

**BHOOMIKA VIHAR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**APRIL 2010 TO MARCH**  
**2011**



## **PRIMARY STAKE HOLDERS AND TARGET GROUP:**

Victims and Vulnerable girls/children/women of gender violence/discrimination and trafficking

## **SECONDARY STAKE HOLDERS:**

Overall Community

## **INTERVENTION AREA:**

Katihar, Kishanganj, Araria, Muzaffarpur, and Vaishali District of Bihar

## ***PROJECTS DURING THE CONCERN PHASE OF APRIL 2010 TO MARCH 2011:***

- ❖ Awareness on Right to Education
- ❖ Hands together to annihilate the trafficking and exploitation of Children especial focus with girls/children- Emergency Relief flood
- ❖ Enhance Stakeholders awareness and knowledge on Right to Education
- ❖ Organizing Cultural shows and awareness rising at Sonapur Mela on the issues related to threat and challenges of child labor and girls/child trafficking
- ❖ " AAWAJ" - Voice of the girls to be heard
- ❖ Protecting children and combating child trafficking
- ❖ Rights based protective and positive environment for girls/children
- ❖ Training on Leadership Development
- ❖ Developing a Right based approach for anti trafficking action in South Asia

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- ❖ Developing Rights Based Space for girls/children in the project intervention area
- ❖ Strengthening Community Policing to minimize the vulnerability of girls/children/women through providing orientation to the local community members & other community based organizations.
- ❖ Empowering and developing leadership and self defense qualities among 175 victims and vulnerable of gender based violence/ trafficking/child marriage through involving them with multidisciplinary services.
- ❖ Networking, Collaboration and Advocacy with civil societies and different level stakeholders for promotion and protection of the rights and dignity of girls/children/women giving especial concern to marginal community.

## **OUTCOMES ACHIEVED:-**

- 541 marginalized section girls/ children were involved with educational mainstreaming.
- Private tuition to the marginalized section girls, who had never attended the school, had enabled them to continue their study in college after matriculation examination.
- 230 girls/ children who were used to send to fields to work as laborers or remained at homes for domestic work were enrolled with local government school with the strong backing of their parents.
- 37 vulnerable girls received local need based vocational trainings.
- 67 vulnerable drop outs girls got opportunity to take private tuition as backup to education.
- 18 victims received counseling for mainstreaming.
- 25 victims/vulnerable strengthened socially and financially.
- 2 victims received medical treatment
- 17 children of victims got involved with educational mainstreaming.
- 9 Mothers of victim girl children strengthened financially to look after their children
- A victim and a vulnerable girl of Kishanganj district who are under social rehabilitation program getting support for education has faced Matriculation examination. They are now continuing their class 11<sup>th</sup> study. She also works as volunteer to provide orientation to the other village girls on safe mobility, rights and dignity.
- Another girl Victim hailing from Kishanganj district has passed out Class 7<sup>th</sup> examination and now continuing her study for class 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A victim who has been getting regular care has now become as volunteer and is running a centre at Kishanganj district for mainstreaming of the oppressed section children. She had enrolled 20 children to local government school and is actively watching for regular presentation of such children
- Girls and boys involved in dancing sector, hailing from red light area of Muzaffarpur district, who previously were either engaged in filling of the local made chocolates, working in garage, working as housemaid or were remained cut off from mainstream are now getting word knowledge through running a centre for such children. The girls are getting vocational courses on designing of *Mehandi*. The learning will provide such children an alternative livelihood option in future.

- There has been a sharp decline in entrance of traffickers in the villages where we have formed 29 Community Safety Net involving local community members and 31 *Kishori Samuhs* involving vulnerable girls.
- Repeated orientation of members of 29 CSN and 31 *Kishori Samuhs* and 5 Anti Trafficking Units had resulted into quick identification of traffickers and had saved 3 girls from the clutches of the traffickers.
- The presence of Community safety nets, *Kishori Samuhs* and ATUs ensured protection to the victims and vulnerable -especially supported to social rehabilitation programs.
- The presence of *Kishori Samuhs* has led the village girls protesting against marriage with strangers. The girls have started to make demands inside their homes for adequate alimentation and care.
- Our presence in the area has resulted into increase of presence of girls in the local schools
- Through the advocacy program, we have taken initiative to bring the issues related to violence against women and children like witch branding and exploitation of girls and boys in dance sector in the name of art and culture. These issues have remained largely unnoticed and untouched by the stakeholders.
- Distressed and deprived children's issue got special focus in public draft i.e on state rule of RTE
- We succeeded to include RTE in the different political parties manifesto.
- RTE came as in discussion. Series of dialogue and debate on RTE got triggered off, RTE become a public issue and common mass have started accessing information's related to RTE Act, and they started playing their part for enforcement of the Act.
- Strong state and regional level group have been formed for "Lok Pahal" to advocate and lobby in favor of enforcement of RTE in future.
- Participated during the launching session of JWOs {JUVENILE WELARE OFFICERS} organized by UNICEF Bihar and Department of social welfare.
- Organized social audit involving CACT Partners on the status of Child labor in Bihar.
- Team of BV participated during the Public hearing at Delhi on the situation of children as Child labor.

## INVOLVEMENT OF SOME ESPECIAL GUEST IN PROMOTING THE OBJECTIVES –

- ❖ Nisha jha, Honorable chairman of Bihar state child right protection commission.
- ❖ Mr. Ramdev Prassad, Honorable chairman child labour Commission. .
- ❖ Mr Guran Mehto, State President , Bachpan Bachao Aandolan.
- ❖ Mrs Vasundhara, Ex- principle Gradini Bag Mahila College, Patna
- ❖ Mr Giri from CACL (campaign against Child labour), advocacy incharge
- ❖ Mr Udaya State Convener Lok adhikar Manch, Bihar.
- ❖ Honorable Chairman of Bihar State Legislative Council, Mr. Tara Kant Jha
- ❖ Dr. Bhim Singh, MLC, leader JDU
- ❖ Dr. Ram Shobhit Singh, famous Hindi Writer and Chairman of Bihar Library Association
- ❖ Mr. Gajnafar Nawab leader CPI and coordinator, Trade Union Coordination Committee, Bihar,
- ❖ Mr. Sanjay Verma, Chairman Loktantrik Samajwadi Party (LSP),
- ❖ Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Leader Congress Party and Educationist
- ❖ Mr. Awdhesh Kumar Singh, Leader RJD
- ❖ Honourable Minister Mr. Jiten Ram Manjhi, Social Welfare Misinster
- ❖ Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Jha, MLA Saharsa & Prof. Arun Kumar, Pro Vice Chancellor, B N Mandal University, Madhepura
- ❖ Ms Veena Yadav, Mayor, Bhagalpur

## ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES-

### 1] Strengthening Community Safety Nets-

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put results
Involve local community people.	Importance of child education and regular presentation in the schools	Formation of CSN involving local people	29 CSN had been formed
Orient the people on trafficking, importance of child education and rights.	Children and role of community.	Orientation of the CSN members	594 CSN members were oriented
Develop CSNs as strong community based vigilance structure for ownership and community policing on girls/child issues.	Threats of trafficking, drawbacks of child marriage and early motherhood, protection to the victims and vulnerable.	Re- interaction meets with the members of CSN	56 re-interaction meetings were held with formed CSNs.
		Village level meetings with CSN members	11 village level meetings organized with 676 CSN members.

## 2} Block level orientation cum training of group leaders of CSN, PRI members and other local CBOs-

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put results
Accelerate the people for playing their responsibilities towards protection of children especially girls.	Changing pattern of trafficking and preventive measures.	Organize block level orientation cum training	9 block level orientation were organized
	Importance of child education, regular presentation of children to schools, responsibilities of parents towards children.	Orient the group leaders of CSN, PRI members and local CBOs	836 people comprising group leaders of CSNs, PRI members, and local CBOs.

## 3} Strengthening marginalized section adolescent/ girls through *Kishori Samuh*

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put results
<p>To orient them on importance of rights, self care self help, dignity, rights, health, and hygiene, threat of early marriage and early motherhood.</p> <p>To develop leadership qualities among adolescent/ girls and get them an exposure to surrounding environments.</p> <p>To break their hesitation and make them vocal.</p>	Importance of girl education	Formation of Kishori Samuh involving local village girls	31 Kishori Samuh was formed in Katihar, Araria and Kishanganj district of Bihar involving 832 village girls.
	Drawbacks of early marriage and early mother hood.	Re- interaction meetings with the members of Kishori Samuh.	58 times Re- interaction meetings were organized with the members of <i>Kishori Samuh</i> .
	Health and hygiene	<i>BAHU- BEETI</i> Interaction meetings	29 <i>BAHU- BEETI</i> interaction held with the village daughters and daughter-in laws
	Girl's rights and dignity	Village level orientation to the members of K-S	7 village level orientations held with 298 members of K-S.
	Identifying local allies	Awareness campaign by the adolescent with slogans and banners on girl's rights and RTE 2009.	K-S members involving local village girls organized Awareness campaign in the village to

			promote girl's rights.
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#### 4} Block level training to adolescent/girls of *Kishori Samuh*-

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put results
To strengthen preventive measures among the adolescent/girls.	Changing pattern of trafficking.	Provide block level training to the adolescent / girls	5 block level training organized with the adolescent/girls
	Identification of the fake dialogues of the traffickers.  Self care and self help.	Orientation of the girls to develop preventive capacities	185 girls were oriented on preventive measures and self care.

#### 5} Girls/child friendly space centers-

Objectives	Contents	Activities	Out put results
Mainstreaming of girls/children hailing from disadvantage group.  To provide the children a platform to feel their childhood.  To involve the children with different curricular activities.	Basic word knowledge	Run Girls/child friendly space centers	17 Girls/child friendly space centres opened in Katihar, Kishanganj, Araria districts of Bihar
	General knowledge	Involve marginalized section girls/children	541 marginalized section children were involved with mainstreaming
	Health care	Group cleanliness of village and surroundings as part of group activity and to develop hygienic practices	Each months the centre children organized group cleanliness program.
	Hygienic Practices	Interaction meeting with ward members, post masters, ANM, local systems and headmasters of primary and secondary school.	In each month, the children had interacted with ward members, post masters, ANM, local systems and headmasters of primary and secondary school.
	Systems/schemes available in the village/area	Awareness classes on trafficking dimensions, child marriage and early motherhood	342 children had gotten knowledge on threat of trafficking, child marriage and early motherhood.
	Awareness on surrounding environment	Interaction meets with the parents on importance of education of children	The peer volunteers at monthly basis had interacted with the parents of the children to promote regular education.
	Self care and self help		

		Especial classes on folk songs by cultural team of bhoomika.	The children learned folk songs on literacy and child education.
		Sports classes to rejuvenate the children	All the children were getting involved with sports classes. They enjoyed playing indoor and outdoor games.
		Awareness move by the children moving in the surrounding areas of the centers with slogans on literacy	Organized awareness move by the children of the centers to promote and demand regular education and rights.
		Formation of Vigilance committees involving local community members for providing community support, local monitoring and feedback to the functioning of the centers.	11 vigilance committee were formed involving local people to provide support in running the centers smoothly.
		Organize March on EARTH DAY for protection and promotion of Bio- diversity.	The children had organized March on EARTH DAY for protection and promotion of Bio- diversity.
		Involvement of children for protection of enviroment	The children jointly did plantation in the village to promote bio- diversity and talked with the villagers on protection of environment through saving plants.

### 6} Strengthen the vulnerable and victims-

Objectives	Activities	Out put results
To make the vulnerable and victims empowered and self reliant.	Involvement of girls with vocational training courses.	37 vulnerable girls are getting vocational training on sewing and cutting and are involved with production and selling of local hand made products- Fan, Pillow cover, local made matrix and ladies outfits.
To involve them with income generating activities at local level.	Provide private tuition to bear their education related expenses and to increase their potential on class syllabus.	67 vulnerable girls are getting private tuition classes to increase their potential on class syllabus.
To promote social rehabilitation of the		



<p>victims to their own social boundary.</p> <p>Reduce vulnerability among vulnerable and victims.</p> <p>Minimize circumstances of victimization of the children of victims.</p>		
	Provide counseling to the victims	18 victims were counseled on rights, self identification, and dignity.
	Financial support to the victims	25 victims had gotten financial support for strengthening their income generating activities
	Medical treatment of the victims	2 victims out of 18 were received medical care.
	Care to the children of the victims	17 children of victims had been involved with regular education and provided livelihood support in the kind of clothes and protein food.
	Monthly meetings with the victims	13 interaction meetings were organized with the victims to monitor, to follow up their activities and to provide input in their work.
	Financial support to the mother of vulnerable girl so that they would be able to protect her and her daughter.	9 mothers of vulnerable girls had become self reliant after getting financial support for the business of seasonal vegetables in local market.

### 7} Orientation of Anti Trafficking Units and Human Rights Defender Systems to protect the girls

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Output results
<p>Strengthen Anti trafficking units</p> <p>Regular orientation of the members of ATU</p> <p>Update them to the changing dimensions of techniques of the traffickers</p> <p>Seek support for close monitoring on the issues related to girls/child rights protection</p>	<p>Analysis of the current situation of trafficking in village.</p> <p>Identification of local allies and close monitoring of the activities.</p> <p>Collaboration among CSNs and ATU committees against trafficking</p> <p>Support the victims and their children for enhancing their community participation</p>	Regular Interaction with the members of ATU	5 times interaction held with 228 ATU members in Katihar district
		Orientation combining the members of ATUs and CSNs at group level	5 times orientation held 225 members of ATUs and CSNs members

## 8} Training on Leadership Development among youths

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put
Confidence building  To develop result oriented Approach among the volunteers  Develop skills how to empower, motivate and inspire others to achieve the target goals.	Good Communication  Presentation  Handholding	Involve the youths with training program	One training program organized  14 youth volunteers oriented on leadership skill

## 9} Awareness rising and Advocacy with stake holders on girls/child rights and protection issues -

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put
Awareness among the different stakeholders on importance of the protection of girls/children.	Protection of the rights of boys and girls involved in dancing and signing sectors.	Organize district level workshops	3 district level workshop were organized with multi- level 266 stake holders such as CBOs, NGOs, Women groups, youth clubs, PRI members, media, academia, etc.
To draw the attention of the different stake holders and do advocacy on the issues related to protection of girls/children with rights based approach.	Exploitation of the females under the pretext of Witch branding.	Orientation cum Co-ordination meetings with the members of Network organizations	2 Meetings had been organized with the 32 members of Network organization
To accelerate them for taking rights based action to protect the rights of the girls/children, from their platforms.	ASTITVA{ Anti trafficking action plan}	Meeting in a Women's College with the youth students on rights and protection	Meeting had been organized in a Women's college with 25 girls.
To coordinate with the networks working on child	Child Labor Action Plan	Information dissemination through IEC Materials, rickshaw painting, cultural shows and poster exhibition	30 Rickshaw painting had been completed. 4000 Anti trafficking awareness folder has been developed. 4000 Community safety net folders have been developed. 20 mobile cultural shows and 1 photo- exhibition was organized.
		Awareness rising through folk Art	3 awareness rising programs were organized by the team of Bhoomika through using folk songs and street plays.
		Involvement with National Social Audit as	Actively involved with National social Audit on the situation of

protection issue.		CACT Regional Convener of Eastern Zone	child labor, conducted jointly by CACT & CACL. Participated as Convener of CACT Eastern Zone Secretariat with other partner organization of CACT Bihar, during the National level Presentation of the survey finding at Delhi. During the program, made presentation of 2 children from Bihar involved as child labor.
		Promotion of ASTITVA and child labor Action Plan	Interaction made with the officials of the “ASTITVA” and State child labor Action Plan for successfully implementation of planned measures in the districts of Bihar.
	Protection of the rights of girls/children during and after flood	1 awareness rising workshop was organized at district Araria to analyze the demur situation of girls/children before and after flood.	118 people had taken part in to share their view and actual situation of the girls/children before and after flood.
	Changing pattern and area of trafficking  Child Labor and Right to Education Act 2009  Situation of girls/children in flood prone area	Survey and Documentation	Finding of actual situation of the children/girls due the rampant access of the traffickers, child labor and effect of repeated flood and disaster.

### 10} Awareness on Right to Education 2009

Objectives	Issues focused	Activities	Out put
To promote the importance of RTE and to give special attention for marginalized girl and deprived children (such as migrant children, red light area children, and the children of Gipsy)	Awareness on RTE and importance of education among local community, grass root level stake holders, children, and girls especially from marginalized community.	Meeting at grass root level with different stake holders such as PRI members, school teachers, members of education committee, cast and religious leaders, girls, children, opinion leaders, local NGOs and CBOs	9 grass root level meeting was organized in Katihar, Araria, and Kishanganj districts with 636 different section people.  Undersytanding of common people increased on importance of education and benefit of RTE.

To strengthen working committee of 'Lok Pahal' for appropriate implementation of RTE in Bihar.	Discussion on how to provide especial benefits to the marginalize section girl, migrant children, red light area children and children of gipsy through RTE act.	State Level Workshop with higher level stake holders, NGOs, CBOs, networks working on child rights protection issue, social activists, women leaders and media personals	1 workshop was organized at Patna with 91 different section people.  All Networks working in grass root level on the issue of children gathered together for joint action.
	Importance of Education	Uses of Information Dissemination tool draw the attention of the people to the importance of the education.	10 Rickshaw and 10 wall paintings were done and 5000 brochures were printed.
	Gender Sensitiveness	Media advocacy	Different Media made especial coverage to bring the act in the knowledge of common people
Enhance stakeholders awareness and knowledge on RTE and promoting RTE as an agenda in the political manifesto of parties in Assembly polls in Bihar	Implementation of Right of the Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 and Promoting RTE	State Level Conference with different political party leaders and other concern stake holders	One state level conference organized at Tara Mandal Patna with 230 people
		Regional workshops with leaders from different political parties, party workers, MLA, social workers, educationists, and representatives from social organizations	5 Regional level workshop organized at Gaya, Saharsha, Bhagalpur, Muzaffaupur with 333 people belonging from different region of Bihar
		Lok Pahal Meetings	2 Lok Pahal meetings were organized at State Patna with 102 people belonging from different networks working on child rights protection issue.

## 11} Information dissemination and Documentation

Vision	Issues focused	Activities	Out put results
<p>Awareness among the parents, local community people, and girl/children on rights and protection.</p> <p>Liaison with stake holders on importance of the protection of the girls/child rights</p>	Girls child Rights and Protection	Collection of the laws and rights related to the protection of the girls/child.	Compilation of a book- let on rights and protection of the girls/children.
	Importance of giving care and safety to the girls/children	Simplification of the collected documents	Simplified the materials related to girls/child rights protection in local language.
	Community involvement for creating an protective environment for girls/children	Distribution of the materials among the parents, local community people and girl/children	8000 IEC Materials were distributed.
	Importance of education and threat of early marriage	Rickshaw Painting	10 Rickshaw painting in Katihar district.
	Community safety net and preventive measures	Folder, Poster Exhibition, Flex Board and banners	2000 folder developed and circulated in project area.  Different communication tools such as Poster exhibition, flex board and banners were used to draw the attention of the people to the issues.
	Child Labor and trafficking	Organize cultural shows involving folk artists in Sone Pur Mela.	25 shows had been organized during <i>Sone Pur Mela</i> { local fair}