

PROGRESS REPORT

MANUSKI SOCIAL PROJECT (APRIL 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 2014)

PROGRESS TOWARDS OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- Representative of MANUSKI talks on TV show (channel IBN Lokmat and E-TV Marathi) regarding to have Public Prosecutor's panel at district level under POA act and to run atrocity cases in fast track court.
- In order to make government accountable did joint fact finding and further intervention of 2 atrocity cases happened on dalits and filed 290 application with the assistance of activists and other organizations in Maharashtra state under Right to information Act, 2005 to receive information regarding POA Act and SCSP budget's information in Maharashtra state.
- Prepared the training module on economic rights and gender which will be used exclusively in the training for dalit and adivasi women.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- In Nitin Aage honor killing case, many organizations organized awareness programs after the fact finding done by the Manuski Trust. Due to the huge pressure from public and media not only social welfare department but political parties extended support to the victim's family. (Details followed in Case Study).
- In Chandrakant Gaikwad murder case, Adv. Vijay Sawant is assigned as Special Public Prosecutor and succeeded to get job for his wife in social welfare and justice department of government.
- Almost 40 Activist are trained in Right to Information Act (RTI) and now 15 activists (individual activists and organization) are voluntarily working with Manuski network in order to raise voice to make government accountable.
- A newly communication channel has been developed with 10 organizations. These organizations are now part of capacity building program and became partner of Manuski network.
- The impact of training on SCSP budget is that 15 participants from 15 districts now first time asking for SCSP/TSP budget copy (monthly planner and report) from their district in every month and started studying and asking government about its implantations.

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTCOMES

In the table below, please outline the activities undertaken during the reporting period towards the achievement of project outcomes (as outlined in the work plan).

OUTCOMES <i>What you were aiming to bring about</i>	(OUTPUTS) ACTIVITIES <i>What you did to bring about the outcomes.</i>	INDICATORS <i>Quantitative and qualitative evidence which measures success.</i>
A .TO MAKE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE		
<p>Making Government accountable to disadvantaged in India through filing of 5 RTI applications in the area of social change and development each year, submitting 6 facts finding reports to NHRC, developing campaign for budget rights of Schedule castes.</p>	<p><u>1.1)Participation in seminars and consultations related to the HR issues</u></p> <p>Representative from Manuski participated in the consultation held in Ahmedabad on 12th -13th September, 2014 on moving from caste based discrimination to annihilation of caste. The meeting believed that there is a need to go beyond reservation, violence and discrimination, towards an approach that takes into account the aim of complete demolition of the caste system. In the consultation had discussion on following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of moving from caste based discrimination to annihilation of caste. • Untouchability has been a matter of convenience for the dominant castes. • Need to look at the caste with the lenses of inter sectionality. • Psychological aspect of caste and religion playing role in transcending caste barriers. • Paradoxes and dilemmas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After deliberations from few more members Dalits situation today was discussed and all agreed to work on vulnerability index and advocate for it. • It was also decided to strengthened people's movements giving leadership to women within community beyond civil society organizations or NGO's. • Also, rights and entitlement advocacy and mobilization work should be strengthened at the district level with women's leadership.

	<p><u>1.2)Participated in the advance training organized by National Dalit Movement for Justice (NDMJ), Delhi on 17th to 20th June.</u></p> <p>The subject of the training was “Dalit Rights Monitoring - Intervention and Strategies”. Had discussion and sharing on following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dalit Human Rights Defenders had shared the intervened atrocity cases -Ordinance and Dynamics of the Training, understanding the amendments Ordinance strategies - Tools and strategies for effective monitoring of dalit human rights intervention in special court. - Atrocities tracking and monitoring system our interventions and plan of action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information of the training used in the Prevention of the Atrocity act training arranged by Manuski.
	<p><u>2)Submission of RTI’s to concern authorities.</u></p> <p>Submitted 290 applications under right to information act, 2005 to get information on majorly following issues :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines issues by the National human rights commission and State Schedule Caste Commission in order to combat against atrocities. • Reports of divisional police officers regarding intervention done in atrocities cases under POA act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maharashtra state and Pune district annual outlay and actual expenditure with percentage since 1980 to 2013. • No. of beneficiaries and expenditure done under Dadasaheb Gaikwad Schemes • No. of students enrolled in hostel and no. of student got scholarship since 1980 to 2012 under SCSP. • List of employees doing manual Scavenging work in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received information of 122 replies. Also sent 2nd application to the concern departments whose information is not satisfactory. • After analyzing received information the data shared with the activists and organizations through the training organized by Manuski in the budget and POA training. • There is a need of advocacy to put more pressure to establish panel of public

	Pune district.	prosecutor.
	<p>3) <u>Training on Right to Information Act, 2005 on 20th July, 2014</u></p> <p>Purpose of the training :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide technical knowledge of Right to Information Act, 2005 and raise marginalized communities' voice and making society and government accountable through them. • To provide for setting out the practical regime of RTI for targeted activist's and organizations to secure access to information under the control of Public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority <p>Sections studied & discussed in the training:</p> <p>1. Right to information. 4. Obligations of public authorities. 5. Designation of Public Information Officers. 6. Request for obtaining information. 7. Disposal of request. 8. Exemption from disclosure of information. 9. Grounds for rejection to access in certain cases. 10. Third party information 11. The central and state information commission 13. Powers and functions of Information Commissions. 14. Appeal. 15. Penalties.</p>	<p>• Number of Participants : Pune -27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants felt empowered by receiving thorough information in terms of accessing technical knowledge on RTI Act. • They assured to file 4 RTIs in their working areas on SCSP and POA, Act and will submit to district office. (27 activists * 4 RTI's=108) • Follow up of 4 RTI's will be taken in next advance training on RTI
	<p>4) <u>Organized Advance training on Right to Information Act on 25th August.</u></p> <p>As per decided in the last RTI training workshop, the advance training and follow up meeting has been organized. The 17 participants shared their experiences and difficulties after filing the RTI in their working area. The facilitator Mr. Ravikant Gautami has clarified their technical queries regarding getting the information. Planned to submit 11 RTI's on new identified issues. (15 activists * 11 RTI's =165 RTI's) Total 165 RTI's will be submitted at divisional and district level.</p>	<p>No. of participants :- 17</p> <p>Some activist received invitation to join the District Advised Committee. A team of 5 activists will be created in districts that will be going to work in future on dalit and adivasi issues. So (15 districts *5 activists = 90 activists team will be developed.</p>

	<p>5) <u>Fact Finding of atrocity cases</u></p> <p>Did Fact finding in following 2 atrocity cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honor Killing of Dalit Youth Nitin Aage in Kharda Village, Ahmadnagar District. (details followed in case study) • Mysterious death of Sundar Singh Pawar and his 3 daughters at Hingoli. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charge sheet has been received in Nitine age case. Adv. Vijay Sawant is assigned as Special Public Prosecutor for Nitin case. Received compensation from social welfare department. ▪ In Sundar singh pawar case the investigation is going on by police dept.
<i>B. DEVELOPMENT OF LOOSE NETWORK</i>		
<p>Development of loose network and working in coalition with other Dalit organisations from diverse caste, of DNTs, and Dalit women activists to create awareness, advocate, and campaign for their rights with special focus on Training and networking of women from marginalised communities in Maharashtra.</p>	<p><u>2.1 Regional training workshop to understand budget in General (Union & state)</u></p> <p>Conducted 2 days regional training workshop on 8th to 9th August 2014. Following are the main points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term income & expenditure in general • The role & responsibility of economic commission, planning commission, National Advisory Council and Finance Ministry. • Budget introduction. • Plan non plan budget • status report of Maharashtra • Law about AP / Karnataka. • Training & monitoring.(state/District) • Annual financial statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Participants: 38 • Participant organization and individual activists will collect district plan budget copy from their district and studied it.
	<p><u>Budget Training Organize by Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) on 25th - 26th September 2014.</u></p> <p>A representative has facilitated the training organized by CASA in Nagpur. In this training had discussion and information sharing on following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy Statement , A financial plan, An operations guide, A communication device, Russia Simulation 1950, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has understood that how to work with rural groups, rural based NGO'S. •Participants expressed their need to have another workshop on rural budgeting and tracking system.

	<p>Constitutional Provision, Constitutional Right to Economy(46), General understanding about budget, Importance of budget in human life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Formulation, Plan budget , Non plan Budget and process of budget, Taxes, Direct Taxes, Indirect taxes, • Budget Classification General service, Social service and Economical services • Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and its brief history and its implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demands - There should be Act of State and Central Budget, New-Buddhist should be included in the Scheduled Caste, There should be a separate Budget and its regulation (act) for VJNT, 50% reservation For Women in the Budget should be there, District budget – Transparency
	<p><u>To collect the resource material on dalit and adivasi women and their economic rights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited and had dialogue with the director of several women’s institutes like MASUM, Alochana, Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women’s studies centre, Stree Aadhar kendra, National Centre for Advocacy studies, Shraddha Mahila Vikas Sanstha, Yuva Parivartan Kendra for getting information and understand their views on Dalit –Adivasi women and their economic rights. 	<p>Developed a training module on Dalit-Adivasi women and their economic rights.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in all the meetings of Maitri National Women Network. This year Maitri Network going to launch campaign on violence against dalit, adivasi and NT-DNT women especially on 2 issues sexual violence against women domestic violence act. The objectives of the campaign will be to sensitize the judicial system and other stakeholders related to the issues. • Participated in the training organized by National Federation of Dalit Lang Rights Movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campaign will take place during 25th November to 10 December, 2014. • These trainings helped to developed 60 trained women paralegals who lead the land right movement statewide. Manuski’s representative is the part of this team.

	<p>(NFDLRM) held on 17th to 18th August, 2014 at Hyderabad DLRM. Due to lack of Dalit Women Leadership on Paralegal and in actual the major atrocities occurred on dalit Women's are land related clashes so the focus of these training was fact finding of such cases, advocacy methods, community initiation and campaigning pressuring government machineries to proper actions on the atrocities.</p>	
<p><i>C)CAPACITY BUILDING</i></p>		
<p>Capacity building (Technical and human rights advocacy) of 40 organisations from Dalits, DNTs and Manual Scavenging communities.</p>	<p><u>1)Training on Prevention of Atrocity Act, 1989</u> The workshop was aimed to familiarize activists, Journalists and members of NGO's working on Dalits and Adivasis with the law in relation to criminal procedure. Following points discussed in the workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the role and functions of Police in reporting a crime. • Procedural aspects regarding summons and warrant cases, arrests and remedies available when a person's rights have been violated like illegal arrests/ detention, compensation for violation of constitutional rights and filing a complaint with the NHRC. • Advocates and Courts, Bail, Anticipatory Bail, its types and trial. • Victims of Kharda, Baramati, Hingoli and Nanded were present to study their cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total No. of participants: 27. • This was an unique kind of training where victims and activists learned together. An activists and victims got an opportunity to have direct communication with Special Public Prosecutor. • The victims and activist felt empowered to address the atrocities cases by their own.
	<p><u>Training in Technical capacity Building for newly identified organizations/activists</u> Conducted 2 days workshop on 25th to 26th Sept. 2014. The purpose of the workshop was to build the technical capacity of NGO's working on the issues of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of Participants: 20 • Besides technical requirements for the organization the participants found the session on fund raising i.e. principles and

	<p>Dalit and marginalized communities. Following are the main points discussed in the training :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM, Change reports, Income Tax 12 A & 80 G, Reports, Income tax returns and related matter, Proceeding books, books of account and other mandatory requirement. • Importance of documentation in project and it's phases like 1) Initiation phase 2) Definition phase 3) Planning Phase 4) Control Phase 5) Implementation Phase 6) Review phase and fundraising. 	<p>methods of fund raising was very useful for their organization's sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking presence of NGO's working with Dalit women found the workshop useful and showed their willingness to work with Manuski.
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CHALLENGES – CONTEXTUAL, PROJECT SPECIFIC AND/OR ORGANISATIONAL LESSONS LEARNED

- The training with the victims and activists regarding Prevention of atrocity act found very productive as victims felt empowered to do follow up of their case independently. The challenges faced by the activists while doing intervention in atrocity cases got minimizes due to the legal capacity building of them.
- While working with different human rights networks at state and national level helps us to learn issues at wider level.
- Basic training on SCSP budget and technical capacity building of organizations are useful to strengthen the grassroots level organization. They are now asking about their welfare budget to local and district level administration which resulted into making government system accountable.

FUTURE PLANS OF THE PROJECT

- Manuski Trust has developed communication channel while participating in the different network's programs regarding the dalit and adivasi's human rights. Manuski trust has an opportunity to extend the projects at wider level. While developing these proposals, there is need to enhance organizational technical capacity. Therefore organized 2 days vision building workshop on 23rd to 24th September with internal staff of the Manuski. During these 2 days workshop came up with 25 points program which includes restructuring of Manuski, administration, Human rights policy, roles and responsibilities, monthly activity planner, fund generation, internal staff relationship building. Manuski team now working on these 25 points program to improve the performance of the organization.

CASE STUDIES

Honor Killing of Dalit Youth Nitin Aage in Kharada Vilage of Ahmednagar District

This is an honor killing case of dalit youth by the dominant caste Hindus on 28th April 2014 at Kharada village of Ahmednagar district. The name of the deceased is Nitin Aage, a 17 years old boy belonging to Mahar caste (SC). He was studying in 12th standard. On 28th April, the accused named Sachin Golekar, Sheshrao Yevale, Aakash Surve and other 11 persons belonging to Maratha caste paraded deceased Nitin throughout the village and took him to the bricks kiln of perpetrator Yevale where deceased Nitin was assaulted brutally with the sticks and iron rod, also applied hot iron scorch on his body then hanged him to the tree with the rope around his neck.

Team Members of Fact finding

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9. Dr.Sanjay Dabhade, Activist	10. Dr. Dhende, Corporator, Pune

Our Interventions so far:

The accused are dominant caste Hindus and having a strong political influence in the locality, therefore there was hindrance in investigation and further case proceedings. The fact finding team entered in village and had a talk with victim's family and relatives. Collected following documents:-

- First information Report on dated 28th April 2014.
- Copy of Statement of Complainant (Father of deceased)
- Statement of Witness1 (Mother of deceased Statement of Witness 2 (Uncle of deceased)
- Caste Certificate of Complainant
- Photos of the Victim and place of incidence, News Paper Cuttings

Due to continuous follow up the case registered under section 302, 201, 143, 147, 148 & 149 of Indian Penal code , section 3(2)(V) under POA Act, 1989 & section 7(1)(D) of PCR Act against 11 accused at Jamkhed police station The case got recognition in state and national media. Many organizations launched a campaign on this issue and conducted several rallies. Due to the pressure from all the sources succeeded to get government job for one of the victim's family member. Victim's family received compensation of Rs. 1, 50,000 from social welfare department. Also Advocate. Vijay Sawant, a special public prosecutor who is sensitive in handling such kind of cases is following the case.