

Annual report of Diocesan Social Work, Lucknow

Following are the programs that are underway in the year 2009-2010

1. Community health program in Block Gosainganj:

The program is being implemented in 20 gram sabhas of the Gosainganj block of Lucknow district. Under this program the SHGs are formed, CBO are initiated and through these capacitate the villagers to tap the government resources for the development. Hence a lot of meetings and training programs are conducted at the village level and the center level. Every month we have the monitoring, evaluation and planning sessions. Through the program a decent is made and the people are aware of the Diocesan social work center (Prabhat Tara) and its activities. Prabhat Tara has built a good rapport with the villagers.



2. Community development program in Harak and Nawabganj Block:

This program was being implemented for the last six years in the 60 villages of above blocks. And now around 160 SHGs are working actively and are above to carry on the works that have been started by the Prabhat Tara. The program official comes to an end on 31st March 2010. from there on the groups will take up the responsibility of continuing the program initiated by Prabhat Tara and Prabhat Tara will walk beside the people when ever they need us.



3. Vistaar Project at Gonda:

This is a program of giving technical assistance for the personnel of Nutrition program of the Government. This program involves working with the government machinery and government officials. The program is supported by USAID, through CRS – Lko and being implemented in the whole of Gonda District covering 16 Blocks of the district. With this program we have started the sub center in Gonda fully functional. Fr. Naresh Lobo takes care of the program at the local level. With this program Diocesan Social work society has made its presence in the government circle.



4. Pearl Program for the Rickshaw workers and construction workers:

This program is aimed at the unorganized sectors of the urban areas of Lucknow city. This program concentrates on working with the Rickshaw workers and construction workers of the 12 localities of Lucknow city i.e. Tailibagh, Ashiana, Movaya, Eveready crossing, Krishna nagar, Transport nagar, RTO, etc. Under this program we aim at organizing the Rickshaw workers and construction workers for tapping government programs of health and sanitation, price fixation, ration card and identity (voter card) and freedom from the exploitation from the police and other goons.



5. Gender and development program (GAD)

This program is going on for the past 9 years in 10 villages of Barabanki district. Under this program we have formed women's self help groups, CBOs and women federation. The program will come to end this year.



6. Integrated development through empowerment and development (IDEA)

Under this program 36 villages from Nigohan area and 10 villages in Barabanki Block are covered. Along with the community development the organizational development of the diocese is the important component of the program. Under this we have Core Development committee (CDC) and other committees are developed at the diocesan level.



7. Assistance for the special children (Lilliane fonds)

Under this program 260 special children are helped in our three special institutions and in the rural area.



8. Micro projects:

Two micro projects have been implemented during the reporting period. One in Srawasti and other is in Sandila. And another two have been applied for Bangarmau and urban area of Lucknow.

Thanks.

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