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Director Speaks...

Information is knowledge and sharing information is spreading knowledge which is an important component of the learning process. It is essential that information emanating from an organisation is continuously shared with like-minded individuals and institutions, as such an act ensures vibrancy in functioning and dynamism in approach. We feel happy to share the second issue of Human Eyes with our esteemed friends and collaborators, which is an affirmation of our belief in information sharing.

Many things have happened in HDS since the first issue of Human Eyes was brought out in April 2010. The organisation started its first major health intervention in collaboration with Delhi State AIDS Control Society, Government of N.C.T. of Delhi. On-going health activities could be strengthened with the support of Max India Foundation. The organic farming project in Faridabad, being implemented in collaboration with Concern India Foundation, entered a crucial phase following successful completion of three years of implementation.

Every attempt has been made to highlight in the newsletter major activities of the organisation during April-September 2010. Your feedback will contribute to our growth and excellence in functioning.

Wishing you all a very prosperous New Year 2011!

Anil K. Das

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Events and Visits

Inauguration of Field Office: HDS inaugurated its field office in Uttam Nagar in Delhi on 2nd August 2010. The need of a field office arose in view of the commencement of targeted intervention project for injecting drug users (IDUs) in West Delhi area in July 2010. Since this is an office-cum-drop in centre for the IDUs, recreational and healthcare facilities were put in place in the premise. The inauguration of field office was indeed a step forward in the path of organizational growth.

Free Immunization Camps: HDS, in collaboration with Max India Foundation, organized a free immunization camp in village Sahabad in Faridabad district on 12th June 2010 for children in the age group of 0-14 years. More than 100 children were vaccinated against hepatitis. Another free immunization camp was organized in the district in village Rajpur Kalan on 14th September 2010. This was participated by 150 children in the age group of 2-6 years who were vaccinated against typhoid. Max India Foundation collaborated in the second camp as well. HDS plans to organize more such events in the district, as the existing facilities available under government programmes are not adequate.

Visit of Concern India Foundation: A team of Concern India Foundation visited project villages in Faridabad in the month of August to inspect progress of organic farming activities. Besides checking physical parameters of project like vermi-compost beds, organic agricultural fields etc., the CIF team interacted with farmers in different villages. The visit coincided with a training programme which HDS had organized for community monitors as part of internal control system of organic

farming project. The visitors interacted with the community monitors and members of Kissan Jaiwik Federation.

Visitors from the USA: A group of organic farming enthusiasts from the USA visited organic farming villages in Faridabad in the month of April 2010. During the day-long visit, the visitors saw *Eisenia foetida*- the earthworms used for vermi-composting, vermi-compost beds and agricultural fields, and interacted with farmers and women in the villages. They also participated in some of the harvesting activities, especially harvesting of wheat and brinjal. Representatives of HDS and CIF apprised the visitors about different aspects of organic farming.

Visitors from the USA at a vermi-compost site in village Sahabad



Project Updates

Targeted Intervention for Injecting Drug Users: HDS started a targeted intervention project for injecting drug users (IDUs) in Vikas Puri area of west Delhi in July 2010 in collaboration with the Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS), Government of N.C.T. of Delhi. The project will be implemented for a period of two years. Designed to benefit 400 IDUs, it is being implemented in 11 IDUs hotspots namely Vikaspuri, Uttam Nagar, Kali Basti, Mundka, Mohan Garden, Shiv Vihar/ Vikas Nagar, Janakpuri A Block, Tikri Border, Hastal, Nilothi and Sant Garh/Guru Nanak Nagar. Besides community mobilization, harm reduction activities, condom programming and counseling services, a drop-in-centre under the supervision of a project manager and a physician is providing clinical and recreational services to the beneficiaries. Focus group discussions are being organized to assess the needs of IDUs and also to identify and register them in order to extent full benefits of the project. Considering their vulnerability to HIV infection, IDUs fall under high risk group population in the context of prevention of AIDS.

Outreach Worker Raju Nagar with some IDUs



The project falls under the National AIDS Control Programme III (NACP III: 2007-2012) which is being implemented by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), India.

Promotion of Organic Farming:

The project on promotion of organic farming, currently under implementation in collaboration with Concern India Foundation, entered a truly challenging phase, as farmers joined hands for certification of their agricultural produce. As a first step towards creating a community-based monitoring system and subsequently Internal Control System with a view to ensuring adherence to standards of organic certification, two village-level monitors were selected in each village by Kissan Jaiwik Federation (KJF) under the guidance of HDS. An orientation training programme was organized for monitors in the month of August to make them understand different components of monitoring. KJF also finalized the Memorandum of Association of the Federation according to guidelines of the Government of Haryana in order to register it under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. In the direction of sustainability, KJF decided to receive token amount of money as membership fee in coming months. The focus of the project is on strengthening KJF and ensuring certification, marketing and networking with different agencies that will generate economic benefits for the beneficiaries and make the project activities sustainable.

Case Studies of Settled Youth:

HDS has taken up a project for preparing case studies of settled youth who, as children, had stayed in SOS Children's Villages and other SOS facilities. The focus of the study is on psycho-social analysis of different aspects of life of settled youth like professional, social, personal etc. The study will be able to highlight the conditions under which some youth have become successful in life and some have not. HDS will prepare 24 case studies covering youth belonging to four geographical regions of the country namely north, south, east and west where SOS Children's Villages of India operate. Half of the total number of youth to be covered for case studies would belong to highly settled category and remaining to not-so-highly successful category. The study has been commissioned by SOS Children's Villages of India, an organisation dedicated to providing family-based care to children in need of care and protection.

Special Project:

The project on understanding of vermi-compost technology, under which HDS is trying to identify efficient local varieties of earthworms while treating Eisenia foetida as a control, has entered a crucial phase, as some local varieties of earthworms in Modipuram and Agra have been showing encouraging results. Scientists in the two centres are further analyzing the taxonomy of earthworms and quality of compost they produce. The entire process of experimentation is being thoroughly planned and executed to produce the intended results. HDS is hopeful that the project will be able to achieve its objectives at the end, which will contribute to growth of organic farming in the country.

A meeting in progress in village Badarpur Said



Final Highlights

HDS successfully concluded the survey of non-profit institutions registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI), 1860 in National Capital Territory of Delhi in the month of September 2010. The survey covered 35,198 non-profit institutions. HDS implemented the project in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India and the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Government of NCT of Delhi acted as the nodal agency.

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