

LILA-INDIVIDUAL REPORT

DEWGAIN, JHARKHAND

INTRODUCTION:

Dewgain village is inside the Ranchi district of Jharkhand state. There are almost 160 houses within the boundary of the village. There are 5-6 members on average in each family. Farming is the primary occupation. About 90% people are farmers. The rest are masons, priests and other labourers. Dewgain village is an epitome of a typical North Indian village. People are generally slobs. There are about 250 students going to schools or colleges. Languages spoken include Hindi, Nagpuri, Mundari, Bengali and sadhori. The same indicates that there are people belonging to different caste groups. The population of female is comparatively higher than the male with the gender ratio of 9:11. The village is green and clean. The sanitation facilities are built by A-serve and Lion's club.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION:

- Since it is a rural area, there were no proper education among the people and no awareness about the education. There is a school which provides primary level education up to 5th standard.
- Proper awareness about the usage of toilets is not given, though there were newly constructed toilets by Lion's club.
- The main backdrop of this village is electricity problem, since there were no electricity people find difficult to satisfy their needs.
- Consumption of alcohol and inhaling smoke has to be discarded in the village.
- There were no hospital or any other emergency service available.
- People in the village produce 1 crop per year. Life of the people in the village is totally dependent on farming. Most of their harvest, they use for self -consumption. Those who sell crops doesn't sell at the Ranchi market. Instead they sell at the local market.
- Some people don't tie their cattle properly which may lead to grazing of their crops.
- Youngsters are generally lazy and we could see a lot of them slobbering around, playing cards and drinking, doing nothing productive or constructive.
- Awareness about the government schemes has to be given.

COURSE LEARNING:

- This course has helped us to learn about the village background of our country and the problems faced by them.
- In this modern world, people forgot about the importance of agriculture which is the major occupation of our country and this program helps to know about the importance.
- The villages with these type of problems has to be taken into the notice of NGO's or government officials to create necessary solutions.
- Ample water is available in the village. We could ourselves locate a lot of bore wells in the village still, lot of farm land was left unused since they couldn't conserve enough water. Hence it would be nice if we could teach them various ways of water conservation. Most of the villagers claim that they have been taught about drip irrigation
- We have noted that many villagers interested in learning organic farming. Also many women interested in learning stitching which may help them to improve their income generation.

Individual reflection on the perception of the villagers:

- Though they face lot of problems in their day to day life, but they never feel that they were lacking and they feel very satisfied with what they have.
- Since most people consume alcohol which is bad to their health but they suggest that it reduces their body pain.
- Since their village is enriched with more natural resources, the people over there are being healthy.
- Though they were toilets constructed, some feel that it is not necessary and they are comfortable with going outside.
- Some medical check-up's can be provided to stop certain diseases from spreading.
- Most women in the village also did farming but most of them were home makers.as mentioned earlier, many women participated in soap manufacturing and toilet construction under ammachi labs. A majority of women were passionate on learning stitching.
- There is a school named St. Thomas in the village itself. It is a school completely run by a Christian missionary. The school is up to 5th standard. The villagers say that the missionary which runs the school are not interested in upgrading the school to senior secondary.
- Youngsters irrespective of what they studied most of them did farming. It was noticed that many youngsters were interested in learning automobile repairing.