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• Prevention of Sexual Harassment	POSH
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• Welfare Assessment	WA

CHURU VILLAGE : AN EPITOME OF SUCCESS

The marginalized equine-owning community of Indra Colony in Churu village has replicated an exemplary zeal for future growth. Despite living with bare minimum facilities, the community owners showed interest to educate their children. The children of the community were largely illiterate as no schooling system had ever reached out to them. Understanding the negative impact of this situation the Brooke India (BI) team took instant action to facilitate the extension of educational facilities to the community children.



A preliminary survey was conducted to identify the children in varying age groups, thus in coordination with the community leader, a formal system of education was set up in the area. Based on the survey 50 children were identified who could go for a formal system of education. After a discussion with the Mukhia (Community leader) of the community, the children were segregated based on their age and prepared for attending school.

In the beginning, the local Government schools were reluctant to admit new students due to the paucity of seats in the school. But after BI's intervention admission was initially granted to 10 community children. Later, after continuous efforts, almost 40 children were enrolled in nearby government and private schools. In collaboration with Anganwadi workers, open school models were developed for the younger children left back in the village. Thus, even children below the age of 5 years were encouraged to attend classes at Anganwadi centers.

The BI team continued to spread awareness of the Importance of education among the community members. The rigorous efforts of the BI staff were appreciated by the community, and they enthusiastically supported the initiative. This germinated the seeds of curiosity amongst the more reluctant members of the community, who also began actively supporting their children to go to school.

The people of the Basti community thanked BI staff for their efforts as their children could now go to school with the hope of a better tomorrow.

चूरू गांव: सफलता का प्रतीक

चूरू गांव की इंद्र कॉलोनी में रहने वाले समुदाय ने भविष्य के विकास के लिए एक अनुकरणीय उदाहरण पेश किया है। न्यूनतम सुविधाएं होना के बावजूद, समुदाय के मालिकों ने अपने बच्चों को शिक्षित करने में रुचि दिखाई। समुदाय के बच्चे ज्यादातर निरक्षर और अशिक्षित थे क्योंकि कोई स्कूली शिक्षा प्रणाली उन तक कभी नहीं पहुंची थी। इस स्थिति के नकारात्मक प्रभाव को समझते हुए ब्रुक इंडिया (बीआई) की टीम ने समुदाय के बच्चों को शिक्षा की विस्तार की सुविधाएं दिलवाने के लिए तुरंत उचित कदम उठाया।

विभिन्न आयु वर्ग के बच्चों की पहचान के लिए एक प्रारंभिक सर्वेक्षण किया गया। इस प्रकार समुदाय के नेता की मदद से शिक्षा की एक औपचारिक प्रणाली की स्थापना की गई। सर्वे के आधार पर 50 बच्चों की पहचान की गई जो स्कूल भेजे जा सकते थे। समुदाय के मुखिया (समुदाय के बुजुर्ग) से बातचीत के बाद बच्चों को उनकी उम्र के आधार पर अलग किया गया, और स्कूल जाने और शिक्षा के युग के लिए तैयार किया गया।



बीआई टीम ने समुदाय के सदस्यों के बीच शिक्षा के महत्व के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाना जारी रखा। समुदाय द्वारा बीआई कर्मचारियों के कठोर प्रयासों की सराहना की गई, और उन्होंने उत्साहपूर्वक इस पहल का समर्थन किया। इसे समुदाय के अधिक अनिच्छुक सदस्यों के बीच जिज्ञासा के बीज अंकुरित हुए, इस पहल के बाद समुदाय के लोगों ने अपने बच्चों को स्कूल जाने के लिए सक्रिय रूप से समर्थन देना शुरू कर दिया।

बस्ती समुदाय के लोगों ने बीआई स्टाफ को उनके प्रयासों के लिए धन्यवाद दिया क्योंकि उनके बच्चे अब बेहतर कल की उम्मीद के साथ स्कूल जा सकते हैं।



An endeavor to Bring a Lasting Change



An inspiring story from Kudkabala village in Dehradun demonstrates how the efforts of an equine owner, Aslam have benefitted the equine owners in his village and adjoining villages.

Kudkabala village is home to 25 equine owners and 40 equines. The owners were constantly struggling due to the unavailability of good quality saddlery items as they had to travel to Roorkee and Saharanpur to meet their saddlery-related items' needs. Traveling 60 km to get the saddlery items also involved additional costs and value for the time of the equine owners. This often discouraged the owners from buying new saddlery. They thus continued to use ragged and old saddlery which in turn would cause galls in the equines.

Analyzing the intensity of the situation and realizing the pain caused to the equines, the BI team intervened and encouraged an entrepreneurial farrier named Aslam to start his saddlery shop. Aslam, who is an equine lover, took a loan from the Equine Welfare Group (EWG) of which he was a member. He used this money to set up a one-stop shop for saddlery and harness items, with an initial investment of INR 30,000/-.

Setting up a local shop benefitted the equine owners of almost 10-12 nearby villages. Equine owners now conveniently buy saddlery items without traveling extra miles and spending extra money. Aslam started the saddlery business in August 2022, and he has successfully increased his clientele. While ensuring the welfare of the working equines he is also making good profit from his village as well as from the villages in the surrounding ones.

The equine owners of Kudkabala and adjoining villages are very grateful to the BI staff for their guidance and support. The village now boasts of healthy and happy equines with no galls and preventable injuries.

स्थायी परिवर्तन लाने का एक प्रयास



देहरादून के कुड़कावाला गांव की ये प्रेरक कहानी दर्शाती है कि कैसे एक घोड़े के मालिक असलम के प्रयासों से उसके गांव और आसपास के गांवों में घोड़े के मालिकों को फायदा हुआ है।

कुड़कावाला गांव 25 अश्व पालकों और 40 घोड़ों का घर है। अच्छी गुणवत्ता वाली काठी के सामान की अनुपलब्धता के कारण मालिक लगातार संघर्ष कर रहे थे क्योंकि उन्हें अपनी काठी से संबंधित वस्तुओं की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए रुड़की और सहारनपुर जाना पड़ता था।

काठी के सामानों को प्राप्त करने के लिए 60 किमी की यात्रा में अतिरिक्त लागत और घोड़े के मालिकों के समय का मूल्य भी शामिल था। यह अक्सर मालिकों को नई काठी खरीदने से हतोत्साहित करता है। इस प्रकार वे फटी और पुरानी काठी का उपयोग करना जारी रखते थे जो बदले में घोड़ों में ज़ख्म का कारण बनता था।

स्थिति की तीव्रता का विश्लेषण और घोड़ों को होने वाले दर्द को महसूस करते हुए, बीआई टीम ने हस्तक्षेप किया और असलम नाम के एक उद्यमी अश्वपालक को अपनी काठी की दुकान शुरू करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

असलम, जो एक अश्व प्रेमी है, ने इक्वाइन वेलफेयर ग्रुप (EWG) से ऋण लिया, जिसके वह सदस्य थे। उन्होंने 30,000/- रुपये के शुरुआती निवेश के साथ काठी और हार्नेस की वस्तुओं के लिए एक दुकान की शुरुआत की।

एक स्थानीय दुकान स्थापित करने से आस-पास के लगभग 10-12 गाँवों के अश्व मालिकों को लाभ हुआ। अतिरिक्त मील की यात्रा किए बिना और अतिरिक्त पैसे खर्च किए बिना घोड़े के मालिक आसानी से काठी के सामान नहीं खरीद सकते थे। असलम ने अगस्त 2022 में काठी का कारोबार शुरू किया, और उन्होंने अपने ग्राहकों की संख्या में सफलतापूर्वक वृद्धि की है। काम करने वाले घोड़ों के कल्याण को सुनिश्चित करते हुए वह अपने गांव के साथ-साथ आसपास के गांवों से भी अच्छा लाभ कमा रहे हैं।

कुड़कावाला और आस-पास के गाँवों के अश्व मालिक उनके मार्गदर्शन और समर्थन के लिए BI कर्मचारियों के बहुत आभारी हैं। गाँव में अब स्वस्थ और खुश रहने वाले घोड़े हैं जिनमें कोई घाव या जख्म नहीं है।

Latest Data

198242

Directly benefitted equines

Latest Data

84035

Directly working with equine owners

Latest Data

2106

Total BK

Latest Data

17660

BK Equine owners

ONE HEALTH



One Health, a collaborative and multi-disciplinary global approach is essential to protect the spillover of the zoonotic diseases. Understanding the significance of the same BI actively promotes this approach through various ways.

Training session by O H S U



A training session on One Health was organized by BI in collaboration with the One Health Support Unit (OHSU) and the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, (DAHD) Government of India. This informative session covered pertinent points on the implementation of One Health and Bio Security.

The highly motivated team of 32 Assistant Project Officers and Field Assistants learned about the One Health approach, the zoonotic diseases, and, how, they are transmitted from the food and water cycle to humans and animals. Throughout the workshop, the emphasis was laid on maintaining a sustainable and safe environment for humans and animals.

Conference Conducted by SPFCA and BVC

A conference was conducted by the Society for Promotion of Farm and Companion Animals" (SPFCA) and Bihar Veterinary College (BVC) Campus, Patna. The conference aimed to spread awareness about the One Health Approach around the world and for Food Safety and Security through Sustainable Animal Husbandry & Aquaculture Practices. Brooke also participated actively and showcased its work was highly appreciated by the present members. The highly informative and instructive workshop was backed by evidence academic papers on animal health, veterinary public health, zoonoses, and fishery sciences. The platform provided an excellent learning and networking opportunity for BI. Details on how BVC is contributing to the health, welfare, and production of the animal sector in India were discussed.

Latest Data

38495

Equine in BKs

Latest Data

435483

Indirectly benefited
equines

Latest Data

215433

Indirectly benefitted
equine Owners
(2.28 equine/owner)

Latest Data

61200

Equine fairs 68 estimated
equine population
reaching



CSR Summit 2022

BI team participated in India CSR Summit on 15th & 16th Nov 2022, in Gurgaon. This Corporate Social Responsibility forum provided a chance to collaborate with the large fraternity of social leaders, government agencies, and, developmental enthusiasts. BI had an opportunity to showcase the organization's work and spread awareness about the working equines and the equine-owning communities. The team also learned about the new strategies and the nationwide social impact being made by the other organizations. The organization was much appreciated by experts from varying fields and departments.

Latest Data

171819

BI extended touch equines

Latest Data

98488

Owners in extended touch

Latest Data

1388

Existing CBO- Women EWG (Direct)

Latest Data

554

Existing CBO-Men EWG (Direct)



Ashwa Mitra Sammelan 2022

Ashwamitra Sammelan is one of BI's flagship events that bring Ashwamitras together from multiple areas of the country to Share and Learn. The platform not just provides a chance for the equine owners to showcase their skills but also helps in networking and cultural exchange. Year 2022 witnessed the success of the equine owners through the sammelans conducted in various regions of the country.

Latest Data

778

EWG Year target (new formation)

Latest Data

854

Local service providers (LHP, Farrier)

Latest Data

334

Local service providers (Farrier)

Latest Data

520

LHP- Local Health Provider

REGION-A, LUCKNOW

Ashwa Mitra Sammelan

The Ashwamitra Sammelan of Region A was organized between 15 & 18 November 2022 at Shabhagi Shiksha Kendra (SSK), in Lucknow. The sammelan was glorified with the presence of the equine owners from 22 districts across UP, Bihar, and Extended Touch Units (ETU). The highlight of the Sammelan was the presence of Women Leaders in larger numbers who broke the barriers and set an example in their communities. The sammelan rose above social norms as it rose above social norms showcasing gender equality.



The sammelan saw a sea-change in equine-owning communities and mostly the women who with determination have walked a rough path to stand where they are now.



The platform paved the way for the equine owners as they showcased their talent through cultural activities like Lok-geet and dance. For the incredible work the equine owners were given a token of appreciation, a shoulder bag produced by Badaun EWG.

The three-day sammelan ended with a resolution by the BI team and the equine owners to continue to work for the welfare of the working equines.

REGION-B, Gandhinagar (Gujarat) & Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)

Ashwa Mitra Sammelan

BI's Region B has conducted Ashwa Mitra Sammelan at 2 locations Gujarat (22-24 Nov) and Maharashtra (28-30 Nov) due to its wider geographic location. The main objective was to share their best work in the remotest areas so others can also learn new things and adopt good practices in their respective areas. The main Sharing subjects were Ashwa Mitra's role and responsibilities, CBOs (EWG, AEWG) Service Providers, showcasing alternate income-generating activities (IGA)'s, linkage with government schemes, and Innovative practices by the community.



Different themes discussed during the sammelan include:

- **Process of equine welfare activities.**
- **Role of Ashwamitras and community resource person.**
- **Animal Resource Centre, Azolequine, Hydroponics, and Equine-ploy.**



The display of harness and saddlery material, Azolla, Balanced feed, First Aid Kits, Farriery and Trimming kits, and the products from income-generating activities was a major attraction at the Sammelan. Sammelan was successful in achieving its goal of being an effective platform for Share and Learn.

REGION-C, HARIDWAR

Ashwa Mitra Sammelan

A three-day regional Ashwa Mitra Sammelan was held at Haridwar, Uttarakhand from 8th to 10th November 2022. Ashwamitras came from the states of Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Jammu & Kashmir. BI staff, and officials from various line departments actively participated in the conclave. The event's prime objective was to highlight the importance of holding such workshops which give an immense opportunity to discuss various problems, and shortcomings, share experiences and success stories from various states where BI is actively working. All the participants got an opportunity to present their various initiatives through EWGs for livelihood and income-generating activities related to farm and non-farm sectors, along with other initiatives like organizing health camps, and animal feed preparation.



Learning Opportunities:

- Demonstration of an ideal village & its benefit for the animal and the owners
- Good management practices for the animal
- Importance of a medical store



Resources available and needed to implement the proposed work plan were also discussed. In the end the outstanding contributors were awarded by the BI CEO for their incredible contribution towards equine welfare.



EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS

The famous Kedarnath temple attracts large numbers, who are ferried by the Horses and Mules are used for transporting the pilgrims from the base camp Gaurikund (Ghoda Padawan) to the shrine located at high altitudes. The steep slopes and cliffy mountainous terrain make it tough for equines to climb up and go downhill by zigzag and narrow road due to which there is a high incidence of various diseases such as colic that resulted in high casualty rate among the equines.

pilgrims in equines.



The increasing numbers of colic cases and equine deaths called for an emergency intervention. The dedicated team of BI veterinarians and experts dealt with the grim situation. The animals were battling for life due to poor quality feed and fodder coupled with overload and un-favourable work conditions. BI worked aggressively, and within 12 days the condition of the equines began to improve, more than 500 equines were treated for colic, wounds, and injuries.

The Director of AHD Uttarakhand recognized and appreciated BI's intervention.

Floods in Uttar Pradesh

The unpredictable and unprecedented rains in September 2022 caused havoc in Bahraich, Buxar, Balia, and Ghazipur districts of Uttar Pradesh. The rains caused inundated floods that submerged a total of 26 intensive villages. These areas of BI's intervention are home to approx. 435 equine owners & 840 equines. During this hour of crisis, the BI team took charge of the situation and rendered necessary help to the flood victims.

The rainstorm led to a shortage of food and water, resulted in unemployment, and destroyed the shelter for animals. BI offered emergency services and veterinary care to the disastrously affected equines and the equine owners. The team coordinated with government authorities and provided necessary aid to the affected victims. BI ensured continuous support to the animals through AHD to provide emergency veterinary services, feed and fodder, and made availability of First Aid Kits for the affected animals, etc.

Latest Data

23

Farriers Champions/ LSFs to be trained under GFP

Latest Data

16

No. of FCs to be trained

Latest Data

80

No. of LSFs to be trained by above 16 FCs (Cascading to LSFs)

ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. Training with Veterinary Universities:

Training for final/internship students
conducted by the AHW team of BI :



- Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University and Cattle Research Institute (DUVASU) on "An Introduction to Animal Welfare, Equine Handling, Restraining and, Farriery"
- Anand Veterinary College, Kamdhenu University on "An Introduction to "Animal Welfare and Equine Handling, Restraining and Animal Health Mentoring Framework"
- Faizabad Veterinary College, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology (ANDUAT) on "An Introduction to Basic Farriery"
- Bihar Veterinary College, Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU) on "An Introduction to Animal Welfare, Handling and Restraining of Equines"

A total of 178 students (and faculties) participated in this training enthusiastically and benefitted.

2.

Equine Fairs:

BI's team intervened in 08 equine fairs. Around 28000 equines were brought to these fairs from across the country. BI organized an animal health camp to spread awareness of owners on equine care and provided emergency medical services to the equines at the fairs. Through camps, the AHW team provided emergency treatment to injured, sick, and weak equines. The team facilitated the provision of various facilities such as drinking water, and a ramp in collaboration with fair organizers, different stakeholders (traders, Local health providers(LHP's), Farriers, etc.), and the Animal Husbandry Department. Various activities were conducted to spread awareness, sensitize, and capacity building of owners/users, LHP/LSF for ensuring equine welfare, including meeting with fair organizers, and stakeholders. Also, capacity building of hair clippers, saddlers, medical storekeepers, and feed sellers are among a few activities done in equine fairs.



3.

Farriery Training in Flying Anvil Foundation, Dundlod:



Brooke India (BI) & Flying Anvil Foundation-India (FAFI) joined hands to conduct the farrier training courses for local street farriers. The training was conducted in two slots at Dundlod, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, and was jointly facilitated by BI and FAFI experts. The long-term vision of BI is to reduce equine suffering that arises due to various hoof and farriery-related problems and to facilitate instituting Farriery as a recognized, regulated, and respected profession in the country. Till November 16 LSF were trained.

4.

Session on Equine Behaviour and Handling in HAWO Training:

Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) organized training for their Honorary Animal Welfare Officers (HAWO) where BI was invited by AWBI to deliver a lecture on:

Types of behaviour exhibited by equines
– Interpretation of different behaviour and compassionate handling to maximize animal welfare in different situations.



5.

Senior Field Assistant Induction Training:

A four-day induction training for newly recruited SFAs was organized by Animal Health and Welfare Team at HQ. This training was intended to orient newly recruited SFAs on animal welfare, welfare issues of working equines, Brooke Veterinary Response Guideline (BVRG), equine management practices, AHMF, common equine diseases, and basic finance and HR rules and regulations.

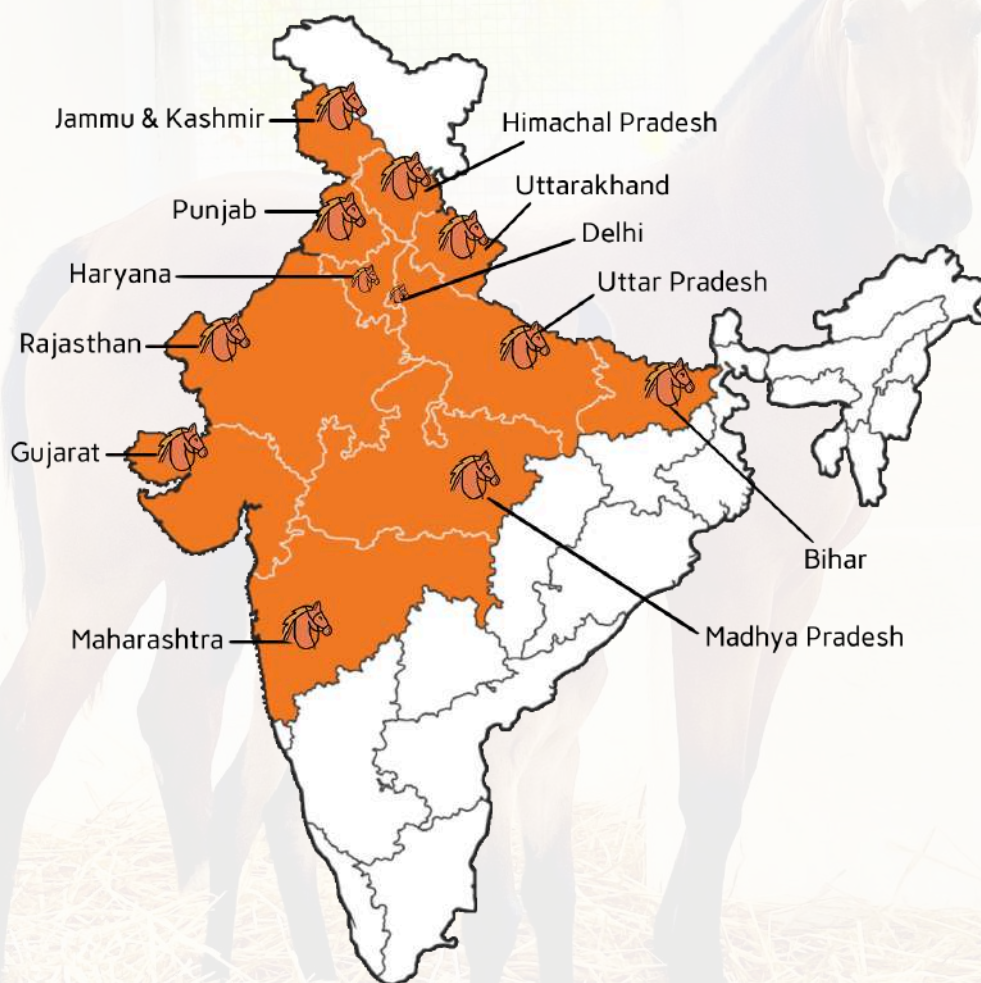


6.

MTF Refresher Training:



A three-day refresher training for MTFs was organized by Animal Health and Welfare Team at BI HQ with practical sessions in the field. The objective of this training was to train the participants about the Global Farriery Project (GFP) and to implement the new Farriery Mentoring Framework (FMF).



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