



BHARAT INTEGRATED SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Minutes recording for the unfolding session of project CHIN for CHANGE

Day and Date:	Friday, 17 th July, 2009.
Time:	5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Venue:	CDMO Conference Hall
Group Members:	Dr. R.K. Nath (CDMO) Mr. K.C. Malick (Chairman BISWA) Dr. Tribikram Panda (ADMO PH) Dr. J.P. Agrawal (ADMO Medical) Dr. D Choudhury (Additional CDMO) Dr. Surendra Kumar Panda (MO Hatibari) Dr. A Hota (MO Jujumura) Mr. Alok Mohanty (DPM) Dr. Sanjeev Supakar (MO Padiabahal) Mr. B.S. Mishra (Manager Health, BISWA) Mr. Shiv Prasad Meher (PR Manager, BISWA) Ms. Anuradha Gupta (Deputy Manager Programme, Health BISWA) Dr. Rajaram Sarangi (Doctor, BISWA) Mr. Ashish Panda (Deputy Manager Health, BISWA) Mr. Ajay Shroff (Manager Documentation BISWA) Mr. Suryanarayana Mohapatra (Assistant Manager Health, BISWA)

INTRODUCTION

The unfolding workshop was held at Chief District Medical Officer's (CDMO) office at 5:00 P.M. The Public Relations Officer of BISWA commenced the session by warmly welcoming everybody and introduced the project CHIN for CHANGE which was about to be implemented in the block of Jujumura. He gave a brief background about the work BISWA was doing in the field of social development particularly health and told them about the new initiative that had been taken in collaboration with CMAI regarding improving access to public healthcare services for rural communities in India under the National Rural Health Mission.

SESSION PROCEEDINGS

This briefing was followed by a round of introduction and the session was then taken over by Anuradha Gupta. She explained the nuances of the project that was about to be implemented and said that we were here to bridge the gap between services provided and the services availed through a participatory communication initiative and the project intended to build the capacity of community members, community organisations and the public health providers in communicating their needs, entitlements and challenges.

The platform was next handed over to Dr. Rajaram Sarangi who explained how things would be implemented at the grassroots. He elucidated how each stakeholder's role was important in the success of this mission and what they expected from each of them.

The DPM then explained at length about the NRHM implementation scenario in Jujumura block and the activities being carried out there. He explained about the staff structure, the programmes implemented, the response received and the challenges they faced while working. He also highlighted that the main health problem they were facing in the block was malaria.

For the next half of the session the floor was left open for discussion on the topic "Bridging the gap between services provided and services availed through the CHIN for CHANGE project." A lot of information flowed in from the side of "providers" and interestingly they laid down before the BISWA members the bottlenecks in the system which hindered their functioning. For instance, the number of doctors allotted and the number of doctors present was dismal. Moreover the ASHA/AWW were overburdened with work and the return was not lucrative enough in comparison to the responsibilities assigned.

The CDMO congratulated BISWA employees on the commendable work it will be undertaking in collaboration with CMAI in times to come. They hoped that the results of the project would be a fruitful one and would help in furthering the cause of health under the National Rural Health Mission.

Mr. B.S. Mishra (Manager Health) then gave the vote of thanks to all present for gracing the auspicious occasion of commencement of the noble project and concluded the session on a positive note.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- CDMO was of the opinion that lack of education and awareness was the main crux of the problem and that focus of health programmes should be on prevention because as always “prevention is better than cure”.
- Chairman BISWA elucidated the fact that governmental support for health initiatives to the non governmental organisations was of utmost importance for making health a reality for the marginalised folk in the rural communities.
- ADMO Family Welfare was of the opinion that population was to a great extent responsible for aggravating the health problems and therefore must be seriously tackled through proper family planning awareness programmes.
- Medical Officer of Jujumura said that malaria was a grave problem in the block which needed to be bestowed with serious attention.
- The lack of adequate medical staff makes health services a distant dream for the community residents was the opinion of ADMO Medical.
- ADMO Medical was of the opinion that rather than focussing on many NRHM entitlements it would be better if the project focussed on only one or two.
- Medical PH said that there were plethora of governmental programmes in operation but to make them function properly NGO and civil society partnership was essential.

OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS

There was a very commendable participation from the important stakeholders of this project and everybody actively participated in the discussion and laid their concerns and suggestions before the house and promised support in every possible way. The house came up with important considerations which can be kept in mind while proceeding in the upcoming days.

ANNEXURE:

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UNFOLDING WORKSHOP OF CHIN FOR CHANGE PROJECT

DATE	ACTIVITIES/SUBJECT	TIME	FACILITATOR
17.7.09	Registration of participants	4:45-5:00 P.M.	
	Inaugral Session	5:00-5:10 P.M.	Mr. K.C. Malick and Dr. Nath
	Welcome to guest and participants	5:10-5:15 P.M.	Anuradha Gupta
	Self introduction by participants	5:15-5:20 P.M.	Participants
	Briefing about the project	5:20-5:40 P.M.	Anuradha Gupta and Dr.Rajaram Sarangi
	About NRHM	5:40-6:00 P.M.	DPM
	TEA BREAK	6:00-6:15 P.M.	
	Discussion on “Bridging the gap between services provided and services availed through the CHIN for CHANGE project”	6:15-6:30 P.M.	CDMO
	Feedback	6:30 P.M.	
	Vote of thanks		Mr. B.S. Mishra