

Anti-Human Trafficking

Diocese of Durgapur, CNP

Report - January - June 2013



:: AHT - The Journey Begins ::



:: AHT - Captive ::

INTRODUCTION

On 20th May 2011, The Diocese of Durgapur launched its Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) programme in indo-Nepal and Bangladesh international bordering districts of South and North Dinajpur in West Bengal. The AHT project operates amidst a population of 1,30,904 people of five Gram Panchayats of Kaliagunj and kusmandi block, spreading awareness and building capacities. Presently one AHT supervisor and five volunteers from respective gram Panchayat are engaged in the intervention.

SITUATIONAL RESPONSE

Each village population has been surveyed and a list of the Migrating persons/families has been prepared. The AHT programme has created a

huge network from village to sub-division level. This includes panchayts, police stations, civil societies, Block & Sub-division officers, practicing lawyers of Raigunj court and also the Bar association, Kaliagunj Municipality, all the inter-denomination churches, other religious leaders, primary and secondary teachers, village clubs, and Press.

ACTIVITIES

During the period, January to June 2013 the activities includes mass awareness campaign by distributing AHT awareness leaflet (Be aware of trafficking of women, youth, child and labour, causes of trafficking, who are involved in it, conditions of being trafficked and the precautions one should take) in the villages, panchayts and other social institutions. Meeting with the victim families, classroom teachings to



:: AHT - Staff Capacitation ::



:: AHT - Mass Awareness (Leaflets) ::



:: AHT - At School Gate ::

the students and meeting with the teachers of seven secondary schools. More over most of the village women Self-Help Groups are being made aware of the causes and outcome of the anti-human trafficking cases. Missing general diaries (GD) have been lodged and one court case has been filed in Buniyadpur, sub division court, Uttar Dinajpur district (under clause 363/365/34 of Indian penal code).

On 24-25th May'13 an AHT workshop was organised at Santi Griha, Diocese of Durgapur to upgrade knowledge and information of the staffs and village leaders.

Regular village visits and meeting the SHGs by the staffs have strengthened the spirit of the social groups. Clubs, youths, SHG members are keeping a vigilant eye on the new comers in the villages.

CONCLUSION

The AHT program has created a general awareness among the Government, police and lawyers but the extreme poverty stricken victim families dare not to lodge complain to police or court due to financial weaknesses, insecurity and threat from the local middlemen involve in trafficking. The victim families loose daily income to follow up the cases. Secondly in many cases victim expresses where they will go as society



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rejects and look down to them. They have no skill for livelihood earnings except body. This burning question is disturbing the spirit of the programme. ■



:: AHT - Face of a Victim Family ::



:: AHT - Among SHGs ::



:: AHT - Parents Plight ::



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