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MISSION GAGILLAPUR

Monthly Progress Report for August, 2016

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List of Abbreviations

1	APMAS/MAS	Andhra Pradesh MahilaAbhivruddhi Society / MahilaAbhivruddhi Society
2	ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
3	AWW	Anganwadi Workers
4	ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activist
5	CMRC	Community Managed Resource Centre
6	CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
7	FC	Functional Committee
8	FP	Finance Partner
9	GGP	Gagillapur
10	GP	Gram Panchayat
11	GS	Gram Sabha
12	IHHL	Individual Household Latrine
13	MGP	Mission Gagillapur
14	MPDO	MandalParishad Development Officer
15	MPTC	MandalParishad Territorial Constituency
16	NGO	Non-governmental organisation
17	OBC	Other Backward Caste
18	PM	Project Manager
19	PO	Project Officer
20	PS / EO	Panchayat Secretary/ Executive Officer
21	RO	Reverse Osmosis
22	RTE	Right to Education
23	SMC	School Management Committee
24	SC	Scheduled Caste
25	SH	Shakti Hormann
26	SHG	Self Help Goups
27	ST	Scheduled Tribe
28	VDC	Village Development Committee
29	VMF	VandeMataram Foundation
30	VO	Village Organization
31	WB	World Bank
32	ZPHS	ZilaParishad High School

A. Quick Overview of Mission Gagillapur

Mission Gagillapur was conceptualized in January 2016 with the partnership of HörmannKG and MahilaAbhivruddhi Society (MAS), with the vision to transform the village of Gagillapur, in Rangareddy District, into a model village, within five years, within the bigger umbrella of GramaJyothi scheme.

An in-depth study was conducted by MAS in August 2015, which formed the foundation for the detailed proposal (in January) which was shared & the feedback received from Hormann KG was incorporated.

The proposal contained five strategic interventions to address the development gaps identified as short term, medium term and long term needs, as follows:

1. Institutionalize community driven development process
2. Poor & marginalized access to government schemes
3. Improved Quality Education
4. Placement linked skill development & career guidance
5. Address Development Gaps through Community-Led Approach (Health, Hygiene, Ground Water Pollution, Garbage Disposal, Water Scarcity)

These were to be facilitated by a community driven development process, with MAS facilitating the transformation.

1. Key Achievements

MAS began the strategic interventions with the cooperation of District Administration and Hörmann KG since January, 2016.

Since its inception, Mission Gagillapur has been a dynamic process, with its own set of challenges & dilemmas. Nevertheless, considerable progress has been made. A number of activities were conducted with the help of the community, such as, the formation of the Village Development Committee and five Functional Committees in Gagillapur, conducting an exposure trip for the Committee to the model village of Gangadevipally, repairing & ensuring the functioning of the RO water plant for safe drinking water, providing trainings to & conducting audits for the SHGs in the village through CRPs from Kamareddy cluster, distribution of school bags & shoes in all the government schools of Gagillapur, celebrating Independence Day in the High school, conducting two health camps in collaboration with Mallareddy Hospital, taking up wall writings on a number of key issues (sanitation, education, hygiene etc.), conducting a skill development drive & identifying job opportunities for the youth of the village, and organizing a cleanliness awareness drive- Swacch Gagillapur.

2. Learning & Challenges

Mission Gagillapur is not without its share of challenges in all its levels of operation. The challenges faced are as follows:

- i. *Operational issues of RO Water Plant:* The RO water Plant, without a free source of raw water, has been facing operational issues, with low productivity & unpaid electricity bills carried forward before Mission Gagillapur commenced.
- ii. *Illegal land rights in 214:* Not all the residents of 214 Gagillapur have legal land entitlements, which made it difficult for MAS to conduct developmental activities in that land. With no new “patthas” (land entitlements) being given out by the Government, the initiation of any activities for the benefit of the residents poses to be a problem.
- iii. *Less community participation:* The community needs constant motivation and orientations to take initiatives in Gagillapur.
- iv. *Lack of support from Gram Panchayat:* The Gram Panchayat often feels that VDC might overpower them as a separate entity, and hence support from their side is difficult to achieve.
- v. *Proximity issues within the village from one habitation to another:* The village being spread out & consisting of five different hamlets, pose difficulties in community group participation.
- vi. *Community expectations are more inclined towards infrastructural activities (such as drinking water, drainages & roads):* The expectations of the Community are different from the priority plans in the first year of Mission Gagillapur.

Nevertheless, the team has been moving ahead with the community on a number of fronts.

With these developmental activities providing a community led impetus to Mission Gagillapur, a number of short term & long term strategic interventions have been planned for the village.

These are to be conducted keeping in mind the broader picture of sustainably developing Gagillapur as a model village through a community led approach, which also keeps it in tune with the overall model village characteristics being followed in India.

3. Progress made in August, 2016

The month of August saw a lot of activities taking place in the village as well as continuous efforts to collude the Mandal Officials along with the surrounding industries in Gagillapur.

1. Institutionalize community driven development process

1.1. Strengthen Gram Sabha, Village Development Committee & Functional Committees:

The sixth VDC meeting was held in the SnehaGramaSanghaBhavan on the 6th of August in the main village, with a quorum of 19 members. The progress in July was shared and the following decisions were taken:

1. A suitable place is to be identified to be made into a dumping yard by the EO & Sarpanch.
2. In order to install the name board for Mission Gagillapur, a location was to be identified & finalized by the VDC members.
3. The VDC members wanted MAS to share their Annual plans under Mission Gagillapur & hold an orientation program for clarity on roles & responsibilities.
4. In order to level the playground of the primary school in Church GGP, the EO suggested that 4 trips of filling sand be provided by MAS & four trips by the Gram Panchayat. It was explained to him that it is not a budgeted item.
5. The need for Vidya Volunteers was felt by all members.
6. Another skill development drive was requested to be held.



A meeting was also held for the Functional Committee of Education & Livelihood. The Education Committee was suggested to conduct games in all government primary & high schools, along with the plan of prize distribution on 15th of August.

The Livelihood Functional Committee was asked to follow up on the skill development trainings, counsel the youth and motivate their families, to form the youth groups in the village.

1.2. Promote and strengthen Community Resource Centre:

The CMRC building was finalized & cleaned. The Project Manager & Project Officer prepared quotations for furniture to be setup in CMRC. A total of two computer tables, two revolving chairs and 35 plastic chairs were purchased and setup in the CMRC building.

2. Poor & marginalized access to government schemes

2.1. Payment of pending IHHL beneficiaries:

After a number of meetings & continuous follow up with various government officials, the distribution of Individual Sanitary latrine payments (of 6000 INR) were facilitated to 21 beneficiaries from the SwachBharat Mission fund from the joint bank account of Sarpanch, VO leader (Smt. Jayalakshmi) & Panchayath Secretary.



A total of 28 ISL payments were facilitated by MAS.

The process involved representing the beneficiaries to the Panchayat Secretary & MPDO, conducting orientation to the Habitation Development Committee, motivation for other beneficiaries yet to start construction, following it up with concerned officials, etc.

2.2. Baseline Survey:

The Volunteers helped in conducting baseline survey in the man village. The completed baseline forms have been



brought to the MAS office in Hyderabad and verification of forms has begun.



2.3. Participation in Government Programs:

2.3.1. Breast Feeding Campaign: The Project Officers (C.S. Goud & Madhuwanti Mitro) participated in the breast feeding camp held on 05.08.2016 as a part of the World breast feeding week at the Anganwadicentre in Gagillapur. The camp was conducted by 23 Anganwadi Workers from Quthbullapur-I sector. A rally was also organized on the importance of breast feeding along the main streets of the village. The CDPO Mr. Akleshwar Rao attended the campaign and briefed the pregnant & lactating mothers on the importance of nutrition, healthy food habits of the child & the mother. The MPTC (Smt. Sunita), Panchayath secretary (Madhusudanreddy), Supervisor ICDS (Spandana) also participated in the event.



A total of 21 pregnant & lactating mothers had attended the campaign.

2.3.2. De-worming camp: On the 10th of Aug, de-worming tablets (Albandazole) were distributed to the Anganwadi children and in all the government as well as the private schools. The Project Officer (CS Goud) facilitated the same. A total of 300 students participated in Gagillapur.



3. Improved Quality Education

3.1. Distribution of school bags, shoes & socks:



On 03.08.2016, MAS distributed school bags, one pair of shoes & two pair of socks to each student in the three Primary schools and one High school in Gagillapur. Quotations were prepared & finalized prior to that, and the shoe supplier (Globe shoes Company) accompanied the MAS team to the village.

The CEO of MAS (CS Reddy) attended the event, and held a brief round of discussion with the school children. He motivated the children to take part in the various development activities in the village, informed them about Mission

Gagillapur, and interacted with them at length on their future plans. The Project Officer (CS Goud) briefed the students, teachers & School management committee members on the activities taken up under Mission Gagillapur.

The others who were present at the distribution are:

- From Gagillapur- Sunitha&Sanjiv Reddy (MPTC & her husband), Madhusudan Reddy (Panchayath Secretary), Mahender (HM-ZPHS)
- From Shakti Hormann-RangaRao (GM), MRK Raju(A.O), Krishnamurthy(HRM)
- From MAS-Venkatesulu (PM), Saroja(HRM), Madhuwanti (PO), Sujata (PO).



3.2. Prize Distribution on 15th August:

In order to motivate the students & instill a sense of patriotism in them, the 15th August celebrations were celebrated in the High school & primary school in Church Gagillapur with the help of MAS. A meeting was held with the High School teachers on 05.08.2016 with Project Officers (CS Goud & Madhuwanti Mitro) in order to identify some of the immediate needs of the school, such as geometry boxes, dictionaries, story books, coloring boxes, etc. These were incorporated while purchasing the prizes for the activities & games to be held on Independence Day. A number of sports activities & games were organized, and all the prizes were distributed in both schools. The children were very excited & enthusiastic about taking part in the events.

The Project Officer also facilitated in providing prizes to the primary school in Thanda with the Sarpanch (Srinivas Naik) and to the primary school in the main village with the MPTC (Sunitha Reddy).



3.3. Elections held with SMC:

As a part of Right to Education (RTE), every school must have a School Management Committee (SMC) which will help in actualizing the goals of the RTE. The key functions of the SMC are:

1. Making a school development plan as per the RTE guidelines
2. Management of the school
3. Supervising and supporting implementation of the Plan.
4. Supervision/monitoring of finance, management, academic progress, distribution of entitlements, & other functions.
5. Ensuring accountability & transparency in the system through social auditing
6. Keeping proper accounts of the fund available and sharing its deployment & utilization with the Gram Sabha
7. Creating & maintaining educational database
8. Coordinating with local authority & generating funds from other sources for school development
9. Monitoring academic progress of the school

10. Instituting social audit mechanism and processes to bring transparency in the system and ensure universal participation

The SMC should have 27 members, out of which 24 members are parents of the students, one will be the elected representative, one member from the MahilaSamakhyas of the village concerned, and the Headmaster/ Headmistress who shall be the convener of the committee. This committee is reconstituted every two years.



In Gagillapur, the Project Officer (CS Goud) participated in the election process of the school management committee in the high school and the primary school of church Gagillapur. He also briefly oriented them on the role & importance of parents in providing quality education to the children and the need to work in coordination with the headmaster of the school.

3.4. Room to Read:

Room to Read is a Non-Profit Organization for improving literacy and gender equality in education in the developing world. InGagillapur, “Room To Read” inaugurated school libraries in the primary schools of Main Village and Church Gagillapur.



The Project Officer participated in the inauguration of these two libraries.

Barron’s ranks Room to Read in top 10 of the world’s “25 Best Givers” and Charity Navigator gives organization its 4-star rating for fifth year in a row.

Room to Read is a global organization seeking to transform the lives of millions of children in the developing world by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education. Founded on the belief that World Change Starts with Educated Children, Room to Read works in collaboration with local communities, partner organizations and governments to develop literacy skills and a habit of reading among primary school children and to ensure girls have the skills and support needed to complete their secondary education. Since 2000, Room to Read has impacted the lives of more than four million children in Asia and Africa and aims to reach 10 million children by 2015.

3.5. Visit to Vande Mataram Foundation at Mahabubnagar:

On 09.08.2016, a team from MAS (consisting of Venkateshulu, Madhuwanti&Sujata) visited the VandeMataram Foundation, at their Resource Centre in Mahabubnagar. VandeMataram Foundation aims to improve quality of education in government schools, students as well as teachers, through their strategy of 3Ls (LLL-Logic, Language & Life skills).

VandeMataram Foundation advocates logic based learning of mathematics, implemented through a committee of student volunteers (BalaGanitham Committee) who are trained & conduct simple tests for their classmates for about

10 minutes a day, with the help of their teacher. Language is improved through distribution of story books, magazines, newspapers etc. Life skills are addressed through various cultural activities through “BalaSabha”.

Discussions were held to sign a MoU with VMF for the High school in Gagillapur, where a team from VMF would be sent to improve quality of education.

4. Placement Linked Skill development & Career Guidance:

Information was gathered and a list was prepared about the companies located around Gagillapur along with the contact numbers of their HR & Administrative Officers. These companies are to be contacted for providing job opportunities to the youth of the village.

5. Addressing Development Gaps

5.1. NSS Volunteers:

In order to promote model village as a concept, a group of 17 NSS volunteers participated in a number of villages in five districts. This was organized by the National Service Scheme as a special campaign, which is generally organized on various developmental issues for the volunteers & youth working with NSS. They work with slums, villages & voluntary agencies to complete 120 hours of regular activities, by being in constant touch with the community.

In Gagillapur, a team of 17 volunteers had come to conduct various activities with the community. This was quite a useful step in developing the rapport with the community. The volunteers interacted with community & MAS Project Officer to hold interactive sessions on model village concepts & its various aspects. This bridged communication gaps between the community as well as MAS, and helped to bring everyone on the same page.

The Project Officer (CS Goud) coordinated with these volunteers in the following activities:

1. Organizing a Harithaharam rally in Chaitanyanagar, replacing the plants and providing the saplings with water for their survival.
2. Swachh Gagillapur campaign in Thanda,
3. Household wise intimation of govt. schemes in Main village,
4. Painting of tree guards
5. Conducting health camp at Rajivgandhinagar.
6. Conducting Dental health camp for the school children by Mallareddy hospital with the initiative of Gramapanchayth in the main village.
7. Conducting games and cultural dance classes for the students of primary school in Thanda.
8. Participation in Don Bosco HRD Centre¹.



¹ Don Bosco Human Resource Development Centre trains rural youth in vocational training with job facility, located in Church Gagillapur.

Other than conducting events, the NSS volunteers also facilitated the recognition of meritorious students of the High school.

1. Kavitha from the 10th Class, who had attained a grade of 9.2, was rewarded with a cash prize of 1001 INR by the two teachers Sujatha (Science Teacher) & Shailaja (Telugu Teacher).
2. The ward members who participated in this event (Naveen Reddy & Srinivas Goud) announced that they will cover the costs of pursuing intermediate education for Kavitha.
3. The MPTC (Sunita Reddy) made an announcement to cover the fees for intermediate education for all the students who secure 400 marks in 10th Class, from the current academic year.



6. Project Management

6.1. Name Board Installation:

The Name board for Mission Gagillapur was installed with the logos of the Government of Telangana, Mahila Abhivruddhi Society and Hormann K.G, in the main road adjacent to the statue of Gandhi as per the decision of the VDC members, on 10.08.2016.



6.2. Field Visit of Urban Development Specialist to Gagillapur:

The MAS Urban Development Specialist (Subramanyam Reddy) visited Gagillapur on 26.08.2016 to inspect the RO water plant, CMRC building, meet the Innofab company and also with MRK Raju at the SH factory.



6.3. Field Visit of Consultant from Hormann KG:

On 17.08.2016 a field visit was conducted with the consultant from Hormann KG (Mrinalini Shastry) to get a basic understanding of the village of Gagillapur.

6.4. Meeting with ANM and AASHA

workers:

The Project Officer attended the meeting with ANM and AASHA worker in the GramaPanchayath Office along with PanchayatSecretary, regarding the status of immunization and vaccination in the village. It was known that under the universal immunization program, 15 children were immunized and antenatal checkups were done for six pregnant women with the issue of cards and TT injections.



Gagillapur has only one ASHA worker at present, residing in the Main Village. The entitlement of the village is to have three ASHA workers.

Following this discussion, the PanchayatSecretary interacted with the health supervisor (Gangadhar) regarding the need to provide two new AASHA workers in Church Gagillapur and Rajivgandhinagar.

6.5. Meeting with PD-DRDA:

On 29.08.2016, the MAS team visited the Collectorate of Rangareddy District and met with the PD-DRDA (Sarveswar Reddy). The progress of Mission Gagillapur was shared along with the challenges faced in the field implementation. The Letter that was earlier written to the District Collector was discussed, and a meeting with the Collector was decided to be scheduled.

6.6. Review Meeting at MAS:

On 12th August, a review meeting was held with the Project Officers of model villages in the MAS Head Office in Hyderabad. A representative from VandeMataram Foundation had presented a concept note on the approach followed by them, for improving quality education in the High School in Gagillapur

6.7. Review Meeting at MAS with Shakti Hormann:

On 23.09.2016 a review meeting was held with Shakti Hormann at the MAS Head Office, prior to which a meeting was held with Mrinalini & the MAS team.

6.8. Meeting with Mrinalini Shastry:

On 25.09.2016 a meeting was held with Mrinalini Shastry.