

## Monthly Report of August 2017

Month of August started with inaugurating the supplementary centers in the villages. We also had the celebration of Independence Day in all the centers. We received three Xavier students from Mumbai for their social involvement with JASC. We arranged a cooking class which explains how to cook without losing the minerals and proteins with less oil. There was training programs for SHG's about the POCSO Act and group building. Besides these we had our regular SHG meetings and discussions also gone to bank to take the loan. As usual we had to close down one group but also formed a new one with old and new members. We spent a lot of time to solve the disputes between members as well other group problems. Yes we tried to communicate with them that life itself is a miracle and many tiny miracles are taking place around us continuously. However, we fail to notice them; thus lose all excitement about the life.

### ***Inaugurations of Supplementary Centers:***

We started the classes in each center by lighting a lamp and explained to them that how light remove the darkness in a room and make it bright, likewise Education bring transformation in each one's life and make your life brighter.

### ***Devalikhadi:***

In this Hamlet we have four SHG groups, and the women came forward asking us to start a supplementary class for their children because the one who was taking classes got a job and she stopped taking classes. We made use of this chance and conducted a meeting with parents and village leader. They agreed to have the classes also gave permission to take the classes in the village "Smajmandir". We started the classes on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the teacher is one of our SHG members. First there were fewer students but slowly other students started coming for the classes. We are sure that this class will function well and we will be able to do many more things with the children.





***Rajodi:***

In this center Students are less but they are studious and went on asking us about the classes. The same teacher of last year was appointed here. Besides the teacher the Xavier students are also coming here to teach them. Here we have a small room and we manage the class in it.





***Tokpada:***

In August we started the supplementary classes here. Here the teacher is a SHG member. In fact from June onwards students were coming to her house for the classes. We had this center last year too and children are used to come for the classes. Each one of us talked to them about the importance of education.







***Gosaly Village:***

Here we rented somebody else house because there is no place where the students are living also they are coming from two different Tribal Hamlets. Sometimes back the woman seen in the photo was taking classes for these children and made her to light the lamp thus to inaugurate the center. She also gave a beautiful message to the students. Teacher of this center is a girl doing her college from that area itself. This is a new center and we want to see how it will function.







***Ekta Pada:***

This a hamlet surrounded with water during the rainy season. Our part time social worker is the teacher over here. This is our old center and these children are really poor but good in studies. We want to bring up these students. The living conditions of these children are very miserable but still we find a place there to teach them.



**Independence Day Celebrations:**

On Independence Day we visited few centers in order to encourage them and to give them a chance to build up confidence in themselves also create love and respect for our nation and soldiers. Children put up some programs which were prepared by the teacher. We saw the villagers as well took initiative to put up this program and helped the teacher. After the program the village leader came and appreciated for conducting such program.









***Cooking Class:***

This is a group from Vasai, giving demonstration class of how to cook food without losing its minerals and vitamins with better taste and fast. They also gave us a lecture about the harmfulness of cooking in Aluminum vessels and how it affects our health. They had brought special vessels for cooking which are bit costly. We called them to know whether we can introduce these classes to our ladies too.



***Training about POCSSO Act. ([Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.](#))***

We conducted this training for the SHG groups of Rajodi area. Due to rain few could not come for it. Those who came appreciated the classes very much. Various real stories of Child sexual abuse opened

up their eyes and realized that how important it is to pay attention to the children while they leave them with others while they go for the job. We encouraged them to spent time with the children once they are back at home after thee work.



***Vada - Pav Center:***

SHG women's Vada-Pav center is going on well. Now they have a center of their own where they sell Vada –Pav every day. They have their own vessels, stow and gas cylinder now. They also have a saving



account and putting money in it. Whenever we have programs in the village and nearby village we give order to this particular group.



***Spoken English Classes:***

This class is going on for a long time. Besides spoken English they also spent some time to learn computer. We encourage the students who come forward for the classes.



***Group Building Training:***

This training is always a joyful one for the women. They are happy to hear the good qualities of theirs. They never heard anyone speaking good about what they do but only corrections or remarks. We have



decided to give this training to all the SHG's. In the beginning they are reluctant to speak or write well about others. This is only little beginning. We want to bring them little further through the next training. They all shared the joy and happiness they felt after hearing their good qualities from another person. We encouraged them to speak well about their children and husband also their neighbors. We affirmed that this positive outlook will bring tremendous change in themselves and in their family too.





The most bankrupt person in the world is one who has lost Joy not the money. We always try to give this joy to our women by doing and being with them. Therefore let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love and joy.

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