

**Help Them to Help Themselves**

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*A Society for Social & Women's Development*

## **fellowship**

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### *From the Desk of the Chief Executive:*



Last year I wrote, "This is yet another year of despair, success as well as failure. We are here with resolve and determination"..... Truly, our hope in future, and strong determination of the colleagues and institutional commitment as usual, paid dividend and therefore, we are here with some of our success stories to share.

Anti-trafficking interventions in five districts that we piloted in 2013, completed its first phase in March 2015. Thanks are due to implementing partners who accomplished the project so well, to the satisfaction of the funding partners. The later in return have committed further support for next three years.

It seems, the Shelter Home team under the able leadership of its Director, Lalatendu Mohanty and Superintendant, Yogamaya has become doubly energized. Family dispute cases are pouring-in at increased rate as because the co-operation of the district police has further augmented the hopes and aspirations of the victims. So also the quality of the services.

Ten years ago we credited the first cbo of the MSM, Shanti Seva in the State. This year the first cbo of the female sex workers, SAKHI was launched on the International Women's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March, with our support.. With the launching of the new initiative we have attempted to bring about a positive transformation in the lives of the fsw beginning by introducing them as Binodini(entertainment)karmi rather than sex workers. We wish the sakhi will become selfrelient in days to come

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(S. M. Farooque)  
Chief Executive



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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

### 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 grow 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 **Maltrayee 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 exeluded 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 eases 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. Conselous 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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..

**c. 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**

Gitanjali Sahu aged 15 ears, daughter of Padmalochan Sahu of Bidyadharpur, Dist- Bhadrak was found crying for food in front of our Short Stay Home, Aasraya on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 that her own brother-in law with whom she had illicit relations had infact trafficked her & brought her to this place and left her at the Aasray gate. He came 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. 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. She appeared the matriculation examination 2013 and came out successful in the Examination. She is now in a local college pursuing higher education.

#### **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 Ex. 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 twenty 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 Human Trafficking under ATSEC Net-work:**

ATSEC is a regional net-work having its branches in all SAARC countries. It started in the year 1995 in Bangladesh under the sponsorship of UNICEF. Currently the secretariat is with India. India chapter has 22 state chapters. The Odisha chapter started in the year 2001 with 22 members. Currently there are 11 active members out of which 05 members are implementing this project in 06 districts of Odisha since December 2013.

ATSEC Odisha Chapter works for prevention of human trafficking in the state focusing vulnerable pockets in urban and rural areas. It faceplates advocacy, create awareness and social mobilization to prepare the community to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking of women and children.

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

The project intends for effective community awareness, marriage and migration registration, ensure proper functioning of district level anti-trafficking committees & guaranteeing the rights & justice to marginalized sections of the society, viz., women, dalits, adivasis and muslim minorities strategically perusing GO – NGO collaboration and active participation of PRIs, media and social activists.

The objective behind the interventions is zero trafficking of women and children in 95 villages in 06 Districts of Odisha through intensive efforts by various stakeholders, marriage and migration registration by 20% along with



community awareness about trafficking. Initiatives towards functioning of district level anti-trafficking committees identify trafficked returnees to avail their entitlements from government and line departments.

#### **THE PROJECT INTENDS TO ACHIVE:**

- Child welfare committees and district level anti-trafficking monitoring committees in each district are in place and functional.
- Synergetic initiatives develop between govt. depts. from Panchayat to state level.
- Govt. support mobilized for rehabilitation of returnees.
- All marriages held in operational areas are compulsorily registered at the Panchayat level.
- Law enforcement agencies become sensitive and responsive towards the victims and the vulnerable groups.
- Sensitize both electronic and print media for regular coverage of the issues: highlighting best practices.
- Development of IEC materials with solid messages on trafficking for wide publicity.

#### **PROJECT PARTNERS AND OPERATIONAL AREA:**

The project partners are Fellowship in Bhadrak district, Project Swarajya in Cuttack and Kendrapara districts,, Nari Surakhya Samati (NSS) in Angul bdistrict, Development Alternatives Through Research and Innovation Action(DARIA) in Khurdha district, Society for Enlightenment and Voluntary Action (SEVA) in Ganjam district. Altogether 07 Blocks, 16 G.Ps. and 95 villages are selected for intervention in the initial phase.

#### **ACHIEVMENTS:**

- In district level interface meetings 400 government officials, police, PRI members, NGO functionaries and Anti-trafficking committee members were sensitized. Rapport was established with Integrated Anti-human Trafficking Unit (IAHTU) in two districts. Our partner NGOs functionary was inducted into district level Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board in Cuttack and Bhadrak district.



- At state level seminar more than 100 participants from different sectors - government, media, police, academics and NGO functionaries participated and deliberated on the issue of trafficking.
- In the state level inter-face meeting, 90 participants from different sectors, government, media, police, academics and NGO functionaries participated. The officials from State Women Commission, State Social Welfare Board, Odisha Livelihood Mission and W&CD Department actively participated and formed a State level Advocacy Cell.
- Monitoring of anti-trafficking interventions at community level is done regularly and the achievements are as follows: 30 marriages and 43 migrations registered in six districts. 28 victims applied for rehabilitation support in different government schemes through gramasabha, 24 returnees rehabilitated, 38 Domestic Violence cases were dealt and, 01 victim could be remarried at Bhadrak.
- The 16-Days campaign was observed by partners in six districts successfully. The campaign started on 25<sup>th</sup> November on the International Day to End Violence against Women and closed on 10<sup>th</sup> of December on Human Rights Day. 3000 college students both boys and girls, WSHG members, community leaders, PRI representatives, academics, social activists and media persons took oath to raise their voice in their respective areas for combating the menace of trafficking of women and children.
- In development of IEC materials 500 posters and equal number of brochures developed and distributed among stakeholders. The posters developed carrying messages on anti-trafficking were highly appreciated by the viewers. The brochure contains the activities of the implementing partners with photographs.
- 04 quarterly partners review meetings was organized to review the achievements against planned activities, share experiences and decide upon appropriate strategy to overcome the problems faced during interventions. The suggestions recorded.

#### **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.

**Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS)** – This is a programme under National Health Mission for urban slums. The process is in initial process and at the beginning we have been assigned to form 62 MASs in urban slums under Bhadrak Municipality. The main objective of this programme is to promote health status of mothers and children, to promote gender and women empowerment for end of discrimination among boys and girls, to bring qualitative change in the lives of the socially and economically backward people in identified slum areas. Member shall be trained on several important primary health care issues relating to women and children.

**Training of ANMs** - A two-day training programme of the ANMs on HBNC for Bhandaripokhri, Bonth, Dhamnagar and Tihidi Block was organised in two batches in January 2015 at District Training Site, Fellowship, Bhadrak. The participants from Bhandaripokhri were 18, Bonth 20, Damager 28 and Tihidi 02.

Participants were imparted training on -

- Overview of HBNC Programme.
- Contents of Module 6 & 7(Maternal Health & Newborn Health).
- Contents of Module 6 & 7(Child Health & Nutrition).
- Skills on HBNC.
- Discussion on HBNC format.



- Understanding HBNC format and Reporting Formats.
- Role of ANMs in strengthening HBNC programme (RMNCH+AGuideline)
- Skill practice.
- Discussion on report analysis(Live births vs. formats received from ASHAs)

### **HIV/AIDS:**

#### **Targeted Intervention.**

We are implementing a composite TI Project in Bhadrak district in collaboration and support of Orissa State AIDS Control Society since 2006. In the current financial year ending on March, 2015, we are working with 400 FSW and 250 MSM populations in the district. In ICTC, Bhadrak 632 cases were tested out of which no cases identified as HIV positive. **Targeted Interventions (TI)** is a specific set of intervention in HIV/AIDS Control programme 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, we have identified 553 FSWs and 349 MSMs in Bhadrak and 150 FSWs



have formed 13 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Bhadrak, out of which all have already opened their accounts in the bank and all groups availed credit for income generation activities. We have supported 8 groups with seed capital money for self-employment. Besides we have promoted a cbo of FSWs named **SAKHI** this year.

In addition to it, we have distributed 138951 pieces condoms free of cost and social marketed 5280 pieces condoms in the district. 138 STI cases treated at project level in the district. One-to-One counseling, 4 health camps, 4 advocacy with different stakeholders were organized in the project area in the district.

#### **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 Shantiseva group have been **financially supported** for self-employment. SantiSeva, 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.**

Two **Drop-in Centers** are currently functioning in Bhadrak centrally and, Charampa for HRG 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Fellowship Office. Besides we also organized World AIDS Day in collaboration with the Health Department in the district on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Republic Day and Independence Day were celebrated by hoisting tri-colour at the Office premises. We observed-

- World TB week, vigilance week in our office. We launched a CBO Sakhi on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- Conducted Advocacy meeting with police, PRI and Urban local bodies counsellors.
- Nbadita Nayk Chairman State Social Welfare Board addressed the Students of the Asurali Women's College on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014. More than 200 students participated.



### 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 Mulla Sahi, Bhadrak-756100	Treasurer	Graduate	Business
04.	A.Q. Khan Qazi Mohalla, Bhadrak	Member	B.Sc.	Community Leader
05.	Urvasi Samal Kuapada, Geltua,Bhadrak-756100	- do -	Matric	Social Activist
06.	N.B. Mohapatra Kunash, Bhadrak-756100	- do -	M.A.	Staff Representative
07.	Shakuntala Nayak, Apartibindha Bhadrak-756100	- do -	M.A, B.Ed.	President's Award winnerteacher
08.	Lalita Sahu Babusahi, Bhadrak-756100	- do -	M.A	Professional
09.	Yasoda Jena Keshpur, Gopalbindha, Bhadrak	- 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, Juvenile Justice Board, Bhadrak
- Member, NAWO, Odisha
- Member, Task Force on Women and Violence, Odisha
- Member, District level steering cum-monitoring committee for Mid Day Meal programme
- Member, District level survey committee under prohibition of manual scavengers & their rehabilitation Act.2013(MA Act) & Rules 2013.