

# **Bhoomika Vihar**

## **ANNUAL REPORT- 2012 TO 2013**

**Beneficiaries- Marginalized section deprived girls/children/women**

**Intervention Area- Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Gaya, Katihar, Purnia, Kishanganj, Araria, Saharsha, Suppaul and Patna**

***Enabling girls to interact with the community***



## Synopsis:

As a campaign, it has been trying to develop the girls as Agent of change makers for her and other girls, too. These are the girls who are at high risk of vulnerability of child marriage, domestic violence and trafficking. We as priority basis tried to make the girls learnt about the threat of child marriage, laws and its related offences. Girls get informative knowledge during *Kishori Samuh* meetings and other activities on surrounding environment, self defense, safe mobility, rights & protective measures. Girls during other discussion taking place in their in-house campus, friend circle and while interacting with their relatives often chat on the information learned. As result, girls have started to protest early marriage even parents hesitate after getting note by their own daughters on the consequences of offences concern to early or fake marriage.

## Overview:

Concern is an constructive initiative towards marginalized and deprived section children/girls to make them able to survive a life of social and economic dignity with a safe and secure environment. We, through this project, will provide input to these children/girls that their "UDAN" {fly} can take off safely to their desired destination.



## Project Objectives:

- To enable 415 marginalized and deprived section girls/children socially mainstreamed and economically strong through involving them with livelihood based vocational/technical training courses and education for their better future prospects.
- To make the community and stakeholders responsible and more sensitized for care and protection of the rights of girls/children
- To realize a gender balance in society by eliminating female foeticide/ infanticides and ensuring the right to identity, name and citizenship
- To strengthen convergence with different level stakeholders and community level social security systems for care and protection of girls/children/women from different forms of abuse and violence.

## Project Strategies

- Develop individual plans for each vulnerable girl/woman and their families to reduce their vulnerability from gender biased violence.
- They will develop an understanding about their rights, particularly to education and protection from all forms of abuse, and then demand these rights
- Adolescent Participation and leadership building
- Strengthen community based structures in each village involving PRI members that would work as watch dogs to reduce the vulnerability of girls/children/women.
- Ensure the regular education of the girls to complete primary and higher education.
- Strengthen livelihood opportunities for girls/women to make them economically independent

## Direct Beneficiaries:

Contents	No of beneficiaries / Reach Out
Stipend to the girls as Back up Education	93
Training to the girls on Screen Printing	4
Beautician Course to the girls	8
Computer Application Training to the girls	18
Involving women with income generating activities such as Vending of mud- made utensils, threads, ready made cloths, cosmetic items & seasonal vegetables, goat & hen rearing, small departmental stores, small shops of breakfasts items.	54
Local Market based income generating training to young mothers/ girls	40
Strengthen Kishori Samuh	35
Strengthen Community Safety Nets	35
Strengthen Community Based Vigilance Structures	6
Formed Youth- The Change Makers Groups	5
Out of school girl children enrolled	57
Prevented from becoming the victim of child marriage	2
Prevented from becoming the victim of trafficking	4
Prevented from becoming the victim of domestic violence	1
Prevented from becoming the victim of child labor	1

### **Inputs to mobilize the adolescent and local villagers:-**

- Folk art using regional music & vocabulary
- Painting classes
- Sports- Ludo, Skipping, Kabbadi, See-saw and other regional games.
- Celebration of Important days
- Interaction with PRI, officials of Aanganwari/ balwari, ANM, Asha, college/ school principal, postmaster, SDO.
- Sewing & tailoring classes
- Rights Mapping Games
- Slogans making
- Handmade information boards preparation

### **Project Outcomes:-**

- 1000 house hold closely monitored & action plan developed.
- 42 marginalized section out of school children are involved with Maikkee centres for educational mainstreaming
- 46 children enrolled in govt school for regular education
- 525 adolescent are united in the form of 35 groups – Kishori Samuh
- 262 adolescent are strengthened with preventive measure skills
- 94 victims/vulnerable young mothers have become daily earner through getting involved with local market based income generating activities resulting into regular income of 1500 to 2000 each month.
- 30 girls have developed employable skills through getting vocational trainings in – Computer, Beautician course. Concern girls developing “*Shiksha Jal*” have involved 73 children for free education.
- 93 girls are developing learning capacity skill through getting stipend resulting into minimization of drop outs.
- 10 young daughter-in-laws are trained on Tailoring course who were bounded to face “*Prada Pratha*”. To get community support 36 girls {sister- in-laws} were also involved with the courses.
- Engagement of girls with program contributing in involving their younger sisters and brothers too
- 35 groups of villagers working as support structure for girls and watch dog against the trafficking movement.
- Grass root level volunteers are trained on concern issue.
- Girls are becoming “*Self Advocates*” for getting benefit from Government welfare schemes
  - Sanitary Napkins from ASHA
  - Dry Ration from Aangan wari Sewika
  - Assisting their mothers for safe motherhood from ASHA
  - Enrollment of children under RTE 2009

- Initiative taken by Bhoomika Vihar and Beti Bachao Aandolan on the value of girl child and for the implementation of PC & PNDT Act 1994 was shared in the annual report 2011-12 To 2012-13 of State Health Society, Bihar
- Hon'ble Health Minister had contributed his especial contribution during all state level activities of Bhoomika Vihar.
- Seeing the Outcome of Beti Bachao Aandolan, Hon'ble Health Minister from his level has initiated "Bitya Bachao Abhiyan" as special campaign of govt. for the promotion & protection of the value of girl child.
- Regular advocacy and interaction with electronic media emphasize them for special & regular coverage on LGBB project supported activities.
- On suggestion of Hon'ble Health Minister, Bihar, special pamphlet covering social status of girl child, threat of Declining Child Sex Ratio, PC & PNDT Act 1994 has been designed & printed under the banner of Beti Bachao Aandolan for mass awareness.
- First Counseling Session in Bihar was inaugurated by Mr. Rajendra Prasad, Retired Justice, Patna High Court & Member of Human Right Commission. It is an effort to develop situational sensitivity & self Defense among youths & to mobilize them for social concern issues.
- As a follow up of the counseling centre, a letter box named "**Sujaav Saheli**" has been put up for taking & suggestion from the youths. Women Help Line, Patna has provided support in conducting counseling session at Sri Arbind Mahila College.
- Sticker & Information Board has been printed in the collaboration of State Health Society, Bihar.
- Patna Women's College has invited team of Bhoomika Vihar as a guest lecture on value of girl child with present data & social responsibilities. As a follow up, girls of Women College formed a cultural team & presented a Street play in Govt Girl's High School, Shastrinagar.
- One of the students trained & sensitized during world comic workshop has attempted for a new initiative to educate the poor students & to mobilize other students for against female foeticide. Seeing his effort, The Times of India had made special interview at all India basis.
- In Indian culture there was a long tradition that "Sohar" was greeted for the birth of baby boy. But breaking the barrier of traditional culture, now "Sohar" has been composed for greeting the birth of a girl child.
- The students of A. N. College have come together to contribute towards providing better quality education for slum children. The Youths decided to initiate a new project- "**Jag-Jagi**" to reach out the marginalized section of the society where people are very downtrodden. It is truly wonderful that as part of their college activities the students are able to source funds & provide for better education for lesser privileged children. We hope that this mode & project will act as source of inspiration for many other colleges' youths to give back something to the society and NSS Co-ordinator of College also ready to support their sponsorship.
- Bhoomika Vihar did regular advocacy with Hon'ble Health Minister for the formation of State Supervisory Board and State Inspection & Monitoring Committee. As result, Bhoomika Vihar become the member of State Supervisory Board

## Implemented Activities:

### 1} Individual plans for girls/women

Before going ahead to other activities, individual plans were developed for victims and vulnerable girls/women. About 1000 households were visited to closely observe the critical situation. The criteria were—

- Single women or their siblings
- Women headed households
- Orphan
- Girl having step mother
- Big families having number of girls
- Victims of trafficking/child marriage/violence and their children
- Out of school or drop out girls/children
- Socio-economically deprived families.

Analyzing the demer condition, project beneficiary list have been developed for further action plan and support, case to case basis.

### 2} Involving girls with social mainstreaming:

Objectives	Contents	Activities organized	Out put
To develop the understanding level and decision making capacity of the girls while tackling the issues related to marriage, personal health & hygiene, education, alimentation and basic rights	Threats of early & fake marriage  Hygienic practices towards personal health & hygiene-removing fear of mind and hesitation  Safe mobility  Surrounding enviroment and threats	Monthly Meetings with the members of 35 Kishori Samuh	175 interaction meetings held with the members of Kishori Samuh in Katihar, Purnia, Araria and Muzaffarpur district.  24 Kishori Samuh joint meetings organized at Araria and Katihar  4 cases of child marriage cum trafficking, 2 case of child marriage and 2 cases of domestic violence, 1 case of child labor were intervened by the effort of the Kishori Samuh
To involve both generation { Parents & daughters} through interaction session and try to identify the circumstances of neglect in the name of gender and traditional practices	Regular presentation of girls in school  Gender biased behavior of parents towards girls in the field of food, education, cloth, discussion, decision, knowledge, etc	Rights Mapping Game to elimintae gender descrimination	39 Rights mapping exercise was done during the meetings of Kishori Samuh

Involvement of girls/children with such opportunities related to childhood that are not accessible for them due to traditional practices	Extra curriculum activities	Recreation through cultural activities, sports and paintings	Girls/children were taught songs on threat of child marriage, importance of education and rights. Children were got involved with recreations such as Ludo, Skipping, Ring, Carrom Board and Painting
Involvement of girls/children with awareness rising campaign	Care & protection and rights of girls/child rights	Especially day awareness move in the villages by the girls/children	<p>258 Girls/children were involved to generate awareness on protection of environment during Environment week</p> <p>608 girls/children had protested child labor during International child labor week</p> <p>75 children/girls were got involved in raising voice against child marriage and demanding rights</p> <p>385 children jointly celebrated Independence day</p> <p>315 children celebrated birthday of Mahatma Gandhi</p> <p>146 children celebrated National literacy day</p> <p>521 children were involved in celebrating International Anti Trafficking Day</p> <p>263 children celebrated National Girl Child Week</p> <p>332 children celebrated Independence day</p> <p>85 children celebrated International Women Day</p>
Promote the involvement of the girls/ children with the program	Proper alimentation of children  Importance of education	Formation of Parents association	10 Parent's association formed to take up the issues related to girls/children rights
To make the girls vocal and to make them aware to their surroundings	Systems available in the village	Exposure visit of girls/children for outdoor interaction	Girls/ Children of project area interacted with ANM, Headmaster of school and post office, panchayat representatives and chawkedar of the village to know the systems available in the village.

To bring change to the traditional mind- set of the parents towards daughters	Enrollment of girls/children in the school  Regular presentation in the school	Counseling for regular education and Enrollement drive	23 children were enrolled in Katihar district  9 enrollment did in Araria dist  25 children were enrolled in Muzaffarpur dist
Exposure of the girls with Government systems to develop confidence among them	Preventive measures against trafficking	Interaction of Kishori Samuh girls with the policy makers and government officials	12 girls from Kishori Samuh, Muzaffarpur district, performed cultural shows indicating child rights and safe mobility during the Regional Consultation workshop, facilitated by the Women & Child Empowerment Committee of Bihar Legislative Council  12 members from Kishori Samuh interacted with Government officials, policy makers, persons of Child protection systems, member of Child Welfare Committee, PRI members and local organizations.

### 3} Ledership development training

Objectives	Contents	Activities	Out put
Develop leadership quality among girls of disadvantaged group.	Safe Mobility  Self defense	Leadership development training with the girls of disadvantage group	More than 140 girls were informed on preventive measure techniques including leadership development skills and are aware to talk freely on issues related to their health & hygiene
Develop sense of dignity and self defense among adolescent girls.	Importance of Personal Health & Hygiene- removing hesitation and fear of mind		
Building knowledge of preventive measures among themselves.	Surrounding environment		

### 4} Support for Supplementary Education

Objectives	Activities	Out put
To promote regular education of girls under the project area of Katihar, Araria, Muzaffarpur dist	Provide private tution  Regular Interaction with the parents of the girls	93 girls are getting private tution under the project area of Katihar, Araria, Muzaffarpur dist
To increase learning capacity of the girls	Visit the local schools to minimize the drop outs	93 girls are developing the learning capacity in their concern studies and classes
To minimize drop outs		



### 5} Support to victims and vulnerable girls/children or their mothers

Objectives	Activities	Out put
Social and economical mainstreaming of 54 victims and vulnerable	<p>Economical support to 54 victims/ vulnerable</p> <p>Care and protection to 6 victims who either are disabled or are suffering from acute illness</p> <p>Counseling and regular follow up</p> <p>Monthly interaction to know the status</p> <p>Provide tuition fee to the children of victims</p>	<p>54 victims/vulnerable are getting financial support for income generating activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17are involved with selling of cosmetic items</li> <li>• 8are doing goat and hen rearing</li> <li>• 10 is involved in doing business of tea &amp; snacks items</li> <li>• 19are doing business of seasonal vegetables</li> </ul> <p>6 victims are getting regular care and protection in the form of medical treatment and life assessment monthly support</p> <p>3 children of the victims are getting tuition fee to continue their education</p>
Protect the vulnerable girls from being the victims of early marriage and trafficking	<p>Keep close vigil to the movement of the traffickers</p> <p>Counsel the parents on threat of child marriage</p>	<p>2 girls were protected from being the victim of child marriage</p> <p>3 Girls were saved from the clutches of the traffickers</p>
Cases follow up	<p>Visiting the field area</p> <p>Finding new cases of trafficking and traceless girls/children</p> <p>Counseling of the parents and assist them for taking action to find out their traceless girls/children</p> <p>Follow the cases regularly</p>	<p>Three application has been submitted by a parent to Superintendent of Police, Katihar to find out their traceless girl</p> <p>During the survey several cases of trafficking have come in light that the local volunteers have involved them with rehabilitation process.</p> <p>The local volunteers often counsel the parents to come forward to find out their traceless children taking help from legal systems.</p>

### 6) Local market based income generating vocational training for girls and young daughter- in - laws/women

Objectives	Activities	Out put
To involve the village girls and daughter- in- laws with the program, directly	Involve the vulnerable girls/women with tailoring course	40 vulnerable girls/women are getting training of tailoring course
To develop self employment skills among 30 vulnerable girls/women	Discussion on the issue of early marriage, safe mobility, hygenic practices,	40 vulnerable girls/women are developing their daily based employment skills.
To make them aware to the surrounding enviroment	importance of education and rights	40 vulnerabel girls/women are aware to dimensions of child marriage and importance of safe mobility, hygenic pratices, education and rights.

### 7) Vocational training courses to develop value added skills among girls

Objectives	Activities	Out put
To increase value added skills of 10 girls to fight against poverty	Involve the girls with vocational cum technical training	4 girls are getting training on screen printing
To accelerate their hidden skill and bring them forward for their overall development	Interaction with the parents for regular presentation of the girls	18 girls are get involved with 1 year Advanced diploma in computer Application
To break the tradition of gender baised strerotype mindset of the community	Follow the status	8 girls are getting beautician course
To strengthen the girls through up gradation of skills		
Making the girls as Role model for others		

### 8) Orientation cum interaction meetings with community members

Objectives	Contents	Activities	Out put
Involve local people for community mobilization and response to care and protection of girls/children and victims	Changing dimensions of trafficking Effect of increasing trend of child labor Threat of early marriage and early motherhood Community and individual responsibility	Orientation cum interaction meetings with villagers and members of CACT	12 mettings organized qt Katihar, Purnea, Araria, Muzaffarpur distrcet involving 816 participants where women and girls have shown their greater participation. Especially the Kishori Samuh girls were very interactive while organizing the events in different places

### **9] Identification of the children/girls in need of care and protection**

Base line survey in the 6 villages of project area had been conducted to track the status of the children/girls who are in need of care and protection. It was found that the number of children especially girls were living with their relatives. Such children either are orphan or due to other circumstances living with the relatives. Concern status was also shared with the local bodies members for observing the status and action plan for care and protection. Discussion with the community people and local bodies members decided to look the depth analyses, throughly. After that, it has been planned to conduct random survey in six district of State Bihar to get a wide picture.

### **10] Interaction meeting with the members of community safety net (CSN), local villagers and folk artists:**

Every month meeting organized to strengthen community level social security and defense against violation of the rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups. Concern effort helps them to take responsibility for the safety of their girls, women, and children in collaboration with the PRI members and local volunteers. CSN works as watch dog to reduce the vulnerability of girls/women from child marriage, trafficking and other gender biased violence.

### **11] Capacity Building Training of Program volunteers**

Capacity building of local volunteers did to orient them to the concern issue and to shape up their knowledge on implementation strategy, project focus target area and community, project objectives & issues, social responsibilities, tools & techniques, care and protection of girls/children and victims, community policing.

### **12] Information dissemination**

Objectives	Items	Contents	Outputs
To draw the attention of the people towards care and protection of girls/children	Folder	Preventive measure of trafficking and child marriage  Education	9000 folders printed
	Rickshaw painting		15 rickshaw painting done in Araria and Patna dist <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 in Araria dist</li><li>• 5 in Patna</li></ul>
	Cultural Shows		59 cultural shows were organized in project areas
	Reference Material	Preventive measures and Women Rights	312 reference material had been printed
	Draft Papers	Good Practices on social rehabilitation-promoting non-instituinal care	Life Changed Case Studies were documented Development of questionaires to know the situation of children living with their relatives.

### 13} Interaction Meetings with Youths- The Change Maker Groups:

Objectives	Contents	Activities	Out puts
<p>To mobilize the youths on gender concern issues.</p> <p>To make the youths aware about the existing social issues in the society.</p>	<p>Participation of youth groups involving academia on rights of the girl child and pre birth elimination focusing on female foeticide and entitlement of girl child over their rights</p> <p>Sensitization of the youths on the drastic fall of sex ratio and to inform them on PC &amp; PNDA Act and importance of gender equality.</p>	Quarterly Meeting with youths	162 students showed their participation and discussed on the importance of gender equality. Students were from Patna College, College of Commerce; CIMAGE; A. N. College, Jakir Husain Institute of Mass Communication, Shri Arbind Mahila College, Patna Rajkiya Mahila College, Gardanibagh
		Celebration of International Girl Child Day on 11 <sup>th</sup> of October 2012	230 participants {boys and girls from different colleges of Patna such as Sri Arbind Mahila College, Cybotech Patna, Patna College, A N College, Patna Commerce College and Chanakya Law College; Hon'ble Health Minister, Chairman, Child Labour Commission; Chairperson, Child Right Protection Commission; Professor, Shri Arbind mahila College, Director, Bhoomika Vihar, Mr. Arshad, Plan India, Mr Lakhindar Prasad, Civil Surgeon} gathered jointly and celebrated the event for the rights and dignity of girl child
		International Anti Human trafficking Day	44 students of Arbind Mahilla College gained information on the dimensions and preventive measures of trafficking
		Celebrating Human Rights Day	32 students of Arbind Mahilla College discussed on the importance of gender equality for a society and world
		Debate Competition	Debate competition organized in the 5 colleges of state Patna where the students actively engaged in brainstorming sessions on participation and protection of girl child and community responsibilities
		Celebration of National Girl Child Week	55 Hon'ble Health Minister, Shri Ashwini Kr. Chaubey, Dr. Poornima Shekhar, Professor, A. N. College and Youths from different colleges i.e. from Shri Arbind Mahila College, A. N.

			College, Jakir Hussain Institute of Mass Com.
		Awareness Program Cum Talk Show in a school in Collaboration with Patna Women's College	Event organized at ShastriNagar School where 350 school students acquired knowledge on safe mobility and self defense. Especial guests were- Chairman of Child Labor Commission and local Media people.
		Celebration of Bihar Divas	Three days celebration organized at Gandhi Maidan Patna during the eve of Bihar Divas where 750 people from different area shown their interest in talking on the protection of girl child and community responsibilities.

### 13) Convergence with concern stakeholders:

Objectives	Contents	Activities	Out puts
Strengthening Beti Bachao Aandolan and CACT Bihar to develop positive and protective environment for girls/children	Protection of the rights of girls- before and after birth	Organize the meeting of BBA with local media House- Prabhat Khabar	14 people hailing from women help line, Mahilla Samakhya, academia, media personals, lawyer, UNICEF and CBO gathered jointly to talk on the strategies and action plan for protection of the rights of girls
	Networking and covergence on the issue of rights and protection of girls/children	Interaction meeting with the partners of Beti Bachao Aandolan and CACT	17 Partner organization gathers jointly to strengthening preventive measures to protect the right and dignity of the girls/children
	Mass awareness and sensitization on gender concern issues	Co-operative Bank Purnea	30 participants involving villagers and CACT members participated to share the current situation of gender based exploitation and negligence
	Developing & strengthenning preventive measures against trafficking in women and children	Involvement of CACT & Beti Bachao Partner organizations during Regional Consultation workshop facilitated by Women & Child Empowerment Committee of Bihar Legislative	Partner organizations of CACT & Beti Bachao Aandolan have actively played their role in organizing and developing the preventive measure against trafficking during the Regional consultation workshops at Muzaffarpur, Munger and Gaya districts.

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	Different aspects of flood of Koshi region and its affect on the lives of girls/women/children	Regional workshop of Beti Bachao Aandolan and CACT	On dated 3 December, 2012 in the joint collaboration of Bhoomika Vihar, C.A.C.T. and Beti Bachao Aandolan, a regional workshop was organized in the marriage hall of Saharsa. In regional level, Kaushik Samaj helped to orient the workshop. In this workshop, representatives of NGOs, Social scientists or different political leaders were participated and give up their cordial thoughts and views. Program was started with lightening the lamp by Beti Bachao Aandolan, convenor, Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, Ex. MLA Sanjeev Kumar Jha, BKP leader Om Prakash Narayan, RJD young leader Ajay Kumar Singh, Ritesh Ranjan, Bhagwan Jee Pathak, CACL, and Various MLA & MLC shown their grim presence to way forward.
	How exposure and awareness increases preventive steps to be protected from violence  Sharing of best practices to boost up the people-intervention taken by community against gender biased violence	Awareness meeting with community on rights of women and girl child and gender equality	72 different section community{ PRI members, law enforcement personals, caste and religious leaders, network, NGOs, CBOs, academia, media persons, youth clubs and opinion leaders} discussed and developed strategy on how to promote gender quality through giving the rights to women and girls.
An attempt to reduce the increasing depression and anxiety among the youths		Opening of Counseling Centre at Arbind Mahilla College, Patna	Counseling centre opened at Arbind Mahilla College, Patna, in the presence of 61 college students and with Honorable Justice, Patna High Court and Member Human Rights Commission, Mr Rajendra Prasad. Miss Pramila, Progarm Manager, Women Help Line Patna; Mrs. Asha
Prioritizing enforcement of PC&PNDT ACT 1994 in the responsibility	present status of declining female sex ratio and our multi sectoral responsibilities.	Common Platform Discussion with critical stakeholders	State level workshop organized at State Patna where 74 different section stakeholders analyzed the alarming situation of girls and developed action plan for the implementation of the available

<p>level of the different level stake holders.</p>			<p>laws.          Especial guests were- Shri Ashwini Kumar Chaubey, Minister, Health &amp; Family Planning, Bihar; Smt. Nisha Jha, Hon'ble Chairman, Child Right Protection Commission, Bihar; Dr. Purnima Shekhar, HOD, Geography, A. N. College; Dr. Chitra Vaish, Deptt. Of Economics, Shri Arbind Mahila College; Sri Ramdeo Prasad, Chairman, Child Labor Commission; Smt. Pramila Kumari, Women Helpline; Smt Debjani Khan, Program Manager, Plan India; Mr. Arshad Hussain, Program Co-ordinator, Plan India; Sri Rajnish Upadhyay, Special Correspondent, Prabhat Khabar; Sri Ajay Kumar, Special Correspondent, Dainik Bhaskar, different departments NGOs, INGOs, CBOs, media person, different Party leaders of different Party, Professors, different college students</p>
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