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Our approach...

SAHAYOG works with the mission of promoting gender equality and women's health from a human rights framework by strengthening partnership-based advocacy. SAHAYOG is a value-based organization, upholding equity and equality, participation, transparency and effectiveness as its major values. Although SAHAYOG is committed towards promoting every individual's human rights, it believes that only a democratic welfare state is accountable for fulfilling and protecting the rights of people.

SAHAYOG works towards increasing participation of socially marginalized communities. By building capacities of and providing information to women, dalit, non-literate, rural, minorities and other marginalized groups, SAHAYOG facilitates their access to and realization of their entitlements. SAHAYOG believes unless individuals and groups participate in decision-making that affects their lives, sustainable development is not possible. SAHAYOG works to enhance people's participation in important decisions like problem identification, planning, policy formulation, monitoring and evaluation.

SAHAYOG's work includes interventions at the community level in partnership with local NGOs that are working with rural women, men and adolescents. As a resource center SAHAYOG reaches out to organizations, educational institutions, state actors and the media. SAHAYOG has been active in networking on various rights issues at state, national and South Asia level. This year SAHAYOG also initiated a unit called Centre for Health and Social Justice to strengthen advocacy at the national level. With SAHAYOG's regular research, documentation and evidence base, it has been active in various campaigns and advocacy efforts in partnership with other organizations and individuals.

The next few pages describe SAHAYOG's work in terms of key achievements and activities from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006. We dedicate this report to the women and men who work with us towards ensuring equality, dignity and rights for all.

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SECTION ONE: WOMEN'S HEALTH AND RIGHTS

SAHAYOG's mission statement visualizes gender and health in the human rights framework. It understands that women's health gets severely affected by lack of effective policies, appropriate services and discriminatory cultural practices. State health programmes are unable to ensure basic needs like maternal health services, while the government's population control policies are negatively affecting women's reproductive rights and health. The health issues of women workers in the unorganized sector has emerged as an area of concern, especially issues of access to health care.

Simultaneously, ambiguous laws and contradictory interpretations affect women and men's sexual rights including basic rights such as right to information and right to choice of partners.

In the last one year SAHAYOG has extensively worked on women's health at the community level through partner NGOs across 7 districts of UP and provided support as a resource center. As a network partner for advocacy, SAHAYOG has hosted the secretariat of Healthwatch UP-Bihar network and been actively part of the HUMSAFAR Support Centre for Women in Lucknow. This year SAHAYOG initiated a unit called Centre for Health and Social Justice to strengthen the process of evidence based advocacy on reproductive health, gender equality and human rights at the national level. SAHAYOG has also partnered with AALI on sexual rights issues and has been part of setting up a new network on sexual rights in UP. Apart from NGOs, SAHAYOG has also engaged with the government, funding agencies, media, researchers and academics.

SAHAYOG has broadly worked in three areas of women's health, for which the key achievements and activities are detailed below –

- a. **Maternal health**
- b. **Reproductive rights**
- c. **Young People's Sexual and reproductive rights and health**
- d. **Health and Social Justice**

A. Maternal Health

Objectives:

To increase community women's access and control over maternal health services through advocacy and monitoring using a rights based approach

Achievements:

(In partnership with WHRAP South Asia and the partner NGOs of Uttar Pradesh)

i. At the community level in seven districts of Uttar Pradesh :

- Safe childbirths have taken place with timely referrals
 - *Capacity building of 35 Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) has led to 60 safe childbirths in two districts and four life-saving referrals*

- Women and men have started taking initiatives to exercise their right to maternal health services, including nutrition, as follows
 - *A delegation of tribal women met the Medical Officer of a PHC in Mirzapur with a written complaint and he has ensured that the ANM's service improved with accountability to these tribal women; another delegation met the CMO of Gorakhpur to complain about a medical officer who was demanding money from patients and he suspended the doctor;*
 - *A group called the CMO in Chitrakoot to their village to have a dialogue on poor health services; another group met their PHC Medical Officer at Naugarh, Chandauli demanding better services; another group met their CMO at Azamgarh with their demands*
 - *Women have negotiated with the ANM in Hatatola and Chhota Balapar villages in Gorakhpur and the ANM in Chaukipurwa in Chitrakoot to ensure regular services*
 - *Women have compelled the Anganwadi worker of Talare and Sarson villages in Gorakhpur to provide nutritional services to adolescents and women who are pregnant or lactating*

- Women have started political action to press for their rights to maternal health
 - *Women have sent 5000 letters to the UP Minister for Family Welfare between June and September 2005, demanding improved services for maternal health*
 - *Women and CBOs have started a campaign for the Right to Maternal Health in UP from 6 March 2006, asking for improved health services. The first event was a signature campaign of which 30,000 signatures were handed over for the Chief Minister to the District Magistrate (DM)*
 - *A delegation of women with some men met the local legislator, district elected council (Panchayat) leader and the DM and CMO in Gorakhpur with an 18 point letter of demands; the council leader immediately faxed it to the Commissioner for action (September 2005)*
 - *Before the village elected council (Gram Panchayat) elections, women held meetings with candidates in Gorakhpur and*

Chandauli, demanding that they promise they would work for better health services for the women if elected.

ii. At the state and national policy level:

- Community women have been able to engage in direct dialogue with policy makers and senior health department officials
 - *15 women from 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh met the national level officials from the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (GOI), UN agencies and the media for policy dialogues on maternal health in India: VOICES FROM THE GROUND, organized in partnership with other NGOs, CHETNA and CHSJ on 27-29 December 2005 at New Delhi*
 - *Women's presentations of cases of denial of health services and attempts to activate service provision moved the GOI Ministry officials to ask SAHAYOG for details of the cases in order to take action at state level*
 - *Community women spoke to UP state health officials on 28th May 2005 at a State level Dialogue regarding cases of denial of maternal health services in UP*
 - *600 community women and men have participated in four district level dialogues on maternal health programme implementation*

- SAHAYOG is able to mobilize alliances of groups and individuals on the issue of the right to maternal health
 - *The planning meetings held on 3rd May and 28th December 2005 to organize the policy dialogues on maternal health were well attended by health activists from 13 states of India*
 - *SAHAYOG and CHETNA were able to mobilize the Planning Commission to hold civil society consultations on SRHR and the MDGs in August 2006 before the upcoming M+5 UN Review, and to mobilize the Population Council to play a key role in this*
 - *SAHAYOG prepared an informative CD-Rom as well as a lobbying note for the UN MDG+5 Review on the request of the Planning Commission and the MoHFW*
 - *The GOI Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized three state level meetings on maternal health in which the SAHAYOG team was invited to make presentations based on VOICES for state level officials*
 - *The state Director for Family Welfare launched the Advocacy Kit on Right to Maternal Health prepared by SAHAYOG at a public event, and expressed his appreciation of the quality of information in the Kit*

- *The Government of UP has appointed the SAHAYOG Coordinator to be the women NGO member of the PC-PNDT Act Appropriate Authority*

iii. With the Media:

- SAHAYOG has been able to gain even greater media attention to the issue of women's health this year -
 - *This year 141 newspaper reports were published on women's health, with a large number referring to maternal health services, based on information given out by SAHAYOG and its alliances*
 - *The coverage included local, state level, national and South Asian print media; the additional television coverage is not documented*
 - *The coverage mostly highlighted women's experiences and critiqued the government's quality of maternal health services.*
 - *Media persons at state level have been following issues and cases and asking SAHAYOG for additional information*

iv. With Partner Organizations:

- Capacity building of 31 women and men staff of 17 organizations from nine districts of Uttar Pradesh in February 06 has led to improved understanding of advocacy for women's health and rights issues
- One of the partners (Purvanchal Gramin Sewa Samiti) has up-scaled the issue of right to maternal health in the entire project area of their organization which is across six districts of UP

Activities:

1. **National Policy Dialogues on Maternal Health in India:** SAHAYOG along with partners CHETNA and CHSJ organized national policy dialogues among community women and the media, the Planning Commission (GOI), the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (GOI), UN agencies and other networks in December 2005 at New Delhi. The event called VOICES FROM THE GROUND was attended by 100 participants (not counting the media) from 8 states of India as well as international participation from ARROW, Malaysia.
2. **Zonal Conference for IWHM:** SAHAYOG organized the North Zone regional consultation in Lucknow in April 2005 for the 10th International Women's Health Conference, which was attended by 100 participants from five states. This was preceded by a Press Conference to launch the event that was attended by 22 media persons and gained considerable media interest in the event.

3. **Marking 28 May with a State-level Dialogue:** The International day of Action on Women's Health 28th May was marked by a State-Civil society Dialogue at Lucknow. Participants included 16 community women, 5 government officials, including the Director General, Family Welfare (FW) Department, 2 representatives from agencies, 15 media persons (including TV), and 31 NGO participants and students. The Director (FW) launched an Advocacy Kit on the occasion and one community woman launched a state-wide signature campaign to the Minister of Family Welfare, UP government.
4. **State level advocacy on the Maternal Death Review Government Order:** In August 2005, 30 participants from 17 organizations of UP attended the meeting to discuss the GO regarding review of all maternal deaths. The participants made recommendations to strengthen the GO and implement it more effectively, which were given to the Director (FW).
5. **State level campaign launched on the Right to Maternal Health:** Based on suggestions from the partners that the right to maternal health needed to be given much more visibility, a campaign was launched on 6th March 2006 using the banner "Complete Citizens Total Rights" (*Puri Nagrik Pura Haq*). The campaign includes community level mobilization of women leaders, a widespread signature campaign, use of plays, pamphlets and posters, and various media events. The campaign has taken up the issues of poor implementation of the GO regarding monitoring of maternal deaths and demanded better implementation of the NRHM in UP to ensure improved maternal health services.
6. **Documentation and research:** 15 new cases of death or negligence in maternal health services were documented this year by SAHAYOG and partners. Some cases have been faxed to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (GOI) since the officials were keen to receive this information. The health issues of women workers in the unorganized sector and the current framework of rights for unorganized workers was studied through an extensive desk research conducted by a volunteer intern from AID (US) and some preliminary field visits conducted.
7. **Meetings with partners:** Two participatory planning and review meetings with partners were held in August and October 2005 to assess progress in the programme and evaluate the programme so far. Based on partners' suggestions, a campaign was planned for 2006, for which four planning meetings have been held in 2006.
8. **Capacity building:** An Advocacy Training programme was conducted with 31 staff of 17 NGOs of UP working on women's health and rights for four days in February 2006, to which resource persons were invited from various movements and the media. For greater exposure, partners were also supported to attend a Dalit Mahila Sannelan in Chitrakut in Feb 06 and a Mahila Diwas celebration of women from seven districts in Gorakhpur in march 06 with community women. Community capacity building included workshops to build capacities on doing

community level advocacy for the right to maternal health services among **180** community women, men and adolescents across five districts this year. Additionally **35 TBAs** were trained for providing better services for maternal health in two districts of UP. They have conducted 60 safe deliveries so far.

B. Reproductive Rights

(As partners in the network Healthwatch UP-Bihar, for which SAHAYOG holds the secretariat)

Objectives:

To promote women's reproductive rights including the right to reproductive health, by engaging in evidence based policy advocacy with state actors, donors and the media, and monitoring the quality of RH programmes.

Achievements

i. At policy level

- Relationships have been forged with the UP Speaker and credibility of HWUPB is being built with elected representatives and political parties
 - *A Legislators' Dialogue held within the Assembly on Two Child Norm and Declining Sex Ratio in Uttar Pradesh was attended by five Cabinet Ministers, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker*
 - *The inputs during the dialogue led to a question being raised by a legislator in the Vidhan Sabha in January 2006*
 - *The proposed two-child norm for Panchayat elections was not passed by UP legislature*
 - *16 legislators and Ministers asked for similar informative sessions to be given to them on a regular basis*
- Public policy on reproductive health services is being changed through legal advocacy
 - *The Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court put up by Healthwatch UP-Bihar led to the SC ruling based on which the Government of India has announced its Family Planning Insurance Scheme which will be wholly supported by the GoI.*

ii. With the media

- The media mindset on population control is slowly changing in UP and the media is taking an interest in other reproductive health issues such as poor maternal health services

- *World Health Day (11 July 2005) coverage in UP state level media had high coverage of the HWUPB position and very low reference to 'population explosion' which is usually done with great emphasis very year*
 - *Two large articles (full page newspaper feature) came out on population issues using Healthwatch UP-Bihar information*
 - *Local level media persons are increasingly reporting sterilization failure and deaths in the state*
 - *There were 8 print media articles as well as TV coverage for an incident that had happened a year ago (denial of RH services)*
 - *Media persons have received exposure and trainings on our recommendation and even accessed fellowships on women's health issues*
- Healthwatch UP-Bihar is seen as a source of credible information and opinion
- *Apart from state and national level, international journalists (Denmark, UK) are using Healthwatch UP-Bihar as a resource for information and materials for UP*
 - *There was a live show on National TV (DD) with a spokesperson from HWUPB for Population Day*
 - *HWUPB activists are resource persons for various media workshops organized by reputed national institutions.*

iii. With other civil society groups

- Healthwatch UP-Bihar has gained membership of the National Committee of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan although it is not a full national network itself

Activities

1. Legislators Dialogue: In partnership with the Population Foundation India, Healthwatch UP-Bihar organized a Dialogue with legislators of UP on Two Child Norm and Sex ratio in UP on 20 July 2005 within the House. The event was well attended by a high profile group and responses to a feedback form indicate that legislators feel the need for relevant and accurate data and information in order to be able to raise relevant questions in the House and ensure informed debate on issues.

2. Media Advocacy: The impending two-child norm in Panchayat election of UP was taken up in a press conference in April 2005. A media briefing on 'Population and Development: Facts and Myths' was organized on the eve of World Population Day 2005 in Lucknow which was well attended and received good coverage. In early August 2005 there was an anniversary press briefing to

remind the media of the case of Denial of RH Services in Lucknow district (Nankai case).

3. Case work: One sterilization death and one failure with complications have been documented during the year and one case of right to abortion followed up with support from the Lawyers' Collective. The case of Nankai came to a successful conclusion at the SC/ST Commission (UP) which awarded her Rs.50,000 as compensation.

4. Meetings and workshops: The Core Group of the Healthwatch network had three meetings this year. Apart from this, in partnership with the Centre for Health and Social Justice, New Delhi, a regional workshop was organized with 48 participants from four states on the Supreme Court ruling and the NRHM on 17-19 Feb. 2006. HWUPB members also attended meetings of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, especially related to monitoring of the National Rural Health Mission.

C. Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Objectives:

To broaden space for recognition and exercise of choice and consent, without discrimination on grounds of gender, caste, class and sex

Achievements:

(In partnership with other organizations, notably AALI)

- A space has been created for discussion on the issues around age and sexual consent and their rationale among diverse stakeholders
 - *A national advisory group has been formed with senior activists from diverse backgrounds and the first meetings held*
 - *Interest was expressed by those who could not attend the meeting*

Activity:

Meeting of advisory group: The first meeting of an advisory group towards a national consultation on Age and Sexual Consent was organized at Lucknow in March 2006. SAHAYOG prepared the concept note with inputs from AALI and organized the meeting. It was attended by senior and experienced scholars and activists working on public health, sexual rights, masculinity, child sex abuse, law, maternal health, HIV and sex work from Lucknow and Delhi. Many other activists expressed interest but could not attend on those dates. The two-day meeting threw up a rich discussion which was also relevant to current proposed legislation. As a follow up, SAHAYOG and AALI will bring out a report and involve more advisors from other states and have one more consultation towards the national conference.

D. Health and Social Justice

Objectives:

To strengthen the process of evidence based advocacy on reproductive health, gender equality and human rights at the national level

Achievements and Activities:

The Centre for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ) was started as a unit of SAHAYOG with an office in New Delhi and a national advisory committee has been constituted in the last six months.

1. Research Initiatives

- The Centre conducted a media study in collaboration with PFI on HIV related stigma and discrimination in the newspapers of Lucknow as part of a multi state study on behalf of UNDP. A workshop with media persons was organized to share the results of the study.
- The Centre conducted collaborative research with Mahila Samakhya Uttar Pradesh to understand the unsupervised use of oxytocin in home based childbirth. A draft report was shared at the International Women's Health Meeting in Delhi.
- Papers on Quality of Care in Family Planning, Violence Against Women and Public Health Policy and Advocacy on Population Policies were presented at the International Conference on Health and Human Rights (at Mumbai) and the Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health (3rd APCRSH)

2. Advocacy Initiatives

- Encouraging Civil Society Vigilance in the implementation in public health policies and programmes: CHSJ organized a national consultation on this issue in January 2006, followed up by state level or regional consultations.

3. Networking Initiatives

- Mapping of Public Health Institutions and Networks has begun in order to create an understanding of institutions and processes, which influence broader public health initiatives in the country and in specific EAG states.
- A separate website has been started at www.chsj.org which provides information resources.

4. Consultancy

- CHSJ was commissioned by the International Planned Parenthood Federation – South Asia Regional Office (IPPF-SARO) to conduct an independent evaluation of its Quality of Care Project.

SECTION TWO: WORK ON GENDER EQUALITY AND MASCULINITY

SAHAYOG believes that continuing gender discrimination and violence against women are serious violations of their human rights. Existing state institutions as well as cultural practices perpetuate these violations. In order to promote gender equality and women's equal enjoyment of human rights, SAHAYOG believes in working not only with women as rights claimants, but also with men as responsible partners.

Men's roles and responsibility in promoting women's human rights, including gender equality and the right to live a violence free life, has been recognized as extremely important. This has led to specific interventions to engage them as change agents, and provide them with a supportive peer environment to explore a different masculinity.

In the last one year SAHAYOG has extensively worked on gender equality and women's human rights with media persons, lawyers, academic institutions, students, elected councilors (from Panchayats) and other civil society representatives. In collaboration with a number of other organisations and individuals, SAHAYOG has facilitated district forums of the network MASVAW (Men's Action for Stopping Violence Against Women). Along with this it has also engaged in awareness raising campaigns.

Objectives

- *To transform gender relations by bringing about a change among men*
 - *To facilitate the network of men MASVAW to work against violence against women and challenge gender based values, practices and policies.*
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Achievements:

[In partnership with Men's Action for Stopping Violence Against Women (MASVAW) network of which SAHAYOG holds the central Secretariat]

- A widespread and active network of men working to stop VAW has been formed
 - *MASVAW has become a widely known and respected name in eastern UP through the extensive campaign and media coverage in 18 districts.*
 - *15 district forum of MASVAW have been formed through local initiative and are monitoring cases of VAW*

- *Membership is increasing, it was 170 last year and is now 226; members are taking responsibility to lead campaigns on gender equality and against VAW in their districts.*
- Men are now taking an active part in struggles to end VAW
 - *In 12 cases of violence against women, the secretariat promoted coordination between members, fact finding with other organizations and advocacy.*
 - *National Commission for Women took action in 2 cases of violence against women after receiving complaints from MASVAW*
- Media persons have become supporters in the campaign to stop VAW
 - *Local media persons have reported on cases of violence against women and continuously followed cases.*
- Resources on Work with Men are in high demand and appreciated
 - *The Work with Men manual was put up on the Web as an online resource by a reputed global gender resource organization SIYANDA*
 - *International organizations in Nepal and Bangladesh are accessing the resource person from SAHAYOG for facilitating South Asian workshops*
 - *Mahila Samakhya (UP) and organizations from other states have requested us to conduct training with men on gender*
 - *12 organizations requested for information about our activities and ordered materials*
 - *The flash card set on men and gender “Insaniyat Ki Khoj Mein” has proved so popular that it had to be reprinted*
- MASVAW has developed an identity at the local, national and international level as a network of men working to stop violence against women.
 - *A global alliance called “MenEngage” is keen to learn from MASVAW and partner with SAHAYOG*
 - *Researchers working on men and masculinity in Population Council (India) and ProMundo (Brazil) are keen to use the resources of MASVAW*
 - *Other Indian states are inviting us to be part of consultations to start off similar ‘Work with Men’*
 - *4 Students from the University chose to take placement with MASVAW*

Activities

1. **Campaigns for awareness building:** A massive campaign of 16 days on Action against Violence against Women was launched with the cooperation of regional

units and partners of MASVAW in 18 districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh between 25 November (International Day for Violence Against Women) and 10 December 2005. The campaign aimed to increase public awareness on the 'Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005.' During this campaign, a team of 25 people moved from one district to another and were joined by a group of around 30 local people each day. There were two cultural teams who performed plays and sang songs in the various schools, colleges and in press conferences conducted in each district. Further, to mobilize the people to take stand against the practice of *Sati* in Bundelkhand area, a bicycle rally was taken out against the *Sati* glorification in 3 districts of Bundelkhand which started on 16 November and ended on 25 November 2005. Cultural programs were also organized here in the villages and schools and meetings held with the young men and boys. During the Panchayat (local council) elections of 2005 in UP, 42,000 awareness pamphlets were distributed in the six districts to motivate voters to raise gender issues in the local Panchayat elections

2. **Media advocacy:** A workshop to make the media more aware about women's issues and gender, as well as analyze the style of current reporting on VAW was held with 23 rural journalists on 24-26 September 05 at Lucknow, in which outside resource persons were also involved.
3. **Interventions with Educational institutions:** Film shows followed by discussions, seminars, debates and poster competitions were organized in 5 universities with the help of local MASVAW members to enable the youth to reconstruct the definitions of masculinity and promote gender equality. Sessions were also conducted in 10 schools of Lucknow. On the streets outside educational institutions in Lucknow, 18 road shows were held against eve-teasing and molestation with poster exhibitions, interviews, signatures and feedback from young people. So far 40,000 pamphlets have been given out.
4. **Capacity building:** Seven workshops were conducted by SAHAYOG with the members of the district forum to build perspectives on the issues of violence against women and strengthen the district forum to demand justice for women from society and the State. Information dissemination kept members updated about current debates on gender equality and the progress of local campaigns; a total of 17 articles and campaign notes were distributed through the year.
5. **Network building:** Apart from the district forums, one day workshop on case based advocacy was organized to improve coordination between social activists and media, advocates, councilors, service provider and the police in one district. A number of meetings were organized with the members of MASVAW at district and regional level in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal to mobilize the men and youth so that they take a stand against the violence on women. A central coordination committee meeting was also held to review the process and plan for the future. This meeting was supported by Gary Barker, Instituto Promundo-Brazil and Ravi Verma, Population Council, Delhi.

SECTION THREE: RESOURCES OF SAHAYOG

A. Information Resource Centre

The SAHAYOG IRC (information resource centre) has been established as an excellent source of authentic information on women’s health and reproductive rights in Uttar Pradesh.

The SAHAYOG library contains a specialized collection of over 2700 books and a large collection of non-book materials, including audio-visual material. As a resource centre, SAHAYOG has also brought out a number of printed materials on its major issues. Sustained work with media has led to the IDC being accessed by media persons seeking grassroots stories, data and expert opinion.

i. Material production

	Title	Type	Language
1.	Understanding Reproductive Health – A Resource Pack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An Introduction to Reproductive Health ▪ Understanding Numbers: Population and Democracy ▪ Exploring New Frontiers: Reproductive and Sexual Rights 	Booklet-1 Booklet-2 Booklet-4	English
2.	The Right to Maternal Health in Uttar Pradesh - Case studies, Data and State Obligations	Briefing Kit	Hindi
3.	Working with Men on Gender, Sexuality, Violence and Health (in four languages + online)	Training Manual	Hindi + English
4.	Voices from the Ground: Women Show the Way	Event Report	English
5.	Voices from the Ground: Women Show the Way	Wall planner	
6.	Campaign on Right to Maternal Health – <i>Puri Nagrik Pura Haq</i>	Printed Poster	Hindi
7.	Quality of Care in Female Sterilization: Supreme Court order on Public Interest Litigation	Printed poster	English
8.	Campaign Against SATI	Poster set	Hindi

ii. Information dissemination and use of IT

A number of SAHAYOG’s current and older publications were widely disseminated to NGOs, state actors and the media, either through seminars, stalls set up at events or direct mailing. Apart from this, 40 visitors used the library, including international and local NGOs, media persons, students, networks and political groups. Additionally, international researchers and students (from Copenhagen University, Yale University, DFiD, UNICEF and others) continue to use SAHAYOG as a credible source of

information. Two Danish students also conducted the fieldwork for their research in early 2006 with assistance from SAHAYOG and local partners.

Information is also disseminated through SAHAYOG’s website, www.sahayogindia.org that gives an overall glimpse of organization’s work and detailed information on issues especially through the What’s New column which is regularly updated.. The quarterly electronic newsletter ‘**Connexions**’ focusing on social justice issues relevant to UP continues to be published on SAHAYOG’s website. The e-zine is appreciated by readers.

iii. Advocacy with media

Based on the intensive advocacy SAHAYOG has been doing with local, national and international media, a large section of reporters, correspondents and columnists have started reaching out to SAHAYOG for information, story angles and data. They include journalists with –

- International media like The Telegraph (London), The Lancet (UK) and a journalist with a fellowship from the Danish government (Lasse Hogsjaard)
- National media like Down to Earth, Press Institute of India, The Tribune, CNBC
- State level media such as *Dainik Jagaran*, *Hindustan*, *Rashtriya Sahara*, Indian Express, The Pioneer, Times of India, Hindustan Times and others.

iv. Internship programme

SAHAYOG has been supporting students, interns and volunteers to access structured learning opportunities and gain exposure to social issues and NGO functioning. Within this, students doing Masters in Social Work at the local university have come in for the regular placement of three days a week, whereas students from another university have come for block placement (six to eight weeks). One student from Delhi came in as a volunteer for a month in summer and another couple of freshly graduated students were short term-trainees. SAHAYOG also benefited from a volunteer intern from AID (Austin, USA) who spent two months and carried out an extensive literature review and preliminary research on an emerging issue “Access to health services for Women Workers in the Unorganized Sector”.

v. Activities with other organizations

Providing Resource Support on Request

Month	Issue/Programme	Organizer/Place
INTERNATIONAL		
4-9 August	Work with Men and Boys to end VAW	Save the Children, Sweden (Dhaka)
20 -23 Dec.	Demystifying Masculinities to end VAW	UNIFEM and Save the Children, Sweden (Kathmandu)
NATIONAL / OTHER STATES		

11-14 April	Gender workshop with male workers	Prayas, Rajasthan
18-21 May	Gender Training	The Hunger Project, Bihar
29 May-1 June	Adolescent Girls' Awareness Camp	Suchetna, Nainital
30Sep- 1Oct.	Module and Training on Gender, Health & Population for District Panchayat President	Population Foundation of India, Bihar
9-11 Jan 05	Gender Training with Men	Vrikshamitra, Maharashtra
27 January	State level govt. meeting on maternal health: session on community experiences from UP	MoHFW, Govt. of India and MoFW, Govt. of UP
	STATE / LOCAL LEVEL	
25-29 April	Training of Trainers	Mahila Samakhya, UP
20-24 June	Gender Training for youth	Mahila Samakhya, Jaunpur
9 August	Organizing media workshop on HIV AIDS in Lucknow	Population Foundation India
3-7 Oct.	Gender Training for youth	Mau, Jaunpur
6-7 Oct.	Right to Maternal Health	Nav Jagriti, Lucknow
26-30 September	Gender and Women's health training	Jan Shikshan Kendra, Ambedkarnagar
23-26 January 2005	Gender Training for youth	Mahila Samakhya - Mau, Jaunpur

- Participation in conferences and networking /campaigns

Month	Issue/Programme	Organizer/Place
	CONFERENCES – INTERNATIONAL	
4-7 April 2005	WHRAP Regional NGO seminar	ARROW and Bangladesh partners (Dhaka)
25-29 July 05	WHRAP Regional Policy Dialogue	ARROW and DFPA, (Bangkok)
October 05	WHRAP Evaluation workshop	ARROW and BBC (Nepal)
27-30 October 05	AWID Panel on 'Male Feminist: Allies not Adversaries'	AWID Bangkok
17-21 November	Third APCRS: poster presentation on MASVAW	APCRSH, Kuala Lumpur
16-22 Feb 06	MenEngage Global Consultation	Save the Children Fund, Sweden (Stockholm)
	CONFERENCES – NATIONAL	
7 July 05	Quality of care in RH Programmes	Population Foundation India
26 & 31 August 05	Mainstreaming SRHR in the MDGs	Planning Commission (GOI), Delhi
7 Sept 05	Launch of NRHM in Uttar Pradesh	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
17 October 05	Civil Society Consultation on Maternal Health	Planning Commission (GOI), Delhi
10 Nov. 05	Attending meeting on NRHM Monitoring	Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, Delhi

8 December 05	Prevention of Child Marriages Seminar	Joint Women's Programme, New Delhi
17-18 January 06	Coalition for Maternal and neo-natal Health and Safe Abortion - Meeting	ARTH (Udaipur) Rajasthan
23-24 Jan 06	Monitoring of Health Policies in India - meeting	Center for Health and Social Justice, New Delhi
20 Feb 06	National Conference on Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 05	Action India, New Delhi
24-26 March 06	Consultation on Working with Men for Gender Equality in Maharashtra	Tathapi, Pune
	STATE LEVEL CAMPAIGNS/ NETWORKING	
June 05	Protest meetings and demonstration against incidents of VAW in Lucknow	Jagruk Nagrik Manch, Lucknow
6 August 05	Hiroshima Day Peace Demonstration	CNDP, Lucknow
12 Aug 05	Peace delegations from Pakistan	NAPM at Lucknow
10 Sept 05	Meeting on PCPNDT Act and Sex Ratio	AIDWA Lucknow
Jan 2006	Fact finding and media advocacy on case of IPC Sec 377 in Lucknow	Local NGOs and National Campaign for Sexual Rights
1-2 Feb 06	"Stri Vimarsh" - Consultation	SRR Pustakalaya, UP
12-13 Feb	Dalit Mahila Sammelan	Vanangana Chittrakut UP
6 March 06	Mahila Diwas (Women's Day)	PGSS Gorakhpur UP
Feb 2006	Formation of UP Forum on Sexual Rights with others	Secretariat at AALI, Lucknow

B. Human resources

i. Staff, interns and volunteers:

STAFF LIST (as of 31 March 2006)	INTERNS /VOLUNTEERS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amit Awasthi 2. Chandra Joshi 3. Dayanidhi Mishra 4. Ela Pandey 5. Jaikaran Dixit 6. Jashodhara Dasgupta 7. Jayeeta Chowdhury 8. Mahendra Kumar 9. Mala 10. Manisha Pande 11. Palashri 12. Rabindra Singh Jeena 13. Reeta 14. Satish Kumar Singh 15. Susheela D Singh 16. Shakuntala Joshi <p>Advisor - Dr Abhijit Das</p>	<p>Student Interns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kashi Vidhyapeeth, Varanasi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Priyanka ▪ Akhlaque Ahmed ▪ Amrita ▪ Deepmala 2. Delhi University - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anandita Bajpai 3. Lucknow University - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Shukla • Santosh Kumar • Deeraj Kumar • Deshraj Verma <p>Volunteer AID (USA) Austin - Madhulika</p> <p>Trainees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rachna Singh ▪ Priyanka

Two staff have left SAHAYOG this year, one continues to remain associated as a consultant.

ii. Partnerships of SAHAYOG:

SAHAYOG's core activity is supporting partnership based advocacy, as such partnerships form an important part of SAHAYOG's resources. In the last year, there have been four major types of partnerships as follows:

a. *Intensive partnership with technical support:*

As part of the South Asian network WHRAP, SAHAYOG has worked intensively with nine grassroots NGOs over seven districts in UP this year on the issue of maternal health. There are regular partner meetings to plan and review the work, as well as resource support in the field and capacity building inputs. Partners this year included Budh Seva Sansthan, Baba Ramkaran Das Grameen Vikas Samiti and Purvanchal Grameen Seva Samiti (Gorakhpur), Grameen Punarnirman Sansthan (Azamgarh), CERT (Bhadohi), GRAMYA (Chandauli), Shikhar Prashikshan Sansthan (Mirzapur), Astitva (Muzaffarnagar), Vanangana (Chitrakoot) and Savita Mishra (Kanpur).

b. *Partnership in issues based networks:*

SAHAYOG has contributed to issue-based partnership with organizations and individuals this year, notably within the HUMSAFAR group that collectively manages a Crisis Support Centre for Women in Lucknow city. SAHAYOG has also worked in partnership with AALI (Lucknow) to start a national consultative process on the issue of Age and

Sexual Consent towards a national conference. Following a case of arrests under Sec 377 of the IPC, SAHAYOG along with other organizations and individuals initiated a forum on Sexual Rights in UP called UPYAM (Yaun Adhikar Manch) in February 2006.

c. Network Secretariat management:

SAHAYOG continues to hold the Secretariat within networks such as MASVAW and Healthwatch UP-Bihar. MASVAW is a membership based organization within UP and Uttaranchal, which has an Advisory Board and a Central Committee, as well as district level forums. Healthwatch UP-Bihar (HWUPB) is an advocacy and monitoring network working on reproductive health and rights since 1996, which is currently led by a Core Group from Uttar Pradesh. Both are unregistered groups.

d. Campaign partnerships

SAHAYOG has contributed time to the National Campaign for Sexuality Rights as part of the Fact Finding mission on a case. Additionally SAHAYOG is anchoring a state level campaign on Women’s Rights to Maternal Health, which has partners from networks, political groups, organizations and individuals.

iii. Human Resource Development

Staff attended the following events towards capacity building:

Dates	Programme	Organizer	Participant
22-26 April	Gender and Law	PLD New Delhi	Chandra
16-23 May	Gender Basic Course-2	JAGORI, New Delhi	Mahendra, Amit and Seema
6 August	Understanding Rights Based Approaches	Kriti Resource Centre	All staff
21-24 Sep	Tenth International Women’s Health Meeting: attending and presenting four papers	IWHM	Seema, Shakuntala, Susheela, Jashodhara
1 October	Understanding the new legislation on domestic violence	Kriti Resource Centre	All staff
26-27 Oct.	Training on Law	Mahila Samakhya	Mahendra
17-19 October	Workshop on fathering in South Asia	SCF Nepal, UNIFEM, Promundo	Satish
7-11 Nov.	Gender Basic Course-3	JAGORI	Mahendra, Amit and Seema
Jan-March 06	Spoken English	American Centre for Languages	Chandra

12-16 Jan.	Training on Women & Law	JAGORI	Shakuntala & Ravi
21-22 January	Managing a Resource Centre	Kriti Resource Centre	Mala, Manisha, Amit, Mahendra
22-25 Feb.	Advocacy Training	Kriti Resource Centre	Mahendra, Mala, Manisha, Amit

Staff have written articles for the quarterly e-magazine CONEXIONS. Apart from that, internal seminars were organized for staff capacity building. Based on self –study, presentations were made by staff members on various topics as follows:

1. Gender – Amit and Chandra
2. Law And Policy – Susheela, Shakuntala
3. Violence Against Women – Mahendra
4. Masculinity – Satish and Ravi
5. Client Server Systems - Deepak

SECTION FOUR: STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

A. List of General Body Members

Name	Address
1. Dr. Ancilla	Nazareth Hospital, Mokamah, Bihar
2. Ram Singh Bist	Vill. Buribana, Po. Kasialekh, Dist. Nainital, Uttaranchal
3. Rama Kant Rai	Khargapur, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, U.P.
4. Satish Kumar Singh	212 UJALA, Sector 20, Indira Nagar, Lucknow
5. Alka Agarwal	87, Panchawati, Gaziabad, U.P.
6. Usha Varkey	392, Vikas Nagar, Lakhanpur, Kanpur, U.P.
7. Jashodhara Das Gupta	19 / 783, Indira Nagar, Lucknow, UP
8. Dr. Abhijit Das	19 / 783, Indira Nagar, Lucknow, UP
9. Dinesh Pandey	Ganga Niwas, Ranidhara Road, Almora, Uttaranchal
10. Anand Sahi	PRAYAS, Ramgarh Road, Bhawali, Nainital, Uttaranchal
11. Darab Nagarwala	Oakville, Landour, Mussoorie, Uttaranchal
12. Utkarsh Kumar Sinha	2/204, Vivek Khand, Gomtinagar, Lucknow, U.P.
13. Dr. Dinesh Singh	620, Kasmanda Regency Apts, 2 Park Road, Lucknow
14. Sister Rosalyn	CARITAS, Chennai
15. Shahira Naim	Green Villa, Picnic Spot Road, Khurramnagar (Near Markaz Press) Lucknow U.P.
16. Runu Chakraborty	D- 156/6, DLF, Dilshad Plaza, Dilshad extension 2, Bhapura, Gaziabad, UP.

B. List of Governing Body members

Name	Post	Address
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Dr. Ancilla	Chairperson	Nazareth Hospital, Mokama, Bihar
Ram Singh Bisht	Vice Chairperson	Vill. Buribana, PO Kasiyalekh, Dist. Nainital, UA
Jashodhara Dasgupta	Secretary	19/783, Sector 19, Indira Nagar Lucknow (U. P.)
Satish Kumar Singh	Treasurer	212 UJALA, Sector 20, Indira Nagar, Lucknow
Rama Kant Rai	Member	Khargapur, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow
Usha Varkey	Member	392, Vikas Nagar, Lakhanpur, Kanpur, U.P.
Runu Chakraborty	Member	D- 156/6, DLF, Dilshad Plaza, Dilshad extension 2, Bhapura, Gaziabad, UP.
Utkarsh Kumar Sinha	Member	2/204, Vivek Khand, Gomtinagar, Lucknow
Shahira Naim	Member	Green Villa, Picnic Spot Road , Khurramnagar Lucknow

SECTION FIVE: Financial Summary

2005-2006

Current Liabilities

Income & Expenditure	3,15,075.77
Unutilized Grant	19,95,681.91
Other Liabilities	3,85,892.55

Total **26,96,650.23**

Asset

Fixed Asset	22,540.00
Cash & Bank balances	26,32,952.23
Security & advances	41,158.00

Total **26,96,650.23**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

EXPENSES

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ARROW WHRAP Project	23,74,569.10
Women empowerment and VAW	12,86,714.00
Women health resource centre	1,55,295.00
Saving mother's live -DFA	1,26,849.00
Girl scholarship	9,803.00
KIT study of activism	1,42,060.00
NTLP	2,59,499.00
PFI-Building alliances	2,70,453.00
Non FCRA Project	2,85,233.71
Unutilized grant	19,95,681.91
Society expenses	1,98,456.00
Excess Income over expenditure	68,403.55
Total:	71,73,017.27

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Unutilized grant brought forward	1,639,496.24
Project Grant Received	5,215,985.89
Non FCRA - ISJ	50,675.59
Consultancy & Admin support	238,093.00
Bank Interest and other income	28,766.55
Total:	71,73,017.27