

Ujjwala Yojana Transforming the Kitchen in Poor Rural Households

India with its vast rural area has a huge population that is dependant on cooking fuel which is both unclean and damaging to the environment at large. The smoke from burning such fuels causes alarming household pollution and adversely affects the health of women and children causing several respiratory diseases. Low income families cannot afford LPG which is otherwise used in urban places. Women in rural areas are constantly exposed to unclean gases that further results in a number of respiratory problems. In order to combat this major issue, the government launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), which aims at providing 5 Crore LPG connections in the name of women in BPL (Below Poverty Line) households across the country. The government has set a target of 5 Crore LPG connections to be distributed to the BPL households across the country under the scheme. While the major aim is to provide clean cooking gas to women from BPL families, it also bridges the gap of LPG availability between rich and poor. It reduces the health hazards for women and children by helping them switch from cooking fuel to LPG. By making it in the name of a woman beneficiary, it empowers women by providing easy access to resources.

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Considering the benefits of PMUY, AIPAD team in Kahalgaon organized Ujjwala Camp at panchayat bhawan, Mathurapur

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AIPAD block coordinator Neeraj Kumar along with HP representative Sanjeev Singh distributing Gas Stoves



Martin Anit Singh, 1980-2016, District Project Manager, AIPAD

We will always miss you Martin.....

We deeply mourn the tragic and untimely demise of our dear colleague Martin Anit Singh fondly called "Martin Bhai". Martin, 36, left us for his heavenly abode on 8th November after being critically injured in a road accident. Martin was from Rudrapur, Uttarakhand and was working with AIPAD team since two and half years. He was very passionate about his work and his contribution to the program has been immense. We all have known him as the liveliest and loving person who touched many lives with his warmth. The loss is irrevocable to us and we will deeply miss him. We pray that his soul rests in peace! As a team we resolve to intensify the efforts and impact of AIPAD in Bhagalpur and this will be the best tribute to our dear colleague!!

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Social Security Camp

(Schemes - Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Disability Pension, Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana, Parvarish Yojna)

Block	Total Number of identified Cases
Jagdishpur	105
Kahalgaon	210
Pirpanti	107
Sanhoula	250
Shahkund	223
Total	895

on 17th November 2016. The objective behind this camp was to make people aware about this scheme so that more and more women can avail the benefits. AIPAD team through this camp collected required documents and registered the beneficiaries for this scheme. They helped women in filling their forms and completing the overall documentation process. AIPAD team liaised with Hindustan Petroleum and with the help of the representative of Hindustan Petroleum, Mr. Sanjeev Singh, 48 LPG connections were distributed in the respective panchayat by the Mukhiya, Mr. Jainath Mahto.

Similar kinds of camps are being organized in other panchayats of Kahalgaon block. In total, around 700 gas connections have been distributed in the respective block. The approach is to make women aware about this scheme so as to safeguard the health of women and children.

ANMs in Pirpanti Block Trained to use Swasthya Slate Kits for Ante Natal Check Ups

After successful implementation and replication of Swasthya Slate in Pirpanti block, Bhagalpur, training was organized under AIPAD project for fifteen ANMs from four panchayats, two APHC (Additional Primary Health Centre), four HSC (Health Sub Centre) and one RH (Referral Hospital). The training took place at Referral Hospital in Pirpanti and was organized for 2 days for the ANMs on 12th and 13th November. The training was conducted in the presence of MOIC (Medical Officer in Charge) Dr. N. K. Verma, Health Manager, Pranav Kumar of Referral Hospital Pirpanti, Project Coordinator Pirpanti block, Rajiv Kumar and FLWs Rupa Kumari, Anant Rajak & Sudin Rajak.

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ANMs being trained in Pirpanti to conduct Ante Natal check ups through Swasthya Slate

News Feed

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launches schemes for students as part of 7 resolves: Fulfilling his 'seven resolves' commitment, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday launched three different schemes for students' welfare under the scheme 'Arthik Hal, YuvaonKo Bal' aimed at improving the financial condition of youth. Under the three separate schemes meant for students, CM launched 'student credit card for providing education loan upto Rs 4 lakh', 'Swayam Sahayta Bhatta' (unemployment allowance), and 'Kushal Yuva Karyakram' (skill development). (Source : Times Of India, October 2016)

Demonetization of 500 and 1000 rupees notes

Central Government made an announcement on 8th November 2016 that the use of 500 and 1000 rupees notes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series would be invalid from the midnight of the same day and insured the issuance of the new 500 and 2000 rupees notes for the exchange of the old bank notes. It is considered to be a step towards cracking down black money and terrorism in our country (Source: The Hindu, 9th November 2016).

The training session was handled by Technical Engineer of Swasthya Slate, Ankit Kumar. The broad objective of this training was to make ANMs aware of the working of this slate and how this slate contributes to improved health of women and children and in reducing MMR and IMR. With the coming of Swasthya Slate, high risk pregnancies have been duly noticed and referred. Rate of safer pregnancies has increased with the usage of Swasthya Slate in VHSND, resulting in reduced chances of maternal and infant mortality.

The first day of the training started with the registration of all fifteen participating ANMs and distribution of Swasthya Slate kits. Following this, a brief introduction about the device was given by Ankit Kumar and he explained the procedure of using the kit and how to register a patient for ANC checkup and conduct various diagnostic tests. The second day of the training started with discussion about the various diagnostic tests available on the device and how to upload registered data on the Swasthya Slate portal. By the end of the session, ANMs were asked to fill a post training form and a feedback was taken so as further improve on the training process.

AIPAD plans to replicate this process of using Swasthya Slate device in other blocks as well so that maternal and child morbidity related issues can be eradicated from our region.

Intensifying Social Security Camps to Bridge the Gap between Government Schemes and Eligible Beneficiaries

Social security camps have been an unique way of bridging the gap between community and government schemes. They have proved to be an effective way in creating awareness about various social security schemes, identifying eligible people and helping them in getting their entitlements. As a part of project exercise, AIPAD team has been organizing social security camps in panchayat bhawns, schools, AWCs or any other place where community can gather in large numbers. These camps are often attended by Mukhiya, ward members and other community members as well as advocacy group members.

AIPAD team in Kahalgaon replicated the same practice by organizing camps at Sian and Ekchari panchayats on 23st and 21st November respectively. Beneficiaries for various government schemes were identified and they were helped in the application and documentation process. In the coming months, special camps will be held for releasing pending pension money.

These camps have become very popular among the community as well as in AIPAD project. Many innovative techniques are used during social security

camps like information sharing sessions with the community members led by Mukhiya and panchayat ward members, dedicated counters for establishing eligibility and distribution of application forms, filling up the forms and verification of the documents. This technique is very effective as it saves time, money and also reaches to a wide range of people at one instance.



AIPAD team coordinating with the community in social security camps

The table of two Panchayat depicts the identification of beneficiaries for different schemes:

Name of Scheme	Total no. of identification
PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana)	164
Old Age Pension	45
Widow Pension	23
Disability Pension	5
Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana	3
Parivarish Yojana	1

AIPAD Through The Lens



District Magistrate (DM) Mr. Adesh Titarmare and Shubhra Singh, Project Head AIPAD during Review & Planning Meeting held on 8th November 2016 in Bhagalpur



ANM Review Meeting in PHC Sanhoula



Advocacy Group Meeting in Ramasi, Sanhoula



VSS Training at Jagdishpur Block office



VSS Training at Shabkund



VSS Training at Kabalgaon



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