

MOBILISING FOR EMPOWERMENT (ME)

1st Feb 2004 - 30th Jun 2004,

1st Jul 2004 - 30th Jun 2005

- PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Long-Term Objective: Economic, political and social empowerment of rural women allowing them to take on leadership roles within the family and community.
- Short-Term Objective: Improve access to credit to enable them to start self employment enhance dignity and improve solidarity among women to enable them to overcome challenges in daily life in their community and family.

- PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Workshop in Training and Capacity Building of Social Mobilisers

- Objective : To upgrade and develop the skills of social mobilizers to make their role and contributions more effective; To equip social mobilizers with knowledge on gender and ethnic issues in order to pass on this message to the small groups.
- Location (s) : Kantha Shakthi Office Balangoda
- Participants : Total 14 participants including: 2 senior mobilisers with formal training and experience; 2 mobilisers with in field training only; 8 new women as trainees in social mobilization; the program coordinator and staff assistant of Kantha Shakthi Colombo office,

Mobilising for Empowerment 2004

- Objective : Build solidarity among women and enhance their access to resources, knowledge and awareness of women's issues and skills
- Location (s) : 10 Grama Niladhari Divisions were selected as locations for social mobilizing as follows:
- 7 in Weligepola Divisional Secretariat :
Bopitigoda, Handagiriya, Galgodagama, Panana,
Gangodagama, Weligepola, Kongastenna
 - 3 in Balangoda Divisional Secretariat: Damahana,
Diyavinna, Balangoda

Continuation of pre 2004 socio-economic mobilisation

- Objective : To build solidarity amongst women and enhance their access to resources, knowledge and awareness of women's issues and develop skills.
- Location (s) : 7 Grama Niladari Divisions operated small groups prior to February 2004.

Educational and Awareness Raising Workshop on Ethnic Conflict

- Objective : To equip social mobilisers with more systematized knowledge on the ethnic issue in order to enable them to pass this knowledge to members of small groups
- Location (s) : Kantha Shakthi Office, Konegastenna, Balangoda
- Participants : Total 17 participants including: 12 social mobilisers, 3 staff from Kantha Shakthi office Colombo and 2 Resource persons

Post Tsunami Emergency Relief

- Objective : To provide emergency relief to assist victims displaced by the tsunami
- Location (s) : Emergency relief was provided to displaced people in 2 camps in Hambanthota, namely Nakulugamuwa and Marakolliya

Setting up and Activities of Deepthi Children for Environment and Peace

- Objective : To motivate children to protect the environment and contribute to Peace; To ensure continuation of Kantha Shakthi vision, mission and objectives
- Location (s) : Konegastenna
- Activities :
 - Children's monthly fair
 - Educational Excursion
 - World Children's Day
 - Children Greets Parents
 - Anniversary Celebrations

Celebration of 6 months of mobilizing in Handagiriya

- Objective : To celebrate completion of 6 months of activism of Kantha Shakthi in Handagiriya
- Location (s) : Handagiriya

Poster Campaign opposing violence against women

Objective : To enable women to protest violence against women.
Location (s) : Handagiriya

Women's Forum (s)

Objective : To celebrate women's skills
Location (s) : Weligepola / Bandukanda

International Human Rights Day – Demonstration and Picketing

Objective : To focus public attention to the abuse of 2 teenaged school girls in the area in November 2004; To protest against violation of women's human rights.
Location (s) : Balangoda City

Community Forum

Objective : To celebrate women's wisdom and knowledge
Location (s) : Konegastenna

Youth Organisation

Objective : To build up community leadership in youth
Location (s) : Handagiriya

International Women's Day – Celebrations

Objective : ????? Enable women to communicate women's issues to the public
Location (s) : Colombo

Workshop on Training of Legal Aid Workers

Objective : ??? To enhance the capacity of social mobilisers to understand legal issues they come across when working with communities, to solve some problems and learn where to direct those that cannot be solved; To pass the acquired knowledge to members of small groups
Location (s) : Sri Lanka Sumithrayo, Colombo 07
Participants : Organised by Lawyers for Human Rights & Development, 5 women from Kantha Shakthi

Workshop on Social Mobiliser's Capacity Building (Tsunami)

- Objective : Be a source of encouragement and experience to 15 women in the tsunami affected Matara and Tangalla who were to be trained as social mobilisers
- Location (s) : Rural Development Training Centre, Dikwella
- Participants : 7 women from small groups formed in 2004

Enhance Skills of Women : Training in Hair/ Bridal Dressing

- Objective : To enhance economic capacity of women who do not have access to land for agricultures ????
- Location (s) : Handagiriya

Educational Workshops for Members of Small groups

- Objective : To build women's capacity to take over leadership roles within the organization.
- Workshop topics: - Women and the Economy
- Violence Against Women
- Women and Globalisation
- Location (s) : ???

Workshop on Alcoholism conducted by Kantha Shakthi and ADIC Colombo

- Objective : ??? To raise awareness amongst women and the community of the affects of alcoholism ???
- Location (s) : Diyawinna