

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 and forming Literacy Centres for illiterate girls, we are building upon the empowerment previously created by our Micro-finance activities with them.

With YOUR support these programs give women and girls strength to become respected participants in village life.

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



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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
- * Literacy Centres for illiterate adolescent girls

Reproductive and Child Health

Our aim is to bring about attitudinal changes in health and well-being, as well as impart practical information. We ensure 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.

We empower newly married couples to delay and space pregnancies and give unmarried adolescents appropriate information regarding marriageable age, the right to say 'no' and sexual health. Adolescent boys' groups teach young men to value and appreciate women, learn about gender discrimination and be a supportive family member.

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

Literacy Centres

As of February 2017, WEIV has established 4 Literacy Centres to teach Hindi, English and basic Numeracy. Illiterate village girls from poor families, who have not been to school, can now combine their studies with domestic chores and working on the land.

With your support, 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

Your one-off or monthly tax deductible donation ensures the success of our program.



International Women's Day rally and march

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