

ARPHEN

(Association of Rural People for Health and Education Needs)



BIENNIAL REPORT

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We started ten classes and community work is set up around these classes. The class became a hub of all our activities. The teachers function as teacher cum community worker. We set up Balpanchayat and Sports group around the classes. We followed the Maharashtra Govt. syllabus for the bridge classes. The duration of the training is two years. This is with the aim to make people participate in the local self-government. Through the children we are trying to reach out to their parents. We got a list of 16 children who are infected by HIV. We are meeting all the families and giving them basic training to take care of their children. As a next level we will register them at Government Hospitals for ART. One clinic is setup at Kharghar for the women and children.

List of classes

| Sr No | Area | Teacher | Boys | Girls | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | Tata Press | Lalita Kawade | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| 2 | Noble | Jyoti Waghmare | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| 3 | Bharat Stone | Madhavi | 18 | 15 | 33 |
| 4 | Baban Seth | Sayya Khilari | 11 | 12 | 23 |
| 5 | Madavi Quarry | Vaishali Ragade | 11 | 12 | 23 |
| 6 | Lalji Seth | Mangle Kamble | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| 7 | Thakur | Vanita Navle | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 8 | Omkar | Vanita Navle | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 9 | A H Patil | Kaushaliya | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| 10 | D R Patil | Shila More | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Total | | | 113 | 127 | 240 |

Bal Panchayat



We planned to set up 10 Balpanchayat, but were able to set up only eight so far. Each of the groups is trained to keep a minute book and organize the meetings. They take up some important issues like water. In Tata Press Quarry they met the local corporator and he suggested a temporary solution, that is giving a water tap from the MIDC area, where people can go and fetch water. They also visited a number of places

like post office, Police station, Bank and so on. After learning about the rationing system in India, some of the Balpanchayat motivated the elders, who in turn went to the Navi

Mumbai ration office and invited the ration officer to quarry to clear their doubts about rationing. This group also helps the teacher in all her activities, they visit the families whose children doesn't come to class. If a school going child doesn't go a school the Balpanchayat members visit his home and find the reason behind it. They also play an important role in health issues. There are session on health issues for them and they ask the people to go to Arphen's clinic or to the Municipal hospitals if the problem is serious.

| Sr No | Area | Boys | Girls | Total |
|-------|------------|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Tata | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| 2 | Noble | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| 3 | Hp | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 4 | DRPatil | 12 | 8 | 20 |
| 5 | BhartStone | 13 | 7 | 20 |
| 6 | Baban Seth | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| 7 | N T | 13 | 7 | 20 |
| 8 | Om Kar | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| 9 | A H quarry | 11 | 6 | 17 |

Sports group



Our target was 10 but were able to achieve only 7. Every day evening these children meet and play. It is planed to get the



community involvement in all our activities. They are provided with sports materials and have some training about how to take care of the sports goods. They maintain record about all the activities

| Sr no | Area | Boys | Girls | Total |
|-------|--------------|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Tata press | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 2 | Noble | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 3 | H P | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 4 | D R Patil | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 5 | Bharat Stone | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 6 | Bhavan Seth | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 7 | N T | 7 | 5 | 12 |

Self Health Groups (S H Gs)



20 S H Gs and about 270 members. Out this 20, ten S H Gs are working very well and 6 average and 4 just saving group. These groups are our real community link. We conduct regular sessions for them. They take care of all the community related work like micro insurance, health issues, etc

Micro Insurance

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Total Subscription | 102 |
| Effective | 86 |
| Non Effective | 16 |

Clinic Visits (Number of Patients)



| Month | Pediatric | Gynecological | Total |
|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Oct 2007 | 44 | 22 | 66 |
| Nov 2007 | 28 | 38 | 66 |
| Dec 2007 | 27 | 35 | 62 |
| Jan 2008 | 42 | 36 | 78 |
| Feb 2008 | 31 | 25 | 78 |
| March 2008 | 34 | 26 | 60 |
| April 2008 | 34 | 27 | 61 |
| May 2008 | 32 | 24 | 56 |
| June 2008 | 17 | 16 | 33 |
| July 2008 | 27 | 23 | 50 |
| August 2008 | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| September 2008 | 42 | 37 | 79 |
| Total | 371 | 319 | 712 |

School Admissions

During this period we have admitted more than **202** students to the school. We have developed a system of follow up with the municipal school. The headmaster, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan coordinator and our field supervisor work together for this.

Women's activities (groups, S H G, Capacity building)



Then main contact of Arphen is Women and children. They identify themselves with Arphen and they feel ownership of the organization. They organize programs and take up issues and try to solve it. There are regular meetings and discussions. Even our visitors are taken care by our community.

Details of capacity building classes

| Sr No | Subject | No. of session | No. of Persons |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Health | 35 | 830 |
| 2 | S.H.G | 48 | 761 |
| 3 | H.I.V | 3 | 66 |
| 4 | Ration | 10 | 184 |
| 5 | 74 Amendment | 3 | 77 |
| 6 | Safe Migration | 2 | 43 |
| 7 | Work with NMMC | 7 | 236 |
| 8 | Work with Police Dept. | 3 | 82 |
| Total | | 111 | 2275 |

Training of Youth



The under privilege community in Kharghar and near by areas are finding it very difficult to get employments due to their lack of confidence and employable skills .To overcome this we along with O R G (operation research group) conducted training for youth and put them in to them in to the national consumer survey of O R G. It give them a start to earn and the basic confidence to go out and search opportunities in near by industrial belt.

The same way we take up survey work for Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation. We put 40 youth on the survey. Every month an average of 5 people left the survey and joined jobs in the offices and factories. This project went on for 12 months and 60 people got employment and another 40 people get trained to search for jobs.

Network

L & T

Larson & turbo one of the leading technology company of Mumbai is helping us part of their corporate social responsibility. They help us with our activities on health, one health clinic was set up at Khargar for the poor and underprivileged with free medicine and pathology. The clinic works for two days, one for children and another for women. We got two doctors who are really committed to work for the poor (both of them are super-specialist) . One negative aspect of our clinic is that it is far away from the quarry and the quarry workers have to spent money to avail these facilities

Glaxo

They provide us in kind things like computers, printers and other items that are of necessary for the office

Tata Consultancy Services

They also help us with by giving things. They help us in setting up a computer centre.

London Metropolitan University – School of Architecture

Discussions were going on with L M U for some time for joint activities. After studying about our people and their problems, they proposes to construct class rooms cum community centers. This community centres will used from morning to evening. It can be used for children as a protective place against the dangers of quarry. The S H Gs can start some activities at the centre. The whole community can use it for entertainment in the evening. The clinic as well as the computer training institute will function at quarry itself, thus we will become more focused and easily available to the people

As a first stage two faculty members came to Mumbai for two months to map the quarry, find the locations for the community centres and make plan and drawings. Then they will come out with a report (almost like book covering all the aspects of life in the quarry.) They were here till 14th of September. Prof Robert Burns the H O D (head of the department) also came for three days and visited almost all the quarries and tried to understand and explore the possibilities.

Now the rough report is ready and they will present the report in the University for Acceptance and allocation of fund. Once they get the approval of university, the second stage starts that is building the centres. We are expecting by the beginning of next year. Any way we will be getting a good handbook about quarry in good printed format

[D Y Patil medical college](#)

They have always shown interest in our work. Our people are exempted from paying the hospital charges. They have to pay only for the consumables

[Ambani International School](#)

We conducted an eye camp along with Ambani school on first quarter, what we found was lot of eye problems in the area. We were able to distribute more than 450 spectacles. They have given us a list of some 40 patients who need cataract operations. We have approached DY Patil Medical college, they are ready to provide free hospitalization but we have to meet the examination and consumable expenses that works out to be 1500 per eye .We got a sponsor for it and on October we will start taking the patients to hospital.

[N M M C](#)

They help us in a large way by including us in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan and other schemes like income generation, health etc. They have given us contract to provide investigator for property tax. This is going on for the last one year in the beginning it was for 40 people in latest extension it is for 30 people. All are fresh local youth who are otherwise, unemployable any where else. After working with us for a period of three to four months most of them build a minimum level of confidence, realizes what they are good at and seek jobs out side and carry on with their lives. But there are about 10 people who are with us through out the project (that is about one year). Now we will start counseling session to find out how they can get trained in some jobs and get proper jobs out side. For education they provide us part salary of the teacher, study materials and food. They provide income generation activities to our women like tea stall, pulverizing machine (Chakki) etc. We are planning to use them for our health activities also

[Y M T Medical College](#)

They are one of our main partners for training and resource material. They allow us to conduct training programmes in the college and provide their faculty members as resource persons. They helped us to organized a few training prorammes at the quarry also.

[Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of management](#)

The students took a very active role in our activities. They help us with Data base management. They visited the classes occasionally and distributed some materials to our students.

[American Embassy](#)

When their staff move out of India they donate all those things which they don't want to carry to us which we redistribute to the people

