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Health Assessment Camp for Children with Disabilities



JVS, in partnership with KIRAN Society, organized a Health Assessment Camp for children with disabilities at Murdaha, Varanasi. A dedicated team of experts, including Ortho technicians, special educators, and physiotherapists, assessed forty children facing a range of disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disabilities, and Down Syndrome. Alongside comprehensive assessments and goal setting, parents were offered invaluable guidance on delivering home-based education and therapy. This collaborative effort aimed to enhance the lives of these children by providing essential support and resources.

Celebrating National Nutrition Week 2023

JVS observed National Nutrition Week across three blocks of Varanasi – Harhua, Chiraigaon, and Sevapuri – spanning 13 villages. Our mission was to foster the health and well-being of the future generation, with particular focus on women, who play a pivotal role in shaping young lives. We firmly believe that a prosperous society's foundation lies in the robust health of its people, and this campaign represented a significant stride in that direction.

In this initiative, our team collaborated with Anganwadi workers, teachers from SSA schools, and community women leaders. Together, we worked tirelessly to raise awareness

about the critical importance of nutrition. The campaign's impact was profound, reaching a total of 1,480 individuals, including children. Through such collective efforts, we are paving the way for a healthier, stronger, and more vibrant community.



Refresher Training on Early Identification and Early Intervention for CBR Facilitators



From September 9-15, 2023, Jan Vikas Samiti, Varanasi, conducted a refresher training program. This initiative aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) facilitators. Participants engaged in intensive training sessions covering diverse rehabilitation techniques, including Individualized Education Plans, Speech Therapy, Fabrication of Developmental Devices, and Therapeutic Techniques, among others.

One notable aspect of the program was the provision of a Therapy Resource Kit to all participants. This kit equips facilitators with essential tools and resources vital for their interventions with children. By empowering these facilitators with advanced techniques and necessary resources, the training program serves as a crucial step toward improving the quality of rehabilitation services and, ultimately, enhances the lives of the individuals they support.

Capacitating Frontline Health Workers



To raise awareness and empower frontline health workers, Jan Vikas Samiti, in collaboration with Purvanchal Gramin Sewa Samiti, organized a training program on early identification and intervention for children with developmental delays and disabilities. A total of 39 ASHA, ANM, and Anganwadi Workers participated in this insightful day-long session.

The training program focused on educating the participants about the developmental milestones of children, encompassing crucial areas such as gross motor skills, fine motor skills, cognition, language, speech, and social development. Renowned UNICEF representatives, Mr. Upendra Sahi and Dr. Agrasen Singh, facilitated the program, sharing their expertise and insights.

This training equipped the attendees with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify high-risk infants and toddlers promptly. Armed with this understanding, they can now refer these children to early intervention programs and specialized rehabilitation centres, ensuring they receive the support they need at the earliest stages of development.

Inauguration of Certificate Course in Rehabilitation Therapy



Jan Vikas Samiti has introduced a one-year Certificate Course in Rehabilitation Therapy, a significant step towards uplifting and empowering individuals within the community.

This course is approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and is meticulously designed to provide participants with

the crucial knowledge and skills necessary to assist individuals dealing with physical, mental, or developmental challenges. Through this initiative, JVS is deeply committed to fostering a more empowered and self-reliant community. By imparting these invaluable skills, JVS actively contributes to creating a brighter and more promising future for all individuals involved



Project Launch “Post Covid-19 Pandemic Community Building through Skill Development Programs & Health Education”



On July 1, 2023, the project "Post Covid-19 Pandemic Community Building through Skill Development Programmes & Health Education" was officially launched. This initiative prioritizes the empowerment of women and adolescent girls by offering skill development courses such as tailoring and beautician training. Additionally, the project includes health education programs designed to enhance knowledge and awareness of various health-related issues.

The project is currently underway in Saharsa and Durgawati districts in Bihar, as well as in Mirzapur district in Uttar Pradesh. Approximately 180 adolescent girls and young mothers are set to directly benefit from these skill development programs, while 540 women will receive training on diverse health-related topics. This initiative represents a significant step towards building a resilient and knowledgeable community in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, fostering skills, awareness, and self-sufficiency among its participants.

International Divyang Film Festival



In collaboration with Special Abled Foundation and Brotherhood Delhi, an International Divyang Film Festival was organized in Varanasi on August 19, 2023, at BLW Cinema Hall. The event aimed to celebrate the exceptional talents and abilities of individuals with disabilities, while also raising awareness about the challenges they face daily, including issues related to accessibility, the lack of rehabilitation services, and social inclusion. The festival was honoured to have Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the Governor of Sikkim, as the chief guest. A total of 40 short films were screened during the event, attracting participation from approximately 1000 people from all walks of life. This film festival served as an excellent platform to showcase the remarkable abilities and positive stories of individuals with disabilities, emphasizing their resilience and creativity in the face of challenges.

Training on Inclusive Education



Globally, children with disabilities and those living in poverty often face exclusion from educational opportunities. To address this issue, two comprehensive training programs on inclusive education were organized for our CBR facilitators. A total of 55 participants from various project locations across northern India attended these sessions, which were facilitated by Ms. Aloka Guha, the former chairperson of the National Trust under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

The training programmes were designed to empower participants with a deep understanding of inclusive education. They covered a wide range of topics, including different types of educational opportunities tailored for children with various disabilities and learning styles. The sessions also addressed the challenges and barriers faced by these children in their learning journeys. Furthermore, the training emphasized effective peer teaching strategies, methods, and pedagogies, as well as the crucial roles played by different stakeholders in fostering inclusive education. Through these initiatives, we are working towards maximizing the inclusion of children with disabilities in schools and ensuring equal educational opportunities for all.



Skill Development & Livelihood



Empowering women through skill development and livelihood opportunities is crucial for their advancement. By providing valuable skills and establishing pathways to sustainable income, we enable women to overcome obstacles, boost their self-esteem, and enhance economic growth. Access to micro-loans and mentorship further amplifies their entrepreneurial abilities. Through the creation of a supportive ecosystem, we facilitate women in uplifting themselves and their communities.



During the quarter the following training programmes were conducted:

1. Training on Leadership for Core Team Members of cooperative and women entrepreneurs - 74 participants
2. Training on Entrepreneurial and Management Skills for women entrepreneurs - 27 participants
3. Training on Cluster and Resource Mapping for the formation of Farmers' Interest Groups - 37 participants
4. Training on the Production and Marketing of washing powder for women entrepreneurs - 81 participants
5. Training on Documentation and Bookkeeping for women entrepreneurs - 33 participants
6. Training on the Business Development Plan, Budget, and its Components for core team members - 30 participants
7. Workshop on Service Design and Financial Product of Cooperative along with their monitoring and review for core team members - 30 participants
8. Training on Financial Literacy for Women Entrepreneurs for women entrepreneurs - 31 participants
9. Training on Inventory Management and MIS for women entrepreneurs and core team members - 33 participants
10. Training of Sales and Marketing and Development of Market Strategy for core team members and women entrepreneurs - 31 participants
11. Training on the Risk Management System, Gap Filling, and Internal Control for core team members - 31 participants
12. Workshop on Exit and Addition Process along with Internal Control Management of core team members - 31 participants
13. Training on Production and Sales of Small Eateries like bread pakoda, tea egg roll, tikka, etc. - 54 participants



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