

Panchayat Swayam Sevak – The Awaas Mitra

Introduction:

The Panchayat Swayam Sevak (PSS) is a multipurpose village level intervention in Jharkhand. Women volunteers engage in assisting beneficiaries and monitoring the timely completion of PMAY-G houses.

Background:

PSS was introduced under PMAY-G due to underperforming beneficiary registration, geo tagging and house completion. Under the intervention, 4 Panchayat Swayam Sevak were selected in each Panchayat to accelerate the house completion.

Details of the Intervention:

The women involved in PSS are community workers, self-motivated individuals. They are inclined towards the development of their own community and have been selected by the Panchayats to support and assist ongoing development activities in the Panchayat. They are not salaried personnel, although the Government of Jharkhand has fixed incentive for completion of defined task in fixed time period.

Women have been trained to assist and help the beneficiary for timely house completion. They also support the beneficiary in procuring building material procurement and getting timely release of instalments from Block. All the PSS have been trained and assigned stage wise timely geo tagging. They get Rs. 20/- for each geo tagging. More than 8,218 PSS across the State have been engaged in assisting the PMAY-G beneficiaries at village level.

Impact:

PSS have played a vital role in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna-Gramin. They have accelerated and ensured quality house construction, extended handholding support to each beneficiary. The training programmes received, such as Awaas Mitras, provide confidence to women to engage in government schemes. This in turn helps the government in ensuring their smooth implementation.

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