

Summary Report On

Work done by Growth Foundation of India for weaker section of the society in improvement and upgradation of environment



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INTRODUCTION

This report is the summary of the work constituted by Growth Foundation Of India for Weaker section of society in improvement and upgradation of environment under the plan scheme “Involvement of weaker section of society for improvement and upgradation of Environment” vide O.M No. F10 10(32)/ENV/2017/471 dated on 17/01/19 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chetna Anand, Scientist, and Ministry of Environment. The composition and terms of reference of the proposal are given at Annexure I.

The goal of our project was to promote awareness regarding conservation and preservation of environment and improvement and upgradation of environment among weaker section group at Bhanwar Singh camp Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

Further our action on the environment front initiated from the beginning of the year January itself as per the action plan discussed with your department and prospering it out to a great extent till June, huge participation and enthusiasm was seen among the people from the community and also the organization worked within this details of the so done work done has been elaborated as well as the procured amount in detail is also attached with this document.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Growth Foundation of India is a non-profitable organization Registered under Indian trust act 1882 (Certificate No. IN-DL16917256600086L) founded by a group of professionals, who have setup this organization apart from their hectic corporate life to work at the grass-root level with a single-minded focus on 'Empowering Rural and Underprivileged Communities in India' through bringing together the best global practices and corporate thinking.

And also to make achieve the highest standards of corporate governance and transparency by deriving a model of Sustainable Development, which is now an essential benchmark in the industries to be implemented.

As in case of improvising the weaker section and upgradation of the environment the foundation worked upon on Bhanwar Singh camp vasant vihar with the goal of the environmental preservation and protection, conservation and implementation of sustainable development principles.

In order to achieve this, Growth foundation of india in cooperation with ministry of environment committed to work with different range of stakeholders in order to foster cooperation and joint work for the purpose of achieving sustainable future and upgradation of the weaker section of society at Bhanwar Singh Camp Vasant Vihar

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Involvement of weaker section of society for improvement and upgradation of environment

Project Duration	6 Months
Donor	Ministry of Environment
Targeted Group	Weaker section of society including all age groups

Aims and Objective:

- To support, promote and educate people regarding re-use, recycle and reduce
- To inform women regarding organic and inorganic waste
- To help them in improvising proper sanitation and health system in the weaker sections of the society.
- To work towards no polythene zone and improvising the weaker section by keeping the area hygienic.

About Bhanwar Singh Camp

Bhanwar Singh camp is a small slum settlement located in Delhi's up market area of Vasant Vihar and very close to the city's best school, The Modern School. People there are mostly migrants from Rajasthan and more remote parts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Families there are very conservative in their practice.

People there live in small huts, the roofs of which are made up of cemented sheets and plastic sheets and some of them have good cemented house. Means of employment both for men and ladies are limited there and most residents make a living from daily wage labor or as cooks, domestic helps or sweepers.

Before the implementation of the project the people living there were not aware about conservation or protection of environment since they all belong to the backward community and had no education or idea about the importance of maintaining proper hygiene and sanitation, keeping cleanliness in their area, using of barren land into more productive way, difference between dry and wet waste etc. Keeping these things in view Growth foundation of India in cooperation with Ministry of Environment

decided to manage and handle Bhawar Singh camp by promoting awareness regarding environment as well as plantation of tree and at the same time foundation managed to create in cleanliness of slum area by appointing a sweeper who handled in cleaning the garbage of the slum area as well as keeping the area more hygienic and environment friendly.





Cooperation/Membership:

We consider cooperation as necessary tool for development processes. Therefore, we maintain partnerships with different stakeholders, being aware of the importance of every single pillar: local communities, authorities, other organizations and individual.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Promotion of Environment awareness among the weaker section of group is not only necessary to understand the fragility of our environment and the importance of its protection but also an easy way to become an environmental steward and participate in creating a brighter and healthier future for our children. Our action on the environment front initiated from the beginning of the year January itself as per the action plan discussed. It was on January that we came up with setting the environment program, where we did the following-

- The very initiation was about creating awareness to gather crowd and communicating to them about the program that is to be set up with regard to the growing climatic changes especially in Delhi NCR which is one of the highly polluted city in the world.
- Educating about the sustainability, showing live demonstrations of living a sustainable life at their individual houses of what all plants could be planted at houses and adding the supply of fresh oxygen to themselves.
- Giving away plants to people and taught procedures of how to water plants on daily basis, in order to create a sense of obligation towards nature.
- At the same time appointment of sweeper who handled in cleaning the garbage of the slum area as well as keeping the area more hygienic and environment friendly



On second month that is **February** which is the month where the winters were coming to an end and the season is to be changed in spring, so there were many positive aspects with coming of spring of how it will be rejuvenating the skin and health of people with exposure to sunlight, so the kids were taken on excursion in the lush green area of their own locality and showcasing the importance that an individual's place is the place to live forever so it is to be taken with care and affection. As, we also did mentioned about the new diseases that would occur with change of season and climate.

Therefore, we took one particular activity during February of giving a field visit and clean up drive to children as giving them maximum exposure to the outside world after the school time, involving a fun session with the computer classes and giving them life values of being a good person. Further regular monitoring is been done by the volunteers of the foundation to check the cleanliness of the area.





In the month of **March** we had much interaction with the adults of the society and a women group was formed by the member of the organization further the women's group were educated about the waste management system and with the help of these ladies the project was continued to spread awareness on waste management system among individual household as well as among the society members as whole and so providing waste management classes in particular to the adult section of society and so helping them to know about liquid and dry waste at the same time which waste could be used as a compost to the plants like shells of boiled egg and peels of onion. Apart, from this we distributed waste bins to children so they won't litter around as a way of building discipline.

Following this we have charted a program to dig and make a land pit where it could form into organic waste and doesn't harm environment.





(April to June)

The first half of the project displayed high participation as people there had the sheer determination to contribute towards the growing environmental tensions, but the second phase putted up the initiation of different programs which really helped people to realize over environmental issues. Thus, Growth Foundation of India has come to conclude this project with the help of Department of Environment, Delhi Government and we are grateful to Delhi Government for giving us the opportunity and to involve in making this project successful.

April was the month where Growth Foundation of India settled up in conducting activities other than any classes and workshops, as we did the following-

- It was began with implementation of art making programs decided up for children at Bhawar Singh where they showcased different art work on chart papers and wrote their thoughts on notebooks as a way of cultivating the creativity in children, thus an innovative way to make a direct and self-realizing impact for children, causing to make public aware because there is no better communication than a child showcasing to preserve and conserve environment. As, they wrote it down in Hindi as well as English, this session was held for a period of one week.
- Another session comprised of morning exercises where our volunteers and project coordinator took children to Vasant Vihar garden where they were taught about the necessity of fresh air and how it would affect the health in coming years due to the rise in global temperature from combustible activities following which plastic and paper wastes were collected after exercise and jogging, later they were provided with juice as refreshments, as this session was held for period of 4 weeks.
- Further continuous monitoring of the project has been done by the staff of the organization.





The first week of **May** this month was continued up by park session where people morning walk and exercise was conducted for 4 weeks as a drive to make people aware about the future problems caused by increasing pollution, following which we distributed pollution kit in which it consisted of air purifier which could be installed on a table fan for energy efficiency.

Other than this people of Bhawar Singh along with the women group took participation in cleaning up their society as picking the litter and segregated biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes as a land pit was dig to decompose the biodegradable waste to form organic manure which could be used for plantation later, as this was all initiated with the help of RWA of the locality.



In **June** month we distributed 250 plant samplings on World Environment Day where people at Bhawar Singh camp along with the nearby members also participated with high enthusiasm, apart from this they were singing poems and songs while painting and writing their quotations on the white cloth which was set up by our volunteers so that people can show their presence by expressing thoughts and images that portray a message as it makes people much noticeable other than any normal way of conveying message for conservation of environment. Therefore, we concluded our project ensuring that the awareness was done wide spread leaving an impact in the lives of people in Vasant Vihar, as we are looking forward to make lives improve on a much bigger scale with the help Delhi Government.



The current and potential state of Bhanwar Singh after implementation of the project

As a part of the process of assessing the environmental impact among the members of Bhanwar Singh camp we found positive response among the members. The members of the society came up with a sense of responsibility for protection of the environment and took active part in promoting awareness and activities conducted by the organization. It further confirms that the level of environmental understanding among the members of Bhanwar Singh camp as well as children has improved and they had started to realize their conscious role-playing towards the importance of environmental awareness as well as regarding the sanitation and hygiene issue in their respective areas. Further environmental education provided by the organization regarding the use of new technology had helped them to cultivate more and to reuse the barren land in the best way also we recognized that solid waste management in that area had earlier been often neglected hence to tackle this problem, the organization had focused on resource base of trained personnel who play a leadership role in waste management in particular and environmental protection in general.

In addition to this it adds numerous efforts had been made by team members to shape people's behaviour and make them responsible members of society. The garbage management and solid waste management had been a serious threat to the environment particularly in these areas. However, by bringing this threat to the attention of people, our team members added another dimension of individual's role in the society, not only to produce and reproduce for his own needs but also to recapitulate for a future state of environment. Therefore such systematic and organized interaction with the beneficiaries made them realise the importance of to protect the environment and live a sustainable and balanced life.

Further the women group formed there played a major role in spreading awareness and also helped our volunteers and organization members in making people and other ladies to participate in various activities that had been conducted by the organization and thus more than 1000 beneficiaries got benefited from this project.

In addition to this in order to know the difference between the gender groups (males and females) regarding the basic environmental awareness level after the implementation of the project we found that Women had obtained more information on environmental issues than men despite of the fact that women there are most often occupied with domestic tasks including management of household resources, taking care of offspring and supplementary income generation.



Following are some reviews that has been shared by the members of Bhanwar Singh



मेरा नाम जया है ,मैं भवर सिंह कैंप में रहती हूँ . मैं यहाँ की एसोसिएशन की उपाध्यक्ष हूँ ,मुझे गोथ फाउंडेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया संस्था द्वारा ये बताया गया की किस प्रकार हम सूखे और गीले कूड़े को अलग अलग कर सकते है ,संस्था की एक मैडम ने हमें ये बताया की जो की हरे सब्जी के छिलके है वो जैसे मटर, पालक इन जैसे सब्जियों के छिलके अलग डालने है और जो कागज और पन्नी और कुछ अन्य प्रकार का कूड़ा है उसे अलग डालना है .पहले हम एक ही कूड़ेदान में सब एक साथ डालते थे अब अलग अलग गीला और सूखा कूड़ा डालते है .



मेरा नाम प्रतिभा है मैं भवर सिंह कैंप में रहती हूँ .पहले हमारे यहाँ कूड़ा ले जाने के लिए कोई नहीं आता था हम सभी पीछे के जंगल में कूड़ा फेकते थे ,गोथ फाउंडेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया संस्था द्वारा हम सभी के घरों के लिए यहाँ कूड़ा लेजाने वाला लगया गया जिससे अब सभी लोगों का कूड़ा कूड़ेवाला ले जाता है जिससे हम सभी को काफी सुविधा हो गयी है. संस्था ने ये हमारे लिए सुविधाजनक बनया हैं!



भवर सिंह कैंप में हमने एक महिलाओं का समूह बनया है जिसमे की हमने ये जानने के लिए की वहां पर क्या-क्या समस्याए है, वातावरण तथा कुछ घरेलू समस्याए जैसे सुखा और गीला कूड़ा किस प्रकार अलग किया जाये, और हमने वही की एक महिला को इस वातावरण के प्रोजेक्ट को लोगों तक पहुंचाने के लिए उसे प्रशिक्षण दिया किस प्रकार वो महिलाओं को जगुरुक कर सके और वहां लोगों को ये बता सके की गीला और सुखा कूड़ा किस तरह अलग किया जा सके, और प्लास्टिक को इस्तेमाल में न लाया जाये ,और हमने वहा पे एक लोहे का पाईप लगया है जिसमे सभी प्लास्टिक को डालेंगे जिससे इकठा कर उसे नस्ट किया जा सके !

- मीनाक्षी



मेरा नाम रंजू है मैं वसन्तविहार भवर सिंह कैंप में रहता हूँ ! गोथ फाउंडेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया(संस्था) द्वारा हमारे यहाँ के संस्था के सेंटर के कुछ लोगों ने आकर हमें अपने आसपास सफाई तथा कूड़े का किस प्रकार से प्रबंध किया जाये इस बारे में बहुत सारी गतिविधियों द्वारा बताया जिसमे उन्होंने बताया की जो हमारी खाली जगह है उपयोग में नहीं लायी जा सकती उसको हम वेस्ट रिसायकल के लिए इस्तेमाल कर सकते है! और गड़्ढा खोद कर उसमे गीला कूड़ा डाल कर उसको बंद कर सकते है, और सूखे कूड़े को एक अलग जगह में डाल सकते है इसके अलवा इन्होंने हमें कूड़े की बाल्टी भी प्रदान कराई



मेरा नाम सुरंजीत सबुई हैं मैं भवर सिंह कैंप में रहता हूँ गोथ फाउंडेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया(संस्था) द्वारा हमें पर्यावरण दिवस के बारे में बताया गया और हमें मुफ्त में पौधे भी दिए गये और इन लोगों ने यहाँ पर कई प्रकार की गतिविधियों की जिससे यहाँ के लोग जागरूक हो सके और अपने आसपास सफाई के महत्व को समझे, लोगों ने काफी रुचि दिखा कर उनको सुना और समझा पूरे कैंप में सभी को पौधे मुफ्त दिए गये जिससे की पर्यावरण को सुरक्षित रख सके

Thus mammoth task of making people realizing the importance of environmental awareness as well as upgradation of weaker section of society and bringing concern among the members of bhanwar singh camp regarding the importance of environmental protection was not an easy task as it required lot of efforts to change the attitude of people and bring concern for the environment and change their degraded status of environment and form as a part of the bigger movement for these people.

So it has becomes important to have a planned environmental educational curriculum and training by various ngos in order to have a balanced relations . Since after this project most of these people living Pthere were highly influenced by the ideology of conservation and preservation and importance of maintaining proper hygiene and sanitation and keeping cleanliness and thus eliminating the environmental stagnation.

