

FXB Bridge

FXB India Suraksha's Quarterly Newsletter

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FXB India Suraksha is working for the rights of vulnerable and marginalized children and their families affected by poverty and disease, especially AIDS. We began our operations in India in 1991 and have now completed four years registered as an Indian non-profit under section 25 of Companies Act.

Through our sustainable FXB-Village model we have empowered families and communities and made them self-sufficient by intervening in the areas of health, nutrition, education, sanitation and income generation. At present, we are working in the most underserved and neglected areas in 10 states across India.

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Highlights

- The Annual Review and Planning Meeting 2012 was held from the 28th to 30th of March in Vishakhapatnam.
- FXB India Suraksha is now the district implementing NGO for the Link Workers Scheme in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh funded by Plan India.
- FXB India Suraksha collaborated with ARZ (Anyay Rahit Zindagi) to organize a workshop on the 'Role of Information communication Technology (ICT) in addressing challenges faced in tracing missing persons & combating Human Trafficking' at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The meeting took place on 21st March, 2012.
- FXB India Suraksha, Jaipur, celebrated sports day with the support of central academy school, Ambabari. Around 42 children participated in various activities like painting, cricket and race.



CEO Speaks

Greetings!!

We are happy to announce the first issue of our newsletter 'FXB Bridge'. This is a modest attempt to provide a glimpse into our journey, and share our challenges and what we have learned as we move along in our commitment to securing and promoting the rights of children and their families who are unreached, underserved and denied basic access to rights.

In this issue we share with you a few highlights from the field on different aspects of our work and a feature summarizing the entrepreneurial initiatives of our participant women groups. We bring to you directly the voices of our participants as they share their stories of change.

Mamta Borgoyary
CEO, FXB India Suraksha

States in Action...

Andhra Pradesh

Operations at FXB's Dry fish unit in Uppada got a boost in February with new linkages (partners?) for supply of raw materials from the PARADEEP fishing harbour in Orissa State.

OKRIDGE International School and CIFT/CMFRI (Central Fisheries administrative offices) has come forward to collect waste paper for the FXB India Suraksha initiated handmade paper unit in Uppada.

Tamil Nadu

In the latest monthly medical camp organized in Mathur Chinna Colony 62 people were examined and treated. Out of them 10 patients were referred for advanced treatment to Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences where FXB India Suraksha has arranged a discount for them in hospital fees up to Rs. 2,000 per person.

FXB India Suraksha is running a tuition centre with 28 students of class 6th to 9th including children from outside FXB Village. A need was felt to conduct tuition classes for students of class 10th and above, especially in FXB Village. A Master of Science degree holder agreed to teach and we started off with 12 students at Mathur Chinna Colony.

Delhi/NCR

FXB India Suraksha, the collaborative NGO for CHILDLINE in Gautam Budh Nagar, organized a workshop titled 'National Initiative for Child Protection and role of Special Juvenile Police Unit'. The daylong training programme was held to sensitize the district police officials who have been assigned the job of implementing provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, and Rules, 2007, to provide justice and protect the rights of children.

Rajasthan

A sensitization workshop was conducted on Drug Abuse and Child rights in Jaipur on 24th March. The Chairperson of CWC, the ICPS Consultant for Social Welfare Department, police officers, psychologists and 35 urban and rural child welfare officers joined the workshop.

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Changing power dynamics



Promoting entrepreneurship for empowerment

The FXB-Village is a sustainable and community-based solution to fight poverty and HIV/AIDS. This three year program is aimed at strengthening the capacity of marginalized community members in order to enable them and their children to lead a healthy, productive life by improving their environment, health, education, and economic opportunities. We provide them with the training and resources necessary so they can achieve lasting self-sufficiency and stability and create a better future for their children.

During the first year of the intervention, we actively support family and community efforts to fight the root causes of poverty. Initial support for education, health and nutrition are provided for a short period while their skills are being developed through training for income generating activities. With increased self sufficiency the direct financial support decreases as income-generating activities expand and families and communities progressively attain the ability to sustain these costs themselves.

The FXB-Village has multiple components, such as income generating activities (IGAs), environment protection including safe water, hygiene and sanitation, basic medical care and nutrition, education and professional training and psychosocial support. The income generating activity serves as the backbone of the program and, when combined with the rest of the FXB-Village model, facilitates self-sufficiency.

How are IGAs important in the FXB-Village model?

Every family has a capacity and economic background to which we can add more value. With IGAs, we are trying to enhance what already exists by providing them with the required monetary and technical support- either to individuals or groups. In most FXB-Villages we start with a baseline survey of especially marginalized communities like the HIV/AIDS infected and affected families (who had reached the lowest rung of survival and had even begun selling off their small assets.) After a need-assessment, we provided medical support, nutrition, and educational support for their children while simultaneously training them on various local income generation activities.



One of the key features of the formation of Self Help Groups (SHG) is equipping them with recent technology necessary to take up locally based traditional activities as well as new activities. With the help of seed money and technical support from FXB India Suraksha, individuals were able to start their own business like petty shop, small restaurants, garments selling and fruit vending stalls. A few of the groups have matured and are now trained on using modern technology for local livelihoods. Run by forward looking entrepreneurs, today we have a number of SHGs operating in the most underdeveloped and unreached areas across the country.

Various products from FXB SHGs:

In East Imphal, technical training on ladies chappal making, kauna (water reed) craft and weaving have been conducted for women's groups. Three SHGs, with a total of 52 members, have been formed. In Uppada, three women's self help groups are engaging in Dry Fish making, handmade paper making and sanitary napkin making. In Pondicherry, there are at present 44 beneficiaries involved in various individual IGAs and 42 are involved in different collective IGAs like coir rope making, musical bands, wet grinding machines, tailoring and sanitary napkin making. The beneficiaries generate income varying from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 4,000/- per month through these IGAs. At least 50 women have opened bank accounts in their names. Earning their own income has given these women confidence and a sense of pride. Member of these SHGs are linked with banks and different government organizations for subsidized loans and other benefits.

What are the results of the FXB-Villages?

FXB India Suraksha's approach represents a recent paradigm shift on the enterprising power of marginalized people. IGAs are giving the most vulnerable families skills that have not only lifted them from poverty but have put them on the path to leading a dignified and self sufficient life.

With inputs from Mamta Borgoyary, Guntur Kiran Kumar and Sweta Rawat.

Stories of Change

"The FXB family is working with forgotten issues of the forgotten people in forgotten places..."

My name is Lalli. I am a widow. I live with my 3 children in Chinna Kalapet. Since my husband passed away 2 years back I faced lots of challenges socially and economically. I was going for unskilled work as a daily labourer, but the very little money that I earned was not sufficient to feed my children and maintain my family. I used to participate in the meetings conducted by FXB India Suraksha in my village, so I approached the organization for some help. FXB gave me an orientation about various enterprises where I could be self-employed. I could not choose between those enterprises as I was not so skilled in marketing or production of any produces. FXB motivated me to choose a business where I could earn money from my own village. I then opted for setting-up a petty shop. Following 2 meetings with them where I was taught about book keeping and effective running of a business, I was provided with materials to run my petty shop. I opened my shop on 25.02.2012. FXB inaugurated the shop that I put up in front of my house. I get a net profit margin of Rs. 100/- per day. I am now able to look after my children and maintain my shop. I am planning to establish a departmental store in the future. Thanks to FXB India Suraksha for giving me a meaningful life.

I am a beneficiary of FXB-Village, Imphal East. I am told that the program is sponsored by the MAC AIDS FOUNDATION. I had been given training on weaving. We have formed a SHG of 15 women. Many of us are HIV/AIDS infected widows. With the seed money I have started to work on my loom. Some amount of the profit is deposited in the bank. My children go to school and attend the FXB community support classes in the afternoon. I had to spend a lot of money for buying medicines and food before. I even borrowed money from others. Now I get medicine, nutrition and school fees from the FXB-Village, so I can save the money for my children. They all go to school. Thank You.

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Join hands with FXB Suraksha and help us ensure a brighter future for orphans and children most affected by poverty and AIDS.

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