Promoting Women’s Political Leadership and Gender Responsive Governance

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Goal
By 2015, EWRs in local governments ensure implementation of national commitments on Women’s Human Rights

Objectives
- To sensitise EWRs about Women’s Human Rights
- To empower EWRs of local Government in making public policy and resource allocations responsive to women’s human rights

Role of ANSSIRD
- ANSSIRD is the Nodal agency for Training and Capacity Building.
- Preparation of modules for training of trainers, motivators, EWRs, EMRs, officials of Districts and Taluk levels.
- Developing Modules, handbooks, Brochures, etc.,
- Providing support to the ZPs in creating model panchayats

Selected States
- Rajasthan
- Madhya Pradesh
- Odisha
- Andhra Pradesh
- Karnataka

Coverage
100 GPs in selected 3 districts - Mysore, Dharwad & Uttara Kannada

Outcome
By the end of 2015 EWRs of Local Government will have the knowledge and capacity to design and implement policies, programmes and resource allocation for the gender sensitive governance.
Role of Zilla Panchayats

- Selection of 100 gram panchayats in each districts
- Identification of motivators at GP level
- Organizing Training Programmes in association with ANSSIRD
- Preparation of data base for the selected GPs
- Conduct of ward/mahila/gram sabhas in selected GPs
- Follow-up action on the decisions taken at Gram Sabha
- Convergence with line Departments
- Exposure visit to progressive villages and Panchayats
- Creating Model Panchayats, atleast 10 GPs per district

Programme Strategies

- Training and capacity building of the EWRs in local governance with
  - Specific focus on gender sensitisation
  - Combating domestic violence
  - Increasing role of women in decision making process
  - Issues related to women empowerment
  - Partnership with local NGOs, and SHGs
  - Gender based planning and budgeting
  - Skills upgradation for good Governance
  - Livelihood issues

Programme Partners

- Royal Norwegian Embassy
- UN Women
- MoPR GOI
- NIRD Hyderabad
- RDPR GoK
- ANSSIRD
- Selected Zilla Panchayats
- Implementation Unit
To promote the participation of EWRs in the administration of GP
To hold Gram/Ward/Mahila Sabha to facilitate women's attendance, women's participation and to encourage discussion on issues that can improve the quality of life of women
To facilitate the convergence of services at grass root level to enable women to utilize the same effectively

Creating Model Panchayats

Convergence with schemes such as

Improvement in women's health indices such as MMR, IMR etc.,
• Promotion of Institutional deliveries
• Reduction in anemia
• Decreased adult fertility rate
• Effective utilization of the available health services

2. Enhance the level of women's education-
• Enhance the literacy rate of women
• Decreasing drop out rate of girl children at all levels
• Utilization of computer and other technical courses under SSA

3. Improvement in nutrition status of women and children
• Effectively making use of the available services - ICDS, Midday Meal Programme etc.,
• Enhancing the knowledge on nutritiants of the locally available foods
• Promoting kitchen gardens
• Creating awareness on causes and solutions for major nutritional deficiencies

4. Emphasis on livelihood issues
• Strengthening of SHGs
• Promotion of IG Activities
• Focus on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and allied activities
• Promotion of Service sector

5. Sanitation
• Promoting villages to be as Nirmal village thus maintaining total sanitation
• Demonstrating school and anganwadi centres with sanitation facilities
• Exploring ways and means to convert waste into resource

• Sensitization of District and Taluk level officials on women political empowerment and gender based governance
• Reduction in the incidence of domestic violence by educating rural community
• Preparation of gender based plan at GP level