Training cum Facilitation Workshop for PRI, Mainatand West Champaran Bihar

Rational



In the twenty first century Information is the key to emancipation, the one who has the information is the real master. But this crucial element is suppressed as Information will make the 'haves not' in to 'haves'. Soochna Seva a project supported by European Union and executed by Digital Empowerment Foundation works to 'inform' the 'non-informed'.

In order to do this, the SS hold public meetings, small scale workshops and seminars in addition to this SS also facilitate in availing Public Scheme. This work is carried out with the cooperation of village (PRI) Block Administration (BDO and various Dept.) and to certain extent District Administration.

Among the above, the PRI and Extension bodies and village level with whom Soochna Seva mitr comes in contact very often. A capacitated PRI is very handy for SS. Keeping this in mind, the team thought of holding workshop cum facilitation program for the new elected PRI at all 5 SS blocks in W. Champaran.

Objective

This workshop had the following objective.

- To give them an overview of PR institutions and Soochna Seva
- To build a rapport with the newly elected PR representatives to further the cause of Soochna Seva
- Introduce SSK as Yojna Bank
- To initiate a dialogue with PR Representatives for making space for SS at Panchayat Offices (PSSK).

- Offering SS services to PRs for Improving Community Services at Village level.
- To build a tri-party (SS, PRI and Block Officials) platform for linkage, collaboration and cooperation in future.

Agenda of the Workshop

The agenda for the interface would be as follows.

- Introduction of SS and DEF.
- A technical session on MNERGA
- Dialogue between Govt. Officials and PRs

Profile of Participants

The participants of the workshops were

- Mukhiyas and Upp-Mukhiyas
- Ward Members (esply Women Members)
- Panchayat Samiti
- Panchayat Sachiv
- Block Officials (BDO and Department Heads of Six Core Areas of SS)

Proceedings

After the inaugural formalities, Balaji Madiq introduced the work and nature of Soochna Seva. During the session he gave out the rational of the Project, introduced the sponsor and the executer. Further, narrating the work of SS, he informed about the 5 delivery channels of SS used for information dissemination viz Soochna Seva Mitr, Soochna Seva Kendr, Call Centre, Soochna Seva Van and Mera App.

He also informed the house about the innovative practices SS is taking and requested all the Mukhiyas to grant permission for opening up Panchayat Soochna Seva Kendr. All of them agreed to support the SS work.

Shri. Nagina Prasad, Lokpal (MNERGA) W.Champaran, Bihar in technical session he explained the whole system of MNERGA , provisions, rules and process and caution one needs to take with regards to payments.

He stressed on the following

- Documentation
- Grievances Re-addressal
- Roles and Responsibility of Vikas Mitr and Mukhiyas
- Caps of MNERGA
- Process about making Job Card

During open session Mukhiyas interacted with Shri. Nagina Prasad and learned about issues pertaining to due payments of previous jobs and how he can help them.

At the end of the workshop Akshya Coordinator of Mainatand Block thanked all the participants for their valuable time and cooperation.