

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOKARPAN FOR THE YEAR 2011 – 2012

BACKGROUND

LOKARPAN was established in November 1996 as an independent development organisation with a mandate to serve rural poor. It was founded by a group of people all belonging to Malhausi (Uttar Pradesh) and nearby area. Under the guidance of Late Shri H.V. Singh, all of whom were concerned about poverty and in equity of rural areas. The members had a belief that rather than supporting the people from outside it was more prudent to develop their capabilities in helping themselves. LOKARPAN strive to organize and empower rural poor to promote development as a liberating force aimed at social justice, economic growth and self-reliance.



ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

LOKARPAN is registered under the Society Registration Act. 1980 (registration number 1569) and the FCRA account number is 136550133. The management body of the organization is gender balanced with women occupying top positions at both management as well as operational positions.

Vision:

A world where individuals have dignity and self-respect, people respect each other without the barriers of poverty, gender, caste and religion.

Mission:

- To create a kinder and more united society and to enable poor, rural communities to improve their social and economic conditions through participatory development.
- To create innovative models of sustainable development that can be replicated in India and throughout the world.

Organizational Strengths

Lokarpan has trained staff and a core team of trainers in the fields of Health, Education, Micro-finance and Livelihoods most of which belong to the local area. The organization has strong linkages with local administration and various departments and is also part of several NGO networks.

DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTIONS

Health

Even though its three years since Safe Motherhood and Child Survival program came to an end one can see how women in these villages are now getting themselves and their children immunized, check-ups and also safe delivery done at PHC's and CHC's. The village health workers are still key persons in the villages guiding the new mothers and keeping in touch with the ANM's. Seeing the work and change in the community in the field of health, Lokarpan has



been appointed as member in the ASHA monitoring committee of district Kanpur Dehat and Auraiya. This program was carried out in 160 villages (101 in block Rasoolabad district Kanpur Dehat, 37 in Sahar and 22 in Bidhuna district Auraiya) covering a population of 186750.



VISTAAR project Knowledge to Practise

This program is being done in district Bulandshaher. The objective of this program is to provide strategic technical assistance, generate knowledge and evidence about working at scale, advocate for improved MNCHN programming. To achieve this we are focusing on three main efforts:

1) Technical assistance (TA)

Providing strategic TA to strengthen MNCHN programmes of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.



2) Generating Evidence

Generating evidence about effective, efficient and expandable MNCHN interventions based on TA experiences.



3) Advocacy

Advocating with Government of Uttar Pradesh for increased priority and improved, evidence based programming in MNCHN, especially in areas of nutrition and new-born care.

The project also has two cross cutting focus areas:

- Gender Equity
Efforts on improving MNCHN for the most needy and vulnerable
- Knowledge Management
The work is based on evidence and actively promotes and shares evidence to improve MNCHN.

Orientation of MS' & CDPOs

All the CDPO's of district Bulandshaher during orientation. District Convergence Meeting. Half day orientation of the CDPOs was done on in the DPO office Bulandshaher.

During this half day orientation DPO madam participated. During this half day orientation SPM Anil ji briefed all the participants about the objective of this orientation along with how it is useful for them in their regular monthly meetings.



They were also briefed about the monthly meeting module of CDPOs & MS'.



During the discussion they were suggested that they can break their monthly meeting in three parts - Capacity building, Review of the progress of the program, and Follow-up plan for the challenges/priorities. This helped structure their meeting & the meetings will be more fruitful. They were also briefed for doing monthly meetings in such three parts and few suggested ideas & questions which were given in the annexure.