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This annual report focuses on some strategic and practical aspects of PRERAK intervention mainly relating to various livelihood program, agriculture development& support, Natural resource management, Community Eye health integrated education for visually impaired,advocay and approaches implemented in the project area in particular.The report gives an overview of the area specific programs and activities during the year and the desired outcome from the specific program intervention

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Message from Director

It is with a great pleasure that I present the progress of PRERAK work and impacts over the year 2008-09. This year, as with every year has been packed full of activities related to our key theme of supporting rural livelihood through an integrated package of interventions that includes community based natural resource management, agriculture development support, collective marketing, institutional development and micro finance support. This initiative is supported by Broederlijk Delen Brussels Belgium.

Past year PRERAK worked under National Rural Guarantee Scheme in the project villages and launched the campaign on NREGA Act through the partner organizations in different parts of Chhattisgarh state to aware people about the act. This was an approach to utilizing the NREGA funds for the development of people. The NREGA therefore presents a very good opportunity to inject much needed employment to the rural people.

The organization also initiated to irrigation facility to increase agriculture production through lift irrigation system at village Ganjaipuri covering 250 acres of agriculture land.

Apart from this the intervention is on community Eye health covering two blocks Chhura and Fingeswar to reduce the curable blindness. The patients are offered surgical services at Public health centre Gariyaband and Dhamtari Christian hospital Dhamtari. The organization has also intervened in integrated education for the visually impaired in 4 blocks of Raipur and Dhamtari district.

Despite our progress, the need of our work remains huge. In the coming year we intend to expand our operation to provide essential support and hopefully to continue support to change peoples live.

I would like to thank to all our supporters, partners, staff and friends who have contributed to our achievements and to the continued growth of PRERAK as an development organization.

Ramgulam Sinha

President.
PRERAK

About PRERAK

PRERAK (Participatory Rural Development Centre) formed in 1989 by a group of community experienced personnel, is a non profit development organization, registered under Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act. PRERAK approach to development is firmly founded upon participatory action at the community level. The strategies are the construction struggle and dialogue in the pyramidal shape. At the heart of the organization is the aim of developing livelihood security, food security of the poor people of tribal community, facilitated by an intensive participatory process of natural resource development and local institutional development. The focus is also on the community Eye health and integrated education and rehabilitation of the visually impaired.

PRERAK: At a Glance		
Particular	Unit	Status
Operating area	Nos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Blocks (Gariyaband, Mainpur Chhura and Fingeswar) in Raipur District of Chhattisgarh • 1 Block (Magarlod) in Dhamtari District of Chhattisgarh
Program Villages	Nos	
Family coverage under program	Nos	
Main programs		
Food & Livelihood Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based natural resource management • NTFP collection and trading • Self Help group formation & promotion • Federation Building • Collective Marketing • Farming System • Lift Irrigation • Micro Finance • Strengthening of Local self Governance • Advocacy & Networking 		Under food and livelihood security the project integrated rural development program is operational at 30 villages of Mainpur block and sustainable livelihood for tribal farmers (lift irrigation) is operational in village Ganjaipuri, Gariyaband, dist-Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
Community Eye Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curative • Rehabilitative • Integrated Education 		The community eye health program is including integrated education is operational in 3 blocks of Raipur district and 1 block of Dhamtari district.
Staff Strength	Nos	42
Offices	Nos	6 Registered office at Gariyaband, Administrative office at Rajim and Project offices at Rajim, Chhura, Magarlod and Mainpur.

Characteristics of Operational Area

- Dry land, Rain fed and subsistence agriculture
- Predominantly tribal population with high growth rate

- No land entitlement of ancestral land
- Fast degradation of natural resources, undulating topography, poor soil depth
- Erratic Rainfall, increasing drought situation
- Small holdings with no irrigation
- Per acre production is 4-5 times lower than state & national average
- Food security is normal 6-8 months for a normal rainfall year for an average family
- 30 % seasonal migration from the some part of the area
- High IMR& MMR
- High cataract ratio

Potential for Operational Area

- Good scope for surface water harvesting, and thereby converting single crop area in to double cropping system
- Promotion of non conventional crop like horticulture and vegetable crop
- Replacement of old varieties of crop with new varieties
- The winter crops can become the large scale source of livelihood/ food security

FOCUSED ACTIVITIES & INTERVENTION

INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH FOCUS ON FOOD SECURITY

The integrated rural development program with focus on food security is being implemented in 30 villages of Mainpur block. The focused programs and activities are the agriculture support, people's organization, natural resource management, collective marketing and microfinance. The progress of activities as follows-:

Institutional Development

In the month of July 2008 the field office shifted in to new premises constructed through the support of BD at Mainpur having a well equipped office and training hall.

The program management structure constitutes of the project director, program coordinator MIS and accountant and documentation in charge at the head office level responsible for overall program, Program coordinator training and implementation at the field level responsible for training and project management; and 3 supervisors in different thematic areas and 6 field workers who work under the leadership of project coordinator training and implementation in project implementation. PRERAK also engages the consultants on assignment basis who are regularly involved in the programmatic interventions of the project.

The supervisors implement the programs with the assistance of field workers, community based organizations, women groups, village development committees and community volunteers who help to plan; implement and monitor the core activities performed under each thematic areas. In each thematic area the supervisors and the field workers are entrusted with different responsibilities as per the program deliverables.

Currently the project has 13 full time paid staff. The professional staff is distributed over multiple disciplines like social science, rural development accounts, agriculture which helps the project to undertake the wide range of development activities in the village.

Capacity Building

Training & exposure visits during the year

During the year a wide variety of creative methods were employed to build the awareness at various levels. Some of these are:

- Motivation and awareness building 72 meetings were conducted in different villages.
- 03 interface meetings with government officials held in the villages
- Training on panchayati Raj Institution conducted with the participation of 95members
- Training on government schemes & programs Conducted with the participation of 119 members
- Training on gender sensitization conducted with the participation of 93 members
- Training on sustainable agriculture practices (composting) conducted with the participation of 70 members
- Training on self help group conducted with 83 members
- Training on cooperative with 120 members

Publication

- The pictorial information on National Rural Guarantee Act, Booklet on Forest Right Act were published and distributed among the village population.

Learning initiative through Result Based Management

The RBM process was a BD initiative program for the capacity building process of the partner organization in Chhattisgarh. The consultants from the MART & C-tran initiated the RBM process in Chhattisgarh BD partners the series of consultation workshops and the field visits were made. In the process the following courses were covered for the capacity building of the partner organization-;

Revisit the vision mission of the organization

Problem analysis

Cause & effect analysis

Stakeholder analysis

Project planning Matrix

Result & indicators

The staff members of the project participate in the process and conducted the cause effect analysis, stakeholder analysis, project planning matrix, result & indicators and incorporated the findings in the project proposal BD DGOS for the year 2008 to 2010. The detail survey of the household survey has been completed for the purpose of result monitoring.

Agriculture Development

Construction of water harvesting structures & community based natural resource management

Under the community based natural resource management & construction of water harvesting structures working in villages of Mainpur block. The region, typifying dry land, rain fed and subsistence agriculture characterized by:

- Predominately tribal population & poor literacy rate
- Small holdings with subsistence, rain fed agriculture with less than-25% of the total cultivable area under irrigation
- Per hectare productivity is 4 to 5 times lower than the national average
- Food security is normally 6 to 8 months for a normal rainfall year for an average family
- Undulating topography and poor soil depth
- Erratic rainfall
- Exploitative by money lenders

At the same time the area offers tremendous potential in many areas:

- Good scope for surface water harvesting, and thereby converting single crop area in to double cropping system
- Promotion of non conventional crop like horticulture and vegetable crop
- Replacement of old varieties of crop with new varieties
- The winter crops can become the large scale source of livelihood/ food security

Taking in cognizance of the fact that rural livelihoods are intrinsically linked with the environment. The key strategy of the program has been to identify the key environmental problem underlying peoples livelihood/food security. For this it has adopted a multi disciplinary and integrated approach for conservation of soil, water and other natural resources. The basic components are:

- Soil & moisture conservation
- Water resource development
- Agriculture extension
- Human & institutional resource development

The initiatives

Human and institutional capacity building of local community successfully implementing the several common interest activities in the project area. The most positive feature of the program so far has been the overwhelming response from the local community in terms of:-

- Cost sharing for the structures designed for water harvesting in the form of sacrificing land for the purpose
- Making up front labor contribution of the cost of the work
- Involvement in planning & implementation process for the quality of physical work

Lac Cultivation

The state of Chhattisgarh is covered with thick forest and the poor tribals are dependent on the gathering of non timber forest produce and Lac is one of the important NTFP for household income. In many parts of the Chhattisgarh Lac is cultivated but due to the lack of technical knowledge and unavailability of seed

Seed bank

Farmers in the project area always experiment with new varieties in their own environment, using their own traditional practices, and select the best one on the basis of preferred traits of the varieties. To preserve and keep the preferred traditional and new varieties the seed banks in the villages have been established with clear lending and collection procedures.

- A total of 05 variety of seeds were tested through participatory trials in 14 villages.
- 189 farmers field trials were conducted during the Kharif & Rabi season
- Approximately 52 Kg of seeds of different varieties were procured from department of agriculture and horticulture.
- 05 of preferred varieties of seed distributed and kept in the seed bank.

Partnering with Agriculture department for agriculture development

Despite the large amount of resources government schemes largely remain unutilized because the villagers are either not aware about it or are hesitant to avail it on account of procedural complications. The organization helped to raise awareness of village level functionaries, which in turn enabled the project to ensure better utilization of ongoing schemes and thereby improve the flow of funds to the farmers. This also served the purpose of generation awareness about the amounts of fund, schemes available for agriculture development.

The following schemes were mobilized during the year-:

- The subsidized seeds of wheat, gram, and sunflower and nizer were mobilized for farmers on subsidized rate worth Rs- 60000.
- The vegetable seeds like chilly, potato, onion, pea, ladies finger were provided to the farmers from department of horticulture worth Rs- 10000.

Development & management of agriculture demonstration centre

The agriculture and herbal demonstration has been developed at village Bhilai 3 kilometres away from Gariyaband block Dist Raipur Chhattisgarh. The following are available for demonstration to the farmers

- Herbs of above 100 species
- 150 varieties of paddy
- Wormy compost pit & wormy wash
- NADEP compost tank
- Flemingia Semialata plants for Lac host and Lac seeds
- Different kind of vegetables

Income Generation Program

Market up Link for small farmers, NTFP collectors and traditional occupants

Production technologies may significantly increase production; the ultimate objective of augmented farm income may not be realized. The absence of appropriate and viable marketing facilities may restrict small and marginal farmers from availing the benefits from agriculture development. Small marketable surplus, lack of market preferred quality,

poor negotiation capacity resulting in low and un- remunerative prices further vitiates the situation.

To integrate farmers with value chain and the market the producer groups at cluster level have been formed. As part of the initiative towards the end of year 2008 six groups for collective marketing with the membership of 60 have been formed with the segment of small and marginal farmers and BPL families. The basic purpose of these producer groups is to collectivize small farmers and traditional occupants for-:

1-Backward linkage for inputs like seed, fertilizer, credit knowledge and extension services

2- Forward linkage such as collective marketing, processing, and value addition of non timber forest produce, market led agriculture production etc. At the heart of this effort to gain collective bargaining power and food/ livelihood security for the small farmers and target group.

Collective Farming

Although the most of the agriculture land is under the paddy cultivation. Farmers cultivate paddy in the Kharif season. There are also some of the lands are suitable for the winter crop like pea, wheat, gram, and potato. The organization through the support of village development committee identified those suitable lands and divided in clusters and promoted winter crops. Under collective farming 8 villages are covers and 98 farmers are involved in collective farming.

Process support for NTFP trading

The project area is covered with the thick forest and different kinds of non timber forest produces are abundantly available in the forest. The tribal people collect these forest products and sell in the market. Many times they sell in the market for the very prices and even cheated by the small traders in the villages. The organization has two such non timber forests produce Lac and Mahwah flower to trade through the village groups. The trading of these two non timber forest produce if well trade by the group can bring tremendous change in their lives. The organization has supported the 19 groups in 19villages for the NTFP trading involving 270 members.

Advocacy & networking

In every village the village development committee has been formed and the apex body of these village development committee named Pairi Ganga Jan Vikash Parishad have been formed in the project area for advocacy and lobby at panchayat, block and district level. The following important advocacy initiative were undertaken by the Pairi Ganga Jan Vikash Parishad

- Immediate payment for the work under NREGA
- To make available the claim forms under forest right act
- Compensation for the loss due to flood in the area

In the project area in every village the village development committee have been formed to strengthen the community and find its own solution for the social and economic problems in the village. The village development committee sits once in the month to discuss about the issues and problems in the village and find its own solution. In the

project year 72 such meetings were organized in the village level to discuss about the village level issues and problems and find its solution.

Strengthening local self governance

The government has made considerable efforts towards the development of panchayati raj institutions. Important initiatives include the formation of three tier system, district level planning committee and the policy statements to the panchayati raj institution and PESA.

It is becoming increasingly becoming evident that for the 73rd amendment to work on the ground and needs to work with the proactive approach in the PRI capacity building. The organization has its on going effort to capacitate the gram sabha members and the PRI members through different approach. The organization has the approach to disseminate information at the right time and right place through VDC meeting and trainings to avail the decentralized sponsored programs like NREGS and prepare perspective plan for their own panchayat.

Self evaluation study NREGA

The organization PRERAK initiated the campaign on NREGA for its proper implementation in Chhattisgarh through the like minded organization. The organization organized the two workshops for the capacity building of the participants organization on the NREGA act and its provisions. The campaign on NREGA was fore more than six months and after the campaign the impact of the campaign and the workshop was assessed through the study as self evaluation study. The three partner organization conducted the study in different districts of the Chhattisgarh.

Achievements at a Glance

Interventions	Units	Progress during 2008	Cumulative progress
Villages covered	Nos	30	30
Household coverage	Nos	1552	1552
Water resource Development			
Water harvesting structures constructed • Check dam	Nos	03	03
Irrigation potential created	Acers	95.5	95.5
Irrigable command area	Acre	248.5	248.5
Water users committee formed	Nos	03	03
House hold benefited	Nos	76	76
Farming system & Development			
Villages covered	Nos	11	11
Crop trial	Nos	05	05
Varieties tested	Nos	05	05
Varieties identified through farmers preference and promoted	Nos	05	05
Seed bank established	Nos	15	15
Variety of seed availability	Nos	05	05
Quantity of seed disbursed to the farmers	Kg	Small pea-15 quintals	Small pea-15 quintals

		Alsi- 83Kg Gram- 10quintals Wheat- 10 Quintals Potato-17.50 Quintals Vegetable seeds- 6Kg	Alsi- 83Kg Gram- 10quintals Wheat- 10 Quintals Potato-17.50 Quintals Vegetable seeds- 6Kg
Quantity of seed availability in seed	Kg	Seed collection status will be in the month of March- 09 after harvest	
Promoted area under winter crop	Acre	170acres	170 acers
Farmers benefited from seed bank	Nos	177	177
Promotion of Lac cultivation			
Villages covered	Nos	17	17
Development of Nursery	Nos	01	01
Plants nurtured	Nos	35000	35000
Plants distributed to the farmers	Nos	00	
Plantations (no of plants)	Nos	00	
Area under plantations	Acre	13.25	
NTFP value addition & trading			
Villages covered	Nos	18	18
Identified NTFP for value addition & trading	Nos	18	18
Groups formed for collective marketing	Nos	06	06
Credit disbursed for collective marketing	Rupees	60000	60000
Profit earned from collective marketing	Rupees	Average 1500 per month per group	Average 1500 per month per group
Local Governance			
Villages covered	Nos	30	30
Panchayats covered	Nos	10	10
VDC formed	Nos	30	30
Membership in VDC	Persons	700	700
Community training & exposure			
Training conducted	Nos	04	04
Exposure conducted	Nos	02	02
Participants			
• Training	Nos	664	664
• Exposure	Nos	22	22
Advocacy & Networking			
No of advocacy initiatives			
• Panchayat level	No	15	15
• Block Level	Nos	08	08
• District Level	Nos	03	03
Families applied for land entitlement under FRA (on revenue land)	Nos	195	195

Families applied for land entitlement under FRA (on forest land)	Nos	937	937
Application verified by forest right committee	Nos	262	262
Families received land entitlement under FRA	Nos	00	00
Works demanded under NREGA	Nos	Not available	
Resource mobilized under NREGA scheme	Rupees	Not available	
Issue based meetings at village	No	72	72

COMMUNITY EYE HEALTH

The area of operation covers the Chhura block and Fingeswar block of Raipur district in the state of Chhattisgarh. The CEH project covers a population of 262885. The block Chhura is more tribal populated area than the block Fingeswar, Dist- Raipur. C.G. Geographically, most of the villages is situated in density of the forest. Approximately, 90% of the villages of Chhura block is situated in the density of the forest and other 10% of villages are situated in the plain land. Similarly in the block Fingeswar total 80% of the villages are situated in plain land but 20% villages are situated in the density of forestland. Geographically both blocks are situated in one district and enclosure to each other. Hence, Prerak has been organizing the activities very easily by the support services of Sight Saver's International, Bhopal, India.

Progress against objectives	Progress
➤ To increase the CSR of the project blocks to 2500 from present 1600 per million population	• PRERAK has organized Awareness meeting and diagnostic camp through out reach programme to endeavors of expanding its eye care services in the inaccessible and remote rural and tribal areas, where as patients are refereed to DCH Dhamtari and DBCS Gariayaband, Dist- Raipur for cataract and other surgeries.
➤ To advocate and support government initiatives to strengthen eye care programmes in the project area.	• PRERAK has advocated with DBCS Raipur to strengthen eye care services and submitted project proposal for expanding its eye care services through community level Vision Centre.
➤ To enhance the community awareness and knowledge on prevention, cure and cause of blindness.	• PRERAK organized Awareness Meeting in the community level, organized exhibition during Madai Mela, Rajim Kumbha Mela and celebrated World Sight Day and World Disabled Day, organized huge Rally of School Students showing Banner, Poster, and Tackti and announcing Slogan by mice for prevention, Cure and Cause of Blindness.
➤ To establish a resource pool of trained personnel at the primary level to sustain the CES activities in the project area	• PRERAK has organized volunteers training, Panchayat members training, Mitanin/Asha workers training, Anganawari workers training and Teachers training to establish a resource pool of trained personnel at the primary level to sustain the CES activities in the project area.
➤ To ensure all the identified irreversibly visually impaired person s receive	• PRERAK has developed CBR approach to cater the need of the adult visually impairment in the project areas. The focusing areas of the activities are ADLS,

timely rehabilitation services and are made aware of the facilities and benefits available for them.	O&M, Money Concept, Social Rehabilitation and Economic Rehabilitation etc.
➤ At least 50% of the all identified children with visually impairment are integrated into the main stream education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRERAK has developed IEP for the Children with Visually Impaired (CWVI). To enhance the educational facilities in the normal school premises and community level PRERAK has organized Regular school teachers training, Parents and Family members training as the stake holder and designed a well equipped resource Centre.

Description briefly about the progress

PRERAK implemented various activities under community eye health project supported by Sight Savers International Bhopal, India through Community level out reach program to endeavors of the expanding its eye care services in the inaccessible and remote rural and tribal areas.

Out Reach Awareness Programme

PRERAK organized 66 (Sixty Six) out reach awareness meeting in the community level by the support of SSI Bhopal and cooperation of village president, Sarpanch, Secretary, Panchayat Member, Volunteer, A.N.M and Anganawadi worker, Mitantin/ Asha worker as well as operated patients in the year 2008. PRERAK Organized awareness programme through cultural activities. The measure focus of this program is to expand the information about the eye care services available in the present scenario and reaching the underprivileged and needy people in the villages is another major focus.

Out Reach Diagnostic Camp

PRERAK organized 54 (Fifty Four) out reach diagnostic camp by the support of SSI Bhopal, By the cooperation of village president, Sarpanch, Secretary, Panchayat Member, Volunteer, A.N.M and Anganawari worker, Mitantin/ Asha worker as well as operated patients as the motivator of the newly identified cataract Patients. Through this program 2856 (Two thousand eight hundred fifty six) persons are diagnosed/ Screened in the camp side annually. Total 676 (Six hundred seventy six) persons with cataract are identified by the camp. Where as 1196 (One thousand one hundred ninety six) patients with cataract are referred to Base Hospital and 1034 (One thousand thirty four) patients with cataract are operated. The performance of 1034 eye surgeries by a grassroots level NGO is of course a challenge.

School Screening Camp

PRERAK organized out reach school screening program in the project area under CEH project supported by SSI Bhopal, India. Through this, program 6171 (Six thousand one hundred seventy one) students have made eye screening per the year. And out of that Students are identified Refractive Error, students are prescribed spectacles, students are provided spectacles. The focus of the program is to assess the children below the age group of 18 years in the rural and tribal villages. And reaching the facilities available to be inclusion in the mainstreaming of the society

Training Programs

PRERAK organized various type of training programs for the capacity building of field staff, community volunteers, health workers, government officials, operated patients and family members of the cataract patients etc through CEH program, such as :

- ❖ CEH/CBR worker extensive training program
- ❖ Mitanin workers training program
- ❖ Anganawadi workers training program
- ❖ Panchayat members training program
- ❖ Volunteers training program
- ❖ Teachers Training Program
- ❖ S.H.G members training program
- ❖ DPOs members training etc.

The target of the training program is to involvement of the community people for sustaining the eye health care services in the inaccessible and remote rural and tribal villages.

DPOs Formation

PRERAK organized 230 DPOs (Disable People Organization)s meeting for developing their group for Advocate with Govt. and Non-govt. organizations to get available facilities through various schemes of state / central governments. They will be benefited as per the need felt requirement. The focus of the DPOs is to strengthen them / help them to live in meaningfully in the mainstreaming society. They will be cooperated each other and share their experiences and enjoy their life meaningfully as the human being.

S.H.G Formation

PRERAK organized 230 S.H.G meeting with disable people and normal people to develop their group in village level and encouraged the existing S.H.G to enroll the disable people and maintain the documentation as per the guide line of S.H.G. The S.H.G. members will deposit their saving amount in the near by bank and in future, they will get financial support from the bank through linkage system for investing money in any type of business in the community level through Group. In addition, they will be shared the profit for their livelihood. They will be returned the loan with very little simple interest of the bank smoothly. Hence, it will be a way to equal participation of the disable people to be inclusion in the society.

Community Meeting

PRERAK organized community level meeting to aware the community people about eye health care activities and Rehabilitation activities for the disable people specially, for the People with visually impaired. The field staff gave information about preventive

measures of the blindness, curative and causes of blindness as very essential component of the program. They also highlighted the rehabilitation components to understand the concept of disabled people's equal participation in the all round development of their livelihood.

Vision Centre

PRERAK Established a well equipped Vision Centre at Amapara, Rajim, for follow up and referral and Refraction purposes. Through this Vision Centre the near by patients are coming for follow up and referral purposes where as the persons identified refractive errors are prescribed spectacles as the requirement.

World Disabled Day Celebration 08

On dated 17.12. 2008 PRERAK celebrated World Disabled Day Pakwarda Conclusion celebration at Fingeswar Block, Community Bhawan Campus. There is a huge rally arranged by the collaborative efforts of PRERAK, and 4 Govt. Primary and Middle schools. There are near about 500 students, 20 teachers and 40 adult disabled and 20 disabled students were participated. This was the 1st time effort for propagating towards Awareness on Disabled people for their needs and Rights as their fundamental Rights. There, PRERAK was organized Game and Sports competition with disabled people, where as most of the disabled students and adults participated in different activities and awarded by PRERAK. Really, All the participates participated very actively and felt happy for their performance. Some IE students also participated in the Song Singing cultural activities and performed excellent performance, for which all the people were present there were exclaimed with joy to see the achievement of the visually impaired little Lal Chams. Every body thought that they were the God gift; No one will be hesitated them to go abroad. They have a good humor and gigantic voice. Of course, they have to get respect and thanks. Two volunteer also declared to give EYE DONATION on this occasion. For which the people were present offered more thanks to them. The chair persons including Mr. R.G. Sinha President/ Director give some information about the need and available facilities in the present scenario through NGOs and Govt. Depts. Mr. R.G.Sinha highlighted the organizational activities briefly to aware the people around there. Some disabled people were present their demand with written to the chief guest/ honorable President- Jan pad Panchayat through the President of PRERAK. On this occasion, all the demand applications were taken to consideration and suggested to carry on as far as possible through the Govt. Norms. After that prize distributed by the chair persons to the differently able participates where as a wealthy "**Honor**" offered to **Mr. R.G.Sinha** by the worthy hand of Mr. Raghoba Mahadic President of Jan pad Panchayat, Block-Fingeshwar for his dedication and effort towards the upliftment of social services. On this occasion, PRERAK's CEH and IE Team/ PRERAK Family celebrated the world disabled day very happily.

Progress against activities			
No	Activities	Planned	Achievements in the Year- 2008
Activities			
1	No of Diagnostic Camp	40	49
2	No of persons screened at camp	820	2623

3	No of Awareness Meeting	48	65
4	No of Community Meeting	40	82
5	No of Cataract Patient Identified by camp.	400	721
6	No of Patient Referral	400	1246
7	No of Patient Reported/ Surgery	1100	1024
8	No of children screened at School Screening camp	1955	3771
9	No of Teacher Trained	200	239
10	S.H.G /Volunteer Training	120	518
11	Mitanin / Asha Worker Training	120	328
12	Anganawari worker's Training	50	143
13	A.N.M /M.P.W Training	20	26
14	Panchayat Members Training	40	188
15	DPOs formation (Group)	200	105
16	S.H.G Formation (Group)	200	177
17	Immunization / Vitamin- A supplementation	200	89
18	Glaucoma /other surgery	20	27
19	CBR client Identification	40	61
20	CBR client Certification	40	42
21	No of client enrolled with CBR Activities	40	48
22	No of client enrolled with ADLS.	20	37
23	No of client enrolled with O&M Activities	20	36
24	No of client enrolled with Social Rehabilitation	20	26
25	No of client enrolled with Economic Rehabilitation	12	15
26	No of CWVI enrolled with IE Unit, (New Project)	16	34
27	No of CWVI Completed Certification (N.P)	16	30
28	No of CWVI Getting Scholarship (N.P)	10	24
29	No of CWVI Got Braille Kits bag. (N.P)	10	20
30	No of CWVI (L.V) taken Functional & Clinical Assessment. (N.P)	10	08
31	No of CWVI enrolled with home bound program	04	04
32	No of CWVI enrolled with IE Unit, (Old Project)	24	32
33	No of CWVI Completed Certification (O.P)	20	30
34	No of CWVI Getting Scholarship (O.P)	20	24
35	No of CWVI Got Braille Kits bag. (O.P)	10	10
36	No of CWVI (L.V) taken Functional & Clinical Assessment. (O.P)	16	16
37	No of CWVI enrolled with home bound program (O.P)	04	04
38	Vision Centre OPD	100	132
39	No of Cataract Identified	30	29
40	No of Patient Referral	20	14
41	No Refraction	20	44
42	Ref.with Error	10	18
43	No Spectacle Prescription	40	44
44	No of spectacle provided	10	00

INTGRETED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

PRERAK has been implementing Integrated Education Program under CEH program and covered the area Gariaband, Chhura, and Fingeswar block, Dist- Raipur and Magarlod block, Dist- Dhamatari. Chhattisgarh supported by Sight Savers International (SSI) Mumbai and Bhopal since 2003 to onwards. At present PRERAK expanded its IE Units 1-5 and enrolled 70 students in between 4 blocks. The students of the age group bellow 18 years are enrolled in the IE unit and getting support by the IE teacher through home/ community visit and school visit as per need of the students. According the age group and condition the student's service delivery systems has developed by PRERAK to reach the facilities as per requirement. To enrolled the students in IE unit Prerak taken Functional and Clinical assessment by DCH Dhamtari as a partner organization.

Functional and Clinical Assessment

PRERAK has organized Functional and Clinical assessment of IE units of low vision students at DCH Dhamtari by the support of SSI Bhopal. Under this assessment program 8 students from Fingeshwar block; Dist- Raipur has completed assessment in the year 2008

After Survey / Early Identification and Assessment of the students, they are categorized by the PRERAK team to cater the felt needs of the individual. Such as: **Developmental Education, Pre Education, Inclusive Education, and Home bound Education.**

Developmental Education

The age group of 0 – 3 years students are getting support by the Intervention of trained IE teachers through parents counseling, Family counseling and community counseling and direct communication/ Intervention with the child. Every body is suggested to change the attitude of the all member who is coming to contact with the child with visually impaired. And motivated to behave positively which will be accepted and ask to the child about his/ her like and dislike, happy or unhappy etc. The intervene should insure or indeed to use the real objects and give information about the object through oral talking.

It will be helpful for developing the concept of the child. Presently, PRERAK enrolled 05 students under the age group and provided services at home premises.

PRE Education

The age group of 3 – 6 years student are services by the Intervention of trained IE teacher through Parents and family counseling, community and Anganawari workers counseling and training as a whole. Because, the child with visually impaired comes to Anganawari centre with the parents / family members where as taken care by the Anganawari workers and volunteers and cooperated by the little peer groups / same age children. Hence, it is an attempt to bring the child from the home surrounding to the community and started intervention with some specific creative activities by the use of play way method and used the real objects and some instances used models (2-3) dimensional for the concept development. Through this process, child learns oral

communication, loud speaking, developing receptive and expressive skills as necessary. It becomes a platform to develop the concept of the child to understand the surroundings where he/she is moving and exploring. Presently, PRERAK enrolled 06 students under the age group and provided support at home and its community centre (Anganawadi Centre). SSI Visitors trying to communicate with the visual impaired child during the field visit.

Inclusive Education

PRERAK enrolled the students whose age group is above 6 years and below 18 years and having ability as well as capability to reach near by formal school to continue education with normal students, where PRERAK arranged trained IE teachers to make counseling to regular school teachers and advocated with the head master. They also prepared low cost Teaching Learning Material for the visually challenged students to use the concept development in different subjects matters. Where as, PRERAK has provided Braille Kits and Low Vision devices by the support of SSI Bhopal. IE teachers are continuing school and home of the students 2 time per a week and providing the services as per required like- Pre Braille concept, Braille education, ADLS training, Orientation and Mobility training as the Plus curriculum Activities. Games & Sports, and Song singing as co curricular activities where as Yaga, dance and cultural activities are the extra-curricular subject. The IE Students have participated in game and sports activities very successfully.

Some time DDRC provided long canes, Tape recorders for the visually challenged students for audio listen skill development and be creativeness towards remember the lessons easily. According the need of the visually challenged students Rajiv Gandhi Shikshya Mission provided Braille Text book as a tool of the Braille readers. In order to develop the creativeness of the students **SSI** Bhopal provided different type of story books and library books for the students as well as for the readiness of the IE teachers to share the experiences with students and other teachers as a whole. At present, PRERAK has enrolled **53** students with visually challenged in the normal school to be inclusion in the mainstreaming society. Out of that total **30** students with total blind required Braille learning and **23** students are motivated to materials as per needs

Home Bound Education

PRERAK has enrolled some students with visually challenged and additional disabilities in the IE units, and taken care by the trained IE teachers who are provided services at the home premises only. This students are not able to participate in the formal educational system, Thus, They are required special care and separate environment to practice the ADLS, O&M, Physical education, Physical Occupational therapy and recreational activities. They have also required unique strategies to develop their skills as per their present ability and skill.

Advocacy

Under this program, PRERAK's IE teacher and IE supervisor made advocate with Block education officer(BEO), Coordinator of Block Resource Centre (BRC) and other Coordinators like - Composite Rehabilitation Centre(CRC), beside this IE teacher and IE supervisor advocated with District Education Officer (DEO), District Project coordinator(DPC), Assistant Project Coordinator(APC), DDRC Coordinators, Mobility

Instructor under Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan / Rajiv Gandhi Shikshya Mission Raipur Chhattisgarh to reach the facilities available. Beside this, PRERAK advocated with the department of social welfare in the district level and state level to cater the need of the vulnerable in various way, such as: certification camp organize, scholarship provide, Braille kits and Low vision devices provide, Games and sports and cultural programme organize, especially in the occasion of World disabled day celebration etc. Some instances PRERAK advocated with District medical Board for certification of school going children with special needs.

Training programme

PRERAK has organized IE teacher's training program on state level on which 12 IE teachers are participated from the different organizations of the state and 2 participates are participated from out of state. Except IE teachers training program, PRERAK has organized regular school teacher's skill development training programs in the project area and empowered the skills of 200 teachers in the current year, and also PRERAK participated in the skill development training program organized by Rajiv Gandhi Shikshya Mission under Sarva Shikshya Abhiyan program towards the capacity building of regular school teachers on Braille education. On this occasion, PRERAK participated through its IE supervisor as a Master Trainer at BRC Dhamtari, BRC Raipur, and BRC Fingeshwar and trained near about 120 teachers in the different schools of the project area.

Resource Centre

PRERAK has developed an IED resource centre at CEH office campus Amapara, Rajim. By the support of SSI Bhopal and Technical support of IE teachers to reach the locally available TLM to the inaccessible and remote rural and tribal area students with visually challenged. By which all students and classroom teachers are aware about the substitute teaching options for the visually challenged students. They also taken interest to make and arrange the necessary TLM for the physically challenged students and trying to participate in different type of creative activities with normal students.

Certification

PRERAK has completed certification of 25 students from new project areas where as 30 students from old project areas have completed certification since 2004-05.

Scholarship

PRERAK has encouraged to the regular school teachers to appear / put up the scholarship form and send the respective dept for providing scholarship to the beneficiaries as necessary in the project area. In this connection, 20 students from new project area enrolled for getting the facilities. Where as, 25 students from old project areas have been getting scholarship since 2004 to onwards.

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD FOR TRIBAL FARMERS

The program sustainable livelihood for tribal farmers is operational in village Ganjaipuri, block- Gariyaband dist –Raipur chhattisgarh with the objective to increase 20% crop yield, enhance skill of farmers in improved agriculture methods and increase the capacity of self help groups of the project area.

Installation of lift irrigation system

The project Nala Diversion was proposed at village Ganjaipuri block Gariyaband, dist Raipur Chhattisgarh. The villagers have informed that the water flows in the river throughout the year and this year the due to have rain the bunds were damaged at 5 places. If we construct the diversion there is the risk of damage of the diversion and canal. The villagers proposed for lift the water instead of the Nala Diversion. The community put forward the following reasons for the construction of lift irrigation-

- 1- The Nala diversion may damaged due to unexpected heavy rain
- 2- Through the lift the 3 times more water can be fetched and covered more villages
- 3- The lift will provide water for both Kharif & Rabi crop

On the proposed proposal of the villagers the AFPRO team visited the project site and conducted the primary survey and done the physical verification for the area. The AFPRO team also found that the lift system is more feasible than the Nala Diversion. Through the lift in 200 acres of land will be under irrigation potential and in 50 acres of land the Rabi crop can be taken. The excavation of intake well, construction of pump house, electricity arrangements, installation of pipes are under progress.

Trainings and exposure program

During the year a wide variety of creative methods were employed to build the awareness at various levels. Some of these are:

- Motivation and awareness building meetings were conducted in every month in the village.
- Training on Brick making was organized at PRERAK Gariyaband for the group
- Training on methods of composting and sustainable agriculture was conducted for the farmers at agriculture demonstration centre Bhila

Income generation activity by group

Brick Making & trading-: The people of village Ganjaipuri had seasonal migration to the cities for brick making to the cities. Therefore they are expert in the brick making. The organization identified the skills of the people in the village and organized and motivated to make brick and trade in the village. The group started the brick making with the small financial support from the organization and succeeded in brick making and trading.

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