

## Uttarakhand Disaster Rehabilitation Initiative

### A Monthly Newsletter

#### Our Commitment

In June 2013 natural calamity affecting thousands of people in Uttarakhand is very unfortunate. CII foundation stands by the distressed and is committed to provide all possible support. CII and its membership have always worked pro-actively for relief & sustainable rehabilitation at the time of such crises. We are happy to share with you all that all the projects under CII Foundation Uttarakhand disaster R&R initiative are progressing well and we are committed to provide full support to the people of Uttarakhand on the following interventions -

- Rebuilding schools in Tehri district
- Employment oriented skill development training
- Rebuilding ITI Srinagar
- Community based livelihood interventions

#### Meeting of State Task Force



On 9 September 2014, a meeting of State Task Force on Uttarakhand Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation Initiative was held at CII Uttarakhand State Office Dehradun. The main agenda of the meeting was to review the progress on R&R initiatives and to finalize the contractor for the reconstruction of phase II schools. STF appreciated the progress of ongoing rehabilitation initiatives and also finalized the contractors for the reconstruction of schools under phase II.

#### Reconstruction of Phase I Schools

On 16, 17 & 22 September 2014 CII Foundation team, jointly with officials of Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) of Tehri district, visited the construction sites of primary and upper primary schools of Devprayag and Jaunpur Blocks and reviewed the progress of construction. Architect of the project reviewed technically and gave further instructions to contractor. The team also met members of School Management Committee. Status of the construction of phase 1 schools are as follows :

- **Primary School, Bagwan**- Plastering of building completed, construction of toilets & kitchen going on.
- **Upper Primary School Satagad**- Placing of truss is going on.
- **Primary School Mulya**- the construction over plinth level completed till door band.
- **Primary School Sinjal**- Brick work in foundation completed till plinth level



The constructions of PS Bagwan and UPS Satagad will be completed by December 2014 & PS Sinjal & Mulya will be completed by March 2015 .



#### Progress on Phase II Re-construction of Schools

Necessary approvals from State Govt & SSA have been received . Process of auction / demolition of the existing school buildings by SSA is in progress

#### Community Based Livelihood Interventions

##### **Project HEAL-Herb for Empowerment & Livelihood** *Herbal plantation project at Wachcham village, Bageshwar*

Two plantation cycles have been completed at Wachcham village wherein Kala Jeera & Tulsi have been planted. The plants of Kala Jeera & Tulsi are growing well. The Kala Jeera will be harvested in March 2015 while Tulsi will be harvested in October 2014. At present 3<sup>rd</sup> plantation cycle is in progress wherein Rosemary is being planted.





## Empowering Women through Rebuilding Livelihoods Setting up of a spinning center for 83 women at village Devli Bhanigram

The construction of spinning center at village Devli Bhanigram is progressing well & is expected to be completed by November 2014. Since April 2014 to August 2014, all 222 beneficiaries got advance training in handloom value chain i.e. spinning, weaving, knitting, embroiding and painting. After this training the productivity per spinner has been increased from 20-60 gm per day (4 hrs) to 50-100 gm per day. The project is part of the Mandakini Mahila Bunkar Samiti livelihood project for 222 women from 7 most disaster impacted villages of Kedar valley.

## Interventions on Community based Environmental Awareness

### Project PEACE—Plantation for Environmental Awareness and Creative Education.

The project PEACE, which is a joint initiative of CII Foundation, Godrej & Boyce Mfg Co Ltd and Eco Task Force of Garhwal Rifles (127 Inf Bn (TA) Eco GARH RIF) has been finalised. The main objectives of this project is to create awareness amongst community and school children towards environmental protection by forestation and to enhance the mental & physical growth of school children by providing clean and child friendly environment. The village Dungere-Maikot in Gopeshwar of Chamoli district has been selected as project area. The project has four major components.

- Reducing the risk of slope instability by planting 5000 trees in and around school premises and village.
- Rebuilding the recreational facility such as playground for organizing games for the school children.
- Making available to school children educational material & other items such as school bags, stationary, solar lantern.
- Establishing toilet facility in the school premises



## National Workshop on Uttarakhand Recovery Action-Sharing of Experience

The United Nations jointly with National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) Government of India and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) conducted a National Workshop on "Uttarakhand Recovery Action-Sharing of Experience" at New Delhi on 27 August 2014. The main objective of this workshop was to bring together a broad range of participants from the government, civil society, private sector, and the international community that have participated in relief & recovery efforts in Uttarakhand as well as other government representatives from national & state level for sharing of experience & good practices & deliberations on opportunity for improved humanitarian action in India.

CII Foundation participated the workshop sharing its experiences. Publications & resource material related to CII Foundation Uttarakhand Disaster R&R initiatives were also shared with the delegates.

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