



UN WOMEN Virtual Training Session

Development Alternatives (DA) under the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning Programme (SCE Project) supported by UN Women participated in a virtual training session for understanding the Kolibri platform on 5 April 2021. The session was led by Learning Equality, an organisation committed to building new, open, and fundamentally human-centered educational models, to develop skills that empower learners to fulfill their potential, to promote human flourishing.

Under the SCE Project, DA has partnered with Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN) and is working towards knowledge development and transference and providing technical support for the development of women-led non-farm enterprises in four states of India - Rajasthan, Odisha, Bihar, and Maharashtra. A major part of the project is dedicated to knowledge building and its packaging in innovative tools to truly unleash the latent entrepreneurial energies of communities.

Kanika Verma, Programme Director, and Upma Singh, Deputy Manager, Development Alternatives Group participated in the training session. Representatives from other organisations like PRADAN, Pratham, AAINA, Manjari Foundation, Agha Khan, Anandi India, Chaitanya, were also part of the session which was focused on developing a collective understanding of the Kolibri Learning platform.

Kolibri is an open-source educational platform designed to provide offline access to a curated and openly licensed content library with pedagogical support tools for use in low-resource and low-connectivity contexts. The participants agreed on its usefulness as the diverse content library can be shared offline with the communities in different geographies. Through interactive sessions, the group also shared instances where the online courses can be shared with specific target groups. Ranging from educational courses to modules on entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities the platform is a one-stop solution for civil society organisations working at the grassroots.

At the end of the session, the DA team also shared the potential of collaboration between Kolibri and DA to ensure the exchange of diverse modules and tools for the creation of sustainable livelihoods in underserved regions across the globe.

