

Reaching out to the Villages through the District Administration

Case Study of Village Khurrampur, Farrukhnagar Block,
Gurugram Dt, Haryana

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Motivation to go through District Administration

- Suggested in the communications received from MHRD.
- No funds allocated under UBA for field level implementation.
- For any long term sustenance, involvement of District Administration important.
- Considered as one of the desirable routes in the first draft of DPR prepared by IITD.
- Notification by MoRD to Directors of CFTIs inviting them to participate in development of backward regions through UBA

Choice of the Village

- IITD team Considered Farukhnagar block in Gurugram District
 - Due to closeness to IITD
 - Prior experience of CRDT in taking up projects in that block
- Appointment with the DC in Oct 2015
 - DC was not aware of UBA
 - Heard us out and put us in touch with the SDM, Farukhnagar
- Subsequent meetings with SDM and the BDPO
- BDPO identified Khurrampur for adoption by IITD
- Basis: The village was under 3-village panchayat earlier, did not get any funds for development. Also population only of OBC/SC.

Establishing Contact with Villagers

- The first gram sabha in the village organised by the BDPO.
- BDPO, Gram Sachiv, JE - other functionaries from panchayat office attended the meeting.
- IITD team invited to the meeting
- The villagers very happy to have BDPO visit their village. A lot of complaints got registered.
- Villagers submitted a list of problems being faced by them.

The Next Steps

- First village panchayat soon after our visit.
- The Sarpanch very enthusiastic in village development.
- A few visits by the IITD team to the village to understand the ground reality better.
- A few meetings with the BDPO to get greater clarity on how to proceed.
- A baseline survey for every household conducted through students.
- A few points of intervention identified.
- BDPO promoted and moved out of Farukhnagar!

Meeting with ADC

- ADC not aware of UBA. Was briefed.
- Advised us to prepare a Village Development Plan.
- The same took a few months.
- In the next meeting, were asked to prepare proposals for a few activities.
- A proposal for SWM was prepared.
- ADC got promoted to DC position.

Meeting with DC

- It took several months to get an appointment with DC.
- Once the meeting was fixed up, he invited SDM and all panchayat level functionaries to attend.
- A very fruitful meeting with the nodal officer identified for UBA activities in Khurrampur.
- Whatsapp group for regular communication.

Response of other officials

- After this meeting, we started getting support from all officials.
- Met JE, Gram Sachiv. Invited them to IITD along with Sarpanch.
- Recently met the SDM after doing ground work for a few activities.
- Response of SDM very positive.
- What next.... Yet to be seen

Lessons so far

- Perseverance helps
- Worth working with the district administration to get credibility and have right utilization of available funds.

Thank You

Background

- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan launched by MHRD in November 2014
 - To provide a framework for academic institutions to participate in rural development activities
- Guidelines provided by MHRD to educational institutions in August 2015
 - To work in consultation with District Administrations
- Teams from IITD formed to work with different village clusters
- One team chose to work in Farrukhnagar area
 - Meeting with then DC of Gurugram, Sh. T.L. Sathyaprakash in October 2015
 - Khurrampur village identified in a meeting with SDM and BDO in November 2015
 - Gram Sabha in Khurrampur on December 2, 2015 to identify problems

Background

- Issues identified for during Gram Sabha
 - No proper roads in the village. Even the main *phirani* is *kuccha* and full of slush.
 - Severe shortage of drinking water
 - No drainage of wastewater (grey water). It flows through the streets resulting in all roads being slushy.
 - No place for putting garbage.
 - No primary health centre in the village.
 - Very few families have a toilet.
- Village Panchayat elections were held in January-February 2016
 - The present panchayat with Mr. Vinod Kumar as Sarpanch took over in February 2016.

Objectives of Intervention

- To effectively participate in the holistic development of the village Khurampur by preparing an integrated plan for the development of the village
 - Using eco-friendly sustainable technologies and local resources
 - Creating sufficient employment opportunities
 - Harnessing multifarious Govt. schemes.
- To liaison with district administration and panchayati raj institutions
 - To help them prioritize the fund allocation to various developmental activities
 - To provide necessary inputs on technologies to be implemented in the field

Methodology

The experts from various fields of knowledge should come together to create an integrated plan for village development. Steps:

- Identification of the areas in which IITD can provide technical inputs and experts in the areas
- A coordinated effort with each expert
 - Conducting village level surveys to get information required for preparation of the plan.
- Integration of all these components to prepare a holistic plan.
- Obtaining cost estimates for the plan
- Discussion of the plan with the District officials, viz., the DC, SDM, BDO and the Sarpanch
 - to seek advice on which schemes can be used to provide funds for the same.
- Presentation of the plan to the Gram Panchayat and the Gram Sabha and fine-tuning based on feedback

Methodology

- Providing the technical support in implementation of this plan
 - Preparation of technical specifications in tenders
 - Selection of the suppliers
 - Oversee the work to ensure compliance with the specifications.
- Provide support in monitoring and evaluation of the implementation
 - Guiding the technical personnel who can be hired by the Panchayat.
 - Helping these technical personnel in preparing the monitoring and evaluation report
- Preparation of a consolidated report of all the experiences
- Preparation of guidelines for participation of any technical institute in the development of a village

Activities undertaken

- Interaction with villagers in *gram sabhas* as well as informally
- Digitization of village map
- House-to-house survey
- Compilation of data from survey
- Prioritization of the needs of the community
- Preparation of VDP

Activities undertaken

- Arrangement with AYUSH ministry for visit of physicians to village
 - Fortnightly visits of Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic Physicians
- Visit of different faculty experts
 - Assessment of roads
 - Assessment of drainage and water treatment potential
 - Testing of water from the two ponds and drinking water
- Visit of NGO Chintan to assess potential for solid waste management
 - Identification of potential site for Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
 - Preparation of a proposal for implementation of SWM

Activities undertaken

- Employment Generation and Empowerment:
 - Visit of Sh. Varun Vidyarthi to encourage self-help groups formation and strengthening their operation
 - Visit of KVIC personnel to brief villagers on PMEGP
 - Preparation and submission of proposals under PMEGP for interested villagers
 - Follow up with banks to help materialization of loans
 - Links established with National Skill Development Corporation
 - Visit of faculty experts to site of pottery kiln
 - Project proposal for improvement of kiln efficiency and emissions

Plan of further activities

Support of Administration Required

- Solid Waste Management
 - Need to set up a Material Recovery Facility for sorting and composting / recycling solid waste
 - Facility can be expanded to cater to nearby villages / towns – can be a source of income to Panchayat
 - Proposal from NGO Chintan already available for further action
- Water Management
 - Need for installation of a low-cost grey water treatment unit to clean up inflow to the ponds
 - Cleaning up of the ponds to make them fit for livestock use
 - Repair and restoration of drinking water bore well in the village

Plan of further activities

Support of Administration Required

- Use of Solar Energy
 - Installation of a solar photovoltaic roof on the primary school building
 - Creating charging station for e-rickshaws and other batteries such as solar lanterns for residences
 - Installation of solar street lights at key locations
- Health Services
 - Need to set up an AYUSH clinic for primary health services for the region
 - AYUSH ministry needs a proposal from the State Government

Plan of further activities

Support of Administration Required

- Income Generation Activities
 - Training village youth in supporting and administering self help groups effectively
 - Financial and social empowerment of women
 - Meaningful engagement and employment of youth
 - PMEGP Loans from banks: facilitation by administration required
 - Skill development for youth: NSDC
 - Cluster development under KVIC
 - Khurrampur is a potential site for potters' cluster

Plan of further activities

Support of Administration Required

- Improvement of Primary School and Aanganwadi
 - Redesign with expert help in making these spaces stimulating for young children
 - Support and funding from administration
- E-governance
 - IITD students can help in setting up kiosks and digitizing data
 - Guidance to be provided by the District Administration