

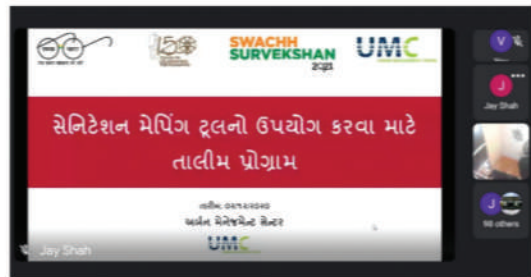
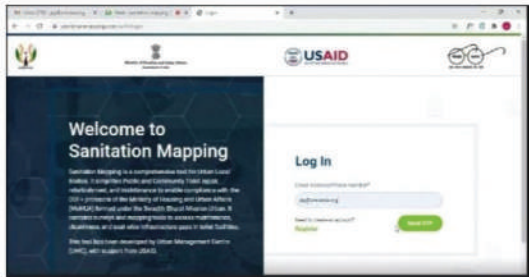
2020 has been a year of resilience for all of us at an organizational as well as individual levels. The pandemic has turned our lives upside down and more so for the poor and disadvantaged including sanitation workers who have braved it out even during the lockdown. Similarly, governments at all levels rapidly geared up to respond to the situations and support the vulnerable communities. Despite all of this, programs, initiatives continued as planned.

Here's wishing you all a very happy, safe, healthy, and hopeful year 2021. Hope that we walk into 2021 armed with knowledge, understanding, and lessons learned from this past year. We bring to you a few of the happenings from across our programs.

We are thankful to the Govt. of India, Govt. of Gujarat, Govt. of Odisha, Govt. of Rajasthan, Govt. of Telangana, local governments, our funding partners- BMGF and USAID and our community engagement partners for their continued support.

Gujarat Adopts Sanitation Mapping Tool for Sustaining ODF+/+++

UMC trained all the ULBs of Gujarat with support from the SBM-Urban Gujarat on the use of SANITATION MAPPING TOOL (SMT). The tool will help ULBs to make their public and community toilets (PT/ CTs) compliant with ODF+ / +++ protocols released by SBM - Urban, MoHUA. Different levels of ULB functionaries that included Chief officer, SBM Nodal officers, Chief SI, Sanitary Inspectors, Sub Sanitary Inspectors, Health officers participated in the training. Nearly 400 ULB officials have been given training.



Training of ULBs on the adoption of Sanitation Mapping Tool in Gujarat



Training of ULBs on the adoption of Sanitation Mapping Tool in Ahmedabad

Children from MISAAL Settlements Lead Awareness Activities Under Swachh Survekshan 2021

UMC and Saath with the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation(AMC) organized a wall painting competition under Swachh Survekshan 2021. 26 teams of 67 members from MISAAL settlements were identified from the several entries received. The theme of the wall painting competition was on Covid-19 and WASH practices. The paintings were appreciated by AMC who will also be announcing a cash prize to the first three winners.

Similarly, in Jodhpur, children from the Meghwal Basti, ward 64 made posters on WASH-related practices. The Jodhpur Nagar Nigam officials visited the settlement and appreciated the efforts.



Kids proudly posing with their creatives in MISAAL settlements, Ahmedabad



Left: Kids posing with their posters in MISAAL settlements in Jodhpur Right: JNN Officials appreciating the posters made by settlement kids

Kids Participate in Various Creative Activities under MISAAL Program

Continuing our efforts to engage with kids who are no longer able to go to school and that their learning cycle continues, MISAAL fellows conducted creative activities focusing on WASH practices, waste reduction, and COVID – 19 awareness. Kids actively participated and showcased their creativity through these activities. Kids tried their hands at origami from waste paper, flower making from plastic waste, writing jingles, and enacting plays on hygiene and cleanliness. The kid's attendance for classes held under the program has increased and become fairly regular.



MISAAL fellows conducting creative activities for kids

EMBRACE Program Kicks Off

The current pandemic situation has affected the urban livelihood adversely pushing the migrant population on the edge. The mass departure of migrant workers exposed that there is almost negligible support for them in the cities they work in. The absence of adequate creates a huge gap in the provisioning of entitlements and the migrant population fails to avail the benefits of national/ state schemes.

The EMBRACE (**E**mpowering **M**igrants for **B**uilding **R**esilience through **C**omprehensive **E**ntitlement) program will help in building interstate cooperation mechanisms to ensure migrant workers receive entitlement benefits in Odisha and Gujarat. The key activities include the enumeration of migrant workers, entitlement delivery to migrant workers & their family members; creating livelihood opportunities to build the gap between employee and employer. It aims to facilitate an interface mechanism between migrant workers and their families with local administration for ensuring access to entitlement and social security schemes.

Gram Vikas and Aajevika Bureau are the program partners supporting this initiative at source and destination. Surat Municipal Corporation is supporting this initiative and is also supporting COVID-19 testing for incoming workers.



Enumeration of Migrant Workers in Surat



Migrant workers getting tested for COVID-19 on arrival at Surat Railway Station

Training of ULB officials at Bhubaneswar Dhenkanal for O&M of MRF, MCC, and PT/CTs.

TOT workshops were conducted for Ward officers, Sanitary Inspectors, Swachha Sathis, supervisors from the NGOs, and Sanitation Agencies on the collection of segregated waste & processing of dry and wet waste at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and Micro Composting Centres (MCC) in Bhubaneswar. The training included O&M of MCC and MRFs with support from SHGs. Over 200 officials and Swachh Sathis were trained over two days. UMC supported the training with Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and is helping the engagement of SHGs of waste pickers in this initiative.



Training sessions with ULB functionaries

Facilitating ID Cards to Waste Pickers in Bhubaneswar

During our interactions with waste pickers to understand the challenges they are facing especially due to the COVID pandemic, the workers brought out the fact they feel further distanced from citizens due to apprehensions. They urged for some ID cards so that they could continue their work without any hindrance and to provide them some recognition. These are waste pickers who go to different residential societies to collect their dry waste and recyclables as well as itinerant waste pickers.

UMC brought these issues to the notice of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation who took immediate action and agreed to issue the ID cards. Following this, UMC collected ID proof documents and details like passport size photograph, Aadhar card, and mobile number of 76 waste pickers and submitted them to BMC. Within 20 days of submitting the documents, the ID Cards of 76 waste pickers were issued which were then handed over to the respective individuals by the UMC team.



Left: ID Cards issued by BMC to waste pickers Right: UMC team member handing over ID cards

Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi Scheme Beneficiaries and Their Families

In addition to credit support to street vendors under the PM SVANidhi scheme, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched a programme of Socio-Economic Profiling of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries on 11th December 2020. Under this, a complete profile of each PM SVANidhi beneficiary and their family members will be prepared to link them to existing national social and financial security schemes of the Government. Under the first phase, socio-economic profiling of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their families will be undertaken in 125 cities.

UMC is excited to support DAY-NULM in supporting the design and implementation of this scheme.



Launch of Socio-Economic profiling of PMSVANidhi programme



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