

Summary of Impact Assessments undertaken during FY: 2020-21

During the FY 2020-21, impact assessments of four programs were undertaken through **M/s. Grant Thornton LLP**. Following is a brief summary of the reports:

Impact Assessments undertaken

1. Mid-day Meal Program (**Partner: Akshay Patra**)
2. Enhancing uptake of government schemes by facilitating convergence (**Partner: Haqdarshak**)
3. Skill Enhancement Program through JSW Skill Schools (**Partner: Agnel Institute of Technical Training & Entrepreneurship Development**)
4. Waste Management Program (**Partner: SAAHAS**)

Approach and Methodology

- Assessment based on The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) framework focusing on Relevance, Effectiveness, Impact & Sustainability of the programs
- Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analyzed and presented under the OECD-DAC framework
- In-depth interviews, Focused Group Discussions and Key Informant interviews were conducted with key stakeholders of the programs

Key findings

1. Mid-day Meal Program (Partner: Akshay Patra)

- Strong alignment of vision for both Akshay Patra and JSWF was found. The Mid Day Meal program has addressed a key gap in the availability of quality mid-day meals to the covered schools. The parents and students realize the importance of education and the nutritious meals have been a motivating factor for the students to attend the school.
- Through JSW's support Akshay Patra was able to provide 21,83,760 meals to the students in Bellary. The organization has clear divisions and documented processes and checks for effectively running the kitchen and providing meal to school children.
- Children were highly satisfied with the quality and quantity of food, timeliness and were also served with a second serving, if hungry.
- According to Parents, the Mid-Day Meal program led to increased motivation of the children to go to school every day.

Enhancing uptake of government schemes by facilitating convergence

- The program addresses key gaps in the system such as limited know-how, information gap, and limitations of citizens' resources and access.
- The beneficiaries reported that the volunteers (Haqdarshaks) engaged under the program made the citizens' experience of availing that entitlement easier.

- More than 2/3rd respondents reported that they applied to their respective schemes because the volunteers approached them.
- 91% respondents reported 'low' awareness about social welfare entitlements and their application processes, before the implementation of the Program
- Number of applications processed during August 2018-December 2019 were ~73000 wherein benefits were realized for more than 63000 cases (87% of the cases)

2. Skill Enhancement Program through JSW Skill Schools

- The training course is well defined and aligns with the respondents' expectations. However, a need for entrepreneurship training and industry visits are stated by the respondents.
- Impact of the training largely positive with employment increasing from 11% to 46%.
- Respondents have started contributing towards their household which led to improvement in their quality of life, their health and access to various facilities.
- The employment has earned women respect and recognition. They have also started handling their family finances.

3. Waste Management Program

- The program is built around the key principles of at-source segregation and decentralized waste management. These two concepts together help in ensuring that the waste landing at the landfills is reduced.
- Almost 95% people reported awareness about segregation and were found practicing segregation at-source. The same also supported through the segregation levels on average between 50% -70% across all the villages. This has also led to significant increase in the amount of dry and wet waste being collected from the households and shops and the littering has reduced.
- It was observed that average 60% segregation level for dry and wet waste has been achieved in most of the villages. Out of all the villages, 2 villages have achieved a segregation level of more than 80%.
- About 90% people are now aware of the harmful impacts of the burning of waste and have stopped burning the waste.
- As a result, total quantity of waste collected has gone up significantly for wet and dry waste. From March 2018 to April 2019 due to improved segregation 17102 kg of dry recyclable waste was collected that increased to 24,457 kg in the fiscal year 2019-2020.