

JUST Newsletter

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Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura (JUST) is a social development wing of Agartala Diocese.

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Director's message.....



We bring to you another quarterly bulletin of our News letter. With this we say good bye to the year 2011, which brought forth lots of surprises and uncertainties. But God was beside us in all the moments of our journey in doing something different for the lives of the poor. In this quarter, one of the important activities which is not a usual one which we did was to distribute livestock among 60 beneficiaries under Jampuijola RD block. We followed a participatory process in identifying the beneficiaries by forming an implementation committee represented by 5 persons from three SHG clusters. As a process of transparency we handed over the total budget to this committee, it is they who purchased the animals and helped us in

distributing the same. The work is not completed there; the committee would monitor the progress of the project and the impact of this scheme within the community. We are also going to distribute Rubber plants to 70 BPL families who are part of our SHG program in the coming year.

With the collaboration of ASK Delhi, we conducted the end term evaluation for IHDP 5th Phase. Mr. Manas Bhattacharjee was the facilitator. At the end of the project we have prioritized the goals for our next phase of our intervention with changing realities in the field. We would be working through our district federations mainly in Income Generation activities in the coming phase. As an organization, we would help out the groups in marketing networking.

A big thanks to all our benefactors who visited our organization and helped us in one way or the other. We pledge ourselves in the coming year to do more than what we did in the past and reach out to many more poor in the coming year.

Fr. Robert Mathias

Fr. Robert Mathias CSC
Director, JUST

Upcoming Events Jan - March 2012

- > Cluster level refresher training on IGA management
- > Women's day celebration
- > Cluster level refresher training on SHG management
- > Federation level refresher training on monitoring
- > Golden jubilee of Caritas India
- > Community Based Awareness program on Health, Hygiene, Herbal remedies and Environment
- > Women Leadership in the Church
- > Training on Panchayati Raj
- > Mock Drill on earth quake and flood preparedness and cyclone
- > Social mobilization - rally, swimming competition, essay competitions, street drama etc.
- > Formation and Promotion seed/grain bank and linking to NABARD.
- > Coaching class for the poor students those who are going to appear for final exam.
- > Medical caps
- > Community message dissemination.
- > Counseling for pregnant and nursing mothers.
- > Rapport building and awareness on malaria.
- > Inauguration of the

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Training on IGA, Agriculture and organic farming



SHG level training program on Agriculture, organic farming and IGA was conducted at Daigala village, West Tripura on 18th October 2011, where 26 SHG members participated in the training program and the resource person was Mr. Tonick Jengchan. The main purpose of this program was to promote organic farming and to protect farms from latest fertilizers and to make use of organic vermin compos in the farms. The resource person emphasized on, health hazards when the large quantities of fertilizers are used for high and better products in the terms of economy and the effect after consuming. The differences between organic farming and fertilizers and how year by year they have to increase the quantity of fertilizers in order to produce the product and how the productivity becomes less and less were clarified to the participants. The participants had clear idea on vermin compos and different plantation of seasonal vegetable and they learned how to take care of fishery, goatary and animal husbandry in detail.

-Sr. Bastian D'Silva

Infotainment



Informations given to the community members through entertainment activities are Infotainment. 100 infotainment behaviour changes communication activities have been conducted in this quarter Oct to Dec 2011, Infotainment activity is one of the five bcc activities included in the Round 9 IMCP-II project. The activity was conducted in 100 Gaon panchayats from two districts namely Dhalai and West Tripura. Before the infotainment activity is conducted once, in the village is announced regarding infotainment. During the infotainment activity the performers of the drama are from the local village or the CHVs, they form a group of 5-6 members and perform a drama, skit or street play on malaria. The performers perform the drama in the open village area, in the school, in community hall of the village and in the market places. The drama would be performed for 15 - 25 minutes and after the drama, one of the performer or the Field Supervisor would convey the message to the audience on the same and information on malaria. At every infotainment activity 30-35 people attended the programme.

-Dr. Anut Debbarma

District Level BCC Workshop



The District Level BCC (Behaviour Change Communication) was held on 29th & 30th November 2011 at JUST Hall, Agartala. The workshop was organized by JUST in coordination with Caritas India, Futures Group International India Private Limited and State Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Tripura with support from GFATM Round 9. The main resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Bimal Kumar Baidhya, State Programme Officer of (SVBDCP), Dr. Gautam Debnath, DMO (District Malaria Officer), Mr. Parijat Datta, PRO (Public Relation Officer) NRHM, Ms. Sarmistha Chakraborty, Editor-NRHM, Ms. Sulekha Ray, DME (District Media Expert) and Mr. Shyantan Ghosh, BCC Officer, Caritas India. 20 participants attended the workshop from West Tripura. The main objectives of the workshop were to strengthen the BCC activities, draw up the BCC strategy at the District and draw up the action plan for upcoming BCC activities. BCC activities are one of the main areas of focus where the Round 9 IMCP-II is focusing to mobilise the community to change their style of living. The BCC activities that are included in the Round 9 IMCP-II

are namely Entry level Rapport building exercises cum social map, Information, Community Message Dissemination, Interpersonal Communication, Miking and Local school activity. During the workshop all the resource persons and participants stress the need to develop the BCC tools and materials for better communication with the local context and to give the correct message regarding Malaria signs and symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention and other behavior changes.

-Dr. Anut Debbarma

Volley Ball Match



A one day volley ball match was organized between the youth of Reang and Tripuri Tribes at Kurma Para near Udaipur on 16th Nov 2011. This was a great platform where both the groups had experienced the strength of unity and team spirit. Earlier hesitation for mingling with each other has been vanished and they came together and experienced the strength of togetherness. They had exchanged their feelings, oneness and mutual support for the growth of the village. 15 players and more than 50 people had witnessed the event.

-Mr. Jadiram Reang

Facilitation in raising house plinth

As most of the Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) project areas are in the flood prone areas, the project has organized programs in Facilitation in raising house plinth and strengthening the roof by tying bamboo with iron string etc. 9 programs were successfully conducted in the villages.

The staff facilitated the programs and helped people to analyze the number of houses which are in the low land area. Houses which are listed under the list of flood prone areas would be raised in the Gram Sabha to put in the Plan of Action (POA) to get assistance from the Government to raise their house plinth level.

-Mr. Prasanta Chowdhari

Cultural Exchange program



Two cultural exchange programmes were conducted in the month of October 2011 for the peace clubs of six schools. The first programme was held at ASHA on 22nd and the 2nd was held at Holy Cross high school Kathalcherra on 29th. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Nanda Kumar Debbarma and Mr. Mouna Darlong. Participants were 89 from Auxilium School, Bodujungnagar School and 130

from Holy Cross School Panisagar, Holy Cross School Kathalcherra and St. Arnold High school. The resource persons dealt with the topics "Origin of Tripura and its Rich Culture, Change of culture due to the adaptation and the strong influence of foreign culture and how can we the youth of today keep up the culture". There were group works that helped the participants to recollect the rich culture and they came up with some methods to keep up the tradition and good culture. They insisted that all our development has to help our culture to grow and keep alive. There were cultural dances and songs from all the schools

-Mr. Arul Selvam

RTI Program

At Laxmilunga near Lembucherra a programme on RTI was organized for the widows and the youth of the village on 16th Nov 2011. The inhabitants of the entire village are from Adivasi community, who obtained little resources assistance. There were more than 50 widows found in the village among the few hundreds of peoples. But facilities like widow pension, widow batta etc had not reached to them as they were backward educationally. So in order to bring awareness regarding RTI to gain these benefits we had organized a program, which helped the widows preciously to gain the facilities available for widows and also other needed assistances from the block. Nearly 55 widows and 10 young boys and girls had participated in the program. For the first time they had received such type of training

and gained a lot of knowledge on the same and were very happy to know about their rights. The action plan was made to approach the panchayat and the block for obtaining the schemes available for the widows.

-Mr. Asom

Workshop on maternal Health

Workshop on maternal Health and Hygiene for the women leaders of the diocese of Agartala was conducted at JUST Training hall by the Women's commission on 3/12/11. The resource persons were Dr. Anut Debbarma, Sr. Susheela Xess and Mrs. Gita Debbarma. The topics covered by the resource persons were: Care of the girl child, right age of marriage, signs and symptoms of pregnancy Pre-natal, antenatal and post natal care, , diet during the pregnancy, care of the newborn baby, importance of breast-feeding and the importance of giving immunization to children. Total 30 members participated and benefited from the seminar. The participants learned the importance of life and how to take care of the children. And they have decided to follow strictly not to give their girl children in marriage before the age.

-Sr. Susheela Xess

Post- Christmas celebration



He loved us first by sending his only begotten son to this earth to save us all from bondage of sin through he was son of God he was born in a manger to show that he was one with us. In order to share that love of God with others a get together was organized at JUST on 27th December 2011, where 60 invited guests participated in the program.

Program began with a small prayer followed by a cultural program. Christmas carols were sung by the staff reminding once again the joy of Christmas. Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro acknowledged all that JUST has been doing, appreciated and thanked Fr. Robert the director for his interest of upbringing the diocesan wing. The director Fr. Robert, at the end of the program gave away the Christmas gifts to all the invitees including the staff, where everyone enjoyed the program and filled with joy and happiness. The program concluded with delicious dishes.

- Sr. Bastian D'silva

were done along with animators for the evaluation. The evaluator then divided the animators into 2 groups and the first group was asked to do the SWOT analysis and 2nd group on achievements, failures, challenges, learnings and best practices. After the discussion the group secretaries presented their views to the larger group. On the last day the evaluator Mr. Manas Bhattacharyya presented a report on the evaluation findings where Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro, the Director Fr. Robert Mathias, project coordinator and the animators were present for the same.

-Sr. Bastian D'silva

IHDP End-term evaluation



An end-term evaluation was conducted by Mr. Manas Bhattacharyya, Ask Delhi, from 5th to 15th December 2011, in two districts namely West and South Tripura. 6 cluster, 24 SHGs and 5 federations interacted to see the impact of the project. The main purpose of this end – term evaluation was to see how much the project target beneficiaries have benefited from this project and also to evaluate whether the project was in right direction or not. The very first day the director Fr. Robert Mathias welcomed the resource person and explained to the animators the need of evaluation. Sr. Bastian then coordinator the presented a brief report on the project objectives, achievements and constraints. after that planning and area selection

Visitors

- * Mr. Joseph Vadakel – Goa
- * Sr. Philomena Castelino – f.m.m.
- * Dr. Mausumi Garain – Mumbai
- * Mr. Jonas Lakra Regional manager Caritas India- Guwahati
- * Fr. Varghese the Director of NEDSF – Guwahati
- * Dr. Eva And Marlies – KFB, Austria
- * Dr. Swapan and family- Mumbai
- * Fr. Jerry the Director – Jorhat
- * Fr. M. C. John – Manipur
- * Mr. Shayantan Ghosh, Regional BCC – Caritas India, Guwahati
- * Sr. Judith – SSpS, Rome
- * Fr. Charlu, Fr. Alok, Fr. Rosomoy and Fr. Jonhas – Kolkata
- * Mr. Manas Bhattacharyya – ASK, Delhi
- * Mr. Jonathan – NEDSSS, Guwahati
- * Fr. Thaddeus— Mill hill Missionary

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