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Subject: Status of the social audits(सामजिक अंकेक्षण) of the Anganwadi centers in Phulwari block, Patna, Bihar

Dear Sir

This is to bring to your notice that our field volunteers at Seva Setu, a social organization which aims at ensuring that people are able to make the best use of various government facilities, have found discrepancies in the social audit (सामजिक अंकेक्षण) of the Anganwadi centers in the **Kurthol** and **Parsa panchayat** of the **Phulwari block** in **Patna, Bihar**.

The social audit of the Anganwadi centers is an event when elected representatives and other members of the public (many of who are official members of the Social Audit Committee) assemble to gauge whether the Angwandi centers operate and provide quality care to the citizens. However, we found that none of the centers had participation from any member of the Audit Committee, except AWC Sevika.

Details of our visit on 21 June 2016 have been tabulated below:

#	Angwandi center	Center #	Time of visit		Observations	Conclusion
			First visit	Second visit		
1	Hulukpur	103	First visit	9.30 AM	Village ladies were getting Aadhar card details filled. No audit in progress.	Anganwadi center functional. No audit
			Second visit	1 PM	Village ladies continues to get Aadhar and other bank details filled. Audit apparently completed.	
2	Bisunpur Pakhadi	105	9.50 AM		Village ladies were getting Aadhar card details filled. No audit in progress.	Anganwadi center functional. No audit
3	Itwarpur	110	10.10 AM		No session in progress. AWW knew about the social audit but did not know any details of how to go about the audit. She also mentioned that no information had been provided to her in her weekly meetings.	Anganwadi center had very few children.No audit.
4	Bisunpur Pakhadi West	109	First visit	10.35 AM	A government official was helping fill ration card details for villagers. No audit in progress.	Anganwadi center functional. No audit
			Second visit	12.35 PM	The center was locked and closed for the day.	
5	Dashrattha	183	10.50 AM		The AWW was well prepared, knew about the audit and knew what to cover in the meeting. No audit had taken place though.	Anganwadi center functional. No audit
6	Yadavchak	108	11.15 AM		No kids visible. AWW was busy filling ration cards for the villagers.	Anganwadi center not functional in the designated time
7	Chanda chak	102	11.25 AM		No kids visible. AWW was packing and leaving the Anganwadi.	Anganwadi center not functional
8	Kurthol	101	11.40 AM		Anganwadi seemed dysfunctional. No kids visible.	Anganwadi center not functional
9	Kurthol taad	107	11:50 AM		Inquired with the AWW whether anything was happening.	No audit.

				She reported in the negative.	
10	Parsa	113	12:05 PM	No audit taking place. AWW was helping villagers help fill ration and Aadhar details.	No audit.

Observations:

- 10 Anganwadi centers were visited.
- 10 out of the 10 AWWs (AWC Sevikas) did not know who all are supposed to be a part of the meeting. They just knew that an audit was to take place but did their end of the processes and responsibilities to follow. However, 1 AWW (center # 183) seemed better prepared than the rest.
- 3 Anganwadi centers, in the designated time for child-care, did not have any children in the premises. Two particular centers – center #101 and #102 seemed non-functional. We have enclosed pictures for Anganwadi center #102 which looked to be in a bad state.
- Among the remaining centers, 3 out of the 4 centers visited during the time designated for child-care (before 11.30 AM) had AWWs busy with facilitating other services like Aadhar and ration instead of focusing on educating the children.
- A common complaint at the Anganwadi centers was funds not having been released for the salaries and rents of the AWWs and their respective centers.

Conclusion:

- The instruments set up for the social audit of Anganwadi centers seem to be dysfunctional. Members of the Social Audit Committee who are supposed to be present at the social audit were found missing from these meetings. The crowd present at the meetings is there to obey the letter of the guidelines, not the spirit.
- Some of the Anganwadi centers are not functioning at all. This is a grave matter and needs to be taken up in much more seriousness. We request a speedy intervention here.

We hope this data is taken in the light to improve existing conditions.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments enclosed

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Exhibit 1: Anganwadi center # 101,
Kurthol.

Time visited: 11.40 AM.

Date visited: 21 June 2016

Nobody visible in the center. The center seems to be very poorly maintained. On speaking to nearby kids, they too mentioned does not operate. This was on a date when a social audit was to take place at all Anganwadi centers.



Exhibit 2: Interiors of Anganwadi center #101



Exhibit 3: Interiors of Anganwadi center #101



