

The project is being implemented in Guraru Block, consisting of 125,000 households, in Gaya District of Bihar, northern India.

Through educating women about Reproductive and Child Health related issues, we are building upon the empowerment previously created by their Micro-finance activities.

With YOUR support these programs will meet many of the basic needs of the women and strengthen them at the grass-roots level to become respected participants in village life.

An educated and empowered woman creates a strong and empowered community.



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**Equity and Opportunity
for rural villages in Bihar, India**

Creating Strong Communities by Empowering Women



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WEIV Program:

Following on from our successful Self Help Group and Rural Livelihood Program, and after extensive discussion with staff and the women in the villages, ARD has introduced two new programs to support the women and their families:

- * Reproductive and Child Health
- * Functional Literacy

The new programmes are meeting many of the basic needs of the women and will strengthen them at the grass-roots level to become respected participants in village life

Reproductive and Child Health

The aim is to bring about attitudinal changes in health and well-being, as well as impart practical information. The focus is also on ensuring that participants advocate for health services where needed.

The Reproductive Health program addresses contraceptive awareness, pre-natal guidance, maternal health and well-being and nutrition. It empowers newly married couples to delay and space pregnancies and gives unmarried adolescents appropriate information regarding marriageable age, the right to say 'no' and sexual health. Older married couples and menopausal women's groups are also part of the initiative.



Reproductive Health Awareness Circle

Awareness and Advocacy:

WEIV staff inform the women of their rights and mobilise the community to access Government programs. Staff encourage and support the women to advocate for those rights, to ensure the Government delivers the programs.



Adolescent Girls Group

Functional Literacy

WEIV has established a pilot Functional Literacy Centre to teach basic Hindi, English and Arithmetic to girls 13 to 19 years of age, prior to marriage, who have been taken out of the education system to help work on the land, or in other ways earn money for their family. They come from the poorest families and no fees are being charged. WEIV will establish further Literacy Centres as funds become available.



Literacy Centre

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- * Make a financial donation to ARD today
- * Become a member and receive our Newsletter
- * Volunteer your time in Australia or India

A monthly tax deductible donation covers staff wages and administration. This ensures the women in our target area have access to our programs.



International Women's Day rally and march

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