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RESPONSE TO FLOOD VICTIMS



Heavy rain triggered by back-to-back low pressure over the Bay of Bengal has caused flooding in different districts across the state.

The horror of flood amid the Covid-19 pandemic is acting like a curse to the people of Odisha. The low lying areas across the state remained underwater for a number of days. Due to the swelling of Mahanadi & Paika Rivers caused by excessive rains, several villages of Tirtol blocks of Jagatsinghpur districts are completely flooded. People are struggling for food and even drinking water.

Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of Smart Power India distributed relief materials to 600 Households at Kolar & Poragdei Gram Panchayats of Tirtol Block in Jagatsinghpur District. Mr. Jugal Kishore Pattnayak - CEO Mahashakti Foundation and Mr. Mohan K Baliyarsingh - Director Mahashakti Foundation, graced the event.





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RAGI CULTIVATION

Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of Odisha Millet Mission in collaboration with ATMA & WASSAN for the first time focussed on the production of Millets in 19 villages of Bargarh District in order to increase the household consumption of Millets because of its good nutritional value. Millet (Ragi) Cultivation by adopting PVT (Participatory Varietal Trail) is being done at Bijepur Block in Bargarh. 10 varieties of Mandia seedlings were planted in order to know the variety that suits the best in the soil of Bijepur and its production capacity.

CLUSTERWISE ANIMATORS' MEETING OF E-SHAKTI

Mahashakti Foundation under Project E-Shakti with the support of NABARD is working for the digitization of SHGs in Bargarh district. The main intention is to digitise all the data of the SHGs where the real status of each SHGs can be found under one dashboard. A Cluster-wise Animators' Review and Planning Meeting was held in different Blocks of Bargarh so as to concentrate on concrete plans and for future courses of actions.



AWARENESS PROGRAM ON INSURANCE SCHEMES

In order to increase Awareness on insurance and making people understand the features, advantages and benefits of insurance products, Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of Grameen Foundation conducted a Mass Awareness Program under Project "Awareness Generation and Uptake of Insurance for Poverty Alleviation" at Getsarobarpada, Balangir. The Master Trainer trained on different government schemes such as PMJJBY, PMSBY, SSY and APY. Total 43 Participants attended the program and 39 got enrolled under various schemes.

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ANIMATORS

A Training program was conducted by Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of NABARD under Project E-Shakti for the Animators on Baseline Data Collection at Sohela Block. BDO Sohela - Mr. Biswa Ranjan Kar, Chairman Sohela - Mr. Jibardhan Bariha, CDPO - Ms. Raseswari Sahu, AGM NABARD - Mr. Saroj Kumar Jena, Zilla Parisad - Mr. Subrat Kumar Behera joined as Guests in the Training Program. Mr. Subrat Kumar Sahu from joined as the Technical Expert.



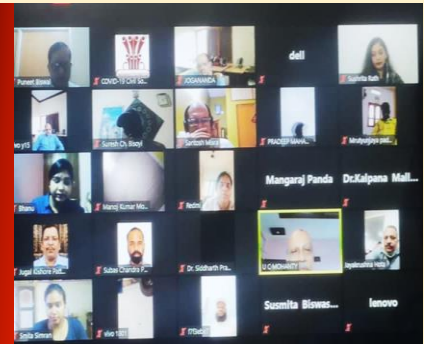


WEBINAR ON MIGRANT CRISIS DURING COVID-19

Mahashakti Foundation in association with Migration Watch India & Focus Odisha Foundation conducted a Webinar on the Emerging Issues and Challenges on Migration crisis and Exploring opportunities for livelihood and social security. A Panel comprising of 10 eminent personalities from corporate, media houses and veterans from Social sector joined the Webinar. More than 80 people joined as panellists. It was a great discussion on how to address the challenges faced by the Migrant Workers who returned to their home states after not being able to secure income in the other part of the country.

WEBINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTALISM & COVID-19

Mahashakti Foundation in association with Migration Watch India & Focus Odisha Foundation conducted a Webinar on Climate Change, Environmentalism & Covid-19. A Panel comprising of Climate and Environment Experts joined the Webinar. More than 70 people joined as participants. It was a great discussion on how the change in climate leads to emergence of different viruses time to time. And if there's any way to get rid of this very critical issue – “The Covid-19 Pandemic”.



WEBINAR ON SUSTAINABILITY OF PRODUCERS COMPANIES



Mahashakti Foundation conducted a Webinar on "Sustainability of Producers Organisation: Opportunities and Challenges". A Panel comprising of Practitioners and Academicians joined the Webinar. 100 people joined as participants. It was a great discussion on how the Producer Organisations can build socio economic resilience and how the issues that the Farmers are facing can be addressed through FPOs.

WEBINAR ON IMPORTANCE OF YOGA IN LIFE

On the occasion of Teacher's Day, a webinar titled "Importance of Yoga in Life" was jointly organized by Mahashakti Foundation and Viswha Vaidik Parivaar. Sannyasi Shri Atmananda, the founder of the Viswha Vaidik Parivaar, inaugurated the webinar as the Chief Guest and said that yoga is the connection of body and mind and the connection between soul and spirit. The Lead Speaker at the event was Dr. Haribhai Arya, an award-winning all-India level Yoga Instructor, who suggested that eating habits, home, celibacy and sleep control can make u lead a healthy life. The Webinar has revealed that we can stay healthy if we practice yoga in modern life. Hundreds of devotees/participants took part in the webinar.



**FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INDIA
& ZERODHA**

The Covid-19 Pandemic is having a Deep Impact on people's lives and livelihoods. As the economy is already collapsed, there's a lack of opportunities to earn because of the high to very high level of impact on businesses even after the Unlock. Corona has triggered a deep economic crisis along with an unprecedented human toll. The livelihoods of people is derailed and the rebound looks unfeasible in the near future. The earlier imposed lockdown has been taken off. But the miseries of Migrants continues. The worst part of life is when a person has to struggle to feed himself at least two times a day.

During this time of tragedy, the only thing which we can do is - Show some humanity to the people who are severely affected by the economic shutdown resulted due to the pandemic. Their condition is disturbing and distressing. They are battling a battle that has been very harsh and ruthless to them. With each passing day, they are pushed deep into the ocean of poverty. Saving their lives must be the first priority as a responsible citizen.

Mahashakti Foundation in association with Habitat for Humanity India and with the esteem support of ZERODHA, distributed 55 Family Essential Kits to Migrant Workers, Divyngs and other vulnerables in Madanpur GP & 70 kits in M Rampur GP, 136 Family Essential Kits at Mohangiri & Manikera villages, 65 Kits in Nunpur village and 354 Kits in Singhpur village of M Rampur.

Honourable MP Rajyasabha – Sri Sujeet Kumar, Member Zilla Parishad – Sri Puspendra Kumar Singhdeo, BDO M Rampur – Rumana Zafri, Sarpanch Madanpur – Rajesh Dhangada Majhi, Sarpanch M Rampur – Chitta Ranjan Bagh distributed the Kits in the villages. Top Management of MSF were also present during the Kit distribution.



FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 WITH MILAAP

The country's lockdown began in late March and was subsequently extended several times. Stringent restrictions halted most economic activities and caused millions of people to lose their jobs and revenue streams. It has put India's poorer population face-to-face with an existential crisis. The sudden economic disruption triggered by the lockdown left the daily wage labourers, small shop owners, migrant workers, street vendors penniless. Many of them were daily wage earners. Now it has become a very strenuous activity for the people to revive their businesses and restart with their normal lives.

Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of Milaap, provided with a grant assistance of INR 2000/- to 27 deeply & adversely affected women of Tarbha & Sonepur districts at Tarbha NAC and 69 women from Balangir districts at RMC Market yard, Balangir so that they can manage their livelihood during this trying period.



FELICITATION DUE TO RELIEF WORK DURING COVID-19 BY MAHASHAKTI FOUNDATION

Mahashakti Foundation has always worked for the destitutes. And even during the period of Covid-19 Pandemic, the organisation is putting all its efforts to make a difference in the lives of the vulnerables.

With its five months long Covid-19 Response Program, it has distributed more than 53,000 Family Essential Kits to the people who are in real need of it.

And when your work gets recognized, it boosts your zeal to even give all your sweat and blood to serve the community.

Mahashakti Foundation has been appreciated for its service during the National Crisis by Bharat Scouts and Guides. Our Corona Warriors - Secretary of Mahashakti - Shri Jogananda Behera felicitated for the same by Pradeep Dishari, MLA, Lanjigarh Constituency and Fakira Mohan Majhi, Block Chairman, Lanjigarh Block.





Women Entrepreneur plays an important role in local economy and a large percentage of microenterprises in developing countries are undertaken by rural women. Rural women frequently have primary responsibility for agricultural production, in addition to domestic responsibilities, livestock caring and child care. In a developing country like India where economic status of women is very poor, especially in rural areas and opportunities of income is very less, in this scenario the SHG have paved the way for economic independence of rural area. Although the Covid-19 Pandemic in its initial months, forced everybody to stay inside houses, but after the unlock phase started, these SHG women came outside and kick-started their works and began to earn.

Mrs. Allahdini Bagarti, a residence of Dang village in Bargarh, which is a model village of ACC Cement. After the health condition of her husband deteriorated due to certain medical conditions, he had to resign from his work. It left Allahdini with no other alternatives, but to work, earn and take care of her ailing husband and school going children. She then along with some other women formed a Self Help Group named Maa Annapurna SHG last year and started saving money for a year so as to qualify for getting loan.

After a year, in the month of June, Mahashakti Foundation conducted a meeting in the village, and promised financial support through Pratingya Trust. After proper documentation, Allahdini was sanctioned with a loan amount of INR 10,000 with an interest of 1% per month. With the loan amount, she opened a grocery cum vegetable shop in her house and is doing a good business. At present, she's earning of about 6000-8000 per month.

Allahdini had to slog hard to start a business and be the breadwinner of her family. Her husband, who also stays at home all the time due to medical illness is her biggest support. Strong will can win you every odds, is evident from the story of Allahdini.



Honorable MP Sri Prasanna Acharya visited Common Service Centre, Dungri



74th Independence Day Celebrated in all offices of Mahashakti Foundation



Organic Vegetable Cultivation at Muniguda



Poultry Farming by women of Shaktimayee Foundation



Ragi Cultivation in Bijepur Block of Bargarh District



Community Meeting with Weavers Group



Inauguration of Pheryl Unit at Lanjigarh



Felicitation to Covid Warriors on Independence Day

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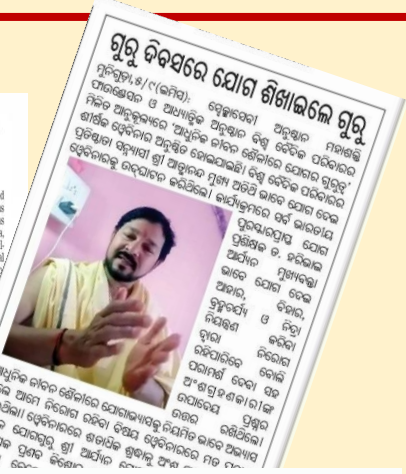
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On an average Odisha MGNREGS workers have got 38 days' work during the pandemic



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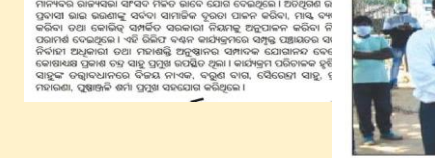
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