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Dear Readers,

I would like to place in records my sincere thanks for the contribution received from RDO, FIN-Trust and Ms. Manimekalai and hope to get more contribution for the next issue of the Newsletter so that I can add more value to the Newsletter and readers can get more quality knowledge from FINISH Newsletter.

I am also very thankful to Mr. S. V. Bhave, Mr. Abhijit Banerji, Mr. Vijay Athreye, Mr. A.Sahasrnaman and Mr. Valentin Post for their valuable suggestions.

I would also like to wish you and your family a colorful and prosperous **Diwali** from entire FINISH team. I hope that this **Diwali** will fill colors of progress in implementation of FINISH Programme in sustainable manner.

I eagerly await your feedback and comments. So please do not hesitate to pen down a few words and mail me at csenggmukul@finishsociety.com.

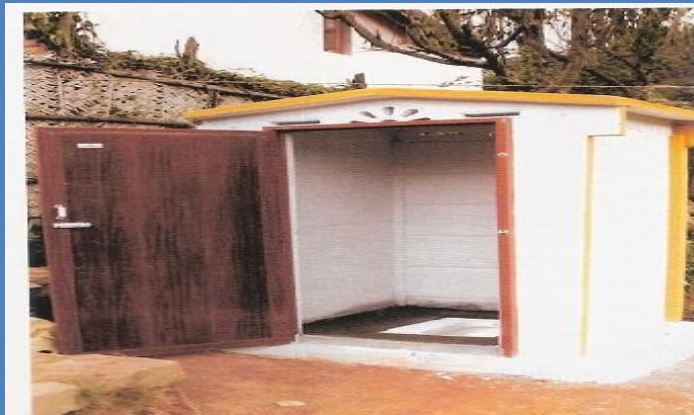


Mukul Singhal

News on Sanitation

Total Sanitation Programme of RDO

Rural Development Organization as one of the implementing partner who is implementing Partner of FINISH is implementing the Programme in Nilgiri District of Ooty. They had generated the demand for sanitation with the help of awareness programme but main hurdle was the lack of funds. For it RDO has joined hand with Sanghmitra finance to extend the financial assistance to the members of SHGs to construct toilets. Sanghmitra started lending for this activity since September 2010; so far they have extended Rs. 159.80 lac as loan and built 799 toilets. The rate of interest charged on the loan is 15% on declining basis as against 16% for general purpose loan, considering the social impact of the project.



Sanghmitra has planned to finance another 1000 toilets in Ooty during the year. This initiative of Sanghmitra will help in creating a positive impact on health and hygiene of the households and thereby improving quality of life.

Open Defecation "Serious threat" to health

Despite an increase in the number of toilets, open defecation remains the single largest threat to health and nutritional status in the country, a report said today.

India Human Development Report 2011, brought out by Institute of Applied Manpower Research of the Planning Commission, also pointed out that a greater proportion of Muslim households compared to SCs/STs had access to sanitation facilities, largely due to their urban concentration.

"Open defecation is a serious threat to health and nutritional status, in addition to the safety of women and girls," the report, released by Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia, said.

According to the report, about half of Indian households lacked access to sanitation facilities in 2008-09. More than 60 per cent of households in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand were without toilets.

"The situation is more dismal in rural areas, particularly in these states, where more than 75 per cent households do not have toilet facilities. Even if a single household is defecating in the open, that household can be a source of diarrhoea for all households," it said.

Rural Development Minister Ramesh, who is also holding the portfolio of Drinking Water and Sanitation, said out of six lakh villages in the country, only 25,000 villages have been declared as "nirmal grams".

"There is a serious budgetary constraint. We have to get more funding into the sanitation sector. Sanitation is in a bad shape," he told reporters.

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Menstrual Hygiene Management Consortium ToT for Women

Menstrual Hygiene Management Consortium [MHMC] an initiative to integrate the Menstrual Hygiene Needs with Total Sanitation has been working since June 2010 and instrumental in influencing sanitation policies particularly addressing the needs of adolescent girls and women which was established with the support of UNICEF and Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University. It focuses on provision of girl friendly toilets in schools with water availability, access to sanitary napkins, awareness on scientific methods of handling menstruation and disposing the used napkins so as to ensure the environmental protection and also promote girls education. MHMC, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli Obstetrics and Gynecologist Society [TRIOGS], jointly conducted one day ToT for the School Teachers in Tiruchirapalli on 12th Aug 2010 in which the teachers were given inputs on menstruation issues and its relationship with reproductive system, menstrual hygiene, social taboos, stigma associated with menstruation and proper and scientific methods of handling the disposal of the used napkins, the ills of flushing the napkins into the toilets, throwing it in open and the possible health issues caused etc. An action plan was also prepared by the teachers to be implemented to create awareness and also monitor the initiatives. Teachers from entire districts of Tiruchirapalli had participated and gained intensive knowledge on the MHM. They were distributed handbook to help disseminate the messages to the students.

It was also decided to form Menstrual Hygiene Management Councils in Colleges and Schools consisting of four students from classes 8th -11th as members, one teacher as secretary and Headmistress/Head master as the President to monitor the activities. To sustain the initiatives, support from other networks to install vending machine, incinerators would be sought told the teachers. For the college, a Co-ordinator and an Asst Co-ordinator have been identified to co-ordinate the district level activities in incorporating MHM needs into total sanitation.



Training

ToT Programme at Navya Disha, Mysore

A programme of Training of Trainers was organized in Mysore for Navya Disha from 1st-6th August 2011. It was meant basically for the Field staff and field supervisor involved in the implementation of FINISH Programme. Mr. M. Subburaman, Mr. Vijay Athreye and Mr. Yugandhar were the main resource person and Mr. Mukul Singhal assisted them in overall process. Mr. Mahantesh and Mr. Yenjurapa provided the translation assistance. Following major aspects were covered in the training programme.

- i) Introduction to FINISH Programme
- ii) Concept of Sanitation
- iii) Main Challenges in motivating the community for Sanitation
- iv) Demonstration models of different types of toilets
- v) Technical aspects of pour-flush and urine diversion toilets
- vi) Field visit to assess sanitation situation
- vii) Methods and tools of data/information collection
- viii) Planning structured dialogue with community for motivation
- ix) Handling objections and challenges from community
- x) Closing the loop & IEC methods for motivation and awareness

On completion of the training 22 field staff and field supervisor got the training certificate.



ToT Programme at ASSET, Baran

A similar programme of Training of Trainers was organized in Baran ASSET on 9th-13th August 2011. A total of 40 field staff and field supervisors participated in the training programme. Mr. Yugandhar and Mr. S. V. Bhave were the main resource person.



*Participants from ASSET
in ToT Programme*

ToT Programme at SAMBHAV, Gwalior

A similar programme of Training of Trainers was organized in SAMBHAV, Gwalior on 16th-20th August 2011. A total of 20 participants were trained in the training programme. Ms. Sharmila, Mr. Subburaman and Mr. Mukul Singhal were the main resource person. Ms. Sapna Verma was there to arrange the logistics.



*Team of participants in
SAMBHAV during ToT
Programme*

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