

Project Title: Creating an Innovative Model at Govt. aided private Schools and Madaras in the rural area of Varanasi and Chandauli districts. (School sanitation and hygiene education project- SSHE Project)

Project Implemented By: Human Welfare Association, Varanasi

Background:

Even after 60 years of Independence of India, the Muslim communities, which stand second in terms of population, is unable to participate in welfare programmes such as education, health, family welfare and community development in an active manner. Due to this a number of social disparities have cropped up and a large number of people, mainly Muslim women and girls, have been left far behind from the mainstream of development. Justice Rajendra Sachher Committee report and several other surveys have made this fact clear. There is lack of leadership and decision making skill in Muslim men and women due to lower literacy rate in the community. Due to this, fundamentalist forces misuse them and restrict them from moving ahead on the path of development. It becomes very important to implement all the government and non-government programmes among Muslim community in active participation with this community so that education, health and other community welfare and developmental programs are implemented on the priority basis and they should be brought into the mainstream of the development of the society.

Development of the Project during the First Phase (6 months – Dec.07 to May'08) :

During six months tenure the project has produced the fruitful effort by establishing toilet in the Madaras and private schools, creating hygiene environment to some extent and making endeavor to change the attitude of children, the Bal Adhikar Manch was made in the schools to make a strong blow on the issues of child right , community empowerment.

The projects during 6 month tenure the ensured that all children in school have safe, sustainable water sources, proper sanitation facilities, effective hygiene education and an environment for joyful learning. so that to achieve our ultimate goal . so its mandatory to keep this pace of the project by exploring new horizons. The data's and the figures which demonstrates the project progress is as follows 50 SSHE committee has made in the 50 Private schools and Madarasas which look after the clean and hygiene environment in the schools and Madarasas this committee also check out the hygiene

practices and maintain the hygiene guidelines in schools and Madarsas , 50 BAL Adhikar Manch are made up in Private schools and Madarasas with equal participation of boys and girls (20 from each school 10 boys : 10 girls)to ensure all 54 child rights in the schools and Madarsas, the students of Bal Adhikar Manch has also got recognition in their community as their community welfare, the 25546 students are currently affected due to intervention of this project on the issue of hygiene education and child rights .

The project has made a strong effect on the core objective of project such as:

- The project has developed a positive understanding between schools, madarasas and the surrounding community related to the total sanitation campaign.
- Strengthen understanding and commitment of children, families and communities on hygiene practices and wise
- Build capacities of government and non-government partners and communities to recognize and respond to the urgent need for children to have clean water and sanitation in school

Situational analysis:

According to current situation the condition of these Muslim communities which was worst over the issue of proper education, sanitation & safe drinking water in Madarasas and over all educational status of students (mainly young girls) are now gradually improving due to intervention of this project .

To see the situation and hard conditions of the children in the Muslim community HWA has decided to intervene with a innovative project to increase the proper sanitation facilities and safe drinking water in the Madarasas with the support of UNICEF through the Department of Panchayati Raj, (office of Dy. Director, Panchayati Raj, Varanasi) Govt. of U.P. that could be helpful for the main streaming of the children and will increase the enrollment in the Madarasas and the Private schools. With this intervention, the children fulfill their child rights which is already decided by the CRC and signed by the Govt. of India. And during the six month tenure the project has produced the great effect by establishing hygiene standards in the schools and the Madarsa the project has also shown prolonged effect on the attitude and behavior of the students and community members over the issue of safe drinking water and hygiene education . **The program is implemented with full community participation in an innovative model at Varanasi and Chandauli districts.**

Geographical Project Area:

Varanasi is the oldest living city in the world and its Ganga-Jamuni tradition is the treasure of this city. Around 90 percent members of Muslim community are associated with the trade of sari weaving and Jardozi for a long time in Varanasi which is situated amidst the largest handloom work oriented area of world. **In the First phase of the project, geographically Muslim dominated rural areas will be selected with 50 Madarasas / Private schools in the various blocks of Varanasi district in a cluster approach.**

Project partners – UNICEF + Department of Panchayati Raj + HWA (NGO)

Target Group: 50 Registered Madarsas and Private schools in the rural areas of Varanasi and Chandauli district.

GOAL: Creating proper learning environment in the Madarsas, Private schools and in the community with the support of sanitation and safe drinking water facilities.

OBJECTIVES-

- (1) To promote proper educational environment in the Madarsas and the Private schools
- (2) To provide proper sanitation facilities
- (3) To sensitize the community on the issue of hygiene education.
- (4) To avail safe drinking water among schools and Madarsas.
- (5) To create awareness among the children and parents related to the cleanness, sanitation and safe drinking water
- (6) To create the sensitization and linkage with total sanitation campaign (TSC) among the Muslim community
- (7) To organize enrollment campaigns with related community and children
- (8) To provide various orientation programme related to the convergence that they can use govt. resources at optimum level.

OUTCOMES

- Sanitation program gets included in the larger program either supported by TSC or by Minorities Welfare Department and all Madarsas/ Private schools of the state sanitation facilities for boys and girls.
- 100 % Project areas schools and Madarsas have toilet facilities with support of Panchayati raj department
- 70 % Project areas villages have toilet facilities with support of Panchayati raj department
- More than fifteen thousand children from poorest of the poor community will be directly benefited to the project.
- Approximately 10,000 families will also aware and sensitize about cleanliness, wash practices, clean environment, sanitation and safe drinking.
- 800 children volunteers will be ready for continuing the awareness program at 50 madarsas / Private schools.
- 500 community volunteers (adults) will be prepared for sensitization and orientation of the program in the surroundings.
- 50 Bal Adhikar Manch (Child Right Forum) are established and functional and participate in the programs at madarsas and they will also involve in child right issues