

1. PROJECT TITLE: *Umang & Young Heart, Program*

- 2. PROJECT BACKGROUND:** *The most importantly the situation of children, women and weaker sections needs to be given more attention. The Panchayats are not conscious about children's needs, requirements and issues. There is no awareness about child rights and responsibilities of various stakeholders to ensure their rights. The children are not formal members of the Gram Sabha thus they can not participate in the Gram Sabha Meetings and express their concerns. With the lack of opportunities for participation, children and adults do not see value in children mobilizing and organizing or in being involved in decision making. Consequently, children do not have the political and social space to be part of decisions affecting their lives. The study conducted in Gairsain area clearly indicates that the representation of children issues in Gram Sabha meeting is limited to construction of Aaganwadi centres and appointment of Aaganwadi workers. The issues such as insufficient health services, poor quality education, school drop outs, corporal punishment, children in difficult situations etc. are never discussed in the meetings. Only 45% Panchayat leaders think that the issues of child participation should be incorporated in the Panchayat agenda.*



3. TARGET GROUPS OF THE PROJECT:

Target of the project of the project is Age 14 to 18 Years Children of the Jakholi Block of District Rudraprayag (UK).



4. APPROVED OBJECTIVES

- *To strengthen children participation (14-18 years) and expression.*
- *To→ strengthen the knowledge, capacity and skills of Panchayat members and women groups especially women to improve functioning of Panchayat*
- *To ensure that→ issues affecting children are being recognized by Panchayat and Govt. duty bearers with their active participation*
- *To ensure that issues affecting→ children are being monitored and addressed by Panchayat and Govt. duty bearers with their active participation*

- *To engender programmes in Uttarakhand on→ health, education, Child protection , Household Economic and Social Security and community governance through capacity building, behavior change and multilevel advocacy.*