

## 2007/2008 -India - Ranchi Urban Slum Women Empowerment

### PAST PROJECT

The aim of this project is to build the capacity of the target population to achieve economic independence, social and health awareness, empowerment, and self-sufficiency.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project shall intervene in the slums of Ranchi city. This is a vast area comprising poor community to all caste including minority, backward classes and some SC/ST clan. The slum lies in the heart of the city but lack of any facilities is evident. The areas include small bustees like Hindpiri, Doranda, Chutia, Karbala Chowk Area, Azad Basti, Islam Nagar, Millat Colony. Kanta Toli, Quraishi Mohalla, Moulana Azad Colony, Pahari Tola, Harmu, and other areas in and around the city.

The urban slum dwellers of Ranchi live below the poverty line with no access to basic amenities, education and health services. A typical slum family is large in number and but limited in number of earning members, whose limited income struggle to make ends meet. Lack of education, technical training and finances mean that they can earn only as piece meal or daily wage earners. Small businesses are also run but fixed inflow of income is not seen. The women may work as domestic helps, or assist in the family business of tailoring etc.

Gender Biasness is still very stark. A girl child is still regarded a burden. Dowry is still a big problem. Even families would discriminate against their girl children against boys in terms of supporting their education, health or other requirements.

The objectives of this project are to:

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- Spread awareness of the importance of water conservation, prevention of environment degradation, health issues and economic stability among women and their families in order to help them realize their potential, self worth and improve their quality of life.
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- Build the capacity of the population on a macro scale through training, and skill development in order to achieve economic independence, empowerment and self-sufficiency.
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- Instill a sense of social responsibility among the population within the urban slums.
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- Cater to the need of women's education through Adult literacy classes and thereby Eradicate illiteracy among the target

population

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Encourage micro-enterprise among the women of the SHGs and their men folk, leading to Economic well being of the target women and their families

375 Women will benefit from this project.

Partner: Kalanga Bazar Educational Trust (KBET)

Click on the image below to view project photos!

The image gallery below contains pictures from the workshop on Prevention of Environmental Degradation, where participants got to participate in tree plantation. The gallery also contains images from a women's self-help group conference, where women engaged in plays, skits, and songs on various social issue that encouraged them to work toward their economic betterment.

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