



ACTIVITY REPORT OF POORNA SHAKTI KENDRA (DCFC, BCFC, VCFC)

Reporting Period: August 2013- October 2014

INTRODUCTION

- National Mission for Empowerment of Women was launched on 8th March 2010 by Government of India with a view to empowering women who constitute 48% of the population of the country Socially, economically and educationally. The Mission was made operationalised in West Jaintia Hills on August 2013.
- The Mission aims to achieve empowerment of Women in all these fronts by securing convergence of schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments at the State Government as well as at the District Government.
- Overall aims of the Mission is to strengthen the process that promote all round development of women, gender equality and gender justice through inter – sectoral convergence of programmes impacting women forging synergy amongst various stakeholders and creating an enabling environment conducive to social change.
- The National Mission also focus to achieve empowerment of women by enabling women to create their own independent identity through economic empowerment, progressive elimination of violence, exploitation and discrimination against women, providing access to education, maternal and child health care to achieve their full potential and ensuring them rightful share in the allocation of resources and decision making so that they can become an integral part of the Nation Building Process.
- To enable the National Mission to achieve its desired goal District Convergence Forum has been envisaged as an institutional mechanism set up at the District under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner with the District Heads of different departments under West Jaintia Hills as its members. To initiate the process of implementation of the mission for empowerment of women, constitution of the District Convergence Forum is still under process.
- The District Convergence and Facilitation Centre aims at convergence of women centric programmes/schemes of various line departments and gender mainstreaming of Government programmes to make gender concerns integral to the planning process.
- The District Convergence Forum had been constituted vide notification no. SW(s)23/2013/96 dated 18.8.2014.



- The DCFC will serve as a single window for information on government programmes, schemes and service impacting women.
- To collaborate with different government organization, educational/research institution, non government organization for bringing women's issues on large forum's to create larger impact.

Activities taken up by District Convergence and Facilitation

Centre/PSK

- **Meeting with with Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills** on 28th August, 2013 for rolling out of District Convergence and Facilitation Centre in West Jaintia Hills District.
- **Meeting with District Programme Officer (ICDS Cell), Jaintia Hill District** on 28th August, 2013 for temporary functioning of the office of District Convergence and Facilitation Centre, from DPO, Jowai.
- The Village Convergence and Facilitation Centre (VCFC) started a door to door **Baseline survey in 10 villages of Laskein Block** for understanding the socio economic status of the selected villages and the kind of assistance required by the targeted beneficiaries.
- **Meeting with Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Raliang, West Jaintia Hills District** on the 9th September, 2013 regarding permission for utilization the Anganwadi workers under the different sectors of Laskein Block for handholding support for collecting House Hold Baseline Survey.
- **Meeting with the Block Development Officer (BDO), Laskein Block, West Jaintia Hills District** on 26th September, 2013 regarding temporary accommodation of the Block Convergence and Facilitation Centre, Village Convergence and Facilitation Centre, in Block Development Office.



- **Meeting with the Deputy Commissioner** Jowai West Jaintia Hills District, on the 10th October, 2013, regarding constituting of the District Convergence Forum under the DCFC, Jowai West Jaintia Hills.
- **Meeting with the Block Development Officer** Laskein Block, West Jaintia Hills on the 25th November, 2013 **regarding setting up of Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK) centres** in 10 selected villages under Laskein Block.
- **Awareness/Orientation meeting about Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK)** model was held on the 29th November 2013 at the hall of the Block Development Office (Laskein Block) West Jaintia Hills District, with the Rangbah Shnong (Local heads) of the 10 selected villages of Laskein Block.
- **District Convergence and Facilitation Centre became operationalised** from District Programme officer D.P.O (ICDS) Cell Ladthalaboh West Jaintia Hills on the 28th November 2013
- **Sensitization/Awareness Programme on Teenage Pregnancy** was held on the 16th December, 2013 at Raliang Community Hall, Raliang West Jaintia Hills District. The participants are young women and young girls.
- **District Level Awareness Programme on “Empowerment Women through Entrepreneurship Development Programme”** was held on the 19th December, 2013 at District Programme Officer (DPO) Office, Ladthalaboh, Jowai. The participants are the Women folk and SHGs members from the 10 selected villages.
- **District level Training on Legal Rights for Women** was conducted on the 29th Jan 2014 at Tpep-Pale Club Jowai, West jaintia Hills District for villagers from 10 selected villages under Laskein Block and NGO's with the objective of making women and girls aware about the basic legal rights for women as sanction and enforced by the Government.



- **Participatory Rural Appraisal in Lakadong Village.** A one day programme on PRA was conducted in Lakadong village on the 19th February 2014. The main objective of the programme was to get an overview about the village its resources and institution available, the problem faced and the kind of assistance needed by the people especially women. Secondly, to help the office for the next planning phase thereby prioritizing
- **Meeting with Smti. F Lyngdoh IEC Consultant of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Shillong** on the 17th February 2014 for seeking inputs and suggestion regarding developing of IEC materials on Teenage Pregnancy.
- **Meeting with Smti. G. Manner Lecturer of Khadar Dolloi College** on the 25th February 2014 for seeking inputs and suggestion regarding developing of IEC materials on Legal Rights for women and Domestic Violence.
- **Awareness Programme on empowering women through information on Government Schemes under Agriculture and Veterinary Department** was conducted in Thadmuthlong Village on the 3rd March 2014 with the objective of empowering women through information about the various schemes and assistance available under Agriculture and Veterinary Department.
- **Celebrating International Women's Day at the District Level.** The office of the District social Welfare officer West Jaintia Hills District in collaboration with District Convergence and Facilitation Centre and District legal Service Authority West Jaintia Hills organised a Programme on International Women's Day for Women on the 8th March 2014 to celebrate the achievement and success of Women in the arena of political, social and economic aspects. The day was also celebrated to cherish the importance of being a woman. The theme of the Program was "Inspiring Change". The chief Guest of the Day was D.P Kharsatti the Additional Deputy Commissioner of West Jaintia Hills along with the presence of Smti. B. Giri District and Session Judge, Shri B Samgma Judicial Magistrate, Dr J.N Shullai Project Director of Mihmyntdu Community Social Welfare association and other



Government Official from Health Department ,Social Welfare Department, Education Department and Law Department.

- **Meeting with Shri Khardewsaw of Soil and water Conservation**, West Jaintia Hills District on 14th March 2014 for convergence of schemes and collaboration of programmes and activities for promoting women empowerment at the grassroot level.
- **Meeting with Dr. B. Langbang (AH&VO) Laskein Block on 14th March 2014** for discussion regarding collaboration of programmes with respect to skills upgradation trainings for farmers and women undertaking Animal Husbandry as their economic activity.

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- **Community Meeting** in Kyndongtuber Village with the Local heads, village executive , Anganwadi workers and women's group on the **25th May 2014**
- **Community Meeting** in Raliang Village with the Local heads, village executive, Anganwadi workers and women's group on the **9th May, 2014**.
- **Community Meeting** in Lakadong Village with the Local heads, village executive Anganwadi workers and women's group on the **10 May, 2014**.
- **Community Meeting** in Khonshnong Village with the Local heads, village executive Anganwadi workers and women's group on the **13th May 2014**
- **Meeting with Shri E Passah Ranger Officer** of Forest Department at Shangpung on the **30st May 2014** regarding celebration of world environment day to be held on 5th June 2014.
- **Observing World Environment Day** on the 6th june 2014 At the District Level Conducting World Environment Day on the 5th June 2014 at Raliang in convergence with District Forest Officer West Jaintia Hills District with a Theme **"Women and Environment"**. At the Block level a convergence program with Block Development officer was conducted whereby a drawing competition with more than 500 students from different school in Laskein Block participated in the program with a theme **preserving the environment**. At the Village level the Women Self Help Group and Women Resource Group of Khonshnong Village observe the Day



with a **cleaning drive** in around their drinking water source in their respective village.

- Attended the **Block level Development Meeting** with all the Headmen of 100 villages on 24th June 2014.
 - **Orientation Training for PSK** staff held on 21st July 2014 in DCFC office, Jowai West Jaintia Hills District.
 - **Community Meeting** Held in Thadmuthlong Village on the 19 August 2014.
 - **Meeting with Programme** Associate of Integrated Basin Development Programme (IBDLP) **Shri. L. Suchen** regarding Collaboration & Convergence with the department through various training & Capacity building program.
 - **Meeting with Shri. M. J. Syngkon 30th October 2014 Program Coordinator** of Krishi Vidyan Kendra, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills District regarding Collaboration & Convergence with the department through various training & Capacity building program.
 - **More than 300 women** have registered in the PSK's to avail schemes under different Department.
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CONSTRAINTS

- ❖ Delay in releasing of funds by GOI causes great impediment in completing the target within the stipulated time framed. This hampers effective implementation of the activities of DCFC.
- ❖ Staff Retention- Frequent retention of Staff from their position is also another major constraints since filling of the vacant post and orienting the newly appointed staff to for taking up the responsibilities is time consuming.
- ❖ Delay in receiving approval from Government for constituting the District Convergence Forum at the District level for effective convergence approach with various Govt. departments at the district level causes a slowdown in the overall implementation of the mission id DCFC/PSK.

WAY FORWARD:

- ❖ Bring out a compendium of government programmes/schemes/services for women.
- ❖ Capacity building training and skill development based on need based assessment for women, for promoting self enterprise, entrepreneurship, Agriculture and livelihood opportunities.
- ❖ Raising Awareness programmes/Sensitization on gender issues through a convergence approach with school institution/NGO'S/Health deptt.
- ❖ Organizing local Durbar meetings /training/awareness generation meeting /interactive lectures on gender sensitization based on violence against women.
- ❖ Strengthening the existing PSK and establishing new centre's for dissemination of information or the various schemes and services of Govt.
- ❖ Formation and strengthening of convergence forum through meeting/workshop at all level for promoting women empowerment



Financial Status:

A. GOI sanctioned vide letter no
21-23/2011/NMEW/519 dt 10th Oct 2013 =Rs 15,00,000
And released by state Govt vide letter no
SW/WW-1/2010/Pt/56761-64(A)
dt 1st Nov 2013

B. Expenditure incurred by DCFC/PSK =Rs 11,73,559
from August 2013 to March 2014

Balance (A-B)

=Rs 3,26,441

(Rupees Three lakhs twenty six thousand four hundred and forty one)