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Regional Specialized Training Programme on **Developing Soft Skills of Mission Functionaries for Effective Citywide Implementation under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**

26th - 27th April 2023 at Agartala, Tripura.

Key Highlight

The key highlight of this programme was the group exercise to identify soft skills for advocacy and networking through interpersonal approach and team building for effective citywide implementation under DAY-NULM.

BACKGROUND

The multi-dimensional categories of urban poverty and various vulnerabilities faced by the poor in cities and towns such as occupational, residential and social, need to be addressed in a comprehensive and integrated manner with a focus on the vulnerable groups so that a satisfactory impact can be made on ground. The National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) was launched by the then Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA), Government of India in 2013 with the objectives to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities. The mission aims at providing shelters equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in a phased manner. In addition, the mission also addresses livelihood concerns of the urban street vendors by facilitating access to suitable spaces, institutional credit, social security and skills to them for accessing emerging market opportunities.

The main focus of the mission is on building strong grassroots level institutions of the urban poor to sustain the mission work which needs to develop required performance enhancing skills of mission functionaries in a coordinated manner with the multiple stakeholders. Thus, there is an emerging need to develop soft skills among them.

Considering this, Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies (RCUES) of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG), Mumbai organized a Regional Specialized Training Programme on 'Developing Soft Skills of Mission Functionaries for Effective Citywide Implementation under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)' on 26th - 27th April 2023 at Agartala, Tripura. This training programme was supported by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India (GoI).

KEY OBJECTIVE

The key objective of this training programme was to encourage the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and other stakeholders in effective implementation of the DAY-NULM with a special focus on the soft skills development.

PARTICIPATION

In all 48 participants comprising State Mission Managers, District Mission Managers, City Missions Managers, Project Officers, Dy. Project Officers, Community Organizers, Officials from Finance Department and concerned departments from the State of Tripura attended this training programme.

INTRODUCTION



Ms. Maleka Ansari, Sr. Research Officer (SRO), RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai addressing the participants.

The training programme was commenced with an introduction by Ms. Maleka Ansari, Sr. Research Officer (SRO), RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai. She welcomed the dignitaries, resource persons and

participants. She briefed them about the objective of the training programme and also mentioned the activities conducted by RCUES, Mumbai in training, capacity building and research.

INAUGURATION

The specialized training programme was inaugurated by Mr. Prasada Rao Vaddarapu, IFS, Mission Director, Tripura Urban Livelihoods Mission (TULM), Urban Development Department (UDD), Government of Tripura, in the presence of Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG, India and Mr. Shravan Hardikar, Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps, Government of Maharashtra and Ms. L. Darlong, Tripura Civil Services (TCS), Addl. Mission Director, DAY-NULM, Government of Tripura, Agartala by lighting the traditional lamp.



Mr. Prasada Rao Vaddarapu, IFS, Mission Director, TULM, UDD, Government of Tripura inaugurated the training programme by lighting the lamp. (L to R) Ms. Maleka Ansari, SRO, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai, Ms. L. Darlong, TCS, Addl. Mission Director, DAY-NULM, Government of Tripura, Agartala, Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG, and Mr. Shravan Hardikar, Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps, Government of Maharashtra.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Vaddarapu highlighted on the various missions implemented in cities of Tripura state for the development of infrastructure, improvement of socio-economic status and upgradation of service delivery mechanism for the betterment of the city dwellers. He further spoke on the efforts of UDD through various missions to provide services like safe drinking water, sewerage system, low-cost sanitation, drains, employment opportunities, financial support through loans, construction of pucca houses and drains, etc.



Mr. Prasada Rao Vaddarapu, IFS, Mission Director, TULM, UDD, Government of Tripura addressing the participants.

Further he discussed the importance of the DAY-NULM implementation in cities of Tripura State with a special focus on SHGs formation in order to strengthen bottom level institution. He added that more drives and pushes are necessary in terms of skills and knowledge for effective participation of women in SHGs for their socio-economic development activities.

Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG gave the keynote address in which he said that implementation of the

DAY-NULM is an appropriate opportunity for the poor people with special focus on women to integrate and to strengthen their existence by achieving their socio-economic development and empowerment.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The first session on 'Government Policy Initiatives for Achieving Sustainable Development in Cities' was conducted by Dr. Jairaj Phatak. He commenced the session with a brief discussion on various urban development schemes and programmes which were introduced for upgradation of the vulnerable sections of the urban areas.



Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG addressing the participants.

Further he highlighted the current scenario of various missions as are being implemented in urban areas by mentioning their funding pattern towards development of infrastructure as well as socio physical achievements. He advised the participants to make efforts to devise local level strategies in order to improve livelihood opportunities under the DAY-NULM.

The next session on 'Stratégies to Implement Poverty Alleviation through DAY-NULM' was conducted by Mr. Shravan Hardikar, Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps, Government of Maharashtra. He briefly discussed the spectrum of poverty by stating that a paradigm shift is needed to eradicate poverty - antyodaya in true sense! He said the DAY-NULM supports the formation of bottom level institutions at ULB level, as a platform to leverage community-based organizations to create a mechanism for participatory governance. Further he pointed to the five 'Cs' of DAY-NULM including capacity building for transparent institution building, early capitalization, cooperation for livelihood strengthening, community run institutions and coping with vulnerabilities – debt bondage, food insecurity, health shocks etc. Further he focused on micro enterprise development of street vendors. In concluding the session, he discussed the challenges faced by vulnerable groups such as differently able persons, SC, ST, women - especially single women or widows, shelter less and new migrants.



Mr. Shravan Hardikar, Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps, Government of Maharashtra addressing the participants.

The next session on 'Convergence of NULM & Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro-Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME)' was conducted by Mr. Mayank Mishra, National Mission Manager, DAY-NULM, MoHUA, GoI. He discussed the DAY-NULM by stating that it is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, launched in 2014, aiming to uplift urban poor like street vendors, slum dwellers, homeless, rag pickers, unemployed and differently-abled etc. by enhancing sustainable livelihood opportunities through skill development and employment. He further mentioned the provision of subsidies to the urban poor i.e., interest subsidy of 5% – 7% for setting up individual micro-enterprises with a loan of up to 2 lakhs and for group enterprises with a loan limit of up to Rs.10 lakhs.



Mr. Mayank Mishra, National Mission Manager, DAY-NULM, MoHUA, GoI addressing the participants.

Further he explained the PM FME by elaborating upon the concept of One District One Product (ODOP) approach. He said that the ODOP is a strategy introduced to promote sale of local products like agriculture and non-agriculture items of food, minor forest products etc. He gave the detailed information about the PM FME which is a centrally sponsored scheme introduced by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

(MoFPI) in June, 2020 by forming partnership with the State/UT Governments for providing financial, technical and business support for up-gradation of the existing micro food processing enterprises. It is a five-year project including funding pattern in 60:40 ratio between Central and State Governments. He also discussed the provision of seed capital @ Rs.40000/- per member of SHG as a working capital and purchase of small tools. Further he pointed to the need for convergence of DAY-NULM & PM FME to ensure the positive outcomes of the mission at the bottom level of the community.

In his next session on 'Strategies in Developing Soft Skills for Effective Implementation of Community Development Programme', Mr. Mishra highlighted the importance of soft skills development stating that it is an urgent need at present to promote fast growing major businesses and service industries by providing soft skills as an important component. He said that there are many aspects like development of soft skills including handling interpersonal relations, making appropriate decisions, effective communication for good impression and impact to gain professional development among mission functionaries which are necessary to handle effective challenging job performance. Integration of urban poor under a collective platform is the central idea of implementation of DAY-NULM for strengthening grass root units of communities. He mentioned important soft skills including communication skills, body language, decision making, self-motivation, leadership, team-working, creativity, problem-solving skills, time management and ability to work under pressure. He elaborated on effective communication which is an acquired skill and is more effective when it's spontaneous.

Dr. Ajit Salvi. Dy. Chief Engineer, Sewage Operations (SO), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Mumbai, Maharashtra conducted the session on 'Convergence of SBM & DAY-NULM for Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities'.



Dr. Ajit Salvi. Dy. Chief Engineer, Sewage Operations (SO), BMC, Mumbai, Maharashtra addressing the participants.

He initiated the session with an overview of sanitation scenarios in cities of India and emphasized the importance of moving towards SBM-U 2.0. He discussed the objectives of SBM-U 2.0 and DAY-NULM and added that the need of the hour is convergence between the SBM-U 2.0 and DAY-NULM to improve the quality of life of marginalized groups. He said that infrastructure and operational structures specific to each of the two missions need to be utilized to achieve dual objectives including strengthening the community engagement platforms for better and equitable sanitation and solid waste management outcomes. Establishing linkages and convergence with existing schemes facilitates easy expansion of the social security net to the informal workers.

Further he stressed upon a sustainable architecture for skill training and employment in sanitation and waste management by stating that the relevant skills for job roles along the sanitation and waste management value chains should be established in the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). He briefly discussed the structure of convergence to generate livelihood opportunities to the urban poor with financial inclusion by highlighting the responsibilities of ULBs, City Mission Management Units (CMMUs), City Level Federation (CLF) & Area Level Federations (ALF). He briefly discussed livelihood opportunities under convergence between SBM & DAY-NULM including Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM), through service contracts by ULBs, construction and O&M of community and public toilets etc.

In the next session, Dr. Salvi discussed 'Effective Implementation of Soft Skills to Support Convergence under SBM & DAY-NULM'. He said that the major objective of DAY-NULM is establishing partnership among ULBs, private sector and civil society in providing shelters, skill training, and also in facilitating technological, marketing and hand holding support for the urban poor entrepreneurs who want to be self-employed and set up their own small businesses or manufacturing units. He pointed to the development of soft skills like effective communication, body language, leadership, team building and management matrix among the implementing agents whose development is an urgent need to make possible the success of such community driven welfare programmes.

GROUP EXERCISE



Participants engaged in group exercise.

The group exercise was conducted to motivate the participants to prepare an action plan to implement DAY-NULM by establishing linkages and convergence with SBM-U 2.0 in their respective cities.



Presentation of group exercise by participants.

Participants were divided into eight groups. Each group discussed their ideas and developed a plan for implementing DAY-NULM by developing soft skills among the mission functionaries with key action points towards achieving convergence with SBM-U 2.0. At the end, each group presented their action plan on establishing linkages and convergence with SBM-U 2.0. The best group was awarded a token of appreciation for best plan preparation and presentation amongst the eight groups.



Participants felicitated for best group work and presentation.



Distribution of Certificates among participants at Agartala.

SUMMING UP

After taking the feedback and Question & Answer session, the training programme was concluded by proposing a Vote of Thanks to the trainers and the participants by Ms. Maleka Ansari, SRO, RCUES, AILSG, Mumbai.

GLIMPSES OF THE SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMME



Section

02

Regional Specialized Training Programme on **Women and Child Sensitive Governance / Cities**

11th - 12th May 2023 at Daman, UT.

Key Highlights

The key highlights of the programme were that the participants could acquire the latest updates on the various aspects of gender mainstreaming in governance and strategic interventions for promoting women and child sensitive governance and know about how to tackle the challenges in handling of the women and children development.

BACKGROUND

A report published by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs states that women and children constitute 67.7% of India's population and that their development in a safe and secure environment is crucial for sustainable and equitable development of the country for achieving transformational economic and social changes. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), which came into existence as a separate Ministry with effect from 30th January, 2006, strives to ensure holistic development of children and making self-reliant women by providing them with an environment which is accessible, affordable, reliable and free from all forms of discrimination and violence. The prime objective is to address gaps in state action for women and children, and to promote inter-ministerial and inter-sectoral convergence to create gender equitable and child centered legislation, policies and programmes. Recently, important mission mode umbrella schemes were introduced by the MoWCD including Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti and

Mission Vatsalya to help and support the women from low income groups. Similarly, various special laws relating to women such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 have been made by MoWCD to provide relief and rehabilitation to vulnerable and disadvantaged women. The strategic interventions are required to achieve women and child sensitive governance.

With this background, the Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies (RCUES), All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG), Mumbai organized a Regional Specialized Training Programme on 'Women and Child Sensitive Governance/ Cities' on 11th - 12th May 2023 at Daman (UT). This training programme was supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India (GoI).

KEY OBJECTIVE

The key objective of this training programme was to develop strategic interventions for promoting women and child sensitive governance at Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) level.

PARTICIPATION

In all, 55 participants including Project Managers, Community Organizers, Members of Area Level Federation (ALF) & City Level Federation (CLF), Representatives of NGOs and concerned Officials from various cities of Gujarat State and Daman (UT) attended this training programme.

INTRODUCTION

Ms. Maleka Ansari, Sr. Research Officer (SRO), RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai, welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and the participants. Thereafter, she gave an introduction of the training programme by explaining its objectives and broad coverage. She also introduced the Chief Guest as well as Speakers by sharing their brief profile.



Ms. Maleka Ansari, SRO, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai addressing the participants.

INAUGURATION

The training programme was inaugurated by Ms. Sonal Patel, Municipal President, Daman Municipal Council, Daman (UT) in the presence of Dr. Jairaj Phatak., IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG, India, Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Waste Management Resource Centre (WMRC), AIILSG, Mumbai and Mr. Shailesh Patel, Chief Officer, Wapi Municipal Council, Gujarat.



Ms. Sonal Patel, Municipal President, Daman Municipal Council, Daman (UT) inaugurated the training programme by lighting the lamp. (L to R) Ms. Maleka Ansari, SRO, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai, Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar, CEO, WMRC, AIILSG, Mumbai, Dr. Jairaj Phatak., IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG, and Mr. Shailesh Patel, Chief Officer, Wapi Municipal Council, Gujarat.

In her inaugural speech, Ms. Sonal Patel spoke about Indian culture and society by highlighting the status of women since ancient times. She said that despite the progress made in recent years, there are still many significant challenges that women are facing like gender discrimination, violence against women, unequal pay, etc. She also highlighted major issues like female foeticide and infanticide, particularly in rural areas.



Ms. Sonal Patel, Municipal President, Daman Municipal Council, Daman (UT) addressing the participants.

She pointed to the safety and security of women which are also a significant issues, especially in view of the rapid growth in incidents of sexual harassment and assault in present times. She appreciated the various flagship missions and welfare programmes being implemented by the Government of India, aimed at redressing the challenges and promoting gender equality, ensuring equal participation of women in all aspects of life, and contributing to the development of the country.



Mr. Shailesh Patel, Chief Officer, Wapi Municipal Council, Gujarat addressing the participants.

Mr. Shailesh Patel discussed the various schemes introduced for the welfare of women and children including Yojana like Sukanya, Indradhanushya, paheli sawari, ayushyaman bharat etc.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.) delivered a special address on the 'Need for Convergence in Planning and Implementation of Missions and Programmes' sponsored by Government of India. He mentioned AIILSG's key role in the field of training, research and advocacy. Further, he stated that AIILSG has provided a good platform for mission functionaries especially on the challenges faced by women & children.



Dr. Jairaj Phatak, IAS (Retd.), Director General, AIILSG addressing the participants.

The first session on 'Urban Governance for Inclusive Cities – A Gender Perspective' was taken by Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar, CEO, WMRC, AIILSG, Mumbai. Discussing urban planning she said that women are still marginalized and unsafe in urban spaces, and that the exclusion of women and girls from the urban planning process generates a knowledge gap, resulting in public spaces that exclude them in the process of planning, finance and management.



Dr. (Prof.) Sneha Palnitkar, CEO, WMRC, AIILSG, Mumbai addressing the participants.

Further she stated that gender mainstreaming allowed equitable allocation of social and material resources and political power. She referred to the gender inclusive cities supporting women in decision-making processes and help to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 11. She spoke about representation, rights and reality through which women contribute, and urged for the resources necessary for inclusive cities. In concluding the session, she highlighted the scenario of slums and vulnerable sections of the society, where women are continuously facing non availability of equitable access to services like housing, water, sanitation, waste management, toilets, transport, street light, safety at home, work and road, etc.

Dr. Rama Shyam, Director, Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action (SNEHA), Mumbai conducted the session on 'Government Interventions to Address Issues and Challenges of Women and Children Development'. She commenced the session with a brief speech on children's rights by discussing children's wellbeing, health, empathy, education, play, etc. which are necessary to be accessed by children by birth.

Further she discussed the rights conferred to the children by the Constitution of India by highlighting articles 47, 21-A, 24, 39(e), 39 (f) and 45. She described features of child friendly cities, the cities in which children can grow up in a pleasant, responsible, safe and lively manner. While concluding the session, she briefly discussed national laws and welfare programmes made by the Government for the wellbeing of children by highlighting access to nutrition and health, education and other opportunities, social protection and protection from exploitation and abuse.



Dr. Rama Shyam, Director, SNEHA, Mumbai addressing the participants.

Ms. Geeta Shroff, Gender Activist, Surat, Gujarat discussed 'Gender Mainstreaming in Governance'. In the beginning, she supported gender mainstreaming in governance by stating that gender equality and sustainable development are the two sides of a coin and also globally accepted as a necessary factor in promoting human rights. She said that the SDG 5 on gender equality indicates empowerment of women and mainstreaming them to promote sustainable socio economic development. Further, she discussed the alarming decline in female sex ratio by presenting a case study conducted by

APAMRUTYU NIVARAN SAHAY, a Surat city based Trust which works since 1996 for women and children empowerment and upliftment. She showed the figures of the rapid decline female sex ratio of various districts of Gujarat state by pointing out the causes of this rapid declining sex ratio including patriarchal male dominant society, lack of education and poverty, social status of women, poor implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, mushrooming of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) centers and female infanticide etc.



Ms. Geeta Shroff, Gender Activist, Surat, Gujarat addressing the participants.

Concluding her session, she said the decline in sex ratio in various districts of our country is a complex issue with multiple contributing factors such as gender bias, technological advancements, poverty, and lack of education. It is imperative for the government and society to address these issues and work towards creating a gender-equal society.

Prof. Nisha Parekh, Principal, Haveli Institute of Legal Studies and Research, Silvassa conducted her session on 'Women Related Laws'. She briefly discussed the status of women by

stating that women are exposed to different kinds of violence and that they are at risk before their birth and during their life. She also explained violence against women highlighting the practices of foeticide, infanticide, medical neglect, child marriages, bride burning, sexual abuse, forced marriage, rape, prostitution and sexual harassment at home and the work places and their abusers include in-laws as well as partners. She further said that being a significant part of the society, special provisions were introduced by the Government of India as well as the Judiciary system to create a safe, and supportive system for the development of women, but their proper implementation is sometimes far away from reality.

Further, she added that in order to improve the conditions of women, the legislature enacted a large volume of laws, including those pertaining to industry or work, which contain special provisions for women. She discussed various provisions of the laws made against the criminal offences suffered by women including protection from acid attack, protection from insulting the modesty of a woman, protection from indecent representation, right to protection from immoral trafficking etc.



Prof. Nisha Parekh, Principal, Haveli Institute of Legal Studies and Research, Silvassa addressing the participants.

While concluding the session, she discussed rights related to the Marriage Act by explaining rights under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, rights under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 etc.

GROUP EXERCISE

On the second day of the training programme, a group exercise was conducted in which the participants were divided into seven groups and asked to make action plans on 'strategic interventions for promoting women & child sensitive governance'.



Participants engaged in group exercise.

The participants were asked to discuss among themselves key actions that they will undertake in their respective cities to ensure promoting women and child sensitive governance. Along with this, they were asked to discuss key initiatives that they will undertake to implement at ULB level. This was followed by a presentation on key points framed by each group. A token of appreciation was given to the preparation and presentation of the best action plan.



Presentation of group exercise by participants.

SUMMING UP

After taking the feedback and Question & Answer session, the training programme was concluded by proposing a Vote of Thanks to the trainers and the participants by Ms. Maleka Ansari, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai.



Distribution of Certificates among participants at Daman.

GLIMPSES OF THE SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAMME



Section

03

Regional Specialized Training Programme on **Compliances to MIS under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban**

31st May 2023 at Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

Key Highlight

In this training programme, the participants enriched their knowledge on updating MIS portal through revision of projects, curtailment of DPRs, updating death cases & Geo tagging under the PMAY-U.

BACKGROUND

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) is a flagship Mission of Government of India (GoI) implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), was launched in 2015. The Mission addresses urban housing shortage among the EWS/LIG and MIG categories including the slum dwellers, by ensuring a pucca house to all eligible urban households by the year 2022. PMAY-U adopted a demand driven approach wherein the housing shortage was assessed based on the demand assessment by States/Union Territories. State Level Nodal Agencies (SLNAs), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/ Implementing Agencies (IAs), Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) and Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs) are the main stakeholders who play an important role in implementation and success of PMAY-U.

A comprehensive and robust MIS System is in place that helps all stakeholders to seamlessly manage information pertaining

to physical and financial progress. The MIS allows submitting on-line demand survey with tracking facility and helps in managing various records through digitization such as survey, project information, beneficiary details, fund utilization, etc. The MIS is equipped with Geo-tagging features and is integrated with BHUVAN Portal of National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) and BHARAT MAP of National Informatics Centre (NIC) for monitoring the progress of construction of houses under the Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC), and projects under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) verticals. The MIS has also been integrated with UMANG Mobile App, NITI Aayog Dashboard and DBT Bharat Portal for dissemination of information. Though MIS is in place, beneficiaries and ULB functionaries are in need of training to better handle the challenges for compliance to MIS in terms of beneficiary modification and curtailment under PMAY-U.

Considering this background, the Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies (RCUES) of All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG), Mumbai conducted a Regional Specialized Training Programme on 'Compliances to MIS under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban' on 31st May 2023 at Aurangabad, Maharashtra. This training programme was supported by the MoHUA, Gol.

KEY OBJECTIVE

The key objective of this training programme was to assess the role of ULBs in effective implementation of the projects and address the challenges in compliances to MIS under the mission at city level.

PARTICIPATION

A total of 116 participants comprising Chief Officer, CLTC Engineers, MIS Specialists from the State of Maharashtra attended this training programme.

INTRODUCTION

Ms. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai commenced this training programme by welcoming the distinguished guest, subject experts and the participants. She gave the background of RCUES, Mumbai and its working and spoke about the need of this training programme. This is a good opportunity to learn the process of compliances to MIS under the mission, she said. Though this mission is over, the period is extended up to 2024 for those whose houses are sanctioned but not grounded as yet. For completion of this work, MIS updating is crucial in which DPR curtailment, death cases are included. This is a need-based training programme specific to Maharashtra State.



Ms. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai addressing the participants.

INAUGURATION



Mr. Vaibhav Kedare, Executive Engineer, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai inaugurated the training programme by lighting the lamp. (L to R) Ms. Payal Singwi, Advisory Consultant, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai, Mr. Vishal Bhosale, Chief Officer, Georai Municipal Council, Maharashtra and Ms. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AIILSG, Mumbai.

Mr. Vaibhav Kedare, Executive Engineer, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai inaugurated the training programme in the presence of Ms. Payal Singwi, Advisory Consultant, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai, Mr. Vishal Bhosale, Chief Officer, Georai Municipal Council, Maharashtra and Ms. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AILSG, Mumbai. In his inaugural address, Mr. Kedare spoke about the need for the training on compliances to MIS under PMAY-U. He further said that the Performance of ULBs under BLC component of PMAY-U in Maharashtra is showing drastically low, though the actual performance is good. Thus, there is an emerging need to understand the process of MIS updating, he said. He wished a great success to the training programme. After the inauguration Ms. Hardikar felicitated the guest by offering plants.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The first technical session on 'Compliances to MIS under PMAY- U' was delivered by Ms. Payal Singwi, Advisory Consultant, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai. In the session, Ms. Singwi discussed about the curtailment of Detailed Project Report (DPR) while implementing PMAY-U at city level. She added that curtailment of DPR is extremely important under MIS, and further explained the curtailment of DPR submission process. While explaining the curtailment process, she stated that the beneficiaries' identification (who have not yet grounded their houses and notices are issued to them to ground their houses) is the significant step in curtailment of DPR. Furthermore, the beneficiaries who no longer have interest in the scheme after the deadline of the notices issued is ended, can also be identified for curtailment. CLTC members need to prepare the list of beneficiaries to be curtailed from originally approved Central Sanctioning and

Monitoring Committee (CSMC) beneficiary list. She repeated the process of curtailment by focusing on entering of revised annexure, email format for revision cycle in MIS (Curtailment DPR), revision of projects in MIS, Aadhaar information mismatch, beneficiaries mobile number updating and bank account updating, adding and removing of beneficiary in the revised project, etc.



Ms. Payal Singwi, Advisory Consultant, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai addressing the participants.

She further added that it is essential to make the list of beneficiaries who have completed their houses or willing to construct, along with the information of caste and gender bifurcation. She said that the estimation of project cost can be done based on Central and State assistance, ULB's and beneficiary's share. She further said that after the curtailed beneficiary list is finalized, the remaining beneficiaries are marked on Development Plan (DP) and ward-wise summary of the beneficiaries, who have constructed their houses and also willing to construct their houses, is provided.

In the second session, she discussed 'Revision of Project', where removal / reduction of beneficiaries is done. She said

that ULBs can only remove beneficiaries who are already included in the original project. CLTCs are not allowed to add any new beneficiaries in the project. She also added that CSMC approval is mandatory for any revision of the projects. If cities/ULBs want to revise their project; they need to approach the State MIS team and further have to approach the Central MIS Expert after getting the State approval, for getting further approval in the CSMC Login. Before approaching the MIS expert for the revision, cities have to attach all the beneficiaries' list in the CSMC approved project. After the CSMC approval, they will be allowed to remove/reduce the beneficiaries in the revised project of the cities. It is not allowed to the cities/ ULBs to add any new beneficiary in the revised project. After the CSMC approval for revision, cities have to revise their project within 15 days from the date of CSMC approval from the Central Login, she added.

She also delivered the session on 'Updating Death Cases', in which she talked on the process of uploading beneficiary's death certificate details. She added that the details of the beneficiary's family members need to be entered in MIS under the mission before uploading the legal heir's details. The family member whose Aadhaar details are entered in MIS and if his/her age is more than 18 years, he/she can be treated as a legal heir of that house. For uploading legal heir's details, after entering all the required details against legal heir, ULBs forward a request to SLNA, who will validate the legal heir details, and forward the request to the Central Government. After accepting the request by Central Government, the legal heir's details will be incorporated in MIS under PMAY-U. At the end of her session, all the three topics were recapped and CLTC members discussed city specific queries regarding updating MIS.

The next session on 'BHUVAN HFA Mobile Application and Geo-tagging in Implementation of PMAY - U' was delivered by Mr. Vaibhav Kedare, Executive Engineer, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai. He focused his session on issues and challenges in geo-tagging. It is a dynamic tool, which enables the user to monitor the different stages of progress of constructed houses under PMAY-U. BHARAT HFA app is used to capture data of AHP and ISSR projects whereas BHUVAN app is used for BLC component under PMAY-U, he added.



Mr. Vaibhav Kedare, Executive Engineer, PMAY-U, MHADA, Mumbai addressing the participants.

Further, the installation process and the procedure of geo-tagging of houses under BLC through this mobile App was explained. After the elucidation of installation and implementation process, he further explained the types of reports (district wise, city wise, projects wise, construction stages wise and beneficiaries' id wise), which can be generated through the dashboard. He added that subsequent stages need to be followed up in effective implementation of PMAY-U. The session was concluded by emphasizing the importance of accurate geo-tagging under PMAY-U and discussing with the participants their city wide issues in Geo tagging.

Mr. Shashikant Dighe, Engineer, Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA), Government of Maharashtra, Navi Mumbai discussed with the participants their city specific issues for resolving them through city login. Through discussions with participants, Mr. Dighe tried to understand where CLTC lacks knowledge in updating MIS and ensured to provide support required at DMA level.

SUMMING UP

This training programme was concluded by Ms. Neha Hardikar, Sr. Research Officer, RCUES, AILSG, Mumbai by proposing a Vote of Thanks to the trainers / subject experts and the participants after the feedback session.



Mr. Shashikant Dighe, Engineer, DMA, Government of Maharashtra, Navi Mumbai addressing the participants.

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