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Foreword

Dear all,

Let me pay my heartiest greetings & warm welcome to the honorable members of the general body & Executive body, Funding agencies, Well wishers and Committed staffs, volunteers and stakeholders whose passionate support and collective efforts enabled us to achieve another milestone with some concrete outputs. Further, we are determined to obtain all our well-charted goals through our unflinching convictions and continuous endeavors.

This year we have concentrated our work on different projects in: (a) Bisfi and Rajnagar blocks of Madhubani district, (b) Ghanshyampur and Kiratpur blocks of Darbhanga district and (c) Sattar Kataiya, Nauhatta, kahara, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Mehishi, Banma Itahari and Salkhua blocks of Saharsha district.

For the Programmes implementation, we gratefully thank the national/international funding organizations, including UNICEF, PCI, IRRI, ADRA, the handicrafts department (Ministry of Textile), AJWS and others.

Your regular suggestions and feedback also helped us to improve our programmes, and we sincerely hope that it will continue so in the future for the betterment of the society.

I would like to draw your kind attention towards some of the major activities that we have carried out during preceding year. Please spare some time to go through it and enlighten us with your valuable suggestions.

(BINOD KUMAR)

Secretary

28th April 2014.



1. Background of the Organization

Inspired by the philanthropic ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Jai Prakash Narayan BSS strives to bring about progressive and constructive changes in the rural areas of North Bihar. The organisation bases its efforts on the principles of Non-Violence, egalitarianism, Participatory democracy and internal self reliance that would ensure individual freedom, equity based social justice, women empowerment, communal harmony and means for decent living.

While encouraging and facilitating the entire society to attain developmental goals, the organisation focuses above all, on the marginal and excluded communities, who have been bypassed by the recent prosperity and economic growth of the nation.

BSS's believes in the ethos of 'Total Development', which is the driving force to bring about social change at local level. At the level of economic development, there is a need to inculcate values economy, transfer of technology and availability of credit facilities, which are important prerequisites for economic development. The strategy of development is to make society so alert and responsive to co-ordinate with different available governmental and non-governmental institutions incorporating Disaster Risk Reduction. In education, the measuring rod is to achieve wisdom backed by literacy and information. In health sector, objectives are to ensure basic hygiene/sanitation and prevention, and making local governmental health agencies operative and co-operative. In nutshell, BSS's development motto is "NEED BASED AND PEOPLE CENTERED".

2. Outline of accomplished works (2013-14)

It is a tall task to outline the history of Samiti's works in detail. Few topics are being given in which the organization did commendable work:

- a) **Help line Service:** Help line Services on Right To Information (RTIs) and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- b) **Vocational training:** Vocational trainings on livelihood enhancement and its various components e.g. Nursery raising, wormy composting, vending business, Mithila painting, Lack bangles etc.
- c) **Equipment support:** Provision of equipment support for livelihood enhancement and flood related disaster preparedness.
- d) **Female Literacy:** Non formal Education and Tara Akshar centers for Self Help Groups (SHGs) members.
- e) **Relief works:** Management of relief works to cope with disasters.
- f) **Environment:** Tree plantation, wormy composting, organic fertilizers and stimulating people awareness.
- g) **PRI training:** PRI training on risk aware development planning.
- h) **Flood disaster management:** Formation of CBOs, their training, and development of flood resilient infrastructures, DRR Planning.
- i) **Handicrafts Development:** Conducting training sessions to expand artisans' thematic and market bases; arrangement of handicraft *melas* (fairs) to provide market opportunity to artisans.



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- j) **Developing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and booklets:** Development of IEC materials and booklets related to public health, disaster risk reduction, package and practice of crops, wormy composting, home made insecticide, Veterinary etc.; printing and distribution of booklets on the issues of Tree plantation, package of practice of some relevant crops of flood prone area, Village Level Disaster preparedness committee (VDPC), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), RTI etc.
- k) **Disaster Risk Reduction:** formulation of Village Disaster Management committees and strengthening, Formulation of Village Disaster Management Plans and implementation and advocacy with multi stakeholders for mainstreaming DRR.
- l) **DRR integration & up scaling in schools:** Formulation of school DRR committees/ School Disaster Safety Groups (SDSG), Development of school disaster safety plans, mock drills, Drawing competitions and orientation on school sanitation and health & Hygiene.
- m) **Support to DDMA** for updating district level contingency planning and coordination mechanism for unified response.

4. External support to the organization (year 2013-14)

- a) Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- b) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- c) AJWS (USA)
- d) Prakalp Darbhanga (TSC)
- e) International Rice Research institute (IRRI)
- f) ADRA
- g) DFIT

6. Our Work Area





1. Major Projects of 2013-14 (Project Geography wise):

Sr. No.	Name of the project	Funding agency	Districts	Blocks	Project Budget
1	Promoting Disaster Risk Reduction and School safety programme in Multi Hazard prone Darbhanga and Madhubani districts in Bihar	UNICEF	Darbhangha and Madhubani	Ghanshyampur and Kiratpur (DBG) and Bisfi (Mdb)	14,16,144.00
2	Parivartan Project	Project Concern International	Saharsa	Sattar Kataiya, Nauhatta, kahara, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Mehishi, Banma Itahari and Salkhua	94,39,284.00
3	Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna	Govt. of India, Ministry of Textiles, Handicraft	Madhubani	Rajnagar	00.00
4	Livelihood support to flood affected community of Bihar	AJWS	Supaul, Darbhanga, Madhubani, samastipur	Entire blocks	00.00
5	Total sanitation Campaign/ Lohiya swakshata Yojna/ NBA	Prakalp Darbhanga and Madhubani	Darbhangha and Madhubani	Ghanshyampur, Tardih (Dbg), Andhratharhi (Mdb)	2,66,822.00
6	Cluster Demonstration of Stress tolerant Rice Varieties	IRRI & NFSM	Madhubani	Bisfi	4,70,000.00
7	Akshay India	Supported by ADRA India	Madhubani	Ghoghardiha, phulparas, laukahi, basopatti, harlakhi,	4,85,705.00



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				jainagar, madhwapur, pandaul, rahika.	
8	Leprosy & TB Control programme	DFIT	Madhubani	Jainagar, harlakhi, basopatti, madhwapur, Benipatti, Bisfi,	00.00
9	NRMC survey programme	NRMC Pvt. Limited, India	Madhubani	All blocks.	75,000.00
10	Stall management of "Mahila apda Jagrukta Kendra"	Bihar State Disaster Mgt. Authority	On the eve of Bihar Diwas	(Gandhi Maidan, Patna)	75,556.00
	Total (Unaudited)				1,22,28,511.00

BSS has successfully completed a number of input activities to achieve its objectives and expected outputs. Some of our achievements are following below

❖ **Our achievements in context of DRR:**

- Village disaster management committees (VDMC) have been formed in 60 villages; VDMC members have been trained on CBDRR programme, their roles and responsibilities and developing DRR plans. Altogether 857 members including 362 female and 126 children are members in the committee.
- Task forces have been organised and trained on different issues of DRR. Task forces prepare their plans and carry out different activities under the leadership of VDMCs. There are 5 types (1. Early warning, 2. WASH, 3. First- aid, health & Nutrition, 4. search & rescue and 5. Shelter Management) of common TFs in all the villages. Altogether, 219 nos WASH, 221 First Aid.
- Village specific risks and vulnerabilities (of women & children in particular) have been identified and incorporated in DRR Plan. The DRR Plan has been prepared in participation of majority of villagers and PRI members.
- 152 PRIs representatives (Mukhia, Ward Members and PSS) from 14 GPs were given training on their roles and responsibilities in DRR mainstreaming. They involved themselves in DRR planning process at village level with community and VDMC members.



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- Village DRR Plans have been presented during the Aam Sabha of Gram Panchayat. By last Gram Sabha on 26 Jan 2012 a total 60 DRR plans in different 32 Gram Sabha were submitted by VDMC and approved. At the other places special Gram Sabha organised by PRIs for DRR plan approval. Most of the structural activities identified in the DRR Plans have been enlisted in the Gram Panchayat Plans and forwarded to Panchayat Samiti at block level for approval and fund allocation to mainstream the DRR plans of the area.
- 131 new hand pumps (**worth Rs.17,89,000.00**) installed, flat platform of 15 hand pumps (**worth Rs. 1,05,000.00**) constructed, 83 roads (**worth Rs. 2,14,26,101.00**), 45 culverts (**worth Rs. 17,55,00.00**), 10 drainage (**worth Rs. 26,10,000.00**) constructed as per DRR plan.
- Village Health & Sanitation Committees are formed and capacitated for their roles and responsibilities as per norms of NRHM under 14 GPs of the project area. They developed their WASH plan to implement using NRHM untied funds.
- The hand pumps bacteriological testing & chlorination campaign by trained task force. They covered 786 hand pumps in which 370 found under contaminated. Out of them, 212 govt. hand pumps and 158 private hand pumps which were chlorinated.
- 550 children has availed birth certificate; many more applications are in the process.



- **963** MAM, **4** SAM found out of total survey of **3430** children in 60 villages. **924** were linked with different AWCs for THR and other facilities while **724** children made free from malnutrition through home based care as the trained task force made campaign for home based care of those SAM/MAM babies.



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- During the last monsoon, preparedness at village as well households level ensure through rigorous campaign by VDMCs and task force as a result, a total 433 country boats arranged in which 51 nos boats leveraged from Govt for all the 60 villages. 60 safe shelters had been identified in advance in 46 villages, 7670 vulnerable families were prepared their family survival kits. 6276 cattle out of 7491 are vaccinated with HSBQ before the monsoon.
- **458** out of target **6000** identified HHs have raised their homesteads under MNREGA scheme (worth **Rs.94,23,400.00**) and **2840** HH at their own in different 60 villages. Rest of them were enlisted for the benefit in near future as funds available to the GPs.
- **1471** individual toilets (worth **Rs.51,48,500.00** have been constructed under TSC programme.
- School Disaster Management Committee has been formed in 30 identified schools. School safety plans have been prepared with active participation of children and teachers.



- Leveraging the funds from mainstream, **31 new classrooms (Worth Rs.10209000.00)** constructed, **9 new school buildings (Worth Rs. 12790000.00)** 20 schools have improved water & sanitation facilities, school campus raised by filling soil in 10 schools through MNREGS (**Worth Rs. 1879681.00**), toilet constructed with raised plinth in 4 schools.

- Plat forms of existing hand pumps in 15 schools are raised above to HFL along with proper stairs and parapet above the platform which is now fully safe from floods.





- 19 new toilets constructed in **14 schools** (worth Rs. 10,51,500.00).



- Total 3433 boys and 2952 girls of 30 schools are well aware of dos and don'ts of floods, earthquake and fire and regularly practice in school. BalSansad Members of 30 schools were sensitised and they actively perform their roles in 30 nos schools.

- Coordination between government departments and NGOs on the issues of DRR mainstreaming has been improved.

BSS ; as per its set objectives; continued its initiatives for sustainable rural livelihood promotion through agriculture development, promoting SHGs & farmers' club, micro finance, technical input supports, promoting tree plantation, cattle rearing etc with support from IRRI and line departments. Impact of such type of intervention is quite visible in the villages. Some major achievements are mentioned below:

1. 1000 Farmers of Bisfi block in Madhubani district which is prone to flood; got benefitted with seed of stress tolerant rice variety "Swarna Sub-1" and got better yield and found a way to have paddy crop even after flooding.





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2. Community income has enhanced through promotion of vegetable production. Now Mointola is known as vegetable producing village and Parri village of Darbhanga district is in the queue.

3. Now community understands the importance of quality seeds (HYV), organic fertilizer, modern techniques (SRI/SWI) etc.
4. Our 70% of targeted community is producing wormy compost and also harvesting economic profit.
5. 239 members of 150 SHGs are running their micro business and contributing to their families gross income.
6. Nutritional value of food of our targeted community is enriched as Kitchen gardening is popularized and about 35% community is getting green vegetable.. The mindset regarding less availability of land for plantation has been changed through the initiatives and now the beneficiaries are happy with the growing plants in their courtyards and they are getting papaya and banana.
7. Instances of SAM children has reduced; of course MAM cases are still a big challenge.
8. Due to awareness and popularization of cattle vaccination death rate of cattle has reduced due to several infectious diseases.

The organisation took initiatives in the field of public health & public health engineering through awareness activities, trainings, counseling and providing supports to the community. In this thematic area our achievements of the year are:



1. 219 trained and equipped WES taskforces are functioning in the villages. They are doing water quality surveillance, sanitary surveillance of water sources, disinfection of contaminated water sources, liaisoning with line department etc.
2. Community (17000 Families) is more aware about use of ORS for diarrhea management at household level.



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3. Community is aware about rainwater harvesting during rainy season and there are 200 rainwater harvesting kits with the community.
4. Community is more aware about institutional delivery and schemes of NRHM. Rate of institutional delivery has enhanced. If any pregnant can not reach to the PHC then her delivery is done at home through trained TBA through using Disposable Delivery Kit (DDK).
5. Awareness level of community has improved in respect of water purifying process through use of boiling, halogen tablets etc. They have started to cover their water bucket properly.
6. 193 functional water user groups are running in the villages with good performance.
7. About 65-75% (Area specific) of community people have started to wash their hand with soap before meal and after defecation.
8. Instances of malnourishment and sickness of people has reduced in the targeted community.
9. Community awareness on the issues of early breast feeding, immunization and child care at household level.
10. Positive practice change is visible in the community regarding personal hygiene and environmental sanitation.

Mithila paintings and handicrafts is one of the core characteristic of Bihar and particularly of Madhubani and Darbhanga district. But it could not get better opportunity to be developed as an income generating profession or to be exposed in the wider arena of the market. The organisation has provided the artisans opportunity of skill up gradation training and exhibition of their products. Our few achievements in this way are:



1. 243 artisans are remaining and sustaining with the federation of artisans formed during the previous year.
2. 60 artisans got training under Skill Up-gradation Programme.
3. 60 artisans were benefited from design development program as per recent market demand.
4. Fifteen artisans participated in an exhibition and sold the product.
5. 87 artisans covered under Rajeev Gandhi Swasthya Bima Yojna. SHG.

BSS organization proven and projected as mile stone in society and promise to act for the community, with the community and by the community.

Binod Kumar
Secretary