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SPTWD

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF TRIBAL
WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (SPTWD)

“A hundred years from now, it will not matter how much was your Bank balance, the type of house you lived and the kind of cars you drove, but it will change the world if you impact the life of a child today” (author unknown).




I came across the above statement in Robin Sharma’s book Family Wisdom and likened it to SPTWD’s Vision to better the lives of millions of Tribals and other marginalized communities through child focus education centered compassionate community work. Till date, we are able to reach to 800+ children and their families through our three centres (1 in Delhi and 2 in Manipur). It is a drop in the ocean compared to the need but when considered the hards circumstances we operate (location of the project and limited financial support); it is no mean an achievement for a recently started organisation. Kudos to our team for the hard work, dedication and commitment to the cause we serve.

To impact the lives of millions of forgotten children, we emphasis on building partnership and alliances with other like-minded people and organisations both at the local, regional and national level on issues of children at risk, education, girl child, women economic empowerment, peace building, youth development, livelihood and employability skill improvement of the less-educated unemployed youth, men and women.

We are thankful to our donors, supporters, staff and the community for their tireless support and believe in what we are doing. Together we are all laboring together in the vineyards of a master to make a difference in the lives of the poorest children. We believe that the little steps that we take today will help lay a strong foundation for our tomorrow’s leaders (today’s children).

Yes, no matter how much is our current bank balance, the type of house we lived or the kind of car we drove, we all can contribute according to our God given talents and capacity. Lets impact the life of a child today to change their world tomorrow. Lets do it today.


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Secretary/Director

SPTWD is:

1. Delhi based national level charitable organization registered on 21st May 2004 under Societies Registration Act (XXI) of 1860 in Delhi. Also registered under 12AA & u/s 80G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for exemption.
2. A unique organization which has successfully combined school/education with compassionate community development programs.
3. Engaged in women and child focus education centered compassionate community development work in Sriram and Amar colony in Delhi and also among conflict affected communities in Senapati & Tamenglong in Manipur.

VISION

Transform communities through holistic compassionate community work.

MISSION

To work towards maximizing opportunities for the poorest and marginalized

BPROGRAM ACTIVITIES 2008-2009

EDUCATION

We believe that education is one of the most effective tools to empower the poor to come up in life. Hence, we envisaged setting up a chain of low cost model quality school/s by name Ebyon Public Schools (EPS) to make quality education accessible and affordable to the poor and marginalized children.

Ebyon is a Hebrew word meaning less-privileged. Hence, EPS is a special school for the less privileged. Our goal is EPS schools charged nominal school fees such as Rs.150-250/- (Admission fee) and Rs.30-50-80/- (monthly tuition fee) and provide free admission, school fee, uniform and books for the poorest who cannot afford to pay..

Till date, SPTWD has set up 3 Ebyon Public Schools (EPS) at the following centres;

1. Ebyon Public School (EPS), Sriram colony, Delhi

For slum children from Nursery to class V. There are about 180 students. The children are taught value education focus on character building.



2. Ebyon Public School (EPS) K. Songlung village, Senapati dist, Manipur.

For conflict affected children. There are 168 students from Nursery to Class IV. Many conflict affected children are now back to school after along gap.



3. Ebyon Public School (EPS) Tulimon village, Tamenglong dist, Manipur

For poor Tribal children. There are 320 students from Nursery to Class VII. The school supports many children from poor families who are not able to pay



SPECIAL FEATURES OF EPS SCHOOLS

1. All EPS schools focus on character building of children. We conduct special value base class on different topics through case studies, songs and drama. These classes have made them better persons with value and disciplines.
2. All EPS schools followed common policy in terms of target students (poorest), admission criteria, fee structure, personnel (local staff) and benefits.
3. All EPS schools adopt common strategy i.e. ‘through children’ to reach out and transform their families, their community and larger society.
4. All EPS schools used multiple community development programs to improve the income, livelihood and living condition of the poor parents/community so that they are in a position to support their children education uninterrupted at least at least up to the secondary level the minimum qualification required to formal vocational or employment in India.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

Basic computer education program was introduced for school children in all the 3 centres in Delhi and Manipur. The parents and children alike were enthusiastic about the prospect of learning computers in their school. This initiative really encourage the parents to send their children to EPS schools. In a short period of introduction of computers, the children learnt new words and use appropriate words to form short sentences correctly. The cleanliness and self discipline of the children have also improved as a result. This makes their parents proud and they are taking more interest in their children education.

BASIC HEALTH CARE

SPTWD in association with many other organization like Emanuel Hospital Association (EHA), World Vision and other local Doctors had conducted health camps during the year and more than 300 women and children had received free check ups and they were also given medicines free of cost.



SPTWD team also make regular home visits to the SHG members and motivate them on personal care and health and hygiene for their children like simple hand washing using soap that kills germs and protect children from various illnesses.



WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Through EPS school children, we reach out to their parents and mobilized them into SHGs (women), farmers clubs (men groups in Manipur) and encourage them to save small amounts regularly for their lean periods. We have formed 21 SHGs in Delhi and 8 in Manipur with a total member of more than 320. SHGs in Delhi are helped to open their group bank account in SBI Gokulpuri branch and Indian bank in Paharganj branch. They are also linked to Indian bank microstate branch for additional bank loans.



The SHGs in Manipur are trained in income generating activities such as soap and detergent making and weaving.

SPTWD team also supports the SHGs/farmers in business and skill training and marketing of their products. Market linkages is crucial for sustained income source and overall sustainability of the program.



LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS

1. Improved agriculture training

SPTWD Manipur continue to train the farmers clubs in Songlung, Hengjol and Ponlen on variety of improved agriculture practices.

This has helped farmers who are mostly practicing traditional method of shifting cultivation which is not environmentally sustainable slowly changing to terrace cultivation and other permanent method of cultivation.

For farmers who are into pineapple cultivation and other cash crops, marketing and transportation has become one of the major hurdles. There is need for market support and food processing units such as cold storage facility and others to make the initiative sustainable for the farmers societies to get sustained income from their farms. Some of the farmers are now into Diary and goatry farming which is encouraging. The farmer society members are now equipt to train others in organic farming and other methods.

We also encourage the farmer societies to make small but regular savings for machinery and other improvement. At present, all the farmer societies are making Rs.100/- monthly saving for improved tools and seedlings.

Cutting and Tailoring

SPTWD Delhi project started Cutting and tailoring training women and young girls at Sri Ram Colony, Khajuri Khas. About 25 students have graduated this year. Many of the girls in tailoring centre have joined the self-help groups. Five of the girls have expressed their desire to Continue their studies. SPTWD will help them enrol in Open school and conduct special tuition for them. The trainees develop a sense of unity, confidence and feel empower.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF LOCAL LEADERS

SPTWD in association with EFICOR, New Delhi conducted a series of workshop and seminars on Awareness cum local leadership capacity building on various social issues as under:

1. Women Leadership in Tribal Society

21-22 November 2008 at EAC, Church Hall, Churachandpur, Manipur.

About 50 women leaders from local churches and other civil society groups attended the seminar. Ms. Nancy Changsan and Rosem Gangte were the resource persons and they make the sessions interactive by asking questions and responding to the issues faced and shared by the participants. The participants have greatly benefited.

2. Gender and Women Leadership

7-8 January 2009 at Langdeibung Baptist Church, Kangchup, Manipur

More than 30 women leaders from Kangchup area women groups, civil societies and local churches attended the program. Mrs. Boinu Haokip Resource person encouraged the participants from the story of Mother Terissa and others and challenged them to take charge and responsibility and be counted.

3. Women Eempowerment

18-19 March 2009 at Awlmun village, Kangchup, Manipur.

This seminar was for SHG members and leaders of Kangchup area. About 38 SHG leaders and members attended the seminar. Mr. Lun Haokip (resource person) shared the benefits of women economic empowerment and encouraged the participants to think of ways to enhance their economic independence.



4.HIV/AIDS Prevention and Management

22-23 March 2009 at Bethel Community Hall, Churachandpur, Manipur.

This seminar was organized for local church leaders of churachandpur area, where HIV/AIDS spread is very high and church response is still negligible. The resource person Mr. Samuel Haokip and Pu. Emmanuel Pulamte challenged the participants (local church leaders) to use the church as a platform to talk about HIV/AIDS and spread awareness about HIV/AIDS.



5. Media and Right to Information

24-25 March 2009 at Town Hall, Ccpur. Manipur

This program was meant for Kuki leaders and Media associations. About 50 leaders mostly journalist and editors of local daily news and magazines participated. Dr. Satkai and D. Letkhojam are the resource persons. They challenge the participants to be the watch dog of the society and work for the good of the larger community.



CASE STUDIES

EDUCATION

Mr. Adil - Age 14
Class IV, EPS (Sriram colony, Delhi) .

Adil is the son of a laborer. His father works in a factory and his mother is a care taker in EPS, Sriram colony, Delhi. Adil has two elder brothers and one younger brother and two sisters. Adil and his younger siblings are studying in EPS, Sriram colony, Delhi. Adil started his education at EPS in 2004. He is the school topper in Class IV. He said, "sir, earlier I did not go to any school and I used to roam around the colony and play in mud with my friends and did not listen to my parents. When SPTWD started tuition centre, I forced my parents to admit me. Since, then I have learnt how to read and write and speak English. I like my teachers, they are our friends. They teach us good manners and how to talk to others with respect. Slowly, I learnt to respect and obey my parents. I also learnt to keep clean and focus on my studies. My dream is to become a Computer Engineer".

WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Mrs. Sabina Age -30 years
Ekta Self-Help Group (Delhi)

Mrs. Sabina is a member of Ekta SHG. She is 30 years old. While joining Ekta SHG, she was afraid the SPTWD team will run away with their savings. She was afraid and had lots of doubt but joined the group as others did. Over a period of time, the group opened their saving Bank account in SBI Gokulpuri and practice internal lending among members. This increased her confidence. She had taken loan from her group saving and invested in her husband's cloth business. Her group had taken Bank loan and Mrs. Sabina got Rs.20000/- in her husband's business. She is very happy that her husband's business is improving and the family is able to earn regular and better income from the business. She is thankful to SPTWD team for introducing her to SHG and through this she is able to get loan and invest in her business. On regular basis, she is able to earn Rs. 150/- profit daily which is high compared to her earlier.

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF

I am Mrs. Sarita Thakur. I live in Balram Nagar, Loni, UP. My father died when I was young. So my uncle compelled me to marry at a very young age. My marriage has not given me anything but misery. I have no choice but to work to support my children. In 2006, I joined SPTWD Slum project Khajuri Khas, Delhi as Cutting and Tailoring Trainer.

Today, I am a changed person through my work in SPTWD. I have experienced many blessings through morning devotions and prayers. As far as my husband is concerned, I do not have much hope. During the past three years, I have grown as a person through many training. My Director has also given me more responsibility especially to get involve with women Self-Help Groups. I hope to share my experiences of working with women groups and encourage others to join the SHG

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