



BACKGROUND

Young disabled persons are among the most marginalized and vulnerable of world's young people. It has been estimated that 19 million children worldwide are visually impaired and out of these 1.4 million have irreversible bilindness. In India an estimate of 2,36,900 children up to the age of eighteen are visually impaired, which is around 11 percent of total visually impaired population. Visually impaired children are 4 to 10 times more vulnerable to sexual abuse than their non-disabled peers and among them, visually impaired girls are more exposed to abuses and violence's. It is estimated that one in three girls are and one in six boys are sexually abused are before the age of 18.

Recently, in the news there have been cases of young visually challenged girl being raped and sexually abused. The experiences of such sexual abuses for a child distort her or her self-concept, orientation to the world and affective capabilities. High rates of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, dissociative disorders, interpersonal dysfunction, sexual problems and suicidal ideation have all been identified to varying degrees among men and women who survive child sexual abuse. For this reason, every disabled girl and every women needs to make self-defendant to at least ensure that nobody can take her for granted. Efforts are to be made to develop capacity of the VI girls to identify potentially threatening situations and to seek the necessary support from appropriate people and organizations.

As a part of empowering and developing skills of the young visually impaired girls, Sightsavers North India Area in 2012 piloted an adolescent health programme for VI girls in Raipur with the aim to provide them accurate, age appropriate and culturally relevant information which would enable them to respond to real life situations in positive and responsible ways. The whole programme has shown that, if adolescent visually impaired girls receive the correct type of support and skills, they can become articulate, self-confident, emp

defense training programme is planned for VI girls to reduce their immediate risk of becoming sexual abuse/rape victims, and places them in lower-risk categories in adult life.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

As per the suggestion and need assessment made by Sight Saver, the self defense training was organized by Girlini . The training was planned in such a way that the logistic should get utmost priority because, the venue should ensure all sort of comforts and security. Lastly the trainers should ne experienced enough to handled the trainees. The same aspects were fared very well by the organization living up to the expectations. Added to this an effort was also made to develop some trainers within the organization. For this purpose some of the key staff were also trained so that , they can in turn train at community level as per need , whenever required.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

The objectives of the training are as follows:

• To make the participants aware about their personal safety and empower them with self-defense techniques that can ensure their security , self esteem and dignity.

• To make the Participants understand about the psychological and physical aspects of self-defense

• To learn various techniques and tactics for self protection and personal safety.

PARTCIPANT PROFILE

There were around 28 participants in the training and the participants of the trainings include the following personnel.

• Visually impaired girls in the age group of 16 to 45

Visually impaired girls of the above age group from three blocks such as Palari, Balodabazaar, Tilda, Simga and Palari

The participants are certified as visually impaired by the appropriate authority.

The details of the participants are enclosed separately at the end of this report.

TRAINERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

Though the training was supported by the Forest Division, there was representation from the division. The Resource persons include the following

1. Mr. Mushtaq , Bhopal.
2. Ms Sahajahan Ali, Bhopal
3. Ms. Harsha Sahoo, Raipur

VENUE DETAILS

The venue of the training was at Xavior Institute of Social Action, Vidhansabha Road, Raipur. IT was a residential training from 7th December to 13th December 2016. It used to start at 10.00 AM and concluding at 4.30 Pm. The Xavier Institute was convenient, specious with all arrangements required for the trainees

TRAINING SESSIONS* (day wise)

The training schedule was prepared and approved prior to the trainings depending on the inputs given by the trainers. The programme guide is attached at the end of the report. However, to understand in brief, every day the sessions are broadly classified into the themes such as – introductory sessions in the first day and Recap in other days at the beginning followed by warm-ups and exercises (practice) . Then it is followed by lunch and post lunch there were again theoretical informative and interactive sessions and some sessions with Knowledge inputs with day wise conclusions. Every day along with the core trainers, there were attempts of external sessions in the post lunch part. The consultant of the organization has 4

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7 th	session	exercise through which every participant was made conversant with others
Dec 2016		All the trainees have introduced themselves through an interesting game.
2016		After the introduction session, the Trainer attempted to take the participants
		expectations through an exercise and the Trainer facilitated the participants
		to share their experiences earlier on various situations of life, situations of
		awkward, experiences of dealing with people etc. Followed by the
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		its need and relevance, it methods, its usefulness and the various ways of
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	Post lunch session	Post lunch session started with the discussion on personality development. Many examples and group exercises were organized on personality development. Following the discussion, the consultant of the organization Mr Jagannath Kompella , discussed extensively on the access India Campaign of the government and he threw light on various legal provisions, reservations for the VI people. The participants were enlightened on various legal provisions and the Access India Campaign. The consultant also stressed the need to advocate with various agencies and departments for the campaign. In this process he also addressed many questions raised by the staff on the exercises of the rights. Finally the session was closed and the day was called off. As usual the day started with the recap of the previous sessions and discussions were entertained by the trainer to take the feedback from the participants. The recap session was followed by the warm up session where the participants have undergone warm up exercises such as breathing, stretching, joint revolving , sitting and laying and screaming exercises with
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CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING

The training programme was concluded with a small function where the dignitaries such as Mrs harshita Pandey, Chairman, State Commission for Women and Mr Sommani Bora, IAS, Secretary of Social Welfare Department were present as guests. They were overwhelmed with the performance and interacted with the participants. One of the participants Ms Maiti Sahu "expressed her delighted feelings for the training to the guests. Mr Sommani Bora, IAS, the Secretary overwhelmed to the training and urged to support the government in replicating such training in other districts. In his speech, he thanked the organization for such training and urged to support the government in replicating such training in other districts. In his speech he updated the recent steps of government in the direction of social inclusion that includes:

- opening a new college of music for the distributed of the maceds to be identified and fostered so that they can contribute in the state development initiatives. He distributed of Smart Cane Stick Assist Devises to all the participants she also declared that the Social Welfare department would take up this trainings to all other.





districts. All the participants were distributed with certificates with the presence of the guests. Ms Harsha Sahu, the trainer, explained the basic steps to be taken by the VI girls for self defense. She said "currying abir clip all the time by VI women is the most sessential precautionary step for defending herself". Mr. Amarinder Singh Chawda, Member Youth Commission was also present in the ceremony and joined the guests in the distribution. Mrs Rupa Shrivastav , the chairman of Grihioi, also thanked the guests and updated about the programme design. Finally the training programme was concluded with the note of thanks to all the members, volunteers and the guests by Mr iswar Chhatta.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The training was covered by Media both in print and electronic media. The Important media houses represented and ensured coverage include Dainik Bjaskar, Nv Bharat, Hari Bhoomi and Hotawada etc. The media have taken individual interview of Mr Sommani Bora, Mrs Harshita Pandey, Mrs Rupa Shrivasav, Ms Malilli Sahu, Mr harsha Sahu etc and covered in the electronic media in channels. In the interview Mrs Rupa Shrivastav told that these Visually Impaired girls have shown a very good interest in learning and during the practice their performance was meritorious. They have demonstrated the kicks and punches taught to them during the training and she feels that this type of trainings are essential for the target groups to come to the mainstream and to set examples for other such groups in the state.

TRAINING EVALUATIONS

As mentioned in the programme guide and the training sessions, the training evaluation was made through a pre-test and post-test method conducted orally and some practical demonstrations. Every participant was put to an assessment through recording of their performance throughout the training and the improvements were recorded. The department and the participants have gained enough knowledge from all dimensions. The result was very effective and it influenced the department Secretary to such an

- However in this present training this strategy has no role. It all depends on the voice of the trainer which is important. Every person has to maintain a rhythm in their voice.

 The second significant aspect is the nature of the trainees. They are always assisted with a supporter and the practicing exercises are very difficult to make and they were unique.

 The training also witnessed the presence of many dignitaries from both government and other agencies. Most importantly the training was realized as a dire need and the department agreed to replicate this in different districts soon, which is laudable.

 The participants were helped a lot and they are brought from different districts and blocks. The significance aspect is the association of other NGOs who felt it a good step towards the welfare of the visually impaired persons.

 The self defense training to visually impaired people is significant especially when it comes to putting them into practicing the moves and training them on good touch and bad touch and their reflex action in this connection.

 Lastly the training is most significant because it is perhaps for the first time that such type of training happened in the state with the support of Sightsavers.

 DIGNITARIES JOINED IN THE TRAINING

 The following are the dignitaries who have made their presence felt in the trainings.

 Mr Amarjee Singh Chawda, member of Sate Youth Commission.

 Mr Jagannath Kompella, Development Consultant, Raipur

 Mr Gaurav Jain, The programme officer, Sightsaver

 Media representatives from Dainik Bhskar, Nav Bharat, Hitawada etc

 ENCLOSURES ALONG WITH THE REPORT













