



Stakeholder Consultation of Unnati – Aao Sanwarein Apna Kal project

Development Alternatives in partnership with Honda Scooters and Motorcycles Pvt. Ltd., initiated a project 'Unnati - Aao Sanwarein Apna Kal' in four villages of Manesar, Gurgaon to build a society where girls' lives are transformed as self-reliant individuals amongst families and society at large. The project aimed to identify and support girls who are talented and aspire to achieve something inspirational in their lives. The project has supported 100 girls from July 2017 to January 2019 through various interventions, including community mobilisation activities, street plays, rallies and involving girls in vocational training courses. 40 students have been trained as WASH Ambassadors promoting good health practices in their schools and in the community. The project has also intended to encourage parents and other relevant stakeholders and transform them as agents of change for their community by enhancing and realising their aspirations.

A stakeholder consultation was organised on 13th February, 2019 with the objective of sharing experiences, learnings and findings of the programme and explore pathways to strengthen the work on ground. The consultation was attended by Sarpanch, trainers, community resource persons. Trainees who have been certified under the skill development centre shared their success stories and the way it has impacted their lives. One of the participants from Nakhdaula village (Manesar) expressed through a poem on how her life transformed after becoming a part of the project. A few women also stated that the project has helped them to enhance their confidence which has enabled them to take up entrepreneurial activity from home. They earn Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 3,000 a month which is helping them in supporting their family needs to certain extent. A few women who have been dropped out from school, have decided to pursue their education further through open schooling. During the session, the community resource persons appointed by DA for the project have encouraged the girls above 21 years of age to join this initiative and transform their lives and become change agents in the society.

This workshop became a platform to bring out the significance of women and girls in the family and society also make them aware about the potential and strengths of women. It is envisaged that the stakeholders would further share their learnings with the community members and help create a positive atmosphere for the women.