

Evaluation Report

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District: Maharajganj
Name of NGO: Sri Bharadwaj Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan
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Purpose of visit: End line Evaluation of the Gram Shiksha Samiti (GSS) project

Introduction of the agency:

The project for the training of Gram Shiksha Samitis has been implemented by the NGO called "Shree Bharadwaj Gramodyog sewa sansthan" Registered in 1993 under societies registration act, the agency is active in Maharajganj and Gorakhpur districts. Besides awareness generation program it has good experience of conducting training projects. For example Elected Panchayat Members training, Kishori-Shakti Training. The agency has good reputation. Its financial capability and management /Staff are also sound.

The strength of the agency:

- Training
- Community Mobilization
- Work with panchayat

Background of the Project:

As part of the decentralization process, the Uttar Pradesh Govt. has transferred the responsibilities of various development departments to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI), education is one among them. At Panchayat level, there is a provision to constitute an education committee to review and monitor implementation of primary and basic education programs in the panchayat area. In this context effective and efficient implementation as well as use the existing network in creating awareness and generating demand for reproductive health and family welfare services through master trainers.

Maharajganj district has 777-Gram Shiksha Samities (GSS) that have about 4-5 members. These Semites have 500 master trainers. The master trainers can be used as counselors for demand generation of reproductive health and family welfare services especially during the meeting with Gram Shiksha Samities wherein the parents are also present. Out of 777 GSS 150 are active and each Semite has one master trainer.

Constitution of Gram Shiksha Samiti: There are total six members in the Gram Shiksha Samite and following is the break up

1.	Gram Pradhan - 1	President
2.	School Principal - 1	Member Secretary
3.	Other teacher of the village school - 1	Member
4.	Parents of the school children including one women member - 3	Member

Project Goal:

To promote family planning and RCH through training and sensitization of 150 Gram Shiksha Samitis in Maharajganj district.

Project Objectives:

1. Training of 150 master trainers in 150-Gram Shiksha Samites of Maharajganj District.
2. Orientation of 900 members of GSS through those master trainers.

Role & Responsibilities of Gram Shiksha Samiti as Envisaged in Panchayati Raj:

The Gram Shiksha Samiti has the right to develop village education plan, construction and renovation of school buildings. Find solution of local problems through monthly Gram Shiksha Samiti meetings.

The members will be responsible for the following:

- Develop village education plan in association with the village community.
- Ensure total enrolment and make special efforts for girl education.
- Cleanliness of school compound, safe drinking water, arrangement of teachers opening and closing of school in time and quality education.
- Promote literacy in the village/panchayat area.
- Since the Gram Shiksha Samiti belongs to educated and the community which is aware that they also have responsibility to popularize projects regarding health, sanitation and community welfare.
- Encourage community to marry daughters after legal age of marriage and if they married at an early age they should be counseled to make gauna (cohabitation) after the right age.
- Encourage community to provide same opportunity to girls as boys with regard to education, recreation and upbringing.

Strategy for Sensitization program:

take The NGO Shree Bhardwaj Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan, Maharajganj has *will* given the responsibility to organize sensitization program on RCH for the village community.

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Focus of the sensitization program would be on integrating the existing GSS network with RCH services, and the role and responsibilities of GSS and master trainers will be:

- Awareness creation about RCH services and importance of availing these services.
- Strengthening coordination between Gram Shiksha Samiti, ANMs, TBAs, Pradhans, Up Pradhans, VHCs, Anganwadi workers and CBOs at the grass root for promoting RCH activities.
- Master trainers will support ANM in identification of target groups i.e. ANC & PNC mothers, Children for immunization, eligible couple for family planning service delivery. Data collection will include the details on demand & accessibility of Iron & Folic Acid tablets contraceptives, immunization and Vitamin 'A'.
 - (i) Motivation of couples with unmet need for FP services.
 - (ii) Making referrals of all targets groups for service delivery.
 - (iii) Helping conduction of SIFPSA's field IEC & Advocacy activities.
- ✦ ANMs will share the scheduled programs of RCH camps, immunization and special event programs well in advance every month with the master trainers.
- ✦ Block level Co-ordination committees will be formed and PMU will monitor this activity once in a month.
- ✦ DIFPSA meeting will have an agenda on reviewing Gram Shiksha Samiti activity every month and feed back will be given to SIFPSA by PMU.

Duration of the Project:

The project duration was 12 months period after signing of the document.

Training design:

There was a training program for 150 master trainers for 2 days. Program was conducted through the implementing NGO to whom SIFPSA provided all the technical assistance. All these training had been completed in 5 batches. A training manual and a handbook for Gram Shiksha Samiti have been also developed along with the NGO partner.

Two days Training of Master Trainers

Specific objectives of this training & involvement of GSS (after a small introduction about IFPS, SIFPSA project & Population scenario and State Population policy with key data)

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- ◆ Safe motherhood and child survival services (Focus on TT & IFA consumption)
 - ◆ **FP methods (Female & Male):** OCP, IUD, Condom (Demo on proper usage) & advantages, Male & Female Sterilization - What is NSV & How it is being conducted, What is the difference between conventional & NSV, Benefits.
 - ◆ **Male participation:** What, Why and How & Importance of male participation in FP, motivation skills to promote male involvement - brain storming on commonly asked questions and how they have been solved.
 - ◆ Key messages about RTI, STI & AIDS, Motivation pertaining to FP & Grass root networking, including enumeration and sharing of information
 - ◆ Introducing the IEC materials & SIFPSA IEC activities
 - ◆ What is RCH camp - Services available at RCH/ CHC/ PHC and out reach camps, & Referrals.
 - ◆ Linkage of their responsibilities with the project activities i.e. in RCH promotion - How to include project activities in to their day-to day functions.

Out come of the training:

- 150 master trainers of Gram Shiksha Samiti
- Information on RCH is disseminated in the community regularly
- Grass root linkages is strengthened at village level among the Gram Shiksha Samiti, ANMs, Sub Health Centers/ additional PHCs, AWW centers, Pradhan / Up Pradhan, PDOs, TBAs & CBOs (if any) and among the MO I/c, LHV, BDO / ADO, Block Pramukhs at block level.

Outcome of the Programme:

- There will be better understanding of FP issues in the village committees and demand would be generated through male participation.
- The master trainers in FP and RCH will orient 900 GSS members.

Master Trainers performed the following activities related to RCH program:

- Support ANM in collecting information on children 0-5, pregnant and lactating mothers eligible couples in their area of coverage.
- Motivate community to avail RCH services from ANMs, TBAs and RCH camps.
- Contact ANM & collect the dates of their village visit, Immunization, RCH camp & special events etc. and share with the community.
- Motivate and make referral for RCH & FP.
- Co-operating / facilitating SIFPSA's field advocacy activities namely TT campaign & IEC programs.
- Disseminate the key messages on RCH & FP i.e. about Age at marriage, Delay 'Gauna' in case of early marriage, registration of pregnant mothers,

Performance of GSS members

Sl. No.	Level of Performance	Percentage	
		Yes	No
1	GSS meeting conducted	100	0.0
2	Meeting register maintained	100	0.0
3	Last meeting conducted April 2005	40	
	May 2005	31	
	June 2005	4	
	Aug. 2005	9	
4	No. of meeting conducted 3-4	11	
	More than 5 meetings	89	18
5	GSS meeting chaired by Pradhan	82	
6	Other (VHC, PRI member, Service providers) attended the meeting	98	2
7	Decision taken during the meeting implemented	84	16
8	GSS member oriented by the MT on FP/RCH issue	98	2
9	Key messages of RCH disseminated	84	16
10	Co-ordination with ANM, AWW and TBA	87	13
Knowledge level of GSS member about RCH issues			
11	Mobilization of Pregnant women for registration	98	2
12	Ensure the availability of IFA & TT to all pregnant women	9	91
13	Awareness about the 5 cleans and safe delivery	84	16
14	Awareness about the Child immunization	78	22
15	Knowledge about the RTI/STI and HIV/AIDS	69	31
16	Knowledge about the contraceptive	82	18
17	Whether messages communicated to community	73	27
18	Refreshment provided in the meeting	87	13
19	CSM activity initiated	60	40
20	Referral clients for sterilization Male	33	67
	Female	67	33

Sl. No.	Level of Performance		Percentage
	Yes	No	
21	67	33	Male participation increased on FP issue
22	100	0.0	Wall writing /painting done

Observations:

- As shown in the above table it is clear that the level of awareness in Master Trainers as well as GSS member is found good in all the areas like MCH, Delivery, New Born Care, F.P. and RTI/STI and AIDS. Whereas, the knowledge about the 380A CUT is found poor in Master Trainers.
- Almost all the GSS have been made wall writing in their villages with the coordination of NGO.
- GSM activity has been initiated by 60% Master trainers as well as GSS members as shown in the above table.
- Referral clients have also made by the Master trainers as well as GSS members, 47% and 93% male and female clients respectively have been referred by Master Trainers whereas, 33% and 67% male and female clients respectively have maintained the meeting register properly.
- The GSS meeting conducted in every month properly and continued after the closing of the project.
- Mostly master trainers were trained under Serva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) but in few of the cases master trainers were from village community and were trained under SIFPSA-GSS project.
- It is also found that the master trainers motivated 46 clients for NSV during the project & 26 clients after the completion of the project.
- As M.T. worked voluntarily in GSS project but it is observed that they were expecting few honorariums.
- It is also observed that GSS meeting was organized separately from the routine meeting of school wherein only RCH and FP issues were discussed with community members.
- The above intervention was sanctioned for entire blocks of Maharashtra and accordingly the budget has been sanctioned in the DAP document but the GSS project has been implemented in only 5 blocks.
- As mentioned above this activity is very useful for awareness about the RCH, MCH, RTI/STI and AIDS as well as to motivate the mothers for ANC and safe motherhood and Male for NSV promotion in the district.
- The role of implementing agency regarding implementation of programme, Coordination with DIFPSA/SIFPSA and health department was found satisfactory.

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