Relevance of Action 8:- Self Help Groups (SHG):



Self help groups (SHG) are means of giving hope for a better future. At present 130 SHGs are formed under “mission Khyammata” schemes in our four blocks of Bargarh, Bheden, Barpali and Attabira. These SHGs are quite good in their functioning. However we have also identified 14 SHGs which need more care and follow up.

This year 125 SHGs got capacity building training on record keeping, group management & product sale in the villages.

The participants were 349 and 9 SHGs have already managed to mobilize a loan support of Rs 791000.00 from different banks. In total they have a saving of Rs-21, 96,797/- at different banks. They also continue the trades like weaving, leaf plate making, tailoring, cotton bati making, small hotel, grocery shop, vegetable sale etc. The family members of PWDs do assist them in their undertakings.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 130 SHGs are formed in four blocks & 783 PWDs are involved in SHGs.
2. 10 SHGs are continuing their income generation activities.
3. 9 SHGs have got bank linkage of Rs.7,91000/
4. Rs-2196197/- saving is raised and deposited in the banks.

### Change

- ❖ The PWDs of the SHGs are able to put in better effort for earning that has made a new path for bringing dignity of life.
- ❖ They are encouraged due to SHGs to venture into trades and business management due to others support.

**STATUS OF SELF HELP GROUPS (SHG) – 2014**

SL. 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	04	120	128	130	783	475	308	Rs 2196797/-

**SHG Bank Linkage**

SL. No	No of blocks covered	No of GPs covered	No of Villages covered	No of SHG Bank linkage	No of group members loan taken	Loan support amount 2014	Loan support from 2006 to 2014	Group activities
1	03	09	09	09	59	7,91,000/-	54,11,508/-	Leaf plate, grocery shop, vegetable sale, weaving etc

**Relevance of Action 9:-Home based Education and Therapy:**



It takes immense amount of energy to deal with the CP and MR CWDs unable to come to a center due to their disability. Hence they are given regularly physiotherapy and ADL training in their homes. The parents/guardians and family members are encouraged and given training regarding the exercises so that they can help their children regularly with the necessary services. The CBR workers in their own field along with the guidance of the physiotherapist regularly do the follow-up and suggest ways and means for their

future improvement. Now 233 CWDs are able to study in their locality and the CBR workers follow physiotherapy and ADL trainings in their homes. Regular monitoring and follow up has really helped them to better their lives. This needs to be done on a long term basis if better results need to be achieved.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 233 CP and MR children from 4 blocks have regular home based education and therapy.
2. 136 MR CWDs perform ADL like; - eating, brushing, combing, toilet and bath on their own.
3. 32 CWDs have got mobility aids from the government.
4. 123 CWDs have educational opportunity in their homes.

### Change

- ❖ Good number of children are able to do their daily activities by themselves.
- ❖ Due to the regular exercises and ADL trainings some of them are able to move by their own and MR CWDs are able to do dressing, eating, combing etc on their own.
- ❖ They go to special schools and formal schools by the help of wheel chair and other appliances.

### **Relevance of Action 10:- Leadership Training for the net work members:**



Always a good and able leader brings changes through his leaderships and transforms the society. Keeping this in mind we conducted leadership training at Purohit Bhavan Bargarh for the network members from 4 blocks for two days. Due to this initiative surely they have benefitted a lot. To certain extent they are now able to identify the issues related to CWDs and PWDs in the project area for obtaining their rights. This has also led them to improve and maintain their contacts with various officials in a healthy manner. We see net work members as

future hope of service providers and leadership will play a great role in this effort.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 49 network committee members from 4 block attended the training. .
2. 50 network members are actively working with programme monitoring and rehabilitation.
3. The linkage with government schemes like pension, bus pass, PDR rice by our net work members is a good sign.

### Change

- ❖ Due to this training, they are able to maintain a good rapport with various government departments and freely discuss the issues they are facing the problems.
- ❖ They do attend various meetings at block office, GP office, CDMO office and share their challenges. The block level and district level officials are aware of the need of CWDs/ PWDs and co-operate with CWDs for their facilities.

### **Relevance of Action- 11:- Legal aid training for net work members:**



Two net works namely Attabira and Barpali are relatively new and they need capacity building on legal aid. Hence the same was held at block office conference hall Attabira for 2 days. The participants were informed of various laws, legal provisions etc for their future involvements. They got inputs on PWD rights and schemes that are available at district levels. It assisted them in how to proceed confidently about obtaining their rights. We are confident that though not immediately but in the long run will give them opportunity to work better.



1. 120 net work members attended the legal aid training at Attabira block
2. Legal issues are handled by the network members with the District Administration.
3. The legal aid camp was attended by 10 members and they could share about the transportation issues of the PWDs and the availability of 3% reservation in government jobs.

### **Change**

- ❖ The net work members gained knowledge about legal laws and started to help the pwds and their families. Now they are in a position to contact different advocates and district legal aid cell for their issues.

### **Relevance of Action 12:- block level workshop on PWD rights:**



Block level workshops on PWD rights was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 Sikhyak Bhavan Attabira. Mrs Sunita Bag , chairman of Attabira NAC and Mrs Satya Narayan Kumbhar ABDO attabira block were the chief guests. The school teachers sarpanches, anganwadi workers, ashakarmi, government officials, net work members, and press reporters participated in the block level workshop. Altogether there were 50 participants for the workshop. The issues discussed were Pwd rights, government facilities and schemes available for the pwds. The formulation of memorandum based on the ten core issues was identified and it was submitted to the district administration office.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 50 participants from 17 GPS under Attabira block attended the block level workshop.
2. 10 core issues were pinpointed and a memorandum was drafted to the government.

### Change

- ❖ It was an eye opener for school teachers, government officials & Sarpanches. This information made them to extend their share in assisting the pwds and cwds in obtaining the government facilities like: pension, individual loans, PDR rice, IAY house etc.

### Relevance of Action 13:- District Level Child Fair:



The key ingredient of future of the nation is children. They are going to be the flag bearers of our nation. We organized a district child fair at Sai Kalyan Mandap, Govindpali, Bargarh on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 that gave them opportunity to excel in their talents. There were 436 children from four blocks. Mr. Sobhagya Nayak, the vice president of zilla parishad bargarh district and sarpanches were the guests of honour during the celebration. NGOs and net work members were also present for the programme. Speaking on the cwd issues and educational

assistance, the chief guest assured his support to vikas deepati and cwds. The stunning cultural programme, that set the growing tone and the declaration that we are also talented was a great surprise to the public. He distributed prizes to the winners of song competition, dance competition, drawing competition and various games conducted. It was great encouragement to all the children and their parents.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 436 CWDs and their parents participated in the child fair at Bargarh from four blocks.
2. 270 CWDs received prizes in different events.
3. The participants were from 250 villages, children parliament & special school children.

## **Relevance of Action 14:- Self employment of PWDs:**



The idea of self employment has got into the blood of PWDs faster in the recent times. Today it is a joy to see 164 old PWDs and 26 new young PWDs with self employment. They undertake tailoring, leaf plate making, cycle repairs, saloon, small hotel business etc. in their villages. The financial support from SKN helped 26 new PWDs to create their IGA in their homes and earn on regular basis. BPL families have individual loan support from different banks. 15 PWDs received

chief minister's relief fund of Rs. 150000/ and 140000 from government. This is a proactive move from the government in promoting self employment in the longer run. Due to this process our PWDs are able to earn from Rs. 1500/ to Rs. 4000 per month and are able to manage their families.



1. 190 young PWDs are self employed in our four blocks.
2. 26 new young PWDs are given assets and financial assistance from SKN project.
3. 15 PWDs received Rs. 1,50,000 from the chief minister's fund & 14 got Rs. 140000 as financial support from government for revolving funds.
4. 171 PWDs earn from 1500-4000 per month.

### **Change**

- ❖ Due to the earning their dependency on the family has reduced.
- ❖ The families approach is on a progressive scale as they assist them to market their products
- ❖ Some of them have home assets and personal bank accounts, a clear indicator of their growing interest in self employment.

## Status of Assets & financial Support - 2014

Sl.no	No. of blocks covered	No. of villages covered	No. of assets given	Quantity	No. of pwds financial support	Financial Support
1	Bargarh	40			12 PWDs	Rs 120000
2	Bheden	45	Tailoring machines	10		
3	Bargarh Attabira	15	Pulses grinding machine	2		
4	Bheden Barpali	10	Leaf plate machine	2		

### Relevance of Action 15:- District Level Mass Awareness on PWD Issues:-



The mass awareness programme on PWD issues held at Bargarh on 13. 11. 2014 had the excitement to engulf and launch something creatively. The PWDs from four blocks along with their parents took part in this awareness programme. It was nice to see them coming forward and seeking their rights. The slogans and pluck cards, banners, leaflets were means of their march to the officials. The contribution from SHGs and vikas deepati were outstanding.

A memorandum of 10 core issues was presented to the district collector to forward to the chief minister of Odisha.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 450 PWDs from four blocks attended the district mass awareness on PWD issues.
2. 10 core issues of PWDs/CWDs were forwarded to the collector through the memorandum.
3. Mobilization of 10 kg PDR rice to all the disabled of 60% in the district.

### Change

- ❖ The government officials, general public, and PRI leaders came to know about the PWD rights. It made it easier for the net work members to create better relations with the officials.
- ❖ Government officials are invited for the meetings and various programmes of the CWDs/PWDs.

## **Relevance of Action: 16: Speech Therapy Training For The CBR Workers And Network Members:**



Speech therapy training for the CBR workers and net work members was the new application adopted this year to bring some progressive changes to the children. It was held at Vikas Deepti Bargarh. 39 members attended this two day programme which had also practical sessions with the disabled children. They were sensitized about the causes of hearing loss, speech problem, identification and intervention, auditory behavior, assessment of hearing, sign language etc. It also dealt with the topic how to motivate the SI (Speech Impaired) and HI (Hearing Impaired)cases

in the field area. It was right opportunity for the field workers and net work members to mainstream the speech and hearing loss children in the next generation.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. 39 CBR and network members attended this two day speech therapy training.
2. 106 speech and hearing loss children were identified in the field areas.
3. 76 families got auditory test done in the field areas.

### **Change**

- ❖ The CBR, net work, and special school teachers developed this knowledge of sign language and how to assess hearing loss and speech problem cases. As a result now they are capable of identifying such cases in the field areas.

## **Relevance of Action17:- Meeting with NGO, CBO partners:**



For any success today what is essential is the co-operation of all. Taking this into heart Vikas Deepti had review meeting with NGO, CBO partners at AIESS office, Bargarh which focused on the issues of PWDs and CWDs in the district. The members were made known the works of Vikas Deepti among the physically challenged. However the need for the regular follow up and contact came out strongly as it can be the only way to get

more benefits to the physically challenged. The core issues were identified and set a plan for common action during the review meeting. This meeting recommended to bring these core issues to the attention of the district administration.

### **Relevance of Action18:- The World Disability Day Celebration:**



The celebration was held bit late than the original date due to political reasons. It made tremendous mark as it was a day to acknowledge that life is worth living differently in the world. Our celebration was on 12.12 2014 at Ranjita stadium Bheden. There were 446 CWDs/PWDs for the programme from our 115 villages. The ADSWO, SEO and Zilla parishad members joined the celebration. The ADSWO, the chief guest spoke on monthly pension, PDR rice, aids and appliances etc. During this

programme he handed over a cheque of Rs. 140000/ to SHG groups. Other schemes and facilities were explained by the SEO and expressed happiness over Vikas Deepti's sleepless endeavor. This was even an occasion for the 283 CWDs/PWDs as they won various prizes for the various events they participated on that day. The chief guest was in full appreciation for having conducted such programme to the children. The active involvement of everyone made it a grand memorable occasion.



1. 446 CWDs /PWDs from four blocks attended the celebration.
2. The involvement of government officers, PRI leaders, NGOs and CBR workers during the programme was excellent.
3. 283 PWDs CWDs won prizes for their talent display.

#### **Change**

- ❖ The active participation had its share in motivating the cwnds towards various activities.
- ❖ CWDs got a boost to participate in various events.
- ❖ Government officials became aware of helping the pwds and cwnds in different blocks.

### **Relevance of Action19:- Drawing Competition for CP and MR children:**



Art offers something new to all as it brings out instilled imagination. It was true that all of them had something or the other to draw as per their imagination. From the three blocks 200 CWDs participated in the competition at Gram panchayat level. It was good to see that C.P & M.R children are able to draw and convey the message through their art. The winners were awarded with prizes and certificates on the world disability day. Parents / guardians seemed delighted in cooperating with us and thus helping the children to excel in their talents.

### **Relevance of Action 20:- Government Facilities Obtained:**



We have been working with the CWDs and PWDs in our four blocks for obtaining government facilities as it would sustain them towards progress. The awareness created through the project intervention for our CWDs and their parents to come forward in order to obtain the different government facilities like handicapped certificate, bus pass, Id card, scholarships, train pass etc have done a lot to better their lives.

Since the government officials are part of our awareness programme, they do support our neighboring blocks as well. The relationship existing with officials by our workers in block and district levels comes handy often. Through the district social welfare officers & SSA, CWDs are getting wheel chairs, hearing aids, scholarships and DRI loans.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. Network committee members have attended district level medical board at CDMO office from January to December 2014.
2. 883 CWDs/PWDs get PDR rice from government of Odisha at the rate of Rs 1/-

3. 10 PWDs received pucca houses of IAY from four blocks and got financial support of Rs. 1425000
4. 1096 CWDs have obtained different aids and appliances from the government.

### Change

- ❖ The district level offices are aware of the requirements of CWDs/ PWDs under parents and guardians in their district.
- ❖ CBR workers, net work members, NGOs, CBOs meet the concerned government authorities for their linkage.
- ❖ They are able to go to different schools , offices, banks, market by their own. The dependency level has come down to certain extent.

### Status of government facilities obtained 2014

No of blocks	No.of GPs covered	No.of villages covered	HC	BP	TP	ID card	Pension	scholarship	PDR rice	IAY house	DRI loan	Mo kudia house	Total
04	120	256	431	107	156	73	187	63	883	19	16	07	1942

### Aids and appliances

Tricycle	Wheel chairs	Crutches	Hearing aids	Calipers	Special chair	Total
16	11	09	13	05	02	56

### **Relevance of Action 21:- Supply of Aids and Appliances from Vikas Deepti:**



What a priceless treasure Vikas Deepti's Orthotic & Prosthetic workshop has been as it offers everything produced in favor of these CWDs/PWDs who are in need. It is a great credit as it could supply 76 aids and appliances to CWDs and PWDs in the project area. It was a great relief giver to many as it assisted them to improve their mobility. As a result they are able to participate in many activities. These appliances enable them to go to schools, offices, banks, attend festivals etc.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

1. 102 new cwds use different aids and appliances supplied from our orthotic workshop.
2. 52 cwds attend schools markets, panchayats, by using these appliances.
3. 12 cwds received the village level adoption care, knee cap and corner seat from the field area.

### Change

- ❖ The mobility of the CWDs/PWDs has seen a tremendous change due to the above mentioned aids & appliances.

### Status of aids and appliances supplied to CWDs 2014

SL No	Name of the aids & appliances	Type of disability	Quantity	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Lt A.F.O	C.P	12	05	07	12
2	Caliper	Polio	17	09	08	17
3	Corner seat	CP	16	11	05	16
4	Walking bar	C.P	16	08	08	16
5	Crutches	Polio	15	09	06	15
6	KAFO	PPRP	17	14	03	17
7	Walker	CP	09	06	03	09
8	Parallel bar	C.P	01	-	01	01
9	Brace	Spinal Dystrophy	01	01	-	01
<b>Total</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>104</b>

### RELEVANCE OF ACTION 22:- DISTRICT LEVEL EXHIBITION OF SHG PRODUCTS:



Dhanu yatra (local festival celebration) is a fascinating, fanciful feast of Odisha and worth being part of it. During this occasion people from all over the state gather and market their products. It was held from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Bargarh. Our SHGs actively took part in this dhanu yatra mela. Some of our SHG products were on hot sale such as food items, various products, weaving products, leaf plates etc. This Endeavour could

create some impact to the general public about micro entrepreneur products. The government officials were very co operative with this programme. This year 20 SHGs got opportunity to be part of this festival. This was a motivating element to other SHG groups to plan for the future. This was magnificent opportunity to develop the marketing skills as they were placed before a crowd over 3 lakhs people. Vikas Deepti also used this moment to spread awareness on prevention and causes of disability through print media

### **Relevance of Action 23:- Children's Parliament:**



A child needs encouragement just as a flower needs nourishment and sunshine. The principle concern of children parliament is to equip them with the knowledge of their rights. So much so we have formed 8 children parliaments in our area. They organize quarterly meetings and discuss their issues and as a result both children and their guardians are aware of their rights now. It is a confidence booster as they are able to communicate their opinion in public. They do participate in

various competitions in schools. The various national celebrations give them a platform to express themselves and display their talents.



1. 8 children parliament's quarterly meetings were organized and 1207 CWDs took part in this event.
2. 83 CWDs got different government facilities in different government schools.
3. 32 CWDs got aids and appliances from the government.

#### **Change**

- ❖ The children have grown in relationship with others and exhibit their talents. Their awareness on child rights has enabled them to motivate others to discourage child labor and drop outs.

## Annexure: - Case study—1

### Chhaya sree brings smile



Chayasree was born on 26th march 2007 at Barpali village. A seven year old girl the first child of the family but later, diagnosed with cerebral palsy. During pregnancy her mother was suffering from fever. The child's weight was 2kg 400 gms. However mother had undergone all the regular checkups. The child was apparently healthier. But she had pneumonia and cold says chayasres mother.

Once a CBR worker from Vikas Deepti went chayasrees house as part of her programme. She noticed chayasree quite weak, struggling to stand by herself. Seeing her condition, Pramila Thakur suggested her parents to begin with regular exercise for chayasrees improvement and motivated them that she would improve a lot by these exercises. Then she started to demonstrate the exercises to them. It had a massive effect when it was regular and as a result the mobility condition

of chayasree had a tremendous transition. She is now able to move and stand by herself. Tribute to their dedication and perseverance in giving her regular exercise.

Today the parents are happy to see their child's growth and improvement. Now she is studying in class II. She says "today I am very happy and hopeful for a better future. The timely intervention of vikas deepti and my parents made me better, says the child. This reality certainly is a moment for rejoicing as hard work pays in every way. We are glad that she has a better future.

*"Obviously, because of my disability, I need assistance. But I have always tried to overcome the limitations of my condition and lead as full a life as possible. I have traveled the world, from the Antarctic to zero gravity."*

Stephen Hawking

## Case study- 2

### “Self confidence transforms Biswal”



I am Biswal Podh, son of Mr. Surendra Podh from Remta, Bargarh district. I am five years old and my physical deformity is 60% cerebral palsy. Our family consists of six members. My father is a farmer. My mother says that she was unaware of immunization and regular consultation of doctor when she was carrying me. She continues to say that she was unconscious during delivery and couldn't even listen to the cry of me. After few years one of the CBR workers Miss Brajeswary Behera came to my house and explained the implications of having physiotherapy to my parents and she also collected my birth history from my parents. CBR workers regular visits to my family made it easy for my parents to pick up physiotherapy techniques quicker from them and my parents made it a point to give me daily. Now without the help of others I am able to move to other places. I do go to formal school

regularly and now am in 1<sup>st</sup> standard. I feel happy and contented with the progress that has taken place in me and my family members. I and my parents are grateful to Vikas Deepti and the CBR workers for their constant accompaniment in my life.

### Thanks

When things change for good all are happy. Vikas Deepti was to some extent able to bring smiles to the many depressed, tired, lost hope, forgotten, dejected persons with disabilities with their timely interventions. All this was possible due to the care, concern and commitment of the staff of Vikas Deepti and other large hearted people in our project areas and govt. administration. Our sincere thanks to all of them. Large part of this was taken care by SKN who like other years supported the above venture with full financial support and timely interventions through trainings, in puts and suggestions. We thank them and hope that their hard work and concern brings more and more smiles to the physically challenged. Once again thanks to all.