

Midterm Progress Report of the project - Education & Safe Water for Indigenous Tribal people for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020

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Project Location:

Village: Kaduri, Musla, Nutangram, Ushardihi, Block: Kashipur, District: Purulia

Objectives and goals of the project

The goals of the project are to enhance high school level education facilities to tribal children (girls), who were also beneficiaries of literacy programme, and reducing water borne diseases of tribal community.

The main objectives of the project are to provide education coaching and education material support to tribal children (girl students) so that they can complete high school level education without any dropout and to install a tube well and repair a defunct tube well for ensuring safe drinking water for the tribal villagers and minimizing water borne diseases.

Target group

Indigenous marginalized Kheria Sabar Santal Tribal students (girls) and community people of villages Kaduri, Musla, Nutangram, Ushardihi of Kashipur block in Purulia district

Background:

Moyrabandh Gram Bikash Kendra has a long 13 years project partnership with People for Progress in India since March 1, 2007. During the year from 2007-08 to 2009-10 our organization implemented a project for Mainstreaming of Indigenous Kheria Sabars. As a result of its educational intervention through functional literacy the indigenous tribal groups in our project village have understood the need of child education. By the inspiration of our organization presently 28 girls read in high schools in class VIII standard. However these children are first generation learners and cannot get any coaching support for preparing lessons and home tasks. This situation has put them at risk of dropouts and discontinue of study. So the project for coaching and educational materials support has been sponsored by People for Progress in India for target 28 girls for continuing their education for at least three years so that they can pass the secondary level education.

Activities undertaken:

28 indigenous tribal girls have been getting coaching for preparing their lessons and tasks for continuing higher education without any dropout. But from the month of April 2020 the Covid 19 disease broke out with its infectious Corona virus for which the regular education system has been disturbed. Moyrabandh Gram Bikash Kendra has provided necessary awareness among girls to take preventive measures like use of mask, social distancing, washing hands with soaps. The organization runs the coaching centre in the multipurpose community centre at village Kaduri. 4 teachers are engaged on part time basis for taking classes for girls in the subjects English, Mathematics, Bengali, Science, History and Geography. Education materials like books, exercise books have been given to the girls. The coaching centre runs in batches for 14 students per batch for maintaining social distance to combat Covid 19 virus infection. However teachers have tried to run the coaching classes in good hygienic conditions.

The project has been monitored quarterly by the Project Coordinator and the Project Committee chaired by the Secretary of the organization.

Achievements:

All of the target girls have passed the class examination.

Village community people get safe drinking water.

Minimised water borne disease.

Stop early marriage of girls.

Parents take care for continuing education of their girls.

Girls and villagers take preventive measures to combat Covid 19 corona virus infection.

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