



fellowship

**Annual Report
2013-14**

From the Desk of the Chief Executive:



This is yet another year of hope, struggle; despair, success as well as failure. We are here with renewed vigour, zeal and determination!

So far, I was sailing all alone; sometimes felt fatigued and tired. With the increase in horoscological age, this happens naturally to a normal human being. God-sent help came in the form of Lalatendu. Lalatendu Mohanty, my old friend, a banker with years of experience decided to serve the less fortunate members of the society, especially the women in difficult situations and children needing care and help in society by joining fellowship as a Honorary Director. He took over and now in full control of the Short Stay Home, one of the most troublesome sections of the organisation.

The Child Care Institute is a new baby of the organisation. In the initial stage, needs proper care and protection. Growing well, under the caring guidance of Lalatendu and Yogamaya. Deepali Das, the first success of the institute, who was admitted in to SOS Children's village, Bhubaneswar is the example.

There are ups and downs; life goes on criss cross. Because, someone else up in the sky is controlling the steering. Cheerio!

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About fellowship

What is fellowship?

Fellowship was founded in 1978 by a group of committed men and women social activists. It is a community-based, non-profit, non-governmental organization which focuses on the women's issues. Fellowship is opposed to all forms of oppression, exploitation and violence against women. It subscribes to the principles of non-sectarian and social transformation.

fellowship's Mission

Fellowship believes in a just and equitable society – a society free from violence, without discrimination based on gender, religion, caste, creed and colour. We strive hard to establish the rights of women and other marginalized groups like transgender community, sex workers, persons living with HIV and children by empowering them to take control of their lives, working in a collective manner with other groups, initiating and conducting Campaign to end violence against them.

fellowship's Vision

We dream of a society free from violence, without discrimination based on gender, religion, caste, sexuality, nationality and physical disability.

fellowship's Strategy

In Odisha, where billions of people live in poverty and illiteracy is rampant, women and members of the excluded community face greater risks. Improving their socio-economic condition requires strong and systematic commitment and favorable govt. policies. Fellowship's basic strategy stems from the fact that 'Once the poor and marginalized increased their economic condition and assets, they used these new earnings to improve the education and health status of their families'.

Our inputs are based on the premise that by empowering self-help groups (SHGs) through social empowerment program, women and marginalized in the grassroots can effectively combat violence on them. We believe that dispute resolutions through peers counseling, help reduce

vulnerability and promote peace in the families. As such, we engage self-help groups in alternative dispute resolution programme called "Vikalpa Mahila Nyaya Panchayat" at the grassroots.

We also believe in collaboration with govt. department to ensure proper implementation of the schemes for the disadvantaged including women, transgender and other sexual minority. Where there is a need, we advocate with the govt. for amendments in policies.

flashback – major achievements

International Partnership Agreement Programme) for excluded community

a. Community mobilization:

The programme has the following objectives:

- To enhance capacity of the formal and informal institutions at the community level to address the problems of women, especially from the excluded community.
- To empower and engage community based organizations and civil society organizations in mitigation and resolution of DV incidences locally.
- To sensitize policy implementers to become more responsive and responsible in the implementation of government schemes.

To achieve the above objectives, International Partnership Program for ending violence against women is being implemented in 30 villages of two blocks and urban localities in Bhadrak district.

Gender sensitization training in schools: Gender-based discrimination that exists in the families considered **normal** as well as **trivial** in our society. These trivial matters in a child's life have got great bearing when she/ he grows up as an adult. Male child who is reared up as the **center of power** learns to dominate over his **powerless** sisters. Thus, this learnt behavior in families, schools and societies, in later stage gives a **male** right to violate a woman's rights. The process of socialization reinforces gender roles.

With the objective to sensitize youths on gender, sex and gender based violence, how it affects life and peace in society and how we can address the problem in the society; we conducted gender sensitization training programmes in 10 High Schools in Bhadrak and Bont Blocks. More than 2500 adolescent in High School and colleges were sensitized under the programme.

Teachers are corner stones in educational institutions. They play very important roles in shaping morals of the pupils. Along with the students, we also make programmes to sensitize teachers on gender issues. The objective is to involve them in the programme, so that it gets institutionalized and continue in educational institutions. Under this programme 60 teachers were trained.

In 10 co-education High Schools in Bhadrak and Bont block, the functioning of the **Maitrayee clubs** was strengthen in additional inputs. For example, the concept of knowledge banks was introduced, These knowledge banks are used as resource centers, where students of both sexes mangle together to share their skills and hobbies like stamp collection, article writings, paintings, pomes etc. The concept is becoming popular among the students fast.

Men and youth, after joining **Violence Mitigation Committees**, the resulted effect is very encouraging. Women from excluded communities hitherto facing violence alone and helpless are getting support from the VMCs immediately at their door step. Men are raising voice in support of women survivors of violence at appropriate forums. This has proved to be yielding desired result in making the police more responsible and accountable. The VMC not only provide alternative resolution in cases of violence against women at the occurrence but also intervene to wipe them out before a small matter becomes serious - a **pro-active** approach to end violence on women. Conscious efforts are made to sensitize and involve men and youth in the endeavor.

Alliance building among various stakeholders is the key factor in combating violence against women. Government organizations, local self government institutions, judiciary, non governmental organizations, police

and media can contribute a great deal to end violence against women, when they work hand-in-hand. Workshops conducted at block and district level to familiarize the representative of the above institutions, with the provisions of **protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act-2005**. Regular meetings of alliance partners are held to strengthen the bond.

As a part of **Social inclusion of minority community**, interactive meeting was organized with Muslim community leaders. A two-day training programme on Menstrual Hygiene Management was conducted for 40 adolescent and college going girls. From the feedback of the participants it was evident that the training was very useful and relevant. On Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, a training programme was conducted for women from the minority community on 24th February. 50 women leaders participated in this training programme.

b. Impact of awareness and public education on PWDVA – 2005

The Act was promulgated in the country since October, 2006 but it fail to reach the common masses as there was no effort for public education. From 2007 we have been organizing training, public discussions, seminar and workshops in various parts in the district for raising awareness on the provisions of PWDV Act- 2005. From the assessment it was evident that the public in villages are benefiting from the training programme and awareness programme. With the help of VMCs survivors are filing DIR directly with the Protection Officer. By the end of 2010 DIR was filled in the court and in 17 cases judgment was pronounced. The government steps to allocate funds for implementation of the act in the district effectively. Besides, the protection officer are submitting the return to government on regular basis.

Corporate Partnership:

The CSR initiatives were started in April 2008 by the organization aiming to create an enabling working environment for the communities residing with-in the plant and mine periphery of HCL at Ghatsila of Jharkhand. Besides, with the support of IBM we initiated community action in addressing several social issues such as trafficking on women. This year,

we launched a computer literacy program for 200 students in D. N. Girl's High School, Bhadrak.

Humanitarian Response:

Fellowship has taken lead in the district reaching out to the vulnerable and affected community by responding to their needs in natural disaster situations like flood, cyclone and fire accident since a decade. This year in the month of September due to severe floods several villages in Chandabali and Dhamnagar Block were effected. We supported temporary shelter to 1000 households in Padhani, Dhusuri and Bhuinbruti G.Ps. of both the Blocks. Similarly in fire accident cases we have supported taruplin sheets and ground sheets to 100 families in Bhandaripokhiri and Tihdi Block of the district. And also, we deployed two power boats for distribution of reliefs in the flood effected zones during floods.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Human Rights:

CASE STUDY- 1

Gitanjali Sahu aged 15 ears, daughter of Padmalochan Sahu ,At-Bidyadharpur, Po- Chudakuti Palasa, Ps- Dhamnagar, Dist- Bhadrak was found crying for food in front of our Short Stay Home, Aasraya on the 26th March, 2012. She was admitted in our Home, given food and allowed to rest. After one day, the story she narrated to us was false and fabricated. Gradually, after few sittings, we came to know the fact: that her own brother-in law with whom she had illicit relations and fled her parent's home brought her to this place and left her at the Aasray gate. He had come to Aasraya some days ago and very cunningly collected information about the Home. She left Gitanjali here with the promise that within 2-3 days he would come and take her along to marry her finally. In due course, after constant counseling Gitanjali started revealing the truth and gave her address and family's contact phone number. She also revealed that her father and brother used to beat her regularly and she did not want to return back to their house.

Gitanjali's brother was contacted who came and narrated the whole story about her and her illicit relations with her brother-in law. However, he requested us to allow her to stay in the Home, away from the polluted environment for some days hoping that it might have healing effect on her psychology. In the mean time, One day she jumped over the wall and ran away. However, she could be rescued from the taxi stand later. Gradually, she started to change in a positive way. She started to take interest in the Home's affairs, helping others in cooking, cleaning the Home etc. There was a remarkable change in her behavior.

One day she expressed her desire to sit for the matriculation examination 2013. All the staff, inmates as well as her parents were happy to know about this. She was supplied with necessary books, reading and writing materials. Now she is appeared the matriculation examination 2013 and she came out successful in the Examination.

Care and support programme:

With financial support of Central Social Welfare Board, Govt. of India, New Delhi, a **Family Counselling Centre** is functioning in the office premises since 2000. Besides dealing cases of marital disputes, the FCC also educate people on various laws to combat violence against women. The centre closely works with the District legal aid service authority. Till date more than 1100 cases are registered, 560 cases settled amicably, 146 cases referred to court, 90 cases to police station and 30 cases settled in court.

Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi has also sanctioned a **Short Stay Home** in our favor since 2004. The Short Stay Home, AASRAYA provides shelter, food, clothing and health care to violated women and their children, besides counseling, vocational training and legal aid support for a maximum period of three years.

Women who face violence in family and fight for survival pass through unspeakable economic crisis in life, often. For survival, they run from pillar to post. Fellowship supports to meet the livelihood of those women who are enterprising and capable of taking up initiative for sustenance on their

own. The reporting year shows, 67 inmates admitted in the home. After a repeated number of sittings and counseling with them 30 cases were solved. The inmates are also given vocational trainings like tailoring, Badi, pickle making etc. At present there are 33 inmates and 24 children staying in the Home.

Protecting Rights of children:

Fellowship runs a Child Care Institute where abandoned, trafficked and run-away girl children are given shelter, food and medical care for a temporary period. The institute works very closely with the CWC, Bhadrak. The Secretary of the organization is currently acting as the Chairman of the CWC, Bhadrak and Nikunja Mohapatra, a senior member of the staff of the organization is the member of the J.J. Board, Bhadrak. At present there are eight children in the institute. One inmate, Deepali Das was admitted in the SOS Children's village, Bhubaneswar in March 2014. Similarly, Archita Mohanta, a rescued child, after staying in the institute for six months was repatriated to her family in the month of January 2013.

Combating Trafficking in Women and Children:

The Secretary and the Chief Executive of the Organisation has been playing a pioneering role in the State to combat trafficking since 1999. He is the State Convenor of ATSEC, a regional level network headquartered in India. On his request, Centre for World Solidarity, Germany through its regional office at Hyderabad has sanctioned a grant to fellowship to work in five districts- Angul, Bhadrak, Kendrapada, Khordha and Ganjam to address the issue of trafficking. Marriage registrations, Public awareness, making the district level anti-trafficking cell functional and training of the law enforcement are some of the focus areas. On the International Day to End Violence, the 25th November 2013 a campaign against trafficking was launched in all the five districts; during 16-Days of activism between 25th November and 10th December 2013 discussions, dialogues and awareness meetings were held in different hostels of Bhadrak College. On the concluding day, 10th December, Human Rights Day, a public meeting was held in the fellowship's Training Hall. More than 100 participants, ASHA volunteers, SHG

members and the inmates of the SSH participated. Prof. Jharana Pattnaik, Prof. Radharani Mohapatra, Prof. Sngam Mohanty, Lalatendu Mohanty, S.M.Farooque spoke on the occasion. Inmates of the Short Stay Home put up a Cultural Show on trafficking for the entertainment and education of the participants.

On 27.1.2014 a network meeting of the PRI members, community leaders, SHG leaders and the returnees was held at Rahanja Muni Padia to share the findings of a survey conducted in three g.ps- Rahanja, Chandigaon and Erien. Prafulla Nayak, the Vice-Chairman of Bhadrak Block and all Sarpanchs of the above three GPs along with community leaders and returnees participated. Returnees shared their horrified experiences in their matrimonial houses and warned the members of the community not to fall prey in the hands of the middlemen and 'dalal' that could allure them for cheating.

On 25.2.2014 the same survey findings were shared at a district level inter-face meeting at Karmachari Bhawan, Bhadrak. The Additional District Magistrate, Bhadrak inaugurated the same. The District Social Welfare Officer and the District Labour Officer spoke on the occasion. More than one hundred participants from ngos, police, PRI participated.

Health:

ASHA - Accredited Social Health Activites (ASHA) schemes has been launched in the district under NRHM since 2012. There are more than 1300 ASHA in the district. Each ASHA is required to undergo 20 days of training in four rounds. We were given responsibility for arranging training of 464 ASHA from three Blocks namely Dhamanagar, Bhadaripokhri and Bonth. The training programme was completed successfully.

HIV / AIDS:

Targeted Intervention.

We are implementing two TI Projects, in Bhadrak and Balasore district in collaboration and support of Orissa State AIDS Control Society. Both the districts are most vulnerable in Orissa.

As on March, 2013, we are working with 600 FSW and 500 MSM populations in both the districts. In ICTC, Bhadrak 887 cases were tested out of which 03 positive cases were identified and 156 persons died due to AIDS in Bhadrak district. Similarly ICTC Balasore 702 cases tested out of which 02 positive cases were identified. **Targeted Interventions (TI)** are a specific set of intervention in HIV/AIDS Control programmes meant specifically to reach out to groups seen to practice high-risk behavior (HRG). HRGs are divided into Core Groups (comprising Female Sex Workers (FSW), Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) and Men having Sex with Men (MSM). The goal is to saturate coverage of high-risk groups. Apart from prevention of HIV infection, This facilitate prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases as they increase the risk of HIV infection, and are linked to care, support and treatment services for HIV infected. The main components of the TI projects are Behavior Change Communication, Condom Promotion, STD care and support, Enabling environment, Community organizing and ownership building, Linkage with services.

Under T.I. project, against target of 400 FSW and 250 MSM in Bhadrak and 250 FSW and 200 MSM in Chandaneswar, we have identified 553 FSWs and 349 MSMs in Bhadrak and 586 FSWs and 388 MSMs in Chandaneswar, Balasore. 180 FSWs have formed 26 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Bhadrak and Balasore, out of which 26 have already opened their accounts in the bank and 15 groups availed credit for income generation activities. We have supported 8 groups with seed capital money for self-employment.

Besides, we have distributed 257000 pieces condoms free of cost and social marketed 9630 pieces condoms in both the districts. 47 STI cases treated at govt. STI clinic Bhadrak and 40 in govt. STI clinic Balasore, Number of PLHA linked with ART center 22 in both the districts. 13486 at Bhadrak and 9337 at Chandaneswar, Balasore One-to-One counseling was undertaken and 8 health camps were organized for the community people in both the districts.

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Economic rehabilitation.

Two community based groups of MSMs have been formed in Bhadrak (Shanti Seva – 52 members) and Dhusuri (Saraswati – 31 members). Both the CBO have already been registered under Trust Act. in Bhadrak. This is the first CBO of Maichiya and Hijra. 22 members of the Santi Seva group have been **financially supported** for self-employment. Santi Seva, the CBO is functioning independently since 2012.

Helpline for MSM.

A “**Telephonic Help-line**” for MSM, Hijra & Maichiya is running in our office since last three years. A telephone no is working especially for counseling service.

Drop-in-centre for MSM.

Three **Drop-in Centers** are currently functioning in Bhadrak, Charampa and Dhusuri for the MSM communities. The center provides them with opportunities of entertainment, education, health care and counseling.

Action for Socio-legal protection of Persons living with HIV.

Persons living with HIV (PLHIV) face unspeakable discrimination in the society as well as in the families. With the objective to protect their rights, we launched a project called Action for Socio-legal Protection (ASLP) of PLHIV in the district since July 2012. The main objective of this project is to aware the PLHIVs about various social benefit schemes in GO & NGO sectors and creating avenues for linkages.

Special events:

Under the aegis of the Forum for mitigation of violence against women, we organized public events on the International Day to End Violence Against Women on 25th November 2013 at Fellowship Office. Besides we also organized World AIDS Day in collaboration with the Health Department in the district on 1st December 2013. Republic Day and Independence Day were celebrated by hoisting tri-colour at the Office premises

Governing body 2013-14

Sl. No	Name & Address	Designation	Qualification	Profession
01	Prof. Jharana Pattanaik Kuans, Bhadrak	President	M.A.	Retired Professor
02	S. M. FarooqueYusufpur, Bhadrak-756100	Secretary	M.A.	Social Activist
03	M. Furquan AliMulla Sahi, Bhadrak-756100	Treasurer	Graduate	Business
04.	A.Q. Khan Qazi Mohalla, Bhadrak	Member	B.Sc.	Community Leader
05.	Urvasi SamalKuapada, Geltua,Bhadrak-756100	Do	Matric	Social Activist
06.	N.B. MohapatraKunash, Bhadrak-756100	Do	M.A	Staff Representative
07.	Shakuntala NayakApartibindha, Bhadrak-756100	Do	M.A, B.Ed.	President's Award winner teacher
08.	Lalita SahuBabusahi, Bhadrak-756100	Do	M.A	Professional
09.	Yasoda Jena Keshpur, GopalbindhaBhadrak	Do	HSC	Social activist
10.	Lalatendu Mohanty Kuansh, Bhadrak	Do	M.A, LL.B	Retd. Bank Officer

Honor & Distinctions:

- Nominated member in the District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.
- Member, DRDA, Bhadrak Executive Committee
- Member District Child Welfare Committee
- Member Juvenile Justice Board, Bhadrak
- Member Organization ,NAWO, Odisha
- Member organization, Task Force on Women and Violence, Odisha