

Editorial

The quarter that passed was important from the point of view of FINISH as there were many landmark events. One of them was formal Registration of FINISH Society under the Registration of Society Act by the Registrar of Society New Delhi. It brings a new zeal and enthusiasm as the event gives legal identity to the Project.

Another landmark event was launching of the FINISH Website. The URL for the Website is <http://www.finishsociety.com/>. All Patrons, Partners, Promoters and Associated Experts are requested to visit the website and to indicate the majors needed to make it user friendly.

The other positive development was the joining of SETU-SEVA Trust, Anand, Gujarat to the FINISH Family as an implementing partner.

This issue of the Newsletter also gives an account of the important training Programmes sponsored and executed by FINISH with active help from Sanitation Experts.

Friends, we would like add value to the newsletter by inclusion of contribution and comments from our partners and well-wishers. A beginning has been made in this respect.

We are happy to receive contribution from SAMBHAV Gwalior about their experience of implementation of Sanitation Programme in a village with 100% Schedule cast Population. Further Dr. Ms. Britta has also contributed an article in connection with evaluation study undertaken by her to ascertain the impact of FINISH Programme on the Health standards of the Community. We are also happy to include an article received from WASH Institute summarizing the observations of the participants in the Conference on "Cost Effective Sanitation" held at Delhi on 28-30th June.

We also intent to add a new column titled letters to the editor to provide opportunity to our readers to convey their reactions and feedbacks on the content and presentations in newsletter.

I will like to place in records my sincere thanks for the contribution received.



By: **Mukul Singhal**

1. **Contribution from Partners**

1.1 Article by Ms. Britta from IFS London

FINISH believes that there is a direct link between Sanitation and Health. The responsibility to establish this relationship through a formal research has been assigned to Ms. Britta of UNU-Merit University. She has started the work after identifying sample villages and providing training to interviewers. As an offshoot of that exercise Ms. Britta has tried to find out answers to the following.

1. Is FINISH Income Generating?
2. Does it Empower Women?
3. Does it Create Awareness and Enhance Knowledge?

The Details are available on the following link.

<http://www.finishsociety.com/detail.php?page=Rpub&id=5>

1.2 Article by Mr. Nabil from SAMBAHV

Normally Rural people are reluctant to change their habits. The article from SAMBAHAV given below indicates how circumstances force people to change their personal habits.

Sirol Basti is located in Morar. It's well over hundred years old habitation of the Dalit families. Part of Sirol falls in panchayat and other in urban. It's a mix of rural and semi urban. Number of house hold here is 600. Some 150 household have toilets are being used. These are the houses of the families which have

move in from interior villages and neighboring cantonment. The old Basti has remained unchanged. The newcomers have big houses and all the facilities. Private bore wells and other in house toilets exist here.

Sirol is a community of Jatav, hence known as Harijan Basti. Sanitation coverage here is zero. It's in Mohanpur panchayat and ward number 60 of Gwalior Municipal Corporation. Main source of income of this community is construction labor, porters in grain market and whitewash. Women also work as agriculture labor and cooking food in marriages. Thus almost all of them depend on manual labor to sustain livelihood. Most houses are only with one room with mud pathways with no sewer line.

As stated above, people are moving in here from other places and constructing new houses. Being located on road side and closeness to the city, the cost of land is gone several times up. It's about 1400 Rs square foot. The boom of new migration and construction has left no place for defecation. Women and girls have expressed strong willingness for the construction of Sanitation systems.

FINISH project is under implementation at a place called Dongarpur. The community of this place shared about the project with Sirol. The sarpanch and secretary of Sirol approached the animator for similar work in their community. A meeting was organized by the MFI supervisor Nita on FINISH. Neeta has received training in CLTS from Mr. Kamalkar, the originator of CLTS approach. Hence the trigger method was adopted to create interest. In first meeting 11 women came forward for taking loan for construction. Two JLGs were formed here to begin the project. Local animator Rajkumari

who is also from Jatav community was asked to focus on collection of demands and training of women groups. Till date 49 families have taken loan. In general construction begins in 3-4 days and completes in another three days. Ten loan applications are in waiting for appraisal. It is estimated that in two months' time it would be an open defecation free community.

It is a strange coincidence that Sirol was selected for the trial phase. The acute water shortage forced the staff to leave it out. There are just two hand pumps. But the same place has now taken up the campaign head on. This time it was based on the demands and willingness expressed by the community. However, it is also worth noticing that Jatav Community listens with more attention to the message given by a Jatav Animator, Rajkumari. This community is very sensitive to the social relationship issues. They are also on a higher political ladder due to Dalit mobilization. Other two people who have supported are Chandra Jatav, Laxmi Narain Jatav.

1.3 Article by WASH Institute

The recently concluded National conference on Sanitation brought together over 250 delegates, speakers and other participants from a wide range of disciplines from different parts of the country, including state TSC coordinators. Ministry of Rural Development, Plan India, UNICEF, Water Aid, WES-Net India, SPHERE India and Water for People (WFP) partnered with WASH Institute and successfully completed the conference. The participants were a blend of Water & Sanitation professionals, academicians, researchers, government officials and, interestingly, many retired professionals and laypersons. Though practitioners and researchers represented the majority, the blend

clearly reflected the growing interest in sanitation amongst people of all walks of life and an increase in the strength and momentum of the sanitation movement in India.

The objective of the conference was to bring all the key sector players / practitioners together to share their success stories and approaches in promoting sustainable sanitation in the country to overcome some of the key challenges and also to define the strategy to scale-up good practices in an efficient and effective ways towards making open defecation free nation. The recommendations brought out on the third day of the conference have been shared with the Government departments and other organizations.

The conference offered a good blend of plenary sessions, workshops, paper presentations and panel discussions. Smt. Bhagyashri Denge, Executive Director, Plan India welcomed the gathering and Honorable Chief Minister Smt. Sheela Dikshit delivered the Key Note Address. The special address by Mrs. Lizette Burgers, Deputy Country Representative, UNICEF; Sri T M Vijay Bhaskar, Jt Secretary, MoRD; Lt. Gen J R Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Member, NDMA, GoI in the inaugural session set the tone for the conference.

Delivering the keynote address at the meet, Dikshit said that "to combat the problem of waste removal in big cities like Delhi, there was a need to adopt the principle of use, re-use and recycle". She referred to a project launched by her government recently to produce power from waste as well as the Yamuna interceptor scheme under which sludge removal will be under taken to make the river water cleaner. Dixshit also said while the job of the municipalities is to ensure that cities remain

clean, educating people about changing their “habit” is also a key factor. She also requested Plan and Wash Institute to train the municipal engineers in low cost sanitation practices, which is the need of the hour. UNICEF deputy country director Ms Lizette Burgers observed that 840 million children in the world lack access to sanitation and dwelt on how problems like open defecation lead to diseases like diarrhea as well as malnutrition among children.

While the theme of the conference was “*Cost Effective Sustainable Sanitation*”, 45 papers were presented in various sessions dealt with topics like Rural Sanitation, Urban Sanitation, Ecological Sanitation, School Sanitation, Solid and Liquid Waste Management, Sanitation in Emergency Relief, Sanitation Demand Creation through Effective Hygiene Promotion and Knowledge Management in Sanitation.

In the first plenary session on 28th at Stein Auditorium was addressed by Vijay Mittal, Director, Total Sanitation campaign, Gol. While elaborating on the goals of his ministry he said that the ministry is going for universal sanitation coverage in rural areas by 2012. 100 percent coverage of Govt. schools in rural areas with sanitation facilities by March, 2012. At least one toilet block to be available in each rural school and a separate toilet block for girls in co-educational schools and 100 percent coverage of Anganwadis in Govt. buildings with toilet facilities by March, 2012. The second key note address in this session was delivered by Ms Cecilia Ruben, EcoSanRes Programme at Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)., while speaking on the Importance of an Enabling Environment for Policy Reform and Institution Strengthening, stressed on the importance to Protect and promote human health, Minimize

environmental degradation & depletion of the resource base and also stressed the importance of technically and institutionally appropriate, socially acceptable and economically viable in the long term sustainable sanitation systems.

Address by Prominent key players in Sanitation sector like Kumar Alok, Government of Tripura on “Squatting with dignity”, Mr S N Singh, UNICEF, Patna on “ School WASH program of UNICEF”, Ms Bharati Chaturvedi, Director, Chintan on “People, Place, Policy - What creates frameworks for Low Cost Solid Waste Management? And Dr T Sunderaman, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) on “Health and Hygiene- towards an operational plan for achieving convergence” were widely appreciated.

The conference provided a platform for sharing views, research findings and expertise on a wide variety of issues inherent in sanitation, public health, and school sanitation and research as well as health policy.

The valedictory address during the concluding plenary was rendered by Mr. Christopher Juan Costain, Regional Team Leader WSP- World Bank, Ms Rajashi Mukherjee, Water for People India and Ms Urvashi Prasad from Department of Drinking water supply. Overall, the deliberations at the conference successfully sensitized participants to the spectrum of issues inherent in sustainable low cost sanitation options and policies. The sessions also enabled them in acquiring skills to recognize dilemmas and constructively deal with them. The discussions were greatly enriched by the variety of disciplines represented.

2. Training

Training refers to the acquisition of knowledge, up gradation of skills and modification of attitudes. FINISH Programme lays stress on the training of field workers which is a key for successful implementation of any programme. Following training programmes were organized during the quarter that past.

2.1 Training Programme for Animators of RDO-Trust at Ooty

30 animators and about 7 supervisors of RDO-Trust working in Nilgiris attended the training Programme held at Ooty from 10th to 12th April 2010. The Programme was jointly organized by RDO-Trust and FINISH. The objective of the Programme was to educate the animators about the FINISH Project and to share with them the strategies and planning methods for implementation of the Project.

Mr. S. V. Bhave (PD, FINISH), **Mr. Niels Lenderink** (Adviser, WASTE), **Ms. Manimekalai** (HOD of Women Studies, Bharthai Darsan University Trichi) and **Mr. Ganapathy** (FIN-Trust) participated as Resource Person.

While **Mr. Bhave** Explained the Programme outlines and objectives to the participants, **Ms. Manimekalai** discussed the sanitation related social and cultural aspects. **Mr. Niels Lenderink** pointed out the problems faced in different situations and different toilet options.

The trainees were taken on a field visit to interact with the people who have already got constructed different types of toilets.



Mr. S. V. Bhave distributing the certificates to the Animators at Ooty

The role play method was also used to invoke maximum participation of trainees and to bring about a better understanding of the issues involved in the implementation of the Programme.

2.2 Training Programme for Technical Personnel from all the Implementing Partners at Ooty

2 technical personnel from each MFI attended the training Programme held at Ooty from 10th to 11th April 2010. The Programme was organized by FINISH to equip the implementing partners with complete technical aspects relating to construction and usage of different types of sanitation systems.

Mr. Valentin, Mr. Anand and Mr. Suburaman participated as Resource Person.

The trainees were taken on a field visit to interact with the people who have already got constructed different types of toilets and to find out the issues in the designs.



Resource Persons and Technical participants at Ooty

Thereafter they were taken to sewerage treatment plant of Ooty. The visit was found highly useful by trainees.

3. Workshop on Sanitation System organized by FINISH in coordination with Ms. Shyama Ramani of FIN-Trust

A workshop on “Challenges to overcome in existing sanitation technologies and Sanitation drives” was successfully organized by FINISH in the month of April in Ooty. CEOs of the MFIs and people having expertise in the field of Sanitation participated in the Workshop.



Mr. Valentin releasing the brochure on ECOSAN Community Compost toilet

Ms. Shyama Ramani was the key organizer of the Workshop and she addressed the participants by giving a brief of last Workshop. Participants also made their presentation on different topics and helped in driving some solution.

The occasion was also used to release the brochure on ECOSAN Community Compost Toilet prepared by Mr. Subburaman of SCOPE Trichy.

The workshop concluded with a decision to organise a sanitation challenge contest sometime in oct-nov 2010.

For participants presentation you can download them from the following link:

<http://www.finishsociety.com/presentation.php>

4. Visit of FINISH team to ESAF

ESAF is one of the important Implementing Partner of FINISH. Programme Director **Mr. S.V. Bhawe** and **Mr. Mukul Singhal** from FINISH visited ESAF on 13th May and 14th May, 2010 for interacting with the office bearer of ESAF and to have an on the spot assessment of the implementation of the Sanitation Programme under FINISH in the Durg, Rajnandgaon and Bhiali area.



Sanitation loan being disbursed to villagers of Durg Chhatisgarh

During the visit Mr. Bhave utilized the time to apprise the Chief Secretary, additional Chief Secretary, rural development and principal secretary, water and sanitation about the FINISH Project. *The Rural & PHE Dept. Secretary* suggested to ESAF representative to consider partnership on profit sharing basis with other bigger MFIs in the region engaged in the promotion of sanitation.

5. Visit of Mr. Mukul to BISWA

Mr. Mukul from FINISH visited Bharat Integrated Social Welfare Agency (BISWA) on 28th April and 29th April 2010.

He discussed thread bare with Mr. Lingraj and Mr. Sandeep the following issues related to FINISH Implementation:

- Why BISWA was not able to achieve the target set by them?
- Justification of Loan Amount in respect of number of toilets constructed.
- Repayment Rate
- Criteria for Loan Application

- Rate at which BISWA is getting Sanitation Loan from Banks?

He also visited 4 villages named Huma, Chhatabar, Dedarnuapali and Dakdera and informed SHG members about the benefit of having Sanitation Systems.

6. Future Programmes

A workshop is proposed to be organized to identify the financials models for sanitation at Delhi in coordination with FIN (Friends in Need) in November 2010.

The Workshop is expected to be attended by the CEOs and other members of the MFIs involved in the implementation of FINISH Programme as well as by financials experts.

The result of the Workshop will be used for organizing the FINISH Sanitation Challenge Contest which will help come out with best possible toilet designs in different types of situations.

FINISH Project will also work with SETU-SEVA Trust for organizing the training programme for Animators in near future.

FINISH Project

Loan Portfolio, Physical Achievement and Promotional Grant

Name of the MFI Partner	Grant (in Rs.)	Loan Disbursed (in Rs.)	Ratio (%) Grant/Loan Disbursed	Actual Number of Sanitation System Constructed	Planning fiscal year (2010-2011)	Estimated loan amount needed (in Rs.)
BISWA	1,511,249	48,335,332	3.13	17,874	100,000	1,200,000,000
BWDC	552,961	46,408,000	1.19	5,801	10,135	101,400,000
ESAF	92,508	1,738,000	5.32	212	2,000	24,000,000
IIRD	0	0	-	200	6,000	36,000,000
SAMBHAV	129,323	5,592,000	2.31	1,102	10,000	100,000,000
Total	2,286,041	102,073,332	2.24	25,189	128,135	1,461,400,000