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Message From General Secretary

Samta Gram Sewa Sansthan (SGSS) was established as a voluntary organization in Vaishali (Bihar) in the year 1979 to work for social justice and equality to fulfill the dream of **Sampurna Kranti** (movement for total transformation of society) to create an equitable society. Since its inception the organization has been involved in the upliftment of marginal sections of the society through various developmental activities, we believe in teamwork. We are working to organize the rural people for collective action towards development, that development can only take place when the rural people are mobilized to participate in their own upliftment.

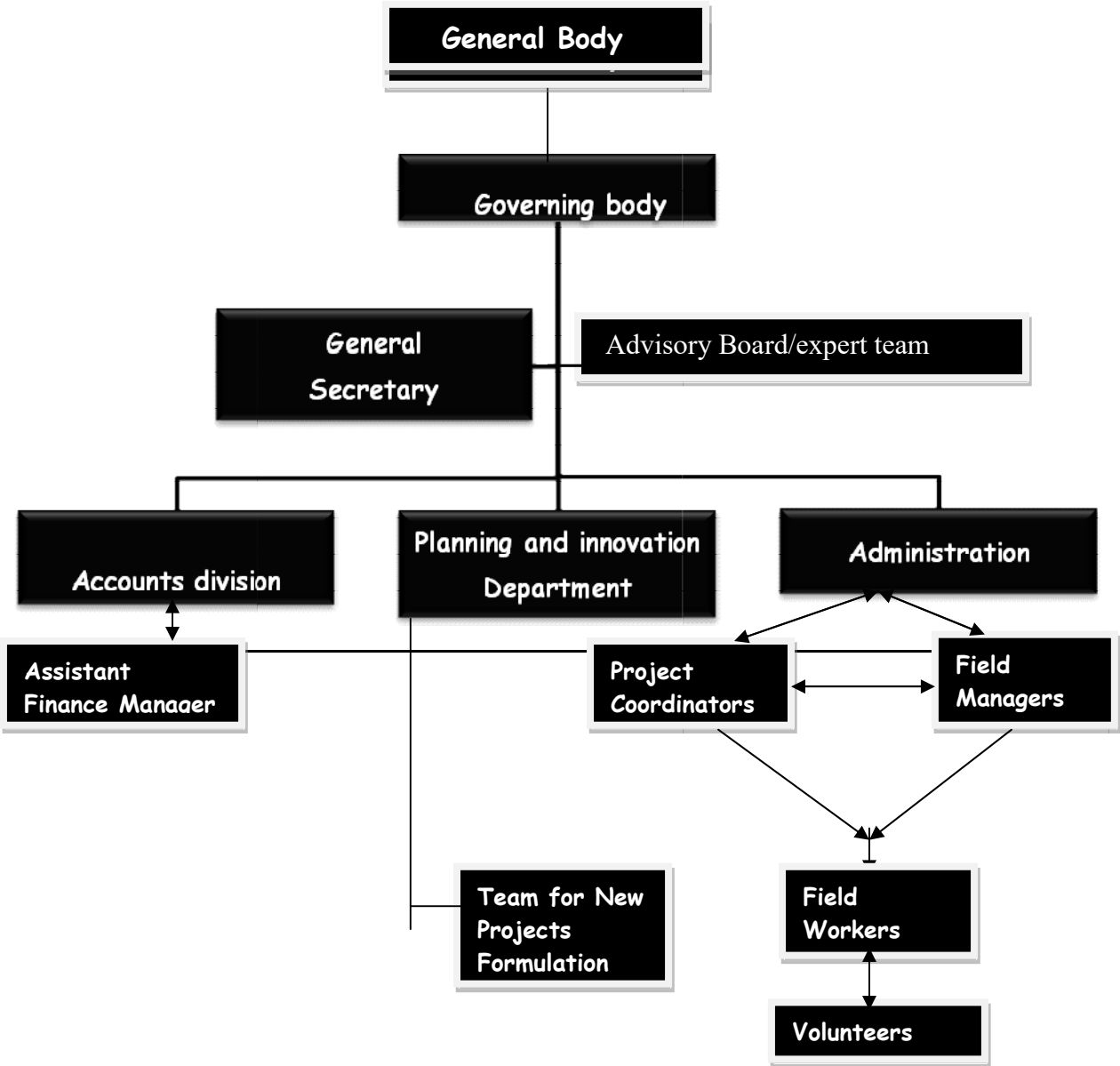
We are working to achieve total transformation of the society so that the personal dignity, social justice and equity of the common people should be maintained. We try to make them aware and self-reliance, so that they can protect their fundamental rights. We ensure to protect the vulnerable sections of society. Apart from human beings we also look for the safety of environment and animals as they are our in past few decades we have worked on many issues with the help of our funding partners, I would like to thank them all who have helped us to reach our goals.

We serve to humanity, especially the oppressed living in rural and semi urban communities. Focus is on underprivileged women, deprived children, unemployed youth, aged & physically disabled persons, environment. We cater to their specific problems through need and assets based approach with active participation of professional and development agencies.

Governing Body of SGSS

Sumitra Devi	—	President
Raghupati Singh	-	General Secretary
Rishav Kumar	—	Treasurer
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Arun Kumar	—	Member
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Vinay Fidelis	—	Member
Vinod Kumar Singh	—	Member
Arun Kumar Singh	—	Member
Dr. Habib Ullah Ansari	-	Member

Administrative Organogram of SGSS



Program Conducted

Strengthening The SRHR Movement, Specially for Access for Safe Abortion by Creating a Network of and Mentoring by CSO's/NGO's

With funding support from IPAS & BVHA, The project addresses the issue of Safe Abortion by mentoring and educating the ANM's, Jeevika Didi, Aasha Workers and other NGO's about the accurate age of abortion and the laws regarding to it. IPAS created a chain of NGOs for the growing the SRHR Movement through this chain. Abortion should be safe but in actual image mostly it is done with unsafe ways, to stop this exercise and to recall the overall idea about Safe Abortions and related Laws were put in front of the civil bodies (ANM, AASHA, AWW, Jeevika, Public representative etc. Apart from these the connection with new NGOs was done to make the orientation of the subject in the wider area.

The whole project was done in Patna City of Bihar District. The number of beneficiaries we have touched yet is approx. 25000.

Activity Done: -

- ▯ Review meeting
- ▯ Celebration of important days.
- ▯ Orientation of Asha Workers, Jeevika Didi, ANM's & AWW on the subject.
- ▯ One to One meet for with responsible public representative, Doctors, DDC & Officers for better approach of the subject.
- ▯ One To One Meet with The Local NGOs for the orientation of the subject.
- ▯ One To One Meet MOIC (President) for the orientation of the subject.
- ▯ Community Research and Networking & Liaising with District level.

Activities Conducted

- Review meeting of Bal Panchayat.
- Review meeting with the SHG's.
- Review meeting with the Child protection committee (CPC)
- Review meeting of the task forces to safeguard local from Natural Disaster.
- Review meeting of Child Protection Unit.
- Review meeting of Child Rights protection committee.
- Virtual Meeting Done on Awareness of Corona.
- Advertising for the precaution from COVID 19 were done in the rural area.
- Quick Response force was made for the fight against COVID 19.

Pervious Programs Done

Allies for change together against gender-based violence abuse.

With funding support from save the children, The project addresses the issue of gender-based discrimination and violence by changing attitudes of the men and boys. The basic intervention component of “Attitude Change.” The project ensures sustainability and long-term change in societal norms of values.

Activity Done: -

- ▯ Review meeting
- ▯ Celebration of important days.
- ▯ Refresher Training of Adult leaders.
- ▯ Orientation of Panchayati Raj Institution Members.
- ▯ CPU formation
- ▯ Street Play Nukkar Natak
- ▯ Gender sambad at village level.
- ▯ Essay completion of teachers on gender issues.
- ▯ Girl Tournament
- ▯ Resource materials development.
- ▯ Meeting of religious leader
- ▯ Discussion meeting of youth and adolescents.
- ▯ Wall writing
- ▯ Training of Adult Leaders CPC Members
- ▯ Block and district level dissemination meeting.

Children Alliance for Realization of Child Rights.

Aim of the project is to improve children’s access to their basic rights in quality education. Protection & survival by facilitating child inclusive governance through child participation in Bihar, one of the poorest states in India by the help of Save the Children.

Activity Done: -

- ▯ Children’s group.
- ▯ Adult community member / Panchayat Members.
- ▯ Government officials workshop/meeting
- ▯ Training resource and reference
- ▯ External resource persons for training workshops.
- ▯ Local level training/workshop.
- ▯ Formation of state child rights.
- ▯ Community level meeting and campaign events.
- ▯ State children’s alliance newsletter.
- ▯ Quarterly newsletter.

- Creative media workshop by child reporter groups.

Humanitarian Response to the Himalayan Earthquake State of Up and Bihar.

Aim of the project is for those who are affected by the earthquake in the worst affected district of UP & Bihar. SGSS in Bihar at Belsand in Sitamarhi district. The scale and impact of the disaster was unprecedented and devastating for the sitamarhi. SGSS with the help of Save the Children – Bal Raksha Bharat responded with an influx of life saving and rehabilitation support and ensured that it got into the hands of those needing them the most in the hard-hit areas of Belsand.

Activity Done: -

- Child friendly space.
- CFS facilitators.
- Play materials for CFS.

Bihar Flood Response



The devastating effect caused by the rain could be anticipated when there was continuous rainfall measured at 2104 mm for 3 months. The death toll reached 33 in Sitamarhi district and 9 in the 20 selected villages, out of which 7 were caused by boat accidents. The reason for fewer deaths as compared to previous years is previous projects undertaken from 2001 onward. Total no. Of houses damaged during this period were 103193, out of which 3856 were destroyed and 69657

were partially damaged, the value estimated at around 16,084.85 lakh rupees, in Sitamarhi district, while 410 houses were completely destroyed and 610 houses partially damaged of the selected villages. Crop loss was estimated at 7803.94 lakh rupees. People had nothing to eat as the reserved stock, around 2.77 lakh Livestock were affected, out of which more than 200 cattle lost their lives and apart from these hundreds of cattle are still traceless. The flood caused huge employment loss estimated at around rupees 6 lakh per day w.r.t. Their minimum wage. The whole area was covered with floodwater, also interrupting the transportation facilities for consecutive four months, damaging all infrastructures and government facilities like health and education and these all lead to mental trauma which considerably reduced their work efficiency and forced a total of 30,000 to migrate to different places in search of food & employment.

To tackle these problem emergency facilities were made available and for preventing diseases, health & hygiene kits were distributed which included a number of things like bucket, tub, mug, mosquito net, torch, soap, Dettol, tooth powder, hygiene cloth, etc and it was quite appreciated by villagers and resulted in about 60% reduction in malaria and other diseases



cases. Besides kits, the organization provided 10000 bottles of Zeoline and 2000 packets of alum to prevent water borne diseases and it reduced the cases of water borne by 80%, particularly among the children. Relief also included tarpaulin sheets to provide shed and it proved highly beneficial because thousands of houses were damaged during the flood. Apart from these facilities and services, 5006 cloths and 7500 food packets were distributed in which clothes included 1200 saris,

1000 dhotis and the latter included 13.5 kg rice, 1.5 kg pulses, 1 kg salt, 0.750 kg sugar, & 1 lit mustard oil. Above all, cooked food, i.e., Khichdi was provided to people at the time of food shortage and at Samastipur 13242 people got square meal, at Belsand block 51050 people took food and a total of 7490 people took cooked food at Kalyanpur block. Moreover, focusing more on children as they constitute the most vulnerable section and most affected, Child Friendly Space was created to cater all the needs of children, providing them a platform to grow and develop at their best.

Rehabilitation Programme

Undoubtedly, children constitute the most vulnerable section of the society, so special emphasis was given to their well-being, psychological aspect, health, education and an overall protection and development. A comprehensive approach was undertaken including various activities with prime objective to shield and shelter them from the devastating effect of flood and its consequences and also to provide them the appropriate and right ambiance to grow at their fullest.



Continuous flood for four months which meant no school reduced their interest in study so to get them back to studies “Back to school campaign” was carried out where the organization’s volunteers tried hard to get the birth certificates of children to get them admitted into school and furthermore to make them and their parents aware concerning a child’s basic & fundamental rights, morning march was

taken out and a total of 3950 children took part from 20 selected villages. This march commenced from child friendly space, traversed the entire roads of villages' shouting loud slogans on the right to education and other rights like right to play, right to protection against discrimination, right to health and ended close to schools and the headmasters were requested to register them to schools and they amicably accepted their requests.

Further Sankalp Sabhas were organized in each village to make everyone including children, parents, teachers responsive to the problems faced by children and they took oaths that they would endow children with basic facilities and would respect their rights and a Maha Adhiveshan was also organized at the Chandauli village where people from all the villages took part. This time a special attempt of visibility campaign was made in which posters and wall paintings carrying visible messages were displayed at places. Child friendly spaces were upgraded by providing superior toy kits, strengthening the space with extra bamboos, and fencing the CFS and a first aid kit was also provided to make available primary treatment at their hand.

SHGs Training Programme



Women empowerment has always been the prime focus of this organization and to take this purpose to a further height more than 20 SHGs were formed in the Belsand block of Sitamarhi district. This move engaged women in work, which further enhanced their position in the society to have a say in the decision-making. Our volunteers provided them training that explained to them how these SHGs work and what motives are to be

fulfilled through this institution. They were also told the benefits, which could be accrued from SHGs to augment their participation and interest.

Formation Of Self-Help Group

Women empowerment has always been the prime focus of this organization and to take this purpose to a distant height, more than 45 SHGs were formed in the Belsand block of Sitamarhi district. SHG has engaged women in various activities which further enhanced their position in the society to have a voice in decision-making. Our volunteers and trainers provided them training and explained to them about the objectives of SHGs and their functioning. They were also explained the benefits, which could be accrued from SHGs to augment their participation and interest.

Welfare Programme for Marginalized Population

Apart from women and children, SC & ST constitutes the most deplorable class of society, who has been neglected their basic rights from the very ancient times and to ensure that they are not neglected anymore and come up to the level to compete with the rest of the society, government has provided several rights and privileges to them. However due to illiteracy and ignorance these people are unable to benefit from these rights and privileges and this organization endeavors to make them aware so that they fetch the benefits which would bring upon improvement in their living standard. This purpose was further tried to be accomplished by sending their wards to school, which is the primary necessity to liberating them from the suckle of poverty, deprivation, and ignorance. They were also supported by the organization through mass awareness campaign about the government schemes and also



Lively-hood Support to Women (SHG)



SHG groups of the 20 villages were provided with 5 goats each. Expected result is that each goat will produce about three babies, out of which one baby is to be donated to another person. This very person will again donate one baby goat, which his goat will give birth to. In this way the whole community is to be benefitted. The expected result is yet to come up.

Meetings of each SHG are going on regularly. We are going to help those open bank accounts so that they could avail further benefits.

Effort Of Organization During Flood

SGSS with the help of volunteers did a great job in the rescue and relief work during floods in the districts of Araria, Katihar, and Sitamarhi. We rescued over thousands of people who were trapped in the high flowing water without food and shelter. Flatten rice, sattu, salt and drinking water was provided to them and has been transported to safer places through tractors and jeeps. We distributed food packets to over 10,000 people. SGSS team, equipped with boats, health kits and other necessary items reached the most needy and distributed food packets, clothes, and required medicine. Health post, shelter, and food distribution units were set up at various places and helped needy people without any discrimination. With the effort of the organization several lives were saved. We also counsel the victims to overcome the socio-psycho trauma caused due to damage to their property.

Cases Of Rescue And Relief

The rescue operation started on 28th August evening. First batch of about 70 have been rescued from Jagatpur School roof and taken to safety at BhebhanaGawaEmbankment the operation continued on 29-30 August all together 500 hundred people mostly dalits have been rescued to safety. Flatten rice, satu, salt and drinking water was provided to them. With the raising of flood water the embankment also became unsafe, after walking for 2 Km they have been transported to the Purnia Railway Station through tractors and jeeps.

People from the affected areas of Chatapur and NarpatGanj Block had come to at Sankarpur by temporary rafts, swimming, or boats. They have been carried to Farbish Ganj Relief camp at 15 km from the receiving point through tractors and tempos on 31st August Dry Food Flatten rice and Gur was provided to about 3000 persons. Medical post: People with illness have been transported to Government hospital for treatment.

Jankinagar, Purnia is a receiving centre for the people from Murliganj area of Madhepura district where thousands of people are still trapped. Rescued people are dropped at this point. On 30-31st August dry food Sattu 1 quintal, Flatten rice 50kg. Puffed rice 2 bags and salt and Gur was distributed. On 1st September Khichadi (a kind of porridge) has been provided to about 1000 people. Medical post has also been established here with essential medicines for flood related diseases. A qualified Dr. Akhilesh Kumar is supervising.

Some areas of Sitamarhi and Belsand are also under flood water, the 4 boats provided in the Preparedness Project have been serving the marooned people of the area. Essential medicines are provided to the volunteers trained in first Aid and to village health workers.

Bal Panchyat Formation



A Bal Panchayat or a unit of children was established in the Belsand block of Sitamarhi district to unite them and strengthen their voice so that their parents and society would listen to their grievances and needs and furthermore children would be then able to solve their problems themselves amicably.

This panchayat was formed with the motive of emancipation of children from the entrap of child labor and more pertinently this organization succeeded in freeing a total of 264 child labor constituting garbage collectors, roadside hawkers, rail hawkers, those working in hotels, houses, etc. These children now are provided with studying facilities and other basic facilities like entertainment and playing equipment. The good fact is

that they are regularly going to school and moreover besides other facilities we provided them first aid training, which would prove beneficial to themselves and others during any such adverse conditions.

Institution Building

SGSS works with the belief that any developmental work could only easily and effectively run when the people/ community get aware and united and work as a team. For this purpose, we focus on institutional building of community and then train and mobilize these institutions to tackle developmental issues. With the support of our support agencies like TDH, Germany and Save the Children, UK, we formed such institutions at many places, which are given below.

Capacity Building of NGOs

The organization has also oriented representatives of various small & grass root NGOs to provide skills for working in the community. In this context, the SGSS has organized a workshop of CNRI networking partners to create self-sustainable resources for proper establishment of the organizations working in remote and rural areas. Apart from this the SGSS has also oriented the small NGOs with the feedback, moral, technical, and other initial support.

Formation of Bal Panchayat

In this process twenty groups of children have been formed in project villages which is known as balpanchayat. A number of 15 children (below 18 years) from each village formed a committee to discuss their own rights and protection issues. The groups have been oriented by our trainers towards their rights, protection, and participation to raise the issues related to them. We feel that the voices of the children should be entertained by the community as well as the stakeholders and government institutions to make a strong and glorious country in future.

Capacity Building/Training Programme

In this programme, a series of orientation on different trades has been organized to build the capacity of various village committees like VDMC ,Bachao aur suraksha dal Bal panchayat ,Paeyjal Samiti, Kishan Club, Prasav samiti etc. Now, the committees have been equipped to work for the rescue and relief operations during any disaster to protect the life of human beings and the animals.

The organization has also trained more than sixty Daies (traditional birth attendants) to make the delivery process easier in the villages. It promotes safe delivery in existing infrastructure and ensures availability of local management towards pre and post delivery systems. The relevant health kit has also been provided to the TBAs to do the needful in emergencies.

Formation Of Different Committees/Groups At Village Level

The organization has also tried to organize and mobilize the community through the formation of different Disaster Committees like VVC (Village Vigilance Committee), VDMC (Village Disaster Management Committee), Health and Hygiene, First- aid, TBA (Traditional Birth Attendant), Bachaav aur Suraksha dal, Bal Panchayats, Farmers Club, Self Help Group, Pey-Jal Samiti, Prasav samiti with appropriate training and equipments to tackle the situation in all dimensions of life.

Programme On Social Exclusion/Child Rights

SGSS has been implementing a project in 20 villages of Belsand and Parsauni Blocks in Sitamarhi District with the support of Save the Children for the inclusion of dalit communities mostly from the Mehtar, Dom, Mushar, Dusad, Ravidas, Dhobi, and backward Muslim communities like fakir. Our focus is on the rights of the children and practical action to achieve the rights of the children of underprivileged communities and overcome the constraints imposed by the social exclusion. In the 20 villages of Belsand and Parsauni Block the organization is working for the welfare of the children and for addressing the issue of social exclusion. various activities under this programme are given below .

Formation of Child Protection Committee.

The Organization has constituted a child protection committee in each of the 20 project villages. Each committee has 15 adult members and is responsible to support children's groups for protecting their rights and protection issues in villages/Society, district, state and central level in future also. Presently they will act for those issues which are raised by the children group at village level. They raised issues discussed in the CPC meeting and then they moved for the coordination of related concerns to shoot out the issues of children. It acts like a pressure group for the community, different stakeholders, policy makers and government machinery in different stages.

Formation of Task Force

The Task Force is formed to address and sort out the issues and problems related to child right, protection. The task force has been formed comprising members from the government officials, different stakeholders, village committee, local schools, media persons, PRI and NGO Personnel. Apart from that the children are trained through information, education and communication (IEC) towards their rights. At last the task force is also responsible for the elimination of child trafficking, Child marriage, child labour and child trading.

Publication of Child Magazine.

The organization has always tried to address child related issues to the stakeholders in different manners. In this continuation our several committees and the Volunteers have always raised

the voice of children to the stakeholders, community leaders, PRI and different local authorities for the establishment of child rights in proper manner. To make the process easy, we are preparing IEC materials and a child led magazine namely Bal Boli has published to raise the voices of children to higher level, particularly those, who are excluded from the society.

Awareness Campaigns

SGSS has organized several Awareness Campaigns and generated awareness about the various government schemes related to child rights and protection, MNREGA, IAY and other programmes related to the marginalized section of the society. In this context we have arranged distribution of leaflets, Booklets containing important information/awareness about the government schemes among all the village committees. SGSS has taken up important steps after receiving the information that the laborers were not registered because of unawareness in NREGA process. The organization intervened in the process and raised awareness in the matter and provided 5000 application forms to the beneficiaries. Then the rural worker applied for Job Cards with the help of our volunteers/ workers and got the jobs along with their wages as per norms especially in the villages like Bhulli and Kora Khargi.

Most of the villagers from BPL families were still struggling for their houses, SGSS has taken it very seriously and has commenced block level meetings of all the village committees and discussed the situation. SGSS staff has created pressure on the concerned officers to fulfill housing demands of the concerned villagers.

Programme on Child Participation

The organization has already implemented a project under Children's Alliance for Realization of Child Right with the support of Save the Children, UK. This programme is running in 30 villages of Sitamarhi district. The theme of project is to improve the understanding of child rights, child protection uniform education and child participated governance. The content of this programme is given below .

Formation Of Children Group

In this Programme 30 children's groups have been formed in 30 project villages in Beland block of Sitamarhi district. It is a platform of rural children to share their views and expressions among each other. We feel that the children will express their voices freely in same edge group and act on the issues with same energy. They can prepare an environment in alliance with the people of the society through right based approach. Apart from this we are in process to establish an alliance at village, block, district, state and central level for the participation of children in entire developmental activities at a extent of planning, implementation and evaluation activities.

Formation of Adult Children Support Groups

The Organization is In gazed to form 30 groups comprising 15 adult children in each project village which is called Adult Child Support Group. The groups will be responsible to support and facilitate the activities for the alliance of children groups with the society for protecting their rights and protection issues in villages/Society.

The issues raised by the children group will be discussed in the adult children group meeting and then they move for the coordination to related concerns to shot out the issues of children.

Water And Sanitation Programme

The organization has constructed community toilets along with installation of deep hand pumps in 10 schools of Vaishali district under total sanitation campaign. It was an attempt to provide safe drinking water and smooth sanitation facility to the boys and girls of the school. It is also helpful to reduce water borne diseases among the schools' children. The programme was supported by the district water and sanitation committee Vaishali.

This programme is running under the theme of total sanitation campaign in the district which facing a huge water logging due to continuous practices of flood water. We are also engaged to prepare a consolidated report on status of the schools, suffering from water logging and lack of sanitation facilities. The whole activities have been running in favor of the children studying in the schools and face day to day problems in lack of proper sanitation.

Control and elimination of Kala Azar

SGSS work is focused in the mushar community in Vaishali district. **SGSS** has provided direct help to the community for building their pakka houses and getting them treatment for kala-azar through the government system. At the same time **SGSS** has been engaged in statewide policy advocacy to ensure that they get priority in state housing provision and access to treatment facilities in government hospitals. Some of these activities received support from Action Aid India.

KALA -AZAR

It's a well-known fact that MUSHAR community constitute one of the most neglected and deprived section of our society they are confronting more the problems of deadly disease Kala Azar which is the most precarious disease prevailing in the north Bihar and making their condition even more pitiable. Our government and people are ignorant of the real situation and

organization struggled to confront them with the actual happenings. Besides this there was a need of attitudinal changes to be installed in people, as they were rigid regarding their old habits and not ready to accept those norms and preventions that are inevitable to prevent the Kala Azar. Regarding this, a program named **“Elimination of Kala Azar through Behavioral change”** is conducted in Forbisganj block of Arariya District. Through this programme we aware them about the precaution to be taken so that this disease can be checked easily from spreading. In this financial year a total of 68 patients were taken to the hospital for treatment. In this programme the organization maintains a very good linkage with the government and receives medicines from hospital and give to the Kala Azar patients. Around 143 persons were given sodium rativoneat injection in the area by the organizations field staffs.

Watchdog Action On Hunger Deaths

SGSS is active on the issue of hunger deaths in the state and investigating these deaths from time to time. It has been doing advocacy with the state government for acting against the guilty officials and appropriate administrative action to prevent such deaths in future. We have been propagating formation of SHGs to maintain kitchens for the old and in firms who cannot prepare food for themselves and for activating ICDS centres to play more proactive role in preventing hunger deaths. We are also encouraging grain banks in the state and asking the state government to do the same through its Anna-Kosh scheme.

Hospital Maintenance

The organization is also engaged in the smooth and good maintenance of hospitals in Katihar district. It is engaged in maintaining one Sadar Hospital and four Public Health Centers. The organization ensures that the entire function i.e. basic infrastructure is working properly. This helps the patients and the staff to live and work in smooth environment. The basic objective behind this is to increase the number of beneficiaries by providing healthy and hygienic condition within the hospital. The organization also plays a vital role in coordinating the activities, so the patients recovered at faster rate.

Food Processing Training Programme

In Derhpura and joaj villages of Vaishali district, w.r.t. of its skill enhancement and livelihood generation activities the organization has arranged a training programme on food processing in which the women were taught different method to make pickles and badi. Apart from this they were also taught how to use the preservatives and do the packing with good standard. The value-added technology was taught to the women so that they got reasonable price of their processed product.

Outsourcing Activities.

The SGSS has also been working for the maintenance of government health institutions for the better health management for the patients admitted in the hospitals. In this context we are managing the maintenance of Sadar Hospital Katihar with the support of District Health Society, Katihar.

To this programme, the organization wants to create a healthy, friendly, and clean atmosphere throughout the government hospital in favor of the people suffering for diseases. We feel that the patients move to hospitals from their houses to reduce the illness and feel relax but due to unhygienic atmosphere of the government hospitals the common opinion has been changed. In this light we have accept this challenge with a goal to produce an example of hygienic, positive and friendly atmosphere to the patients as well as enhancing the attractions of the government health centers among the people.

AIDS awareness Programme

The SGSS is working for the awareness of HIV/AIDS among the Male Sex to Male (MSM) in 2 districts of Bihar namely Siwan and Gopalganj with the support of Bihar State Aids Control Society (BSACS), Patna. It also attempts to identify and register victims effected by this disease throughhomosexual activities.

The main objective the organization is to mobilize the people against homosexual activities in the rural and urban areas of the project districts. The area is backward and having low literacy rate in lack of infrastructure. Apart from this a huge changed has been found in gender ratio which highly decreases within the two decades. We have also planned the survey through our volunteers to find out the actual reasons of changed in gender ratio.

Welfare Programme for Marginalized Population

The organization has been working in SC & ST community and the most deplorable class of society, who has been neglected from their basic rights from the very ancient times. We have tried to ensure that they are not neglected anymore and come up to the level to compete with the rest of the society. However, due to illiteracy and ignorance, these people are unable to take benefit of their rights and privileges. The organization endeavors to make them aware so that they fetch the benefits which would bring upon improvement in their living standard. They are also motivated to sending their wards to school, which is the primary necessity to liberating them from the shambles of poverty, deprivation, and ignorance. They were also supported by the organization through mass

awareness campaign about the government schemes in Sitamarhi, Vaishali, Katihar & Arariya district.

Special School for Child Labour

A special school for child labour has been running at Simra village of Paru block in Muzaffarpur district by the organization. This school is running under NCLP Muzaffarpur. In this school, 50 children under the age of 14 were rescued from places where they were working in harsh condition. They are taught through three teachers and one vocational teacher. The vocational teachers teach the students about the vocational courses, which will help them in future for livelihood generation.

The main goal of the organization behind was to provide proper education facilities to the children of poor and marginalized sections of the society specially for those who are working as a labor in different sectors. In this context conducted this schools properly with a aim to ensure main streaming of these children as far as possible.

Women Awareness Program

We are continuously organizing this programme in almost all working area to sensitize the women about their rights. We also encourage them for their equal participation, education, livelihood earning etc. We have also organized several psycho/socio cancelling programme especially for the adolescent girls and child mostly in flood prone areas of Bihar.

Apart from that we have organized a survey programme among the woman of schedule caste (Musher) families in Bhagwanpur Block of district Vaishali for the change of lifestyle through mobilizing them towards traditional behavior and unhygienic living practices. We are also trying to execute a programme to ensure food security and promote their life skills through better livelihood opportunities.

Natural Resource Management Program

The organization has implemented several programmes for the conservation of natural resources in past three decades. We are already working on the renovation of a distributaries of the Ganges River in Vaishali district to reduce water logging in the area, since the area is facing water logging in a vast segment of agriculture land in the district. Now the situation is totally against the farmers of the area since farming is the main sources of income and instrument of food security.

Apart from this programme, the organization has promoted plantation of horticultural trees in various villages. These plants were planted in the wasteland or community land.

We also stated the villagers about optimum utilization of water, as this is an important source of maintaining greenery.

Value Addition Program (Food and Vegetables)

As majority of the population of Bihar are engaged in agriculture, it produces a lot of varieties. But very less proportion of it get value added and were sold as raw material for big industries. Keeping this in mind, the organization conducted this kind of program at various places to mobilize the farmers (or kisan clubs) to earn more profit with little effort. In these continuations we have organized a workshop of farmers in KVK hariharpur, Vaishali. Several experts and agriculture scientist addressed the workshop to aware and strengthen farmers towards the scientific, innovative, market oriented and organic farming.

Blindness Eradication Program

The organization organized an eye camp at Katihar district for visually impaired. They conducted operation and distributed free medicine to beneficiaries. The eye camp serviced thousands of patients suffering from various problems as myopia, hetero myopia and other problems related to eyesight in addition to precaution and awareness provided by the specialists for maintaining proper eyesight.

Live stock Protection Programme

The organization has conducted an awareness programme in favor of the animals who had always helped human beings towards the physical, social, and economic condition, but presently, the traditional practices of our society has been avoided. In this condition we have planned to conduct social awareness programme in the district to promote living practices with animals.

As most of the area of north Bihar is highly prone to flood, which have a bad impact on the health of animals, when many are died, the organization has arranged this programme to protect livestock in these regions.

Non-Formal & Adult Education Programme

It is the key activity of the organization. The organization was involved in running various centre of non-formal and adult education at Muzaffarpur and Katihar district. We also organized various short-term programmes for children at Sitamarhi district. Apart from this we have also started to teach the children of poor and schedule caste population in Belsand block of district Sitamarhi. our volunteers teach the children of

thirty villages, who are out of school through any reason, from four to six in every evening. This is also an attempt to ensure main streaming to the children of poor and marginalized sections of the society.

Veterinary Training Progarmme

A veterinary training programme was organized in banthu village of vaishali district, where the mushahar people were given this training. The focus was on the mushahar because they are the most downtrodden section of our society and highly neglected too. They generally have some cattle, which are not cared properly due to which lots of diseases occur and many are communicated to humans. The other idea behind this training program was that this will also help them to earn more and hence a different livelihood options is generated for them. In this training a total of around 24 persons took part. The training was organized at hazipur where senior doctor shri Ashok Sharma from Patna veterinary hospital was the main resource person.

Vocational Training For Skill Upgradation

A total of 75 youths from Korra and Kadwa blocks of katihar district were given vocational training on different subject like Motorcycle repairing a mobile repairing. The training was arranged at district Head Quarter i.e., at katihar. This training was of 15 days and totally residential so that the trainee can focus more on training which will be able to upgrade their skill to upmost level. After training they were also supported to establish themselves, so that these skills help them for good earning. Many were linked to the local banks for short loans to establish their own shop.

Gram Shree Mela

Gram Shree Mela is a 10-day Mela programme, which is organized by CAPART under ministry of rural development for promoting the rural product. This kind of mela is being organized in each district of our country every year. This time Samta Gram Seva Sansthan, Patna has organized this mela at katihar district. The motto behind organizing this kind of melas is to promote the art, culture, and local products of each area. In this mela rural product is being displayed through self-help groups, Voluntary organizations, and some government agencies. This is a very good and ideal place to promote the rural product to the masses and support the manufactures that are producing these products in very hard-hitting conditions.



The organization has organized this mela at Durgasthan, Katihar which is right in the heart of town. The basic infrastructural facilities were arranged in very efficient manner so that the mela remains equipped with all basic necessities. In this mela a total of 50 stalls of rural products were displayed through 42 self-help groups or Voluntary organizations. To attract the people and promote the mela daily cultural programme at evening and a wide publicity was done before and during the mela. In this 10 days mela the total sell of the products remains seven lakh sixty three thousand and twelve rupees (Rs. 7,63,012) which itself support the success of this mela.

Programme on community-based disaster risk reduction (DRR).

Empowering and strengthening the community to tackle flood effects during and after disaster moments, disaster preparedness, the organization, with the support of TDH- Germany, has activated local traditional prevailing techniques of disaster management in Sitamarhi district. It is an attempt to create awareness in the community about how to reduce ill-effects of floods to a reasonable extent. In the project of Disaster Risk Reduction, the organization facilitates the community in equipping them with necessary skills, equipment and infrastructure for prevention of deaths and loss of life, property and pet animals.

Various activities under DRR are as follows.

Distribution of boats

The organization has provided nine boats to the community in twenty villages in our project area at *Belsand* in district *Sitamarhi*. The boats have been constructed and monitored by different committees of the village people. These boats are, later handed over to the group of fifteen trained youths as per recommendation and direction of village committees. One of these nine boats has been equipped with 10 H.P. diesel engine to ensure quick relief and rescue operations during the disaster/flood.



The thought behind these activities is to prepare the community against the vulnerability of the continuous flood. The area is very low and faces flood affect due to its geographical phenomenon. The people of this area are not able to equip themselves due to lack in resources and proper livelihood, which are totally collapsed during the flood situations. Apart from this, the assistance from government has

been found negligible or not on time. As far as the civil society is concerned, they take some time to watch the situation and then come forward to the victims.

In the light of above, we fill that if the communities become equipped through the boats, they can save their lives and valuable goods at their own level during the disaster situation.

*Fifteen trained youth are there who use to take care of boat and are always prepare with tools

to act in tough situation. Currently they use to do awareness program on disaster like flood, earthquake, storm etc. in their perspective area.

Temporary Shelter

The organization has constructed temporary shelters in the twenty project villages to provide a suitable place for the flood victims during flood situation. The shelters are constructed at the safer, communicable, and high spots of the affected area. The victims are shifted to the shelter after rescue operations where they get some relaxation, food pockets, drinking water along with health and hygiene kits during relief operations.



The area is bound to face water logging for a long time after the flood due to low surface. The people of this area become houseless during the flood and there is no any alternate arrangement to cover their head including woman, children, edged person & disable member of the family. The situation creates physical and psychological trauma among the victims especially on the adolescent girls and child.

To see the above situations, we have tried to reduce the pressures on the community to provide the shelters, which cover the head and secrecy during flood and also be used as a safe game spot for the children in other seasons.

Grain Storage Tank

The organization encourages the villagers to build grain storage tanks with a capacity of 4to5 quintals of grains. it is now helpful during the disaster period when entire grains are washed-out from the houses of the flood effected villagers. The idea was to provide 2 quintals of grains to the community as an initial support for setting up grain bank and 2 Quintals of grains will be collected by the villagers during crop season to promote community-based initiative. The tanks are handed over to the group of villagers with agreement to use it in emergency to reduce starvation situation during disaster.



It is an attempt to mobilize the community to organize themselves and act as a cooperative sentiment. It will be helpful to change their traditional behavior and then they come forward to help each other. It is also an attempt to ensure food security during disaster moment as well as the emergencies.

*The grain storage is still active in areas to fight with hunger in tough conditions.

Hand Pump Platform Raising

The project area is highly flood prone and faces huge water logging for 3 to 4 months during and after rainy season. Every resource of drinking water became nonfunctional / unapproachable due to continuous logging of surface water (5-6 feet) during these days and creates a drastic situation among the villagers specially for children and women.

In above light, the organization has raised the hand.

pump platform in 20 villages to provide safe drinking water during flood situation. These are the safest places to get clean water along with the provision of safe bath especially for the women, children, and older population. Other than that, it minimizes the cause of various water borne diseases and the people are feeling safer. Apart from this it is also beneficial to ensure secrecy and safety of the women and adolescent girls. Hand pumps are maintained and get check up by SGSS Team for tough conditions.



Distribution Of Life Saving Kits

During the training of village task force for the rescue and relief operations, we felt the necessity of life saving jackets for the volunteers/villagers to save the life of the victims as well as themselves. In this thought, we have approached our supporting agencies and they also allowed to provide the life kits among the beneficiaries/trained villagers. With this thought, we have distributed life kits to the members of task force in the villages.



In the meantime, we felt that we can't provide life jackets to the entire members of task force because high cost and unavailability in local market. To keep this situation in mind, we have planned to prepare this jacket at our own level and succeeded in our mission. Now we can prepare the same jacket with local raw materials & at a reasonable price. The samples of the jackets are now ready to demonstrate at a common platform of support agencies as well as the community. It is also ready to distribute in the community before next flood in any region as per necessity and demand.

Mock Drill

Mock Drill was practiced with community participation in all the 10 project villages. All the volunteers who had participated in the first aid training had participated in this practice. The



community people practice and test one's readiness prior to disaster. The mock drill will help the people to perform and discharge their duties efficiently. The first step for carrying out the mock drill is to mobilize the community and encourage participation. To prepare and mobilize the people of a village, certain things need to be discussed and clarified like, having a measurable objective for the need for a mock drill exercise, the involvement and type of support that had garnered among the villagers. During the mock drill point out that handicapped persons, pregnant women, and old age persons have to be rescued first. During practice of mock drill our organizer gives the kit to the people and people learn the swimming, mock drill and how to rescue the people from the trainer. And discussion on bone fracture, snake biting, burning, poisoning, sinking and other types of misshapen were pointed out.

Networking of NGOs

The organization has taken lots of initiative to strengthen the networking of NGOs under the banner of Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI) which is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Mr. Raghupati, Secretary of the organization is elected as National President of CNRI. He is also member of national Executive Council of CNRI. Through this networking an organization can help the individual through SHG and doing insurance in Life and Non-Life sector. The organization can provide employment through various agencies in the co-operate and financial sector, provide support by marketing of different rural product within the country and abroad. This networking has grown up to 4000 NGOs/SHGs from all over India who all are working in different fields. Thus, this networking provides a good platform for the NGOs. Through this networking the NGOs are asked to do LIC in their command areas, for which LIC and the organization has arranged 8 training camps to make NGO understand the policy- Jiwan Madhur. Then the organizations were given sub- codes to perform the LIC work with their own. This ensures the reach of insurance to the neglected society i.e., the uncredit-worthy section and helps them to minimize the risk prevailing in their life.

Other Activities

SGSS is continuously involved in imparting short trainings, Exhibition, seminars, workshops, Fairs at various places of Bihar to create awareness about the rural products, Government rules and welfare programs. It also tries to aware people about various developmental activities and encourage/motivate people to benefit from these activities in a proper manner.

Research

"Koi Bhookha Na Soye"

SADED's Koi Bhookha Na Soye (KBNS) programme and Samta Gram Seva Sansthan are jointly implementing a Community-based Nutritional Surveillance protocol. The protocol prepared by KBNS documents the state of nutrition in the community and is designed to identify early signs of the worsening of an impending hunger. It should then be possible to use this to mobilize community action as well as alert the civil administration to take preventive action.

This activity will be undertaken in a participatory mode in 15 villages of Belsand Block of Sitamarhi district in which Samta Gram Seva Sansthan is already working. Three part-time workers will cover 5 villages each to conduct the surveillance over one year.

Point Of The Research

- ▯ Weight and height of children 0-6 years of age taken monthly.
- ▯ Changes in price of food items as well as the off take of food from shopkeepers of the area.
- ▯ Women's group meetings every three months to take stock of the local situation of livelihoods and food intake.

Psychosocial Counseling Programme for Adolescent And Children

We organized this programme in Narpantganj block of Araria district of Bihar. A team of 10 people identified about 350 adolescent and children who almost get unconscious by seeing the devastation caused by the flood and the misbehavior faced by them in relief shelter. They were on the verge of becoming abnormal and even some remain quiet and senseless. Due to this many commit suicide, so we came forward to stop the cases of suicide. A clinical doctor counsels these adolescent and children continuously for 15 days so that they came out of the psycho-social trauma. The programme is currently at a follow up stage, and we are expanding this programme to the other districts wherever we are operating. Like at Sitamarhi district we are providing the psycho- social counseling to the Adolescent girls, children for overcoming their mental obstacles faced by them during flood or due to any kind of harassment, exploitation faced by them in the society.