

Uday makes a shift in its presence – Aulia Cluster

1st March 1963 set the beginning of SSpS presence in Aulia, a small village in Nimad district. Since then Sisters were involved in the formation of women and young girls through boarding. Health care through St. Likes' dispensary and the Leprosarium has given remarkable contribution to the mission. A total of 26,060 people were treated for leprosy so far. The number of new cases in the area reduced and no new cases were identified since 2003.

A need for a shift and focus aroused for the mission. In 2007 with the guidance Fr. Jacob Peenikaparambil CMI, INC decided to conduct an impact study of the mission and gave a new thrust to the mission in Aulia. When Uday Society was restructured in 2010, ten villages surrounding Aulia were selected for the community development programs. Sr. Jona initiated the many of the programs and Sr. Viji continued with these activities and in three and half years, people have benefited a lot, bringing life and dignity to the individuals. From June 2014, Sr. Rosiln reaches out to the same group with her care and love especially the women in distress and children to spread the message of equality and self esteem of those villagers who are entrusted to our care, as enshrined in the Kingdome values.

We began to organize the women of these villages through Self Help Groups (SHGs) since 2009. Presently we have 40 SHGs, each of which has a collection of Rs. 25000/- to 45000/- and are linked with the bank. The women have now become more organized and are inter-loaning among themselves to meet their immediate needs like education of the children, health needs, farming etc. 15 SHGs have received loans at an interest of Rs. 7% per year from the bank for animal husbandry and to run petty shops. We motivate the women through these SHGs to participate in Gram Sabha and present their needs by written applications. Likewise they have successfully achieved approach roads in the villages (CC Road), pipeline for water, water tank and playground.

That is why the Uday units are named after Community Development Programs. Earlier, we missionaries used to provide these basic facilities through our mission. Now this one of the shifts in our mission –we enable the community members especially women to

acquire their rights which they deserve. (photos of successful works done by CDP Aulia team and SHG members are given in the photos attached)

We are striving to make these SHGs self sustainable through constant accompaniment and are trained to maintain the account and records. We have succeeded in teaching 90 % of the women to sign their name.

The community organizers constantly visit the Anganwadis and motivate the teachers and the children to attend the ICDS Centres regularly (Integrated Child Development Scheme). The Capacity building training for Anganwadi teachers and Mathir Sayogi Samithi (MSS) has helped in increasing the number of attendance in the Anganwadis. Children now visit the Center better groomed by constant health education. Hence the mission has given a new look to these Anganwadis in the project area.

We motivate the government school teachers and School Management Committee (SMC) through capacity building programs. We also celebrate teachers' day with them. The children are encouraged through arranging extracurricular activities, like drawing competitions, planting trees around the school. Besides we celebrate children's day and Girl Child Day and arrange a summer camp for the children of the government schools for their overall development.

We have planted more than 3000 plants around the villages through the SHGs. We also conduct Health camp as per need. Other activities include helping the people for old age pension, widow pension and pension for the handicaps. We give computer training and tuition for children in our centre.

OUR EFFORTS AT A GLANCE

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