

## **MADHYA PRADESH**

From June 2004 onwards, M.V.Foundation is providing support to the Rajya Siksha Mission in 25 blocks in 25 districts of Madhya Pradesh. 29 resource persons have been deputed for this purpose.

During this reporting period MVF conducted intensive training and mobilisation activities in the state. Trainings were conducted for BRCs, CAC, Sarpanches and PTAs from 39 districts during the first week of January 2005. Exposure visits were conducted as part of the training programme. The importance of community mobilisation, before setting up of RBCs and NRBCs was explained to them.

9 districts have been strengthened to act as a resource group for the rest of the state. Exposure visits were conducted for people from other blocks to the RBC's in the resource block. After the exposure visits, there was extensive demand for MVF support in other districts. Along with the Rajya Siksha Kendra it was decided that MVF would continue to work with the same number of resource persons, focusing on the first group of blocks and at the same time would build the capacities of the RSK staff in other blocks and at the State and District level to carry on the programme. In this manner support was provided for setting up of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, Balika Hostels and NRBCs. Trainings were held and regular meetings were conducted with the RSK staff.

Motivation camps were set up and mobilization was conducted to enroll out of school children into NRBC, KGBV and Balika Hostels. By June 2005, mobilization was conducted in all the blocks with the support of the district officials.

Schools were closed in 106 villages of Pang district, owing to floods. District Collector and MD of Rajya Siksha Kendra requested MVF to support the flood affected Pang district. Ten of the MVF resource persons spent two weeks in Pang and reopened schools in 97 villages through campaign and mobilization.

It was further decided to focus on Jhabua and Dhar districts as model districts. The entire MVF team conducted intensive campaign in Jhabua and Dhar districts during September and October. Through this campaign:

- 1200 Cluster Academic Co-ordinators were oriented
- Identification/ Finalization of RBC buildings
- Children were motivated to enroll into RBCs.
- Teachers Recruitment was planned.
- 1000 RBC and 500 NRBC volunteers were trained
- Phase wise formation and monitoring of RBCs took place.

Monthly Review Meetings of MVF resource persons are held in Bhopal with the participation of MD, Assistant Director, E&R Incharge and the State Further MVF was also invited to participate in all the review meetings of DGPs, DGCs and BRCs. MVF was also involved in the Committees formed for recruiting RBC volunteers. MVF resource persons have also been included in the RBC Prabadhan Committee.

Through these meetings guidelines for formation and monitoring of RBCs and NRBCs were formulated and explanations were sought from districts where proper programme

implementation did not take place. The monitoring was done through video and teleconferences with each district by the State RSK office with MVF participation.

Many office orders etc were obtained to ensure the smooth mainstreaming of children into schools. For e.g. permission for continuing 12 to 14 years age group children enrolled during the previous year in the RBCs was obtained, permissions for enrolling the number of children who exceeded the target group, into RBCs was obtained, preference was given to NRBC volunteers in recruitments to RBCs and so on.

During this period, Other NGOs also sought MVF support in the implementation of their programme. Action Aid was given support in eight districts where its partners are implementing programmes. Orientation programmes were conducted to NGOs like Jana Sahas Samsthan, Bachpan and Samavesh. Volunteers and staff of the same NGOs were also taken on an exposure visit to MVF's programme in Andhra Pradesh.