

## **OTHER PROGRAMMES**

**The following programmes are being implemented as field NGO**

### **I. RECLAIMING DROPOUT RURAL CHILDREN**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

A large number of children are unable to complete primary education for one reason or the other. To reclaim dropout children at the primary level, a project was prepared under which such children are groomed and motivated, with the help of dedicated teachers, to resume formal education. Such teaching centres, run with active support from village leaders and with books, learning material and nutrition provided to the students, aim to rekindle in them interest in studies so that they may be accepted in Government and other regular schools.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Coaching centres are opened in selected villages after detailed discussions with the Sarpanch and other influential leaders whose support and involvement are needed both to get suitable premises and to get the children to school.

Each centre caters, on an average, to 25 students and is run by a single teacher.

Each coaching centre is equipped with basic training aids and each student is given books and stationery.

Supplementary nutrition is provided to each student to keep him/ her in good physical condition and provide necessary motivation.

Assistance is given to children to get admission into Government run or aided schools. Incentive is provided to teachers who get more than 10 children from their center admitted to regular schools.

### **PROJECT FOR RECLAIMING DROP OUT RURAL CHILDREN FROM PRIMARY LEVEL AT MALERKOTLA**

State Govt. has sanctioned a project under Plan Scheme PM 6/PM 1.10 "Assistance to NGOs" for the Deptt. of Education for reclamation of drop out children in the age group 6 to 11 years in rural areas at primary level, in Malerkotla Tehsil of Distt. Sangrur which has substantial minority (Muslim) population. The project was implemented in 20 centres with total enrolment of 500 children out of which 385 were got admitted in govt/regular schools.

### **II. HIV/AIDS PROJECT**

Punjab State AIDS Control Society has sanctioned a Composite Targeted Intervention Project for Commercial Sex Workers (CSW), Male Sex Workers (MSM) and Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) at Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala with a grant of Rs. 13,18,275/-. The project started from April, 08 and 702 CSW, 120 MSM and 142 IDUs were persuaded to use suitable preventive measures against HIV/AIDS against target of 600 CSW, 100 MSM and 100 IDUs.

### **III. IMPARTING TRAINING TO PROMOTE BREAST FEEDING UNDER BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITAL INITIATIVE (BFHI)**

State Govt. had sanctioned a grant of Rs. 8.65 Lacs under the Plan Scheme PM 1.10 Assistance to NGOs for imparting training to promote breast feeding under Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) during Jan., 2008.

The scheme has been successfully implemented during the period from 16.1.2008 to 31.10.2008. Against the target of training of 360 Doctors and 360 Nurses and ANMs, 399 Doctors and 419 Nurses and ANMs have been trained under the scheme, besides imparting training to 20 Teachers of Medical Colleges and Nursing Schools. Doctors , Nurses and ANMs of Districts Ludhiana, Patiala, Sangrur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Nawanshehar, Hoshiarpur, Barnala, Bathinda, Mansa, Faridkot, Mukatsar, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Moga, Ropar and Mohali were trained with the active co-operation extended by the Director, FW, Punjab , DHS , Punjab, Director Medical Education & Research , Principals of Medical & Nursing Colleges and all Civil Surgeons.

The training was imparted by the resource persons who were all experts in the field of gynecology or pediatrics and most of whom had taken training in breastfeeding from the Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI).