

## **Editorial**

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The quarter that past was important from the point of view of FINISH as long pending process of signing of a MoU was completed. It opens a new chapter of co-operation between FINISH Project and NABARD especially in the area of rural sanitation.

The Project has also taken measures for the launching of a website for FINISH and we expect that we will launch it in very near future.

The Project Office also took initiative to assist the MFI Partners in the training of their supervisors, technical staff and technical personnel. The details are available in the Newsletter.

Another positive development took place in the shape of joining of Rural Development Organization of the Nilgiris as a new implementing partner in FINISH Programme and a few more org. are likely to join in near future.

In order to make the Newsletter more informative and useful to the partners active participation of Partners is absolutely essential. We will welcome the articles on sanitation as well as valuable comments for the improvement of the Newsletter.

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## **Training**

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Training is an important tool for human resource development.

During the quarter a number of training Programmes were organized to help the MFIs to upgrade the knowledge and skills of their supervisory staff and animators in the area of sanitation.

### **Training Programme for employees of ESAF at Nagpur**

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21 employees of ESAF working in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra attended the training Programme held at Nagpur from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The Programme was jointly organized by ESAF and FINISH. The objective of the Programme was to educate the animators about the FINISH Project and to discuss with them the strategies and planning methods for implementation of the Project.

**Mr. Valentin Post** (WASTE), **Mr. S. V. Bhawe** (PD, FINISH), **Mr. G. Anand** (Sanitation Expert, Solution Centre), **Ms. Manimekalai** (HOD of Women Studies, Bharthai Darsan University Trichi) and **Mr. Prasad** (Deputy Manager, TATA-AIG) participated as Resource Person.



**Mr. Valentin conducting a Training session at Nagpur**

While **Mr. Bhawe** Explained the Programme outlines and objectives to the participants, **Ms. Manimekalai** discussed the sanitation related social and cultural aspects. **Mr. Valentin Post** 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.

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.

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

### **Workshop on skill development in sanitation**

The Programme was organized at BISWA Research and Innovation centre at Bhubaneswar, Orissa on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. The basic objective was to promote the know-how in the implementation

of sanitation programme and capacity building of field staff of BISWA for development of IEC materials and community mobilization. This was for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that BISWA and FINISH team joined to educate the participants to adequately access appropriate IEC tools during concept sharing and demand generation activities in the field. Over 30 participants comprising both the micro-finance staff and project staff from different districts of Orissa took part in the Workshop.

Mr. Valentin Post, facilitator and resource person of the Workshop gave a brief presentation on the basic concepts and tools of sanitation. He demonstrated participatory method of problem solving and laid emphasis on the usability of toilets.

Mr. Viju James, senior consultant and Resource person on IEC made a presentation on the need of IEC tools for sanitation and capacity building of the staff to enable them to develop target specific IEC material.



**Mr. Viju James addressing the participant of the IEC Workshop at Bhubaneswar**

Mr. G. Anand, technical expert underlined the technical issue in sanitation and described various low cost sanitation option for the poor.



#### **Mr. G. Anand interacting with the Workshop participants at Bhubaneswar**

Speaking on the occasion Mr. S.V. Bhave (PD, FINISH) underlined the importance of developing appropriate IEC material for motivating the people to willingly adopt the sanitation programme.

The group was also taken on a field visit to a slum area in Bhubaneswar where considerable efforts were made to upgrade the sanitation scenario.

#### **Visit of FINISH team to SAMBHAV**

SAMBHAV is one of the important Implementing Partner of FINISH. **Mr. S.V. Bhave** (PD, FINISH) and **Mr. Mukul Singhal** from FINISH visited SAMBHAV Social Service Organization on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2010 for interacting with the office bearer of SAMBHAV and to have an on the spot assessment of the implementation of the Sanitation Programme under FINISH in the slums of Gwalior City.

The following points were discussed during SAMBHAV office visit:

- Roles and responsibilities of staff
- Discussion on technical aspects of constructing a toilet: SAMBHAV has allowed single pit model for Sanitation System construction. Mr. Bhave suggested that two pit model is more appropriate and proper precautions should be taken while construction Sanitation System. Moreover programme should be environment friendly and not lead to any negative effects
- Mr. Bhave expressed concern over slow progress of the programme and exhorted staff to speed up the implementation

**Mr. Bhave** and **Mr. Mukul** also visited some villages of Gwalior district (Girwai and Veerpur) where SAMBHAV is implementing the Sanitation Program. Team members were welcomed in a meeting of the Women Self Help Group at Girwai. Interaction with them revealed that the women were aware of importance of Sanitation and Hygiene.



**Meeting of the women SHGs at village Girwai (Gwalior)**

Team also visited the House Hold toilets and gave same suggestions to the client on different models of Sanitation System. **Mr. Bhave** asked some children and women to read wall paintings (done under FINISH Program) and few educated children and women read it.



#### **Sanitation Slogan for creating awareness**

It was evident that villagers were conscious of their sanitation needs and were keen to construct the Sanitation Systems.

#### **Addition of an Implementing Partner in FINSIH Programme**

We are happy to inform that the Rural Development organization (RDO) **from, Gramya Bhavan, Aruvankadu, the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu** has been registered as the 6<sup>th</sup> implementing partner of FINSIH Project. The document of contract was signed by **Mr. Valentin Post** (WASTE, Netherlands) and **Dr. N. K. Perummal** (CEO, RDO) on 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at Chennai.



#### ***Dr. Perummal of RDO and Mr. Valentin of WASTE, Nethrelands shaking hands after signing of the Contract Document***

RDO is working in the Nilgiris of western ghat for the past three decades. The overarching objective of RDO is primary education, women empowerment, health and sanitation and capacity building.

*We welcome the RDO in FINSIH family and hope that under the able leadership of Dr. N. K. Perummal it will make an impressive contribution to the cause of sanitation in the Nilgiris district of Tamilnadu.*

#### ***Visit of Mr. Bhave to Sulabh International***

**Mr. S.V. Bhave** (PD, FINISH) visited Sulabh Headquarters on Palam Dabri Road, New Delhi, on February 23, 2010. **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak**, Founder, Sulabh Sanitation and Reform Movement accorded a warm welcome to Mr. Bhave.



**Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak welcoming Mr. Bhave**

Soon after the arrival Mr. Bhave was conducted to the prayer hall where children of the Sulabh School, the liberated scavenging women and all the Sulabh staff were already assembled for the prayer. After the Prayers Mr. Bhave Visited the high school run by the Sulabh International in which 60% of the children are from the scavenging community and the rest are from other communities. Besides formal education the students are also given vocational education which will enable them to earn their livelihood and assimilate themselves in the modern society.



**Mr. Bhave during the visit to the Vocational Training Centre in Sulabh International**

Mr. Bhave was highly impressed by the work done by Mr. Pathak for the Scavengers and for their children. One thing in Sulabh campus which impressed him most was the toilet museum where they have the exhibits of the toilets used down the ages in different countries all over the world.



**Mr. Jha Curator of the Sulabh Toilet Museum having discussion with Mr. Bhave**

Mr. Bhave also appreciated the technology used for the generation of bio-gas from the sewage that flows from Sulabh toilets.

**Future Programmes**

A workshop is being organized to identify the challenges to overcome in existing Sanitation Technology and Sanitation Drives at Ooty in coordination with FIN (Friends in Need) on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 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 sanitation 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.

**Training Programme for the technical personnel of MFIs-** A special training programme for the technical personnel of MFIs will be organized at Ooty on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2010. The objective is to enable participants to analyze the reasons behind failures of toilets in some cases and to plan for achieving 100% Sanitation in habitations.

Mr. Valentin Post, Mr. G. Anand, Mr. Subburaman and Mr. A. Sahasaranaman are expected to guide the participants.

Concurrently a training programme is being organized at Ooty by FINISH for the supervisors and animators of the Rural Development Organization (RDO) which has joined the FINISH Programme recently.