



Our Girl Our Pride

“আমাদের মেয়ে আমাদের গর্ব”

Celebrating National Girl Child Day

24th January 2016



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Background:-

On the eve of National Girl Child Day, 24th January 2016, National Association of Man for Mankind (NAMM) organized a sensitization campaign and celebrated the day in presence of 400 children from all the 10 project villages and community members. With the guidance of the Hans Foundation, New Delhi, NAMM organized a number of activities in presence of both boys, girls as well all the community members. NAMM has also involved local ANM, Anganwadi workers and elderly persons of the community. Along with formal sharing, we stressed on those activities where both the boy and girl child enjoyed the day with their active participation.

Programme details:-



As part of observing the National Girl Child Day on 24th January 2016, NAMM organized following activities.

-  Sit and Draw competition
-  Recitation (Abruti)
-  Aspiration writings
-  Sharing by ANM and Anganwadi workers
-  Street play
-  Tribal dance

The programme was held in one of our project village Jhagadi in Nayagram block of West Medinipur district. Around 400 boys and girls from 10 project villages were participated in this. As NAMM has got a very little time to organize the programme, we involved all the anganwadi workers who spread the message of the girl child day and invited the children to the celebration. The local ANM participated in the meeting and shared about different health schemes and programmes implemented for the girl children. The programmes started with the sit and draw activity and followed by recitation and aspiration writing. Before the lunch the ANM, Anganwadi worker and others shared their views on national girl child day, importance of girls, different programme of the state and central government as well as how there is a need to end gender based discrimination against girls. Post lunch was the celebration time and children performed theatre and also performed dance which made the day special.

Sit and Draw competition



123 children including both boys and girls participated in the sit and draw competition. We have not given any specific theme, rather asked children to draw the areas like what they want to become, how they feel in their homes, schools and communities, what they like etc.



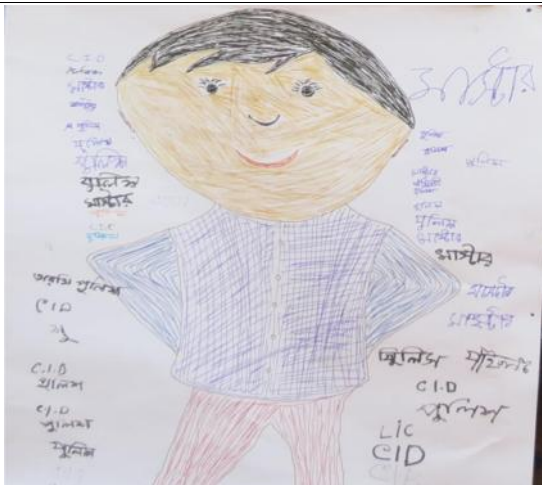
Recitation (Abruti)

During the programme we identified that not all the children are showing interest in drawing and in order to ensure participation of other children we encouraged children to do recitation. 32 children including boys and girls came forward shared recitation.

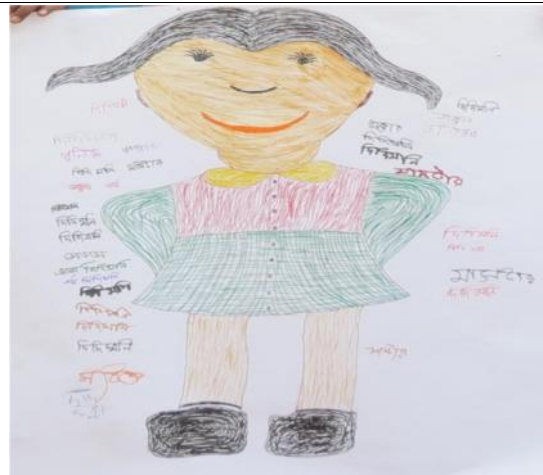


Aspiration Writings

This was an interesting activity which reflected gender differences in our society and how it impacts the thinking and imagination of our children. In order to bring this forward and discuss this we had conducted an aspiration writing exercise. Two portraits, one of a girl and other of a boy were kept and both girls and boys were asked to write what they want to become or their aspirations in life. It was interesting to find that many of the boys want to join police, army or to be a government officer where almost all the girls want to be either a teacher. After this activity, this was also discussed in the sharing meeting.



Aspirations of Boys



Aspiration of Girls



Sharing by ANM, Anganwadi workers & Others

After the sit and draw and aspiration writing activities, local ANM and anganwadi workers shared their views. Binaya Kumar Sahoo initiated the sharing and talked about the national girl child day as well as the objective of this celebration. He has highlighted the issue of girls and women and various gender discrimination against them. He



has also highlighted different schemes of the government like Sukanya Samrudhi Yojana, Cycle distribution scheme for the girl children, scholarships etc. Subhasini Mahato, local ANM talked about how it is important to take care of girls and look at the issue of girls in a life cycle approach. She has highlighted different health related schemes like immunization, supplementary nutrition, adolescent education etc which are run by the government to ensure good health for girls, adolescents and women. Shibani Patra, Anganwadi worker talked about the importance of girl child. She has shared that both the girls and boys are same and there should not be any discrimination against girls in any form. Guiram Mahato, an 98 years elderly person from the community came up and shared that we should encourage education for all girl children, if we want to end early marriage and all other discrimination against children.



Street play



Children from groups performed a street play on various gender based discriminations faced by the girl children in the family and communities. Through the street play children shared the message that these kind of discriminations needs to be stopped and girls are equal as boys.

Tribal dance

The programme concluded with tribal dance performance by the children. Both boys and girls participated in this and enjoyed the moment.





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