

# Fellowship Nandlal

Updates – April 2011

# Education – Schools and RtE

- Schools are running fine. It is quite busy right now because it is exam time.
- Still need to make a decision at the Asha India level on how the schools will be affected by Right to Education (RtE) Act. There will be time till 2012 or maybe 2013 but after that all schools need to meet the requirements of the Act. Asha India needs to come to a policy decision on this.
- There are currently two day time schools being run – one at Nagepur and another at Harsos. The one at Nagepur has a building and it is most likely that this would be the only school run, once RtE comes into effect. Some of the teachers are currently working towards getting a B.Ed, and this is a requirement for the Act.

# Education – Chance India Foundation

- **Chance India Foundation** – The two volunteers from Hungary, Attila and Dora, who were working with the schools over the last two years have gone back. They supported about 40 kids through a SAC like program.
- Another volunteer Silvi has joined them for three months. She was an English language teacher back in Germany. She is currently teaching class 3 and class 4 students, teachers of the schools, workers of the group, and children adopted by Chance India (these are children who have finished class 5 at NJSS)
- All expenses of these children are covered – clothes, books, fees etc
- The volunteers are encouraging Lok Samiti to start classes 6 to 8. They believe the children will do better here.

# Community Marriage

- This year Lok Samiti is organizing the community marriage program on May 10, 2011
- There are 35 couples to be married. They are getting requests for more. They might have to increase the number to 40.
- They have started raising money locally and in the past they have managed to raise all the money. Budget for 35 couples turns out to be around Rs 4,37,000
- Every year Lok Samiti comes out with a report of all the money that is raised and spent on this event and it is given to all the donors and made public. The donors appreciate the transparency and has made this a successful program.

# NREGA – Gender at Work

- Working with Gender at Work (GAW) from June 2010 to Dec 2011 – to study and help the dalit women to benefit from NREGA. They are exploring how NREGA can help bring about gender equality among dalits.
- Phase 1 was to survey 30 villages and document the situation as it was before the start of the program. The survey results are available online.
- Phase 2 includes an awareness program to make the women, especially dalit women, aware of their rights. GAW is first training the field workers to understand gender issues – some of the issues are difficult to understand because they are socially ingrained in the lives of the people. They organized a training for dalit women to use NREGA for economic and gender benefits.

# NREGA – Gender at Work

- Phase 3 is to make sure the benefits reach the dalit women and see how it impacts their lives and gender equality
- Phase 4 would be to have a dialogue with the government – explaining the whole project (18 months), the condition at the start of the program and how it benefitted the community. This could be used to spread it to other villages and communities.



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# NREGA - Survey of dalits

- Musahar is one of the most discriminated communities – considered the dalits among dalits.
- Lok Samiti did a survey of 700 musahar and dalit families in the 30 villages where they work. The results of the survey were published and distributed to different government bodies.
- The Project Director for the area, came across the report and he sent out an order to the different officials to make sure that these families received benefits under NREGA and other schemes and to make sure that their condition improved.
- Govt has now started issuing job cards and giving out work to the families in different villages.

## कार्यालय जिला ग्राम्य विकास अभिकरण, वाराणसी

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खंड विकास अधिकारी  
आराजीलाइन्स वाराणसी।

विषय: विकास खंड आराजीलाइन्स में अति वंचित परिवारों की सूची उपलब्ध कराने के संबंध में।

आपको अवगत कराना है कि सामाजिक संगठन लोक समिति द्वारा आपके विकास खंड में 30 गावों के अति वंचित परिवारों की पारिवारिक स्थिति का सर्वे किया गया जिससे यह संज्ञान में आया की उक्त 30 गावों में निवास कर रहे लोगों की आर्थिक स्थिति बहुत ही खराब है एवं जनपद में चल रहे कल्याणकारी योजनाओं से भी वंचित हैं। आपको उक्त गावों की सूची संलग्न कर इस आशय के साथ (ईमेल के माध्यम से) प्रेषित है कि सर्वे सूची की समीक्षा कर उनको महात्मा गाँधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारण्टी योजना अन्तर्गत जॉब कार्ड जारी कर उन्हें योजना का लाभ दिलवाने की प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ करें ताकि उन्हें इस योजना का लाभ दिलाया जा सके। इसके साथ ही जनपद मुख्यालय को भी प्रत्येक सप्ताह इसके प्रगति से अवगत कराते रहेंगे।

अतः संलग्न सूची का गहन अध्ययन कर आवश्यकतानुसार कार्यवाही करें।

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**Order from the Project Director - to the BDO**

# NREGA – Workers Gathering

- Lok Samiti organized a Mazdoor Samelan on March 15<sup>th</sup>
- About 3000 workers came for this gathering
- Lok Samiti is trying to organize the workers under a Workers Union so that they can work together for their rights.
- NREGA has been in effect for 5 years, but there are still many issues in its implementation. These were highlighted during this gathering and the same was communicated with the govt officials.



Workers gathering – March 15, 2011

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# Second disbursal

- We are currently supporting Nandlal at Rs 15,000/month
- As decided in Feb 2011, we will disburse only \$551 right now.