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This activity aimed towards a regular follow up or mentoring of the participants in which the participants carried out the training for other village - panchayat members. In this activity the role of the Project training team was only of a moderator. Further regular mentoring and support is to be provided by the Local partner to the Elected Women Representatives for conducting trainings in their respective Panchayat /Blocks.

(I) DESCRIPTION

DAY 1: August 8; 2015: HAND-HOLDING HELD IN KYARIYA PANCHAYAT



Hand-Holding was carried out in Kyariya Panchayat on the first day of Hand-holding by Sharda Bai and Kali Bai for women of their village. The main highlights from the two hand-holdings are as follows:-

- (1) Both the trainers were able to explain the participants about the difference between gender and Sex and how women have played an important role in bringing change in the society so women need to understand the need of the hour and buckle up to spread the message of water conservation and climate change in the society as this cause is very close to a woman because of her gender role.
- (2) Both Sharda Bai and Kali Bai shared their experience of carrying out discussion on water conservation and climate change in their gram sabha meetings. Also in few of their gram sabha meetings they carry out the resource mapping activity.
- (3) Both the trainers discussed the various simple water conservation methods with the participants

- (4) It was observed that both trainers made use of the resource material provided to them especially the "Bandhanvaar" to explain the various ways to conserve water.
- (5) The trainers discussed about MNAREGA under which there are many water related schemes.

DAY 2: August 9; 2015: HAND-HOLDING HELD IN UMARNI VILLAGE





Hand-Holding was carried out in Umarni village on the second day by Keli Bai and Shampa Bai.

Its Highlights are as follows:-

- (1) Both Keli Bai and Shampa Bai were confident in carrying out the training
- (2) They both shared their experience and learnings from the four days residential training
- (3) They both discussed the difference between gender and sex with participants and further with the help of Bandhanvaar explained the need of water conservation and how it is an important issue for women.
- (4) Sharda Bai specifically discussed the requirement of collective efforts of all the villagers towards water conservation and cleanliness in their village.

(II) OTHER OBSERVATIONS / SUGGESTIONS

- (1) The Project training team observed the need of regular follow up of the trainings especially when the participants carry out these trainings in the gram sabha meetings so that the message of water conservation and climate change spreads large and wide.
- (2) Regular follow up or hand-holding can also be ensured by the local partner carrying out the discussions around water conservation and climate change in their other project related visits to these panchayats. Carrying out simple discussion on the developments made or work done by the sarpanch or ward panch related to water conservation will ensure a regular follow up on the progress of the area.
- (3) Further every participant has her own pace of learning due to which some were more confident in carrying out the training whereas others were not that confident.