

**Disability Advocacy Programme (DAP)**  
**Uma Educational and Technical Society, Manovikas Nagar**  
**Kakinada, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh**  
**On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Documented by: C. Mahesh, CBR Forum

**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 15 CBR Personnel and 28 DPO leaders/ members
2. 6 Human Rights issues affecting the lives of PWDs acted upon by DPOs
3. 1 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 (Vikalangula Shrama Shakthi Sanghams and DC has issued a circular Opening of bank accounts of SHGs of PWDs)
5. 6 DAPs conducted at partner level independently/ 6 DAPs planned independently
6. 1 DAPs covered by media/ 1 DAPs planned independently

**List of participants:**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of the NGO</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>CBR Worker</b>	<b>DPO leaders</b>
1	UETS, Thallarevu	S.A.Nayudu	M.J.,Gopalarao M.Girishwar K.V.Prasad G.V.V.S.Tatarao	D.Srinivas M.Lakshman V.Subrahmanyam S.Dorababu G.Sarojini A.Tataji K.Srinivas R.Lovathalla M.Nookaratnam M.Satyam P.Rambabu S.Veera Raghava M.Chinthamani S.Srinivas S.Mahalaxmi
2	AFD, Allavaram	S.N.Murthy	Naveen	D.Rambabu V.Narasimharao K.S.V.Nagaraju

3	Canossa, K.Gangavaram	M.V.Babu	Joyce	P.Lova Satyavathi D.Nagamani P.Yesubabu
4	SPS, Gollaprolu	D.Appalaraju	S.Nageswararao	G,Peda Apparao P.N.V.Suribabu Sheshagiri
5	Pragathi, Yeleswaram	M.Rajeswararao	Ramesh Babu	Y.Rambabu P.S.N.Murthy
6	ARISE, Katrnikona	K.V.Krishna	M.Rameshbabu	S.Ravikumar Ramappa
7	CBR Forum	C.Mahesh and Dominic Savio		



Interactions with Govt. Officials on Day1 of the DAP at Tallarevu Mandal

## Highlights

1. **Background of the workshop:** Mr. Mahesh made a brief presentation on the Disability Advocacy Programme – the purpose and expected outcomes – and the Role of the DPO in lobbying for their Rights in line with Human Rights Principles and UNCRPD
2. **The major achievements during the last 6 months:** The DPO Leaders and CBR team members from the 6 DLI Partners of East Godavari District presented the result of their “Advocacy Actions during the last 6 months”. **The major achievements are:**
  - a. Eligible PWDs received job cards and formed as VSSS (Vikalangula Shrama Shakthi Sanghams) groups under NREGA. It was reported that in the whole of Andhra Pradesh - Tallarevu Mandal had

- provided the maximum number of jobs under NREGA to PWDs (38 Groups – 176 PWDs)
- b. Approximately 80 DPO members from the 6 DLI partners met the District Collector (5<sup>th</sup> Sep 2011) – following which the DC has issued a circular Opening of bank accounts of SHGs of PWDs and financing them. (Refer Annexure 3 for details of the Govt. Order issued by the District Collector)
  - c. Following such actions - Persons with disabilities/ DPOs have gained knowledge/ confidence on conducting advocacy activities on their own
  - d. Medicines for person with mental illness available at district level hospital.
  - e. Person with disabilities have applied for insurance
  - f. Person with disabilities are received aids and appliances
  - g. In one of the Mandal – the Govt. have provided a piece of land to the DPO for their meetings/ works

**General Suggestions/ Recommendations:**

1. Mr. Mahesh appreciated the proactive steps taken up by the DLI Partner NGOs and the DPOs in working collaboratively – one such example has been – DPO representatives from all the 6 DLI partner NGOs meeting the District Collector to appraise him of the issues and the subsequent Govt. Order issued by the DC (refer Annexure)
2. As the next step in streamlining the functioning of the DPO – the partner NGOs and DPOs should ensure - cross disability representation/ participation in the DAP programme. Similarly women with disabilities should be equally represented and participate.

**3. Interaction with Govt. Officials (District/ Block), People's representative, Panchayat Members, etc**

- a. IERT - Mr. P. Durga Prasad
- b. MRO - Mr. G. Nageshwar Rao
- c. Bank Official - Mr. Praveen, SBI, Tallarevu
- d. Sarpanch - Mr. R. Reddy Babu
- e. MMS Coordinator- Mr. R. Malleshwari
- f. MPTC - Mr. G. Surya Babu
- g. MGNREGA - Dist. Coord. - Mr. Markendeshwar
- h. Palli Siri - NGO Head - Mr. Muralidhar

**4. Human Rights Principles:** Mr. Mahesh discussed and elaborated with simple examples on the Human Principles of Dignity, Autonomy, Participation, Inclusion & Accessibility, Non-Discrimination & Equality, Respect for Difference. He mentioned ways in which the same could be used to guide our efforts

**5. Identifying issues/ key areas of interventions in the coming 6 months** - Group Discussion based on the presentations and discussions with the Govt. Officials on Day 1. By applying the

principles of SMART - The participants identified the following action points for the coming 6 months. They are:

1. Lobby for utilization of 3% development fund for Person with Disabilities at GP/ Mandal Level
2. Extension of IRT Teachers services for all Children with Severe Disabilities in Mandal under SSA (Home Based Programme)
3. Provide Medical Certificates to new Person with Disabilities
4. Lobby with SERP to modify the software for correct assessment for medical certificates including persons with mental illness.
5. Awareness to Person with Disabilities through Mandal Level Adalat and Key Leaders Training
6. Opening Bank Account for all DPOs
7. Lobby with District Collector – to reframe the Govt. Order so that the age limit clause for opening bank account for Person with Disabilities is removed
8. Encourage the participation of Person with Disabilities in Local Elections for the post such as - President/ Ward Member/ MPTC
9. Utilizing village/ GP development fund to construct individual toilets for persons with disabilities – at least 2 Toilets per Mandal
10. Lobby with DRDA for organizing Vocational Training for Person with Disabilities
11. Job Placement for Person with Disabilities who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> standard and above as NMR/ VRO/ VAO

6. **Baseline information by Partner NGO:** Mr. Mahesh discussed about the need and importance of collecting baseline information and consolidating the same across the 6 DLI partners. For effective advocacy the baseline information needs to be shared with the respective DPO members and also with the concerned Govt. Departments. (Please refer **Annexure 2** for the heads of information for which Baseline information is required). In order to monitor progress this baseline information need to be updated and presented once in 6 months during DAPs.
7. **The Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2010 under the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009:** Mr. Mahesh gave a brief presentation on the highlights of the above bill and on how the same could be used by the DPOs in accessing their rights. (Refer to **Attachment** for the Andhra Pradesh Rules)
8. Mr. Mahesh shared in brief the updates on the following:
  - a. External Evaluation - Oct 2011
  - b. BPL Survey – Proposed BPL Survey undertaken by the Ministry of Rural Development
  - c. 12th Five Year Plan – consolation process happening in developing the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan
  - d. MPLAD Fund - The new circular about the availability of up to Rupees Ten Lakh from MPLAD fund for supporting persons with disabilities

- e. New Bill on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2010 – the highlights on some of the sections and current status
- 9. **Feedback on the training received by the DLI Partners from Sanchar from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2011:** All participants expressed their satisfaction and informed that they are more clear in planning and implementation of Home Based Intervention for children with severe and multiple disability.
- 10. **Dates of the next DAP at East Godavari – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012**
- 11. **Vote of thanks and close of session**



Presentation of the key advocacy actions in the coming 6 months



Mr. G. Nageshwar Rao - MRO, Mr. SP Reddy – UETS, Mr. Mahesh – CBR Form

**Annexure 1**

**Disability Advocacy Programme (DAP) at  
Uma Educational & Technical Society – UETS  
DLI - East Godavari  
On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 2011**

**Agenda**

<b>Day 1</b>		<b>Venue: Tallarevu</b>
1	10.30 am	Welcome  Background of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About Disability Advocacy Programme</li> <li>• Brief review of the previous advocacy programme in Nov 2010</li> <li>• The key focus of the 2-day programme – Role of the DPO in lobby for their Rights, Human Rights and Disability – UNCRPD, New Bill</li> </ul>
2	11.00 am	Presentation by the DPO Federation Leaders from DLI Partner on “Advocacy Actions during the last 6 months”
3	12.30 pm	Make Panchayat Wise Group – 3-4 groups – Each Group has Chart Paper, Pens  <b>Group Discussion based on the presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying issues/ key areas of interventions in the coming 6 months</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>01.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
5	2.30 pm	Interaction with Govt. Officials (District/ Block), People’s representative, Panchayat Members, etc <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IERT - Mr. P. Durga Prasad</li> <li>2. MRO - Mr. G. Nageshwar Rao</li> <li>3. Bank Official - Mr. Praveen, SBI, Tallarevu</li> <li>4. Sarpanch - Mr. R. Reddy Babu</li> <li>5. MMS Coordinator- Mr. R. Malleshwari</li> <li>6. MPTC - Mr. G. Surya Babu</li> <li>7. MGNREGA - Dist. Coord. - Mr. Markendeshwar</li> <li>8. Palli Siri - NGO Head - Mr. Muralidhar</li> </ol>
6	3.30 pm	Consolidation and close of session
7	4.30 pm	Close of Session
<b>Day 2</b>		<b>Venue: UETS Office, Kakinada</b>
1	09.30 am	Review of Day 1
2	10.00 am	Need for developing baseline data for strengthening Advocacy
3	10.30 am	Highlights from - The Andhra Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2010 under the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009
<b>4</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Tea</b>
5	11.15 am	Human Rights Principles of Dignity, Autonomy, Participation, Inclusion & Accessibility, Non-Discrimination & Equality, Respect for

		Difference – that should guide our efforts – Mahesh
6	11.30 am	Developing (SMART) action plan in the coming 6 months – Group discussion and presentation
<b>7</b>	<b>01.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
8	02.15 pm	Updates/ Sharing of information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External Evaluation – Oct 2011</li> <li>• BPL Survey</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan</li> <li>• MPLAD Fund</li> <li>• New Bill on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2010</li> </ul>
9	03.00 pm	Interaction with MRO
10	04.00 pm	Date of next DAP  Vote of Thanks  Close of session

**Heads of Information in collecting/ consolidating  
Baseline information by Partner NGO and across DLI Partners**

	Total PWDs	No. Male	No. Female	
SINo		Total Eligible	No. of People having	No. of People needing
1	Disability Certificate			
2	Disability Pension			
3	BPL Card			
4	Job Card			
5	IAY			
6	Pre-School (Anganwadi)			
7	Primary School			
8	Upper Primary School			
9	High School			
10	Corrective Surgery			
11	Aids and Appliances (Assistive Devices)			
12	Medicines – MI			
13	SGSY			
14	Vocational Training			
15	Needing employment – PWDs below class X			
16	Needing employment – PWD studied above class X			
17	Access needs in school 1. Ramps 2. Toilet 3. Class modifications			

<b>UMA EDUCATIONAL &amp; TECHNICAL SOCIETY, KAKINADA</b>			
<b>Base line Data of Thallarevu Mandal</b>			
	<b>Total PWDs</b>	<b>No. Male</b>	<b>No. Female</b>
	<b>1218</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>492</b>

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Total Eligible</b>	<b>No. of People Having</b>	<b>No.of People Needing</b>
1	<b>Disability Certificate</b>	1218	745	473
2	<b>Disability Pension</b>	1218	807	411
3	<b>BPL Card</b>	1218	514	704
4	<b>Job Card</b>	723	455	268
5	<b>IAY Loans</b>	439	219	220
6	<b>Pre-School (Anganwadi)</b>	31	31	0
7	<b>Primary School</b>	91	83	8
8	<b>Upper Primary School</b>	4	4	0
9	<b>High school</b>	36	36	0
10	<b>Corrective Surgery</b>	19	9	10
11	<b>Aids &amp; appliances (Assistive Devices)</b>	227	65	162
12	<b>Medicines (MI )</b>	27	19	8
13	<b>SGSY</b>	110	8	102
14	<b>Vocational Training</b>	123	41	82
15	<b>Needing employment - PWDs below class 10<sup>th</sup></b>	204	19	185
16	<b>Needing employment - PWDs studied above class 10<sup>th</sup></b>	63	5	58
17	<b>Access needs in school</b>	78		
	<b>1. Ramps</b>	78	55	23
	<b>2. Toilet</b>	78	60	18
	<b>3. Class Modifications</b>	78	68	10

(S.A.NAYUDU)  
COORDINATOR

Annexure 3

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కలెక్టరు మరియు కార్యనిర్వహణ అధ్యక్షులు  
డి.ఆర్.డి.ఎ., తూర్పు గోదావరి జిల్లా, కాకినాడ.  
MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA, I.A.S.  
Collector and Executive Chairman  
DRDA East Godavari District, Kakinada



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To  
All Branch Manager of Rural Bank Branches

Ref.CC/814/2010, dated 30.04.2011

Sir,

Sub: DRDA EG Kakinada – Empowerment of persons with Disability – Formation & Financing of SHGs – Opening of Savings Bank Accounts – Requested – Regarding.

Ref: F.No.DU/NF/14/SERP/2010, dt.07.01.11 of CEO SERP, Hyderabad.

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I invite attention to the reference cited wherein the Chief Executive Officer, SERP has communicated the guidelines for empowerment of persons with disability (PwDs) by formation of SHGs, opening of SB accounts and financing the SHGs on the lines of women SHGs. The salient features of the guidelines are given below:

01. A group can be formed with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 persons with disabilities which includes children, men and women in the age group of 0-50 years with all categories of locomotors disabilities, visually impaired, low vision, hearing impaired, mental retardation, mental illness and leprosy cured.
02. The savings bank account for the SHG PwD Group should be allowed to be opened with a minimum of Rs.50/-.
03. The address proof and disability proof only for the President, Secretary & Treasurer and not insist for all other members in the SHG.
04. The PwD SHGs become eligible for getting loans from the Banks after completing the savings and internal lending for a minimum period of 3 months as was approved by SLBC.
05. The PwD SHGs shall also eligible for Pavaa Vaddi (3% interest subsidy) on par with women SHGs.
06. The service area approach is not to be made applicable to these groups.

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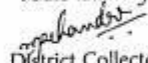
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Collector and Executive Chairman

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The above guidelines have already been communicated to all the field level functionaries of DRDA-IKP with regard identification of persons with disability; formation of Self Help Groups with Persons with Disability (PwD) in all the Mandals; opening of Savings Bank account.

In this connection, I request you to kindly extend all sorts of cooperation to the field level functionaries of DRDA-IKP in opening of savings bank accounts for SHGs formed with Persons with Disability (PwDs) and do the needful to them.

Yours faithfully  
  
District Collector  
East Godavari, Kakinada

Copy to the Controllers of Banks with a request to issue suitable instructions to all the Branch Managers.

Copy to the Assistant Director, Welfare of Disabled, East Godavari, Kakinada with instructions to communicate the same to all concerned.