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Review Meeting

A review meeting with the old and new partners of JATN was conducted on 12th Dec, 2017. The objective of the meet was to discuss how far the network was able to reach the outcomes against the plan of the project. During the meet the partners also discussed about the accomplishments of individual partners in organizing activities at the grass root to promote safe mobility. The number and the nature of cases of Trafficking and Unsafe Migration intervened, the process and the challenges faced by the case workers in doing legal procedures was discussed. The other important point of discussion was the participation of the members in several events/ programs organized in a span of one year. Emphasis was given to regularize the participation of partners during these events.

The meeting also helped in drafting activities / plan to strengthen JRC which would help in providing technical support to the JATN partners.

Communication Template

During the span of three months, JRC has been successful in developing a communication template for different target groups under the program. The need for developing the template was realized during the field visits conducted by JRC that only uniform information was disseminated among the community thus it was essential to develop a concrete communication module for different targets groups that holistically talks about various issues concerning women , adolescents , migrants, survivors and PRI members.

Training of JATN Case Workers on Activity Based Module

A three day's training program from 23/01/17-25/01/17 was organized with 13 case workers from 13 different organizations working in 13 districts of Jharkhand. The objective of the training was to train the case workers on executing the communication modules at the grass root through series of innovative activities. One of the important sessions





during the training was sharing the detail implementation plan of the program for the coming year. On the last day of the training Labour Superintendent from Ranchi took a session on the process and related benefits of RED CARD and GREEN CARD for the migrants.

Through the training the case workers were able to understand the different information needs of their target groups as well as helped them to develop a concrete plan/schedule before organizing meeting with different target groups.

Jharkhand adopts New Bill to curb Human Trafficking

On 26th Nov, 2016 The Jharkhand government introduced a strict law against placement agencies to rein in those involved in exploiting people on the pretext of giving employment outside the state.

The government has cleared the Jharkhand Nizi Niyozan Abhikaran and Gharelu Kamgar (viniyam) Vidheyak 2016 (Jharkhand private employment agency and domestic employee bill) which has been passed by the assembly and will soon come into force.

Highlights of the bill-

- Licence or proof certificate is required for placement agencies, and they should take licence within 90 days of the notification of the act, including those existing before the notification, the release said.
- On functioning as a placement agency without registration or licence or involved in illegal human trafficking, the offender would be sentenced to two years to jail or fined Rs 1 lakh or both, the release said.
- Those who violate rules under the act or flout conditions of registration proof certificate would attract one year jail and Rs 20,000 fine or both, the release said.
- the placement agency could not take any money from the domestic workers and make available employment details and employment registration certificate within a week.
- The placement agencies cannot employ people below 18 years of age and should keep details of every employee along with regulation of minimum wage, eight hours duty and double the wage on doing overtime and leave as per the rule, the release said.
- The placement agency should also ensure the wages are deposited in the bank account of the employee.

Media Scan

1. Help desks to Rescue and Rehab of Trafficked women (Hindustan Times 6th Sept, 2016)
 - Formation of three help desk in Delhi, Ranchi and 24 districts of Jharkhand.
 - By setting up Help Desks in Delhi the Jharkhand government wants the related cases to be heard in Delhi Courts.
 - Deputy Commissioners of all the districts of Jharkhand are instructed to set up help desk at all collectorates.
 - Rescue those children who have migrated from Jharkhand working in different metropolitan cities and enrol them in the school.
 - Jharkhand government will make a Database of all the girls from the state working in Delhi.
 - The rescued and the returnee migrants will get a job in the native districts.
2. According to the report of CID Branch in Jharkhand total 181 traffickers were put behind the bars from 2012-2016 out of which 123 were male and 48 were female. Total 352 children were rescued and only 413 families have reported FIR. According to the reports total 116 cases of trafficking which is highest till date has been reported in the year 2015.

Help desks to expedite rescue and rehab of trafficked women

TAKING THE LEAD Govt releases advertisements highlighting helpline numbers in major cities



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RANCHI: The Jharkhand government is working to bring back the state's trafficked and migrant woman labourers by setting up a system that also aims to employ the returnees and, if they are children, enroll them in schools.

The labour department is forming three dedicated help desks in Delhi, Ranchi and in all the 24 districts of the state.

The desks will not only initiate the return and rehabilitation of Jharkhand's women labourers in their native place, they will also enable trafficked children begin or resume studies, state labour commissioner Pravin Toppo said.

The move comes in the wake of chief minister Raghubar Das's recent statement that the state was planning to bring back 50,000-odd Jharkhand girls trafficked to different parts of the country. "Our initiative is in compliance with the CM's assurance," Toppo told Hindustan Times.

The government has released advertisements about the ini-

tiative in newspapers and other media platforms across the country, especially in the metros that have Jharkhand labourers in big numbers. The ads carry phone numbers in which the labourers can approach the state, officials said.

Toppo said a central help desk in Delhi's Jharkhand Bhawan will be in direct coordination with the Ranchi desk, which will get the woman in touch with the help desk at her native district. "The system will get her a job in her native district," he added.

"We have asked the deputy commissioners of all the districts to set up a help desk at all the collectorates at the earliest," the official said.

Every year, thousands of daily-wage labourers and domestic helps either migrate or are trafficked to different parts of the country. A majority of them seek jobs in metros for better pay, according to officials.

Activists speak of a flip side, noting several of the trafficked want to return but fail for lack of contacts back in the state. More than half of them are

women, they added.

A majority of Jharkhand women employed in other states either work as domestic helps or at brick kilns and factories. According to sources in the labour department, some of the migrant women labourers also work as daily-wagers.

State social welfare secretary MS Bhatia said his department will also partner in the project and focus on rehabilitation of children who use the help desk facility. "Through the desk, the state will also have a record of the migrant women and children who have returned to Jharkhand," he pointed out. "We will remain updated about their whereabouts."

The Jharkhand government's 2016-17 budget allocation for welfare of women under various schemes is ₹5,811 crore.

Under these funds, the government is taking up an initiative of providing three four wheelers to 2,000 women belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes. The CM has made it mandatory to give 33% reservation to women in the state police department.

• The government plans to implement a system that will send rescued children to schools. (FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE) PARWAZ KHAN/HT

Community Initiatives in Palkot Block of Gumla District of Jharkhand.

Palkot village is mostly inhabited by the tribal population. Like a typical scenario women and adolescent girls from the villages are mostly the bread earners in the family migrating to metropolitan cities like Mumbai and Delhi as domestic workers and even to the brick-kilns in West Bengal for mere survival.

Srijan Foundation like other JATN partners has been able to create a community mechanism to promote Safe Migration and counter Trafficking in Jharkhand. Mass awareness meetings are organized with different target group's like- Women Migrants, SHG Women and adolescent groups in the Palkot village. In initial phase it was very difficult to mobilize the community for the meetings as they did not want to share about migration. Many years ago an incident occurred in Bangru village of Palkot Block where three families registered a missing case about their daughters who had migrated to Delhi. The entire Labour Department and district authorities along with law enforcement agencies visited Gumla to pressurize the parents of the entire village to bring back the adolescent girls and women back from Delhi. More than 50 girls had to leave their job and returned their village but again secretly these girls again migrated back due to lack of options and financial constraints. This step indeed increased more risks to get

exploited as they were opting more secretive ways to get job in Delhi. After this incident the villagers did not reveal any information about migrants from the village with the fear that their earning member would be forced fully brought back to the village.

Post this incident, the organization had difficulties in gathering the women and adolescent groups for the meeting as they did not reveal about migration. As the days passed the Case Worker started developing a good rapport in the community because of which they started to trust and felt that the organization was not there to stop them from migrating but was there to provide help so that they could be safe during the process of migration.

Today Srijan Foundation is working with more than 2000 population of women, migrants and adolescents in two Panchayats namely Bangru and Koleng of Palkot Block. During the span of one year Srijan Foundation intervened in 7 cases out of which two trafficking survivors received their wages of amount three lakh seventeen thousand and one lakh rupees respectively. Presently the process of forming migrant forum at the village level has been initiated. Srijan Foundation has been able to establish a strong links with the concerned departments – Labour Dept, Police, CWC, PRI members where regular dialogues, discussion is being conducted to roll out the Red and Green Card in the District.

