

DISTRICT LEVEL ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

DLI – Koraput, 14th and 15th Dec 2011

Facilitator: Mr. Mahesh, Advocacy Coordinator, CBR Forum

Reported by: Mr. Ajaya Kumar Khosla, Spread and Mr. 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 36 CBR Personnel and 26 (approx.) DPO leaders/ members
2. 07 Human Rights issues affecting the lives of PWDs acted upon by DPOs
3. 01 linkages developed with other DPOs/ Peoples organizations at Panchayat/ Block/ Dist. level
4. 04 systemic changes brought about by DPO advocacy actions – achieved by the partner NGOs/ DPOs in the last 6 months (Samarthaya Sibir at Block level, Corrective Surgery amount sanctioned, IE Teachers appointed, 10kg rice to PWDs with above 75% disability)
5. 07 DAPs conducted at partner level independently/ 07 DAPs planned independently
6. 0 DAPs covered by media

Day 1: 14TH Dec 2011, Venue: Tribal Museum, Koraput

Welcome:

The programme was started with well come address by Mr. Nabin to all DPO leaders, CBR staffs and Mr. Mahesh, after that the candle lighting process was done then the self introduction process was done by all participates. Then Mr. Mahesh was requested to facilitate the process.

Background of the DAP by Mr. Mahesh

At the outset Mr. Mahesh has briefed about the objective formation of DPO at different level. The focal objective is to reduce different problems faced by disability people in their day to day life and necessities to form Block and district level Disability people's Organization and with the help of 7 DLI partners and CBR Forum.

To address the vulnerability of disability people, he gave an example of two person having Rs 50 and they have to spend the money. A non-disabled person can spend the money as he wants but a disable person cannot spend the money like other one. Because a disable person has to spend the money for his/ her mobility also, that's why disability people are much more vulnerable than the non-disabled. Disable people are not getting the opportunity to access the resources which all have. Disabled people are unable to get higher education. If we are unable to educate ourselves then we could not earn to meet the need in our day-to-day life and to solve these problems. We are forming DPO at village level, GP Level, Block Level and District Level. The main reason of this meeting is to get together and to advocate for the solution of the problem at district level.

He broadly focused some points given below-

- Formation of a district level forum of Disable people is going on.
- To solve the issues related to disable people and their families
- These problems can be solved by coming together as DLI, and not by being alone
- We have the right to live with dignity, we won't live with the mercy of others and we have to involve in the mainstream of the society.
- We are more prone to being poor, but we spend more than our income.

Tea Break: 12.00 Noon to 12.20 PM

Presentation on follow-up actions undertaken against previous DAP programme



Issues identified in Jun 2011	Progress	Feed Back
Health:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The single window system during the Block level SAMARTHYA SIBIRA is yet to be streamlined or materialized 2. The DDRC & the DHH are yet to be well equipped to cater the needs of the PWDs of the district. 3. The Health Sub Centers are not focusing on the issues of the Adolescent Girls with disabilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DWO (district Welfare Officer) assured to organize the camp twice in a year in each Block. 2. Now there is a provision at district level for surgical correction for the prevention of disability of club feet and leprosy 3. 9 persons with disabilities availed the one-time grant of Rs 5000/- towards corrective surgery at district level 4. At the block level 'Bhimo Bhoi 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are several GPs in a Block and only a few people are participating in the programme. 2. Information disseminated by the ICDS department is not reaching to the people properly. 3. There is need to give feedbacks to the govt. officials for the proper spending of money allotted for next Certification camp. One suggestion could be change in location of the camp to ensure persons from remote

<p>4. The CDMO Office, DHH, CHC, PHC, campus have not yet been made barrier free for the PWDs.</p> <p>5. The PWDs going to the CDMO Office for certification have to face a lot of difficulties due to the disarrangement at the place of certification.</p> <p>6. The Disability Certificates and other entitlements are not being provided to the beneficiaries within a stipulated time.</p> <p>7. There is no provision of providing medicines for the patients suffering from epilepsy & arthritis in an affordable price at the DHH.</p> <p>8. There is no Psychiatrist at the DHH, which stands as a barrier in the treatment of the M.I. patients.</p> <p>9. The Health Centers are not accessible for the PWDs. There are no ramps.</p> <p>10. The age limit (18 years) as fixed by the govt. for certification stands as barrier for the children having mental retardation, cerebral palsy & spinal injury that needs to be advocated.</p> <p>11. There is no provision of providing medicines free of cost to the PWDs having Disability Certificates.</p>	<p>Samarthaya Sibir' there is a provision of filling application to avail different Govt. Schemes.</p> <p>5. On 1st & 15th of every month the doctors are present to provide certificates for disability certificate.</p>	<p>villages in the block are able to benefit from the assessment camps.</p> <p>4. The issues identified will be that have not been addressed will be followed up.</p>
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Education:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are no trained teachers at the Schools to cater the needs of the CWDs. 2. There is no scope for the multiple / severely disabled children to get education. 3. Attitude towards children with special needs are not encouraging or overwhelming by the School authorities 4. There is no provision of providing Teaching Learning Materials to the CWDs. (as per their disabilities) 5. Neither any steps for enrollment of the CWDs nor any steps for their retention 6. No scope has been made for inclusive education 7. The Ramps at the Schools are not as per the provisions and specification. 8. There is lack of pro-CWD environment in the Schools (in the class & School) that hinders in the learning process of the CWDs. 9. The CWD students, who are getting Pensions, are getting restrained from Stipends. 10. There is no scope for the CWDs to get admitted in the Residential Schools. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Govt. has appointed inclusive education volunteer (IEV) for 2 GPs 2. Govt. has appointed one Block level resource teacher (BRT) in each Block 3. The teachers are enrolling disable children in school . 4. Now government is providing IEC material through IEV. 5. The School teachers are giving attention to disability children 6. There is reformation of facilities in schools for the disability children. 7. Government is providing Banishree pension for the disability pension 8. Disable children's are getting admission in residential Schools. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to involve IE Volunteers in our programme. 2. Educate provisions of TLM in schools for disability children. 3. Involve all disability children in Banishree Pension for Children 4. We have to include the parents of CWDs in school committee. 5. The issues that have not been addressed will be followed up.

Livelihood:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All the PWDs are not provided with BPL Cards. 2. The PWD beneficiaries are not provided with Job Cards in their names. 3. The implementing agencies are not sure if PWDs are willing and capable of working under MGNREGS therefore they are reluctant to provide jobs to PWDs. 4. There is no scope of Vocational Training for the PWDs. 5. There is no scope of credit linkages to the PWDs and their groups. 6. There is no strict legislation to implement the 3% reservation for the PWDs in all the Social Security Schemes. 7. Most of the PWDs don't have a house of their own. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LEAD is providing training to disability people according to their skilling 2. Disability peoples are getting employment under 3% reservation of jobs in government departments 3. After advocating at State level – State government has declared to provide 10 Kg rice to the PWDs who have more than 75% disability 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The issues that have not been addressed will be followed up.
Social Security:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PWDs are denied of their parental properties. 2. The PWDs are not involved in the Community level decision making process. 3. The people in the Community are calling the PWDs by their disabilities and not by their names that reflects the discrimination for the PWDs. 4. There is no mechanism to redress the grievances of 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 2011-2012 the disabilities will be involved in social & Economic Census of Govt. 2. Participation of Disable people in Palli Sabha and Gram Sabha has gradually increased. 3. The people in the community are calling the PWDs by their name not by their disability 4. The participation of PWDs in nodal are gradually increasing. 5. In Grama Sabha resolutions have been made to include the PWDs in different social security schemes like –IAY, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Gaon Kalyan Samiti(GKS) we have to plan for the health issues, sanitation, communication 2. The issues that have not been addressed will be followed up

<p>the PWDs neither at the Block level nor at the District level.</p> <p>5. The representation / participation of the PWDs in Palli Sabha, Grama Sabha & Nodal Meeting is not being given due importance.</p> <p>6. Most of the PWDs are deprived of IAY and PDS.</p>	<p>Pension, and SGSY etc.</p> <p>6. Govt. is giving Rs 10000/- for each revenue village Gaon Kalyan Samiti(GKS)</p>	
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Following the presentation Mr. Mahesh made the following additional comments:

1. Could we ask for a report of the Samarthya Sibira – so that we could give our feedback/ suggestions to make the programme more effective
2. We need to lobby for the fitting of aids and appliances without delay after the Samarthaya Sibir and insist on provision to fit qualitative aids and appliances to the PWDs & CWDs as per their requirement.
3. We have to lay stress upon access to water and sanitation for PWDs
4. No roads or slushy roads due to poor drainage – makes it difficult to way/ move in the village in a tricycle
5. We can discuss about these problem in the Gram Kalyan Samity.
6. During this period, One IE Volunteers was appointed in 2 GPs, how can we involve IE Volunteers in our programme?
7. Follow-up on provisions of TLM in schools for children with disabilities
8. Banishree Pension for Children
9. Parents of CWDs to be involve in School Committee.

The following were the suggestions made by the participants:

1. Epilepsy medicine should be availed free of cost in Sub center
2. Arrangement of Doctors for Mentally Ill patient in DHH, Koraput.
3. Relaxation in examination fees for students with disabilities, especially women with disabilities completing the class X or higher classes.

Lunch Break:

A Jagaran song sung by Mr. Trinath (DPO Leader)

Updates by Mr. Trinath, who is also a member of Odisha Viklang Manch

Mr. Trinath informed about the Rally and Dharna (Hunger Strike) at District and State level on Dec 3rd 2011 before the Government of Odisha. The key demands made were - 25 Kilo rice at Rs. 2/- for all persons with disabilities and An increment in the pension from Rs.200/- to Rs.1000 /-. Following this event a meeting was held on the 5th of December 2011 at the office of Finance Minister in the Secretariat during which the following announcements were made by the Govt. – “10 kgs of rice at Rs. 2/- for all Persons with disabilities above 75% disability and 25kg rice @ Rs.2/- to all disabled person headed families”. It was informed that this scheme would be rolled out from December 2011.

Interface with Government Officials and highlights from their presentations/ discussions:



1. Dr. Behera (CDMO office) Contact No Cell 9439990449 (O), 9437050292 (Personal) (Health):

- a. Dr. Behera is now in charge Leprosy department.
- b. He mentioned about the need of real sensitization/ real awareness at village level to address disability issues
- c. There is need of sharing issues with health department by the DLI partner in every three month to solve problems experienced by persons with disabilities
- d. From this year onwards corrective surgery will be available for Leprosy patient in Koraput Medical.
- e. In NRHM there are programmes for adolescent girl.
- f. Very shortly we will provide epilepsy medicine free of cost.
- g. Demand for Rights should be from Disability people
- h. There are GKS (Gaon Kalyan Samity) in each village, he mentioned that the DPOs/ partner NGOs should take advantage of this Samity - this Samity is provided with Rs.10,000/- to address different problem at village level.

2. Points of discussion with DWO (District Welfare Officer), Koraput

- a. The PWDs of the block have been registered in Samarthya Sibir
- b. Applications for disability pension to be submitted before the SEO of concerned block
- c. Don't bring the persons to certification camp who have availed certificates earlier
- d. There is a provision of scholarship for CWDs in school

3. Points of discussion with DTMO, Jeypore, Rajendra Pujari – 9437358232 (Transport)

- a. If there is any complain please appeal before District Consumer forum and state consumer forum
- b. If the PWDs face any problem during journey by bus, then he/she can contact him on his mobile – the number is - 9437358232
- c. Seats reserved for PWDs: He mentioned that in every bus the Seat No 7 & 8 is meant for the PWDs and Seat No-22 & 23 are reserved OSRTC bus
- d. Government is paying back the concession amount to Govt. Bus

4. Points of discussion with Mr. Siba Prasad Pattnaik , DPEP (Education)

- a. Take help and involve the IE teacher
- b. Schemes to support Corrective surgery are available in DPEP and SS
- c. 106 children were availed treatment and operation
- d. There is a Block Resource Center in each block
- e. Information will be given to each teacher and BRC to keep good communication with volunteers/ CBR personnel of DLI.

Day 2: 15TH Dec 2011, Venue: CPL, Ekta, Duruguda, Koraput

Key learning points of Day 1 of DAP

The program started by 10 A.M with a song, sung by Rojalin. Then Mahesh sir divided the participants into 7 groups (by Block/ DLI Partner) to discuss and present the learning points of Day 1 of DAP:.

Presentation made by IDS

- There should be good coordination among the IE volunteers
- The Hunger strike was done on Disability day has raised the confidence of people
- GKS is the first step for the PWDs to be part of the mainstream
- PWDs should aware about the GKS
- To ascertain the right the PWDs should know all the related information

Presentation made by SAHARA

- Availing the government facilities we should get united
- Xerox copy of Bus Pass (is sufficient) to be showed during bus journey
- The PWDs can be a member in GKS and present their problems in GKS meeting
- One IE Volunteers have been appointed in 2 GPs by the government and One BR Teacher have been appointed in each Block
- We can avail rights through DPOs

Presentation made by WORD

- We knew about the different govt. facilities
- DAP is such a good platform where we got an opportunity to interact with Govt. officials and put forth different issues before them
- The PWDs have got an opportunity to interact with other PWDs in DAP program
- We knew the uses and applications of bus pass
- We knew about the provision for parents of CWDs in school
- We knew about the NHFDC loan
- We knew about the rights of PWDs on paternal property
- We knew about the GKS

Presentation made by SEDP

- Reconstructive surgery at Koraput for persons with leprosy
- Non communicable diseases such as - Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension, Epilepsy and mental illness – its link to the lives of people and persons with disabilities in particular
- Treatment for persons affected by Leprosy in the General OPD in Koraput along with all others to avoid stigma and discrimination
- Free medicine for MI patient in Burla, Berhampur and Cuttack medicals
- 10 Kg free rice for PWDs
- Seat reservation for PWDs in buses - High tech Bus- 7 & 8, Express-22 & 23
- Escort allowance for service to CWDs provided by education department

Presentation made by KFA

- We knew about the bus pass
- There is provision of getting loan Rs 50,000 to Rs.14 Lacs in NHFDC in DSW office
- The PWDs avail 25 Kg of rice
- We are capable to talk or express our views before Govt. authority
- We knew about the National mental health program

Presentation made by SPREAD

- Problems of the PWDs can be solved in collaboration with govt officials
- After interaction with different DPO leaders from different block we knew how they solve their issues
- We have to fight together to get back our rights

Presentation made by EKTA

- We knew about the provision of concession in Government Bus
- We knew about the seat no for PWDs
- There is provision for surgery for leprosy at District level
- PWDs can involve in GKS
- 10 Kg rice for Disability people

After the presentation made by DPO leaders from 7 DLI partners, Mr. Mahesh made the following comments:

- Explained about NHFDC loan - We have to produce BPL card, Disability Certificate, Land ROR(Record of Right) to avail NHFDC loan
- The IE volunteers can provide home based intervention for CWDs
- Health related problems can be solved if the DPO leaders are part of GKS
- The government employees who participated in the program were very supportive

Tea Break

About GKS - Gaon Kalyan Samiti – A brief presentation by Ajit, WORD

Role of GKS

- Identification of issues and resources
- Planning
- Awareness building
- Emergency referral health services
- Referral Health service for the PWDs, Orphans, aged destitute
- Make the environment clean and healthy

GKS Committee include

- **ICDS worker, Ward member, Asha, SC/ST, SEM, 3 SHG leader**

Presentation of Block wise advocacy outcomes:

Following this Mahesh Sir gave the group a task to present one or two points they have achieved during last six months in their respective blocks.



Presentation –SPREAD

- With the coordination of IE volunteers, PEO, CDPO, SEO, BDO - 9 CWDs availed try cycle.
- SEO & PEO have rendered their best effort to provide new pension to PWDs

Presentation –WORD

- The PWDs participate in Palli Sabha and Gram Sabha
- 19 CWDs were enrolled in local school

Presentation –KFA

- The bus passes which were not signed by DTMO were signed later
- Zero income certificate has been distributed in certification camp (to be clarified)
- The PWDs availed 7 days work in MGNREGA

Presentation –EKTA

- 60 PWDs availed certificate
- 2 volunteers of EKTA were recruited as IEV
- 3 PWD girls obtained tailoring training

Presentation –SEDP

- 2 CP and 1 MR (Hydrocephalus) were sent to Cuttack (for what – to be clarified) out of which one CP children can walk and able to go school
- 16 CWDs availed Banishree scholarship
- A memorandum was given to Rural welfare minister Sri Jai Ram Ramesh through collector.
- A memorandum was given to Municipality, Jeypore for the accessibility in daily market

Presentation- SAHARA

- 74 PWDs availed pension
- 8 PWDs availed Indira Awas under rural housing scheme
- 109 PWDs availed certificate

Presentation- IDS

- 142 PWDs have applied for pension
- The PWDs are actively participating in nodal meeting

Identification of issues and planning for next six month:

Following discussions from Day 1 & Day 2 of the DAP; the participants have identified the following issues to be addressed in the coming 6 months.

Health:

1. Free medicine for Epilepsy and MI patient at Sub center and PHC
2. Smooth availing of Aids and Appliances in DDRC
3. Quarterly Review meeting with CDMO
4. An application to be submitted to CDMO to barrier free of PHC and CHC
5. Involvement of PWDs in GKS
6. Collection of the report of Samarthya Sibir and give feed back

Education:

1. To ensure quality education of CWDs with the help of IEV, BRT, ID coordinator
2. Exemption of Fees for HSCE examination
3. Inclusion of CWDs in Banishree scholarship scheme

Livelihood:

1. Ensuring 100 days employment for PWDs in MGNREGA
2. Ensuring 10 PWDs to provide job in Govt. and Non Government organization
3. In order to enhance the self-employment prospects for PWDs - Involving UGB, SBI and IOB officials in Advocacy programme

Social Security:

1. Involving Revenue and Police Department in Advocacy programme
2. Implementation of special scheme for Disable people(25 Kg Rice)
3. Ensuring participation of PWDs in Palli Sobha and Gram Sobha
4. Encouraging the PWDs to attend in Block level grievance meeting

Right to Education Act:

Following the above session, Mr. Jogannath (Secretary EKTA) explained in detail about the inclusive and compulsory education. It was mentioned that the DLI partners would make efforts to get the Odisha State Rules under the RTE and familiarize about the same.

Mahesh Sir appreciated the active participation of the participants and collected feedbacks from DPO leaders regarding the training.

Vote of thanks:

The training was concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Susil (KFA).

List of Annexures:

1. List of Participants
2. Agenda of the 2 Day DAP

List of Participants

SINo	Partner NGO	CBR Team	DPO Leaders/ Representative
1	SEDP	CBR Coordinators- Absent (unwell) CBR Worker-Sarita Das, Kalyani Das, Lalita Huika, Prasanth Mandal	Trinath Patra, Dhanpoti Suklia, Mondhar Halwa, Sanjibani Sudha Pattnaik (Office Staff)
2	IDS	CBR Coordinators-Biswombar Sahoo CBR Worker-Prabhakar Semarlia, Malibika Subhana Dipty,Rajeswari Sethi	Sabita Khosla, Nabin Gouda, Bidyut Khosla
3	WORD	CBR Coordinators-Ajit Bisoi, CBR Worker-Banita Swani, Sanjukta Pal, Bimla Porida,	Balaji Choudhary, Rupasi Katria, Laicha Kulasika,
4	SPREAD	CBR Coordinators-Ajaya Kumar Khosla CBR Worker-Krushna Saunta, Jaya Krisani, Sanjukta Dolai, Shyama Sundar Suabi	Modhu Barik, Ghasiram Khillo, Arjun Santa, Kesori Santa
5	KFA	CBR Coordinators- Susil Monaj Korkara CBR Worker- Saraswati Moharana, Gita Pradhan, Prahallad Bankia, Padmanava Hontal	Somara Alang, Khogapati Badanaik,Gori Hontal
6	SAHARA	CBR Coordinator-S. Pratap Kumar Achary CBR Worker-Damburu Dhara Krisani, Niranjan Khillo, Binapani Kulasika, Rosalin Helina Nayak	Madhaba Takaria, Jogu Takri, Dhana Khillo, Anand Khojuriputia
7	EKTA	CBR Coordinators-Sunita Dolai CBR Worker-Ranjita Nayak, Jagannatha Muduli, Momata Sahu, Raghunath Poraja	Dabenadra Khora, Jagabandhu Paik, Gobinda Saunt, Somnath Muduli

Agenda for 2 Day DAP:

Time	Agenda	Methodology	Facilitator
Day 1: 14 Dec 11			
10:00 to 10:30	Registration		Rosalin Helina Nayak
10:30 to 10:45	Inauguration	Candle Lighting	Mr. Trinath (DPO Leader)
10:45 to 11:00	Welcome Address		Mr. Nabin Garada (Convenor-DLI)
11:00 to 11:15	Self-Introduction		
11:15 to 12:00	Recap of last meeting and Objective of District Level Advocacy Programme	Reviewing the earlier DAP Report	Mr. Mahesh , CBR Forum
12:00 to 12:15	Tea Break		
12:15 to 01:00	Issue Identification of 4 area (Health, Education, Livelihood and Social Security)	Group Discussion and Presentation	Mr. Ajit
01:00 to 02:00	Achievements and Issue Presentation on 4 area (Health, Education, Livelihood and Social Security)		Mr. Pratap & Mr. Susi
02:00 to 02:50	Lunch		
02:50 to 03:15	Achievements and Issue Presentation on 4 area (Health, Education, Livelihood and Social Security)		Mr. Pratap & Mr. Susi
03:15 to 05:30	Interface with Line Department		Mr. Nabin Garada (Convenor-DLI)
Day 2: 14 Dec 11			
09.30	Welcome		
09.30 to 10.30	Identification of the key learning points from Day 1 and presentation	Group Discussion (by Block/ DLI Partner)	Mr. Mahesh, CBR Forum
10.30 to 10.45	Tea		
10.45 to 11.30	GKS - Gaon Kalyan Samiti and how PWDs/ DPOs can be part of this group	Presentation	Mr. Ajit, WORD
11.30 to 12.30	Block wise presentation of advocacy outcomes	Group Discussion and Presentation	All
12.30 to 01.30	Identification of issues and planning for next six month	Group Discussion and Presentation	All
01.30 to 02.00	Right to Education Act	Presentation	Mr. Jogannath (Secretary EKTA)
02.00 to 03.00	Lunch		
03.00	Close of session		