

Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal (RMKM)

Project Details:

Name and Nature the Project:. Education and Training Program for Deprived Mentally Challenged Children. Project is divided into two:

- 1> Community Based Rehabilitation
- 2> Vocational Training

Amount of fund approved: (2006-2007) -

Total annual budget of the project: Rs. -

Location (Town/ City, State): Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Ajmer 112/10, Civil Lines, Opp.Savitri School, Ajmer, Rajasthan-305006, INDIA

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Date of Visit – 1st August 2007

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Status during time of visit:

- 1> Community Based Rehabilitation – Till July 2007
- 2> Vocational Training – June 2006-June 2009

Transportation Used: On 31st July I have taken a bus from Delhi to Ajmer, I reached Ajmer at 6.45 am in the morning. Field visit was done in organization vehicle.

Objectives of the visit:

- To evaluate the input, Impact of the existing project
- To assess the strength and weakness of the project.
- To get the idea, of organization how they are thinking to take the project in future.

Methodology Used:

- Observing the project activities in progress during site visit.
- Interaction with beneficiaries, staff and stakeholders during site visit.
- Study of the records and files at project office.
- Field Visit with CBR workers (RMKM).

Observation and Process Evaluation:

As per scheduled designed by RMKM, I visit their head office, where I interact with Mr.Sagarmal Kaushik (Founder member of RMKM), as he was not well, I haven't discuss much with him, but he was always there to address any queries related to the project or the organization. He also shared that RMKM has been awarded "**Best NGO of the Year**"(2007) by the Rajasthan Government . Ms. Kshama (Project Coordinator) briefly described about the project

The children with mental retardation or with multiple disabilities, who are deprived of special education, training and rehabilitation facility and cannot physically come to Day Care Centre, are given training and education at home. Here, the CBR workers play a very crucial role to enable and empower the persons with disability. RMKM is presently providing Home based services to children in Ajmer and Beawar. Through CBR they are covering almost whole city of Ajmer .Geographical location for CBR is Togra,KundanNagar,AiserRoad,GulabBadi,Dolbata,Wasimganj,Bihariganj,Aadarshnagar,Aasha ganj,Paharganj,Ajaynagar,Badgaon,Kaisherroad,Parvatpura Byepass,Chanderdainagar.If we go through the data it is as follow :

2003 – 128 student.

2004-05 – 132 student

2005-06 – 165 Student

2006 -07 – 195 Student (Boys- 148, Girls-47)

I have highlighted the present no 195 Student, the reason behind is day by day student's no is increasing and it is really **noteworthy** that with the limited human resource (2 CBR worker's) they are managing it.

Vocational Training- Initially RMKM train the children in semi skill jobs like paper bags, candle making, chalk making. Along with these trades, they also initiated some innovative trades at small scale. These trades are tie and dye, Deco pot and Greeting Cards. These vocational training have advantages of both skill enhancement and enjoyment of children.

As per discussion with CBR workers and the project coordinator Ms Kshama, they prepare ATP (advance tour planning) to give proper time to each individual. I have visited their different unit where children's were engaged in various livelihood training programmes like: Stationary unit, Bandhej unit, Wood Craft and Computer unit. As RMKM believes in multi grade teaching concept, special student from different categories like Mild, Moderate and general with the normal student were engaged in the training programme. In every unit 5 physically disabled students are enrolled. They are also working for vermicompost and liaison with some nursery in and around Ajmer, so they can sell their product. And other goods are sold in various exhibition and schools of Ajmer. I have also got an opportunity to talk with other staffs of RMKM, Ms. Renuka Sharma (Librarian) and other those were engaged in different project. Ms Kshama also shared about the organizational process how they evaluate their staff performance and their sharing of progress of their project. RMKM has got a monthly meeting, where every staff participates and share their learning as well plan for the coming month with each staff. As per the performance of staff annual increment of 10% is given to them.

ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT I have also discussed with Mr.Devendra (Accountant) and briefly understand the procedure related to account management . They maintain two type of account one is Government and local contribution and other one is resource comes from foreign agencies. I have also gone through their cash book, receipt and payment Register of VIBHA. Where all booking were properly maintained. As per record 13 people get salaried from VIBHA. I have gone through their Attendance register, Staff diary, Ledger book, cash book, salary and stock register.

RMKM is also a member of Credibility alliance and with Bhoj university (Open university in Madhya Pradesh) and Rehabilitation Council of India going to start study centre in 8 district of Rajasthan . Organization is also organizing **National level special Olympic** in November 2007. They are also always in contact with Government of Rajasthan, Medical and Health Department which provide medical board certificate on personal disabilities ,which provide railway and bus concession . Organization is also a member and registered with the following renowned organizations and departments.

Department of Education (Primary Education),Ajmer, Rehabilitation Council of India, Rajasthan State legal Services Authority, Jaipur, Rajasthan Voluntary Health Association, National Trust New Delhi, Voluntary Association Networks of India , Social welfare department, Jaipur (Govt of Rajasthan),

After lunch, we went to field were , as per the schedule of CBR workers we went to Rahul (10 year old) house , he got a speech problem , through the continuous effort of CBR worker, he is improving .Rahul parents were also satisfied with organization genuine effort. During the interaction with their parents, CBR worker were engaged in facilitating rahul for the mouth exercise.

Next house was of Murali (29 year old) who is now successfully engaged in Two wheeler Garage with the effort of RMKM , he got a epilepsy problem but after coming in contact with RMKM he got a lots of improvement regarding the same.

The next visit was to Rekha(20 year old) house , where she was engaged in helping her mother in day to day activities . Her mother was quite satisfied with her now , and given thanks to RMKM for their support and guidance .

Outcome / Impact assessment: As per outcome is concern, I can say RMKM is doing quite well in the field. And now parents are taking initiative and giving reference to other too, which

somehow enhances the responsibilities of organization. Best NGO award is also a significant achievement, which proves the genuinely effort of RMKM.

If we talk about the policy advocacy or media liasioning which some how play a prominent role in your work has to be improved. Sharing with like minded organization is also needed . While discussion on policy advocacy and learning opportunities with other organization , Ms Kshama was interested to send their CBR workers to Janmadhyam for a 2-3 days , so they can get a exposure of their work .

Strengths and weaknesses: In-depth knowledge on the issues of special children is one of the core strength of the organization; apart from it dedicated staff can also be included in the remarkable performance of the organization.

Advocacy in a wider platform as well liasoning with other stake holders (i.e. media etc) can enable others to think on this sensitive issue. I think organization like RMKM should not limit their experience in their working area only, but they should come forward and share their work with others too.

Conclusion: At present I strongly belief now RMKM should come forward as it is one of the recognized organization in his area of work, and can do a policy advocacy with the various stake holders, to raise the issues in a wider platform for the betterment of special children. And can show the path for the sustainability in a later stage. Genuinely speaking in my earlier visit and this one, I found number of student has increased and they are doing good in managing them with the limited resources, (as now there is need for one more CBR worker), but now we have to think “**What Next** “ means how to influence others , so they can join in addressing the concern issue.