

## **PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-20**

The craving of the organization is to rejuvenate the community people in terms of providing Health Education, Income Generation, SHG empowerment in the villages so that they can be empowered for their sustainability and self-reliant. Following are the activities taken by the organization this year 2020.

### **LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**14/09/2019 & 10/12/2019**

On this day POORS conducted a training and orientation on livelihood promotional activities in Daringbadi block, Raikia block so that the beneficiaries can have the different kind of knowledge of their income source and Livelihood promotional activities are another strong platform of the organization which generates skills and potential both in an urban and rural community.

The project encouraged **256** poor and underprivileged youths and families to do the income generation program as they can be self-sustained and self-reliant. So it facilitated vocational training to the **150** women, **50** youths, and grown-up school dropout children like tailoring, broom making, rope making, petty business, paper bag, and cloth bags. The POORS In fact, many of them could have survived and earned a sound amount on the daily basis and fulfilled their basic requirements. They are very much grateful to the organization as the organization contributed immensely for this kind of destitute and disadvantaged groups in the community

### **ADULT LITERACY FOR WOMEN IN THE AREA**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Project provides Adult Education to **450** males and females in collaboration with SEVA Bharat Trust in Daringbadi block, Tikabali block and Chakapada block through which it can discourse the adults towards education, a apart from this POORS facilitates vocational skills training to adolescent girls to support them to access livelihood opportunities and earn a regular income. The vocations that have been identified are options that the girls themselves want to pursue and which are suited to the local market.

Three- to six month long courses on tailoring and computer skills are available to the girls in community-run centers. In Tikabali and Daringbadi, POORS has also partnered with local skill building institutes to enable the **90** girls to access training opportunities in hospitality and retail skills. Project also recognizes that it is important to help the girls develop entrepreneurship skills to provide them the option of setting up their own home enterprises. To foster this spirit of entrepreneurship, project provides hand-holding support and facilitates exposure visits and linkages for them.

## **CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM**

**10<sup>th</sup> Jul 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019**

In this quarter **POORS** has had a great passion for the development of the school dropout children as well as bringing their mental stability for the last 2 years in the area of Kandhamal district. The organization has been focusing **75** poor and needy children on the moral education of the community children and their life transformation so as they can contribute to the community's better future. As per the present context, usually, organizations take utmost precaution to counsel and motivate them so that they will not do the crime and try to concentrate on their further study. Here organization takes extreme care of the children providing physical, moral, and social activities to shape their behavior and attitude. **27** children are enrolled in government schools as well as in private schools in this area. But the thrust is not on academics alone. They are given lessons in dance, music, art, and judo. All of them are brilliant students. Like every other child, they also need all-round development.

## **COVID 19 AWARENESS PROGRAM**

**17/04/2020**

The project distributed more than **1200** masks, sanitizers, dry food packets, rice, dal, and other rations to the poor, old people, children, and many other deprived communities in the Kandhamal district. The project understood the severity of this pandemic as it is a worldwide life-threatening disease that is treacherously attacking the people as a result everybody is panicking to survive in society. Due to this COVID 19 disease, our India, as well as World economy, has disdained drastically, many people died, many are loosed their job in this world, now it is so difficult for the common people to subsist. In fact, whole employment has completely seized. People of our state Odisha have undergone job insecurity, less agriculture production so to say it has the completely devastated backbone of the family as well as individual income. Because of the pandemic, people could not come out of their houses to move outside and do the work throughout the year 2020.

## **SHG DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**22/07/2019**

There are **50** poor SHG members have emerged as community warriors by contributing in every possible way to contain the spread of COVID-19. As the masks were the first line of defense against COVID-19, SHGs immediately took up the task of production of masks. Various categories of masks (**3000 masks**) including 2-3 ply woven and non-woven surgical masks, cotton masks etc. adhering to the advisories of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Ministry of Consumers' Affairs and instructions of Health Departments

from the states are produced by SHGs. The masks have been supplied to the local open markets and raised money and also distributed freely to the poor and needy people in the slum areas. It has also been distributed free to the rural households in many areas of Kandhamal districts. SHG members have now also started making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like aprons, gowns, face shields etc. Now they are revitalizing the community counselling door to door and aware them to take extreme precaution to defeat COVID-19 pandemic.

## **POORS Pushed Its Supporting Hand to the Widows.**

**1st Oct 2019 to 31st Dec 2019**

POORS avidly concentrated on the lives of **125** widows in the community Jignagam, Daringbadi, Tikabali block, and their tragic conditions. The organization has been supporting widows throughout the years and motivate them for self-reliant. In India, widows are looked down upon as disgraceful, unlucky-even cursed. When a couple marries, the woman "divorces" her family and lives with her husbands' family. Once the husband dies, relatives take away all of the property, sell it and divide the profits. They often leave the wife and the children with nothing. They are left on their own, living sad lives of destitution and poverty. Many widows turn to street begging or prostitution to support their families. Even then, widows are not allowed to attend their own children's weddings because they are so despised in Hindu society. A woman is surrounded by a culture that seldom she can come out from this. Though social change is very fast due to the growing globalization few areas remain unchanged and one of the areas where the change is very slow is marriage and related customs. Thus looking into this panic situation of the widows POORS couldn't tolerate and finally pushed its supporting hand towards the widows to be a part of their normal life.

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