

TRAINING ON RTE/ RTI FOR MATA AND PITA SAMITI MEMBERS.

Munger district is one of the undeveloped areas in Bihar and particularly the Haveli Kharagpur Block is one of the most backward and neglected blocks of Bihar. Official estimate states that more than 95% Scheduled Castes population live below poverty line. About 93% of them are landless. They work as agricultural laborers and daily wage laborers. Their maximum time is spent in work for daily bread. As a result, they give less attention to the education of their children. BDVS organized an RTE workshop for the parents of the children of 'Musahar Education Program' supported by Caritas India. In fact, the parents were ignorant of this empowering Act, which gives every child right to quality education. Ours was an attempt to disseminate the information regarding RTE-2009 through explaining its purpose, scope, benefits, and responsibilities of different stakeholders.

A group 25 - 30 Musahar Children are organized under a complementary education centre. The parents of these children constitute 'Pita samitee' and 'Mata samitee'. The RTE workshop was organized for the members of 'pita samitee' and 'mata samitee'. The workshop was organized on 16/09/15 and 18/09/15. Nearly 140 people from 20 different Samities participated in this day long workshop. We had some resource persons to lead the training. The whole training module was prepared by BDVS administrative office. We had some sessions like introduction, experience sharing, dissemination of RTE information, group discussion, and need analysis and role distribution. In this training participants were facilitated to acknowledge the ground reality of RTE-2009 and to identify the reasons why their children have not benefited from this act in terms of quality education. All the session were conducted by lecture, group discussion and participatory method. It was observed that maximum people were strange to this topic. By attending this training they learned many important things about education. They got opportunity to analysis their own situation. They assured that they will be good parents and will take the necessary steps to implement RTE-2009 in the grass root level in an effective manner.

The program was a small step towards bringing quality education among students of Kharagpur Block through enabling parent's roles and disseminating RTE information. Making RTE work at the grassroots is crucial and Parents have an important role in making this Act, a success! Report by Sinai.....

