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## Ahmedabad Team Update May 2004

Hello and Warm Greetings from MARAG!

Let me introduce myself to you. I am Monika Agarwal with Ahmedabad Team of MARAG. Reporting and monitoring of the CIVA project is my responsibility. So I will be sending you the required updates of the project.

Here is the progress of the project during May 2004 in brief:

MARAG is working in total 25 villages of Rapar. The villages that are selected for this project are Sharneshwar, Jethasari, Vekra, Maiyapatti, Lakdawandh, Kharsar, Lalsari, Ravechi Nagar, Mananiwandh, and Venusar.

Dasrathbhai from Rapar team is the field coordinator of the project. The month of May was spent in planning (12 Months) of the project, preparing village profiles and collecting Base Line Data (BLD) on education status of children in these 10 villages.

Format of base line data is being worked out. The data collection for the same will be done in June-July. A brief report on BLD will be sent in August. BLD will be useful in formulating strategies for education improvement, for monitoring as well as for evaluating the impact of the project.

The major activity undertaken during May-June is Enrolment Drive (Praveshutsav). June is the month of enrolments in schools in the village. This year we have planned to do it in a different manner by organizing a Shikshan Joombesh (Education Campaign) in all the hundred villages of MARAG and hundred other villages. In Rapar 50 villages are covered of which 10 are the CIVA project villages. The network of NGOs based in Rapar is carrying out the campaign in the project villages where MARAG took the lead role initially. The idea of the Education Campaign came from the Rapar team which was later decided to implement in all the villages of MARAG. Education Campaign in Rapar

The objectives of the campaign are:

1. To be a partner with the government-initiated enrolment drives so that the process is more effective.

2. To provide a common platform for the children, parents, teachers, and community.
3. To enhance community awareness of the rights of children to participation, survival, protection, and development.

In Rapar the campaign will be organized during 14 June 2004–18 June 2004. During which rally, gram sabha, street plays, puppet show will be organized on various themes related to education such as girl education, drop out, child labour, and quality in education. I will also send a detailed report of Shikshan Joombesh.

Let me know if you have queries or clarifications.

Thanking You,  
With Warm Regards,  
Monika Agrwal

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