Participatory Development of Persons with Disabilities in Rural Areas

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The project implementing agency is the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, an autonomous Society registered under Public Societies Act.

The Chief Minister is the Chairman of the General Body.

Non-official members are from among eminent public persons, representatives of NGOs, activists, and participating communities.

Management of the society is vested in an Executive council.
Objectives

• To enhance livelihood opportunities and Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities (PwD’s) and caregivers.
• To ensure optimum utilization of residual abilities by PwDs.
• To improve capacities to access and avail various entitlements and services offered by the government.
• Mainstreaming disability concerns in policy making and line Department activities.
**SCOPE**

- The Project Started in the year 2003

- The Project is being Implemented in 22 districts which includes 1098 Rural Mandals / Blocks.

- The project aims at Covering 9 Lakh PwDs in rural areas between the age group of 0-55 years.

- The PwDs being covered include (HI, VI, Locomotor, Intellectually Impaired and Multiple Disabilities)
### Staff Working in the Project

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<td>District Project Managers</td>
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<td>Assistant Programme Managers</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Community Coordinators (CC) and Community Development Workers (CDWs)</td>
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<td>Community Resource Persons (Social capital)</td>
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Social Model approach for Inclusive Development of Persons with Disability

Focusing on- Exclusion, Powerlessness and Rate of Income

Approach

Social Mobilisation

Advocacy for Inclusive Policies

Capacity Building

Sustainable Livelihoods

Community Based Rehabilitation
Social Mobilization  Philosophy

- PwDs have tremendous potential and willingness to help themselves.
- What PwDs need is an opportunity to harness their potential and come out of poverty.
- Individually PwDs may be vulnerable but collectively PwDs are very strong.
- PwDs need an Organization where they will participate fully and directly and take decisions on all issues affecting them.
- Social Mobilization enables PwDs to organize themselves into a group and take decisions to address poverty.
SEFP HELP GROUP (SHG) OF PwD
Mandal Vikalangula Samakhya Meetings
Self Help Group of PwD (SHG-PwD)
• Age of Members- 6 to 55 years
• Total No. of PwDs mobilized- 377891
• Total No. of SHG- 41695 groups
• Children and persons with MR represented by Parents/care givers

Mandal Vikalangula Samakya (MVS):
• Average membership- 450 to 700 PwDs
• Total No. of MVS- 406
• Total Seed Capital (Community Investment Fund, Bank loans & Stree nidhi 212 crores)

Zila Vikalangula Samakya (ZVS) -
• Total No. of ZVS- 04
Institutional Structure of Community Based Organisation of PwDs (2 of 3)

At village level

SHG(W) - SHG of Women, VO - Village Organisation, MMS - Mandal Mahila Samakya
Self Help Group of PwDs
(Platforms of participation for PwDs at village level)

• Regular meeting, regular savings, internal lending, regular repayment and healthy book keeping.

• Problems sharing and collective decision

• Discussion on needs of rehabilitation

• Work on village development

• Prepare Micro Credit Investment Plans
Building Community Capacities

- Trainings to members of the SHGs of PWD
- Training to MVS and ZVS leaders
- Training to Functional-Committee members
- Promoting services of ZVS committee
- Build capacities on the CBR in all levels
- Training to book keepers for management of Books of SHGs
- Sensitization to local level bodies/institutions on PWD rights and entitlements.
SADAREM Solution - Features

• Scientific assessment of degree of the disability (on the basis of methods and formulas prescribed in the Gazette 2001 issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India)

• Generation of a computer based Disability Certificate with unique ID along with Identity Card.

• Assessment of needs and maintaining the centralized data base. (Software will also generate all the details including the support services that the disabled persons are entitled, based on the need assessment and a record of the services provided from time to time.)

• The database thus generated will be hosted in the Public Domain to enable service providers to reach out to the disabled persons.

• 10.10 Lakh PwDs have been assessed under SADAREM
Capacity building
Participatory Planning of CBOs annual budget
1. Organized Physical restoration and rehabilitation.
2. Solutions through sharing.
3. Correctional treatment of the visually impaired.
4. Correctional rehabilitation for the speech and hearing impaired.
5. Rehabilitation of the Intellectually impaired.
6. Building linkages- hospitals, concerned NGOs etc.
7. Physiotherapy and physical management.
8. Workshops for parents of children with intellectual disability.
9. Programs of orientation and mobility for Visually impaired.
10. Follow up actions through the neighborhood centers.
Professional Services by experts

Physiotherapy

Speech therapy
Home visits by the team

CRP home visit & support

Home visits by professional & CRP
Functional Needs Provision

Before the Intervention

After the Intervention
Livelihood intervention for PwDs

- Wage Employment under MGNREGS
- Skill Development & Job Placement
- Social Protection (Pension & Insurance)
- Financial Services (Seed capital through CIF) and Bank Linkages
Access to Financial Services

Financial services through three sources of Credit:

a. Accumulated group Savings & Revolving fund from District Rural Development Agency.

b. Seed Capital from Community Investment Fund (Rs. 41.8 crores)

c. Bank Linkages (Rs. 190.81 crores)

d. Stree Nidihi Cooperative Credit Federation (Rs 55 Lakhs)
Livelihoods for SHG members

Weaving

Milch Animal
Harnessing The Potential of PwDs through Assistive Devices
Self Employment through Financial Assistance
• Trained 1650 PwDs and placed in quality jobs
• 12 centers dedicated to train PwDs in market linked fashion
• **Sectors:** Manufacturing, Apparel industry, IT, ITES, AutoCAD, rural BPO
• Model centers established at Hyderabad and Tirupati
Support to Wage Employment under MGNREGS

- Any PwDs who is above 18 years with above 40% disability seeking Wage Employment will be given guaranteed wage employment for 150 days.
- Household with severely disabled or Person with Mental Retarded is given income entitlement of 150 days.
- 30% less work by PwDs will get them same wages as non-disabled laborers.
- Travel allowance Rs. 10/- per day within 5 km distance, more than that Rs.20/- per day per person.
- Preference to PwDs in the selection of Mates.
- Preference to Women with Disability in the selection of Ayahs.

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<td>No. of Job cards issued to PwDs</td>
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<td>Quantum of work availed (in person days)</td>
<td>2653.69 Lakhs</td>
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<td>Amount of wage paid to PwDs</td>
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<td>No. of PwDs appointed as Mates</td>
<td>49750</td>
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<td>No. of Vikalangula Sramashakti Sanghams (VSSS formed)</td>
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<td>No of members in VSSS</td>
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Social Security - Pensions

- No. of PwDs receiving Pensions - 8,84,265
- Pension Amount - Rs. 500/- per month
- The Pension amount to be delivered in their habitation/ ward between 1\textsuperscript{st} and 5\textsuperscript{th} of every month
- Individual pass book to record the transactions.
- 440914 PwDs receive Pensions through Smart Card Technology.
### Social Protection – Insurance

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<th>To provide life insurance to eligible PwDs in the state at minimum cost (Rs 100 p. a. premium + Rs 15 service charge)</th>
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<td>Eligibility</td>
<td>All PwDs (except MR/MI and those requiring custodial care in the age group of 18 and 58). In case of others the life of care giver is insured with PwDs as nominee.</td>
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<td>BPL or Marginal APL card holder</td>
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<td>Benefits</td>
<td>Claims ranging between Rs 30000 and Rs 75000 in case of death or accident.</td>
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<td>Scholarship of Rs 1200 annually to children studying 9th to 12th.</td>
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**No. of PwDs insured so far: 268112**
Impact of Project (Based on External Evaluation of NIMH & WB)

- Improved Visibility in Community
- Increased Opportunities
- Enhanced Awareness of Rights & Responsibility
- Easy Access to Credit
- Improved Access to benefits and entitlement
- Self reliance and improved self confidence
- Reduced social discrimination
- Increased Availability of Rehabilitation Services
- Improved Articulation
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