Bhoomika Vihar

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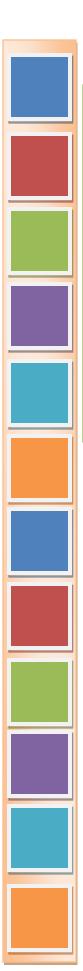
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Snapshots of Bhoomika Vihar Especial Moments



Honored by Mr Amir Khan as "Secret Superstar" from Bihar State for doing commendable social work Panel Guest as Local Voice against Human Trafficking from Bihar, during the TIP Conclave on Human Trafficking, organized by U.S Consulate, Kolkata, where got opportunity to interact direct with Honorable Chief Minister, Bihar, Shree Nitish, Kumar,





Recognition and appreciation by Patna Frontier, Sahastr Seema Bal for contribution in Combating Human Trafficking.



Dinner Reception celebrating Canada-India ties on the occasion of the visit of The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister Of Canada

Invited by Doordarshan, Patna, as Panelist to speak during the program "Sarokar" on fake and forced marriage of girls.



Hawan against Child Marriage

Bhoomika Cultural Team Participating during National Events, organized by TDH, Germany

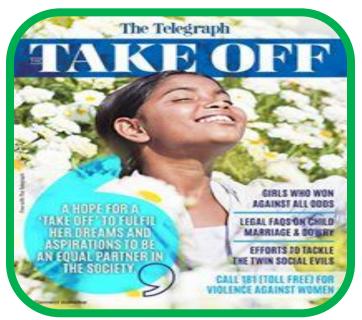






Telegraph Magazine "TAKE OFF" and Hindustan "Hamari Betia" has appreciated the Preventive and Curative measures against child marriage.





The Hindu Magazine had highlighted the Anti Bride Trafficking intervention of bhoomika vihar by contributing one especial Page Note.



Ist Generational Learners and Graduates receiving award by District Megistrate



BHOOMIKA VIHAR



State event with Youths **Especial Guest-**Ms. Ratna Purkayast, Deputy, Director, Doordarshan Kemdr, Patna,







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Dignity March by the vulnerable girls during celebrating National Girl Child Day, organized jointly by District







Especial intervention with District Magistrate, Minister, Dept of Social Welfare, Member of Parliament and Member of Legislative Council, Police, Media, PRI

Thousands of Girls and women gathered jointly to voice out to prevent child marriage and

trafficking. Campaign Initiated

Signature Campaign Initiated and

state holders taken joint Oath





Especial Coverage by E- Samay, Kolkata leading News paper

Expert Comments on India News Channel



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দেশেও আমি যুখ। আপনাদের এই লড়াইকে আমার ওচন্দা। শিল্পী বালি কথাকে আমার আমারণ ভানান। ভবাবে তিনি ভানান, বৃব শিল্পীর কিন বাছিবার আনো। লেখে আসকে শিল্পীর অফিস ও সেখানকার অবৈতদিক স্কুল। গাল্পী আমারণত পেরোজন এই সমাজদেশী। তিনি শিল্পীকৈ করি বাজিবার নিয়ে তাতে কথাকে মুকুলী। আপাত্রক অনিহরের সাসে সাম্পান্তর আপোনার রারাকে তিনি।

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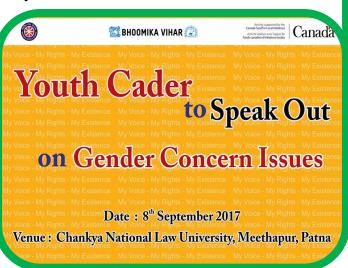
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Launching of Gender Cell in Chanakya Law University, Patna; A N College, Patna and Arbind Mahilla College.

Gender Responsive Team Capacitated Youths performed on to breaking patriarchal structure and mindset

Boys especially designed skits on to protect eve teasing and to voice out against dowry system











Different Panels represented by **Specialist** discussed on-"Gender sensitive **Educational** Structures, "Role of Media Gender and Sensitive Approaches, "Health and Gender Perspective"

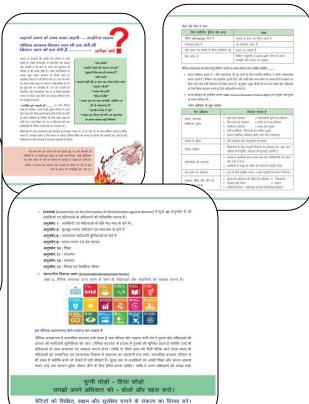
Global Youth Conclave organized under joint collaboration with ZEE Bihar- Jharkhand and NSS. Live program initiated

In this program Smt Sita Sahu, Mayor Patna, Bihar; Shri Gupteswar Pandey, DG, BMP, Bihar; Sri Dipak Kumar, Regional Director, NSS Bihar and Jharkhand; Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Country Director, India ,, Laxmi Mittal South Asia Institute, Howard University; Smt. Nisha Jha, Ex. Chairperson SCPCR; Mr. T. Sampath, Independent Consultant, High Commission of Canada; Senior Journalists; renowned educationists, social workers from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand joined the event



Speak Out folder designed on bringing awareness on CEDAW, SDG, Gender discrimination and Human Rights





#PledgeFor Equality Initiated More than 5000 people get involved through



Signature Campaign and Information Stall on Girl Child rights and protection placed during Bihar Diwas



US Consulate General Kolkata has shared our initiative in their social media

https://www.facebook.com/Kolkata.usconsulate/photos/a.164786693545907.39689.162940587063851/1706664

Panel of Jury for the event-Youth Debatathon, held by Plan International Participation as Speaker on Addressing upsurge in trafficking during flood situation with focus on women and adolescent girls, organized by Bihar State Disaster Management Authority



Highlights of 2017-2018

10000 Households reached by Base Line Survey on indentifying social & economical vulnerability in Kosi Mahananda region of Bihar	260 girls working as Ambassadors in inspiring the community towards the importance of girl's rights and protection
560 marginalized section children, drop out and out of school mainstreamed with regular education through child friendly space centres and Child Clubs Boys: 180 Girls: 380	50 Change Makers Girl Team strengthened to voice out for right and protection through forming groups
260 vulnerable girls re-continuing their education to pursue higher study	3085 vulnerable girls are enriched with life skill education, leadership and decision making capability. Thus they are protected from becoming the easy target of child marriage and trafficking
60 Gender Responsive Boys are mobilized to take up action in breaking patriarchal structures	4 panchayat level Boys Team Strengthened
73 girls and young women are skilled with Mehandi designing Art	60 victims/vulnerable women and girls are socially rehabilitated and economically strengthened through getting involved with local market based income generating activities
148 young women have become daily earner through getting skills on tailoring and designing	55 children of the women who are getting support are mainstreamed and cycle of victimization stopped
42 Folk Artists involved for modeling script and composing sons on bringing awareness on girl child rights and protection	80 Wall Painting and 200 Rikshaw Painting Done

45 Cultural markamenta la 11 le 11 a falla	10 Change Malaga side sugar la casa di la
45 Cultural performances held by the folk artists	10 Change Makers girls were honored by
	District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police, Katihar for their heroic performances
	against child marriage and trafficking.
24 Community based support structures	23 Ambassadors Girls of Bhoomika Vihar took
strengthen through forming safety nets in the	part in the Quotation Ramp walk during the
vulnerable areas	event organized jointly with District
	Administration, District Child Protection Unit
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20 girls actively participate in raising voice	36 girls informed on legal rights through
against dowry and child marriage during the awareness event of Dainik Jagran News	interacting with Women Police Officials
Paper	
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10 Oath ceremony held targeting "3 P"	46 girls interacted with District Child
[People, Panchayat and Police] where 894	Protection unit to know better on the available
participants taken joint oath to prevent girls	child protection systems
from child marriage and trafficking	
198 children were honored upon their regular	1274 marginalized section vulnerable girls
presentation in school, during celebrating	celebrate their own birthday through organizing
Attendance Award in local school	Betia Janm Maha Utsav
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14 Vigilance Committee and 20 Community Safety net constituted as community based	66 guardian got appreciation for sending their children school, regularly, during
support structure for ownership and	celebrating Attendance Award in local
sustainable approaches	school
110 children living without parental care are	19 events took place where children living
mainstreamed educationally and socially	without parental care celebrated monthly
through multidisciplinary services	birthday to support each other, emotionally.
6 Care Giver Association formed to look after	6 Peer Groups of children formed to be
the children living without parental care and to promote the concept of community based	interactive and for making friends.
alternative care model	

Guardians honored by PRI members and Child Protection Officials on keeping best care of children living without parental care

 Gender Cell opened in Chanakya National Law University, A N College and Arbind Mahila College

pledge signed by people from colleges, coffee shops, shopping malls, open places, play grounds, different offices; to discuss on gender concern issues and for mass involvement

children received award by the Principal for the regular presentation in school

45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers capacitated on SGD, human Rights, CEDAW and on the issue of gender equality as a whole

Cultural shows held in project area



Abstract

The pillar of culture and humanity indulges in a child at the very primary institution called "Family". The journey of discrimination on the basis of gender, initiate in family. This double mentality behavior of our society has neither based on any fact, nor on any logic. This gender based discrimination is only a false mentality, inherent under us by our self greediness and orthodox thoughts. Consequence of this, results

"Speak less, walk slow, don't laugh much, take care of house, no need to go alone, no need to answer all questions, sit well, live under your dignity, unlucky girl, learn to accept all difficulties, and don't know how many more boundaries and preaches are made only for girl.

into weaken the existence of a girl by mentally and socially and also made her a soft victim of violence.

From the birth, intensity to go at other family and to endure all the difficulties is so high, that a girl gets no time to build their existence and nobody cares about it. Less participation of a girl at higher level or in higher education is a simple example of gender discrimination. At all level, whether her house, out of house, or elsewhere the partiality and discrimination persist everywhere in the society.

If we are hoping to change in behavior towards gender discrimination at social platform, than we have to ensure that the participation of a male and a female at all level will equal. We have to ensure From centuries girls are suffering this discrimination as a cultural rituals, nobody knows how many of girls are being pushed into a fire-pot (Hawan-kund) on the name of female feticides, child marriage, and trafficking and dowry system. This partiality that starts from our family, leads a girl's life struggling from womb to grave in her life-cycle.

about the future status of a woman, where they can equally contribute in social and formative development of a woman. The real change is possible at family level, as the children learn what he/she sees in that primary institution. Our responsibility is to inspire them to live a respectful life by ensuring better education and equal opportunities.

Bhoomika Vihar is making effort for marginalized section rural area adolescent girls ,with the same objective of motivating them for higher education and to make them informed on different aspects of violence as- trafficking, child marriage. She would have many employment opportunities in her near future. Until she becomes a decision maker of the family, she couldn't take any secure decision for her or her family.

Summary

Bhoomika Vihar basically aims to remove distress; trouble and darkness from the life of adolescent girls of disadvantaged group through developing leadership quality, value added skills and to make the parents and the society believe that daughters are not burden but are assets of the family and society provided they are given opportunities and proper grooming.

It is an effort to end heterogeneous exploitation (within the four walls or outside). Bhoomika Vihar always been involved in facilitating constructive initiative towards

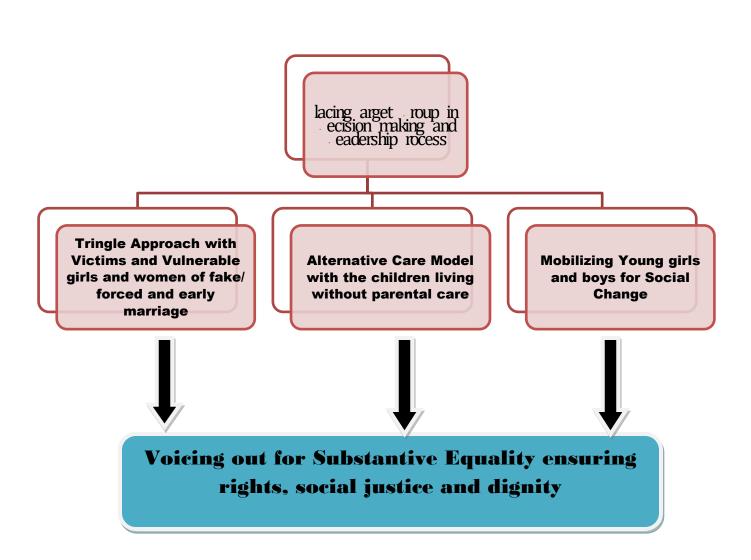
children/girls to make them able to survive a life of social and economic dignity with a safe and secure environment taking spontaneous action against child marriage, child labor and trafficking. The main motive is to enhance the leadership quality

Bhoomika Vihar believes in capacitating visionary leadership to translate vision into reality; dream into execution; hindrance into courage and strength to bring positive change

in a very polished way among girls and as a result of that they could be role model of the community & society as well.

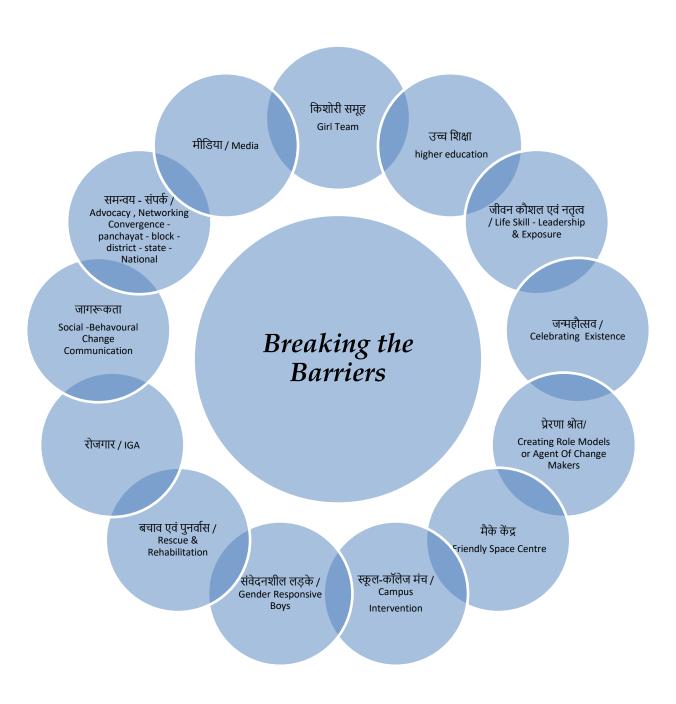
With a challenge to make girls/children of all castes sit together at a common place, we initiated this program. Fortunately, we have got a good outcome that – now they sit, study, learn, sing, eat and play together. Some where they didn't get this common place at home. The program is continuously trying to build up self defense, confidence among adolescents, apart from this they are getting Right to Speak, Decision making skill and an environment to come out of their boundaries. The initiative seems like miracle, now adolescents are well said that we are enough capable to be independent and self dependent. But it was not an easy task for us to make them unite; our long efforts mainstreamed them socially and as a result of that we could their social participation.

Intervening & Community Based Approaching Model of Bhoomika Vihar towards creating Change Agents and Role Models



Triangle Approach

Preventive, Curative and Advocacy Level Measures to protect the girls from trafficking and child marriage and to break the Cycle of Victimization



Result-1

Marginalized section Vulnerable Community ensure basic child rights and girls/children are protected, organized and mainstreamed

Deliverables

Conducting Baseline Study

This is basically to identifying the status of child marriage, child labor, migration, trafficking, education, socio-economic aspects, and availability of livelihood, daily earners, and children living without parental care.

Data collection facilitates implementation of activities – identification of vulnerable households, reaching out to maximum number of households, appropriate activity reaching out to the most deserving household, enabling maximum impact from the intervention.

Methodology for conducting Base Line

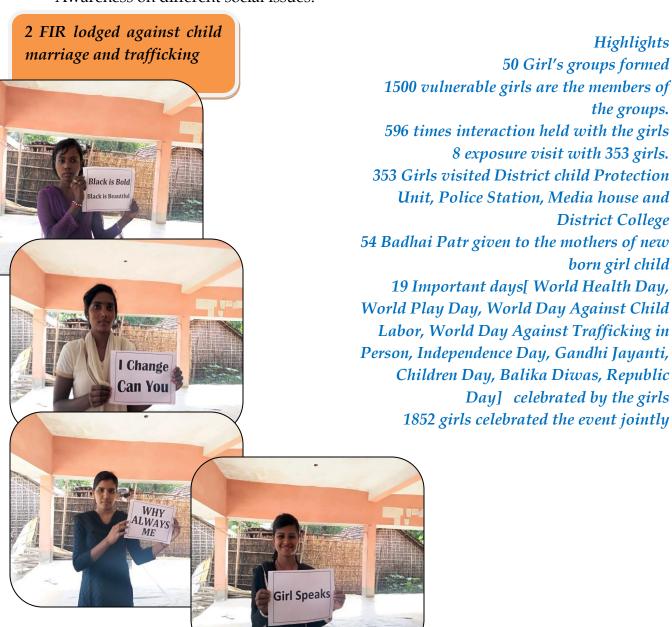
Selection of vulnerable areas especially bordering districts where migration is high and people suffer due to repeated flood and water logging Involving of local grass root volunteers Survey format designing and experimenting it in field before going ahead to finale survey Training of Surveyor Meetings with community Primary data collection by survey format Review and check mechanism of the data Involvement of PRI members Discussion and Observation Master sheet designing Case Study and tabulating Secondary data Data analyses and Report

Highlights

10000 households and 50949 population reached and the level of vulnerability identified by conducting base line survey in 4 Panchayats of Katihar and Araria district

Girls as Agent of Change Makers

Groups provide a safe and structured environment that allows girls/adolescent to have positive social interactions with peers that create supportive and protective environment. The members of the group are likely to influence each other beliefs and behavior. Motive behind forming the girl's groups is to to orient the girls and adolescent on the dimensions and threat of trafficking, child marriage and child labor; Provide opportunity to the marginalized section girls to be interacted with local child protection systems and mechanism; Creating a positive environment for daughters; Awareness on different social issues.



Highlights

the groups.

District College

born girl child

50 Girl's groups formed

8 exposure visit with 353 girls.

Day] celebrated by the girls

Backup Education to Girls

This intervention prefers to enable girls to pursue their higher education so that they can achieve their potential and be positive change-makers in their families and communities. We work closely with the marginalized section vulnerable girls helping to empower girls and amplify their voices. Monthly stipend to the girls is given to continue their study and to bear their education related costing. Also, to getting them involved to act them as local role models to influence the community towards girl's rights, protection and higher education.



Highlights

260 girls are getting monthly stipend and pursuing higher education

260 girls are performing as leader on girl child rights and protection

260 girls working as Ambassadors in inspiring the community towards the importance of girl's rights and protection



Life Skill and Leadership Training to Girls

The project provides training in leadership and encourages girls' participation in community life through exposure and opportunities and assuring they complete school education for a productive and useful life. Girls' education is barely encouraged and there is control over their mobility resulting in very little exposure to the surrounding information and no scope for acquiring skills that are crucial for becoming active citizens and productive individuals. Life skills education is a participatory learning that aims to increase positive and adaptive behavior by assisting individuals to develop and practice psycho-social skills that minimize risk factors and maximize protective factors

Strategy
Role Play
Theatre
Group discussion
Knowing each other
Individual presentation
Gender Game

Highlights

3085 girls are equipped with life skill education Life skill develops the sense of confidence, leadership and decision making capacity while tackling issues, concerning to their lives.



Awareness rising on 'girl's rights' for Parents and PRI

With the creation of the positive environment, rights of girls can be preserved, especially by bringing change in behavior in people. This is an event when the *Panchayat* Representatives and local people of the village including male, female, girls and boys are gathered together on one platform. And take the oath of protection for the rights of daughters. They swear they will start at home.

This is an event where the peoples groups (including the people from the project villages) take an oath to stop gender discrimination, child marriages, child labour and child trafficking. It is a panchayath level event, twice every year. PRI members get motivated to commit to cause, seeking the most needed support in addressing the issue.

Highlights

10 Oath Ceremony organized at Panchayat level 894 participants from different caste, culture and background gathered to common platform for rights protecting measures for girls 32 PRI members are getting involved in taking oath in addressing the issues, concerned





Betia Janm Maha -Utsav

Highlights

There are numbers of girls who take birth are treated as burden not liability. Parents according to their economical condition celebrate the birth of boy child. Negligence by the parents and feeling of inferiority complex, girl get mentally disturbed and frustrated. They seeing the partiality often chose wrong decision in their lives resulting into ratio of violence. It is an effort to celebrate the birthday of the girls in groups.

4 events held
1274 girls took part in the
celebration
Kishori samuh girls, local village
girls, village women, PRI
members, representatives of
welfare schemes and school
teachers took part in

There are number of daughters whose birth dates are not been remembered or celebrated by their parents due to traditional gender biased attitude. Girls in groups come together for organizing event for them. They decorate cards, invite their own parents and villagers and cut the cakes. Joint celebration takes place to make them feel that they are also valuable. Community people are invited by the girls to make then understand the importance of girl's existence.

Strategy

Involving the girls as event organizer
Card designing by the girls
Invitation by the girls to their own parents
Cultural Performance
Decorating the event place with balloons and needed items
Cake Cutting and Celebration



Gender Sensitization Workshop

Highlights

Gender Sensitization presides over Sensitivity which refers to the modification of behavior by raising awareness of gender equality concerns, with the four walls or outsides. Motive behind implementing the event is to Promoting the regular presentation of the children in the school, giving especial attention to the girls; Bringing positive changes to the mindset of the people in dealing with the girls; Giving people platform for collaborated initiative for vulnerable children and girls

66 Attendance award held in local schools 198 children were honored upon their regular presentation in school 66 guardian got appreciation for sending their children school, regularly 5610 students and teachers took part in 2 Gender sensitization held 528 people took part in 2 Signature Campaign organized 75 people took part in Out of 72 persons, 35 girls, 9 boys, 18 male and 13 women had took part in



Child Friendly Centres (CFC)

A Child Friendly Space is a safe place set up in rural and remote areas where children's unique needs can be met. These spaces help marginalized section vulnerable children reunited to education by offering activities, games and informal education. CFC aims Educational mainstreaming of marginalized section vulnerable girls and children who either are drop outs or out of school and making them informed to surrounding

Joyful Learning and Learning by Doing Approach is exercised







Highlights

14 CFC are functioning in project area 560 out of school and drop out girls/children get involved with child friendly centres 71 Exposure visit held with the children 50 recreational activities organized at the Centres Out of 50, 15 painting competitions held, 16 sports and 19 cultural activities organized 14 vigilance committees are in place as support structure for CFC 3920 villagers are the members of vigilance committee 168 times meeting held with vigilance committees



Result-2

Victim and vulnerable of Fake/forced and early marriage are strengthened at socioeconomic level.

Deliverables

Livelihood Opportunity to the victims and vulnerable of fake/forced and early marriage

Investing in women's economic empowerment enhances participation and decision making capacity and sets a direct path towards gender equality, poverty eradication and inclusive economic growth.





60 Young women get involved with local market based income generating activities 55 children of the women who are getting support are mainstreamed and cycle of victimization stopped

148 girls and young women are involved with tailoring classes Young girls and Women are then able to take local work and earn money from home or save money by tailoring their own family's clothes.

73 girls and young women are skilled with Mehandi designing Art Alternative source has created to vulnerable young girls and women

8630 marginalized families benefited from Govt. Welfare Schemes

Result-3Preventive level measures are strengthened and community level action are taken to own up the social responsibility to speak up against trafficking, child marriage and child labour

Deliverables

Using Folk Art for Social Mobilization and Community Sustainability

Folk Art is a tool for conveying messages to the rural population and drawing their attention to the social issues. Folk Art usually connects the people. Now one form of media which is gaining a lot of importance for the past few years in reaching out to the people, particularly the rural masses, is the traditional folk media. People either literate or illiterate easily relate with folk art. Music has been a way to develop confidence breaking fear of mind and hesitation. This basically helps in Bringing positive attitude of the community towards girls and children through mobilizing local folk artists

Highlights

2 Regional Samagam held with getting 35 local folk artists.

205 different section people become aware to girl child rights and protection

1 Training of Trainers held with 42 Folk Communicators for modeling script and composing song.

1 State Performance done
As especial guests- Hon.
Minister, Dept. of Social
Welfare; MLC Katihar; MLA
Katihar & Kodha; ExMinister of LRD; Jila Parsad
Katihar; DM Katihar; Mayor
Katihar, took part in

2221 people took part in



Social & Behavior change communication tools on promoting importance of girl child rights and protection

Behaviour change communication tools are very effective in bringing about the desired change effectively. The issue of rights of a girl child and girl child education have been brought to the community through several SBCC tools. **Highlights**

80 Wall writing and 200 Rikshaw Painting done

55 Cultural shows held in project area

6750 people reached through cultural shows







Formation and regular training of Community Safety Nets

Community Safety nets ensures local community engagement and people centric participation to the issues related to child/girls rights and protection. Community safety nets plays pro active role in awareness rising and sensitizing the parents of the children/girls. This refers basically towards Strengthening community based Support Structures as watch dog against trafficking and child marriage.



Highlights

20 Community safety nets are in place with involving 700 people

27 Orientation held with CSN on preventive measures of trafficking and child marriage



Convergence with Multi- Stakeholders, Child Protection systems/ mechanism, local administration, civil society organizations, youths, local government, Media and other concern stakeholders

Inputs Given as Sub Activities	Objectives	Methodology	Contents Focused	Output Results
Visiting the office of District	Developing coordination and	Meetings	Preventive Measures and	2 Interaction held at district level with
Child	convergence with	Presentation	Protection	District Child Protection
Protection Unit	available child	on the	Measures	Unit
	protection systems and mechanisms	activities	Functioning of Child Welfare	46 participants took part in the discussion
			Committee	Out of 46, 6 were the officials, 7 were the
				project staff and rest of
				them were the girls from
				Kishori Samuh
Joint Meeting with Local	Developing Coordination	Discussion and	Trafficking	2 Joint meet held in local Police Station
Police Station		Presentation		36 participants including
		on the issue		girls, children, team
				members and Police Officials took part in.
				Officials took part in.
Awareness	Drawing attention	Slogans	Dowry	20 girls took part in the
event by Dainik	of the people to the treat of child	A = . = 2 = 2 = 2 = 2	Child Mauria as	event in raising voice
Jagran News Paper	marriage and dowry	Awareness Drive	Child Marriage	against dowry and child marriage
r aper	demand	Diive		marriage
Celebrating	Promoting the	Quotation	Girl's Rights	1 Event held under joint
National Girl	importance of Girl's	Ramp Walk	Ŧ	collaboration with
Child Day	rights and	C 1 1	Importance of	District Administration
under joint Collaboration	protection	Cultural	women	23 Ambassadors Girls
with District		Programs	Existence	took part in the Quotation Ramp walk
Administration				Quotation namp wark

Panchayath level follow-up interactions on Impact of getting the children involved as working hands	Bringing awareness among the children and the villagers on the issues concern to Child Labor	Celebrating Important Days such as World Day Against Child Labor through organizing Debate competition	Child Labor	5 Events held in project area 218 people took part in the discussion taking place on Child labor and its impact to the lives of the children 15 girls won prizes after being giving wonderful speeches on the consequences of child labor
	Awareness rising on the dimensions and preventive measures of trafficking	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons through organizing Debate Competition	Trafficking	4 events organized 236 participants took part in 12 girls won prize
Especial Day celebration	Sensitization of community to the Existence of children as Future of Nation involving local community and children	Celebrating Children Day through Speech Competition and Painting	Child Right	10 event organized 240 participants took part in 240 are discussed on the importance and existence of children
	Sensitization of community for having equality based behavior in dealing with girls	Celebrating National Girl Child Day through Cultural performances	Equal rights daughter and son	4 Events took in place 142 persons have participated 142 persons were briefed on the Gender Equality

Bravery Award

Bravery Award is given to the girls who either had shown splendid performance in protecting the lives of others girls or performed role in breaking the stereotype regarding the own lives and decision. Girls get prize from the Policy Maker or concern stakeholders. Local media are invited for especial coverage on girl's led intervention. District level administration and local CBOs are also be invited.

Activities	Objectives	Strategy	Contents Focused	Output Results
District level	Honoring the	Individual	Action taken	2 events held
event	marginalized	Presentation	individually or in	233 participants took part
	section girls for	on life stories	groups by girls	in including girls, boys,
	doing excellent			local media, Public
	contribution in	Cultural		representatives,
	bringing change to	performances		Representatives from
	the traditional mind			District Child Protection
	set			Unit; District Magistrate
				and other District
				Officials.



20 girls were honored by District Magistrate, Katihar and MLA Katihar.

Girls were given opportunity to share their individual efforts

District level child protection mechanism get involved in promoting girl's rights and protection

Convergence and Coordination with Multiple Stakeholders

Purpose	Subject	Background of the Stakeholder
Visit to Bhoomika Vihar team members by the Independent Consultant, Unicef New Delhi	Understanding on Programs and initiatives with adolescents and youths of Bhoomika Vihar	Unicef New Delhi
Jointly collaboration with local system in Awareness building	Getting the logo of District child Protection Unit to be involved jointly with Information Material on girl child rights and protection	DCPU
Organizing Convergence with Police and Administration	Coordination Meeting with Special Juvenile Police Unit and Child Welfare Police Officer	Police and local system
Participation	Dissemination Workshop o the findings of the studies undertaken by VV Giri National Labor Institutes and Railway Children	Labor Resources Department, GoB and Unicef
Participation	Master Thesis One line Survey of the social workers who are helping victims of social justice and on how social worker balance work and private life, and how this affects their health	Msc. Student in Management, Technology and Economics, ETH Zurich
Participation	Be Alert Raise Alarm #stophuman trafficking campaign supported by US Consulate Kolkata	Banglanatak.com
Participation	Workshop on Laws and Procedures against Human Trafficking; Child and Bonded Labor	Labor Dept and collaboration with IJM.
Panel Guest as Local Voice against Human Trafficking from Bihar	TIP Conclave on Human Trafficking	U.S Consulate, Kolkata
Invitation as Resource Person	Regional Consultation on Child Protection Committee through decentralized child protection committee	Bal Sakha
Participation as Member	Review Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labor and Prohibition & Regulation of Adolescent Labor drafted by Labor Resources Department, Bihar	Child Protection Alliance
Participation	Regional Consultation at Khagaria for developing a State Water Mission pathway	Dept of Environment & Forests Government of Bihar
Participation	Gender Transformation; Way to Gender Justice	Gender Alliance
Participation	World Day Against Child Day	Labor Resources Department, GoB
Participation	Bal Samagam- State Culmination Program	Plan India

Membership in a hotline Participation as Speaker on Addressing upsurge in trafficking during flood situation with focus on women and adolescent girls Participation to share- stories of individuals and their struggle against oppression and exploitation Participation

Participation Panel of Jury for the event- Youth Debatathon Participation as Issue Specialist Participation as Issue Specialist Participation

Team Participation **Team Participation**

Team Participation

Kishori Samuh Participation in Role Play

of the Youth & Adolescent led Campaign against Child Marriage Global Modern Slavery Directory Gender Issues in Disaster Management

Every Hand has a story -

Human trafficking of women and children

Bihar State Child Policy Youth DABATATHON on Gender **Equality** Ek Mutti Dhup Sarokar Dinner Reception celebrating Canada-India ties on the occasion of the visit of The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister Of Canada Training on Psycho Social Counseling Dachser Youth Exchange and State level Workshop on SDGs[planning and execution youth campaign on SGDs] National level workshop on Child

Protection

Celebrating National Girl Child Day

Polaris Bihar State Disaster Management Authority

IJM, New Delhi

Frontier Headquarter, SSB, Patna Dept of Social Welfare, Gob Plan International

All India Radio/Doordarshan All India Radio/Doordarshan High Commission of Canada

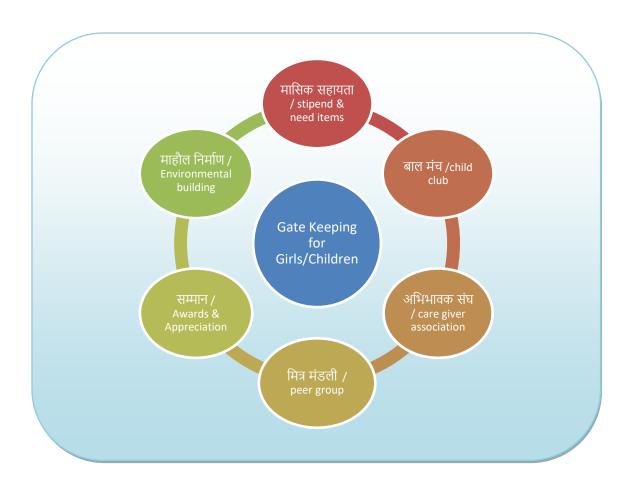
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District Administration



Alternative Care Model with the children living without parental care



Result-4Families practicing Alternative Care are empowered and supported to promote Community based Alternative support and, children living without parental care are prevented from being dropped out of education for child labor, early marriage and trafficking

Summary

Intervention aims to promote and strengthen alternative care for the vulnerable children living without parental care. Project supports orphan children living in kinship care in Kathiar and Araria districts of Bihar State. Project makes effort to ensure regular education of orphan / abandoned / children of single mother or living in kinship care and prevent their trafficking, early marriage and other forms of abuse, within the four walls or outside.

Bhoomika Vihar proposes to provide educational support along with other daily based needs for 110 children living in community based alternative care. Families practicing community based alternative care are supported with a small stipend to promote kinship care in Katihar

and Araria district. The children are getting involved with Maike Centres in order to feel their childhood, love and affection that will lead to social mainstreaming. Along with 110 children, other children of the village also get involved in the Centres or other activities in order to strengthening relationships. The organization also form Peer Groups community based support structure and spread awareness on kinship care, importance of education, on trafficking and child marriage in project villages.

Overall the project has been focusing on to make the children a responsible citizen for society, simultaneously, also making the society responsible for the children living without parental care.

Getting involved with various activities, the

vulnerable 110 children will have a positive platform to interact, discuss and speak out freely without any fear of mind or hesitation. This leads in developing confidence and belongingness among the children. Advocacy and liaison with Schools, Panchayats, and Block and district officials are the part of the intervention in order to make these children access to the child protection systems or Parwarish

Yozana.



Social Mainstreaming

Deliverables

Individual care plan for children

A care plan specifies the care of a child. Review and Reflection Exercise facilitated with the children. This exercise enables the children to review and reflect on their knowledge, progress, and what they have learnt and achieved during the project. They actually can identify and reflect on successes and challenges. Peer educators/volunteers can gain information on what the project beneficiaries thinks and feels in a non-threatening way.

InputIndividual
Review

Out Put Results 110 case studies of children are reviewed and discussed

Individual Care Plan Individual care plan of 110 children are developed as per the review took place



Child Club

Child Clubs are functioning in Katihar and Araria district to maintain and promote the regular attendance of the children in local school and to provide them a space where the children can feel their childhood.

Clubs aim to develop convergence among the children and the local community. Through getting the children involved with multiple activities at the Clubs, it works towards boosting the morale and confidence of the children.

Other Out of school and drop outs children are also enrolled in Clubs. Families of the children are sensitized to ensure regularity of children in school.

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5 Child Clubs are functioning in Katihar and Araria District of Bihar State.221 out of school and Drop out children involved with the Clubs for regular education.

19 Event "Birthday Celebration" took place at the Clubs.

43 children celebrated their birthday through cutting the cake and decorating the centres with balloons and flowers. 739 children took part in celebrating their happiness and joy with each other 18 Painting Competition, 19 Sports Competition and 7 Song Competition held with the children for their mental and physical growth

20 exposure visit held for making the children familiar with surrounding environment and local systems Children interacted with Local body members, representatives of welfare schemes and officials of District Child Protection Unit and got informed on child rights and protective measures.

5 Vigilance committees are formed as community based support structure for children 45 local villagers are the active members of

the vigilance committee
60 follow up meetings took place with the
Child Club Children jointly celebration
awareness campaign on International girl
child day, Republic Day, International
Women Day, World Health Day, World
Play Day, Gandhi Jayanti and Children
Day

Care Giver Association

Children are living with their maternal or paternal relatives. So, it is must to sensitize and mobilize the present guardian on parenting skill to avoid misfortune. Care Giver Association formed to strengthen the care givers on parenting skill. Care giver Association is formed where the present/guardians of the children are interacting, regularly at monthly basis. They share and learn from each other experiences on how to strengthen the Gate Keeping mechanism for the children living without parental care.

Output Results

6 Care Giver Association formed 90 guardian of the children, living in Kinship Care, are the members of the Association 73 Review cum Follow up Meetings

73 Review cum Follow up Meetings held with the Care Giver Association Discussion held with the guardians on keeping positive and friendly behavior with the children

16 Orientation held with Care Giver
Association
60 Families participated in the
orientation program
Vulnerable children getting positive
support and response in their
community and from their family



Training of team members on Alternative care Model

Team members are trained on child friendly approach and strengthening Gate Keeping Mechanism with an aim to develop alternative care structure for the children living without parental care in the village. Program structure of alternative care model and communication with children and follow up structure with the care givers are the core issues of the discussion.

Output Results

1 Training held with Team members
56 people took part in
24 Team Members and 32 local
volunteers trained on the Gate
Keeping Structure for Children are
living without parental care in village

Agenda of the Training are Identifying a child living without parental care Individual care plan Peer Groups Child Friendly Approach Joy full learning Gate Keeping Mechanism





Peer Groups "Mitra Mandali"

Same age groups influences and interact in a very coordinated manner. Peer relationships provide a unique context for social and emotional development of a person to other. Children seem to prefer their friends and classmates for discussing openly, removing hesitation and fear of mind. It also helps in building healthy relationship among Kinship care children and the other children of the village.

Output Results

6 Peer group formed involving the Kinship children and other children of the same village 90 children of the same age are the members of the Peer Group A healthily relationship is seen among the Kinship care children and the other children of the village.

72 meetings held with the Peer Groups 60 % Children participate at regular basis Children are getting a place to discuss and laugh freely

Peer group helps in developing friendly and interactive environment for the Children living without parental care



Educational Mainstreaming & Support to Basic Needs

Sustaining Education

Back up Education in the form of monthly stipend are given to children living in kinship care. Stipend help out these children in bearing out the cost related to coaching centers or educational materials or as travel allowance. This led in reducing drop outs and succeeds in promoting these children for higher education

Support to Basic Needs

Along with monthly stipend, the children get some daily based basic need items such as Soap, detergent, bed shit, cloths, under garments, sleepers, mosquito net, brush, toothpaste, comb, hair oil, beaten rice, *jaggery*, rice, etc. This completely depends on the need and requirement of the children. Children get opportunity to list out their basic needs. This helps in maintaining the sense of child participation and involvement.

Output Results

110 children in Kinship Care are getting monthly Stipend 110 children are enrolled with regular education

Regular presentation of the children in school and at the Child Club are monitored Monthly Home Visit and Tracking of Children are done regularly to promote the regular attendance of the children at the Clubs, in the school or Aangan wari where they have been enrolled It helps in relation building with the families and the local communities.

Output Results

110 children involved in finalizing the lists of the stuff

110 children are Getting support in the form of domestic items.



Youth Mobilization

Youth Led Intervention

Awareness Campaign

Youths focused interventions from District to State level have become tool to gather the mass of youths in a common platform acting individual responsibilities towards the rights and dignity of girls. Motivated girls & boys are been engaged with different advocacy platforms towards promoting gender equality and protection and promotion of environment.

Youth Groups are formed to mobilize the village girls and boys to perform their role as support structure in developing a protective environment for the vulnerable children living in the village. Issues rated to rights protecting measures are triggered off through the group mobilization. Youth groups are getting involved in raising awareness on the threat of trafficking and child marriage.

Inputs	Output Results
Group Formation of Girls	3 girl's groups formed and 45 members are
	oriented and enriched with life skills and
	leadership
	60% girls start discussing on threat of child
	marriage and trafficking
Leadership Training of Girls	1 Leadership training held with 45 girls
	45 girls oriented on life skills and preventive
	measures of trafficking and child marriage
Group Formation of Boys	3 Boy's groups formed and 45 boys are oriented
	on gender and rights
	Youths are mobilized in promoting the
	importance of girl's rights and protection
Monthly Meetings with Girls and Boys	40 monthly meetings held with the girl's
	groups and 16 with boys
Making the youths vocal through	3 Poem, 9 Sports, 14 Song, 6 Sports
competition	Competition held

11 awareness campaigns held on International girl child day, Republic Day, International Women Day, World Health Day, World Play Day, World Environment Day, International Child Labor Protest Day, World against human trafficking, Independence Day, Gandhi *Jayanti* & Global Action Month.

District level Exposure Visit

Gender Game initiated

Celebrating Environment Day



Plantation " वृक्ष लगाओ धरती बचाव"

District level Gender Sensitization Debate Competition "MY VOICE- MY RIGHTS"



District level exposure visit held and 7 Girls interacted with the official of District Child Protection Committee and *Mahilla* Thana

Gender Games held initiated in identifying the root elements of gender discrimination by introducing gender games and discussion

Environment Day Celebrated with children, youths, villagers and PRI members.
49 participants involved in celebrating Environment Day and discussing on the importance of Tress in our lives

18 Girls participated in the Awareness event organized by Hindustan, Katihar, on the theme- " वृक्ष लगाओ धरती बचाव"

My Voice My Rights Gender Event held in the local school with 61 participants involving students and teachers.

Discussion initiated on self defense and "good touch & bad touch"

Strengthenning Civil Societies & Capacity Building

Awareness Drive on children living without parental care

Village level community awareness meetings initiated to mobilize the local community members for care protection of children/girls. This is done at monthly basis to develop coordination with the local community. This is a place for common people to discuss on the situation of vulnerable children and protective measures. Parents/guardians of the project beneficiaries get involved for interactive discussion on the status of development of the children. This led the local people responsible and accountable with positive approach with the orphan children in villages.

Out Put Results
16 Monthly meetings are held with 908 local
villagers on discussing and solving out the
problem jointly on preventive measures.

5 cluster level meetings organized held with 301 people involving PRI members, school teachers, personals of govt/semi govt schemes and programs, local villagers and the parents of the project beneficiaries to bring awareness and ownership to the project Especial attention are given to highlight the PARVARISH schemes for such children

4 Orientation held with Panchayat Representatives, Representatives of Govt. Welfare programs, Block Official and school teachers 128 Members participated Members are actively been supporting the value of alternative care model for Kinship Care Children

2 Exposure cum Interactive Meeting held 47 children took part in Children are oriented on Rights and Protective Measures.

Interaction and follow up are being done with Panchayat & Block Official and District Child Protection Units at quarterly basis 12 Stakeholders are sensitized on the importance of alternative care model Vulnerable families are getting involved with welfare schemes

Information dissemination in the form of IEC Materials and cultural shows are done using simple language with local vocabulary for bringing mass awareness on the issue related to care and protection of children especially girls. Along this, 5000 pamphlets are developed and printed on the plight of the children and are distributed to the stakeholders for developing protective environment



Award and Appreciation

Award and appreciation always boost up the confidence to do more in a better way and will. This help in developing the confidence of a child or a person to inspire others to follow the footsteps. This contributes in increasing attendance of the children in school and in promoting alternative care and strengthening family environment.

Output Results



During the events, especial awards
are given to the maternal or
paternal relatives of the Kinship
care children to promote parental
skill.

12 guardians honored upon their
best parenting skill in context of
behavior, approach and upbringing
of children
34 Attendance award celebrated in
local school
2547 children took part in
102 children received award by the
Principal for the regular
presentation in school



Good Practices Sharing Workshop

This has been the platform for individual sharing by the children who are living without parental care. Children had shared their story of day to day survival and how they are coping with the situation after getting involved with bhoomika vihar. This platform basically designed to giving an opportunity to the voice which is unheard and unnoticed. Children discussed with the officials of Child Welfare Committee.

Output Results



Good practices sharing workshop held with 276 people including Officials of Child Welfare Committee, public representatives, Local media, CBOs, PRI, academia and local villagers took part in.

3 Kinship care children had shared their success story.
3 children and their present guardian were honored by the members of child welfare committee.

Mobilizing Young girls and boys for Social Change

We see boys and men playing an important role in ending violence against girls and women, and work to craft consequential partnerships that can help in transforming societal customs

Result-5-Gender-Based Violence {GBV) are reduced by establishing Gender Cells in colleges and transforming Youths as Gender Responsive Team

Scenario

India is home to 243 million adolescents. National Family Health Survey says, 10 million girls are married each year before the age of 18 worldwide, and one-third of them live in India. Decline of incidents of under-aged brides have been almost similar in rural and urban India at around 45. Bihar tops child marriage chart with a staggering 68.9 percent of the marriages in the state involving girls below the marriageable age of 18.

Girl take early forced marriage as ritual. Mother has also faced the same so she does not hesitate to participate. Despite of Child Marriage Act 2006 there is lacking of enforcement. The condition of women in the society is considered as second position in the family. On the first they are securing high marks compared to boys but at the same time they are easily becoming the victim of early forced marriage and sexual & physical

Seen as a burden and subject of dignity and insecurity- Parent expect to hand over their adolescent to somebody else

assault due to lack of awareness, participation, low confidence, and self defense aspects. Appropriate platform is required where the youths especially the girls would be able to share their feelings, ideas and other doubt altogether, without hesitation. Girls are a proven force for bringing positive change and are the catalyst to end violence and poverty. Past, present and future are always interlinked. Plight of girl influences

our future so it is the time we act to protect them and save our future.

Talking on Gender is not only about on women issue. It is about to go ahead with women and men. Gender is not a women issue. It is a Human Issue. Empowerment is not only about talking with the women or girls. Male members also play one of the prime roles in supporting the gender biasness to maintain patriarchal ego and status. If it is a say that the male members influence the decisions of the house, he can also play strong role in bringing change to the ratio of gender discrimination. Real change must start at home. "If a boy sees his father treating his sisters and mother with respect, he will pick up on it; if he sees his father beating his mother up, there's a much higher chance that he too will be abusive.

Both boys and girls were involved in designing and implementation of the project that really worked out in hitting their patriarchal mindset and impacting individually. They involved in articulating painting, posters, slogans and role play. It was the first time when both boys and girls jointly mobilized in streets and in public places for social

Specific Objectives

Functioning of three Gender Cells in Selected Colleges/institutes in Patna

Thirty five youth speakers trained to address gender issues as change in different campuses

Forty five male and female youth trained and mobilized to discuss gender issues

Gender Youths Agreement formed, consisting of 45 active members from different campuses.

Pledge signed by 5000 students for sustained changes at the personal level and to continue promoting gender equality

Increased awareness by youth and multiple stakeholders on issues of violence against women leading to improved participation and responsiveness in addressing these issues

Policy makers sensitized to integrate gender issues in their respective plans and social actions. issues. Activities had given a open platform to boys and girls to interact and discuss openly on various issues that were not supposed to be shared publicly especially in the context of health and negligence.

Engaging boys in girl's empowerment program can give much-needed momentum. So made effort both with boys and girls for suitable and based community

sustainable change. They can influence present and future generation.

But it was an uphill task to get the boys involved in discussing issues related to the problems of girls especially on eve teasing, dowry and contribution of male members in household chores. It was sometimes tough in breaking the traditional beliefs and attitude. It seems boys are not guilty. They behave as they observe from their families or surrounding. Ideas can only be the option to influence action. Sometimes it takes time in breaking the patriarchal mindset and gender gap that is completely inherited in the community.

Girls are a proven force for bringing positive change and are the catalyst to end violence and poverty.

Deliverables

Activity 1- Establishment of Gender Cells in selected three colleges of Patna

Out Put Result-

• 3 Gender cells established in three colleges of State Patna.

Detail of the event when gender Cell was launched-

College	No of participants	Mal e	Female	Bifurcation of the background of the participants
Arbind Women's	230	5	215	160 youths, 40 NSS Volunteers,
College				20 teachers, 1 Padamshree
				Awarded female writer, 1
				renown writer, 1 principle, 2
				NSS official, 5 Bhoomika vihar
				team member
A N College	130	83	47	51 Youths, 45 NSS Volunteer, 19
				teachers, 2 NSS officials, 1
				Principal Secretary, 1 College
				Principal, 1 GOI Official, 5 Govt.
				of Bihar Official, 5 team
				members
Chanakya National	80	55	25	30 Youths, 28 NSS Volunteers,
Law University				15 teachers, 2 Registrar of
				University, 1 GoI Official, 2
				Govt. of Bihar Officials, 2 team
				members
Total	440	143	287	241 Youths, 113 NSS Volunteers,
				4 NSS Officials, 54 teachers, 2
				GoI Officials, 8 Govt. of Bihar
				Officials, 2 College Principals, 2
				Renown Writers, 2 Registrar, 12
				team members

- 3 Gender Sensitive Youth Committees are formed in these 3 colleges having 15 members in each group. 13 Boys and 32 Girls are involved as member of the Committees.
- 45 College students are performing as Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers
- Out of 45, 30 Gender sensitive Youths Speakers are getting Monthly Stipend
- 17 Monthly Meeting held in these colleges with the Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers and to review their level of involvement in raising gender concern issues.

Activity 2- Pledge signing for gender equality

Out Put Result-

- 6160 Pledge signed
- Out of 6160 Pledge, 3822 females have participated and 2338 Males took part in the Pledge Signing Campaign for Gender Equality
- 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers mobilized in different areas such as colleges, coffee shops, shopping malls, open places, play grounds, different offices; to discuss on gender concern issues and for mass involvement by Pledge Signing

Activity 3- Development of gender sensitive youth speaker with specialist skills through training to promote issues related to gender, relationship and societal power structure

Out Put Result-

- One Day Training held for 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers from A.N. College, Arbind Women's College and Chanakya National Law University
- 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers; 3 NSS officials; 2 Govt Officials; 1 representative from Save the Children; 1 Indira Gandhi National Youth Awardees; 3 Editor of International Magazine took part in.
- 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers [13 boys+ 32 girls] are informed on different issues such as- Role of Youth Speakers in raising the gender concern issues[within the four walls or outside]; Gender & sexuality; gender/work/family & society; Gender violence & situation of women & available laws; Relationship between gender & power; Sustainable Goal.
- Brainstorming, group work and presentation and discussion were used as core methodology to execute the training getting the specialist involved.
- 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers are actively been involved in multiple activities in sharing whatever they learnt and in discussing the issues at different platforms – in campus and their respective homes with their family.
- Larger outreach is seen where Gender Sensitive Youth speakers involved in creating chain of Change Makers

Activity 4- Production and Dissemination of a variety of publicity materials and information. Education and Communication products to promote social and behavioural change

Out Put Result-

- 6160 Gender Pledge designed and printed
- 50 Gender Sensitive Message Painting on Rikshaw done
- 10000 Leaflet designed and printed
- 15 Information Board designed, printed and displayed in respective Colleges where activities are taking place
- 200 Gender Sensitive T Shirts designed and distributed to the Youths as promotional action.
- 5 Folding standee on girl child rights and protective measures designed and printed and were being used during different project activities with an aim to promote the importance of gender quality.
- Video documentation prepared and is being used for mass awareness through Youtube, facebook and what's up and mail
- 65 Media Coverage on gender concern issues through different media houses [7 by English News papers and 58 in Hindi]
- A Regional Electronic Media made Live Telecast on the issue.

Activity 5- Promotional of gender clubs in educational institutions

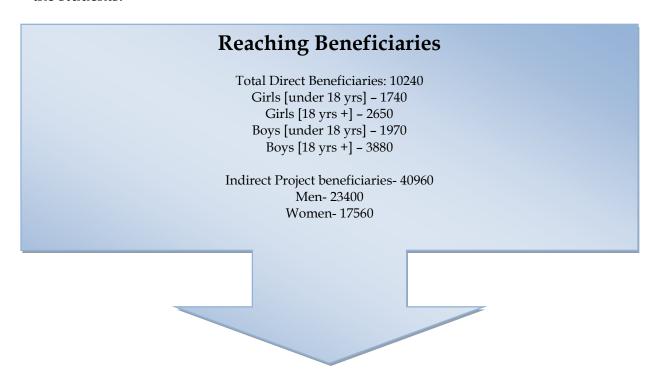
Out Put Result-

- 45 Gender Sensitive youth speakers through introducing multiple activities did advocacy in the college campuses to promote the importance of gender equality
- Promotional activities such as 3 painting competition, 2 Debate Competition, 1 Essay
 Writing Competition, 2 slogan competition, 3 poster competition, 2 quotation ramp walk,
 1 street play, 3 Dance Drama and 3 Role Play introduced to highlight the importance of
 the existence of gender clubs
- Especial NSS Camp held by the Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers of A.N. College Patna, in the Slum area of Patna to initiate the discussion among the marginalized population on gender discrimination and its related violence against women.
- Out of the 3 Colleges of project, other also incorporated gender issues in their especial camps of NSS.

Activity 6- Global Youth Conclave

Out Put Results-

- 1 Day Global Youth Conclave organized for 45 Gender Sensitive Youth Speakers, 28 College Students from different universities of Bihar, 21 Media Personals, 1 Representative from South Asia Harvard University, 1 Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidhya Pith, 10 Students from Other States such as Uttar Pradesh, Rajesthan, New Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand; 6 Academia, 5 Representatives from INGOs, 1 GoI officials, 2 Public Representative, 2 Doctors, 1 IPS, 6 team members, 2 members of Child Welfare Committee; performed actively in raising the various concern of gender.
- ZEE Bihar Jharkhand involved as Collaborating Partner in highlighting the event. Live telecast made.
- Total 131 participants took part in.
- Different Panels represented by Specialist discussed on- "Gender sensitive Educational Structures, "Role of Media and Gender Sensitive Approaches, "Health and Gender Perspective"
- Especial concerns were given to involve Gender Concern Issues in the study materials of the students.



Results

Process to go ahead

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Different Media Houses and stakeholders sensitized and concern issues incorporated in their respective plan and social action. NSS involved as collaborating partner in mobilizing the targeted colleges, NSS officials and the youths.

A letter of Confirmation Signed and approved by Regional Directorate of NSS, Patna [Bihar & Jharkhand], Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Letter of confirmation was also taken from the respective colleges to go ahead as collaborating partners in mobilizing the youths, initiating activities and in other promotional activities of the project.

A leading Regional Electronic Media house [ZEE BIHAR JHARKHAND] involved for especial collaboration in organizing the Global Youth Conclave. Global youth conclave organized in joint collaboration of NSS, Zee Bihar Jharkhand and Bhoomika Vihar for greater reach and involvement.

Impacting Individuals

Individual level changes seen especially in the boys after getting involved with the project. Boys or male members involved in the project used to motivate themselves in taking stand against patriarchal attitude or behavioral. As they shared that they started to help their mothers or other female members in some household chores, their attitude transformed more in requesting mode from ordering mode, they realized the consequences and effect of discrimination being faced by the girls or their sisters, they started to support their sisters or other female members as equality basis.

Boys took action against eve teasing in colleges, streets or in the road sides

Boys decided not to demand dowry

Pledge signing campaign
not only helped in initiating
discussion in the public
places but also created a
place for in house
discussion

Social transformation seen in girls as they are vocal and vibrant more in discussing with their fathers or taking stand for appropriate decisions

Other colleges had also incorporated gender issues in NSS Camps and during other activities. A leading Media house promoted the agenda through live telecast in establishing the importance of gender equality for community, individual and for societal changes. Different stakeholders involved during the activities that helped in changing mindset and behavioral. College campuses shown especial attention in mobilizing the youths through introducing multiple and regular activities.

Participation from other states also shown that will lead the project in achieving mass level impact.

Restless Foundation asked to 5 gender sensitive youth speakers to get involved in new project on Youth-led Accountability for Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender equality and

Involvement of law students would definitely help in influencing the systems and law. Their decision will not be biased whenever they would be given chance in their future role.

NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Youths, involved as key decision makers in contributing and mobilizing the Colleges and NSS activities in addressing the issue at mass level. Representatives and ending all forms of violence against women and girls) and the Family Planning 2020 commitments made by India.

Officials from U.S. Consulate Kolkata visited Gender Cell of A.N. College and discussed with the Gender Sensitive Speakers. Mr Jamie Dragon, Public Affairs Officer, U.S Consulate General had also signed and be the part on Signature Campaign. Hopefully, in the forth coming event [Trafficking in Person Conclave] in Kolkata, some of the youths will get chance to get in.

Specialist from different INGOs involved in bringing the hidden and unspoken circumstances of gender and women.

Multiple activities introduced within only 7 months that really worked out in creating positive environment and involvement.

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Different Media Houses and stakeholders sensitized and concern issues incorporated in their respective plan and social action. NSS involved in developing accountability, responsiveness and ownership to the project implementation through signing Consent Letter.

Later on consent letter were also signed by the Colleges in establishing and functioning the Gender Cell as active wing of the College.

Youth Mobilization helped out in building positive environment and mass reach out

Social and Behavioural Change Communication Materials contributed in bringing and influencing change, individually and professionally, with the four walls or outsides.

Media involved in highlighting the issue and multiple coverage done.

Though the project designed was for campuses but it achieved out of campus intervention when youths trained and mobilized

Youths gained confidence through getting Awards and Appreciation.

A Regional Media Partner involved strategically for wider reach out during Global Youth Conclave.

Zee Bihar Jharkhand Live On 25 Feb ...11 AM [पटना में कनाडा दूतावास की तरफ से दहेज, बाल विवाह और लैंगिक असामनता पर कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हुआ https://www.facebook.com/ZeeBiharJharkhand/videos /902396636609441/

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50-K6cKueLA

Sustainability of the Project

Lessons Learned

It is already mandatory for the Educational Institutes/ academy to set up Gender Cell. But the ground reality and situation was completely different when we made access to these Colleges. Our effort transformed the concept as regular intervention in the campuses.

3 Colleges of State Patna identified in establishing the Gender Cell and in fitting the gender concern agenda in the discussion. Not only these colleges but others than that also had started to incorporate the Agenda that indicates the sensitiveness of the Institutional Campuses. It becomes possible due to our regular effort and the media coverage that would definitely be continued. NSS [National Service Scheme] has been engaged in mobilizing the youths for multiple activities. Concern project used the opportunity and platform in establishing the Gender Cell within that. Some of the Colleges were already aware to other cells such as Anti Ragging Cell, Anti Harassment Cell, etc. This helped in structuring Gender Cell in a very systematic way that would be carrying forward. Because the beneficiaries themselves were involved in leading the project. Involvement of project beneficiary always contributes to sustainability especially when the importance and benefit is realized at personal level. During the Project visit, the students and the academia also had shown their inclination and commitment in carrying forward the effort.

It is essential to made effort with the project beneficiary to get an impact, individually, family level or to the surrounding environment. Involvement of both boys and girls can contribute gradually in performing role against gender equality. When different stakeholders involved they also bring positive change, professionally. Most of the youths were from rural background. They are vocal and confident when given opportunity to speak out. Leadership skill can be seen as they are more expressive with appropriate solutions.

Advocacy & Communications Concerns

Events were also shared by the online portal https://koshidhindhora.blogspot.in/2017/11/ blog-post.html?spref=fb

You Tube Videos were helpful in creating a positive environment

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Canada's Contribution and events was shared by the youths and other people through using different mode of social media.

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Regular update on social media mobilized the officials of US Consulate General Kolkata to visit the project area and interact to the Gender Youth Speakers. They were also involved in signature campaign.

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Gender Cell at A. N. College Likes- 172 times https://www.facebook.com/kas hishftp/media_set?set=a.10214 305814823827.1073741845.13701 45041&type=3

Gender Cell at Sri Arvind Mahila College likes- 130 times

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Gender Cell at CNLU Likes-141 times https://www.facebook. com/kashishftp/media set?set=a.10214257617 138915&tvpe=3

US Consulate General Kolkata had also shared the Youth Mobilization Program in their social media site.

U.S. Consulate General Kolkata added 5 new photos. February 26 at 10:52pm.

Hello Patna! #AmericanCenter Director and Public Affairs Officer Jamie Dragon is excited to be visiting this historical city for the first time. He met up with #IVLP alumna Shilpi Singh and her team at Bhoomika Vihar who are doing some incredible work with the youth to end gender based violence

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Global Youth Conclave likes- 146 times https://www.facebook.com/kashishftp/media_set?set=a.10215526616463105&type=3

Understanding Gender Relationship Power Likes- 67 times

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Success Story- 1 [Sobha Kumari and Mukesh Kumar]

18 yrs old Sobha and her Younger brother 15 yrs old Mukesh are family and everything for each other after the death of both parents.

18 yrs old Sobha Kumari had lost their both parents when she was a kid. She never recalls the faces of her parents in her childhood memories. She only knows her parents died of disease. They were unable to get treatment due to poverty. Both the paternal or maternal relatives had refused to keep or raise these two kids. Sobha and Mukesh both were helpless when both parents died. Paternal Aunt had supported and brought the children to her home. Kaushalya Devi comes from a poor laborer family. On the day when it does not work, there is an appetite for eating. Aunt, Kaushalya Devi, already had three children; still, she gave mercy to the children. It was difficult to drive home but if thinking is positive then everything becomes easy. Both of them have to leave their studies due to reverse situation.

They came in contact with Bhoomika Vihar Team and they were helped. Initially, Kaushalya Devi was given support to start goat rearing in order to get financial help. Both the children were enrolled in Child Friendly Centres and later on to local school for regular education. They also get listed for monthly stipend. Daily basis personal need items are given to the children in order to help the family.

Sobha presently had passed Matriculation examination with 2nd Division and Mukesh is studying in class 9th. Sobha get enrolled in Intermediate as she wishes to go ahead for higher education. They are the members of Mitra Mandali. They participate in the activities at Child Club. They are the real inspiration for other children.

There is no exact number, many children go missing or become the victim after the sudden death of both parents. If they are living with single parents, they are surviving with emotional disorder. Especially the ones who are living with the father, their condition is more pathetic. After the end of our efforts, the assault of these children has stopped by their own father or relatives. Family, friends, relatives or neighbor had started to adopt these children in their normal life. Otherwise, the children were lived in different world. Not being a parent was pushing these children in the wrong direction. Today the children are trying a live a normal life in which we are helping them through creating a protective positive and environment with love, care and belongingness.

Success Story- 2 [Ful Kumari]

9 yrs old Fulkumari belongs to village -Charkhi Narayanpur, Panchayat- Bhatwara, Block-Kodha and District- Katihar.

She has two sisters and one brother. Father was an agricultural laborer. They also have some of their own land. Crop is not good often to fulfill the need of the family. To keep the stomach, both the mother and the father had to do the wages. s not something special. Because of this, the both parents had to work in another far.

But one day something happened that the children of childhood were snatched away. Due to a lot of fighting in both of them, father suddenly committed suicide one day. After their departure, life was flooded with even more troubles. The children also had to work with the mother. They left school.

Fulkumari got interacted with Bhoomika Vihar during the survey. That time she was working as helping hand for the family. She was first connected to the child club. It was not so easy. She usually ran away from the Child Clur. She had to drop her study; she did not feel like studying. She was very worried and mentally disturbed. Gradually she started coming to the center. Her mother was also widely explained by the team members on the importance of education. Gradually, other children from his family also started coming to the Child Club.

She was started to receive monthly stipend. Later on she was enrolled to local government school fur further education. She actively been involved with Mitra Mandali and contributing bhoomika vihar in mobilizing the children to mainstreaming.

Success Story- 3 [Khusbu Kumari]

12 years old Khusbu Kumari belongs to village- Rampur Koddar Katti, Panchayat- Rampur Koddar Katti, Block- Araria, district- Araria]

Khusbu is from a poor family where economically they are depended on daily wages working. Often, not getting the work also affects the nutrition of the family. Her father was sick for a long time Due to not having the right treatment for cancer, the father died suddenly. Life became even more customizable. If the head of the house is not there, then the grain in the house has become a problem. She had to drop her study when she was in class six. She also started working in the field with her mother as helping hand to support her family.

She was met during the survey. She has three siblings and one brother. It was observed after meeting her, she wanted to move forward. But due to circumstance, she lost her childhood.

It took too long for her to establish a connection with other children. Through sports, jumping and music, her mind slowly began to feel at the center. She started laughing and talking. Like the children, finally she started behaving. Yet sometimes she started crying often, remembering her

father. In such a time, her connecting with other children brought much change in her life. She started to receive monthly stipend. She later on was enrolled in local government school. Team members had to visit the school frequently to track down her. Through connecting to Mitra Mandali, she also helped out other children in removing fear of mind and depression. She inspires other children who are living without parental care.

Success Story- 4 [Priyanshu]

Background-10 yrs old Priyanshu is continuing her class 3 education. She is from village Rampur, Panchayat- Rampur, Post- Bisanpur, Block- Kodha and district Katihar.

Problem/ Key Issue -She belongs to a poor family. Her father left the house after the birth of younger sister of Priyanshu. Her father was very fond of son, as he did not like daughters. After few years, she got to know the death of her father.

Survival was very tough for the single mother when the male member left out. Mother and the small children had to work as agricultural labor for bread. Mother went into shock. While living in deep thinking, mother was badly burnt while cooking a day. Mother does not give much support in upbringing the children, after the incidence took place. Priyanshu and her younger sister are completely dependent on maternal grandparents.

Association with partner organization / support Received —She is getting monthly stipend and trying to change her life. She is suffering from an acute illness. Her treatment is going on. She was honored by District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Katihar to move forward in life leaving behind the circumstances and passed sorrow

Process of Initiatives / support —Priyanshu and her family came in contact during the survey. She looking for hope reached Child Friendly Centre somehow. She started to sitting over there. Life skills are also taught there along with basic literacy and knowledge. She got involved with Kishori Samuh, later on. She while moving outside of the village for attending meetings never paid attention to the discourtesy words. Her courageous effort had linked many drops out or out of school girls to studies.

Key result/Achievement —Priyanshu was later on enrolled in local school and her sister was with Aanganwari Centre. Priyanshu is an active girl as she actively participates in the meeting of Kishori Samuh. She does hesitate to speak out during the workshops. She openly presents her view and opinion during the activities. She inspires other. Now she doesn't work in field.

Follow up or future plans —Her family was linked up with government welfare schemes after having a especial recommendation from Panchayats.

SUCCESS STORY – 5 [Rubina Kumari]

Background-15 yrs old Rubina belongs to village- Gosai Millik, Panchayat- Rampur, Block-Kodha and District Katihar

Problem/ Key Issue —She is from a poor family where working as agricultural labor has been the main occupation to maintain household expenses. When she was studying in class 8, her father died due to a serious illness. Whatever the little amount of saving they had was ended in father's treatment. After the father's death, the condition of the house became very miserable. She has two brothers and two sisters. Mother has to work as labor to deal with the bread and butter. Her education also got effected. She had to support her mother leaving her education in the back seat. She started to contribute her family as working hand as she was the elder sister.

In order to reduce the problem, her marriage was fixed on the behest of the relatives. Mother wanted that if she gets married then the responsibility of one member will ease, to some extent.

Association with partner organization / support Received —She receives monthly stipend for the last three years. She continued her study as she is pursuing in class 10th hoping to go ahead for higher education. She also is an active member of Kishori Samuh. Her friends helped her out in protecting her becoming the victim of child marriage.

Process of Initiatives / support —During the survey, she came in contact with Bhoomika Vihar team. At that time she used to work as a laborer. The group explained to her mother. She was very good at study. Her school's record was excellent. First she was involved to the Maike Center then with the girl' group. When she started coming to our meeting continuously, her zeal for her studies started waking up. She then was enrolled again in the local school for further education.

Even after getting involved, her marriage was fixed quietly by her mother. She shared this one during the meeting Kishori Samuh. Mother was not ready to change her mind as she was been requested by Rubina friends. She was being pressurized by her close relatives. Local PRI members were informed by bhoomika vihar. They intervened and released an order to Rubina's Mother to change her mindset otherwise legal action would be taken. Marriage was stopped and she again won in continuing her study.

Key result/ Achievement —Her education was restarted. She understood the importance of education and left working as laborer. She would have been the victim of child marriage, if bhoomika vihar intervention was not there.

Follow up or future plans —She presently is preparing for matriculation examination. She has become so intelligent that she will not stop studying in any condition. She wants to be financially equipped to get her family out of the clutch of poverty.

Success Story- 6[Sunita Kumari]

Background-14 years old Sunita is from village- Harpur, Panchayat- Rampir, Block- Kodha, District- Katihar

Problem/ Key Issue –14 Years old Sunita belongs to a poor family where seasonal agriculture was one of the main occupations to manage the daily expenses. They do not have their own land. Her father had to work in another's field. She was the single child.

After Mother's death, she was left in the house of her relatives [chacha- chachi]. Father suddenly disappeared. There were more children in the house. The behavior towards her was not good. She was treated like a burden. She used to work all day long but did not get enough food. When she talked about going to school, she was told that who will work for the house.

When her father did not return for many days, the only solution to get rid of her was to marry her. One day she suddenly saw some unknown people sitting in the courtyard. When asked, she was told that they have come to like her and almost marriage has been decided. She was forcefully brought in front of the strangers. When she resisted, they slapped her. Weeding was decided to be taken place in the same evening so that nobody can be informed.

She was locked in a room. She saw that the room window was open. She wrote in a paper and threw it in front of the girls passing through the road. In that letter, help was sought from Bhoomika Vihar. The letter was then shared to Hemant Kumar, senior team member.

Association with partner organization / support Received —Sunita is an active member of Kishori Samuh. She usually shared her story of bravery with the girls. She actually a role model of her village where everyone appreciates for taking such an inspiring and heroic action in saving her own life. She also received monthly stipend.

Process of Initiatives / support —As Sunita had informed Bhoomika Vihar for support through letter. Hemant Kumar without wasting any time came to Sunita house, together with many villagers. Sunita relatives were explained. But they were not ready to understand. Then the meeting was called by the Mukhia of the village. Where it was ordered that if the marriage took place the police station would be informed. They were scared of seeing the opposition of all the people of the village. And in this way, marriage was stopped.

Key result/ Achievement –Rapid action was taken by Bhoomika vihar team member. She was saved from becoming the soft target of forced marriage with strangers.

The strangers or unknown who were wandering for the purpose of marriage in that village fled away after seeing the attitude of the local people and Panchayat. This not only saved the life of Sunita but had also helped in minimizing the survival of many other girls under the pretext of fake and forced marriage.

Follow up or future plans –She was reenrolled in local school. She presently is in class 7th. Her education will be continued as she has been under the close supervision of PRI members.

Success Story- 7 [Suraj Kumar]

Background-11 years old Suraj is from Village- Rampur, Panchayat- Rampur, Block- Kodha and District- Katihar

Problem/ Key Issue—He is living with her single mother. His father passed due to acute illness. Two brothers and two sisters of Suraj belong to a poor family where people had to work as agricultural laborer. Family conditions become more pathetic after the sudden demise of father. They do not have their own land, not for farming or for housing. They are living in government plot. They do not have their other means of livelihood.

His study was stopped as he had to contribute his mother in bread and butter.

Association with partner organization / support Received —Suraj receives monthly stipend. He was first get involved with Maike Centre and later on he was re enrolled in local school. He presently pursues his class 5 study. His family was linked with government welfare program.

Process of Initiatives / support —During the daily counseling in the village, Suraj got interacted with Bhoomika team members. When asked, her mother said that her children were out of school, as going to school is not as important as working to earn money.

Regular counseling had shown remarkable change to the mind set. His mother was invited in the multiple meetings where she was informed on the importance of childhood and education.

Key result/ Achievement —He is relieved from working as child labor. Suraj was a drop out child as he was re-enrolled in the school for continuity.

Follow up or future plans –He is getting extra attention from school teachers.

Success Stories- 8[Puja Kumari]

15 years old girls insisted to get re-enrolled at school

Puja belongs to Araria district. She has three sisters & one brother. She is a student of class 8th in middle school, Araria. Her parents work on per day wages. The economic situation of the family was not going well. Her parents stopped her studying in the middle of her schooling. It was necessary for her father to take such a step to reduce his family's expense.

Puja was an active member of the adolescent group, run by Bhoomika vihar. Pooja got opportunity to get so much information in that group. Pooja was aware of his rights, so he wanted to talk to his father to insist him for re-admission. Pooja told her parents that the girl and boy should not be discriminated on the basis of gender. Another member of the group also

inspired her parents about the importance of education. After a lot of discussion, her family got ready. With the efforts and knowledge of Puja, she started going to school again.

Now, Pooja is studying in class 8th. She mobilized to make the other girls aware to the importance of education. She brings a new hope for all other dropped out & out of school girls. She raises her voice towards child marriage and child labor.

Success Stories- 9[Rehbari Khatun]

13 years old girl struggles & succeeds to get education

Rehbari Khatun belongs to Araria districts. She has seven siblings-four sisters and three brothers. She is studying in class 8th at middle school Paktola. Rahabari's parents are laborers. She has a step mother who cares little about her. Her parents somehow manage to feed their families. Because of his economic condition, his father always kept thinking. In the meantime his father stopped studying his daughter at school.

When Rahabri came to know that the reason for the closure of my studies was her stepmother, she got depressed. She starts blaming herself on being a girl. She wants to study when she saw studying other children. She wants to go school. But she does not lose courage.

In meanwhile she comes to know about Maike center, which is functioning near to her. She started coming to the center and again started studying. Along with her studies at the Maike Center, self confident has also improved. Now with the help of Bhomika Vihar, she started going to school every day. She was re-enrolled to Middle school at Paktola.

The other girls of the village are also showing interest towards getting education. She is now a role model for other girls. She makes other's aware on social evils like-trafficking, child marriage & child labor.

Success Stories-10[Gita Kumari]

Gita Kumari fights back and protects herself from Child Marriage

Background- 14 yrs old Gita Kumari is continuing her class 7th education. She is from village Rampur of Katihar district. She is from a poor downtrodden family. They have only a small house to stay. The people of the house raise their stomach by wages. She has four siblings and two brothers. Due to being a big family, it has to face a lot of problems.

Problem/ Key Issue —They believe that if a girl is older she will not be able to get good groom and family. And money has to be spent too much. The elder sister was also married at a young age.

One day some people came in the courtyard suddenly. Her marriage was supposed to fix up. Her mother asked her to be well dressed. She was astonished. But after threatening by her father, she had to get ready in front of unknown people. When it came to hearing that marriage is going

to happen in coming week, and then she was scared. She tried to explain a lot but mother did not believe.

Association with partner organization / support Received —She is an active member of the Kishori Samuh. Along with studies, she is very interested in other activities so that she can learn something.

Process of Initiatives / support —On the second day, she talked to the members of the Kishori group and asked the local team members for help. Everyone went to her house. But mother started abusing. Mother alleged that the team members do the job of feeding her daughter. After that the help of the officials of the local Panchayat was taken. When the matter started to take the case to the station, they became scared and changed their minds.

Key result/ Achievement – She escaped being a victim of child marriage. Her studies could also be missed in school. But by trying, she started reading again with her friends in her class.

Follow up or future plans—Her studies were resumed. She constantly comes to the meeting. She feels good to read and teach. Therefore, in the meeting, she constantly discusses the dangers of child marriage to other girls and mothers.

Success Stories- 11[Sima]

Sima is the first girl who is studying graduation for the first time in her village.

Background- 19 year old Sima belongs to Rampur Katihar. She is from four sisters and two brothers. They do not have their own land just a small house to hide the head. During the rain, they not get the job too.

Problem/ Key Issue – Father wages throughout the years. Mother works at home. But during economic stagnation, she also has to work in other fields. Both the sisters were married at a young age due to poverty and in any way the marriage proposal came to an end. Both the sisters remain almost illiterate. The guardian is completely illiterate. Parents are not happy about the Sima studies. They think that reading is a waste of time. After all, the girl has to handle the house and the kitchen itself. And the child has to be raised only. She was also not allowed to go to school, regularly. That is why the search for the groom was also continued for her.

Association with partner organization / support Received —When the marriage was decided, she discussed this with the group. The group told team members that it is very important to explain to her parents. Since they assume that at a young age, marriage is right and proper. Everyone went to her house and quite explained to her parents. But they said they are poor. If the marriage proposal breaks down, then it will not be easiest to fix it up again. They do not even have enough money to feed the girl on the whole day at home. So they did not agree. Then the Panchayat head was asked to intervene. They changed their decision with fear of being involved in the case. But it was quite ridiculous to understand that daughter could continue her studies.

Process of Initiatives / support — After that she was added to the group. Parents were widely explained not to repeat the same mistake. Her studies were reissued.

Key result/ Achievement – She was saved from being a victim of child marriage like her sister. He was again enrolled in school. Her parents also began to understand slowly.

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Follow up or future plans —She is constantly involved in group activities. Sometimes she brings her mother along with her to listen to the meeting. So that her understanding can be increased. She wants to continue her studies.

Success Stories- 12[Rabina]

Rabina has sworn that she will not let anyone marry in younger age.

Background- 17 years old Rabina belongs to Bisanpur, Katihar. She does not have her own land or her home. She is studying in class 10. She is from a down-trodden background where daughters are supposed to be married in teenage.

Problem/ Key Issue — Mother does wages to maintain the daily expenses. The economic condition of the house is not well. After the father's death the condition became even more pathetic. Neither did anyone help. She has two sisters and two brothers. After the departure of the father, the arrival of the maternal relatives came to a lot more time. The idea of reducing the burden was advised to do Rabina marriage soon. But Rabina was not ready yet. Everyone had made a lot of force so that she would respect it. . When she did not find any way, she told the team members and told to help her quickly.

Association with partner organization / support Received —Everyone went to her house. Tried to explain quite a lot. But her mother said that she could not take responsibility for everyone alone. Later, the help of other people was also taken so that she could understand that if the daughter goes ahead, the condition of her family can also change.

Process of Initiatives / support —She was also linked to the group. She had missed his studies. Talking to the school he was added to the school again. Her visit to other girls was taken. Her mother was also introduced to those girls who continued their studies.

Key result/ Achievement —She escaped being a victim of child marriage. Her missed studies started again. There was also considerable change in her mother's understanding.

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Follow up or future plans –Presently she is studying in class 10th. She supports in getting the other girl involved with the Kishori group. Team members also constantly communicate with her mother so that many other issues can be informed to be awakened.

Success Stories- 13[Priti]

Priti tried to break tradition which is the cause of violence against women

Background—She is from a poor family. Just have a house to live. They have to work in other's farms so that they can get the wages of home expenses. Mother is illiterate. Father reads just a few letters. Nobody has studied the rest.

Problem/ Key Issue —Suddenly she realizes that her marriage is almost fixed. For some days some people were constantly coming to meet her father. She was reprimanded and threatened as she was against the teen age marriage. It was said that the marriage of her sisters was also at a young age. This is the custom of the family which will also have to adopt it.

Association with partner organization / support Received —When she saw that her own guardian is not with her then she asked help from the group. Some people went with kishori samuh member too. Her father did not allow them to come home. There was a lot of debate. Then, after when the Mukhia said he was ready to talk. After talking several times, father changed his decision.

Process of Initiatives / support —Priti already had stopped going out. The study was also missed. Firstly it was linked to the school. Then she started meeting with the group so that her enthusiasm can increase. Role of Local Body members was also very helpful in terms of counseling and convincing.

Key result/ Achievement –The girl's dream of further reading could be started. She escaped being a simple victim of child marriage. The people of the family also understood the danger from child marriage..

Follow up or future plans –Now she goes to school every day. Her role remains active in the meeting. She understands the other girls too.

In the same way, three more girls [Neha, Sangini, Tensin Kamar] were saved from easy hunting of child marriage. This effort is possible only when there would be strong groups of girls and communities where girls can keep their point open. And find solutions with joint efforts.

Success Stories- 14[A Khatun]

Travel of Come Back of the Survivals of trafficking victims

A Khatun lives in Araria district. She belongs to a poor family where most of the family members had to work as agricultural labor to bear the house expenses. A Khatoon was married to an older man who was introduced by her own aunt.

It is said by the relatives that the groom has his own house in the city. He earns well. The boy also promised that after the marriage, younger brothers and sisters would be taken to the city for completing the further studies. At the time of marriage, her family does not have to spend

money. The boy spends all the time. He gives clothes to all and gives some money to the guardian.

After marriage, groom lives in the same village to win the confidence of the people of the house. After a few months he goes to Delhi with A Khatun, saying that the holiday has now ended. He has been called from the office.

When A Khatun reaches Delhi, everything was changed. Everything he said and promised was a lie. He lived in a small rented house. There was also trouble for eating. He often came home after drinking alcohol. He started abusing her. She was beaten up. After a few days, he comes with a girl and said he had got married with her. Both used to hit her on giving answer. She was worked just as servant

During this, she gave birth to children. Due to the children, she also spent a lot of time waiting for a positive change. But the condition went further worse. One day she suddenly heard that groom was preparing to sell her to another person. His attitude and behavior was also not good with children.

She ran back home and somehow escaped from there to protect her children. No one was happy even after coming back. She had to work as labour to raise her three children. The children also used to go to work in the field. Life was very mysterious as no one was there to support her.

During the survey, she met with bhoomika vihar team. She was quite explained and advised to start life again to regain the dignity for her and for her children. Counseling, training and financial support were given to her. She started selling breakfast, locally. She earns daily and saves daily for her children. Her children were enrolled to local school. She is looking after her children to give them a better future filled with dignity.

Success Stories- 15[l Devi]

L Devi Belongs to Araria district. 26 yrs old L Devi belongs to a poor marginal family who basically are dependent on daily wages to manage food. It would have not been easy to gather food at home when work was not there. When she married she was a child. Her father dead when she was at younger age. Marriage fixed locally after suggesting by the relatives. As she thought life would change after marriage.

After marriage, L Devi got to know that her husband has already been married. Her husband always beat her up. She was trapped by them to work as house maid. She planned to escape from there and returned to her native village.

After spending two years at her mother's home, her mother again fixed her marriage, on neighbor advice. House expenses increased so that the mother thought that she should get her daughter married again. She thought that this time she would get a good life. It was fine for a

few days to reach there with a new family. But gradually she had understood that she was trapped in the clutches of wrong people. The man used to drink alcohol every day and sometime abused her in front of his friends. She was forced to maintain relationships with friends and relatives. She was kept in the room. Her hand and legs were tied with rope.

Man was planning to sell her to the other person. He had brought her to sell her to earn quick money. She was very scared. During this time, she had traced the way to the Railway station from nearby people. After seeing the opportunity, she ran back to home. No one was happy to see her back. No one was listening to her. She was blamed for everything happening in her life. She started working in another's field to manage her food and expenses. She also gave birth to a girl child. She was suffering her acute illness as she and her baby were not giving proposer food and care.

Someone had informed the team of Bhoomika Vihar about her demur situation. She was linked up with the rehabilitation process. She was given treatment and care for recovery at initial stage. She was later offered counseling, training and financial support to start income generating activity, locally. She started working as hawker. She moves in the village and sells daily and earns daily. Her baby girl is enrolled in local school. She wants to get her motivated towards higher education so that her daughter would not be the survival.

Relatives have troubled so much that she returns with their child back. But she did not give up. It took a lot of time but today she is trying to make her own life and child's life in the same society.

Success Stories- 16[l Devi]

Change Maker Girls getting involved with higher education and sports

Shivani, 15 years old girl is belongs to marginal poor family. Her father works as a agricultural labor to feed the whole family. Shivani was also getting involved in helping her family by working in another's field or house maid. She has three sisters and two brothers. Shivani loves sports since childhood. But girls are forbidden to play where she lives and even are not allowed to room outside.

Shivani has been associated with Bhoomika Vihar since last eight years. She was get involved with Maike Centre. Her family was convinced to let her get involved with education.

If Shivani did not linked with stipend and education, then she would be a victim of child marriage. Child marriage is very common in the area where she belongs to.

The result of having regular stipend is that she now is in class 10th and is preparing for the next stage. She was even encouraged towards sports. She is the captain of the Kabaddi team in her school. She won Kabaddi Match at high school level. She proves that girls can play and win.

She also loves to play football. Boys are seen always playing football. Shivani is trying to change the mind set. She talks against gender discrimination and violence. She plays football with other girls. As a leader of the Kishori group, she is a role model in her area. She also encourages other girls towards education and sports.

Shivani has done a great job in a documentary movie of Bhoomika Vihar "One Night Bride" on the theme of fake and forced marriage. She was getting into the role play in front of camera for the first time. But her confidence is very extraordinary. She is a great artist. She sings and takes part in street plays also so that awareness can occur in those areas. Her motive is to bring change to the people towards the daughters.

Success Stories- 17[Anokha]

Kishori Samuh saves the life of a girl from becoming the victim of child marriage.

15 yrs old Anokha belongs to Araria district. She has two brothers and two sisters. Economical condition of the house was not so good. Parents were not educated as they do not prefer or understand the importance of education. They say if she studies who will work in field to earn money. She was enrolled in local school but not allowed to attend the school properly. Suddenly her father has an accident and he broke his one hand. The condition of the house becomes very disturbing, that even one time meal cannot be affordable. Thinking of being free from responsibility, her father decides her sudden marriage.

Anokhi is also a member of the Kishori Samuh, so she shared her problems in the group meeting and asked for support. She did not want to get married at tender age. As she wanted to study further. Bhoomika Vihar team members went to Anokha' house and tried to make the parents understand, that child marriage is illegal. As child marriage could effects both the physical and mental condition of a girl. Anokha's Parents did not understand so easily. They wanted to get relief from the burden as most of the families think in dealing with their daughters.

Family had to change their decision when Panchayat members were involved. They were even said to call the Police if the parents are not changing their decision.

Situation changed and Anokha was given stipend to continue her studies. She also enrolled to a private tuition centre for quality education.

Anokha is preparing for the matriculation examination. She wants to get higher education so that she could be able to bring change to the mind set.

Success Stories - 18[Sarita]

Survival of Child Marriage making effort as Change Agent to protect other

17 yrs old Sarita belongs to Katihar district. Financial situation of the family is quite pathetic. Sarita in her childhood has survived a lot because of poverty. All the people from the house work to manage home expenses. Parents are illiterate and therefore do not understand the importance of studies. Especially reading the girl in their eyes means waste of time. They think that the girl should only to handle house hold chores.

Sarita has two brothers and two sisters. Relatives have explained that it is difficult to get married when the girl gets older. So her parents made her married at a young age. She opposes but the parents were more concern about her age not about her life.

After marriage, she went and found that she was brought there only to get all the work done. Other members of the house often used to abuse with her. When she tells to take her home, then she was beaten up. She runs away and came back home in depression. Others didn't like her coming back. She started working in another's field to earn and manager her own life.

During a meeting, she met with the people of Bhoomika Vihar and then she was associated with the Maike center. She started learning stitching to become self dependant. On the other hand she continues her study by getting helped in the form of stipend.

Today she is studying in class 10th and preparing for the matriculation. By associating with the Kishori group, she moves in different villages to bring awareness on the adverse consequences of child marriage. So, that whatever happened to her does not happen to anyone else.

Success Stories- 19[Asha]

16 years old Aasha, is living in Katihar District. She had tree daughter and two brothers. She belongs to a poor family, where people are mainly dependent on laborer work to fill their daily needs. On relative's pressure, her father gets her daughter married in teenage. Aasha resisted because she wanted to study further. But their parents didn't listen.

As always happens in child marriage, same happens with Aasha. The behavior of the In-laws members was not so good with Aasha. She used to work all day long but did not get enough to eat or rest. She was not so confident to react. If she says anything, she was beaten up by her husband. After spending a lot of time nothing changed. She was just a maid who worked at home.

She decided and return back to her native place. People were very upset when she returned.

During the survey, she met with Boomika Vihar. Seeing her miserable condition, she was linked to the Maike centre and Tailoring course. So that she could feel comfortable with the girls of

same age. She expressed her feeling for studying further. She was linked up with stipend which she is getting per month.

Now, she is studying in class 11th. She is an active member of kishori samuh. She goes to the village and aware all family that they should not marry her daughters in a younger age.

Success Stories - 20[Nandani]

Pursuing Higher Education

21 years old Nandani belongs to Katihar district. Her parents are illiterate. Nandani has two sisters. Her childhood often spent in working in another's field to support the family. Nandini was very interested in studying. She also loves to travel. She took admission in school by insisting, but her parents did not let her to go school every day. While going to school, mother used to say if you go outside, than who will do the household daily chores. Somehow she took primary education but missed further studies. She meets one day with Bhoomika Vihar team member and expressed her willingness to study further. First of all, she was linked to the Kishori samih. Seeing her interest in studies, she started receiving stipend.

This is the result of her continuous effort that she passed out Matriculation and intermediate with good marks. Today she is pursuing graduation.

She clears ITI exam and continues for next preparation. This is a major change in the areas where people think that girls cannot do anything.

It was neither easy for Aasha nor for us because, it is very difficult to make the parents understand on importance of education for girls. Also, it is difficult to stop them from getting her daughter married at a young age. But the result of our long time efforts is viewing everywhere. Where girls are just seems to work at home and for marriage only, success story of a girl like Nandani is becoming an inspiration for all other girls in that village.

Success Stories - 21[Pritam]

Pritam Kumari belongs to katihar district. Father Mr. Ram Prakash paswan belongs to a poor backward family. He works as labor in another's field to feed the family needs. Her mother usually works as agricultural labor to manage the house expenses.

Priyatam has struggled a lot in pursuing her matriculation examination as well as intermediate. She passed with second division in both. Due to her disability, she has no hope of getting further studies. Due to illiteracy and common cultural perception she might be get married at younger age. But the desire to get further studies let her to meet with Bhoomika Vihar. She started her journey as a member of Kishori samuh. Soon acknowledging her interest in studies, she started receiving stipend. She later on was enrolled to a private coaching for quality education. She

completes Diploma in computer application. She cleared entrance of ITI in 2017. Her efforts are priceless and dream is big.

She wants to support her parents in her old age, financially. She wants to show the world, what a girl can do if she gets an opportunity. She is a role model for her community. She is physically handicapped, but she is enjoying her dream. Now she is pursuing graduation. She is an inspiration for all such girls, who also want to get educated. Being a role model for her community Priyatam always gives a lot of thanks to Bhoomika vihar for letting her met with her dreams.

Success Stories- 22[Ajmeri Khantun]

Travel of COME BACK of Survival Women of Trafficking

"My husband was used to bring new people every night. He forced me to serve drink and entertain them by having physical relationship."

32 yrs old Ajmeri Khatun was married to an old age men from U.P. She belongs to a poor family who completely are dependent on daily wages for bread.

Close relatives had offered a marriage proposal and Ajmeri trapped into that. When married she was minor. She spent almost five years with her drunker husband, and gave birth to four little babies, three girls and one boy. As she says, her husband was habituated of liquor. He often came home drinking alcohol. After some times the situation got worsened, as he started to bring his friends at his house at night. All were almost drunk. His friends started to exploit Ajmeri physically and mentally in a locked room. When she refused to do so, she was not given food to eat whole night and day. Not only she was to stay hungry but also she was beaten up and abused in front of all. She Says, "My husband was used to bring new people every night. He forced me to serve drink and entertain them by having physical relationship."

She was frustrated and scared almost. She ran away from there and come to her mother's house. The people of the house asked to go back. They did not want to take responsibility for her and her children. She took shelter on government land under a plastic tent. Also she started to work as agricultural labor to feed her children.

During the Survey, Bhoomika Vihar team interacted with her. She was given financial support, counseling and training to start a business. Her children were enrolled to local schools. She presently gets involved in selling of seasonal vegetables and fish in local market. She earns daily. By earning she had made a small house for her and her kids.

Success Stories - 23[Mala Devi]

Many weird men used to come in the night. She was called to offer entertainment to those people.

21 yrs old Mala Devi is a local resident of Katihar District. Belonging from a poor and downtrodden community, Mala and other family members were working as agricultural labor. Her uncle's elder daughter had introduced a person from Rajesthan as one of the closest known. They had lured the family of Mala by giving false promises of golden future. Gifts were offered from the groom side during the time of marriage more were said to be given after marriage. Family was forced to get ready for the marriage as the groom family was not demanding dowry or marriage expenses. It was said that the groom is doing excellent in a local business in Rajesthan.

After a while, the boy got down on his actual motive. The groom started to force her to run a liquor shop. The boy also compelled her to drink alcohol. Many weird men used to come in the night. She was called to offer entertainment to those people. On refusing, he says that this is the right way to earn more money. If you do not do this, you will be killed otherwise. Apart from that groom, many people used to hit him together. Everyone has physically exploited her. At the same time she became pregnant. Seeing no hope, she ran away and return back to her native place.

Life was not easy when she came back. She was often mentally disturbed, because of past life and torture. Six months later she gave birth to a girl child. She had to work as agricultural labor sometimes as housemaid to take care of her small kid.

During the survey, she associated with Bhoomika Vihar team. Later on she was given financial support and training on income generating activity. She presently is doing the business of seasonal vegetables. She moves in the village and local market. She says that she now enjoying the actual dignity of life after having own work. She wants that she does not let her be with her daughter.

Success Stories- 24[Mala Devi]

At the same time she became pregnant but violence with her was the same.

22 ys old Prity belongs to a poor family. Family is depended on daily wages. Neighbor had introduced a boy from U.P. Groom had introduced himself as Pilot and well settled in metropolitan city. Prity and her family were unable to catch out the gullible talks of the groom. The family members were promised that their future would be change and they would have not to worry about bread and butter.

Prity and her family convinced easily and marriage took place without having any query about the groom family and where he belongs to.

Prity and the groom reach U.P. They stayed in a rented house. After asking, the groom was used to say that he is soon trying to get a good home in the city where they will lead a good life. Time passed, but nothing happened. But he started doing violence with her. She used to work all day long. But she was not allowed to eat or take rest properly. He used to drink alcohol every day. Many of the men used to come often and mistreated during the night. At the same time she became pregnant but violence with her was the same.

Prity was tired almost. See informed her mother and told everything that was happening with her. Mother came to her but she did not meet. Mother again sought help from nearby people and someone managed to return back to her native place with Prity.

After coming back, Prity gave birth to a girl child. As they were extreme poor, Prity had to work as agricultural labor to feed her child.

During the survey, volunteers of Bhoomika Vihar came to know her demur condition. She later on got involved to rehabilitation process. She was offered counseling, training and financial support to start an income generating business at local level.

She is running a small vegetable shop. She dot have to work as a labor. She is maintaining the house expenses and looking after her daughter, carefully.

Success Stories- 25[Nutan]

Saved from Becoming the Victim of Child Marriage

She opposed and was beaten up by family members. She was not allowed even to go outside until the marriage is done.

16 yrs age old Nutan is keen interested in study right from her childhood. She belongs to a poor family who are completely depended on agriculture for survival. Her father and Brother in law fixed her marriage at the age of 16 with a boy from a neighboring village. She was not ready at that time as she wanted to study further. She opposed and was beaten up by family members. She was not allowed even to go outside until the marriage is done.

She informed her friend requesting to convey the message to the team of Bhoomika Vihar. Bhoomika Vihar team along with the Child Protection Committee members had approached the family of Nutan. Family was informed on the threat of Child Marriage and the legal procedures. Involvement of PRI members had forced the family to withdraw the decision other the police would have been informed.

She is safe now because of her immediate response and the collaborated efforts of the Child Protection Committee members.

Success Stories - 26[Asha]

There was no one who actually could support her in fulfilling her dreams to get further studies.

18 years age old Asha belongs to a big family having 8 members including her, three sisters' two brothers and parents. Her family do not have permanent source of income. Her parents are completely illiterate that they do not understand the importance of education for a child. According to them, teaching is just a wasting of time. There was no one who actually could support her in fulfilling her dreams to get further studies.

Primarily she got involved with Child friendly centre and later on with Kishori Samuh.

Her elder sister's marriage was fixed suddenly. She got to know that her parents were planning to execute two marriages at same cost to save the expenses. She opposed and initiated to seek support from the Bhoomika Vihar team Members. Local PRI members were got involved in making the family informed on the threat of child marriage and available laws behind. They were said to stop the planning regarding Asha otherwise local police would be informed. Asha involvement was crucial at that time otherwise intervention would not be possible.

Asha is saved now. She had completed Intermediate and planning for Graduation.

Success Stories- 26[Gunja]

Pursuing Higher Education and Breaking the Barriers

She was stopped at all times whenever she used to go to study

15 yrs age old Gunja Kumari belongs to a poor family where working in field is given more importance more than studies. Whenever she wanted to study she was called that what you would do by reading. No matter how much you read, you would have to get engaged in domestic chores. She was stopped at all times whenever he used to go to study.

She always shared that's she wanted to become a teacher to get the poor marginalized children educated. Instead of reading she was told to take care of her younger brother and sister. She had to do all the house work; nevertheless she did not get to read. As a result of, she had to leave school.

During the meeting of Kishori Samuh, she had shared her experience and requested the Bhoomika Vihar team to bring her out from the demur condition. Team firstly had get Gunja united with the Kishori Samuh and lastly contacted the family to make them informed on the importance of girl education. Team had also requested the family for sending her to school, regularly. The family realized when they saw other girls doing best in studies and getting involved with multiple activities.

She actively now have continued her study of class 10th. She motivates the other family members for girl education and participation in the meetings. She does not even hesitate to speak out in front of mass population.

Success Stories- 27[Poonam]

Action against trafficking by a girl to protect a girl

18 yrs age old Poonam Kumari, belongs to a marginal family. They mostly depend on agriculture for household expenses. Family has to suffer when there is no work ahead. They do not get work for years.

She is very much interested in completing higher study. She had to face a lot of opposition when she shown her interest in getting involved with Kishore Samun and later on with higher study.

She elaborated about an occurrence when she intervened and had saved the life of a girl. Her proficiency had defeated the planning of the local brokers. Local brokers had enticed the parents of N with marriage proposal. N belongs to a poor family where it was difficult to gather breads even twice. Local brokers had cheated the family by giving false promises about the future. The boy just gave the vermillion at night and said that they got married to each other. Some advance was also given to N parents with promises of great wedding in future. N was placed in another house. They were planning to leave the place in next day night.

Kishori Samuh girls somehow got to know about the night incidence. They suddenly had informed the senior team members of Bhoomika Vihar. Local Police was informed. Police started investigation and arrested Bhado Rishi, the local broker. After police interrogation, the local broker disclosed where he had kept Neeta. Neeta was rescued then and handed over to her parents.

Girl's team worked together and rescued a girl from becoming the victim of trafficking



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