Mid Year Progress Report

1098

Assurance of Care and Protection

(From February 2022 to 31 July 2022)

Gramin Vikas Samiti (GVS)

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Background:
Gramin Vikas Samiti (GVS) is a Non Government Organization. It has been working for the upliftment of the people belongs to the marginalized society and vulnerable communities by linking them with government’s ambitious schemes to whom they are entitled to. The intervention areas are the remote areas of Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh State.

It also works for the child care & protection especially the children who are in need of care and protection. GVS has been operating a free emergency helpline number 1098 (24*7Days) in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh state known as CHILDLINE. This emergency helpline is for the children having age between 0 to 18 years.

In the year 2022, GVS have done initiatives towards the welfare of children during February 2022 to July 2022 with the support of Asha for Education.

In order to increase the reach up to the children belongs to the remote areas of Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh state.

We have prepared action plan according to the categories of cases such as Child Marriage, Medical Emergency, Missing Children, and Children in disastrous situation, Education, and made intervention in them accordingly.

Objectives:

The objectives of the activities as following:

- To identify the children those who in need of care and protection, in around the city.
- To increase the reach up to more children from the intervention area.
- To ensure the problem children get resolved or to ensure every child must get assistance registered on helpline.
- To generate awareness on emergency helpline number 1098.
- To disseminate the information about the vaccination of children through the motivational sessions.
- To raise the issues of children in front of District Legal Services Authority.

Assistance provided to the Children:
Number of cases intervened -

During February 2022 to 31 July 2022 the total numbers of intervened cases are: 413

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Category wise description -

1. **Medical help** :- Registered 66 cases; In case of any medical condition or health problems, we receive calls for help related to Hospitalization, Medicines, accidental cases, Blood arrangements etc., our team approach to the children and provides necessary help.

• During February 2022 to 31 July 2022, we have successfully stopped 36 Child Marriages through counselling. Out of 36 Child marriage cases, 27 were Female and 9 were Male. Wherein, if we categorise them by age then the minimum age of child marriage is 12 years and most of the child marriages held in 16 and 17 years age group as mentioned in the below table.
Age wise data of Child Marriages stopped by GVS from February 2022 to 31 July 2022

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Note: Out of 45 child marriage cases, 9 child marriages were fake.

- **Emotional Support & Guidance:** Registered 8 cases; In case of distress children, if it is in tension or broke-up emotionally, in case of any social abuse or social media harassment, abuse and other harassments, children seeks help from 1098. In these cases we provide counseling and guidance and provides emotional support as well as we find out the issue and tries to solve it.

- **Protection from Abuse:** Protection from abuse consist the following categories such as violence, harassment on social media, social abuse or harassment at any place etc. Registered 40 cases; provided assistance to the children those are differently abused such as sexually abused. Physical abuse or violence, harassment on social media, social abuse or harassment at any place, harassment on phone calls, WhatsApp etc. If a child faces any above problem, they seek help from 1098.

- **Missing Child:** In this period we have received 38 calls. In the intervention we update the detail of missing children on 'Khoya- Paya portal” of Government of India after taking all the essential information related to the child and also share the identification documents of the children such as Aadhar cards, photos, Also takes help of Police department. Timely takes follow up from the police department.

**Lost and found related are 17 cases** in the intervention of missing children include a number of possible reasons such as abduction of children, run-away children from home or those forced to run away by their loved ones, children influenced by their surrounding/neighborhood or any circumstances, children who are in a difficult or aggressive environment, trafficked children or children stuck in any situation, separated from family while journey.

CHILDLINE rescued such children from different places like railway station, Bus stand, police station or any public place and find out those children’s parents. Find out their addresses and reach out to those parents and fetch them home.
Parents asking help are 21 cases: Similarly, there are some cases in which children ran-away from home due to aforesaid situations. Parents of such children they register complaint and ask for the help to find out their child.

Note: Out of total 38 missing children, we have successfully fetched 25 children to their homes.

Child labors related are 6 cases all the child labor cases were found fake but we have generated awareness about the child labor Act to protect the children from child labor during the intervention and through the various outreaches.

• Education related are 63 cases: These are the cases wherein children face issues related to admission in school, admission in hostel, school fees, and quality education. In such cases we approach school teachers, principal, District Education Department, District legal services authority to solve the issues. We generate awareness among the children about the right to education.

• Beggary: There several spots in the city where children found begging, we have received 20 cases of child begging and took action according to the process. Our team took a small initiative to stop child begging like we have identified the families of children and visiting regularly to generate awareness on child begging, child labor and child rights. Also approached to the district administration to provide adequate support to the children along with their families for survival or to maintain their livelihood.

• Other intervention:

Total 111 cases registered on 1098 out of which:

Documentation related are 75 cases of children who faced the issues related to the identity documents like Aadhar card, Samagra ID Ayushman card. In such cases we have approach to district E governance department for Samagra ID, Ayushman card for Lok Seva Kendra and we have done Advocacy with the concerned department. Also, we have provided assistance in the documentation process.

PDS Schemes related are 30 cases of children who faced issues related to the government schemes like the Public Distribution System (PDS) evolved as a system of management of scarcity through distribution of food grains at affordable prices for poor person, and other Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) to safe motherhood to provide incentives money to use government vehicle when parturition time to go government hospital.

Cases related to home visit are 2, wherein our team has counseled girls who had run away from home or missing
Medical help related: We have provided assistance to 3 children in getting their disability certificates from District Hospital Damoh.

Mobile lost: A case was registered related to Mobile lost this case was escalated to Crime Branch. Consequently, child got phone.

- Rehabilitation: An abandoned child was rehabilitated in a Child Home from Damoh to his home town. He has lost his parents in an accident.

- Sponsorship: We have provided assistance in the process of documentation to 11 children in getting sponsorship from the concerned department.

- COVID-19 Food Support: Most of the people lost their wage due to covid-19 pandemic. The parents of the children who belong to vulnerable families faced the problem of lack of food. So we have provided food support to the families of 8 children.

Awareness Activities:

Campaign on Child Rights –

We have generated awareness on child rights through the various campaigns such as: Right to Survival:
- Right to be born
- Right to minimum standards of food, shelter and clothing
- Right to live with dignity
- Right to health care, to safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help them stay healthy

Right to Protection:
- Right to be protected from all sorts of violence
- Right to be protected from neglect
- Right to be protected from physical and sexual abuse
- Right to be protected from dangerous drugs

Right to Participation:
- Right to freedom of opinion
- Right to freedom of expression
- Right to freedom of association
- Right to information
- Right to participate in any decision making that involves him/her directly or indirectly

Right to Development:
- Right to education
- Right to learn
• Right to relax and play
• Right to all forms of development – emotional, mental and physical

We have disseminated the information about child rights in the intervention area through small group meetings, sessions and campaigns. For instance, on July 18, 2022, we have conducted a campaign at village Tindoni, District Damoh. In this campaign the chief guest District Judge/Secretary Sir Mr. Ambuj Pandey and District Panchayat CEO Mr. Ajay Shrivastava (IAS) was honored by little children by roses. Children performed on their favorite song ‘Des Mere’ which is dedicated to the Nation India. Issues raised by the children and their parents. Lastly, chief guest escalated all the issues to the concerned department told them to resolve all the problems on the priority basis. Beneficiary: 165 children and 258 Adults.

Apart from it, we have also conducted awareness campaign on International Day against Drug abuse and generated awareness by explaining the disadvantages of drugs. An auth was taken by children and people ‘No More Drug’. Beneficiary: 115 Children.

Empowerment of Adolescent: Women’s International Day was celebrated in village Dhangaur. The programme was executed by the adolescent girls group. The purpose of this programme was to empower adolescent girls through motivation and generating awareness on their rights. Beneficiaries: 534 women including adolescent girls.

Summer Camp: In order to groom the talent of the children from Nat Community those are in child begging and child labor and their families are compelled to allow them to do so due to their poor financial conditions. GVS organized a summer camp for the children from 17 May to 15 June 2022 in Community Hall at village Tindoni. Through this campaign we are quite success to groom their talent and seeking extra support to do this in an efficient manner. Beneficiaries: 26 Children.

Post COVID-19 response – As we all know that covid-19 pandemic has impacted several lives. So, in order to generate awareness among the people we have conducted meetings with the group of parents, children and community groups. Wherein, we have generated awareness on covid-19 vaccination as well as covid-19 protocol compliances through various outreaches in the intervention area and also motivated parents of the children under 12 to 18 years for the same. We also provided psychosocial support to the children those were in anxiety, distress, depression about their career, study, parents etc. Beneficiaries: 7500 children, 1545 Adults from the remote areas as well as urban areas.

Testimonials –

AN INNOCENT GIRL GOT THE RIGHTS OF EDUCATION WITH THE EFFORTS OF GVS

Introduction:
This story is all about an innocent girl who is 14 years old and she belong to the tribal community. She lives with her family in a small village which is a remote area of Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh State. Her family belongs to a poor family and they do laborer work to nurture family.

Problem Statement:
One day her family was went for wages. She was alone at home; in this moment someone took her away without informing her family. When her family comes back to home from work they did not found their daughter at home. They searched her in and around the village, they also contacted their relatives but she was not found anywhere.

Our Intervention:
Gramin Vikas Samiti (GVS) is a not for profit organization. It has been working in the remote areas of Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh State. As per the working objectives of GVS, it also works for the children those are in need of care and protection as well as the child education.
As GVS team come to know about this incident team visited to the home of that missing girl immediately where we met to her family the mother of that girl was in great concern and her health condition was also poor. That’s girl’s father come to us and told my daughter was so simple by nature and sometimes we called her shy girl, someone has taken her by offering any temptation and after that he gave detailed information about the incident to the team that someone has taken her away from us we have doubt on some villagers they can do that and I will find him and take revenge. After knowing the problem team advised father of that missing girl that don’t worry about it, keep patience your daughter will be find out, first of all register her missing complaint or FIR (First Information Report) in nearby police station without delay.
The family of that missing girl was in the close consideration of GVS organization till their daughter was found. After few days, GVS team contacted to the father of missing girl he informed that we have no information about our daughter and he think police is not responding and not paying attention in searching their daughter. So, we advised him to file petition in High Court Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The father of that girl agreed to file petition, GVS team provided assistance in filing petition in High Court.
After 8 days of filling petition in the High Court, as per the order of the High Court, Police fetched that innocent girl to the home town and rehabilitation done after the legal proceedings. In the proceeding it was found that that girl was a victim of sexual abuse and the culprits has got imprisonment according to the sections of Indian Panel Code and POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.
This incident has affected that girl’s conscience inner soul. In the community there are some social elements that create tolerance which becomes depression. Therefore, In order to overcome her from all the tolerance and psychosocial impacts our counselor counseled her randomly. From these counseling we came to the point that the education is the essential part of her life and she should not be deprived from the rights of education. So to do so, we have to shift that girl in any school which has covered campus along with hostel facility.
Immediately, we had talk with the parents of that girl and convinced them in the aforesaid matter and also motivated them to support their daughter in her further study and also motivated them to help their daughter in forgetting the incident happened with her.
One day the family of that girl came to the city so they can get school of their choice for the admission of their daughter. But there was a problem in getting a covered campus as they required. GVS approached to the education department but we got disappointing response from the education department. After few days we approached to District Legal Service Authority and filed petition on the basis of right to education especially for child girls and for the special child. District Judge paid attention in this case and conducted meeting with education department and GVS authority. Consequently, that girl got admission in that school along with the hostel facility. This was the success of organization’s efforts for bringing the happiness on dim faces.

**Conclusion:**
Now, that girl is in school and focusing in her further study and her parents are very happy and feeling relax because it was too difficult them to provide him such kind of facility.

Furthermore, the girl belongs to tribal community; here is a provision in the Constitution to provide compensation to the victim of sexual abuse. Therefore, GVS have been providing adequate assistance to her family in the process.

**How GVS Brought Smile on the Face of a Compelled Girl**

**Introduction:**
This case study states the condition of millions of compelled girls those are deprived from the access of rights to education due the poor financial conditions of their family and the social issues as well. Similarly, this story is all about a minor girl named Raksha Ahirwal aged 14 years; she belongs to dalit community and lives in a small village with her maternal grandparents because she was neglected by her father. Village Taradehi is a remote area of block Tendukheda, district Damoh of Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh State. Her maternal grandparents are impoverished and they do not have ability to do laborer work to nurture family because they are elderly and her maternal grandfather also suffering from a disease named urolithiasis (Kidney stones).

**Problem Statement:**

The life of that girl is so arduous she has lost her mother and her father has left her and he got married to other woman, since then her live with her elderly maternal grandparents. There is not enough money that they can educate us, even my father is not able to take care of me, you help me in getting the benefit of any scheme of the government, as well as help me to get my rights from my father. I have just passed my class VIII exam from Vidya Bharati Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Taradehi block Tendukheda. I want to get my TC (Transfer Certificate) from school because now I want to take admission in Government Girls School Tendukheda in class 09th, but my previous School management told that we will not give you TC till you pay your fees of Rs.7000 (Seven Thousand Rupees). My maternal Grandparent's financial condition is poor that’s why I don’t have money to pay my Schools fees. Previously, she paid her School fees by selling the collected trash material it means she also used to do rag-picking work sometimes.

**Our Intervention:**

As GVS team come to know about this problem GVS talked to the girl through phone immediately wherein GVS Counselor counseled that girl as well as asked about the problem in which she detailed her story that after my mother’s death her father has neglected/left me. He has got married to other woman and relocated to somewhere. Since then she has been living with her maternal grandparents. After that team asked to send the relevant documents through WhatsApp but she told that can't afford Smartphone then team assured that we will definitely help you very soon. Immediately, Team talked to GVS volunteer and told him to visit her home as soon as possible collect the required documents and reminded him to don’t disclose the identity of that girl.

Next day, GVS volunteer visited her home and collected her required documents. Immediately, team dispatched a letter to the District Education Officer (DEO), Damoh, regarding the transfer certificate of the girl child, so that the girl's admission in class 9th can be done in Government Girls School, Tendukheda. But no satisfactory reply was received from the education department.

In order to provide the education right to that girl, GVS team informed about this problem to the District Legal Services Authority, Damoh, in which the District Judge/Secretary Sir addressed the meeting with the officials of the District Education Department and they ordered them to sort out the problem. Immediately, District Education Officer contacted to the Principal of Vidya Bharati Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Taradehi and told him to provide Transfer Certificate that girl by waiving off her due fees of Rs.7000 (Seven Thousand Rupees).
Also contacted to Raksha and told her to go immediately to her School the Principal will give you your TC (Transfer Certificate) without asking about her dues.

**Conclusion:**

Now, Raksha Ahirwal got admission in Government Girls School Tendukheda of her choice along with hostel facility and she has been focusing on her further study.

**Impact:**

This case study brought the changes in the life of several child girls those were struggling in to get the rights of education. For instance 12 girls got admission in the schools of their choices also.

**Photographs of Activities**
Figure 1: Meeting with District Judge/Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Damoh on the issues of children like Right to Education at District Court Damoh, Madhya Pradesh.

Figure 2: Children welcoming District Judge Mr. Ambuj Pandey and CEO District Panchayat by giving flowers at Damoh, Madhya Pradesh.
Figure 3: Organized Summer Camp to Groom the Talent of Children from village Tindoni, District Damoh, Madhya Pradesh.

Figure 4: Celebration of Women’s International Day at village Dhangaur, District- Damoh, State Madhya Pradesh.
Figure 5: Explaining safe and unsafe touch to Preschool and Middle School going children at Government Chhatrapati Shivaji School Damoh, Madhya Pradesh.
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कर्फ्यूम • अंतरराष्ट्रीय न्याय विद्यालय के अध्यक्ष प्रभारी अभिनव चन्द्र ने दावा किया कि दमोह के बच्चों के बेहोश जीवन और लोगों को मिली जन सुविधाओं का लाभ नहीं पाया गया।

423 बच्चों के मुक्तदर्श दोस्तों नहीं बने हैं

नवाचल के स्वागत के संदर्भ में धन उपहार के लिए जन समूहों को दमोह में क्रियान्वित किया गया है।
कार्यक्रम... तेंदूखेड़ा में आदिवासी महिलाओं के साथ मनाया महिला दिवस

तेंदूखेड़ा | अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन ग्राम धनगीर कल्यार्ण में ग्रामीण विकास समिति के द्वारा किया गया, जिसमें ग्राम धनगीर के आसपास के आदिवासी ग्राम हाथीडोल, जहूआ, इमलीढोल, सुरगुंजा, भोपाला, वेंडुरा, बेलदाना, बादगुप्त की 534 ग्रामीण महिलाओं और किशोरी बालिकाओं को उपस्थिति में आये। इस दौरान किशोरी बालिकाओं और महिलाओं ने मंगलवार कार्यक्रम आयोजित कर गुलाल लगाई गई। इस दौरान मुख्य अतिथि कौशल्या मेमार, डा. दीपक नामदेव, अनीता सिंह, लक्ष्मी पाल के अलावा शासकीय माध्यमिक विद्यालय से ममता खेरे, सरोज तिवारी, चंद्रकिरन खेरे, चाहलड लाइन से अजीता, राहुल, यशवंत तेंदूखेड़ा क्षेत्र के आशा कार्यकर्ता, संध्या स्थाफक, रिशा लोधी, रशिम मिश्रा, शिल्पा तिवारी, राधिका, सपना, आरती, अनुराधा, मोनिका, छवि, शिवानी, रामनी, खुशबू, खुशी, कविता आदि उपस्थित रहीं।