



Accompanier

Journeying Together Towards Building Communities of Resistance & Hope . . .



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Meditation

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God...But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you..... Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Matthew 5:9; Luke 6:27-31 (NRSV)

Accompaniers' Meet at Ranchi



SBSS Accompaniers came together again under the leadership of Dr Shailendra Awale, Chief Coordinator and Secretary, CNI SBSS for the 'Special Meet' held at Ranchi during 25th February to 5th March 2009. Students from Xavier Institute of Social Sciences (XISS), Ranchi were special invitees for the inaugural session.

This ten-day event had sharing, learning, reflection, retrospection and recreation too! Mr Daniel Das and Rev PK Aksal, DBSS Coordinators of SEDP Amritsar and Marathwada respectively were the special resources. Mervin Makwan, TeamLeader CNI RCSA Pune & Coordinator, Programme Resource Team and Sudeep Tigga, TeamLeader CNI RCSA Ranchi & Coordinator, Programme Facilitation Team with their respective teams made this too a memorable one!

Farewell to Asha

As the team gathered in the evening, they bade farewell to Ashanand Tandy, former team-leader, CNI RCSA Barrackpore. Asha had tendered his resignation after his eight years of services in the SBSS. The SBSS family wished him the best for his future endeavors.



Re-introducing LCP



Elizabeth and Vikram, after completion of their Training of Trainers (ToT-4), utilized their newly acquired skills and learning to share and reintroduce the Local Capacities for Peace (LCP) framework with the colleagues. The topics shared were Introduction & History of LCP, Case-Study Analysis, Identifying Connectors and Dividers, Impact of Aid/ Assistance in the conflict areas, Options & Programme Alternatives with the LCP Framework. The main objective of these sessions was to get familiar with LCP tool and its components to use it for the analysis in our own local context.

Power Dynamics

This was another exciting and intriguing session. Bibhu facilitated the process enabling the group to gauge and understand the 'power' concept at different levels viz. DBSS, RCSAs and SBSS. Accompaniers poured their hearts out sharing and 'Speaking Out' the applications and experiences with/ of the Authority. In 1-to-1 sessions, partners shared about the incidents when power was exercised by them and also when they experienced the power. Bibhu also gave a format to fill based on personal 'Speaking Out!' theme having interesting questions like - do I speak? When/ Why/ What do I speak? For Whom? The changes I would like to see/ bring in... The concerns and grievances were taken care of by the Chief in the next session following day.



DBSS Interface & Field Visits

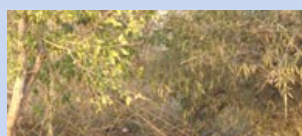


A day was given for the field visits. The larger group formed team of 4-5 accompaniers and visited the field areas of DBSS ChotaNagpur (CNP) - Kamdara, Bano, Soyko. Next day, these teams had their presentations in the presence of DBSS CNP Staff, Community Members and other team members. The learning and insights were received for the accomplishment of the larger cause.

In concluding session, Community Members, DBSS Staff and SBSS Accompaniers were felicitated for their contribution

Wandering in Wilderness...

Last two days were kept for recreation. Accompaniers spent couple of days winding and unwinding... wandered in the wilderness of Betla, a place near Daltongunj/ Palamu, spotting all kind of animals and birds in a sanctuary that was meant for tigers! On the way back, a short visit to coal mine near Lohardaga gave an idea as how mining industries affect the flora and fauna, displacing the indigenous inhabitants from their own locales.





Devotions



From the Day One till the last, the reflective and sharing sessions lead by Prashant, Bibhu and Amos had enriching devotion and worship services every morning before the working hour that helped to bring all the accompaniers together in His Spirit empowering the individuals to be an important change factor in His mission for His people.

Journeying ahead with Hope... The meet ended on good-note leaving all the participant accompaniers with a sense of fulfillment and a refreshing desire to deal with new challenges in the new phase of Speaking Out ...

Becoming more Picturesque...

We, at HQ are developing a picture gallery that would give you all an access to the picture bank here. The plan was to launch it with this issue of Accompanier displaying all the pictures taken during our Ranchi Meet but seems it would need some more time. Anusha has been struggling hard to pool in all the resources available to make it visible, till then, lets wait and keep watching out for this space...

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FORTHCOMING EVENT

Process Oriented Development Intervention (PODI) –Phase 2 from 17th March to 5th April 2009 at Kolkata

Days to Remember in the month of March

- 8 – International Women’s Day,
- 12 – World Kidney Day,
- 15 – World Consumer Rights Day,
- 21 – International Day for the Elimination of the Racial Discrimination,
- 25 – World Day for Water.

Happy Birthday ...

Many Happy Returns to our accompaniers - Sudeep (6th March), Anil Kumar (8th March), Deepshikha (18th March) and Ritu (31st March).

May Lord Almighty bless all of them abundantly and be with them always as they are serving Him being an important actor in His mission with SBSS.