intervention was palpable. They had organised health camps for approximately 300 families and awareness camps for the same. Their project turned out to be a success - people actually came up to them and appreciated for what they did. Not only that, they believed that to improve their lives for real, they would have to bring about changes in themselves - something they were taught during their awareness classes. Hence the solutions were not only technical, but also, and more importantly adaptive in nature.

Team 'Kandaari' worked on cleanliness and hygiene. Kandaari observed that one of the chief problems in the slum area was the lack of appropriate garbage disposal. These problems not only caused a constant odour in the surroundings, but also led to mosquito infestation in the area, leading to many deadly diseases such as Dengue fever and Malaria. After meticulous survey, they realised that such poor. For their pilot project, they raised awareness on sanitary issues such as using soap and keeping hands clean. Ranging from fund raising to soliciting authoritative permission, Obhijaatri worked extremely hard to make homes healthier and cleaner. During the three-month long project, they decided on building latrines for their area.

Obinoshshor felt the value of adult education during their survey when they realised how adult illiteracy is the nucleus of many social issues. They chose to work on adult literacy and moral education. Awareness classes were at the core of their project, and they organised numerous ones. The group has successfully received community support and together they have made significant progress during the past three months.

With quivering steps we had started, having no inkling as to what impediments we might have to encounter. Now as we look back to the three months,







improper garbage disposal is also the reason behind severe flooding in such areas. The team organised a myriad of awareness campaigns teaching people the magnitude of proper hygiene. Their efforts did not end there. They also built a full size brick dustbin outside their area for people to dispose their garbage, receiving much praise from the locals.

Team 'Obhijaatri' decided to work in the field of sanitation after observing that there was only one toilet for over 25 people. Additionally, the sanitary condition of the existing toilets was tremendously

we begin to realise that we have changed the lives of hundreds. While at the training, we were taught how it takes only one to lead social change. We believe in that even strongly now. The training helped us know that there is a part in all of us willing to do good for the people, and community service brings out that side in us. When people came up to us and said "You have done more for us than anyone else ever did", we knew that it was gratitude towards BYLC. It was a moment of pure success.

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