

Annual Report

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FORWARD

Once more I take the opportunity to bring out this annual report for the year of 2017-2018 on humanitarian activities like every year.

With our persistent efforts and by an active assistance and patronage of WBSCL and other govt. and non-govt. welfare departments Maheshpur Welfare Society is proceeding ahead to show a light of progress among the destitute people in our backward areas.

So called, since its inception we are highly grateful to NABARD and other govt. or non-govt. organization in all respects to keep up the continuation of development for the downtrodden people so that we can give elbow room to helpless fellows in various field of activities to promote their lives and livelihood through the vocational training and other developmental activities.

In this respect, our organization has been implementing heterogeneous progressive activities to achieve its goal in its project areas under Bamongola Block in the district of Malda and aboard. Our goal is to eliminate poverty and emancipate the weaker-sexes from the ignorance and superstitions and to ensure child health collaboration with govt. and non-govt. agencies.

Besides, we are trying to bring about a sea change among the women who are belonged to Schedule Tribe, Schedule caste, minority and other backward classes. We want to extend proper education, hygienic, health and human rights awareness, Game & Sports, and vocational trainings to them so that they find out a light of hope in darkness.

I do hope, we would implement more and more progressive plans in our project areas for the under privileged masses in near future. Finally I am grateful to DDM, NABARD, Malda, LDM, Malda District, BDO, Bamongola Block, Gram Panchayet members, Village community and Funding agencies for their cordial co-operation and encouragement. Above all, I tender my thanks to all my workers and members of this organization.

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◆ **ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018**



01. Village Development Plan (NABARD)
02. Participatory Planning for Prevention of Environment Pollution (Dept. Env. Govt. of W/B)
03. Crèche Programme (WBSSWB)
04. Skill Development Training on Poultry Tending (NYK)
05. National Environment Awareness Programme (SFR)
06. Development of Volley Ball Play Ground (Deptt. Of Game & Sports)

◆ **PROGRAMME DETAILS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18** ◆

€ **VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (VDP)**

It is mentionable that National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has taken a historical initiative to ensure overall development of the PPRD Block all over the Country and this is the on going programme in our district and state too. In our VDP programme a total number of 28 villages are covering under Bamongola Block of Malda district. But initial stage only five villages have been identified to implement villages development programme with the very mission to ensure overall development these villages by extending basic services to the people in this villages. The basic services i.e. Education, Health, Safe drinking water, Irrigation, Road, Credit, etc. is lacking. Our organization (Maheshpur Welfare Society) has been selected by NABARD as a nodal agency to implement the programme. And we initiated start the above programme and lot of programme sanctioned by the NABARD for all round development in those villages.

An in-depth study has been conducted at these villages through Participatory Rural Appraisal Method (PRA) to identify the basic problem faced by the people in these area and with the issues need to be addressed to instigate the problems and to ensure better livelihood. During the study and survey by the co-ordinators

deferent activities, at deferent levels time to time, kipping pace with the requirement.

In response to 'MANKIND' – local administration has taken a serious step to make the people

07. Training on Incense Stick Making (NABARD)

08. Joint Liability Group (NABARD)

09. Construction of Toilet (Malda ZP)

10. Vermi Compost (Own)

11. Awareness Generation Programme on MGNREGS

12. Miscellaneous

some initial problem has been finding out in those 5 identified villages. As bad production of Seasonal crops, Lack of training on Animal Husbandry & Fishery, Unavailability of safe drinking water, Electricity and village link road and lack of Income generating activities.

In this condition we had already completed various developmental activities in those villages by support from NABARD and other agencies through various training programme. Not only that we had create awareness about the facilities available with government and link up with the various developmental activities and proposed the concerned government department to provide service in moved of education, health, sanitation, road, Bank assistance etc.

€ **PARTICIPATORY PLANNING FOR PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION (DEPT. OF ENV. GOVT. OF W/B)**

In the universe man is aging about 46 crores. Right from birth she/he is taken all necessary components of the environment with out knowing its limitation. Now time has come, when environment is making an urge to "save" itself. Except "MAN" no one has any responsibility to save the natural environment. Because, except man no one is in the globe so cruel nature.

Therefore, Govt. undertaking, semi-Government, NGO, private and deferent in institutions has feet the need for save the environment through

accountable through deferent programmes like, awareness generation and sit & draw. Within the student, even it has been addressed to SHGs women under backward classes. Definitely it is a positive step. Because more the people will know, more the environment will get the oxygen. In this context, this year as per sanction we had implemented the following programmes.

1) Awareness Generation Programme :-

With regards to the 'Awareness Generation' on environment an awareness programme with social workers, teachers, panchayats, prodhans, SHGs women and governmental officials was held at 6 nos. GPs premises on said dates. Besides, some political fellows were turned up in those programmes and every panchayat prothan are present in each programme which is organized at their locations. About 120 SHG members are present in each programme who was hailing from rural areas turned up with an ample response and promised to vindicate a pollution free and healthy environment and inclined to plant saplings much more too.

So that rural people can understand, 'where we are' in terms of nature environment etc. Basically programme venue was selected in such a way so that the women also get the theme indirectly.

Some govt. celebrity was present in those programme and they were flashing lot of sweet able advice to all of participants who were present those programme. The details of dialogue of resources are given bellow.

● **Debasish Dhar (Co-ordinator, MWS)** was turned up with welcome address at the all awareness camps and during his speech he emphasized on plantation and well-being of the trees that every man may have in his everyday life. He discussed on the custom of adhibasi community and how the Neem trees become useful from the primitive area. In this respect he also motivated to plant more trees on uncultivated lands to deal with natural calamities as well as needness of man. He become pleased for taking plantation venture conducted by Maheshpur Welfare Society and it is a tool to deal with pollution and it will assist to keep up ecological-balance.

schools. The Participants are took part in those competitions and they drew some pictures, which clearly speaks of human negligence to protect the ecological balance. Participants

● **Panchayat Prothan (6 nos. GPs)** They were saying this that now a day pollution is a clandestine Slater, as a consequence various maladies are appeared due to polluted weather. He said life-giver oxygen is provided by the forest resource and vindicate a pure environment around us. So we have to plant more and more trees and look after them so that these trees can grows smoothly. Trees ought to be planted in the school grounds, industrial areas, uncultivated lands, road sides and river banks. Having a clue of discussion, he apprehended on the baneful catastrophe which hovers over the human heads in coming days due to bulk deforestation. In his speech he dealt on global warming and its hazardous effects. He explained the global-warming is a harbinger of catastrophe to the flora and fenna and the far-reaching impact of it would be alarming to environment and climate as well as human existence too. To curb this palpable incident we have to plant trees extensively to eliminate impending danger.

● **Nandalal Mahali & Bikash Mahato** (Food & Health Kormadhakya, Bamongola Panchayat Samity) presided over this function and in the speech they highlighted on plantation programme. He explained as to evil-effect of deforestation and motivated to all including SHG groups to plant more and more trees in the respective areas to prevent pollution and vindicate the balance of eco-system. He also admonished about the gruesome scenario of global-warming which hovers over our heads for coming future.

2) Sit & Draw Competition :

In response to 'MANKIND' – we has been taken a serious step to make the people accountable through deferent programmes like, awareness generation through sit & draw competitions about save the environment. Within the community, even it has been addressed to primary & high school level students of 15 nos. primary schools and 5 nos. High School under Bamongola. Definitely it was a positive step. Because more the student will know, more the environment will get the oxygen. So the organization has been completed a total no. of 20 awareness programme through Sit & Draw competition for primary & High level school students for understand the importance of save environment. Finally at the each of programme our key discussion was how to save our environment and what will be done for this. In this context, we are a no. 20 nos. sit & draw

got the idea of the subject and their tender mind reflexes through their painting. The participants are given the certificate and top three paintings were awarded.

€ CRECHE PROGRAMME (WBSWB)

In each and every Country development of the children is given prime importance. For all round development of the children both the State and Central Govt. have taken various attempts but the rural scenario has not been changed the desired level. As far as the Malda district is concerned, most of the children are lagging far behind to access free education, nutrition care & health care support. As a result of that, paradigm shift in approaches has been occurred. Various non-Govt. organizations have been to coming forward to bring out all round development of the children. In the district of Malda most of the women of backward classes and vulnerable section are engaged in wage earning jobs who are hardly able to give time for proper nourishment of their children as well as for proper growth and development of their children. There are to depend either on the neigh hoods or on the relatives for the same. It is the NGO Maheshpur Welfare Society which comes forward to take care of these children for their health, education, nutrition care and development. During the Maheshpur Welfare Society has taken the name of Crèche programme activities in the following direction.

Crèche Centre :-

Being mono-cropped in agro-sector and tribal dominated in our project areas daily wage earners are migrated to other states for earning bread leaving their offspring between age group of 0-5 years at home and these offspring become helpless and naturally the numbers of school drop out are mounted day by day. Considering this painful condition our organization through the Central Social Welfare Board Govt. of India has initiated since its inception the Crèche school for the helpless children to provide nutrition's and primary education. In this respect, two Crèche Centre have been conducting by Maheshpur Welfare Society in its project zones and 50 nos. children of under privileged families are imparted primary education in those Crèche Centre.

Prior to holding camp social workers visited three villages and organized focus group discussion which helped immensely to generate interest to attend the camp. In

essay competition was organized in 20 nos. Besides 4 nos. Crèche mothers are employed to look after these children.

€ SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ON POULTRY TENDING (NYK)

The above trainings held in duration of two month in this year at two backward villages under Bamongola Block. 30 nos. women of have been selected from self help groups under Bamongola block who are interested to receive the training and intend take up the poultry tending as a mean of their livelihood. The main objective of this training programme are to mobilize the women into a viable group for self learning through an organized effort, to provide a scope to the women to earn through self employment trough tend of poultry hen, they have to utilize the potentialities rural women for a productive purpose, to promote the market of poultry hen, to develop a sustainable platform for enhancement of financial status of women by way of making economically self reliant. After completion of the training the selected trainees are start their own units/farms or set up a group based unit/farm and become economically independent. The financial support for setting up individual or group based units will be available from the local banks UBI, SBI, GGB, Allahabad which located under Bamongola block in district of malda.

€ NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS PROGRAMME (SFR)

School of Fundamental Research sanctioned a programme i.e. Environment Awareness Campaign for the year 2010-2011 through deferent activities such as Public Meeting, Sit & Draw Competition, Padayatra, Waterbody Cleaning and Plantation. The details of discussion of the above programmes are given bellow_

Public Meeting :- Maheshpur Welfare Society organized a meeting and Environment Awareness Camp covering 3 villages under Bamongola Block in Malda District. The awareness generation camp elicited worm from the villagers. The awareness camps were participated by rural men & women, members of SHGs, Teachers, Panchayat, Prodhan & social workers of organization. The discussion at the awareness camps highlighted issues related to environmental pollution and degradation and factors responsible for the same. It may be mentioned in this contents that awareness

these meetings the theme of discussion was how to keep our environment healthy and hazard free to the living creatures. The people of these areas were basically farmers poor and uneducated. So they were awarded about some factors which are prime reasons to pollute environment. Besides we imparted them.

School level Sit & Draw Competition : A Sit & Draw competition was organized at Ramnagar Primary School under Bamongola Block in Malda district on bio-diversity, environment protection. Participants took part in the competition and they drew some pictures, which clearly speaks of human negligence to protect the ecological balance. Participants got the idea of the subject and their tender mind reflexes through their painting. The participants are given the certificate and top three paintings were awarded.

Rally / Padayagtra : From Maheshpur to Mudipukur a general rally was organized about the theme of deadly effect of environmental pollution and lots of people are took part in this rally and they feel better to involve this programme.

Bio-diversity Register : In the basis of the sanctioned programme we are successfully completed Bio-diversity Register programme at the premises of the organization, Maheshpur, Bamongola, Malda. The all participants are satisfied about the theme of the programme and they were aware how to prevent environment pollution & how to save the environment.

Plantation : In course of discussion of the Awareness camp special emphasis was give on the plantation of more and more these to prevent Environment pollution and maintain ecological balance. We have motivated the villagers to plant tree with spice of mango, neem and other medicinal plant. We have distributed saplings of the aforesaid spices. We have motivated the villagers not only to plant these saplings but also to protect them. So fences have also been provided for protection.

and backward families in the project area. The Society while formatting JLG, trust has been given to encourage women who are largely victimized and vulnerable without making any discrimination. As a part of JLG promotion, the Society has been supporting the rural farmers to hold their group meeting regularly, practicing small savings, making

camps were interactive in nature.

€ DEVELOPMENT OF VOLLEY BALL PLAY GROUND (DEPT. OF GAME & SPORTS)

Most of people are not given their fitness of body. As a result of that the people are being to ailing for all respect. So, the Maheshpur Welfare Society, as a part of its human development activities we have implemented Games and Sports Programme through development of Volley Ball Play Ground at the place of the organizations premises with the active help of Sports deptt. Govt. of W/B. It's worth mentioned that we have developed the play ground wherein the health care practice will be provided free of cost and to get fulfill fitness to unwell peoples of our area of operation and aboard.

€ TRAINING ON INCENSE STICK MAKING (NABARD)

A number of 30 nos. participants from SHG groups are took part in the training. Thus each participant was get maximum time to learn and to obtain practical training. The Society has been observed that the selected participants have enough time to obtain the training. Hence 13 days for one batch will be required for completion of the training successfully. This key objective of this training is to impart skill on binding or preparing on the most needed item which is used almost in every family every day i.e., incense stick, so that the target group members will be able to substitute their livelihood after the training. After the completion of the training the beneficiaries were developed their income generating activities, in this respect they will not being to migrate and able to substitute their livelihood. The Society along with its limited strength will be able to accommodate the production of the trainees since when the training have been completed. Incense stick are highly demanded and used in almost every family. It does not require any other infrastructure and utensils. The society will manage the marketing section has already been identified. Only the training materials also for the preparation of the products required are necessary and for that necessary fund be supported along with the proposal of this training.

€ JOINT LIABILITY GROUP (NABARD)

Through the programme of joint liability group (JLG) formation and operation was initiated during the year 2010-2011 the Society will planed a no. of 200 nos. joint liability group (JLG) have to be formation mostly of farmers

regular bank transactions and maintaining books of accounts by the concerned group itself. All these activities are helping farmers to be organized for their betterment and developed their income generating activities. The above targeted JLG groups will be linked with 5 bank branches around Bamongola block in the district of Malda, as well as the society has already been lots of discussion with the branch managers about JLGs development through getting KCC/Unit base/Individual loans to the under JLGs farmers.

€ CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET (MALDA ZP)

It is worth mentioned that, during this financial year Maheshpur Welfare Society has been received a sanction to construct Boy's/Male teacher or Girl's/Female teacher toilet in 6 nos. primary school under bamongola block in the district of Malda. The located primary school was- Sujail pri., Chandrail pri., gobindapur pri., Jhakaldanga pri., Sayestabad pri. and Palashbari pri. As per sanction order obeying the time frame the society has been completed the 6 nos. construction work in 6 nos. primary school and the all the toilets are used by the student and teachers.

€ VERMICOMPOST PRODUCTION CUM TRAINING UNITS (OWN)

Now day's farmers have a trend to apply chemical fertilizer in agro-lands extensively day by day. As a result lands become barren and productivity reduced. In this context, Maheshpur Welfare Society has set up a vermicompost production cum training units at its premises and has been supplying this fertilizer to its project areas and outside for better production. It is said that about 10 tones vermicompost are produced per month in our unit. Besides, farmers are also motivated to use extensively this fertilizer to reduced chemical fertilizer. Farmers are also trained here to produced this fertilizer.

who have been from very poor

€ AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON MGNREGS (100 DAYS WORK)

With regards to the "Awareness Generation" on MGNREGS (100 days work) a no. of 10 programmes with rural people, SHGs women, social workers and teachers was held at various villages under bamongola block. About 150 nos. participants are took part in each of the programme and they has been knew about 100 days work which facilities are create for rural and poor people. And they were also understood what the government is fixed various policy and facilities of poor people. As a result of

that the participants are being to well-known and they were promised to involvement of said govt. facilities. Some govt. celebrity was present in those programme and they were flashing lot of sweetable advice to all of participants who were present those programme.

€ HIV/AIDS awareness programme

There are a host of social, cultural and economic factors that influence the spread of HIV infection in Malda and increase the vulnerability of the district to the epidemic. According to government estimates for 1999-2000, 27% of Malda's population lives below poverty line. **Poverty** is associated with weak endowments of human and financial resources – low levels of education with associated low levels of literacy and few marketable skills, generally poor health status and low labour productivity as a result. A crucial aspect of the health status of the poor is the high prevalence of undiagnosed and untreated sexually transmitted infections – STIs (or sexually transmitted diseases – STDs), a significant co-factor in HIV transmission.

Malda shares international borders with Bangladesh. A range of socio-economic factors in the region along with weak regulatory measures have lead to burgeoning **human trafficking** across this border, particularly in women and children. Malda district is both a destination and a conduit for trafficking in humans, many of whom face **sexual exploitation**. The district is also a source of human trafficking bound for western India and beyond Indian shores to West Asia. Trafficking and sexual exploitation constitute a potent combination that facilitates the spread of HIV in the state.

A related issue is that of **gender inequity**, which not only facilitates the spread of HIV but also gets reinforced for those infected or affected by HIV. Gender inequity is often the cause behind individuals' inability to negotiate safer sex. This is particularly true for women, males who have sex with males (MSM) and male-to-female transgender people.

Malda district also witnesses large-scale **migration**, both into and out of the state. Hostile and lonely environments, separation from families, lack of access to information, health services and social support systems can lead to social and sexual practices that make migrants more susceptible to HIV exposure. This also translates into an increased vulnerability for married women. Most married women have only their husbands as sexual partners, but lack the awareness and power to negotiate safer sex with them. So Maheshpur Welfare Society has been organized 10 nos. HIV/AIDS awareness/counseling programme with active support from our voluntary workers around the Malda District. According to said theme the organization managed lots of women multi sex, condom effect and how to prevent AIDS deceases from our society. It is worth mentioned that, some audio-visual shows and drama have been played during these awareness.

€ Child Marriage and Anti-trafficking Programme

A survey conducted across several blocks in Malda District has indicated that a rising awareness against dowry is fuelling the incidence of child marriage and trafficking. The survey was conducted by Maheshpur Welfare Society (MWS) "We found that the traffickers approach the villagers in the guise of grooms without any dowry demand and lure them into marrying off even minor girls," said Hasina Khatun, Secretary, MWS. "The girls are then sold and sent to other places like Bihar, Mumbai, Delhi or other places across the India," she added.

The End

"The problem is compounded by the fact that Malda District lies on the vulnerable national trafficking route, Malda itself becoming a significant source and destination for traffickers,"

"The elderly women in the villages acknowledge that child marriages were not so prevalent earlier." She said that once married, even minor girls were treated as women and they did not enjoy child rights any more. The data quoted in the report (sourced from the 2001 Census and the National Family Health Survey) shows a high incidence of child marriage in the State — 39.16 per cent compared to the national average of 32.10 per cent. "Though the Social Welfare Department has been organizing awareness campaigns at the block and anganwadi levels, it is hard to eradicate the problem," she also said.

While the Government's focus is on economic empowerment of women through vocational training, and providing financial incentives to prevent girls from dropping out of high school, Hasina Khatun felt that police action was needed to reign in traffickers. "There are, after all, hardly any trafficking cases that are registered with the police," she said.

€ MISCELLANEOUS !

Pulse Polio Immunization Programme :- To wipe out the menace of polio from the country government has taken as initiative to administer pulse polio to the children from 0-5 years of age. We on behalf our organization extend support to the government health stuffs for successful administration of pulse polio and the same time we organize polio awareness camp to motivate the women about the importance polio for their children.

Obesrvation of Notable Days :- We on behalf of our organization observe various national and international red, Letter days like previous years with active participation and co-operation of rural children. Community people and our students such as.

Independence Day:- Independence day is observe on 15th August National flag hoisting by the local panchayet prodhan and the member of Malda Zilla Parishad graced the programme and at the end of programme a grand feast is the part of the observation of the day many distinguished persons, teachers and students were taken part in the programme.

