

Lila Report: - DEVGAIN village, Jharkhand.

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Introduction:

Devgain is a small village which is about 14 kms from Ranchi in Jharkhand. It is a small village of 220 households and a population of 1500 people. Agriculture is the major source of income for the people in Devgain. There are also people involved in daily wages and labor activities. The village is green and clean. The sanitation facilities were built by A-serve and Lion's club.

PROBLEM IDENTIFIED:

- Lack of stable electricity supply is the first and the foremost issue faced in the village. The village gets electricity connections once in 4-5 days.
- Agriculture is the major source of income for the village but they do not have proper irrigation facilities to support agriculture. This is majorly caused due to the unstable electricity supply.
- Cultivation is majorly dependent on rainfall because of the lack of irrigation facilities. Cultivation occurs only for 3 months during the entire year.
- Poor awareness on Technologies that can be implemented in agriculture. It has been found that majority of the people rely on Bullock carts for Agriculture. Though there were exceptions.

- The proper communication from agricultural department and various government initiatives and schemes for rural agricultural promotions are underutilized due to poor awareness.
- Lack of high school and proper education facilities.
- Lack of proper water drainage system. Most of the hand pumps in the village does not have a proper channel for water drainage and hence resulting in water stagnation. This can result in breeding of mosquitos.
- Alcoholism is a major issue which is prevalent among both the men and women of the village.
- Excessive use of tobacco and marijuana in the village is another major issue and it has been found that the children are exposed to them at a very young age.
- Lack of toilets and sanitation facilities. Even though there are about 220 households in the village. There are only 12 toilets available in the entire village which are owned by particular families. Rest of the villagers do not use toilets.
- Lack of proper medical facilities in the village.
- Exploitation of villagers by the middleman during trade and sales
- The village doesn't have a cooperative society. Hence they will not have a medium through which they can sell their products.

Course learning:

- This course helps in identifying the enormous potential that remains hidden in villages like the possibility of rural entrepreneurship.
- The course helps in understanding the life in village and helps in identifying the key changes that will impact their life and make them self-sufficient.

- This course helps in finding out ways by which the agriculture and villages can be preserved.
- It gave us an opportunity to understand the natural living habits' of villagers and the simple way of earning their income through agriculture.

MY TAKE AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE:

The village of Devgain in Jharkhand was quite contradictory to my beliefs before the visit. I was able to learn and experience the real village life and came across all the difficulties they are facing. This made me aware of the fact that how much comfortably we are living and still we don't get satisfied of what we have.

In general the villagers lived a much better life than my perception.

It was noticed that the people of the village lived in great harmony with Nature and believed in conserving their environment.

It was found that the village had ample amount of fresh water and it was beautiful, clean and green which was not my perception before the visit. In fact the village is so neat that we do not even find wrappers thrown around the streets of the village.

The people in general were highly amicable and treated us with great respect and love. Even though the people of the village earned very less income it was seen that most of them were contented with their way of life.

Even though initially we were of the perception that agricultural practices followed in the village were old and outdated. It was found that there were few farmers who

used modern methods of irrigation such as drip irrigation and they also practiced crop rotation, though it was not widely prevalent.

We were told that there were schooling available up to 10th standard. But it was found that the village had school only till 5th standard.