

## **Uday CDP Badi Dhamini**

Badi Dhamini is a small village in Madhya Pradesh where most of its inhabitants are tribal who are economically low and are treated low socially .The area had not progressed in developmental works; the people were at odds and lived in conflict . There were few groups of farmers and only three SHG groups until 2009-2010 when members of Uday Society stepped in to help the people of Badi Dhamini.

The animators of our Uday Society have given their heart and soul in the work to improve the condition of the village and today there are 22 SHGs in their village. Even after the formation of these many SHGs comprising of 250 women, the issues regarding their village is not heard. Therefore all the SHG women of Badi Dhamini, after attending training on federation of SHGs, with the guidance of CDP Director, Sr. Nirmala and Sr. Lizy Thomas the General Coordinator & Secretary of Uday decided to form a federation which will increase their strength and better organized towards their issues. The federation named Saheli Sangh gave applications during the gram sabha on various problems, but still they were not getting any response, so they raised their voice to Janpad Panchayat and then to District Panchayat after going 3 to 4 times with their continuous effort they are heard.

As a result 2 hand pumps, wells and construction of an ICDS center were built in Badi Dhamini Cluster. More people have started getting pensions, ration shops are opening 9 days in a month and they get the ration provision as prescribed (earlier the shop was opening only twice a month).

Today the women are able to maintain their documents SHG documents. Once they take loan, they reimburse regularly and saving is habit is developed. The loan taken by women is mainly used for agriculture as well as for the education of their children. As a result, the interest among the dropout children is improved. Currently in our village, construction of toilets is going on. Soon after the completion of this task we will demand other social issues for the development of our village. Now the strength of our federation have increased through which we will move forward to face any problem. We as women of Badi Dhamini village are grateful to Uday Society for giving us opportunity to empower ourselves and take up the village developmental works on the journey of success.

It is found that now Badi Dhamini is known in the Govt. departments such as Collectorate, CEO Office etc. because the women continuously take the village problems to these departments when it is not solved at the local level i.e. Panchayath level. The local Panchayath feel threatened when we ask for any work of the village, so in a way, they are bit scared. Because there are one or two cases where the Village Secretary (Sachieve) was dismissed from his office by the Collectorate due to lack of implementation of Govt. schemes.

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## Uday CDP Dharampuri

Community Development Project Dharampuri (CDP) is situated 18 km away from Khandwa District, mainly inhabited by Schedule Castes (Dalits) and Scheduled Tribes. Dharampuri continues its developmental activities with the vision "to help the under privileged section of the society to develop their human resources and access their rights'. Earlier there was not much development in the village, people were unaware about different schemes provided by the government and there were many dropout girls without any job opportunity. But with the help of the then Director Sr. Brigit and the field staff of Uday who worked wholeheartedly, visited the families and build rapport with the people, They also motivated the parents to promote education especially girls' education, giving basic education in the (ICDS) Anganwadis, conducting seminars and awareness program on health & hygiene, women empowerment programs through SHGs etc. As a result women are gradually getting organized, understanding the importance of forming SHG and other activities.

In the past months, the events arranged like Rangoli and Mehendi competition for the girls, Seminar on adult health education for the dropout girls and women empowerment for the SHG members, Children' day & Teachers day celebration in the Anganwadis of Dharampuri, Sarai and Patara, Medical camp etc brought hope in the lives of people.

Over all result in the past nine months, we have helped many young and old in our neighboring villages. We have -

- Formation of 7 Self Help Groups
- 48 Students have learnt tailoring
- 30 students have learnt computer

Pensions availed

- 3 differently abled
- 7 widow pension
- 3 old age pension
- 3 families received BPL cards
- 44 ladies received their income and residential certificates

We visit families, villages and make them aware of Government schemes so that they get maximum benefits from the government. Many have recognized our service and feel confident in us. All the sister and CDP staff render their service generously for the development of the villages and people.

During the year with transfers & replacing of personnel as In charge of CDP, the work is also being negatively affected. The numbers of students coming for computer class as well as tailoring class have reduced two students for computer and 6 students for tailoring.

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