

# **REPORT ON LILA VISIT – Sep 2015**

**Village : DEVGAIN**

**State : JHARKHAND**

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## **ABOUT THE VILLAGE:**

Devgain village which is just 14Kms away from Ranchi, Jharkhand holds a population of around 1500 people. The ratio of female to male is about 11:9. The biggest wealth of the village is trees. Agriculture is the major source of income for their basic needs and also some people undergo daily wage jobs nearby. Houses are built with clay in a manner that sunrays cannot enter inside to avoid extreme heat in summer. Coming to the education side the village provides primary education till 5<sup>th</sup> standard. Around 12 toilets were constructed last year by A-Serve and Ranchi Lion's club.

## **PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION:**

The major problems identified can be classified into three sectors,

- Agriculture
- Education and women empowerment
- Health

## **AGRICULTURE:**

- Paddy cultivation is the major crop cultivated by the villagers. Since that is fully dependant on seasonal rainfall the irrigation is carried out only for one quarter of the year.
- 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.
- Apart from paddy cultivation they are also undergoing some vegetable cultivation like Tomato, Chilly, Cucumber etc., But all

these cultivation are made in a small area that too supported by the Ranchi Lion's club.

- Awareness on technologies used in agricultural process is very low. And also the people were unaware of government schemes on this sector.

### EDUCATION AND WOMEN EMPOERMENT:

- The village provides education only till primary level (5<sup>th</sup> standard) and for high schooling they are supposed to travel a long distance.
- Lack for training for women in entrepreneurial skills like tailoring , leaf plate production, weaving etc.,

### HEALTH:

- Awareness on usage of toilets especially for women is very low and only 12 toilets were constructed so far for that huge population of 1500 people.
- 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 mosquito.
- The elderly men and women in the village consume alcohol. They see it as a stress reliever and the selling of the country liquor is promoted by the women folk of the village. There is a high probability of the youth to consume in future due to the easy availability and culture.

## **COURSE LEARNING:**

- Survival without the electricity is the major course of learning
- This course made a clear cut virtualisation of other side of India
- It gave us an opportunity to understand the natural living habits' of villagers and the simple way of earning their income through agriculture.

## **PERCEPTION:**

### BEFORE VISIT:

From the different information gathered, I expected devgain to be a very underdeveloped village. The place was expected to be not hygienic. The education facilities would be till 8<sup>th</sup> and had the perception that at least the basic health facilities would be there. The sanitation and electricity was considered to be a major issue. The problems of income generation and agricultural issues was another area to be focused on. I thought the villagers would be much reluctant to interact and share information.

### AFTER VISIT:

The climate was fairly good and the place was not as dirty as expected. The People were friendly than expected and supportive. The villagers wanted development to come and required supportive hands. The available sanitation facilities were not properly used of and lack of awareness was a major issue. The people were lazy and condemned with what they earn to just meet the two ends. There is a high potential of income generation from sources with agricultural

improvements. With supportive hands and skilled people to guide them, there is fairly good chance of development in the village.

***THANK YOU.***