

Extension Activities

As the Institute's social responsibility towards the neighbourhood communities and the society, the Institute has always responded to the emerging needs. Over the period the Institute has initiated number of extension projects which played a dual role, responded to the needs to the community and also. As the needs of the community changed with the process of development of the locality, some of the extension activities were closed.

Family Counselling Centre:

Established in the year 1988, Family Counselling Centre (FCC) aims at strengthening individuals and their relationship with others, through understanding, collaboration, facilitating positive changes, providing comprehensive education, referral and counselling services.

It is a counselling centre that provides counselling services to deal with family and marital issues. Along with this supportive services like legal aid, referral services to shelter homes etc are provided. Family Counselling Centre (FCC) works to deal with the problem of domestic violence against the women and children and to provide counselling, legal aid, referral and rehabilitative services to the victims of domestic violence.

The outreach activities of the centre include pre-marital education and counselling services to the youth at the college and community level, legal literacy, women's issues such as anemia among women, cancer awareness programmes and women empowerment programmes either independently or in collaborations with NGOs and community based organizations. FCC works in close collaboration with the Police, Family Court, shelter homes and other women's' organizations and NGOs in Pune.

Family Counselling Centre is also working with women prisoners and offering counselling services to women inmates in Central Prison, Yerwada, Pune

The centre is supported by Maharashtra State Social Welfare Board.

Institute is organizing outreach programmes and client support programmes in collaboration with ICDS, Family Courts, Legal Aid Cell of ILS Law College, and Rotary Club of Poona West.

Centre for Development of Appropriate Trade Skills (C-DATS)

C-DATS Centre was established in 1995 with the help of the Special Grants Project of Rotary International. In 1997 in collaboration with Inter-Aide, France, the Loan disbursement activity for income generation was started in the Market yard area for women and youth.

This project provided vocational training to the youth in the community and job placements after training. The Centre at Market yard has disbursed loans to about 300 beneficiaries in order to set up small business enterprises. Since its inception, more than 5000 youths have been trained in various vocations such as tailoring, leather bags making, computer literacy, fashion designing, book binding, beauty parlour and typing.

Presently the Centre is running a binding unit and fashion designing and tailoring course for the women and young girls from the neighbourhood community

Tech Mahindra NGO Resource Centre

Tech Mahindra NGO Resource Centre was launched by Tech Mahindra Foundation and Karve Institute of Social Service in 2013. Resource Centre of Karve Institute of Social Service & Tech Mahindra Foundation, Pune is a platform where NGOs can network and build partnerships with other NGOs and compatible organizations.

The NGO Resource Centre aims to become a point of reference which will address the needs of NGOs especially through capacity building. It will also act as a catalyst in order to encourage NGOs to keep evolving according to emerging trends, so that they are better able to cater to the needs of their stakeholder groups

The Key activities of NGO Resource Centre are:

- ***Capacity Building***

With the above mentioned objectives NGO Resource Center has conducted a Training Needs Assessment of NGOs in 2013-14. According to the needs of the NGOs, NGO Resource Center has conducted various Capacity building training Programmes. Some of the training programmes were focusing on the specific issues such as children with special needs, education, rights of the child, etc. however majority of the training programmes focused on building up specific competencies leading towards efficacy of the organization and staff. These included project proposal writing, Log frame analysis, baseline documentation and documenting changes due to the organizations intervention, administrative and accounts related systems and governance. Participants were from NGOs working in the field of education, employment, Child rights, women empowerment, disability and rural development. The resource faculty included eminent professionals from NGOs, Academic institutions, researchers, writers and government officials.

- ***Networking Events:***

Purpose of the networking event is to bring together various stakeholders interested in the same issue together. Through these networks, NGO Resource Centre has brought together schools for the children with special needs and officials of the Directorate of Handicapped Welfare on the same platform and it has helped in initiating a dialogue to resolve some of the issues jointly. The same efforts were done on Child Rights issues.

- ***Fellowship Programme***

NGO Resource Centre has also initiated Fellowship Programme in the year 2014- 15. We have given fellowship to two young social work professionals, to implement their innovative ideas in the field of Education and Employment. This fellowship has been for 10 months. One fellow has conducted modules on the motivation for education and career guidance for the children (both school going and out of school) from poor socioeconomic groups in collaboration with two NGOs in Pune. The detailed documentation of the process was done. One NGO has decided to replicate the model in 17 more schools or community pockets. Another Fellow has worked on 'Increasing the enrollment of girls in ITIs in rural areas.

- ***Student Support***

Under this project, loan scholarship has been extended to the economically needy students, fifty four students of MSW programme received financial support to pay fees, mess bill, meet expenses of the study tour, or research study. This supports the unwritten policy of the Institute that no student has to leave the course due to financial constraints or crisis.

- ***Support to the Cell for SC/ST/NT-DNT/OBC and Minority***

Students' Cell NGO Resource Centre has extended financial support to the annual conference organized by the Cell for SC/ST/ND-DNT/OBC and Minority Student's Cell.

- ***Resource Library***

NGO Resource Centre has a small library facility where reference material for the NGOs is made available. It includes reference books, training modules, IEC material, information regarding NGO management etc.

Muskaan

Muskaan began campaign against Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) with the initiative of Aalochana. In response to the growing demand for sensitization and awareness regarding CSA and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), Muskaan started working proactively on these issues with schools and in the communities. Now Muskaan is working on creating awareness regarding CSA and POCSO in schools, government residential institutions for children and communities, training teachers and social workers on the related issues, intervention and counselling to the victims of CSA and their families and counselling to the minor sexual offenders...

Presently Muskaan is working towards creating awareness among the parents, teachers, various groups who come into contact with children and society at large regarding Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and Prevention of Child Sexual Offences Act (POCSO). Muskaan also deals with the cases of CSA in collaboration with schools. Muskaan is functioning under the auspices of Karve Institute since June 2015

Forum for Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH)

The forum for Prevention of Sexual Harassment evolved out of the orientation workshops conducted for the external members on Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) established under Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place Act, 2013.

Many participants felt that there needs to be a forum to strengthen the external members and support the organizations to develop the policy for ICC and strengthen the ICCs. Therefore, NGO Resource Centre took the initiative to form the forum of NGO representatives on ICC. The forum emerged during the workshop on 'Strengthening ICC and Capacity Building of ICC Members'. The core committee was formed in this meet to take it ahead the forum.

It is a vibrant forum now, and many public sector organizations, industries, educational institutions have approached us to support them to develop the policy and protocols of ICC, orient their staff regarding the sexual harassment issues and conduct workshop for ICC members. PSUs and Corporate houses have sought support from POSH Forum to form ICC and for the orientation of ICC members regarding the act, procedures and their role on the committee.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute has requested the Forum to undertake the awareness and capacity building of the staff of Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) schools on this issue.

Community Mobilizers' Project in Collaboration with Yardi Software India Pvt Ltd.

'Engagement of Community Mobilisers for Urban Community Development Project' is a joint venture of Yardi Software India Pvt Ltd (YSIPL) CSR and Karve Institute of Social Service (KInSS) initiated in January 2016. The project will focus on appointment and capacity building the local community Mobilizers (CMs) in the community development programmes of Yardi will be the major focus. Currently Yardi-CSR is working in five wards of Pune Municipal Corporation in more than 40 urban communities with the focus on health, sanitation, education, vocational training and garbage segregation and composting. The Community Mobilizers will be the key contact between the Yardi CSR team and local communities and will support YSIPL-CSR team in mobilization of people and contribute towards the sustainability of the project.