

SAPATH- the AREA LEVEL FEDERATION INVOLVEMENT IN SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

At ward no -1 ALF - the SAPATH consist of 13 SHGs recognize the threat of poor sanitation combined with open defecation presents to human health, dignity, and prosperity. The initiative of **SAPATH - the ALF** is one of the exemplary work being done to bring sanitary services to their ward, and women SHG members are advancing these efforts in their communities. The women groups are in close coordination with the municipal corporation and Mahila Arogya samiti continuously striving for mobilising the inhabitants and engaged in providing sanitation and household toilet facilities for all through *Swachh Bharat* (Clean India) Campaign. These groups of ten top fifteen women each have not only helped their communities to use toilet but also empowered women. The efforts made by ALF members to mobilise household in the construction and use of toilets, in their households & in the entire ward as well. The ALF constructed toilets in their individual homes in convergence through IHSDP (Jnnurm). There is no doubt, their leadership have improved the dignity, safety, and health of all the people in these wards by using individual toilet or community toilet. These groups and their federal body ALF develops sanitation plans, mobilizing resources for operation and maintenance of community toilets, and rationally thinking for piloting sanitation technology- bio fertiliser. It is clear there is a lot to be learned from the engagement of these women-led self-help groups. "Self Help Groups (SHGs) and the Area Level Federation are increasingly becoming a pillar of support for the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in Berhampur Municipality Corporation. They have also started a Betel shop very close to Community toilet for which they can look after the cleanliness of the toilet and earn some from the shop for future sustainability. They have been instrumental in quality construction of toilets as well as community mobilisation in their ward," The ALF members are involved in SBM and delivering services as agents of change in their respective ward. In course of time ALF will bring about the desired behaviour change."

Total House hold in the Haridakhandi Kadali bada street (Ward no 1) = 130
Total individual toilet in the Haridakhandi kadali bada street (Ward no 1) =110
Community toilet in the Haridakhandi (Ward no 1) = 1
ALF already registered & their Account opened in the Bank.
All SHGs in the ALF received Revolving Fund @10,000/- from DAY-NULM.





ALF Members Managing Community Toilet



ALF managing shop near to toilet for future sustainability.

Sanitation Drive by ALF and the associated SHGs

This was a great beginning and that the concept of sanitation drives in ward no-1 had greater focus on usage of toilets than mere construction. It is expected the output of this drive would bring collective behaviour change, by all in for proper environmental health, hygiene and cleanliness. About 13 numbers of SHG members actively involved in this sanitation drive and other ALF are critically watching the initiatives and observe how it facilitating for improved living.



Awareness drive on Swachh Bharat Mission



Spray to control mosquito breeding



Awareness drive on sanitation and on dengue

Campaign to check spreading of Dengue.

Acknowledging the importance of SHG and their Area Level Federation participation in health, envisage a longer-term, more sustainable approaches that produce impressive health results especially in control of spreading of Dengue. ALF of Ward No1 with support of SHGs mobilised their fellow community members initiated awareness drive for effective prevention of the disease. The women groups initiated the campaign and spread the message as there is no specific antiviral treatment or vaccine against dengue is available, modification of individual behaviour is essential in mosquito-control initiatives. This means that individual households must accept responsibility for the control of mosquitoes in their surroundings. The ALF with support of the SHG groups developed concrete micro plan and strategically engaged with Municipal Corporation in identification of breeding ground, cleaning of garbage and intimation to corporation staff for insecticide space sprays.



Alf members are engaged in cleaning pond at slum