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NEPAL Project Ujyalo Bhabisyā—July 2009 Update

A Week in the Life of a Project UB Facilitator

The facilitators who carry out Project UB activity in their communities are the reason for and the key to the project's success. The independent evaluation of Project Ujyalo Bhabisyā by Ravindra Shakya in January 2008 recognised this.



We have therefore decided to give you an insight into what a facilitator does, as well as some of their reflections on Project UB. **Birendra Kumar Mukhiya** (pictured left), facilitator for Mahendranagar-9, Shantinagar, shared his thoughts with us doing a week in June.

Friday 12th June

I ran a Child Supplementary Class, supporting the participants with their school curriculum and also providing extra essential knowledge like general knowledge. I also help the children with reading and writing. It is rewarding to deliver the Child Supplementary Classes to address the education of children whose families cannot afford to send their children to fee-paying supplementary tuition classes.

Saturday 13th June

I continued with the Child Supplementary. I divided the students into groups according to their educational status: e.g. Group A for Class 1, Group B for Class 2, etc. Sometimes I run the classes as discussion classes, getting the students to give presentations.

Sunday 14th June

I travelled to the UCHEP office. With the aim to make Child Supplementary and Adult Literacy classes more effective and review them and other activities, three days refresher training was organized by UCHEP and all facilitators took part in it. We discussed the process of teaching with each other, sharing our experiences and suggestions for better teaching.

Monday 15th June

Day two of the refresher training. We discussed more about SWOT (successes, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis of Project UB activities in the communities, and also practiced teaching methodologies in groups.

Tuesday 16th June

The final day of refresher training. We focused more on fund raising processes at the local level and agreed to organize a raffle programme in Prakashpur-7, Gaderi tole with support of all UB communities.



Above: Child Supplementary Class in Birendra's community

Wednesday 17th June

Back in Mahendranagar-9. I held a meeting with the saving group. We discussed saving group registration with District Agriculture Office in this meeting. Being a facilitator for Project UB allows me to help members of my community develop ideas about saving and creating a sustainable source of collective capital in the community.

I continued the Child Supplementary Class. I checked the students' educational level with a test; it shows very big changes in their educational level from previous days.

Thursday 18th June

Child Supplementary Class continued. I organised a well-being ranking programme in my community to find out the current well-being status of the inhabitants to compare it with the previous year's well-being ranking.



Above: Discussions with the community for programme planning.

Being a Project UB facilitator has helped me to be conscious of social, educational and economic aspects of my community, and the difference I can make. My confidence has developed in organising the Project UB programme, as well as other activities. I'm still a student of +2 levels, and my parents have difficulty affording my educational expenses but now Project UB has given me a job opportunity which has helped with the purchase of the educational materials and other expenses I need to further my education.

In my opinion Project Ujyalo Bhabisyia would be even more effective if it expanded into other deprived areas of neighbouring districts, and if it increased awareness-raising activities in its communities.

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