

### **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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#### **Preface**

With immense pleasure I humbly undertake the privilege to present the Annual Report of Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP). The organization has been giving its utmost contribution for the socio-economic development of the Dalits and Marginalized Communities. We have also been very much involved in advocating for their entitlements and mainstreaming them with the society. We have adopted a multi-dimensional approach for the purpose at state level.

The year witnessed the action for Combat –Human Trafficking, Child Marriage, Female Infanticide / Foeticide, and HIV/AIDS. We during the year also worked for Sanitation, Reproductive Child Health, Organizational Networking and Development. Social Inclusion and Right to information emerged as key working areas for GENVP in active collaboration with change agent from various sectors, i.e., media, Voluntary organizations, Intelligentsia, etc. and urged them to evolve partnerships for development and to accelerate the pace of social change.

The achievement would not have been possible without the support and guidance of various organizations, Government and Non-Government Agencies, and Individuals .I sincerely pay my heartiest gratitude to all of them. I also express my thankfulness to all the people who directly or indirectly contributed towards achievement of our mission and objective.

It's needfulto thanks the professionals who rendered their services with dedication and in adherence to our vision ad mission.

Ram Kishor Prasad Singh General Secretary

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#### Genesis & Background:

The organization was established on November 14, 1984 with the vision to provide a platform for discussion and action on developmental issues concerning the poor. Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) was founded by a group of like-minded intellectual associates to involve the rural and urban poor in various developmental activities. The organization has imbibed the thoughts expressed by the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi and another visionary, Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan, that development can only take place when the people, especially the rural people are mobilized to participate in their own development. Accordingly, GENVP is committed to concentrate on the empowerment of people, especially women &Dalits in the villages, realizing that women & Dalits are the strongest agents of social change and through them the other sections can also be reached.

#### Legal Status:

#### Registered under:

- (i) Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 vide Reg. No. 318/87-88.
- (ii) FCRA 1976 videReg.No. 031170077 dated 11 Aug 1994
- (iii) Income Tax Registration of 12 A

#### Vision:

Achieving a self-reliant rural society with self-governance, peace, equity and justice

#### Mission:

- 1. Community organization for initiating social action.
- 2. Facilitating the establishment of sustainable health care system.
- 3. Empowerment of women and bringing gender equity in rural society.
- 4. Ensuring economic development and creating sustainable opportunity to weaker section.

#### **Objectives:**

- To promote and develop Community health through establishment of health centres, which implement family planning programmes and disseminate health-related education.
- To arrange library and reading room facilities etc. for education to masses.
- To promote, undertake and set up centres for research, evaluation, educational activities and furtherance of the aims and objectives of the organization.
- To implement employment oriented programmes for neglected and weaker sections of the society including the rehabilitation of orphans, widows and destitute women by encouraging handicraft and villages industries.
- To perform other such works which are essential for social, economic and cultural development of the society.
- To promote and develop appropriate rural technology.
- To promote and develop non-conventional energy sources.
- To work for environment protection and a pollution free atmosphere.
- To promote village agro-industries, irrigation, safe drinking water, social forestry, agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry.
- To promote integrated area development.
- To collaborate with other organizations having similar objectives.

#### **Core Values of the Organization:**

#### **Empathy with Poor:**

GENVP believes in Empathy with poor and down trodden segments of the society in fostering social justice and equity. We reflect the belief and concern for the poor before our individual and organizational interest.

#### Respect to traditional knowledge and Wisdom:

The organization firmly believes that the traditional knowledge and wisdom have successfully sustained the needs of the society and is capable of fostering future growth.

#### Transparency:

The organization believes in transparency and accountability in true sense. All the policies, strategies, programs and budgets are shared with concerned stakeholders, donors, organizational members, staff and beneficiaries.

#### **Gender equity:**

Gender equity is a cross cutting policy in all the activities of the organization and addressing the issues of women and their concerns. The organization has adequate representation of women in the governing board and staff distribution. Out of total beneficiaries reached 80% are women.

#### **MEMBERSHIP & ASSOCIATION:**

- 1. State Coordinating Organization of **Women Power Connect** (A National network for Women Empowerment).
- Member of national Network CMNSA (National Coalition of Maternal, Neonatal and Safe Abortion)
- Member of SRIJAN (Sexual and Reproductive HealthInitiative for Joint Action Network) on YRSHR
- 4. state level Core group member of "ARC" (national Coalition of advocating Reproductive Choices)
- 5. State Coordinating Organization of "NARMADA" (NARMADA is State level network of Voluntary agencies/NGO's working on the issue of NRM).
- 6. Governing Board Member of **ATSEC** (Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children), Bihar chapter.
- 7. Chairperson of Local advisory group of PATH Convergence Project
- 8. Member of Bihar Innovation Forum (Forum of Govt of Bihar under BRLPS)
- 9. Member of Credibility Alliance, National Alliance.
- 10. Member of Bihar State Child Welfare Council.
- 11. Member of **SAATTHII** (A network for HIV/AIDS).
- 12. Member of **Propoor** (National Network).
- 13. Member of **Wesnet** (A National network for Water & Sanitation).
- 14. Member of Viswash (A State level Network on Water & Sanitation)

#### **Funding Partner/Co-Operating Agencies:**

Previous Supporters	Current Supporters (last 3 yrs)
1. DFID - PACS 2. SKN	Bill & Milinda Gates Foundation through     Project Concern International (PCI)      Eurapean Union/MANTA
<ol> <li>Pathfinder International</li> <li>Water Aid International</li> <li>Australian High Commission</li> <li>Hope for Children</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>European Union/MAMTA</li> <li>Plan India/NACO/GFATM</li> <li>TCIF</li> <li>Ministry of Health &amp; family Welfare, Govt. of India</li> </ol>
7. CORDAID 8. MEMISA	<ul><li>6. Ford Foundation/WPC</li><li>7. BSACS</li></ul>
9. NEG 10. CRS 11. AIWC	<ul><li>8. Women Development Cooperation, Bihar</li><li>9. UNFPA/WPC</li><li>10. PATH</li></ul>
<ul><li>12. AIIMS</li><li>13. CHRI</li><li>14. PRIA, Bihar</li></ul>	<ul><li>11. ASW-CWS</li><li>12. Bihar Education project Council</li><li>13. Women Power Connect</li></ul>
<ul><li>15. CMNSA (Common Health)</li><li>16. Dept of HRD, Govt. of India</li><li>17. Dept of Non Conventional Energy Govt. of India</li></ul>	<ul><li>14. DRDA</li><li>15. IPPF/MAMTA</li><li>16. Nasscom Foundation</li></ul>

#### **Geographical Areas of Operation:**

We have extensive reach to all the districts of Bihar State. We are presently working in the individual organization capacity in Patna, Nalanda, Nawada, Begusarai Lakhisarai, Muzaferpur and Vaishali districts of Bihar. We have reached out the entire state of Bihar through a network of other voluntary organizations sharing similar vision.

#### **Key Working Issues:**

- 1. Health
- 2. Local Self Governance
- 3. Dalit Empowerment
- 4. Women Empowerment
- 5. Women & Child Trafficking
- 6. Education
- 7. Livelihood/ Income Generation
- 8. Safe drinking Water & Sanitation
- 9. Right to information
- 10. Natural Resource Conservation and Management
- 11. Environment

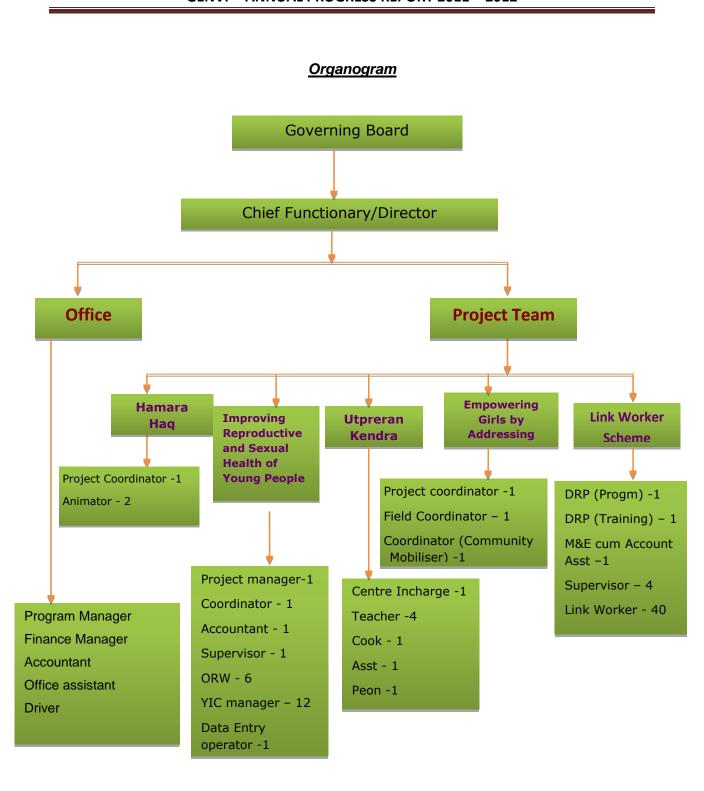
#### Target group:

- ✓ Women
- ✓ Dalit
- ✓ Children
- ✓ Young people
- ✓ Persons with disabilities
- ✓ People living with HIV/AIDS

#### **Our Strategy:**

- Direct Intervention with Community
- Advocacy
- Capacity building
- Campaign
- Networking
- Research & Study
- Behaviour Change Communication

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#### **Program Activities**

#### A. HEALTH

#### a. A Brief on "Link Workers Scheme":

The project titled "Link Worker Scheme" initiated from the month of Jan, 2012 in Nawada district by Nagar Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad. All 14 community development blocks including 150 targeted revenue villages have been marked under this project. This particular scheme is essential for Nawada because pace of migration in rural areas are more than that of urban slum, around 35-40 percent population migrate in different states like Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi and Ahmadabad for the search of job. The major observation is the Youth population [the age group of 20-35 years of age] who migrates for the period of 9-12 months and back to their home during festival or harvesting seasons. The cases relating to STI & Tuberculosis are most common among the people living in the rural areas. While outreach activity cum meeting with stakeholders – it has been reported that the cases of HIV positive people is there, but the social stigma is one of factor which hide it strongly.

About 150 revenue villages have been mapped under this scheme and as per the findings and prevalence of cases like STI/TB/HIV & AIDS 100 villages have to be identified for implementation of Link Workers Scheme in operation district Nevada in

Bihar. The vulnerability may notice as per the increasing rate of STI/RTI and Tuberculosis in rural areas in the district. The cases of HIV transmission may increase if – PPTCT is done in all the PHC's as it is reported that the PPTCT is not done in most of the PHC's of the district.



Orientation of volunteers for village mapping

Certainly- the progress has been made by the LWS team in the district by introducing LWS to may government officials, departments and its line agencies in the district, contacts have been made with blocks officials, PRI's and other key stake holders in all fourteen blocks where the scheme has to be launched in coming days.

#### **Key Achievements and Major Learning**

- ✓ Mapping of 150 villages in the operational district of Nawada district.
- ✓ Rapport building.
- ✓ Identification of 150 volunteers, the perspective Link Workers.
- ✓ Laisoning at block and district official and their line agencies.
- ✓ Mapping exercise has been conducted in 150 different villages of 14 blocks of Nawada district.
- ✓ Orientation cum training of district team by Plan India Patna.
- ✓ Basic learning about Link Workers Scheme during induction, survey format sharing & budget analysis and modular training I organized by Plan India, supported by BSACS N-NACO.
- ✓ Learning through meetings with various key stakeholders, at village –block and district officials.
- ✓ Learning through community people, youth and health service providers during visits at village and hard to reach pockets in Nawada.

# b. A Brief on "Improving Reproductive and Sexual Health of Young People by Increasing the Age at Marriage in India, Nepal & Bangladesh"

For improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Young People by Influencing Age at Marriage, GENVP in collaboration with European Union through MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child, New Delhi is implementing a project in 51 villages of Chandi Block of Nalanda district. Adolescents and young people, especially young girls, will be the primary target group for the project. A population of 100,000 with approximately 30,000 young people would be covered. Unmarried-married; out of school-in school; working and non-working young girls and boys will be targeted through the program. Special efforts would be made to be inclusive of the marginalized (based on caste, ethnicity, religion) and the poorest of poor. Change in behaviour should focus not only on individual behaviour, but also on collective behaviours, norms and values of the society, therefore a wide range of stakeholders will be addressed.

Under this project GENVP has undertaken several activities which are as follows:

- ✓ Advocacy initiatives with Govt. functionaries for enforcement of laws and policies for legal age at marriage and delayed first pregnancy.
- √ Community Mobilization
- ✓ Networking of likeminded NGOs
- ✓ Media Advocacy and Monitoring



PRIs sharing their views at the PRI workshop







Inauguration session of sensitization workshop of religious leaders on early marriage

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A glimpse of the Sindur aviyan in the community



Mass awareness: BDO addressing people





Celebration of IYD on 12 August 2011



Network partners participating in the orientation workshop

#### c. A Brief on the "Convergence Project on HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health"

GENVP had entered in to partnership with PATH previously and even after the financial support has been over; it is implementing "PATH Convergence Project" on the issue of HIV/AIDS. A large number of populations are at risk of HIV and unintended pregnancies. Such young men and women, people who sell sex, and people with HIV are not able to access the HIV and SRH services they need. Young women and sex workers have difficulty accessing family planning services. Services for family planning, maternal and child health (MCH), sexually transmitted infection (STI), HIV, and abortion are provided separately and often target different populations. Consequently, there are several missed opportunities for providing a better response to HIV and SRH.

"Convergence" of HIV and SRH services refers to a very wide range of activities or processes, which are undertaken with the broad objective of capturing these "missed opportunities" by adding on services or paying attention to the overlap areas in HIV and SRH. Several activities have been undertaken by the PATH Convergence Project, which are as follows:

- ✓ Liaison with state level stakeholders
- Mapping of stakeholders
- ✓ Coordinate and provide support to partner organizations
- ✓ Provide support to Patna Network of Positive People to organize focused meeting with HIV positive people to discuss SRH needs and issues
- ✓ District Level Stakeholders Meeting
- ✓ State Level Workshop of Stakeholders:
- ✓ Support PATH Media consultants and assist their role with the media to get articles on or interviews about the initiative published in Bihar News Papers

Though the project level financial supports are overthe PATH Convergence Project is progressing in the planned manner, which would ensure the success of the project in attaining the objectives behind these activities.

#### d. A Brief on the "Advocacy on Safe Abortion in Patna, Muzaffarpur and Nawada"

In order to understand and implement policies to make abortion safe, it is important to map and study the availability of safe abortion services both in public and private sectors understand and comprehend the reasons for utilization pattern of safe abortion services as well as the social and economic factors associated with the same.

The experiences of organizations working in the different districts of Bihar clearly shows that stigma and lack of awareness on part of the community on one hand and practice of unsafe abortion on the other, has contributed to the situation. At the present scenario, various civil society organizations have developed strategies to address the gaps including the service provision and community awareness of health behaviors. Currently the work around abortion in Bihar is mainly around capacity building of formal providers on clinical aspects and also located in the service delivery mode. However raising community awareness and rights realizations around safe abortion is still a far-fetched idea or only happening at a miniscule level. GENVP is carrying out advocacy programmes in three districts of Bihar which are Patna, Nawada and Muzzafarpur.

The major objectives of this intervention have been:

- ✓ To understand women's perceptions on abortion services and need for abortion in 5 villages of select blocks each in 3 districts of Bihar.
- ✓ To understand perceptions of formal, non-formal providers and key informants on women's need for abortion services in 3 selected blocks of 3 selected districts of Bihar.
- ✓ To map the availability of abortion services in 3 selected districts of Bihar from secondary data and interviews with women, providers and key informants.
- ✓ To initiate community and district level advocacy on safe abortion through meetings and IEC material on the basis of the evidence.

Major Activities under the programme:

- ✓ Meeting with three identified partners to launch the project
- ✓ Setting up ethics guidelines and questionnaire used during the mapping
- ✓ Develop and discussed the mapping guidelines
- ✓ Conducted field testing of the guidelines

- ✓ Formation of local investigation team
- ✓ Two days capacity building workshop on ethics and mapping exercise for the local investigation team at Patna before starting field investigation
- ✓ Identified the villages within the reach of a government health facilities including a PHC or wherever upgraded to CHC
- ✓ Setting up a coordination mechanism between common health and implementing agencies
- ✓ Included regular exchange of information and support as required
- ✓ Mapping of service providers and different services available at district level including secondary data collection and analysis
- ✓ Group meeting with senior women in the age group 40 years and above
- ✓ Interview with key informants consisting of ANM, INGO/NGOs working on health issues
- ✓ Interview with the providers wherever available formal, informal, profit, Non Profit at PHC or CHC, MTP trained doctors, DPM under NRHM Gynecologists, Surya Clinic, Meri Stop Clinics, Private Clinics, Charitable Hospitals, PMCH, Dais, Rural Health Care Providers such as Jholachap Doctors and RMPs
- ✓ Consolidated of information from three districts and preparation of draft reports
- ✓ Developed relevant information, education and communication materials emerged out of the learning from mapping of exercise
- ✓ Shared the findings of the mapping exercise at community and district level and created awareness in the community on safe abortion

#### The Major Learning from the Programme till now have been:

- ✓ The women in the project area perceive that there are many reasons behind the grave situation of maternal health worth mentioning a few like nonexistence of hospital or health center in the area, absence of proper counseling facility by Doctor, non-availability of the means of transport on time, carelessness, less conscious of food and their own health, lack of awareness, no prenatal checkup in time and poor economic condition.
- ✓ The women in the project area understand the fact that abortion is a grave issue in the area and it is solely connected with the maternal health problems. Unsafe abortion has serious impact on the maternal health like anaemia, weak conception, prone to severe diseases, poor health, pain in uterus,

- inflammation in uterus, disability, pale appearance, loss of facial charm & beauty.
- ✓ Locally abortion is termed as Dholaiya and Kacha Darha
- ✓ Women terminate pregnancy under circumstances like Preference of son over daughter, having more number of children and unable to feed the mouth, if the child is deformed or disabled and the mother is at risk
- ✓ There is no infrastructure and trained professional in the area for conducting safe abortion and providing abortion care. Women have to go to the nearby town Daniyama, Fatuha, Patna for terminating pregnancy
- ✓ Many of the women, girls and widows prefer to abort in the village with traditional Dais or RMPs
- ✓ Though Government PHC is available in Daniyama and Anganwadi worker, ASHA worker are operating in the villages but they are not competent to handle abortion cases
- ✓ Most of the married women pursue private clinic for termination of pregnancy
- ✓ Girls and widows pursue non-formal services from Dais and RMPs
- ✓ It has happened that the woman seeking abortion goes to the clinic and after diagnosis male child is confirmed, husband and other family members put pressure to abstain aborting.
- ✓ Most of the women have a perception that abortion is legal but they are totally ignorant of the appropriate law and act associated with abortion
- ✓ Women come for abortion from 1st to 6th months

#### e. A Brief on the ongoing Immunization Programme

GENVP realizes and recognizes that immunization of children is important issue for improving the health status of the community. The focus of PHC'S and Sub Centre in general is more on pulse polio, thus the service providers pay lesser attention for immunization of children. With the support of Hope for Children, GENVP is carrying out immunization health check up programmes in Patna district.

#### B. Gender and Equity Related Interventions

#### a. A Brief on "Promoting Gender Equality and Equity through PC&PNDT Act"

In collaboration with UNFPA through Women Power connect, GENVP has taken initiative to address the issue of declining sex ration with proper implementation of PCPNDT act in different blocks of Patna Districts under UNFPA supported "Bitia Bachao Abhiyan". Under this project GENVP has undertaken several activities, which are as follows:

- Formation & Capacity Building of Community based Resource Groups
- Advocacy with Government and NGOs

In the consequences the organization organized a workshop to address the issue. The workshop was attended by the veterans of the sector to provide a better understanding over the issue. They clarified the root cause and suggested the possible solution to the problem.

They stated that firstly the ancient mind set plays a dominant role in provoking the social evil and later the lack of proper implementation of the law provision to abandon it and both are equally important.





Mr. Tarakant Jha, Chairman, Bihar legislative Council and Mr. Ashwini Kumar Chaubey, Hon'ble health minister, Govt. of Bihar at the state level Workshop

#### b. A Brief on the "Campaign for 33% Reservation in for Women"

In collaboration with Women Power Connect, Intensive campaign and information dissemination was initiated by the member of the Bihar. On an average nearly 2000 families were covered by each member in campaign information dissemination and getting the support of the grassroots as well as mobilizing them towards an expressed will to demand change in the prevailing political and social situation. The campaign paved the ground to mobilizing the signatures in the next step.

#### Signature Campaign

The campaign included a signature campaign exclusively demanding 33% reservation to women in all political processes. A memorandum was prepared in Hindi language so as to ensure that every one who signs it has understood what it stands for and was circulated from the state convener to all the member organizations. The member organizations disseminated the information contained in the memorandum and exhorted the women to sign on to the campaign and become part of a greater movements and mobilization at the state level. The support to the signature campaign was more than expected. All together the members of WPC were able to mobilize 7819 signatures in support to the memorandum.

#### Compilation of the signatures

After the signature campaign, all the signatures long with the memorandum received at the office of GENVP in Patna. All the members had been given same format for collecting the signatures along with the memorandum. The format was simple with the serial number of signing persons, names of the persons and signatures. Thus it was easy to compile all these separate sheets from different areas to one document having the whole signed papers. This document along with a fresh copy of the memorandum attached to it as the covering page with the signatures of the WPC Bihar leaders have been made ready for submission by the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> March, on the Occasion of International Women's Day.

#### **Charter of demands handed to the Governor**

The charter of demands/the memorandum was taken by a delegation of Bihar WPC to the Honorable Governor of Bihar. It has also been commendable that the WPC Bihar was able to get the appointment to meet the Governor and hand the memorandum. The Governor ensured the women leaders that proper follow up will be ensured on the charter of demands handed over and that the charter of demands will be discussed with the Assembly Members and all other relevant stakeholders.

The Governor and the WPC Bihar leaders also exchanged warm greetings on the occasion of International Women's Day.

#### c. A Brief on "Advocating for Gender budgeting in Bihar"

The focus of operation in this regard was maintaining the momentum arrived at with previous interventions. With the association of Women Power Connect, GENVP organized a two day's regional workshop focused on Gender Budgeting in the year 2008. Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister cum Finance minister, Mr. Sushil Kr. Modi participates in the advocacy workshop and gave assurance for incorporating Gender Budgeting in the State Budget of Bihar. After the advocacy workshop, the follow up with the Finance Minister, Govt of Bihar and initiative taken by Mrs. Anju Sinha, GENVP and convenor, WPC, Bihar resulted in the incorporation of Gender Budgeting in Bihar. Bihar is the first state in the country to incorporate Gender budgeting. A significant achievement in this regard was that in 12 women related departments of govt. of Bihar, the budgets would be prepared only by the women officials. This year we have made many advocacy level follow up visits and delegations to concerned personnel so that they are continuously guided and bound by the principle of gender budgeting.

The political platforms have widened as a result of the reservations and also as the result of gender budgeting but the women are not using the entire potential of these platforms for their development. Other than representation which is technically achieved the quality of participation remains below attainment. This is the gap we are trying to address through our interventions. Empowerment of women means making them capable to take decisions and raise their voice and to inculcate leadership qualities in them. With support of PRIA, GENVP is working for leadership development for political empowerment of women in Nalanda district of Bihar. After sustained programme operations the programme has started showing good results in the district

#### C. Dalit Empowerment Programmes:

Dalit Communities have been suffering prolonged exclusion. Though this strata has been contributing much to the socio-economic development but their importance never got momentum. The most pathetic part of the exclusion is that they don't even have the access to the basic amenities.

#### a. A Brief of the project "Hamara Haq"

In course of its different studies GENVP realised the need to aware and build cadre of the community at all levels so that an effective leadership can emerge. This cadre if oriented properly can claim their rights and entitlements besides ensuring respect and recognition to the community. With this objective GENVP initiated the HAMARA HAQUE with support from CWS. The strategies adopted Was awareness generation, cadre building and stakeholder sensitization. During the implementation of the project following approaches have been made by GENVP to ensure inclusion of dalits as other section of the society:

- ✓ Formation of Village & Block level Platforms of excluded groups
- ✓ Identification of Dalit Youths and Training on Govt. Schemes & RTI:
- ✓ Focused studies on education, healthcare, food security and entitlement to enhance knowledge base of social exclusion and discrimination
- ✓ Padyatra (foot marches) for creating awareness on SCP and RTI
- ✓ Block and district level workshops and learning sharing platforms
- ✓ Mass communication interventions involving mass media

#### D. Child Rights/Education Programmes

The future of any nation lies in the strong hand of its new generation. Thus its very important to secure the present of our children. But the scenario is just at the flip. There are numerous factors which de motivates parents to send their children for education. These include lack of awareness about the need of education, lack of access to a school in the vicinity of their community and the poor economic condition of the parents, which compel their children to go for labour.

#### a. A Brief on the Utpreran Kendra

GENVP with support of Bihar Education Project Council is running "Utperna Kendra", for 100 children who are either drop outs or non school going, in Patna. These children under the age group of 11 to 14 years are kept in the residential classes and provided with the basic learning so that they could further be mainstreamed into regular schools to ensure proper education, thus reducing child labour which violates the child's right to education.

✓ The major objectives of the Utpreran Kendaras are:

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- ✓ To provide quality education to 11- 14 yrs. children through innovative teaching & learning.
- ✓ To increase the educational participation, enrolment, attendance, persistence & performance.
- ✓ To encourage the drop out children to join mainstream education again.
- ✓ To make the children self-dependent throughout education.
- ✓ To stop different type of social stigma against child rights.
- ✓ Broadening & supporting local community participation.

Major Activities being undertaken through the Utpreran Kendras are:

- ✓ Conduct of regular classes
- ✓ Residential facility for the children attending the centres
- ✓ Formation of Children's Committees
- ✓ Training of teachers
- ✓ Meetings of the parents
- ✓ Community gatherings
- ✓ Celebrations of special days

Apart from this, the organization is also running 10 Alternative Education Centre in Lakhisarai for children living in difficult situation for preventing child trafficking.

#### E. A Brief of the "Advocacy on the Right to Information Act"

Right to information Act has been implemented both at the level of State and National Governments and functional structure has been created availability of information from the concerned departments but the use among the rural community is negligible due to lack of information. With a view to enable the rural community to exercise their rights, a strategy was chalked out by GENVP in collaboration with commonwealth of Human rights initiative to train grass root CSOs from Bihar on the provisions and aspects of the law and system of Right to Information.

Training on Right to information was organized for CSO functionaries covering 52 Voluntary organizations from 22 districts of Bihar. Justice Shashank Kumar Singh, attended the training session and stressed in his speech that such initiatives would go a long way in strengthening the hands of poor and marginalized in access to information. Follow up of the progress is being reviewed with the participating organizations. The training included the following components:

Understanding RTI Act.

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- Filing of Petition.
- Process of Settlement of dispute
- Case Studies
- Experiences Sharing Session and Impact of RTI Act in the society.

#### F. A Brief on "Promoting Networking of Women Organizations"

The organization this year contributed for the expansion and the strengthening of the WPC, Bihar. WPC, Bihar has been actively working for the dissemination of WPC manifesto among larger population, Government agencies, public representatives and rural community, i.e.:

- To sensitize & build core competency among different stakeholders, NGOs, Media, Legislature and bureaucracy on Women issues with special focus on Domestic Violence against Women.
- To build alliance with Political forces including backing up political forces for adequate enactment of Domestic Violence Act in the state.
- Formulation, publication and dissemination of IEC materials to sensitize influential groups, Policy makers, Media, Civil Society and law enforcing agencies.
- Lobbying and Influencing with District and Sate Level administration for stringent implementation of Rules and regulation against incidences of Women Atrocities.

#### G. Livelihood Promotion

#### a. A Brief on the "SHG Based Interventions"

Already 1600 SHGs have been operational in the project areas of the organization. We have extensively supported the process of cluster formation and imparted training for equipping the groups with the necessary capacities in this regard. These SHG acts as a local platform for sensitization of women, which involves the activities like Nurturing of SHG, Regular Savings, Inter loaning, Bank Linkages, Entrepreneurship development and income generation programmes and capacity building programs.

Capacity building exercise have been organized on various issues, like: Book keeping & maintenance, Leadership development, Strengthening of SHGs, Microfinance, enterprise development, Cluster managements and convergence with government schemes

#### b. A Brief on the "Agricultural Initiative":

Agriculture for not just in our project area Nalanda but in entire country is major backbone of the Indian Economical Development as well as the prime source of livelihood for rural India. Thus GENVP agricultural interventions in Nalanda District are part of the livelihood enhancement programme through scientific collective farming and value addition through mechanized processing.

#### Major Interventions:

- Community orientation for scientific collective farming.
- Promotion of mechanized processes for value addition.
- Skill Development.
- Pooling agro based technical human resources.
- Institutional and organizational networking.
- Enhancement of agro based livelihood options.

The community organization processes with the small and marginal farmers in the lines of collective farming, value addition and widening of livelihood options related to agriculture is raising the hopes of land owning as well as landless communities in Nalanda District of Bihar. GENVP is in the planning and resource mobilization process for expansion of these activities to new areas and also to integrate more interventions of this nature.

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#### c. A Brief on the SRI Promotional Intervention

GENVP's agricultural interventions involve the orientation of the farmers on the SRI techniques of farming. The training session covered the following aspects of farming including:

Debunking the myths about paddy cultivation through SRI

- Under SRI paddy cultivation, less quantity of seeds- 2kg / acre is required. Hence fewer plants per unit area (25 X 25cm), whereas in mainstream chemical intensive paddy cultivation requires 20 kg seed per acre.
- In SRI Rice crop grows healthy in natural conditions and its root growth is massive. It receives nutrients from deeper layers of the soil
- once the right skills are learnt and implemented, the labour costs will reduce

 SRI encourages Rice plant to grow healthy with large root volume, profuse & strong tillers, non-lodging, big panicles, more and well filled grains & higher grain weight and resists insects because it allows rice to absorb soil nutrients naturally

This year we have built upon the momentum created in the past year interventions and have intensified our operations in the areas. The sustained efforts have started showing results in the programme areas. As of today more and more farmers are realizing the benefit and are getting convinced on the programme

#### H. Natural Resource Management

Conservation of natural resource management has been one of the key activities of the organization. The organization in alliance with other NGOs working in the field of natural resource management to address the issue of flood and famine through conservation of natural resource through NARMADA (Natural Resource Management and Developments) network. The network has participated in several state and national level events to highlight the issues of conservation of natural resource in Bihar. Several issues were advocated by the network as Ahar – Pyne system for addressing the water needs for agriculture and to improve the employment opportunity for farm laborers in Bihar on one hand and to revive the traditional irrigation system on the other.

#### a. NARMADA Network:

NARMADA (State level network of NGOs working on the issues of Natural Resource Management in Bihar) was formed during the year 2004 and Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad is the coordinating agency of the Network. The Network concentrated preparing a state level action plan on Natural Resource Management during the current year for adopting a unified approach on addressing Natural disaster like Flood/Famine which causes wide spread damage to life and property in the State.

#### Media Galary







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सचिव मुज्ञा कुमार ने कहा कि सुवक एवं पुत्रतियों के स्वास्थ्य संवधी जागरुकता को बताने कथा स्वास्थ्य कर्मियों द्वारा उनसे मिजबत व्यवहार हारा निवान करने को लेकर संस्था प्रवासत है. इस मीक एर एकम से आये कमल भड़ायाजों ने मेत्रीपूर्ण स्वास्थ्य सेवा के विस्तार में स्वास्थ्य कर्मियों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका बताया. उन्होंने इस प्रकार के कार्यशाला के निरंतर संचालन पर जोर दिया. कार्यशाला में अज्ञोक कुमार व सभी महिला स्वास्थ्य कर्मी मीजूद थे.

# महिला सशिक्तकरण में सबसे बड़ी बाधा है अशिक्षा



### रोगियों से करें मैत्रीपूर्ण व्यवहार

बिहारशरीफ। इलाज से पहलें रोगी को मानसिक रूप से तैयार करने के लिए स्वास्थ्यकिमियों को मैत्रीपूर्ण व्यवहार करना चाहिए।इससे मरीज की हालत में जल्दी सुधार होता है। दवा से ज्यादा असर व्यवहार का पड़ता है। ये बातें टॉ. राकेश कुमार ने स्वास्थ्यकिमियों के लिए आयोजित कार्यशाला में कहीं। उन्होंने कहा कि युवा गलत संगत में पड़कर राह से भटक जाते हैं।इस उम्र में

उन्हान कहा कि युवा गलत संगत में पड़कर राह से भटक जाते हैं। इस दम्र में शारीरिक तथा मानसिक बदलाव भी आते हैं। इस मौके पर 'प्रयास की एक आशा' के सचिव मुना कुमार, कमाल भट्टाचार्य आदि मौजूद थे। (हि. प्र.)

### तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन

चंडी संवाददाता। ग्रामीण एवं नगर विकास परिषद द्वारा 'हमारा हक' परियो तहत तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन किया गया, जिसका उद्घाटन स महासचिव रामिकशोर प्रसाद ने की। इस मौके पर उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार योजनाएं चलने के बावजूद गरीबों तक उसका समुचित लाभ नहीं पहुंच पा रहा। मुख्य कारण दलितों में नेतृत्व क्षमता का अभाव है। इस अवसर पर अंज् सिन्हा सहाय, सुचिता कुमारी आदि ने विचार व्यक्त किये।



Media coverage by Urdu news paper "URDU SAHARA" n VFHS training organized by network nar

कार्यशाला का आयोजन

बिहारशरीफ संवाददाता : यष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य मिशन के तहत प्रामीण एवं नगर विकास परिषद् हारा नुघवार की स्थानीय सदर अस्पताल में कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गुगा। कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुवे प्रमारी सिविल मर्जन डा० शैलेन्द्र नासवण ने कहा कि किशोर एवं किशीरियों में मानसिक व भावनात्मक बदलाव की जानकारी देनी चाहिये। बाठ पीके गोरजामी ने कहा कि बुवाओं के यौन एवं प्रजनन स्वांस्था सेवा में सुधार के लिये जानरूकता अभिवान चलानी चाहिये। कार्यशाला की संस्या की अधिकारी अंजू सिन्हा, महासचित रामकिशोर प्रसाद सिंह, प्रशांत चन्द्रा आदि ने संबोधित किया।