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FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

NEEWS, Angul believes that whether you are addressing healthcare, poverty, population control, unemployment or human rights, there's no better place to start than in the corridors of Education. Because education is most important as it enables a child to realize his or her full potential; to think, question and judge independently; develop sense of self-respect, dignity and self-confidence; learn to love and respect fellow human beings and nature; in decision making; develop civic sense, citizenship and values of participatory decision making.



The aim being that education should lead to change not only in the amount of knowledge gained but also in the abilities to do, to think and to acquire habits, skills and attitude which characterize an individual who is socially accepted and adjusted. We have successfully completed another year of 2012-2013 seeking change for disadvantaged. The activities were allowed very little time for the team to think, rethink & reflect on our actions, area needs improvement & lesson learnt upon which we can stress more. With limited resources & manpower we have utilized this year to bring about a meaningful change. Because we believe it is better to light a candle than complaining about darkness. Hope you will cooperate to build a child friendly society and where communities living in harmony & dignity.

The dream of the organization is to involve the community in the sustainable development process and achieve the goal of millennium development that will enable them to develop as individuals and communities come together and initiate interventions to assert their rights, become empowered and break the cycle of indebtedness and disadvantage. NEEWS the organization is part of this movement and its role is to facilitate the people in this process. As we celebrate together we look forward for working together to meet both the challenges and opportunities of the coming years and beyond and continue the process of value based development for all.

I take this opportunity to make a special mention that the staff members have carried out all their entrusted responsibilities with promising efforts and made it effectively visible.

Also I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the stakeholder for their cooperation & involvement since inception.

I would like to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all well wishers of the Organisation, & Donor agencies for their timely support when and where needed.

I express my gratitude to the Executive Body members of the Organisation who constantly support for the growth of the organization.

**(JAYANTI BEHERA)
PRESIDENT**

INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGANISATION:

National Education Essential for Women's Society (NEEWS) is a non-profit, non- political, non-government organisation which has been working to improve the socio-economic and health status of disadvantaged communities since its inception.

NEEWS started after super cyclone held in Orissa state on 29th October'1999. At that time a group of dedicated social worker were working for the super cyclone relief programme in the district of Jagatsingpur with the State level Organisation i.e. Orissa Voluntary Health Association, Bhubaneswar. On the observation of Republic day'2000 some dedicated social worker were gathered and had a discussion within the group on Health, Education, Peoples Organisation, Environment pollution control and some gaps of different social activities implemented by govt. sector.

Prior to starting National Education Essential for Women's Society (NEEWS) emerged as a registered society in 2001 to see that both men and women live a life without inequality, live a life which is independent without exploitation of any kind, are able to fully utilize their resource, village resource, Government resources and resources of their agencies for the better living standard and being self-reliant.

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Mission :

To work for participatory sustainable community development of the poor, tribal, harijan and exploited with non-violence approach through building powerful people's organization.

STRATEGY:

The Organisation undertakes development activities that are community-centred, user planned and managed, people owned, gender sensitive, culturally respectful and client centred.

PRESENT OPERATIONAL AREA

NEEWS has build up rapport through its work in remote area of Talcher, Kaniha and Chhendipada Block of Angul district in Orissa.

Major Activities carried out by the organization:

REPRODUCTIVE CHILD HEALTH (RCH) AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM:

NEEWS was entrusted with the responsibility of implementing Reproductive and Child Health program in 16 villages of four Gram panchayats in Kaniha Block of Angul district during the year 2015-2016 and after completion of the program it is performing the follow up actions as it is coming under its core program area to make the changes sustainable.

NGOs have also been involved in the Government's effort of population stabilization by involving them in reproductive and child health program. This program strives for the betterment & sustenance of health of children and women in the reproductive age group through a network of grass root level health worker.

Our process of intervention has helped improve public health outcomes by improving the access to, and quality of, the public health system through mobilizing of communities and increasing their awareness of their entitlements. Main working themes of the program are

- Maternal and Child Health
- Family Planning
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Prevention and Management of RTI
- Referral Support for ANC/ PNC
- Legal Awareness
- Gender Sensitization to service provider
- Male Involvement

IMMUNISATION & PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME

NEEWS regular facilitated the camping underserved areas in Kaniha block and 98% of children were fully immunized. NEEWS always participated in the pulse polio drives in Kaniha block area.



Safe Motherhood Campaign :

NEEWS as a part of promoting Safe Motherhood with the goal of reducing maternal mortality. Anemia , malnourishment alongside Malaria & sickle cell disease are major causes of maternal deaths in Angul district. To address the situation different actions have been taken -

- Rally of women and adolescent girls
- Public meeting
- Social Play
- IEC stalls (health exhibition)
- Interaction with Media
- Health Check up camp

Registration of births and deaths :

To promote the birth registration awareness drives are made in the common village meetings to promote it and achieve its benefits extending support to the government program.

Malaria Eradication Programme:

During the reporting year, in continuation to the Malaria Control program NEEWS has organized mass awareness meeting programs, trainings & workshops on Malaria. In the process, NEEWS has formed more 18nos. and strengthened Village Health Committees (VHCs) for maintenance of village cleanliness & maintenance of rural sanitation. The members of SHG, Youth clubs play major role to bring awareness on malaria among the people in the operational area. People are critically aware on the fatal disease Malaria & trying to control Malaria by using Malaria tablets, using Mosquito Nets, Neem oil & Bacteria Powders, etc. At present, malaria disease has come down to some extent in the area through our strategic awareness and interventions.

HIV/AIDS/TB

Angul identified as one vulnerable and susceptible district with high prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS caused due to in-migration and prostitution the organization felt need of taking actions to combat the HIV/AIDS issue with checking the STDs in its operational area. Measures like youth awareness are undertaken to address the vulnerable population and remaining susceptible to this problem.

Apart from this every year many people die by TB and other diseases. The hospital is located from 25-35 KM far which is not helpful for the villager's treatment. This is why our focused to build up social awareness campaign in the community and health education camp and provide referral services. During the reporting year, NEEWS has undertaken some actions like:

- Community level Health education and awareness campaign around TB diagnostic services to improve demand.
- Awareness of health care workers on screening of prisoners and People with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) .
- Block level stakeholder meetings on TB
- TB Sensitization meeting for SHGs, Village Health Committees, Teachers, Youth and women's organization including Social Animators (SA), GKS members and ASHA etc.
- Capacity building of health care workers in informal settlement on TB screening.
- Identification of TB suspects cases by project health workers.
- Linking up the TB suspects in local and district health clinics.
- Interface with health providers on TB screening and case detection including HIV related challenges.
- Panchayat level mass awareness on nutritional supplement for malnourished patients assessment
- Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization activities (ACSM)

Sanitation & Drinking Water:

NEEWS realizes that lack of safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation facilities and ineffective hand-washing routines leads the target population to diarrhea and other water-borne illnesses. Every year number of deaths on diarrhea and other water-related illnesses in the district have been reported.

Promotion of community health and sanitation in the underserved areas. The absence of sanitation facilities at home put women at risk, inadequate toilets at schools are a major deterrent to girls' attendance, especially once they begin menstruating. Ensuring reliable and affordable services can reduce illness and death from diarrhea and other water-borne illnesses. NEEWS has taken initiatives to promote the sanitation program for creation of more low cost latrines especially in BPL households in its operational area. It has extended its cooperation in motivating the target population in constructing those more and using it with focus to Kaniha block.



Training Philosophy: (Knowledge is different than insight and wisdom, and while knowledge can be delivered, the person receiving it must connect with it, insight and wisdom come from that knowledge being embraced and integrated.)

Vocational Training for Disabled Youth-

Swbalambi- meaning self dependent. Creation of awareness on vocational education is one of the priority areas to enable the differently youth able to engage them in gainful employment. The organization has been paying a greater attention for vocational education as it has been the demand of the day. Vocational and skill training at different levels of education, Upgrading of standards and modernization at all stages of education with special emphasis on science and environment and value orientation etc have been emphasized.

Design Training Development Workshop

25 youths benefited from 15-days Design Training Development Workshop. The target group belonged to Dalak G.P of Kaniha block in Angul District. During the Vocational Training Programme NEEWS imparted the following training to develop the skill of rural youth. The programme intended to empower the youth economically and self dependence.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

To promote the youth force and make them organized seven youth clubs have been strengthened and provided with the support to initiate social and issue based actions in their area to be a part of the development process. Their involvement have contributed towards the development process with indicators and means of verification like, less exploitation by the businessmen and local touts, smooth & proper business of NTFP, participation of youth in different development programs and village development process.

"Education is an expression of humanity already in a man"

TRAINING ON HORTICULTURE :

Horticulture coming out as an alternative way of earning more than doing the traditional crops in the region. To promote the practice the organization has taken efforts and trained 25 farmers in Chhendipada Block area to train them and encourage them to increase the horticultural activity. The trainees are provided with support to link with the support services from the horticulture department.

TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE FARMING:

During the reporting period 124 farmers have been provided with trainings on eco-friendly sustainable farming to increase their productivity. The improved farming methods were prescribed to the farmers with support of the staffs from the agriculture department, Kaniha, Anugul and experienced successful farmers. Farming methods like Line transplanting under NFSM Program also encouraged in Kamarei village area which have been proved successful in the region with encouragement from the department. During the present phase more than 10000 farmers in the project area have been benefited directly or indirectly from various interventions under the agricultural program of NEEWS. These interventions cover training on improved farming practices, promotion of organic manure, Promotion of vermin-composting, livestock development, support for horticulture plantation, vegetable cultivation, crop development, and development of water resources.

Formation and Strengthening of Farmer's club:

Considering the importance of land and agriculture development, the organization has formed 28 Farmers' Club as primary vehicle for restoring agricultural production and implementation of participatory research and extension processes through the formation, re-establishment and/or strengthening of community-based "producer groups". Members of "Farmers' Club learn improved production, processing and marketing. Farmers' Clubs are groups of like-minded "entrepreneurial" small-scale producers involve in an experimental learning-based approach to technology adaptation and dissemination. They involve the establishment of a 20 to 30-member farmers' groups that meets weekly on one of their member's fields/operations throughout an entire production season in order to solve one or more of their own self-identified problems. The groups are supported by trained facilitators rather than teachers/extension workers, learning together with the farmers and sharing his or her own scientific knowledge where appropriate.



Early Childhood Development Training:

NEEWS recognizes that to truly impact the most children, we must first reach their parents or caregivers, and to do this, we must reach them where they are and with the resources they have available. The resource that NEEWS has found that exists everywhere in the world is the love that parents have for their children, and their desire to provide the best that they can for their children. To make the most of this love, parents must first know how important it is, and how important THEY are!

It has become a mind set of most of the people that, childhood development means physical growth and good health of a baby. Everybody starts talking about the weight of the baby, whether it has been properly immunized or not, whether it gets proper nutritional food, etc. When a woman conceives everybody takes care that she should give birth to a healthy baby. All other domains of development like cognitive skill and social/emotional development are given least priority. We plan to develop the capacity of caregivers in such a direction that they will recognize the importance of each developmental domain – physical, cognitive, language and social/emotional – to best support the overall well-being of the child, building the foundation for a lifetime of improved health and learning, and the ability to build positive relationships and be a productive member of society. The education that NEEWS provides addresses the critical early years of development, from birth to age 5 years, when 85% of brain development occurs.

NEEWS has conducted 12nos. of AWWs and 4nos. of ASHAs training on Early Childhood Development in collaboration with VYK, Boinda, Angul to educate and support the caregivers they work with; enabling them to improve their capacity to nurture a child's language, social, cognitive and physical skills, and most importantly enhance attachment and bonding during the reporting period. ECD education is intended to not only deliver knowledge, it is intended to awaken the natural intuition and instincts parents have to nurture their children. When they learn about the process of child development and in particular, how their baby communicates before they speak, they become much more alert, aware and empowered to respond successfully to their baby.

WOMAN EMPOWERMENT/ GENDER DISPARITY

Gender disparity manifests itself in various forms, the most obvious being the trend of continuously declining female ratio in the population in the last few decades. Social stereotyping and violence at the domestic and societal levels are some of the other manifestations. Discrimination against girl children, adolescent girls and women persists in parts of the country. The underlying causes of gender inequality are related to social and economic structure, which is based on informal and formal norms, and practices. Consequently, the access of women particularly those belonging to weaker sections including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ Other backward Classes and minorities, majority of whom are in the rural areas and in the

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"The best predictor of growth, after socio-economic variables, was the love and affection the caregiver gave the child." (WHO)

informal, unorganized sector – to education, health and productive resources, among others, is inadequate. Therefore, they remain largely marginalized, poor and socially excluded.

Women Empowerment:

NEEWS initiated various programmes for the up-liftment of women for skills development during the year. Periodic trainings / awareness generation programmes were carried out on different topics concerning women like formation of women SHGs, community organizations, leadership trainings, gender issues, women rights and empowerment, Local self governance, Entrepreneurship, Gender issues, Health & Nutrition etc. Women are made aware of the various Govt. Schemes and Program, their rights and reservations, and credit management. We provide the needed linkages between the women entrepreneurs and the local banks. Unemployment problems have been reduced to some extent in the area as youth are actively engaged in one or the other income generating activities with the motivation and guidance of the organization.

School level Quiz Prog on Financial literacy:

The need of the hour for the secure future of finance is essential. Students need to understand basic money management skills such as living within a budget and handling credit and debt. With a view educate among the High School students NEEWS has organized 5nos. "Quiz Competition on Financial Literacy" with the support of NABARD from 9th January'2016 in the block of Kaniha in district.

Process:

1. Quiz Competition through questionnaires
2. Evaluation the Q/A sheet and selection of 1st, 2nd & 3rd candidate.
3. Mass awareness for spreading the messages among the School students on benefits of banking, benefits of having bank account and interacted with the students on financial literacy.
4. Participants' feedback collection of the programme
5. Prize distribution and
6. Warp of the programme



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NEEWS has organized the Quiz Competition through questionnaires & mass awareness meeting in each School for spreading the messages among the rural School students on benefits of banking, benefits of having bank account and interacted with the students on financial literacy. We focus on financial knowledge as a key component of financial literacy; we introduced concepts that are appropriate for the youngest learners, such as the difference between needs and wants, income and expenses, credit and debt, money management and saving for long-term goals and entrepreneurship. Around 600 persons of different High School of Kaniha Block were participated.

Feedback of the Students:

Being financially literate can help Students to:

- decide how they will spend their money and meet their financial obligations
- make sense of the financial marketplace and buy the products and services best suited to their needs
- manage their personal finances and plan ahead for life events, such as home ownership or retirement
- assess the financial information and advice they receive from relatives and friends, professionals or the media personnel.

Right to information(RTI)

During the reporting year NEEWS has given top priority in creating awareness on Right to information(RTI) among the people in the entire project operational areas. Accordingly, people are fighting for their rights on various rights based actions. With corruption and in-action in public offices in the rise, the Right to Information Act- 2005 has come as a boon for Indian citizens giving them the rights to access information and services they need from public offices.

If effectively implemented, RTI can bring in openness and transparency between public authorities and rural people to help enhance informed citizenry and socio-economic development in rural areas; but even after two years of its implementation the awareness level in rural India is still low on the Act.

EDUCATION :

To promote quality education in the area the organization has taken efforts to encourage the teachers in providing quality education with capacity the School committees and the community for better functioning. The organization has taken effort towards regularizing the meetings of 15 school committees to monitor and manage the education process in their village of Kaniha block of the district. The teachers are also motivated to provide child friendly education to the



students overcoming the barriers in the learning. In four gram

panchayats total enrollment drive have been conducted to enroll all the children and follow up measures taken up to check the drop out with the local volunteers and youth clubs.

NAVJYOTI VIDYA MANDIR is a public School and a unit of NEEWS is established at Derang village to provide quality education to children through psychological study of little minds. It concentrates on developing inner qualities of children maintains all round development from the beginning of their schooling.

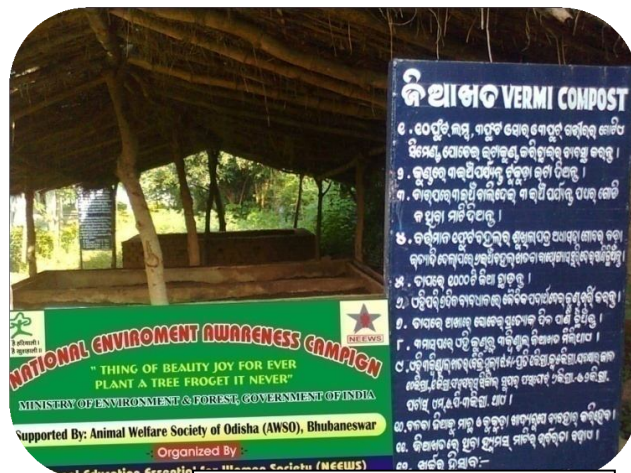


Our motto is to inculcate moral values in the child's mind, love for the child to a strong. Disciplined and patriotic citizen for the future of the country.

To show the competitive education, we provide the students with computer classes, Yoga classes, Special for doubt classes, English Speaking Classes etc.

National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC)

NEEWS participated in the National Environment Awareness Campaign 2012-13 with the theme of bio-diversity conservation. The programme was implemented in Hanumanpur village of Kaniha Block. The program has two basic components, awareness building NEEWS conducted awareness meeting targeting the women SHGs. 42 SHGs members attend the awareness meeting. Under the action component of the programme NEEWS planted 256 sapling were planted as avenue plantation. The village youth as well as the volunteers of NEEWS actively participated in the action program.



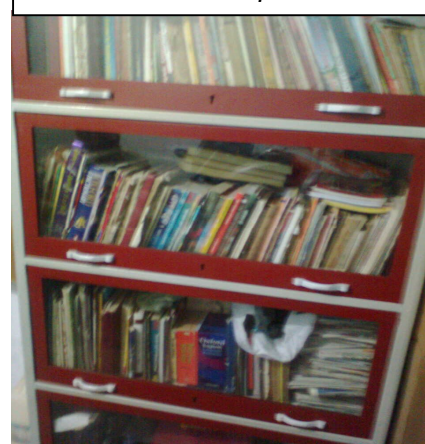
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEEWS organizing a public library called "GYAN GRUHA, NEEWS" which is sponsored by Raja Rammohan Ray Library Foundation, Calcutta under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. We have a furnished reading room having capacity of 30 nos. can enjoy the reading facilities every day comfortably.

We have been different categories of books (842 nos.) for children, younger generation & older persons. In this library setting we have Audio Visual sets like color Television, VCD player & CDs. We have also various electronics T.V channels which can provide information & important issues of Indian society.

In this library section news papers & magazine are there so as enable the readers to inform. About 70 to 80 nos. of regular visitors visit to our library.

"GYAN GRUHA, NEEWS"



The aims and objective of the Community Library:

- To provide all types of updated information to all who seek it irrespective of their caste, creed or social status.
- It will be an educational that focuses on learning values of life and all round development of the peoples.
- Creating and maintaining a sacred learning climate permeated by five human values truth, righteous conduct, peace, love and non-violence.
- Realizing that “Education is not only for living but also for life”.

Now the organization is setting-up a Community Library of “**GYAN GRUHA**”, to provide the updated information and knowledge to rural people.

IEC material development and distribution

NEEWS has developed the IEC material in local languages which found to be very effective for information, education and communication to the communities. Cultural programs, walling & distribution of IEC materials have been done to create awareness among the people. Besides this it has received different types of posters, leaflets, handouts and training materials from different development agencies.

Cultural programme

Cultural media is being used extensively as one of the most popular ways to create awareness on HIV/AIDS among the rural mass. Street corner plays, songs, dance and other local folk mediums have been put to effective use. This helps the community watch listen observe, understand and discuss the seriousness of HIV/AIDS and STIs and precarious, situation arising when it affects and person, leading to destruction of socio –economic fabrics and disintegration of families. The role plays, one acts plays and songs also deal with issues of empathy vs. social stigma, attitudinal changes, healthy sexual behavior, condom use etc. local dialects and languages are used in cultural medium and in very village; youth clubs , PRI members and leaders gate involved in organizing and staging the programs . The local folk media and tribal culture is integrated where the local boys and girls are the actors and actress who makes the community easy to understand the concept of HIV/AIDS and STI. Justice instead of running from post to the pillar and getting harassed.



STREET PLAYS :

The organization staged 22 numbers of street plays during the year in its operational area on different issues like forest preservation, NTFP value addition, sustainable harvesting of NTFP, child rights & early marriage, literacy, HIV/AIDS, panchayatiraj system, Water preservation and management, family planning ,untouchability, leprosy, savings culture etc.



CONSUMER AWARENESS :

To protect the consumers from the exploitation organization has conducted five consumer awareness programs in Kaniha area to know their rights with general knowledge. Various rules regulations related to the consumer rights are being disseminated to those rural population unaware about it and becoming victim of the exploitation by the corrupted businessmen in the area.

Cloth for Work (CFW)



When we talk of basic needs, we say food, cloth & shelter, but in the list of development subjects which has more than 100 -150 issues; from domestic violence to global warming, clothing is not listed as a subject. NEEWS is using material from GOONJ as an entry point into people's lives. This is a work where not only the old underutilized material fills up the gaps of resources in development works but is also dignifying the act of Giving. Communities have developed small irrigation canals, have built drainage systems, developed a kaju plantation by making together for the community income generation for ever in the village land and have taken up massive exercises of repairing roads. All these works are done not by paying wages to people but by making them understand their own community power, using old material as a reward.

A sanitary pad for the essential biological process of menses is the last thing on the mind of most. The shame & silence associated with the issue makes it the most taboo subject even among women, as a vast majority face great hardships & indignity, besides health risks due to this problem. Instead of trying to introduce a new product or a new design, it's an improvisation and mass scale replication of the existing usage patterns/practices. We are simply removing the risk elements of the existing practice, improving upon and doing a lot of value addition in terms of cleanliness and awareness.

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A small village school's needs are very basic. Normally students don't even have a pencil or copy to write on and a bag, school uniform, mats for sitting etc. are distant dreams. Scores of children leave schools for unimaginably petty reasons like lack of a water bottle or inability of parents to pay the recurring expense of a note book, uniforms, copies, stationery, water bottles, shoes, lunch box etc. Materials like old books, uniforms, shoes, school bags, etc. are channelised to village children, motivating them towards learning. It is not given as charity, but as a reward after a regular monitoring on a series of behavior, attitude, and performance aspects.



OUR SUPPORT TEAMS:

NEEWS has 3 support teams to help the organization and its partner CBOs. Those are mainly

1. Administrative Support Team
2. Documentation Support Team
3. Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Support Team

Administrative Support Team:

The Administrative Support Unit provided the financial accounting support, the typing and computer support work, and the physical arrangements and other work for the programme staff teams. The following were the activities performed by the Administrative Support Unit:

- Daily basis office management.
- Maintain the books of accounts, and handle banking and financial accounting work, payments, and budgets. Financial reporting.
- To give active support in organizing the trainings in Accounts, by being resource persons in the trainings.
- Support in purchasing, printing, publications, mail dispatch.
- Computer typing and photocopying of the reports, programme plans, letters, documents and other materials needed by the programme team.
- Human Resource related works, prepare personnel files of staff, issuing office orders, appointments other administrative letters
- Correspondence related work including inward mail and outward despatch.
- E-mail management of letters and reports sent and received
- Management and logistical support for guests / sick people from the field who come to the coordination office.

Documentation Team:

The NEEWS has a Documentation Support team to support their work through print and AV resources. The Documentation Centre is located at the coordination office of NEEWS There is a library of books, journals, posters and reports on the issues on which NEEWS is working. There is an Audio-Visual (AV) section with services of photography, and showings from the video and VCD library, as well as AV equipment to be used in training programmes. And the staffs in the team helps in the production of Newsletters, booklets, pamphlets, leaflets used in the work of NEEWS and the People's Organizations.

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Team:

NEEWS has a Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Team and Its main objectives are to improve the quality of reports of all projects and programmes so that qualitative and quantitative progress and action can be recorded. The work of the Team is to help the NEEWS to make effective proposals and to identify the indicators. Staffs of the team are full-timer and also part-timer.

LOBBY & ADVOCACY :

To empower the community and community members & representatives to achieve their rights and privileges in democratic manner organization has taken initiatives to enable them with information and knowledge at different levels.

Organization has intervened with certain issues providing supporting to the people and victims to achieve their rights at different level. The community organizations and individuals are extended support to raise their voice without suppression to overcome the barriers.

The PRI members are provided orientations through five programs like previous year to work effectively in the panchayatiraj system instead of just ensuring rather presence and active participation in highlighting the public issues in the self-governance system.

PRI members like sarpanch, naib-sarpanch and ward members were provided orientation with thrust to the women and ST/SC members. The trainings covered topics like MNREGS, RTI, anti-poverty programs and different other programs in which the panchayatiraj system is having role and responsibility to provide the improved service to their target population.

CONCLUSION:

If we take an overall reflection of the work of NEEWS during the year 2015-2016, we can see that the organization is indeed facilitating some important social processes –

►Some of the People's Organizations started by NEEWS, are indeed moving towards greater independence.

►The Right to Information Act has been used, and work has been done with the public on how to use it.

►Many of the People's Organizations are at a stage where they know they are organized and aware – now they cannot be cheated and exploited, dismissed, marginalized, victimized. Now they are wanting help with “constructive work” as in income generating work. With this search for what is useful, NEEWS with the people, are exploring “alternative development” – vermin composting, marketing. etc.

These are just some overview observations and reflections on the work of NEEWS during the last year. There could be more, there could be some different ones. It is a social development team of workers, positioned firmly on the side of the poor, exploited, deprived and marginalized – We are not pessimistic about the future, we are not discouraged – because we see the strength in the men and women with whom we work. NEEWS is looking forward to the future.