

## INTERIM REPORT OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

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It is my pleasure to update the work that is being done Prakasam Development Social Service Society. The work is being continued, and after receiving the Second installment the Rural Development is running exuberant, all the animators and coordinators are fully involved in this programme.

On July 16, 2016 we had a big workshop where 600 women have participated. These women are from 20 villages of 10 mandals. The main content of this workshop is giving awareness on the women rights and different kinds of Government Schemes. For this workshop we have invited Bank Manager to explain about the available loans and schemes in the bank that the government is providing for the self help groups and personal loans to eradicate the poverty. The Bank Manager clearly very well explained and encouraged the people to make use of the banks. Secondly we have called the government DRDA ( District Rural Development Authority) Manger to explain about jobs and available funds for the sectoral Development in the village. We have called a person who has lot of experience in rural village about women and their rights. He gave a wonderful thoughts on a woman is light, strength, source and backbone to the family and the society. This talk really gave awareness to the women. Final talk was given by the four women who are engaged in the social work for decades and given talks on their experiences. Dr. Aswini was called to give a talk on health and Hygienic.

This workshop was very successful and useful for the women attended. It was started at 9.00 Am and ended at 5.00 Pm. The participants were given one way travel allowance, Tea and snacks and lunch. This programme was conducted at Good Shepherd campus where the PDSSS office is erected. Here are the few sample pictures of the workshop.

#### **The work Shop started with lighting of the lamp and a dance**



**The Bank Manger Giving a talk on available loans and Schemes**





## Peoples Request and Clarification regarding the Government loans and Schemes



## Rural Awareness song



## Talk on Women Rights





**Well Experienced women who are engaged in Social Work for decades sharing their thoughts.**



**DRDA Sharing the thoughts**



**Lunch Being provided for all participants**





**After Lunch continued talks on women palce in the society**



**Awareness through Dance**



**Dr. Aswini talk about Health and Hygienic**





## Conclusion



Thank you

On July 25, 2016 all the coordinators and animators were called for one day training and follow up the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. One cluster Coordinator, 5 coordinators and twenty animators participated. During this training all were asked to put their heart and soul to work for the poor for their development and their place in the organization. All the coordinators were asked to collect the data of the self help groups who have taken the loans and who have not taken any loans. In a special way asked to bring the leader and assistant leader for the next meeting.

Instructions were given how to conduct the meeting in the villages and importance health and hygienic and check in all the villages whether every family has a toilet. And also instructions were given how to involve 452 self help groups in our organization.

Special Points were given to them to follow and to educate the women in the village:

- The collectiveness of Women
- The atmosphere of common good of the women
- The fruit of women coming together
- The freedom of the women in the family
- The development in the villages
- The income generation in the family
- The savings plan in a different methods

After this instruction there was group discussion in a mandal level with the coordinators for the better of the women in the society and ended with women awareness songs. One way traveling was given and Lunch also was provided.

Here are the Pictures of the Training:







Lunch being Provided





## After Lunch group discussions and Sharing





On Fourth of September, 2016 we had training for the self help groups and Coordinators. In this training 150 women participated. These are all self group leaders and five coordinators. It was very well explained to these women about savings and how to get the loans and schemes from the government. Though the government gives little amount for the self help groups we are targeting to get huge amount for the each self group and personal loans. Women had big number of questions and answered by the Director and coordinators. Here are the pictures of the training



Women are asking questions and doubts regarding savings and government schemes



In the month of October starting from 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> we had Rural Village awareness street shows were done in 10 villages.

- West venkatapuram
- Ullagallu
- Siddavaram
- Nandipalem
- Masngapuram
- Kuchipudicolony
- Khajipuram
- Hjeepuram
- Ganugapenta
- Dasarapalli

The people goes for daily work, will come back at 6.00Pm and after their bathing and cooking the people will be ready at 8.30 Pm, so we start the programme at 8.30Pm and will end at 10.30 Pm.

The Programme will start with playing DVD where it shows the health and women rights, and how to take care of the pregnant ladies. It is 1hour .26 minutes show and then, then youth who are well trained will start the street play with the village dance and the moral theme is give respect to the women. Then comes the skit: in this two ladies always in fighting each other because one throwing the waste into the other house, causes sickness and diarrhea because of the waste the water stays in front of their houses. Then the doctor comes advises not to throw the waste and have static water in front of their houses. Then the women go for the evening self help group meetings and one of the husbands who is the drunkard comes and drags his wife but all the women teaches him not to drag his wife and will file a case against him and the husband changes his mind asks his wife to attend the meeting and later changes his life sends her daughters to the school. Because in the village there is trend that only boys have to study and the girls have to work with the parents, because the girl has to get marry and go to her mother in laws house and if she studies need to pay more dowry. Then there will be another self help group meeting where it clearly explained about the government loans and available funds to eradicate poverty.

Then there is action song displayed by the elderly parents, their hardship at the older age that they are experiencing by their neglected children. No food is given, not grand children sending to them, not bothering about them but the elderly parents blesses them “ Where ever you are be happy”. It is really a extraordinary action song which touches the whole villages. People even literally cried during this action song. This song touched their lives.

This programme made everyone in the villages to be aware of the health, hygienic, sacving, women rights, respecting girls and taking care of the elderly parents. It was awesome and eye opening programme. This is very much needed and Italian Bishops Council as given the chance to these villages to change their live and to lead dignitary life. Sincere gratitude to you.