

Activity Report

"Formation and Strengthening of School Level Committee on Wash & Awareness programme on WASH"



Place: ***Balakmani High School, (A Govt. High School)***

Date: ***2016-04-09***

Organising Branch: ***Indian Red Cross Society, Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch***

PROGRAMME INFORMATION	
Title:	Formation and Strengthening of School Level Committee on Wash & Awareness programme on WASH
Place:	Balakmani High School, (A Govt. High School)
Organising Branch	Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch
In Attendance:	75
Facilitators Name:	Biswajit Das (FMR)
Total Approved Budget:	4000
Total Expenditure:	3980
Funding Partners:	IRCS, NHQs & IFRC
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Background

WASH is an acronym, standing for "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene," a group of interrelated public health issues that are of particular interest to international development programs. Access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene education can reduce illness and death, and also impact poverty reduction and socioeconomic development. Poor sanitation contributes to approximately 700,000 child deaths every year due to diarrhoea, and chronic diarrhoea can have a negative effect on child development (both physical and cognitive). In addition, lack of WASH facilities can prevent students from attending school, impose a burden on women, and diminish productivity. The concept of WASH groups together water, sanitation, and hygiene because the impact of deficiencies in each area overlaps strongly and so need to be addressed together in order to achieve a strong positive impact on public health. In the year 2015, Indian Red Cross

Society, Tripura State Branch as a part of Disaster Management programme-2015, Indian Red Cross Society, Tripura State Branch organized School and community level WASH programmes at Amarapur&Udaipur under Gomati District, Sonamura&Bishalgrh under Sepahijala District, Sadar and Jirania under West Tripura District and Khowai&Teliamua under Khowai District respectively. North Tripura District has been added to the list of FMR Districts. As a continuation of this WASH programmes are being conducted in the aforesaid districts in the year 2016 to provide knowledge and spreading awareness among the targeted students/community people.

Objectives/Purpose:

1. To form a WASH Committee in the respective schools/communities. 2. To improve access to water and sanitation to the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. 3. To create awareness on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in the school and community level.

Methodology

1. Creating awareness on Water, Sanitation &Hygiene through class room lectures. 2. Demonstration of techniques on household water treatment through simple yet refined methods.

Outcomes:

1. WASH Committee formed, which can be used for future references and WASH programmes. 2. Communities are able to manage their water supply and sanitation services and meet their WASH related needs. 3. Appropriate use of WASH and WASH behaviour improved. 4. Students happily and easily accepted the ideas of Water Sanitation and planned to promote the ideas further.

Participants Experiences:

1. In many interior areas, schools do not have proper arrangement of drinking water, sanitation &hygiene. 2. Poverty is also a major problem that hampers the use of proper WASH behaviour to communities in interior and remote places.

Volunteer Experiences:

It was fun meeting with the reviewers and getting to know them. We enjoyed ourselves in the meeting and used up all the money in the approved budget

Annexes