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SAFE MOTHERHOOD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Aiming to reduce Maternal Mortality Rate through an improved reproductive health system, JVS organized various community activities during the quarter, which sensitized the rural people in Varanasi, especially pregnant women and young mothers. For this purpose, we sketched 80 wall paintings in 25 villages of Varanasi to educate the residents about pregnant women's and lactating mothers' health and nutrition needs. JVS organized workshops with 102 Ambulance Service to bridge the gap between pregnant women and lactating mothers and their need for emergency healthcare and transport services.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the peak of the COVID-19 second wave, JVS engaged proactively to prevent the dreadful pandemic COVID-19 among the communities we regularly work with. Our response this time was in the form of distribution of 11,769 COVID-19 preventive medicine kits comprising of Paracetamol, Doxycycline, Ivermectin, Zincovit Multivitamin and Vitamin C with Zinc pills for ailing as well asymptomatic people in the villages. The medical relief covered 115 villages in 5 blocks (Baragaon, Harahua, Kerakat, Pindra and Sewapuri) of Varanasi and Jaunpur districts.



With support from the local health department, twenty-five volunteers from our teams, frontline healthcare workers and SHGs we visited each of the identified villages and handed over the medicine kits to the needy. One hundred PPE kits were also distributed to frontline healthcare workers of Varanasi district. To spread awareness about the prevention of COVID-19, we handed out 10,578 double layer cloth face masks to children from socially and economically backward communities in four blocks of the twin districts. These masks were stitched by women SHGs. Missio München, Manos Unidas, A.M. Best, Camolin Parish and friends' from Carrickfergus, Jenifer and Pradeep Baptist and Fr. Shobhit Tom made this COVID-19 response possible with their generous support.



CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Safeguarding women's constitutional rights with a focus on their social participation and prevention of violence against them, JVS is working in 10 panchayats in Harahua block, Varanasi. Regular campaign activities, such as peer group meetings, educating the people about the ills of domestic violence, motivating men to pledge against indulging in domestic violence, and educating stakeholders on legal compliance and women's rights, are in progress. A wall painting drive on the evils of domestic violence was undertaken, wherein 51 wall paintings covering 10 village panchayats have been accomplished. Wall posters to educate people about the demerits of domestic violence too are being put up at public locations.





CAPACITY BUILDING OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

JVS organizes frequent training programmes and workshops to build the capacities of organizations working in the disability sector. During this quarter, we arranged three such programmes, namely, 'Training on Prevention, Early Identification & Intervention of Disability', 'Workshop on Therapeutic Management of Developmental Disabilities' and 'Training on Home-based Management of Neurological Disabilities'. A total of 17 participants, like CBR facilitators, physiotherapists, special educators, rehabilitation therapists and other caregivers from 10 disability-specific organizations, attended these training sessions and improved their knowledge and skills on disability, its types, importance of early identification, the role of assistive devices and many more.



JVS received the 'Best NGO' Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - 2020 from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

WOMEN LEADERS ELECTED AS PRADHANS

In our endeavours to empower rural women so that they may be the creators of their own destinies, we organize frequent training programmes and workshops moderated by thematic experts. These programmes help us groom traditional rural women as empowered leaders ready to take charge of their society's development. To achieve the same, we motivated a few selected women leaders from various SHGs to stand for the panchayat elections held recently in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The results surprised everyone. Seven women were elected as Pradhans and three as members of Block Development Council (BDC) from their village panchayats.



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Pradhan-Garkhada
Pindra



Nisha Devi
Pradhan-Badauna
Pindra



Ramtaji Devi
Pradhan-Sultanpur
Kerakat



Sakuntala Devi
Pradhan-Rajapur
Pindra



Sarita Devi
Pradhan-Chaukiya
Kerakat



Soniya Devi
Pradhan-Khagpur
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