

APPENDIX 3

Field Action Projects

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Maharashtra FORCES, estd. 2000

TISS, Mumbai.

- Objectives** : . To build a network of organisations to safeguard the survival and development of the young child.
 . To form pressure groups to lobby for policy and resources for holistic care services at the state level.
 . To look for inter-sectoral linkages.

- Programmes** : . Proposal for funding.
 . Meetings to address current issues.

Faculty-in-Charge : Prof. Vrinda Datta and Dr. Rajani Konantambigi.

Nav Chetna, estd. 1996
Pen Taluka, Raigad Dist.

- Objectives** : . Making education accessible to Adivasi children.
 . Working with ashramshala to improve quality of education.
- Programmes** : . Personality development programmes for children.
 . Capacity-building of village education committees to assist in the management of the ashramshala.
 . Follow-up with irregular students and bring them back to school.
 . Organising self-help groups to educate unemployed Adivasi youth.

Project Staff : Mr. Vinod Manekar and Ms. Rucha Joshi.

Faculty-in-Charge : Prof. Vidya Rao and Mr. Daniel S.R.

Muskaan: Child and Adolescent Guidance Centre of TISS, estd. 1937

Abhyudaya Nagar Health Post, Cotton Green; and Family Court, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai.

- Objectives** : . To serve as a resource centre for documentation, training, capacity-building, research and consultation in the areas of child and adolescent mental health.
 . To provide specialised clinical services through a multi-disciplinary team on issues related to emotional distress, sexuality and sexual abuse.
 . To create awareness about child and adolescent mental health.
 . To network with organisations working with children for influencing policy on child mental health and child rights.
 . Provide therapeutic services to children whose parents are going through a divorce.
 . Facilitate and observe access with non-custodial parents.
 . Develop a model of working with children through the Family Court.

- Programme** : . Therapeutic services to children with emotional and behavioural problems.
 . Celebrating Mental Health Week and celebrating Children's Day.
 . Exploratory research on Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Palghar in collaboration with the ML Dhavale Trust.
 . Life skills interventions in schools in Cotton Green and Chembur (the latter in collaboration with Barvalia Trust).

Project Staff : Ms. Freny Italia, Ms. Kiran Bhosale, Ms. Neelofer Lakdawala and Ms. Draupadi Kankekar.

Faculty-in-Charge : Dr. Shubhada Maitra.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Prayas, estd. 1990

Mumbai and Thane Districts (Maharashtra), and Bharuch District (Gujarat).

- Objectives** : . Demonstrate the need for social work intervention in the criminal justice system at police stations, prisons, criminal courts, and institutions for women and minors.
 . Work towards the rehabilitation of persons coming out of or vulnerable to crime or prostitution.

- Provide support to families of persons in crime/prostitution, especially children, to counter negative influences and prevent criminalisation.
 - Improve access of citizens in the criminal justice system to their legal rights enshrined in the Constitution and promote the use of correctional laws towards rehabilitation of vulnerable groups such as women, youth and children.
 - Increase awareness in the government and society about issues related to the rehabilitation of persons affected by crime or prostitution towards law and policy change.
 - Generate knowledge in the field of social work, criminology and corrections through the analysis of field experiences.
- Programmes** :
- **Prison:** Work with women and young males (18–23 years) through offering a range of services such as legal literacy, family contact, support to families, especially children, counselling, vocational activities, and networking with NGOs and government departments such as police, women and child development, health, and the judiciary towards custodial care, pre-release preparation and post-release rehabilitation issues. This year, Prayas has started a project with support from the by UNDP on access to justice to under-trial prisoners in Mumbai and Thane districts.
 - **Police Station:** Counselling, referral and follow-up services to vulnerable groups such as women, children, youth and the psychologically/emotionally disturbed to prevent trafficking, or their entry into crime, prostitution or other negative lifestyles. Currently based in CST Railway Police Station to prevent sexual exploitation of women and girls and provide support services to women in and around CST area with a view to rehabilitate them. Initiated a prevention project based at Shivaji Nagar Police Station with youth vulnerable to criminalisation.
 - **Criminal Court:** Legal guidance and referral services to persons approaching the courts — complainants, accused or their families. Currently collaborating with the Mumbai District Legal Services Authority towards improving access to legal aid for under-trial prisoners and increasing legal awareness amongst custodialised populations and vulnerable groups in the community.
 - **Protective Institutions for Women:** Counselling, vocational activities and networking with NGOs and government departments such as police, women and capacity-building of caretaking staff of state-run women's institutions in Mumbai.
- Project Staff** :
- Mr. Vijay Johare, Mr. Shankar Pokharkar, Ms. Aruna Angre, Ms. Surekha Sale, Mr. Sudhakar Babu, Mr. Murlidhar Jagtap, Mr. Shahnawas Pathan, Ms. Salma Naik, Ms. Varsha Lad, Mr. Vithalbhai Solanki, Ms. Vaishali Jaiswal, Ms. Babita Salvi, Mr. Bajirao Patil, Mr. Chandrakant Shinde, Mr. Devchang Randive, Ms. Jyoti Lokhande, Ms. Pradnya Shinde, Ms. Penelope Tong, Ms. Pramila Madupuri, Mr. Sunil Mhaske, Mr. Suryakant Mane, Ms. Sangeeta Gawli, Ms. Sharon Menezes, Ms. Silvin Kale, Mr. Sadanand Dalvi, Mr. Vijay More, Ms. Vasanti Jadhav, Mr. Vikas Kadam, Ms. Vishaka More, Ms. Krupa Shah, Ms. T.S. Devayani, and Ms. Pooja Shrimali. *Part-time Staff:* Ms. Smita Jadhav, Mr. Shyamal Godambe, Mr. Santosh Gavas and Ms. Geeta Shah.
- Project Advisor** : Dr. Sanober Sahni.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Mr. Vijay Raghavan.

DALIT AND TRIBAL ISSUES

Shramik Adivasi Sanghatana — Lok Vikas Sahayog Trust Project: People's Movement against Exploitation and Corruption, estd. 2005
Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh.

- Objective** :
- To empower tribal people and other disadvantaged sections to voice and fight for their rights and concerns.
- Programmes** :
- Regular village level meetings.
 - Filing of complaints against the police, the forest police and the landlords/business people who exploit tribals and other people in the area.
 - Rallies/Morchas when there is inaction at various levels by the government officials or when gross atrocities are committed.
 - Representing forest and tribal issues at various fora.
 - Ideological camps and empowerment to become representatives of the people and civic bodies in the area.
 - Attempting a self-help group for the purchase and sale of *mohua*, the local flower which plays a role in the local economy.
 - Tuition for high school and 12th Std. students in English and Mathematics.
 - Bal Melas.
- Project Staff** : Mr. Anurag Modi, Ms. Shamim Meghani, Mr. Rajendra and Mr. Mangal.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Dr. Rajani Konantambigi.

Social Work Advocacy Alliance, estd. 2005
TISS, Mumbai.

- Objective : · Empowerment of Dalits and Tribals.
- Programmes : · Coordinating networks.
· Documentation.
- Faculty-in-Charge : Mr. Daniel S.R.

HEALTH

Health Resource Centre, estd. 1999
Kakramba, Taluka Tuljapur, Dist. Osmanabad.

- Objectives : · Dealing with women's health issues through various programmes.
· Capacity-building of women and key actors like health staff.
· Creation of support group.
· Strengthening existing health services.
· Publishing suitable documents.
- Programmes : · Health and development messages.
· Sadaphuli: Session with adolescent girls through schools.
· Education on family life to girls.
· AIDS awareness programmes.
· Anaemia detection camp under nutrition programme.
· Eye check-up camp.
· Formation of women's groups.
· Literacy classes.
· Intervention through health sub-centre.
- Project Staff : Ms. Anita Mane and Ms. Uma Kshirsagar.
- Faculty-in-Charge : Ms. Anjali Kulkarni.

Turbhe Health and Development Project, estd. 1995
Turbhe Stores, Navi Mumbai.

- Objective : · To enable the community to understand their own health and social needs and empower them towards fulfilling these needs.
- Programmes : · Pre-school education (Balwadi).
· Health and community development.
· Maternal and child health.
· Anti-tobacco programme.
· Capacity development in community
- Project Staff : 5 teachers/community health workers, and 3 helpers.
- Faculty-in-Charge : Dr. Kanchan Mukherjee.

Integrated Rural Health and Development Project, estd. 1986
Aghai Village, Shahapur Taluka, Thane District.

- Objectives : · Empowerment of self help groups.
· Holistic health and community development.
- Programmes : · IGP for self-group.
· Networking with government schemes.
· Formation of youth groups.
· Electricity to *padas*.
· Liaisoning with PHC to organise health camps.

Project Staff : Ms. Kalpana Vishe, Ms. Sujata and Ms. Lata.

Faculty-in-Charge : Prof. Vimla Nadkarni, Dr. Ashabanu Soletti and Dr. Swati Banerjee.

HIV/AIDS

HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment for Nepali Migrants and their Families in Mumbai and Thane, estd. 2004
Mumbai and Thane districts (with drop-in-centres at Goregaon and Thane).

Objective : · Reduce vulnerability to STI/HIV and promote access to care and support services among male Nepali migrants in Mumbai and Thane districts.

Programmes : · Prevention activities.
· Diagnosis and treatment of STI and general health complaints.
· Counselling.
· Referral, follow-up and care and support for HIV positive people.

Project Staff : 31 project staff and 100 peer educators.

Faculty-in-Charge : Dr. Kanchan Mukherjee.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Koshish, estd. 2006
Mumbai.

Objectives : · To reach out to the destitute and homeless population.
· Network with state agencies and non-governmental bodies for intervention, advocacy and resource mobilisation.

Programmes : · Outreach and night outs.
· Vocational guidance.
· Medical support.
· Sensitisation, networking and resource mobilisation.

Project Staff : Mr. Tarique Qureshi and Ms. Santoshi.

Faculty-in-Charge : Dr. Ashabanu Soletti.

HUM (Humanity United in M-Ward), estd. 2002
M-Ward, Mumbai.

Objectives : · Provide opportunities for interaction between a variety of individuals and organisational representatives to dialogue on the issues/problems of the Ward.
· To organise awareness and educational sessions on human rights for individuals and groups in the Ward.
· To bring about attitudinal change through the process of dialogue and reflection.
· To facilitate collective actions planned by the groups for creating a human rights sensitive environment.
· Promote attitudes of solidarity.

Programmes : · Campaign on the theme of Solid Waste Management.
· Meetings with Ward officials and citizens' groups.
· Dissemination of the bye-laws of the Municipal Act.
· Formulation of a training module for schools on solid waste management.

Faculty-in-Charge : Dr. Lata Narayan and Prof. Nasreen Rustomfram.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Tata-LAHDC Development Support Programme, estd. 2005
Leh, Jammu & Kashmir.

Objectives : · To provide support to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) to prepare multi-sector sustainable district development plan with people's participation.
· Assess training needs for capacity-building of government functionaries.
· Facilitate preparation of people's plan through micro-planning process.

- Facilitate scaling up of various pilot initiatives in agriculture.
 - Review performance and prospects of selected sectors and make recommendation for sustainable growth.
- Programmes** : · Diploma in Sustainable Development.
- Data-base creation.
 - Micro-planning: seminars, orientation workshops, PRA trainings, gram sabhas, micro-level planning at Halqa panchayats, panchayat development reports based on MLP, stakeholder meetings, etc.
- Project Staff** : Prof. John Menachery, Dr. C. Manjula and Mr. Thukjay Tashi.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Prof. S. Parasuraman, Prof. C. Sengupta, Prof. Janki Andharia, Prof. Vidya Rao, Dr. B. Manjula, Prof. Vimla Nadkarni, Dr. D.P. Singh, Dr. A.K. Singh and Dr. Ramila Bisht.

Promotion of People's Initiatives for Sustainable, Eco-friendly and Equitable Socioeconomic Development, estd. 2005
14 Villages in Tuljapur Block, Osmanabad District.

- Objectives** : · To involve the community-building organisations in process of rural development.
- To develop the rural community through optimum use of techno-economic and natural resources, and develop the capacity for initiative in people so that they will be able to organise themselves.
 - To develop/create opportunities to marginalised, challenged persons.
- Programmes** : · Formation of farmers' groups.
- Training and capacity-building programmes for men, women and youth.
 - Demonstration of sustainable agriculture.
 - Formation of self-help groups.
 - Formation of youth groups.
 - Life skill programme for adolescent girls.
 - Initiating knowledge centres.
 - Documentation.
- Project Staff** : Mr. Vasant Bhasra, Ms. Anita Mane, Ms. Sunanda Parshetti, Mr. Santosh Thorat and Mr. Sunil Mandle.
- In-Charge** : Mr. Ramesh Jare, Mr. Ram Rathod and Mr. Satteppa Y.D.

To Strengthen Human Resources for Planning and Implementing Development in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, estd. 2005
Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- Objectives** : · Training and capacity-building in sustainable development.
- Addressing livelihood concerns, leadership-building and policy support.
 - Facilitating creation of vibrant community resource centres.
 - Strengthening community-based institutions.
 - Research and documentation.
- Programme** : · Certificate and Diploma Programmes in Sustainable Development for local communities.
- Project Staff** : Mr. Dharmananda Sundaray, Ms. Junuka Deshpande, Ms. Marietta Vaz and Ms. Manak Maitani.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Prof. Janki Andharia.

WOMEN

Replicating Special Cells in Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, estd. 2006
Madhya Pradesh and Haryana.

- Objectives** : · To assist setting up Special Cells to deal with violence against women in the project areas.
- To develop innovative strategies to respond to violence against women in different socio-political contexts.
 - Documentation and study of processes and strategies to deal with violence against women in new contexts.
- Project Staff** : Ms. Trupti Panchal and Ms. Rajul Thakkar.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Ms. Anjali Dave.

Aarohi: Counselling and Legal Aid Centre for Women in Distress, estd. 2000
Thane.

- Objectives** : . To strengthen the utilisation of the health care services by working with various health functionaries, as well as groups of women, children and low-income groups.
- . To initiate and carry out need-based research to enable the Thane health system to respond more appropriately to people's needs.
- . To initiate and demonstrate interventions in psychosocial aspects of health.
- Programmes** : . Providing counselling and other services to women in distress and young people with issues in sexuality and relationship problems.
- . Awareness raising on women and adolescent issues within the hospital.
- . Helpline for adolescents and the young.
- . Networking with other NGOs.
- . Workshops with municipal school girls on sexuality, growing up and relationships.
- . Long-term capacity-building programmes with school students on peer group pressure, study skills, study habits, exam phobia, poor study habits and others voiced by the students themselves.
- Project Staff** : Ms. Ida Pinto.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Prof. Surinder Jaswal.

Special Cell for Women and Children, estd. 1984
In Police Offices of 11 districts of Maharashtra.

- Objectives** : . Rebuild violated women's self-esteem, self-worth and dignity.
- . Offer immediate services in cases of family violence and atrocities against women in the forms of:
- Police assistance in registering complaints.
- Placement in institutions or referrals to family service agencies.
- Counselling.
- Referrals to other services including medical, psychiatric, educational and vocational.
- Legal aid.
- . Be a liaison between the police and organisations for women and children.
- . Create awareness about the humiliations and atrocities committed, particularly against women and children, amongst women themselves, amongst professional groups, and the general public.
- . Document the work of the Special Cell and develop training material for social work students and police personnel.
- Programmes** : . Core work of psycho-socio-legal services for violated women and children continue.
- . Training programmes for Police Officials, Zilla Parishad-level counsellors, Helplines workers and 'Yuvati Mela' for young adults on the issue of Violence Against Women at districts.
- . Review and reporting meetings of the last three years of work with the district level police and WCD officials, women's organisations and women themselves.
- . Organising and participating in programmes to understand the new Domestic Violence Act and develop rules for the same.
- Project Staff** : Ms. Trupti Panchal (Project Coordinator). *Social Workers*: Ms. Vandana Nanavare, Ms. Rajshree Ambare, Ms. Pratibha Jagtap, Ms. Nikhat Shaikh, Ms. Pragna Kastle, Ms. Divya Taneja, Ms. Deepa Gaikwad, Mr. Sanjay Telrandhe, Ms. Pratibha Kachewar, Mr. Sitaram Shinde, Ms. Archana Kale, Ms. Surekha Rankhambe, Ms. Ranjana Gaikwad, Mr. Suresh Suryavanshi, Ms. Anita Pagare, Ms. Deepali Mankar, Ms. Jyoti Sapkale, Ms. Renuka, Ms. Karuna Mahantre, and Ms. Pratibha Gajbhiye.
- Faculty-in-Charge** : Ms. Anjali Dave.