

INDIVIDUAL REPORT (LILA)

Uttrakhand (DUNDA VILLAGE)

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PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION:

The Live in Labs program has taught me many new ventures in life. We visited the Dunda village from a rigorous five hour hill travel from Dehradun. It was a tiring jeep journey in the hills. These are the findings in the village:

- Lack of skilled doctors in the village
- Water scarcity is a major issue in the village
- Nuisance caused by monkeys and wild pigs in the farms.
- People don't have Adhar card or ration card
- They are not ready to avail bank loans for farming or any other purpose.
- The villagers don't have their house documents.
- No proper facilities available for major operations
- Malnutrition and anaemic diseases are more dominant in the village

COURSE LEARNING:

The course has taught in understanding the life of the villagers .It also made me like out of my comfort zone. The hill travel was a new experience which I have never experienced before. I also did village survey along with the educational survey which made me the difficulties in getting from villagers. There weren't all who are interested in sharing details with us. Some people gave us good reception for these surveys. I met the VAO of the dunda village who shared about the various schemes offered in the village. Rice, sugar and wheat were supplied in the ration shops .The new scheme "Dr.APJ.GRAM BADLAO YOJANA" was explained by the VAO to us. It includes sanitation, street light, and drainage etc. The ration card was classified as BPL, APL and UNTHODAT.

Then I visited the Local Health Centre. It was not a very equipped place. It had only basic first aid equipment's with 3 doctors and 2 nurses .They had 14 beds but were not in proper condition

The next day after discussing with sir we went to dunda village to collect data about hygiene, sanitation and other sources of income. We gave insights for open drainage and their ill effects. The problem which may occur of this was explained to them. The needs for the usage of toilets were discussed to the people.

Fishing, Vegetable farming is other major sources of income but they are not prepared to sell or market them. They mostly use for own purpose. We instilled thoughts in them regarding these and other major opportunities for making money by selling these in the market.

We saw the site engineer of Uttarkhand disaster recovery project Mr.Ramjee Chandra Mohan in a tea shop near Dunda market; we spoke a lot with him on relief work which is going in Dunda. We went to the relief site and he showed the project which was construction of motar

road connecting Dunda and Majaf which is funded by World Bank (4.6km @the cost rs. 3.4 crore) to be completed by sept 2016.

We conducted games and showed morale boosting videos and interacted with the children about their future plan and took a malnutrition survey .All these activites were conducted in the ashram.

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION:

The village was not remote as I thought before reaching .The villagers were very kind hearted and very caring to us all. Most of them responded positively in all our surveys and they paid attention to all our works in the village. They live in a very rich environment free from any kinds of pollution and stuff. They lived their life at day to day basis. They never save money or plan in advance for the future. Before arriving I taught the village would be in some mountain top but to my surprise it was located in the valley near the Ganga River. They never complained about the kind of facilities they lack and they lived with whatever they had. I thought the place wouldn't have mobile connection but they had 3G connection all around the village. I thought men would be working and women wouldn't move out of their homes before the visit, but almost all women were working in the fields. They produce crops and vegetables for their own needs and consume them. They mostly are not ready to market because they never produce more than their own needs. The children in the village are smart and have good IQ . Given a right guidance they can surely excel in all fields. Surely every child I found in the village had some unique talent which impressed me.

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