Annual Report 2021-22

VARRAT

Voluntary Association for Rural Reconstruction and Appropriate Technology

Message

Each year that passes by - takes us towards our cherished goal of organizing our activities and all the associates - towards visible performance and transparent management for people centered development. The year 2021-22 was an exception due to the second blow of COVID pandemic. Activities physically stalled during the period like previous year and mask, social distance, hand washing with soap was continued like previous year to check the spread of CORONA Pandemic. The period led us to look within as also to look beyond and propelled our endeavors significantly to create awareness among the masses to abide with the Government guidelines without a definite source of funding.

On the front of grass roots governance and people-centered social developments, we could specifically earmarked some of the development initiatives through the support of Government agencies like OSACS, CHILDLINE, Gram Utthan-RWS&S etc. in both Kendrapara and Keonjhar district. As the foreign funding were stopped as we were second recipients from the Indian entities of International Organisations affected the operation seriously and thrust on Government sources made us to create new partnerships with Local agencies. The period witnessed submission of proposals to different Government Departments and presentations made.

On our part, it was in fact, an evaluative scrutiny of our potentiality to access to all stakeholders (including Line department personnel & Mass Media personnel) with a broad goal of addressing grass roots governance, people-centered democratic development including associated aspects with democratic spirit continued.

As already stated significantly this year due to FCRA amendments by Government of India and completion of project periods the partnership with Digital Green Foundation came to an end in October 2021 and the partnership with ChildFund India was stopped from November 2020 as VARRAT was second recipient.

The year that has passed by urged us to continue the ongoing activities run by the Organisation to gain a substantial growth of the poor and the marginalized people in-spite of the crunch of adequate funding. Running of number of activities as post project ventures have virtually worked by the active Jan Jagruti Sangathan leaders who are playing vital role as change agents in their locality to pursue change in the mind set of local people by moulding community attitude towards Child Rights.

Whatever we achieved is all owes to our partners, donors, dedicated staff team & wise counsel from our Governing Board including the timely prudent support of our Consultants and Resource Persons from different corners of our State. They have always remained as source of inspiration for us. We take this opportunity to thank each one of them sincerely and expect their continued support in making our efforts quite impressive. The impact of their support is far reaching as it is pro people and brings immediate immense help to the poor.

We take this opportunity to appeal for the support of all the stake-holders like General public, Government Departments, Over sea-donors, the Media and Academia to contribute financially and/(or) in kind to enable us spearhead our flagship activity of organizing the marginalized groups including the vulnerable from different sects of society - around the theme of claiming as well as contributing towards the noble pursuit of people-centered development.

With this preface, we request you to go through our report and be part of our efforts now as also in future. Your comments and suggestions will help us in our thinking and making meaningful approaches relating to different problems of the poor.

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Chairman
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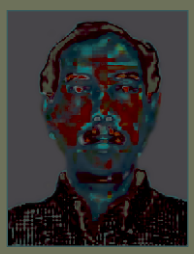

Mr U N Behera
Director
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INTRODUCTION

Voluntary Association for Rural Reconstruction and Appropriate Technology (VARRAT) was founded in the year 1983, registered in the year 1986 and completed 39 years since from its inception. It is influenced by the Gandian thought of Rural Development and is operational in Kendrapada and Keonjhar Districts of Odisha. It is one among the leading development organisation in the State having its head office at Boulakani Village in Mahakalpara block of Kendrapada district and branch office at Erendei village in Patna block of Keonjhar district. VARRAT has developed its own infrastructure for office and training space with adequate plantations of different species. VARRAT started with the mandate to work with and for the development of the deprived, excluded, vulnerable and marginalized sections of the rural areas with the concept of 3C'S- Community Institution, Community Participation and Community Empowerment which has been the faces of VARRAT till date.

Since the auspicious beginning in 1983, VARRAT marched a long way fostering equitable and sustainable development. VARRAT started its active operation in the district of Kendrapara and Keonjhar simultaneously in the year 1987 and is engaged with a spectrum of developmental program. The two different areas have biodiversities of their own. While Kendrapada is prone to natural calamities, Keonjhar is drought prone again Keonjhar is rich for its mines and tribal and Kendrapada have diverse of population with migrant communities and long sea shore and is the major source of livelihood and becomes a curse sometimes. The post super cyclone period of 1999 to 2010 marked a remarkable change by venturing into the livelihood interventions and 2010 onwards the form of livelihood support significantly changed to ICT based intervention i.e. development of small video's on different agricultural practices and human mediated dissemination continued through Pico Projector among the women SHG to maximize the production of cultivation looking at the food security of the marginal and landless farmers. Although it was challenging at the beginning but it has become a resource for VARRAT that is because the team of VARRAT has started imparting training to different organisation of developing community videos.

Further VARRAT's continued Child Developmental Program with specific concern on child rights, creating a child friendly environment, enabling children to open up the hidden innovative qualities, participation of children in disaster management ushered new challenges and these are being addressed by our core team of professionals with a happy blend of innovation and traditional inputs with District Administration.

VARRAT works to empower the community and groom the children into future partners so that they can become pioneers of undertaking developmental activities within and outside their own community. VARRAT's own experience and accomplishments emphasize on spreading its comprehensive approach plan to bring about all round development in the most remote neighbor communities of the Districts.

Our partners in the development both inland and overseas have set ambitious developmental agendas that warranty better preparedness and deeper involvement and inputs on our front. Over and above VARRAT plan's to accelerate its role in more technology based extension services(low cost), role in motivating and identifying public issues relating to the rural poor in appropriate forum in ameliorating poverty, malnutrition and exploitation of natural resources.

While presenting this 36th Annual Report, we take the opportunity to express our gratitude to our supporters, Advisors, Donors and partners including the communities groups and volunteers and also solicit their confirmed cooperation.

VARRAT has a General Body consists of all its Founder members, representatives of staff and village organizations i.e. JJS and Mahila Samiti, which meet once in a year. There is an Executive Body consists of 7 members who look after activities under different programs.

The Executive Body meets once in every three months. However, if situation demands, it can meet more than the usual time. The General Body is final decision making authority and the executive body is responsible to plan out various strategies befitting to organizational goal & overall performance-based development.

OPERATIONAL AREA:

As before VARRAT still have the offices in two blocks Mahakalpara and Patna in Kendrapara and Keonjhar district respectively and expanded to all the blocks in those two districts. The number of village has gone up with the adoption of extended area approach i.e. through Targeted Intervention (TI), CHILDLINE for Kendrapara, ICT based approach in four blocks and ISA activities in all the villages of Keonjhar. VARRAT has reached all the villages in Kendrapada and similarly in Keonjhar with extension activities the reach has gone up to 2100

villages. In Kendrapara major chunk of population are general, SC and even migrant Bengalis from West Bengal and Bangladesh in Rajnagar and Mahakalpara block constitute a big section. But in Keonjhar it is more of tribal and OBC. More than 50% of the total population is tribal in Keonjhar.

VISION:

To be an efficient and leading developmental organization in empowering people by indoctrinating necessary changes in the society and establishing social justice.

MISSION:

To initiate required action for the integrated development of the marginalized group through strengthening people's organizations at village and regional level, maintaining proper coordination with govt. and Non- govt. allies associated in the development field, innovating applying appropriate technology in a planned manner, bringing about environmental equilibrium and upgrading the skills among group and workers.

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS:

VARRAT is one of the leading Development Organization in Odisha having a true grass root presence. This has not only made the developmental professionals interested in programmatic aspects of Health, Education, Child Rights, Natural Resource Management and Women Empowerment but also accepted the able heads of cooperation extended by generous Donors, Funding Agencies, as well as Government and Non Government Organizations not only supported financially but also supplemented the efforts of VARRAT in translating dreams into reality.

NON GOVERNMENT DONORS

- Digital Green Foundation, USA

GOVERNMENT DONORS :

- Orissa State Aids Control Society (OSACS), Bhubaneswar
- CHILDLINE India Foundation supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
- OSDMA, Odisha
- District Administration of Kendrapara and Keonjhar
- Gram-Utthan/RWS&S as ISA on Community Mobilization for sustainability of Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes

Although the number of our partners are few but the gracious support and help in form of Intellectual and Financial are the driving forces behind our success in various projects.

MAJOR INTERVENTION:

VARRAT concentrates on Integrated Development aspect of the community. Still the major Intervention lies with the children, women and elderly people who are considered as the most vulnerable section in development prospective. But it is not right to present that the other sections like youth and adults are neglected in the approach. Hence while children, women and elderly population issues are addressed through welfare measures, Capacity building through skill, transfer of knowledge, knowledge sharing as well as process redesigning is considered as most appropriate tool while planning the intervention for youth and adults.

The initiatives of VARRAT are:

1. **Community Video**
2. **Targeted Intervention (T.I)**
3. **CHILDLINE**
4. **Disaster Risk Reduction**
5. **Community Mobilization for sustainability of Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes**
6. **Community Video**
7. **Village Organisation**
8. **Training and Research**

COMMUNITY VIDEO

Mobile UPAVAN is popularly known as **m-UPAVAN** in Keonjhar and the partners in the process. The abbreviated of this is "Upscaling Participatory Action and videos for Agriculture and Nutrition" and as the entire process happened through Mobile is called m-UPAVAN. Community Videos were disseminated under m-UPAVAN intervention reached to 29026 households of 133 villages in 99 clusters from January 2021 to September 2021 covering four blocks named Patna, Harichandanpur, Ghatagaon and Keonjhar. We formed and worked with 1873 SHGs where in there are 20239 women members.

Project village details...

Name of the block	No of GP	No of village
Patna	12	19
Keonjhar	06	23
Ghatgaon	20	41
Harichandanpur	15	50
Total	53	133

Our reach...

Due to the COVID Pandemic offline activities could not be conducted smoothly hence 133 WhatsApp groups formed and video shared on those groups. We get connected with 3099 mothers who were having smart phones, 18679 mothers through WhatsApp groups, 5667 through IVR (Interactive Voice Response) and 818 with PICO projector hence the total number of mothers we reached out are 28263 in 133 villages across 4 blocks of Keonjhar District. Apart from this also 763 women who were enrolled also participated. Hence the overall we have covered 28263 households among them 927 mothers were having children between 0-23 months. In the WhatsApp platform and PICO 29 video shared on different topic while 21 shared through IVR system.

1000 days mothers

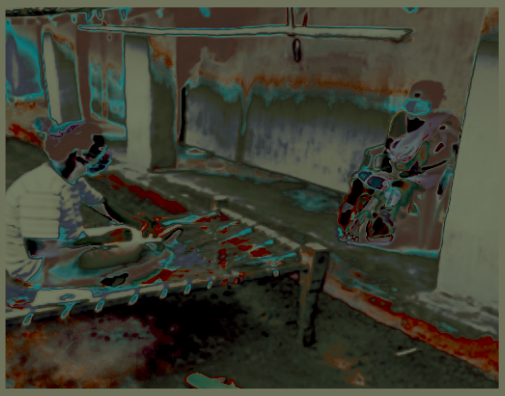
The focus of the program was always with the 1000 day mothers. We covered 4156 mothers out of which pregnant mother are 1054 and 0 to 23 months children mothers are 3102.This list collected from secondary source of information i.e. frontline workers, such as AWW, ASHA and HW.

About Videos

The Video we shared in different platforms are on MIYCN (Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition) and NSA (Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture) and all the videos collected from our UPAVAN video library. We reduced the contents of our long videos to make it shorter to get more acceptances through WhatsApps and reedited with focus on key points and the COVID precautionary message.

Video sharing process

First we share advertising message about video name, date of sharing, contents and benefits etc. Then on every Wednesday we share the main video with all WhatsApp groups. After 2 days of video sharing we used to share simple questionnaires for mothers responses and mothers responded well with their answers in their respective group. At the end of every process the CSPs extend vote of thanks for their correct answer.



MIYCN videos –No of mothers had watched the video through WhatsApp groups.

Sl.No.	Name of the Video	Number of Viewers
1	Benefits of hand washing with soap	9940
2	Importance of first 1000 days	17171
3	Prevention and control of diarrhea	17282
4	Nutrition during pregnancy	17418
5	Nutrition during lactation	17573
6	**Maternal workload – Impact of and strategies to reduce workload**	17390
7	Exclusive breastfeeding	17650
8	Introducing complementary feeding	17887

Sl.No.	Name of the Video	Number of Viewers
9	Age appropriate complementary feeding (6 - 9 months)	17766
10	Age appropriate complementary feeding (9 - 12 months)	17421
11	Age appropriate feeding for children (12 - 24 months)	17488
12	Feeding of a sick child during illness	17340
13	Recipes for dietary diversity for complementary feeding	17241
14	Reinforcing dietary diversity	17836
15	Nutrition and care of a new born and an underweight child	18157

NSA videos–No of mothers had watched the video through WhatsApp groups.

Sl.No.	Name of the Video	Number of Viewers
	Cultivation of different species of Amaranthus for diet diversity year round	10457
	Growing little gourd for nutrition and income	10462
	Growing Indian spinach for nutrition	10474
	Paddy straw mushroom cultivation for income	17616
	How to practice chicken farming	17497
	Benefits of line transplanting and seed treatment	17427
	Nursery management and line transplanting	17302
	Goat farming - vaccination and shed management	17512
	Preparation and application of pot manure	17324
	Building a kitchen garden for nutrition	17325
	Papaya + banana + drumstick cultivation for consumption	17595
	Growing carrot for nutrition	18077
	Jaupoka control in cowpea	18098
	Nutrient management for milking stage of Paddy	18156

VTI Training

Through Virtual Platform a series of trainings organised by VARRAT with the help of a agency called **Sangam** All the staffs successfully participated in all the 13 numbers of training courses and got certificate. That enriched the knowledge and skill our staff to fruitfully deliver the desired program inputs in virtual platform. The courses offered are:

- Importance of first 1000 days
- Prevention and control of diarrhea
- Nutrition during pregnancy and lactation
- Benefits of hand washing with soap
- Cultivation of different species of Amaranthus for diet diversity year round
- Growing little gourd for nutrition and income
- Growing Indian spinach for nutrition
- Paddy straw mushroom cultivation for income
- Exclusive breast feeding
- Maternal Workload – Impact of and Strategies to reduce workload
- Age appropriate complementary feeding
- Benefits of line transplanting and seed treatment
- Nursery management and line transplanting

Apart from this four other trainings were conducted for the staffs such as:

1) Induction training to Supervisor/BC/PC -19/01.2021 participants-09 20/01/2021-Total participants-39
2) Data collection(KoBo) to all staff -28/01/2021- 40 participants
3) VTI to all staff -31/03.2021 -40 participants
4) 1000 days mothers survey training through SurveyCTO-05/04/2021-39 participants

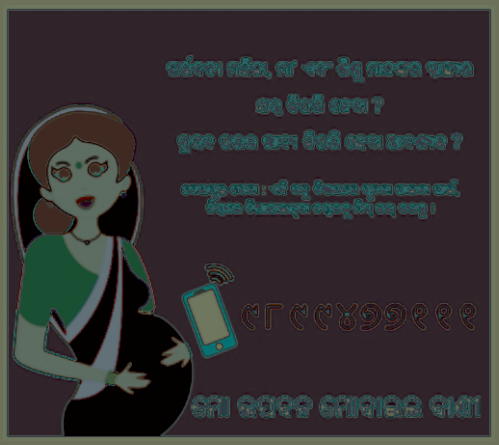
In order to accelerate the process of implementation weekly and fortnightly online Google meets organised for all the staffs. More over physical review meetings organised for different groups at regular interval. 12 such meetings happened during the project tenure.

Staffs in operation

The staffs engaged in the whole process are Community Service Providers 30 (Female 20 and Male 10), Community Resource Person 2 (Female 1 and Male 1), Supervisor 4 all male, Block Coordinators 2 (1 Female and 1 Male) and one Program Coordinator male so as one Accountant. Out of total 40 staffs 22 are female. The research partner for the project DCOR conducted the **feasibility study** 11 times during the period.

IVR shared with mothers

This is Interactive Voice Response line and we call it Mo UPAVAN vaani which was functioning 24 X 7. The toll free number for the purpose is 9899477111. Every Sunday IVR messages comes to 5667 nos of registered mobile numbers. The second option is to give a miss call to the toll free number and after 2/3 seconds there will be call back to that particular phone. All messages come in a dramatic way. Mothers were enthusiastic and also recording their suggestions pressing key botton 3 of their mobile. We have covered 80 % of mothers, out of 5667 in this way. 22 nos of videos shared in IVR.



Challenges

- Due to this COVID pandemic, we are not able to manage the QA visits.
- Unstable electricity service and mobile network issues are big concerns to reach out to the beneficiaries.

Targeted Intervention for Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS

With the development of science and technology there is unexpected increase in materialistic want and simultaneously the values and ethics in life are depleting seriously. The people either of easy virtue or lacking of awareness are generally victimized by HIV/AIDS. As Kendrapara Town, Pattamundai block and Aul block area comprise of mixed culture and community, and a center of hooligans and ruffians it is obvious that the call girls from the locality as well as from out sides are regularly attending hotels and bars in order to satisfy the sexual appetite of one or other. The Targeted Intervention activities with the support from OSACS, Bhubaneswar, VARRAT is working with the target population in Kendrapara Municipality, Pattamundai block and Aul block. As these areas are extremely vulnerable to HIV/AIDS it is a bare necessity to address the sensitive issue very carefully. Hence, our job is to put a break on the increasing trends of HIV/ AIDS in the region. The intervention aims at spreading awareness among different sects of population such as FSW and other stake holders. The intervention creates an enabling environment for the people who are suffering from HIV/AIDS to be mainstreamed in the society without social discriminations.

Since 2009 VARRAT has been undertaking HIV prevention activities under TI project in Kendrapara Town, Pattamundai block and Aul block of Kendrapara area with focus on FSW covering targeted population of 400 including Kendrapara, Aul, and Pattamundai . The basic objective is – **"End inequalities, End AIDS and End Pandamics."**

Organization has been undertaking this intervention with the support of 12 staffs including seven Peer Educators who have been assigned task as per their responsibility. Under the scheme – following tasks are undertaken in an ongoing manner.

1. Condom Promotion

Under social marketing –1608 condoms sold through 7 outlets and 132711 condoms distributed free through Peer Educators. During this year consumption based demand of condom has increased approximately and the behavior change communication through peer has become more effective with comparison to previous year.

2. **Behavior Change Communication (BCC)**

VARRAT has conducted 5201 one to one interaction, 65 Focus Group Discussions (FGD) and distribution of IEC Material i.e. Leaflets printed and distributed. In this context the major role is performed by the Peer Educators (PE's) and Out Reach Workers (ORW's) who pursued BCC through regular visits and contacts.

3. **Enabling Environment**

This year 4 Advocacy meetings with PLHAs, Mediators, local leaders & SHG members on HIV/AIDS, 63 Hotspot level Committee meeting, 65 Hotspot level meeting, 9 DIC level meeting and 8 Capacity Building Training of PE's etc. were conducted. By virtue of developing the understanding among the community members – the coordination support of community has shown a remarkable change during this year which is evident from the symptoms of reduction in discrimination.

4. **Community Mobilization** **Awareness of the Students on World AIDS Day 2021World AIDS Day - 2021**

With focus on BCC and pursuing public behavior and opinion through Enabling Environment, VARRAT has accelerated Community Mobilization works through Observation of International Women's Day in Kendrapara site on 8th March & World AIDS Day on 1st Dec. This continuous effort has resulted in promoting enabling environment, reduction in discrimination and people's support to PLHA to a great extent. Of course, the support of Govt. line departments has also improved the morale of the victims.

5. **STI Care and Treatment**

Care and Treatment covers activities like Presumptive Treatment to 80 targeted beneficiaries. Regular Medical Check-up being ensured with the support of Peer Educator and Counselor that has benefited 1396 beneficiaries this year, 60 STI cases treated with provision of treatment KIT, VDRL test of 709 patients been taken up, 793 referral cases been undertaken with focus on 2 times HIV test which resulted 706 patients been tested spontaneously. The fear atmosphere due to COVID pandemic and lockdown & shutdown situations has affected the activities to some extent.

Hot spot level meeting

Awareness of the Students on World AIDS Day 2021

- Discrimination has reduced remarkably in the community due to changes in behaviors and attitudes
- Adoption of Safe Sex practices has increased to a great extent.
- Access to STI and RTI treatment services has increased
- Linkage to Other Services

Apart from this – 4 meetings of Crisis Management Committee have been organized wherein issues of targeted stakeholders were discussed thoroughly. Moreover, community members, Police Personnel, Dhaba owners, PRI Members and Pimps been mobilized to look into the issues of FSW and PLHA with proper consideration and extend support for early finalization of grievance.

Training has been attended by our staff organised at project and outside

Sl. No	Name of the training	Date/Duration	Venue	Major Topics covered	Training done by
01	State level training	17/11/2021 - 18/11/2021	Panthaniwas	Capacity building of T.I. staffs on Targeted intervention 's revamp strategies,p -MPSE.	OSACS & TSU
02	T.I.level training	02/12/2021 - 04/12/2021	Jajpur	Capacity building of T.I. PEs on Targeted intervention 's revamp strategies,p -MPSE.	OSACS & TSU

Inside Training and Orientations

Sl. No	Name of the training	Date	Venue	Major Topics covered
01	PE capacity building training	22/04/2021	T.I.Office	PE formats, TI components
02	PE capacity building training	22/07/2021	T. I.Office	STI symptoms
03	PE capacity building training	21/08/2021	T.I.Office	Form A, Condom Demo, P - MPSE
04	PE capacity building training	21/09/2021	T.I.Office	Outreach maps, components of TI,P -MPSE
05	PE capacity building training	22/10/2021	T.I.Office	PLHIV status card
06	PE capacity building training	22/11/2021	T.I.Office	CBMS,P -MPSE
07	PE capacity building training	22/12/2021	T.I.Office	Referral & linkages
08	PE capacity building training	22/01/2022	T.I.Office	Revamp strategies
09	PE capacity bui lding training	21/02/2022	T.I.Office	P-MPSE
10	PE capacity building training	22/03/2022	T.I.Office	Risk & vulnerability

Achievements in Table

SL.No	Name of the activities	Achievement	Description
01	No. of HRGs in line listing register	951	
02	No of HR Gs enrolled in master register	502	
03	No of one to one contacted by PEs	5201	5201 nos. of contacts by peer Educator are done and out of them 100 % of targeted group adopted safe sex practices and treatment seeking behavior towards STD, HIV/AIDS and COVID awareness.
04	No of regular contacted by PEs	4863	4863 nos. of regular contacts by Peer Educator are done and out of them 100 % of targeted group adopted safe sex practices and treatment seeking behavior towards STD,HIV/AIDS and condom use and COVID aw areness.
05	No of GD/FGD meeting held	65	65 nos. of hotspot level meeting were conducted and out of them 80% of the HRGs assessed their knowledge about STD,HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention and adopt safe sex practices and treatment seeking behavior t owards STD,HIV/AIDS & COVID awareness.
06	Syphilis tested	709	709 no. of HRGs including PLHAs are screened VDRL test and 1 found positive .
07	Presumptive treatment	80	80 no. of FSWs taken presumptive treatment and reduced their risk of vulnerability tow ards HIV/AIDs
08	Regular Medical Checkup	1396	1396 no. of FSWs are undergone health checkup on regular basis and avoided the vulnerability towards STI, HIV/AIDS.
09	No of STI cases treated	60	60 no. of HRGs (FSW) were counseled and treated in DSRC and PPP clinic and reduced the risk of vulnerability towards the spread of STI, HIV/AIDS.
10	No of HRGs referred to ICTC	793	793 HRGs referred for HIV test in three ICTCs.
11	No of HRGs tested in ICTC	706	In order to know about their HIV status 706 nos. of FS W undergone HIV testing in ICTC.
12	No of HRGs found positive	0	
13	No of cumulative HRGs gone for ART Registration	07	7no.of HRGs positive persons registered their name in ART centre and undergone CD4 test and received services like ART medicines and M adhubabu Pension Yojana and 6 HRGs got their travel fair from the District Collector.

14	No of Free condom distributed	132711	Ensured the target group (FSW) about the availability, acceptability and accessibility of condoms, and the use of condoms among t arget group with multi partner sex increased.
15	No of condom socially marketed	1608	Demand and preference on condom use increased among target groups on stigma and shyness about condom removed.
16	No of condom Outlet established	7	Condoms are procured from OSACS and distributed through PE's.
17	No of community event conducted observation of (World AIDS Day and International Women's day)	02	In order to encourage the target group to accept the programme and support the activities in positive way and adopt safe sex practices, aware on HIV/AIDS and STI ,know about their rights, alert about the violence, covid sensitization, through International Women's Day and World AIDS Day .
18	No of PE review meeting	48	PE's attended review meetings on weekly basis a nd their capacity enhanced through in house trainings.
19	No of PE capacity building training	10	In house training was conducted for PEs during weekly review meeting. PE training was also conducted by OSACS and TSU on Revamp and P -MPSE
20	No of Monthly Project review meeting done	12	Monthly review meeting done in presence of Project Director and T.I. staffs and discussed on monthly achievements.
21	No of DIC (Drop In Centre)level meeting	18	The DIC level meetings were held to increase the frequency in interaction. Out of them 60% of HRGs make them aware about the symptoms, transmission and prevention of STI,HIV/AIDS, Informed regarding the provision of services in Govt. and non Govt. level and caring about proper health seeking behaviour.
22	No of SHG formation	02	
23	Advocacy Meeting	04	Increasing coordination and cooperation 04 nos. of Advocacy meeting were conducted with different stake holders of FSW, like, Pimps, local leaders, PLHAs and SHG members etc. in different hotspots of Kendrapara and Pa ttamundai and Aul. All the activities were accepted and internalized by the stakeholders.
24	Hot spot level committee meeting	63	5 selected committee members from the community of each sites attended the meeting and topics discussed on various current iss ues.
25	No. of Crisis management committee meeting	04	04 Crisis Management Committee Meeting was organized in presence of Advocate, T.I. Counselor , Community Members.
26	No. of Project Monitoring committee meeting	04	04 Project Monitoring Committee Mee ting was organized to verify the Target vs Achievements.

Case Study

Laxmi (pseudonym), one simple lady aged about 25, used to live in Paradeep with her husband Prakash and only son. Her husband was a labourer. Their family life was very peaceful till that time when one of his friends Sudhir came to their life. That person was so attractive and had the capacity to attract anybody towards him. Time passed Prakash was very much attached with his friend because his friend always offers him liquor in every evening. And Sudhir took the chance to get in touch with Laxmi .He started to help her financially which made him very impressive. These activities continued for a few months. Now Sudhir and Laxmi were in relationship which could not be escaped from Prakash.

Prakash expelled Laxmi from his house but could not leave his son. She also happily moved with Sudhir and they shifted to Kendrapara. They maintained their life very happily but this was not permanent. Sudhir started to torture Laxmi and one day he forced her to be physical with one of his friend

Now Sudhir started a new business which was very easy to get money and that was to engage Laxmi in sex work profession. Laxmi was in stress because she had no way to escape and to go back to her family.One day Laxmi was suffered from fever and visited to DHH for treatment. There she met with T.I. PE Ritanjali and during their meeting she felt free with Ritanjali and took her contact number.

One day Sudhir was out of Kendrapara, so it was suitable time for Laxmi to contact with Ritanjali .She shared her problems with Rita and fixed time to meet her. Rita convinced Laxmi to visit T.I.Office and one day when Sudhir was out of Kendrapara Laxmi went to T.I.Office with Rita and T.I.Counselor counselled her about her risks and referred her for HIV test.She also agreed to go for HIV test and took free condom from T.I..

Laxmi tested her HIV/RPR in DHH and was assured about her HIV status and promised herself not to encourage her clients to have sex without condom at any cost. Now she is working as a maid in a Doctor's house and earned Rs 4000/- per month and left Sudhir's home and started to stay alone ,but could not able to escape herself from this sex work profession but she is now capable to restrict herself for more client load.She is also in a group which empowered her and for all her transformation she gives special thanks to the T.I. Project VARRAT staffs and she visits office regularly and attends all the meetings to get more knowledge about health seeking behavior.

CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE is National, 24 hours, free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. CHILDLINE 1098 functions under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) is the national Mother NGO for the CHILDLINE service in India and is responsible for the initiation and monitoring of the CHILDLINE 1098 service. Additionally, it also under takes Child protection research and advocacy. CHILDLINE 1098 is India's only national helpline for children in distress and is supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development under the Child Protection Services (Scheme).

CHILDLINE 1098 is a phone number that spells hope for millions of children across India. It is a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. We not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to relevant services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE till date, connected to three million children across the nation offering them care and protection. To reach out to every child in need and ensure their rights & protection Four Cs Model- Connect, Catalyze, collaborate and communicate. Is the system that enables us to more and more children every year. Connect use technology to reach out to Children.

Brief history of CHILDLINE in Kendrapada:-

CHILDLINE 1098 service is operational in Odisha since 2000. Presently, it is operational in 30 Districts and 5 Railway Stations. Kendrapada CHILDLINE started functioning since 1st September, 2020. There is one

CHLDLINE unit functioning as **District CHILDLINE** unit managed by VARRAT (Voluntary Association for Rural Reconstruction and Appropriate Technology) organization as **Collaborative partner**. We are happy to share with you the summary of CHILDLINE activities being held till the period 31thMarch 2022 from April 2021. The activities have been conducted in close collaboration and coordination with DCPU, CWC, POLICE, JJB, DLO, DEO, DWO or in other words with the entire District administration.

Activities Conducted

Due to the continuance of COVID Pandemic all the programs affected seriously during the period. Even then our dedicated team achieved the following:

- 100 number of one to one meeting with village level stakeholders, community people, children, AWW, AWH, School teachers, ASHA, SHG and others conducted during the year.
- One to one meets with the District level stakeholders: Police, DCPO, POIC, PONIC, CWC, CDPO, DPC, and others Members-120
- Case Intervention-93
- Conducted the Awareness Programme about-1098 to share the information relating 1098 services, Activities-296
- Message related to COVID-19 shared with Children, Adult, Stakeholders, Caregiver and Villagers-250
- Phone testing-775
- Capacity Building of Staff-6
- Virtual Meetings attended-6 (Conducted by CIF)
- Staff Meeting-40
- PSS Activity (Psychosocial Support for Children)-269
- Workshop Attended-3
- Volunteer Identification-3
- School Sensitization program-60
- Special day Celebration-2 (Gandhi Jayanti & CHILDLINE se dosti)
- Events Observed-11

Following the all guidelines, precaution and social distancing restrictions of COVID-19, the CHILDLINE Kendrapada covered 47 GP & 205 Villages in Kendrapada, Pattamundai, Aul, Mahakalapara, Marshaghai, Rajnagar, Rajkanika, Derabish, Garadpur blocks in Kendrapada districts for outreach Awareness.

Achievements

1. Awareness sessions organised about 1098 and COVID-19 precaution messages disseminated i.e. what is 1098 and for whom it works and the topics discussed are:

   It is for 0-18 children who need care and protection

   Issues of child labour, abuse and violence, child trafficking, missing, runaways, addiction, education related, child marriage, children in conflict with law, homeless children etc.

2. 1098 IEC material distribution on its working hours and days

3. COVID-19 awareness on Social Distancing, Hand Wash, Sanitizing and staying Home etc.

4. Activities conducted among children on Mental Psychosocial Support System (MPSS) through

   a. PSS/Drawing

   b. Sticker Making

   c. Story telling

SLNO	TYPES OF CASE INTERVENTAION	NO OF CASE	CASE STATUS
1	Child Sexual abuse	1	Close
2	Child Marriage	22	Close
3	Child Labour	3	Close
4	Child Trafficking/ Unsafe migration	13	Close
5	Missing & Runway Children	3	Close
6	Physical Emotional abuse including corporal punishment & neglect	14	Close
7	Child found begging	3	Close
8	Child contact with the street	1	Close
9	Cyber security & online safety	1	Close
10	Education including Dropout	20	Close
11	Nutrition Malnourishmen t & health physical or mental	5	Close
12	Children Affected by Disaster	6	Close
13	Referred by another Child line	1	Close
Total Case intervention		**93**	

Case Study

Case Type- **Child selling case**

Child Details

Name-**Arati Roul**, Aged 7yrs **Bharati Roul**, Aged 3yrs **Minati Roul**, Aged 10mnths
(all pseudonym) Sex-Female
Informer- Rambihari Bhuyan through 1098
Relation with the child – No relation
Father's Name - Samir Roul
Mother's Name - Arundhati Roul
AddreAt-Mahurigaon, Po/PS- Rajkaniaka, Block- Rajkanika, Dist- Kendrapara.

Background of the children-
The children belong to Khandayat by caste. In their family their grandmother Parvati Samal, mentally cracked mother Arundhati Roul and the children. Their father was separated from them and their mother long time ago. They have no source of income and even a person in the family who can work to maintain the family. Very often children starve and go to sleep without food even no house to shelter them. Once a while their neighbors graciously provide food but it is not in regular process.

Distress situation of the children-
Due to acute poverty the children could not able to get enough food for their living. For this reason their old grandmother tried to sell them to another family where they can get food to live and survive.

CHILDLINE Intervention-
One of the team members of Kendrapdra CHILDLINE, Ms Smrutirekha Choudhry came to know from some source about this issue and visited the family for interaction with this family. During intervention the CHILDLINE team came to know that the children were neither in begging profession nor they were tortured by anybody. After getting the truth CHILDLINE rescued the children and provided medical assistance and produced in CWC for their better living. In this process CWC, DCPU, ICDS, ASHA, AWW, Sarpanch of this village cooperated the CHILDLINE.

CHILDLINE Impact-
Due to interference of CHILDLINE the neglected children shifted to SWADHAR centre.

Social Audit

In Pursuance of section 17 (1) of MGNREGA 2005 Gram Sabha is required to conduct regular Social Audit of all projects under the scheme taken up within the gram panchayat. The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General (C & AG) notified the Audit of scheme Rules 2011 under section (1) of section 24 of the Act.

Social Audit is an audit is conducted by the people, especially by these people who are affected by or are the intended beneficiaries of the scheme being audited and facilitated by the Govt.

Objective of Social Audit

a) Promote transparency and accountability in the implementation of programs.

Public Hearing of Social Audit in Rajkanika

b) Promote people's participation in all stages of implementation though Gram Sabha.

c) Improve capacity of local stake holders who participate in the social audit.

Coverage

The State Government shall facilitate conducting of social audit of the works taken up in every Gram panchyat at least once in six months in the manner prescribed under the rules.

The Social Audit Unit (SAU) an independent organisation the SAU Resource Persons (RPs) along with primary stake holders shall verify the records related to payment, procurement of materials and financial records, visit the work site contact the range series collate records and convene a Gram Sabha to discuss the findings of the verification exercise and to review the compliance on transparency and accountability.

VARRAT is working as partner for two blocks i.e. Rajkanika and Marshaghai of Kendrapara District providing engagement its Block Resource Person(BRP) since 2017.

Presentation of the work plan at SE office conference hall Keonjhar

Community Mobilization for Sustainability of Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes

The Organization VARRAT has been awarded to work as a partner NGO from 1st July 2021 with GRAM-UTTAN as Implementing Partner is the Nodal NGO for North Odisha Balasore Circle as Implementation Support Agency (ISA) work for successful Implementation of Community Mobilization for Sustainability of Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes allotted by RWS&S. VARRAT partnered with GRAM-UTTHAN Anandpur and Keonjhar, RWS&S Division of Keonjhar district, Odisha. The agreed activities will be implemented in coordination with Panchayat Raj & Drinking Water Department, Government of Odisha and line departments. Two Zonal Coordinator, One MIS,13 Block Coordinator, 14 GP Coordinator and 287 Village Mobilizers are identified and engaged in the project with necessary training and input.

While launching the program one meeting was conducted at RWS&S division office at Keonjhar in the presence of the ACE of Balasore Circle, Superintending Engineers of Kenjhar and Anandapur, Administrative Officer of Gram Utthan and person responsible from VARRAT along with all the Sub-Divisional Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers of the RWS&S department in Keonjhar.

Apart from this one review meeting is conducted at the Darbar Hall of Keonjhar Collectorate in the presence of the Honourable Collector and District Magistrate along with other dignatories.

Scope of Work: With the aim of providing FHTC to every rural household by 2024, the programme focuses on service delivery at household level, i.e. water supply on regular basis in adequate quantity. This necessitates planning and Implementation of water supply schemes, empowerment of Gram Panchayat/ local community, focus on service delivery, partner with other stakeholders and convergence with other programs for ensuring the quality of services.

Purpose: A sense of ownership has to be instilled in the village community as they are at the center of this mission. In villages, Local communities especially women, must be encouraged to participate and take ownership of water resource management, water supply, and grey water treatment and its reuse. To achieve this, SHGs/VOs/CBOs/NGOs, youth groups, rural masons, etc. should also be engaged. To make water everyone's business, the mission will strive to build partnerships and linkages through various community based activities, capacity building and IEC to achieve long term drinking water security.

Activities undertaken

Awareness Building: Awareness Building measures initially carried out to sensitise the Panchayat authorities at Panchayat and Block level for their cooperation and participation in the VWSC formation and successful implementation of the measures desired by the Government and Nodal NGO.

Selection and Deployment of staffs

The process for selection of staffs initiated and the Coordinators for both the divisions Keonjhar and Anandapur got appointed. In coordination with the Divisional Coordinators the Block and GP Coordinators selected and assigned. Subsequently the Village Mobilisers for the grass root selected. The strength of the staffs is Divisional Coordinator 2, Block Coordinator 13, Gram Panchayat Coordinator 14, and V.M. 267 in 2044 villages of Keonjhar District.

Orientation and Training:

All the staffs and V.M. received orientation trainings at VARRAT branch office for two days where in the process of VAP development, formation of Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSC), identification of skilled man power, organisation of Village meeting taught and demonstrated. They were taught about the PRA method for conducting all the activities at the grass root level.

Social Map during training

Village Mobilisers Training at VARRAT Erendei campus

Preparation and Implementation of Village Action plan (VAP), GP Action Plan (GPAP), District Action Plan (DAP): The organization VARRAT have undertaken a rapid assessment of village situation with specific focus on water supply situation, including that of water sector, existing service connections at household and institutional levels, to prepare a village Action plan (VAP).

Villagers preparing their Social Map of the Village

Village Awareness meeting in the presence of the Asst. Engineer RWS&S in Radhadeipur Panchayat, Ghasipura block

Community Meeting: The organization VARRAT has conducted a series of Community Meeting with different target audience, different stakeholders, VWSC to discuss water and sanitation issues to prioritize safe drinking water through pipe water supply tap connection and community driven operation and maintenance of scheme and need of community contribution and raise the community consciousness on these issues. The team has organised adequate number of meeting cornering all habitations with a focus on developing collective consciousness on the community contribution for pipe water supply scheme & user charges for scheme O&M leading to collective decisions.

Identification of Skilled manpower for PWS: The VARRAT team has identified persons interested to get skilled as mason,
Electrician, plumber, pump operator and motor mechanics.

Review and Orientation:

Regular review and orientation sessions were organised for the VM, GP Coordinators and Block Coordinators at different locations by the Divisional Coordinator and Management representatives of VARRAT.

Review of both the division BC and GPC by the Division Coordinators

Review of Block Coordinators and GP Coordinators of Anadapur Division

Here are the details of activity achievement report in a tabular form for the period July 2021 to March 2022.

ISA RWS&S activity Progress Report till 31 march 2022

Sl. No	Division	Block	BC	GPC	No of GP	VM	No of Village	CM	PRA	VWSC Formed	VAP Prepared	IMIS		GP Resolution
												VWSC	VAP	
1	Anandapur	Ghasipura	1	1	25	16	161	60	21	37	23	20	14	5
2	Anandapur	Anandapur	1	1	18	10	120	60	45	45	45	29	26	5
3	Anandapur	Hatadihi	1	2	31	32	218	173	173	173	173	173	171	13
4	Anandapur	Harichandanpur	1	1	25	25	202	191	191	191	191	191	191	25
5	Anandapur	Ghatagaon	1	1	27	27	143	143	143	143	143	143	141	27
6	Anandapur	Saharpada	1	1	20	18	138	131	131	131	131	131	128	19
	Total		**6**	**7**	**146**	**128**	**982**	**758**	**704**	**720**	**706**	**687**	**671**	**94**

Sl	Division	Block	BC	GPC	No of GP	VM	No of Village	CM	PRA	VWSC Formed	VAP Prepared	IMIS		GP Resolution
												VWSC	VAP	
1	Keonjhar	Patna	1	1	20	25	148	148	148	148	148	148	148	18
2	Keonjhar	Keonjhar(Sadar)	1	1	25	27	218	215	215	215	215	215	215	25
3	Keonjhar	Telkoi	1	1	22	11	142	63	41	41	41	41	40	4
4	Keonjhar	Banspal	1	1	21	20	166	166	166	166	166	166	155	21
5	Keonjhar	Jhumpura	1	1	22	21	149	149	149	149	149	149	149	22
6	Keonjhar	Champua	1	1	22	38	138	133	133	133	133	133	133	21
7	Keonjhar	Joda	1	1	19	17	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	1
	Total		**7**	**7**	**151**	**159**	**1062**	**975**	**953**	**953**	**953**	**953**	**941**	**112**

VARRAT Gramin Mahila Bikash Mahasangh(VGMBM)

VARRAT initially facilitated the formation of VARRAT Gramin Mahila Bikash Mahasangh (VGMBM) in the year 2007-08 is registered under Trust Act on 12th February 2008 for the overall development of the women. The women SHG Federation of the community was fostered by VARRAT to empowering women through social and economic activities in the intervention villages. Keeping the federation in track, a Board of Management has been formed and it sits once in a month to review the activities undertaken by it and the development prospective of the women in the area. Board of Management also decides to lend loans to the groups and simultaneously the recovery of loan is also being reviewed by the Board. Till date 140 SHGs have been included in federation. Loan amounting of Rs.70,00,000(Seventy lakh) was lent to the groups for starting small enterprises. 75 groups availed loan for such activities. 2150 numbers of women from 140 SHGs were given vocational training on mushroom cultivation, pisci-culture, phenyl preparation etc. Major activities undertaken by the federation are as follows: Sanitary napkin unit initially established by VARRAT has been handed over to VGMBM for its functioning and establishment of TATA R.O. plant for clean and safe drinking water. Apart from this, social-cum- awareness activities were also being undertaken for empowerment of women from time to time. These are: Training to selected group members on Leadership development, creating awareness for Institutional delivery, installation and use of individual latrines, celebration of international women day etc. These groups have been made instrumental to support the CPC in the villages to stop early marriage. From this year VARRAT has lifted all the control from the Federation and made it independent although the office of the VGMBM still operates from VARRAT premises.

Central Jana Jagrutii Sangathan(CJJS) is an organisation of the representatives from different Village JJS which promotes and strengthens the Village Organisations for a constructive development of the communities so as to resolve the issues related to village disputes, social issues like child marriage, children protection issues etc. During the period 15 number Village level Jana Jagrutii Sangathan [JJS] meetings have been organized during the year for planning, monitoring and implementation of the Project in a directional goal.

Care for Elderly People:

It is often observed that the older people are being neglected and humiliated by the younger generations mostly owing to their dependency. If the dependency of Older People could be eliminated from the society, their dignity and self-esteem will be doubled. Internalizing this issue, VARRAT undertook Project ASTIVA with the support of Help-Age India in 21 villages of 06 GPs in Mahakalpara block of Kendrapara district, Odisha. . As part of its intervention, 75 numbers of groups have been strengthened during the year. Follow-up activities were under taken during the period. All the group members of these groups are attending regular meetings and keeping their records. Out of these groups 02 groups have started puffed -rice units, 02 groups started 03 Mini-Grinder units for grinding wheat, red-pepper, turmeric etc. These units could augment the income of the groups. Till the reporting period, the savings of 75 groups is Rs. 16, 80,000/- . The Organization facilitated in making linkages with the banks, so that the groups could avail of loans easily to start small enterprises. It is well -realized from the learning of the project that the self-sufficient older people are leading their lives with dignity and self-esteem.

VILLAGE DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

It was a pleasure that VARRAT was selected for undertaking the VDMP activities in 51 villages and Tsunami preparedness plan in 18 villages by the District Administration. VARRAT has successfully completed the assignments as assigned by the district administration. All the 69 villages have developed their Village Disaster Mitigation plans and with due approval from the Gram Shabha all the documents have been submitted to the District Administration. Due to COVID Pandemic the assigned activities could not be completed during 2020-21.

CONCLUSION

It was a second year in succession the COVID Pandemic affected the regular activities but not like last year. The situation was little improved for it could be possible to execute the programs which were pending. Things are getting better and the closure of some programs has made us to think for alternative sources to carry out the people's activities in a more better way. The restless effort started giving results and presently in partnership with Government and Nodal NGO's VARRAT is continuing its desired activities for the deprived, vulnerable and excluded people. Like COVID 19 the days of suffering VARRAT going to slow down and after cessation VARRAT starts moving in proper direction. But we are optimistic and the situation will change and our Country will be able the repair the losses occurred during the Pandemic. Everybody thinks that this will be over at the end of this year. Hope to have a better days and year ahead.

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