

Disability Advocacy Programme (DAP)
Venue: SODA, Sagunabasa, Baripda
Period: 6th-7th April 2011

Hosted by: SADHANA, Mayurbhanj Orissa

Facilitated by: Mr. Mahesh Chandrasekar, Advocacy Coordinator, CBR Forum

Objectives:

- To enable the leaders and representatives of Disabled Peoples' Organisations (DPO) to share their experiences of solidarity and collective action on various issues facing by them
- To update DPO leaders on recent developments in disability sector and how these developments will affect their lives
- To enable the DPO leaders and representatives to arrive at a common understanding on the issues facing persons with disabilities and appropriate strategies for interventions
- To enable the DPO leaders to review the progress made by the Panchayat level DPOs of SADHANA and the DPOs of the partner organisations and identify priority areas for action for the coming six months
- To enable the DPOs to draw six-monthly action plan to be implemented in their respective areas

Outcome Indicators: achieved during the DAP and by the partner NGOs/ DPOs in the last 6 months

1. Enhanced awareness on Human Rights, Entitlements, Policies and Programmes among 12 CBR Personnel and 43 DPO leaders/ members
2. 49 Human Rights issues affecting the lives of PWDs acted upon by DPOs
3. 3 linkages developed with other DPOs/ Peoples organizations at Panchayat/ Block/ Dist level
4. 2 systemic changes brought about by DPO advocacy actions – achieved by the partner NGOs/ DPOs in the last 6 months
5. 4 DAPs conducted at partner level independently/ 6 DAPs planned independently
6. Number of DAPs covered by media/ Number of DAPs planned independently

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List of Participants from Partner NGOs are:

1. **LIPICA, Ganjam, Orissa** – Vijay – CBR Coordinator, Ranjan Kumar Jena, Secretary Samanata Adhikara Sangathan (SAS), – DPO Leader
2. **CARD, Ganjam, Orissa** - Swopna – CBR Worker (CBR Coordinator – Mamata – not in a position to travel), DPO Leader – not well did not attend
3. **ISERD, Puri Orissa** - Kelu (did not get information in advance)
4. **ADHAR, Bolangir, Orissa** - Parameshwar Rana – CBR Worker, Surendra Bharasagar – DPO Leader
5. **GBCD, Hoogly, West Bengal** - Sheik Firoz Ahammed – CBR Worker, Manik Malik – DPO Leader
6. **Sadhana, Baripada** – Samiran Ghosh – CBR Coordinator, Pandab (Shankabhanga), Monica (Badjod), Lipishree (Budhikamari) and Yudhishtir (Chandanpur) – CBR Workers, Bharati Besra – Programme Manager and Ranjit – Director – on an average there were 8-10 persons with disabilities/ members of DPO from each of the 4 GPs on Day 1 and 12 DPO leaders on Day 2
7. **5 MSW Students** – North Orissa University

The following are the list of Expectations as expressed by the participants from the 2-day DAP Programme:

1. Process of Advocacy

- a. Learn the process of Advocacy – How to motivate DPOs to take up advocacy?
- b. DPOs hesitate to approach the authorities - How to help DPOs overcome their hesitation?
- c. Like to know - Experience of Advocacy from other places

2. Role of DPOs?

- a. Role of the DPO in ensuring “Compulsory enrolment of Children with Disabilities in School”
- b. There are no teachers in regular school who can teach children with hearing impairment and visual impairment – what is the role of DPO?
- c. More about Govt. schemes – creating awareness, its effective utilization – NRHM, Bus Pass, School Committees
- d. What should be the next steps for DPO leaders?

3. Sharing Information:

- a. Scheme for persons with disabilities and how to utilize them
- b. Disability Pension is only for persons with disabilities with over 80% disability – Indira Gandhi pension scheme
- c. Draft New Bill – highlights, present status

4. Role of student of social work

10.00 – 10.45 am

The process of Advocacy:

Based on the Expectations, Mr. Mahesh, took up one of the current Govt. Scheme that is being implemented in Orissa - Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) by the Ministry of Rural Development:

About this scheme:

1. Funding of this scheme - 50:50 Central : State
2. Start Date: 01 Feb 2009 – Valid Upto – **28th Apr 2011**
3. Eligibility - 18-64 years – BPL – and severe and multiple disabled (80% and above disability)

“What do we need to do now?” some of the suggestions given by the participants:

1. Doubt: What about people with disabilities already getting State disability pensions? Can they reapply?
2. All are not aware of this scheme
3. We need to create awareness among District Advocacy Committee and Monitors (Posters etc.); Inform everyone through ‘Pallisabha’
4. We need to submit - Memorandum to collector to extend deadline of IGNDPS

11.09 am – Inauguration (as most of the members from the community could report to the venue only by 11.am – the inaugural session was that was earlier scheduled at 10am was postponed to 11am)

Inaugural session - Invitees:

- SSA – Mr. Niranjan Naik – IED Coordinator and Mr. Behra, SSA
- DDRC Incharge – Baripada - Mr. Bipin Behra
- NAD – National Alliance for Rural Development (Network based in Orissa) – J. Pal, Convener NARD, NARD Members - Mr. John George Sec – UVK, Ms. Pranthi Das, Secretary, AADHAR

11.50 am – The process of Advocacy – session continued

Key learning’s from discussion on process of Advocacy:

1. There are too many hurdles to access IGNDPS – BPL, 80% and above to access this scheme
2. DDRC also not aware about IGNDPS
3. Big scheme like IGNDPS – come and go and most of us are caught unaware
4. We got up late – the deadline is 28th Apr 11 – and we are discussion about a scheme that is coming to an end very soon
5. We did not know the complete details of the scheme
6. We do not have the data of number of beneficiaries
7. Govt. is not announcing – what should we do? – ‘Protest in front of the DC Office?’
8. We lost an opportunity to advocate
9. DPO - members do not come to the meeting regularly
10. We need to ‘Do our home work in advance – know enough – not too much’
11. We need to ‘Start early – even before it becomes an issue’

12. Develop a steady relationship - Build bridges – do not burn them
13. Do it step by step

Mr. Ranjit shared about a recent publication “Compendium of Govt. Orders on Rights of Persons with Disabilities” – a book published by VSO, OAB and OLS Bhubaneswar.

Mr. Mahesh highlighted some of the key Govt. orders:

1. Orissa Rules on 1995 PWD Act
2. Disability Certificate
3. Banishree – scholarship for children with disabilities going to school
4. 3% reservation in Education
5. 3% Reservation in poverty alleviation schemes
6. Support for self employment
7. MNREGS

1.30pm – Lunch

2.25 pm

GP wise - presentation made by DPO Leaders from Sadhana – emphasis on the Role of DPOs in addressing the issues

- GP - Budhikamari - Lipishree (CBR Worker)
- GP - Badjod - Monica (CBR Worker)
- GP - Shankabhanga – Pandab (CBR Worker)
- GP - Chandanpur – Yudhishtir (CBR Worker)

Refer Annexure #1 for the above presentations.

Based on the above presentations, the participants identified the following follow-up Actions to be addressed:

1. SGSY

- a. Mission Kshmata – encourages PWDs to form Groups – Mixed (male and female) group are not graded by BDO – send a written request to BDO for grading – if BDO rejects – file a complaint and follow-up
- b. When SGSY loan was sanctioned to SHG groups, the Individual loan that was already sanctioned was cancelled when Group got Group Loan – we need to understand the scheme before we apply, we need to have no objection

certificate when individual loans are cleared, don't involve defaulters

2. NREGA

- a. Identify/ make a list of appropriate jobs for PWDs under NREGA – submit this list to DRDA Project Director, Commissioner Disabilities, District Ombudsman, NARD, ODPN
- b. NREGA – lobby with GP for appropriate jobs for persons with disabilities and complaint against officials who are harassing Persons with Disabilities
- c. Get NREGA Guidelines from Andhra Pradesh for persons with disabilities – by establishing contact with Pavan – this will be done by Jena+Ajit+Sriram.
- d. Use the above info to write to DRDA Project Director and Commissioner Disabilities
- e. Prepare a list of PWDs who do not have job cards and ask them to make job cards; PWDs who have job cards will be motivated to apply for jobs
- f. Delay in getting wage under NREGA – Samakhya join with larger group and lobby

3. Medicines

- a. DPO - to develop linkage with GKS - plan to utilize Rs. 10,000/- untied funds
- b. What are the provisions for getting medicines for persons with seizure disorder and mental illness – the Samikhya write to CDMO through NARD and Ranjit to follow-up with Basic Needs and Jan Swasthya Abhiyan – contact – Premdas

4. Education

- a. Follow-up children with disabilities who are going to regular school – are they going to school regularly, appropriate education
- b. 'Banishree' – scholarship for children with disabilities – especially for low-vision or CWDs who have disability between 40-80% disability – many have Anthyodaya card but do have not income certificate or BPL card

5. Advocacy

- a. Create a database with Name and Contact Details of Block level DPO Federations in Orissa
- b. Share reports and highlights of DAP with DPO Federations
- c. IGNDPS – RTI, follow-up actions by ODPN – to be done on high priority
- d. Outcome of DAPs covered by media

4.30pm

Presentation by DPO leaders from Partner NGOs:

Ranjan Kumar Jena, Secretary Samanata Adhikara Sangathan (SAS), Ganjam (LIPICA):

1. 3rd Dec – Rally – 14 point memorandum to District collector, Berhampur
 - a. Free health to PWDs who is BPL
 - b. Landless PWD – get BPL Card
 - c. Increase to ODP
 - d. Increase scholarship for Students with Disabilities
 - e. Appoint trained teachers in Regular Schools
 - f. 6% reservation for PWDs in Higher Education
 - g. 6% reservation for students with disabilities in Hostel
 - h. 6% reservation in Jobs
 - i. Create a separate disability fund in Panchayat
 - j. Priority employment to local PWDs in local jobs
 - k. Compulsory participation of PWDs in Grama and Palli Sabha
 - l. Give priority to girls and women with disabilities in the areas of health, education and employment
 - m. In the Census – have a separate Census for PWDs
2. 26th Nov – World Deaf Day observed – gave memorandum to Collector, Berhampur
3. 7th Feb – Census sensitization for 85 PWDs from 17 of the 22 Block
4. Village Level - SHG
5. GP Level - DRG
6. Block level - DPO
7. District Level – SAS - Formed Disability Advocacy Forum covering 3 sub-division in Ganjam District – Berhampur, Chatrapur and Bhanjanagar

Manik Malik, DPO leader from GBCD

1. DPO members part of Planning and Monitoring of CBR Programme
2. Village level DPOs formed and Block level federation formed with 2 DPO members (1 male and 1 female) from each panchayat
3. DPOs involved in Awareness Generation programmes
4. DPOs – ensure children with epilepsy take medicines regularly
5. DPOs – support care-givers
6. DPOs – part of enrolling and follow-up of children with disabilities in ICDS
7. DPOs – involved in enrolment and follow-up of children with disabilities in regular schools
8. DPOs – availing Govt. schemes – such as aids and appliances, jobs under NREGA
9. Monthly meeting of DPO – issues such as New Law and Census 2011 discussed
10. DPO – part of Livelihood – involving PWDs in local trades/ traditional occupation
11. Advocacy – Job cards, Scholarship, Indira Gandhi Disability Pension, access in Kolkata Book Fair, Ration Cards for PWDs
12. 3rd Dec – World Disabled Day – conducted awareness programme

04.56pm

05.01pm

Suggestion/ Feedback of Day 1

1. Came to know about Govt. schemes
2. Came to know about IGNDP and its time period
3. We have done good planning on “How to take forward NREGA”
4. We have come forward to do good things and we are going in the right direction
5. This meeting has given encouragement for our DPOs to move forward

05.10pm – Close of Day 1

DAY 2

09.20am

09.30am - Continue with the DPO Presentations

ADHAR - Surendra Bharasagar – DPO Leader

1. 24 DPOs in 6 GPs in Titlaghad Block formed
2. Block level DPO formed on 28 Mar 2011
3. Objective – of Block DPO – to build solidarity, come together and discuss about problems, facilities and share information
4. 40 - Disability Certificate, ID Card, Bus Pass
5. 12 enrolled in school
6. 6 applied in Banishree – scholarship for children with disabilities
7. 20 got ODP and 15 more applied ODP
8. 25 Job cards under NREGA
9. 1 person with Epilepsy referred
10. Vocational training – 3 – (2 terracotta and 1 tailoring)
11. 3 Tricycles from
12. 1 SGSY
13. Participating in Pallisabha – 10 recommended for ODP
14. 3rd Dec – 10-15 point Memorandum to Sub Collector
15. Post card campaign (postcards sent from 10 DPO)- New Law Issues – to increase reservation, Counting Disabled in Census 2011
16. Awareness to DPO on Census 2011

ISERD, Kelu, CBR Coordinator

1. Working in Krishnapuri and Ramapura Block
2. DPO leader could not come –
3. Chilika Maha Maha Sangh - DPO at Block level
4. Memorandum to - Block – BDO, ZP – ADM, Meeting with MLA
 - a. Job cards under NREGA and getting work – PWDs are not benefiting under NREGA (this is a new District under NREGA expansion – in 2009-10)
 - b. Loans under SGSY – following which 2 persons from each of 6 GP got loans
 - c. Bus pass – through BDO, ferry concession from CDA – Chilika Development Authority
5. Regarding NREGA – everyone is facing difficulty in getting Job Cards – met ADM with Sarpanch

6. Access to social security schemes – 110 total Madhubabu pensions allotment of which 27 were PWDs – this was done during pension mela on 18th Mar 2011 – covering 8 GPs
7. Under NRHM - GKS (Gram Kalyan Samithi) formed in every revenue village – GKS can access Rs. 10,000/- untied fund per annum– from this fund - 1 child is getting seizure disorder medicines of Rs. 150/- per month. An indicative list has been made to utilize this untied fund

CARD, Ganjam, Swopna – CBR Worker

1. Working in 35 villages – Khokudakandi Block
2. DPO formed at Village, Panchayat and Block level
3. 10 PWDs part of Block level DPO
4. Block level DPO submitted Memorandum to Collector
 - a. Demand for - Waiting space and access to water and toilet facilities in CDMO office – to help PWDs applying for Disability Certificate
 - b. 2nd and 16th of every month – Disability Certificate issued and DPO helping members to take photographs before hand
 - c. Proposed PWD should be member in 5 GKS
5. Single window scheme in DDRC in place - Audiology test now at DDRC
6. List on 80 PWDs who do not Madhubabu pension made; which 47 got; DPO met the local MLA regarding this

10.00am

Follow-up – Day 2

Review of Day 1

1. No new information given – we need linkages with vocational training and access to livelihood
2. Got to know we missed out on IGNDP, we will work towards better access to Madhubabu pension
3. Learnt the Process of Advocacy, identification of issues and Role of DPO, their role as CBR Worker
4. We need a clear understanding and detailed information while planning for advocacy

5. We need to be alert, know who are the authorities – learnt from the IGNDP case-study, relationship with authority is important
6. As and when we get any new information/ scheme – without delay we have to have a clear information and explore how we can make use of this opportunity
7. The presentations made by DPOs and the issues that the DPOs have taken – helped me to learn
8. We should not confront, we need to know the details and collaborate
9. Learnt about Advocacy and how DPOs are working

Pending Issues as mentioned by the participants:

1. How to enhance livelihood opportunities?
2. How to enhance access to vocational training?
3. We are finding it difficult to transmit the learning's from this meeting to our members

11.15 am Tea

11.30am

To address the following objectives:

- To share experiences from other states
- To inspire/ motivate DPO leaders to take up advocacy actions for the issues identified in Day 1

Mr. Mahesh made a presentation of the Advocacy Experiences of LGSS, Jharkhand – Mahesh

12.00 noon

Developing a plan of action in the coming 6 months

Group Discussions – Formed 4 Groups – each group discuss and identify the specific actions that the DPOs will take to address the following issues (as identified in Day 1)

1. SGSY
2. NREGA
3. Medicines and Health
4. Education

01.15pm Lunch

02.00pm Presentations by Groups

Advocacy Action Points in the next 6 months

Group 1 - SGSY

1. SGSY – find out the rules and policies related to individual and group schemes – Apr
2. Prepare SHG records as per rules – 1st May
3. Apply to BDO for Grading of 4 SHGs from the 4 GPs –
4. Application for SGSY loan as a group – Jun-Nov
 - a. Find out the last date of application under SGSY from Panchayat
 - b. Depending on the dates the 4 groups will apply for SGSY
5. Follow-up application – Jun-Nov
 - a. After 2-months – ask in writing the status of their application
6. Samikhya will monitor proper utilization and repayment of existing SGSY loans by Group – every quarter - till Nov

Group 2 – MGNREGA

1. Identify PWDs who do not have job cards – make a list and apply en-mass for job card to Panchayat
2. Written application to Panchayat – find out list of jobs applicable for PWDs
3. Interested PWDs - submit written application for jobs to Panchayats
4. Written application to GPs – stating that “Place of job should be accessible for PWDs”
5. If PWDs do not get wage within 6 days – make a list and submit request to GPs, BDO, DRDA PD and Disability Commissioner –
 - a. Scaling up - How to bring about change in system? Using RTI
6. MGNREGS – lobby with DRDA - for 150 days of wage, full wage for PWDs who do 70% of work, payment of travel allowance for jobs beyond 3 kms, PWD considered as a separate family unit - like in Andhra Pradesh
7. Get GO from Andhra Pradesh – Vijay Rana, Ranjan Jena

Group 3 – Medicine/ Health

1. Medicine for persons with seizure disorder and **Mental Illness** to be taken up with CDMO
 - a. President and Secretary of 4 Groups - Make a list of persons requiring medicines by GPs – in May
 - b. President and Secretary of 4 Groups will meet CDMO
 - c. Place the list with Block Level Samakhya
 - d. Block level Samakhya and NARD – will apply for free medicines to CDMO – Jun-Jul
 - e. Follow-up – Sep
2. Access Rs. 10,000/- from GKS
 - a. 2 groups will collect guidelines from Anganwadi Worker and Ward Members from 2 Panchayats (Bajdod and Chandapur) – May
 - b. CBR Worker will make a brief of the GKS guideline to be discussed with DPOs – end of May – will be discussed in all DPOs
3. Health – Encourage Kitchen Garden in families with CWDs/ PWDs – taken up by DPOs – Jun
 - a. Encourage members to consume the vegetables

Group 4 – Education

1. **Quality Education for All**
 - a. Identify CWDs not going to school and enroll in school – discuss the same in Grama Sabha meeting – along with parents and teachers – Apr and May
 - b. Involve Teachers, Parents, DPO leaders and Panchayat leaders – discuss on 'the meaning of Quality education' – Jun
 - c. DPO members visit schools to discuss on – how the teachers are teaching CWDs, what TLMs are being used and the basic facilities/ infrastructure in schools
2. **Accessing – Banishree – scheme for scholarship for CWDs**
 - a. Make a list of CDWDs going to school and apply for Banishree – for academic year 2011-12
 - b. In place of Income Certificate, BPL Card – DPOs lobby for using AAY cards as a valid document as a proof of income – submit applications to DPC/SSA, Sub Collector and Disability Commissioner – 1st week July

- c. Conduct a consultative meeting with Head Master, BRC, CRC, BRT, SIS, VEC, DPO Leaders, Parents – last week Jul and 1st week Aug

Common – Advocacy Actions identified by the Group

1. Create a database with Name and Contact Details of Block level DPO Federations in Orissa
2. IGNDPS – RTI, follow-up actions by ODPN – to be done on high priority

03.15pm

- Mr. Ranjit made a presentation on Principles of Human Rights (in Oriya)
- Mr. Mahesh presented the current focus of CBR Forum and highlighted the key aspects in the New Law and the focus of CBR Forum – Mr. Mahesh

04.15pm

Feedback of Day 2

1. How to do action plan collectively?
2. Learnt from Basic principles of Human Rights
3. Process of Advocacy – who is responsible?
4. The perspectives of CBR Forum
5. How to stimulate DPOs?
6. Need to share information with other DPOs and network – building relationship
7. Need for regular/constant communication between partners
8. Within the rest 22 days – will ensure more PWDs benefit under IGNDPS
9. Problem analysis and developing action plan
10. Understood aspects of CBR, NREGA

04.25pm

Closing remarks and Vote of Thanks – Ms. Bharati Besra

Annexure 1

GP wise - presentation made by DPO Leaders from Sadhana – emphasis on the Role of DPOs in addressing the issues

Name of the GP: SANKHABHANGA

Total PWDs: 121

1. Education:

To encourage two CWDs to attend in general schools: Encouraged Sukul Marndi and Kundi Tudu to attend school. Both are going to school regularly.

2. Health

Send one CWD to Velore for operation: As the parents were not agreed to go far so Karu Tudu is taken to Baripada and is under treatment in Baripada District Hospital Headquarter.

10 persons with Disability have got Disability Certificate in Single Window programme through group.

3. Livelihood

Mobilize SGSY loan to 1 PwD: Not mobilized: The application (of Sakra Hembram) for the Loan was approved but was rejected again as she had already got loan through the SHG.

2 PwDs will demand job under NREGA: Demanded job for Budhuni Soren but not got till now . She is told that she will be informed when the job comes.

Name of the GP: BUDHIKHAMARI

Total PWDs: 82

1. Health

Plastic Surgery of one pwd, Mobilize Disability Certificate for those who do not have it in Single Window Programme, Mobilize Hearing Aids for persons: Plastic Surgery of Sukadeb Mohanta done in Asha Vihar Bokaro. 28 PwDs have got Disability Certificates, Income Certificates, Identity Cards in Single Window Programme and DDRC. Mobilized Hearing Aid for two PWDs from DDRC and three from DPEP.

2. Education

Apply Students Scholarship for eight Students: Out of eight five students have applied for Students Scholarship and the three had not applied due to as they could not get income certificate in time.

3. Livelihood:

7 PwDs to apply for Pension and other loans related to livelihood: 7 PwDs had applied for Pension and 2 are getting it. 1 PwD have got firm pond and 2 others have applied for it. 2 PwDs have applied for SGSY loan

Self help group: (To for 1 new group, Opening pass book in SBI, Budhikhamari, Apply for work under NREGA) 2 new groups are formed, i.e., Budhikhamari and Ahari. Bank pass book is opened in SB,I Budhikhamari for Kailash Chandra pur SHG, the processing of which took 3 months . In the matter of work under NREGA the group succeeded after a struggle of 18 months. Now 13 PwDs are working regularly under NREGA.

Name of the GP: CHANDAN PUR

Total PWDs:115

1. Health:

Mobilize Disability Certificate of 4 PWDs, Plastic Surgery of one PWD, encourage one Epilepsy patient to use medicine: Disability Certificate mobilized for 30 PWDs, Bus pass for 10 PWDs, tricycles for 2 PWDs.

Plastic surgery of one PWD: Plastic Surgery of Puspalata, Knock Knee operation of Kuni Patra and CTEV operation of Jhilimani Bindhani is done successfully.

Encourage one person with Epilepsy to have medicine: Salkhu and Mohan are encouraged to take and continue medicine for epilepsy.

2. Education

Admit 1 PwD to the general school: Rupai is admitted in the village general school and Phulomani in the Anganwadi and Kapura in the special School.

Encourage the CwDs who are not attending school to attend school: The family members of Bhima, Malati, Chana, Sama and Karan were encouraged to attend school.

Discuss with the school teachers on enhancing the quality of education: Have discussed with the school teachers of Badpeta, Chandabila and Dhenkinenjia on enhancing the quality of education.

3. Livelihood

Vocational training for one PWD: Khudu is engaged in tailoring and Bhima in Masonry works.

The group members had attended the Palli Sabha and shared their problems. The PWDs are listed for pension there.

Name of the GP: BADJOD

Total PWDs: 109

1. Health:

Mobilize Disability Certificate and Buss Pass & Mobilise Aids and Appliances: Mobilized Disability Certificate for 7 PWDs from DDRC. The group mobilized Disability certificate, Buss pass, Income certificate and Identity cards of the PWDs of the GP from the Single Window Programme at Baripada. Applications are given for the certificates the dates of which are expired to the DDRC and the renewed certificates are not issued till now. Hearing Aids for 3 CWDs, tricycle for 3 PWDs and 1 PCO mobile is mobilized from the DDRC. 4 tricycle brought from the block office.

Encourage one person with Epilepsy to have medicine: 6 persons with Epilepsy are identified from 6 villages and were sent to the Epilepsy and Mental Health Camp held in SADHANA and were checked up. 2 epilepsy patients have discontinued medicine after taking medicine for 3 months. Follow up work is being done to continue the medicine.

2. Education:

Encourage the parents and Admit 4 CWDs in general schools: The group members counsel the parents of the children whom the school teachers did not allowed to admit in the school then admitted 4 CWDs in 2 general schools after bringing their birth certificates from the Anganwadi worker. The parents of those CWDs who are not attending classes regularly are being counseled to send their child to school.

3. Livelihood:

Apply for Pension: 13 PWDs had applied for Disability pension and out of those 7 are getting pension and others are yet to get it.

Dealership: The Rangamatia Self Help group had applied for dealership but was rejected as the SHG consists of male and female members. The members went to the block for 4 times to the block but not succeeded.

IAY: 5 PWDs had applied for Indira Awas Houses out of these 3 are sanctioned.

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Demand job under NREGS: Group helped 6 PWDs and 2 general persons in getting job cards. 2 other PWDs had applied for the job card. The group also had given a awareness letter on inclusion of PWDs in NREGA works. 4 persons with Disability had got job under NREGA.

Grading of SHGs for Loan: After the SAMIKSHYA meeting on grading of SHGS for loan the CSO discussed on it and applied in the Block for grading. The BDO told that he will send 2 personnel form the block who will give the report to the group. But no one came from the block and so the requested SAMIKSHA to inquire the matter through RTI. SAMIKSHA instructed the group to go to the block once again in this matter.

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