



TARA Sahelis Learn the Intricacies of Running Gyan Chaupali

The Development Alternatives (DA) Group conducted a training session as part of the Gyan Chaupali phase from 24th - 26th May 2018. This training, funded by the IKEA Foundation, involves training of TARA Sahelis and the field staff, and marks a milestone for the TARA Akshar+ programme. The process of identifying, selection and recruitment of TARA Sahelis is followed by three days of training. Held in Lalitpur District (Uttar Pradesh), in the CSO partner's office (Sai Jyoti Gramudyog Samaj Sewa Samiti), the training witnessed participation from 56 people, including the entire field team comprising Block coordinator, senior supervisors, supervisors and facilitators, apart from the selected TARA Sahelis. The training was conducted by the project team from DA – Aquil Ahmad (Manager) and Divya Mehrotra (Deputy Manager). It included an introduction of the participants, the TA+ programme and Gyan Chaupali, roles and responsibilities, qualitative aspects of the programme (importance of adult literacy, approach while teaching adults, communication skills, life skills, qualities of TARA Saheli and gender sensitisation) and an in-depth training on running of Gyan Chaupali centres. Importance was given to the softer aspects of the programme, for example, how to conduct oneself in a centre, the importance and impact of literacy on an adult woman's life, and how the training will help them in their lives.