

## Monthly Report of June 2017

Unlike the other months, we focused in women's programs in month of June. We were invited by women from other new villages, who are informed by their relatives who are members of SHG in other villages. We had our regular SHG meetings, training on POCSO Act., applying for loan in the bank and computer classes. Rain or wind did not stop us reaching out to our women who always wait for us.

### Visit to a new village for the formation of the SHG:

We were invited by women from Narlibag to form the SHG in their village. A lady from this village is married to Girish and she is a member of our SHG. She shared with these women about SHG and its benefits. The picture is the first informal meeting in the village with women. Since there wasn't much place we sat near the well to have the meeting. Women were from two different hamlet and we discussed with them about SHG and partially its rules and regulations. Since they were so eager to start the SHG we fixed a further date in Month of June itself and asked them to gather all the women who are interested to become part of SHG. Since we are new to this area we visited the other hamlet too from where few women came for the meeting.



### Monthly Meetings of SHG:

Our monthly meetings of SHG went on as usual. . Where ever we get the place we conduct it the meetings. Sometimes it will be under the tree, anybody's veranda or near the well etc. The meeting is very visible to the villagers and thus all comes to know about SHG. Much of the time is spent clearing their account and then some other matters. We also share with them in formations about various matters. Coming together once in a month strengthened the group also they challenge the members

who are not regular for the meeting also not paying the installments. These meetings are like a class room where they learn many things. The photos are monthly meeting at different hamlets.



We also discussed with women about the supplementary centers for the children also to find a educated woman from the village itself. Above you can see meeting with a lady who finished her teachers training but have no job. We asked her to help the children through tuition classes.



The group below is the women from Narlibag were we had first visit in June to speak about SHG.

Since they were so eager we had the second meeting in June itself and about twenty women were present for it. We decided to form two groups over there. They came with money and entrusted one person to keep the money with the consent of all.



#### **POCSO Act Training for SHG in Tokpada:**

We felt the urgency to give this training in this particular village. Four months before there was two cases of this type and the person was sent to jail when child's mother filed a case. But the authorities sent him out on bail. After the training women understood that there is no bail for such cases. Victim's mother went with complaint to police station and the same day police came and arrested the person and put him again in the jail. Child sexual abuse in India has been enacted as part of the nation's child protection. The Act makes abetment of child sexual abuse an offense.

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 was formulated in order to effectively address sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children. It defines different forms of sexual abuse, including penetrative and non –penetrative assault, as well as sexual harassment and pornography, and deems a

sexual assault to be “aggravated” under certain circumstances, such as when the abused child is mentally ill or when the abuse is committed by a person in a position....

This training opened the eyes of the women and to become aware of the things happening in their home or neighborhood and awakened to become alert concerning their children.





**Demise of Ambubai Patil who belonged to Karuna SHG:**

We were distressed by the sudden death of Ambubai Patil in last week. She had cardio respiratory arrest.

**Applying for a loan in the Bank:**

This group applied for a loan from the bank. The purpose of the loan is for higher studies of their children. This year many children have enrolled for higher studies.



### **Computer Class:**

Children were coming for the computer classes till June 15<sup>th</sup>. Now few college students come for the classes. We were able to inculcate the taste for the computer classes in the children. Those who came regular benefited a lot from it.



Lack of space in the houses of our SHG women or in the village moved us to find shelter under the tree or near a well side to conduct our meetings. We enjoyed the natural beauty and fresh air. We know that If there is a will, there is a way. When we see changes take place in the life of our SHG women, we feel that it is important not only work hard, but also to work hard in the proper direction.

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