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PROFILE

A self-motivated professional Social Worker with 2+ years of experience in the area of education, behaviour change, adoption, rescue of children at risk, community work and social justice. An energetic team player who sets stringent targets and deadlines and achieves goals. Navigates high-stress situations and provides the best possible solutions.

I strongly believe in serving society and lending a helping hand even if I haven't signed up initially. To willingly contribute to the greater good.

EDUCATION

Tata Institute of Social Sciences- (TISS, Mumbai) Mumbai

Master of Social Work in Criminology and Justice 2021

M.A. Dissertation 2021

Understanding Challenges of handling POCSO cases: A Study on Knowledge Transition in a block of Gaya District, Bihar.

Magadh University Gaya

Bachelor of Arts, English 2017

EXPERIENCE

District Project Officer- Centre for Catalyzing Change, Bihar (August 2023- March 2024)

- Completed recruitment process of Block Coordinators for Jeevika's Didi Adhikar Kendra.
- Managing procurement procedure of office needs of Didi Adhikar Kendra.
- Liaisoning with District and Block level government officials of the Health Department, Education Department, Police, One Stop Centre, NYKS, Jeevika and Panchayati Raj Institution members.
- Conducted training on Gender sensitisation for Jeevika Didis, staff and members.
- Conducted Gender sensitization training in Central Jail Muzaffarpur for prisoners and prison staff.
- Leading my teams to perform better and achieve the project goal.
- Formed a District-level convergence committee for better implementation of Government programs.
- Generate reports for program development and review.

Program Officer - Ashiyana Foundation, Chhattisgarh (April 2022- February 2023)

- Designed activities and implemented program best practices in Child care facilities for CCLs, to get the best results of behavior change and positive attitude.
- Supervised children in rehabilitation in society.
- Designed programs and trained CCIs' staff for capacity building, Liaison with multi-sectoral clients (Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), UNICEF (Chhattisgarh), District Child Protection

Unit (DCPU), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and stakeholder management.

- Organized participatory events and need-based sessions.
- Generated reports for review regarding program development and ongoing activities.
- Independently identified program difficulties and challenges and processed them using excellent problem-solving abilities.

Vidushi Fellow - Drishtee Foundation, Varanasi (July 2021-February 2022)

- Worked on the social and economic development of rural women through MEG formation.
- Financial literacy among rural women and help them have their first-ever bank account in collaboration with India Post and PNB Met Life.
- Skill development of rural women through conducting various training such as Washing Powder making, Pickle making, mushroom cultivation etc.
- Assisted these trained women to become entrepreneurs.
- Actively listened to the community to fully understand and address their concerns.

INTERNSHIPS AND FIELDWORK

Student Social Worker - Centre DIRECT, Gaya (September 2020-April 2021)

- Completed the social audit of education and malnutrition.
- Worked on rescue and prevention of child trafficking for bonded labour or child labour.
- Designed the organization's report forms and made them handy for online work along with updating their data.
- Alliance with CWC, DCPO, DRDO and other stakeholders for better implementation of schemes for children.
- Built and maintained excellent relationships with external organisations and communities to expand resources.

Student Social Worker - Jan Sahas, Madhya Pradesh (March 2021)

- Worked on data compilation.
- Assisted in the initial conversation with clients.

Student Social worker - Balanand, WWTI, Mumbai (September 2019- February 2020)

- Worked on Pre and post-adoption reporting on Adoptive families.
- Designed and worked on the education curriculum for children in the Adoption centre.
- Taken various activities for behavioural change for children and caretakers.
- Done follow-ups of adopted children for CWC.
- Independently carried out assessments and care management for adopted children and their families.

TISS Mumbai, CCJ Forum (July 2019- May 2021)

- Worked on the social media handles for connecting with Alumni and other stakeholders for conducting seminars and lectures.

CORE SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Team Lead | Team Management | Capacity Building | Community Organization and Mobilization | Recruitment | Documentation | Participatory Rural Appraisal | Research | Stakeholder Management & Liaisoning | MS Office | MS Excel | Strategic decision making | Adaptive to multiple dialects of languages

LANGUAGES

- Hindi, English and Magahi