GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: ROLE OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION IN ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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INTRODUCTION: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE-WOMB TO TOMB

Rape
Trafficking
Sexual Harassment, sexual abuse on children
Dowry harassment, dowry deaths, domestic violence, psychological abuse
No control over incomes, assets and no ownership of assets
No participation in major decisions like marriage, family planning
Differential access to food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education, economic opportunities
Killing, selling, abandonment of female babies, forcible sex selective abortions, child rape, child marriages, child labour

Differential access to food, health care, shelter
Violence in pregnancy
Physical and Sexual Violence, Psychological abuse

Pre birth, Infancy, Adolescence, Reproductive & Older ages
OBJECTIVES

To highlight the role of community based organizations in combating gender based violence and ensuring women’s autonomy.

To address the measures taken by Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty in strengthening CBOs to combat violence against women.
STRUCTURE OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

Formation of Leadership

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MSAC

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VO SAC

Formation of Leadership

Collective, SP, Legal Aid Cell, W&C Dept. P.D., SSAPD

CMFCCs

MRO, MDO, PHC, CDPO, Police station, Advocate

Sarpanch, ANM, Anganwadi Worker, Community Elders

Help Line & Genfund

Gender Forums for identification and resolving

Gender agenda & enquiry through Gender Point persons
Social Agenda

- Zero tolerance to violence
- No child marriages and registration of marriages
- No trafficking of girls in the villages
- No Banamathi, Jogini, Basivini, Mathangi systems
- Helping single and vulnerable distressed and destitute women
- Eradicating consumption of liquor
- To ensure household food security
- Self-awareness on reproductive health aspects and HIV Aids.
- Recording of all child births and deaths
- Ensuring all girls sent to Anganwadis, ECE centers and regular schools.
MEASURES TAKEN BY AP SERP TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
**Gender-based Vulnerable People**

- Families having more than two girl children
- Women headed households with a large family
- Divorced, deserted, abandoned by husbands and young widows
- Family with heavy drinking/Alcoholic men
- Families suffering with domestic violence
- Child marriage happened families
- Families with child labour
- Families suffered with Basivini, Jogini, Devadasi, Mathangi systems
- Old age destitutes
- Child headed families
- Women living with HIV /AIDs.
Support Structure to Resist Gender-Based Violence

1) Gender Point Person (GPP): 1 member in every SHG selected as GPP

- Gender Point Person (GPP)
  - Taking Gender Pledge
  - Conducting Gender Enquiry
  - Identify vulnerable families
  - Discussing Social Agenda and Gender Action Plan
  - Gender Fund Collection
2) A Village Level Gender Forum with all GPPs of SHG.

• **VO Gender Forum**
  • Report on issues of SHG women families in her group
  • Collecting Gender Enquiry reports from all GPPs
  • Prepare Gender Action Plan
  • Conducting rallies on gender awareness
  • Monitoring and Supporting adolescent girl groups
  • Maintain list of families suffering from gender-based vulnerabilities and linking them to entitlements

**Every VO Gender Forum will maintain a VO Gender Book, recording all the vulnerabilities and gender activities in the village.**
The CMFCCs provides counselling services on fixed days, dates and venue for taking up cases related to violence on women.

Records are maintained to know the case details and status of the case.

Convergence team with Police, MRO, MDO, Advocate, CDPO, Doctor and Health official & Local NGO along with Mandal Level Social Action Committee Members to provide services to the victim such as Financial Assistance for livelihood and get justice, filing FIR, Legal advice, health checkup and certification, providing shelter, housing, pension and resolving land dispute while settling alimony to the victim.

For this purpose Gender fund is created with the donations from SHG members (Re. 1 per month per SHG member).
• CMFCC
• Services Available for the victim
  • Livelihood through Bank linkage or Employment
  • Shelter for the victim and children
  • Financial Assistance to fight the cases in courts – (through Gender fund/ CIF /Vulnerability Reduction Fund)
  • School and hostel for children
  • Continuous moral support and follow up for 3 years
  • Support for filing FIR in the police station
  • Compensation for the victims from the male or Govt.
  • Health services through PHC
**ADOLESCENT GIRLS GROUPS**

- Formation of adolescent girl groups in every village – MSACs formed 10049 adolescent groups and 9584 were trained.
- Conducting monthly meetings and discussing their agenda – personal safety, education, health & hygiene, child marriage, anti-trafficking, child labor, life skills etc.
- Regular monitoring and capacity building not to drop out, to enhance their education levels and personal safety.
INVESTMENTS ON CAPACITY BUILDING

- Trainings provided to the SAC members on:
  → Gender
  → Women’s laws
  → Conflict resolution
  → Counselling skills

- Victims Meetings are conducted to provide necessary support to the women in case resolution, as well as capacity building of SAC members in counselling and resolving cases.
Clear messages – issue based and individual based approaches at a time is the main strategy in implementing campaigns.

Continuity in Campaigning a issue to sustain the awareness
Simultaneously attending the individual cases related to that issue

SERP’S campaigns led to policy decisions in

- Domestic Violence – residential right to women in the Act and Housing for women through our program
- Child marriages – Registration at village level, reduction in child marriages, increased in education level of girls
- Girl child protection – Bangaru thalli scheme, cradles in hospitals
- Micro Finance Institutions regulations
- Rape law – 2013 suggestion taken by Justice Verma committee
Convergence and support from District Admin. In dealing with the cases of violence.

Establishment of CMFCCs at MS & ZS level.

Trainings given to SACs on gender, counselling, women laws and conflict resolution & negotiation skills.

Victims are helped to come out of their pain and motivated to help other women (through SAC).

Constant reviews on cases resolved – SACs & with the victims/consolidation of experience.
ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE STUDY
**ANTI_HUMAN_TRAFFICKING_PILOT**

- To prevent women from victimization of human trafficking by providing secured livelihoods and providing alternative skills enhancement.

- To save the women from hazardous livelihoods, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) has sanctioned a Project for SERP.
• To Prevent trafficking of women.
• To provide Support to women who are rescued
• Encouraging women from high risk livelihood to safe livelihoods.
STRATEGIES UNDER AHT FOR PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION

- Baseline data collection of vulnerable people – for identification of vulnerable using Gender CRP strategy.
- Formation of Vo Gender forums, adolescent girls groups at village level and Vulnerable women networks at mandal level.
- Demand based Rehabilitation plans will be made for the victims/survivors.
- Entitlements linking to the vulnerable people.
- Convergence with Panchayats for successful implementation and sustainability of the program.
VULNERABLE_WOMEN_NETWORKSFORMATION

- Identified vulnerable people are mobilized into Vulnerable women networks.
- These networks have monthly meetings, collect the demands of the members and submit to MS for financial assistance.
- Provide free legal aid, medical aid, food security, and alternative livelihood.
- Recommend for skill training and counseling.
- Monitor the grounding livelihoods and provide monthly reports.
**LINKING TO ENTITLEMENTS**

- Loan for livelihood – CIF, POP, Bank Linkage.
- Ration card, Anthyodaya card – conversion of card, food credit from vulnerable women’s network to buy ration.
- Job card provision under NREGA, work provision – developing special shelf for the vulnerable women.
- School/hostel admission for children and accessing eligible scholarships for them.
- Regular checkups – in convergence with DM&HO, Health camps will be conducted.
- Provision of Housing, Electricity, Drinking Water through Panchayat.
**Linking to Entitlements**

- Once identified in the village – all vulnerable families list will be put in Gramasabha and get accepted by them for providing special financial support.

- Household rehabilitation plans will be done.

- Linking to the entitlements will be done – applications will be through GP on the recommendation of VO Forums - OSS is being developed in APRIGP mandals for this purpose.
CONVERGENCE WITH PANCHAYATS

• Dt level workshops under the leadership of collector with heads of all line departments – instructions to respond to the applications and provide services.

• Mandal level workshops – To all sarpanchs and functional heads MRO, MDO, PHC, MEO CDPO to support identification, to develop rehabilitation plans, to forward them to the concerned departments, pursue them till they get it. – this is a mainstreaming process.
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<td>Identified Vulnerable Women and Survivors</td>
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<td>Brought Vulnerable women and Survivors into SHG Fold (both in new and existing SHGs)</td>
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<td>Formed Mandal Level Vulnerable Networks and oriented</td>
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<td>Formed &amp; Conducted trainings to Adolescent girls in 750 groups</td>
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<td>Trained Women on Banjara bag making, Ready Made garment making</td>
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<td>Provided Safe livelihood loans to women 4.09crs</td>
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<td>Provided entitlements (Widow, HIV pensions, Job cards, Aadhar, Antyodaya Cards)</td>
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<td>Provided Health grant worth of RS. 85,000/- to</td>
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<td>Provided food security in Ananthpur District on trial basis worth of Rs. 800/- per head</td>
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