

Women and People's Organisations, Jaipur

25th April: Meeting on Government financed Universal model of Mahila Salah Suraksha Kendra 's in Rajasthan

26th April: Examination of the Role of SP, POs and Judiciary under PWDVA.

Venue Academic Staff College, Above VCs Secretariat, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Jaipur

10th April, 2010

Dear friends,

All of you are aware that the day long meeting on the Meeting on the implementation of the Government financed Universal model of the Mahila Salah Suraksha Kendra's in Rajasthan, is being organised on Sunday the 25th of April. On day on the 26th we plan to do a reflection on the emerging role of SPs and POs under the PWDVA in Rajasthan. *We have sent you two mails in this regard.*

We have had a good feed back from the districts and almost all the groups identified have responded.

For the MSSK meeting: The Jaipur Women's Group who initiated the model of the MSSK since 2001 (see GO) have decided to coordinate and be a pressure group outside the Government so that the MSSK model goes into the right hands all over the State.

The objectives of the meeting will be to discuss and build a consensus with all the three parties of the MSSK, the police, the WCD and the NGOS on

- i) The selection criteria of the organising agency / agencies at the district level.
- ii) Building in structures of training and resource for social workers/counsellors
- iii) Proposing the structure of the State level steering committee and a Monitoring Committee.

- iv) Proposing the setting up State level nodal officials within the police and the WCD for this work.
- v) Mechanism of Flow of Funds from State to District level through the WCD district agencies- Zila Mahila Sahayata Samiti or any other.
- vi) Role and Responsibility of the SPs in facilitating police cooperation at the MSSK level
- vii) Setting up a committee for drafting rules/guidelines for this work.
- viii) Charting out a calendar for urgent implementation of the MSSK.

We have met both the State Police authorities at the highest level and WCD officials to know their views on the MSSK. After that we met the DG police he appointed two nodal officers from the PHQ for this work. The WCD is working on the financial regulation details.

Meeting on 26th April

Similarly, on the 26th of April we are planning to hold a day long meeting on examining the Implementation of the PWDVA of which you are the nodal agency. The main thrust of this meeting will be on examining the

- Emerging role of Service Providers (SP) and the coordination or the lack of it between them and the Protection Officers (PO) under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.
- The judiciary's perception of the role of SPs and POs.
- Building strategy on dialogue with the judiciary for better implementation of the Act.

Some of the decisions relating to the logistics are as follows:

- The Venue of the meeting is the Academic Staff College, Above VCs Secretariat, University of Rajasthan.
- The meeting on the 25th of April will begin at 9.30am sharp. All those who are coming from close by districts please make a note that if you plan to leave for Jaipur in the morning then take a very early bus so that you are able to reach Jaipur and the venue on time.
- Since this is a self financed meeting a token registration fee of Rs. 50 will be taken from each participant. Please ensure that this contribution is smoothly handed over at the registration counter.

**Are you making your own arrangements of stay or you would like us to arrange?
Please let us know about this because stay is in our homes.**

We have worked on a tentative programme of the 25th. It is enclosed. The programme for the 26th is still being worked upon.

We hope that you will call a meeting on the MSSK with the women's manch or network of women and NGO organisations of your district and bring their questions into our meeting on the 25th-26th April. Since this is an important meeting with the Government, we urge all the decision makers in the organisations to come. If we have to build a stake in it then we have to show how serious we are. If men are the decision makers in the organisation then please come with the senior most woman worker.

We are also enclosing the tentative programme.

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