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Foreword

Dear all,

Heartiest greetings & warm welcome to the honorable members of the general body & Executive body, Funding agencies, Well wishers, 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 under different projects in: (a) Bisfi, Benipatti, Basopatti, Madhwapur, Jainagar, Harlakhi, Kaluahi, Phulparas, Ghoghardiha, Andhrathadhi, Khutauna, Rahika, Babubarhi and Rajnagar blocks of Madhubani district, (b) Ghanshyampur and Kiratpur blocks of Darbhanga district, (c) Sattar Kataiya, Nauhatta, kahara, Simri Bakhtiyarpur, Mehishi, Banma Itahari, Salkhua and Navhatta blocks of Saharsha district, (d) all blocks of Begusarai district and (e) Marauna block of Supaul district.

For the Programme implementation, we gratefully pay our thanks to the national/international funding organizations, including UNICEF, PCI, IRRI, ADRA, DFIT the handicrafts department (Ministry of Textile) and others. We also pay our gratitude to our determined and committed project staffs who brilliantly implemented the programmes at grassroot level.

Your regular suggestions and feedback also helped us to improve our programmes, and we sincerely hope that it will continue in the future too 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 2015.



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 (2014-15)

Section-1: Disaster Risk Reduction:

- Village disaster management committees (VDMC) are running in 60 villages comprising **722 members**. They have their reviewed and updated DRR plans in new format and are initiating for implementation of plans. They review their plan implementation status at monthly basis.
- They have been introduced **monthly progress tracking sheet** to measure the progress.
- **Self grading tool** introduced and they use it regularly and based on findings try to improve their status through removing the weaknesses.
- Three types of regular taskforces (Health & Nutrition (241 members), Water & Sanitation (253 members) and School Safety (**197 members**) **total 691 members**) have been organised and trained on their respective issues. Task forces prepare their plans and carry out different activities under the leadership of VDMCs.
- **33 DRR catalysts identified and trained out of which 23** are performing their role. They meet at monthly basis, discuss the achievements and develop action plan for hand holding to the VDMCs. But they need more trainings especially technical trainings.
- Not all but most of the PRIs are sensitised for implementation of DRR plans through mainstreaming them and mass of the plans are either being implemented



or proceeding under **MNREGA/ PMGSY/ BRGF and 12th or 13th finance commission.**

- Village DRR Plans of 60 villages have been submitted to the Gramsabha and approved.
- Total **Rs. 26,84,41,999.00** leveraged from mainstream to implement DRR plans for drainage, PCC roads, Roads, pond renovation, homestead raising etc.
- CBDRR programme scaled up in **8 new GPs** of Ghanshyampur (Darbhanga) and 85 new GPs of (Bisfi, Benipatti, Basopatti and Madhwapur blocks) of Madhubani district with DDMA, block administration and PRIs which will cover approx **9,73,164 population and 1,94,633 families.**
- Training of PRIS and frontline functionaries of Risk Informed DRR planning.
- Development of IEC materials and booklets related to public health, disaster risk reduction and guidelines on does' & don'ts of multiple hazards for peer educators and DRR catalysts as well.

School Safety Programme:

- School Disaster Management Committee (SDMCs) is functional in 30 identified schools comprising **482** members. School safety plans have been reviewed, updated and documented in new format with active participation of children and teachers.
- **242** Peer educators have been identified and trained on their roles and technical skill, they have their weekly knowledge building plan to educate their friends.
- School safety **programme scaled up in 4 blocks (231 schools)- Bisfi-68, Benipatti-74, Basopatti-47 and Madhwapur-42;** in Madhubani district with DDMA & Education Dept. about 38000 students and 700 teachers will be benefitted.
- Total Rs. **8,27,96,000.00** leveraged from mainstream to implement school safety plans.

Child Protection:

- **2050 births registrations** issued to the children and 300 applications are under procedure. During the **last phases 3309 children** got birth certificates through birth registration campaign from 3rd Dec. 2013 to 31st Dec. 2013.
- Rate of malnutrition reduced. **Total 4289 children** screened during the current phase out of which **471 found malnourished** (83 found SAM and 388 found MAM) which is about 11-12%. When we compare this data with the data of 2009 (total screened children 2841, MAM 1361, SAM 213) then significant difference can be understand.



Water & Sanitation

- Surroundings of **709** hand pumps made safe from flood either by the users or by PHED out of which **130** has been elevated with pucca platform, **156 flat pucca platforms** and others are elevated only.
- 1019 hand pumps were kept under regular water quality surveillance by WES taskforce.

Environment :

- Plantation of 2054 fruit plants through mobilizing community under the environment protection awareness campaign.
- 350 farmers mobilized to produce and use wormy compost. Resource for these activities mobilized either from the mainstream or by the community.

Section-2: Handicrafts Development:

- Stipend amount of Rs. 3,27,724.00 was due to be paid to the artisans of Madhubani Painting under Skill up gradation training of AHVY (Sanction letter C-15011/13/2004-05/CC(ER)-2, dated 2.9.2009) which paid to 80 artisans.
- Stipend amount of Rs. 1,49,377.00 was due to be paid to the 60 artisans of Madhubani painting under Design and Technical Development Workshop under AHVY. This amount has been paid to the all 60 artisans.

Section-3: Axshay India (ADRA)

This programme aimed to create mass awareness on tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, identify the suspected patients, motivate them for proper diagnosis and if found positive then link to the aligned treatment services/ hospitals/ centers so that such instances in the community may be reduced.

Basopatti, Rajnagar, Jainagar, Kaluahi, Bisfi, Ghoghardiha, Rahika, Phulparas, Harlakhi and Babubarhi blocks of Madhubani district covered under this project.

This project helped 302 patients to be linked with diagnostic centers and hospitals for regular treatment.

Section-4: DFIT

- Demien Foundation of India Trust (DFIT) supported us to make community awareness on Leprosy and Tuberculosis. So that patients may get aware, go to the diagnostic centers and avail treatment facility.
- Under this section we intervened in Jainagar, Harlakhi, Basopatti and Benipatti blocks of Madhubani district.
- Under this project 125 meetings organized and 1444 participants get advantaged.
- 87 suspected patients sent to the hospital for test of TB out of which 16 found positive to TB and 18 found to MDR. They all completed the full course of treatment and living normal life.



Section-5: Cluster demonstration of stress tolerant rice varieties (IRRI/ NFSM)

- Under this section stress tolerant rice variety “Swarna Sub-1” promoted in Supaul and Saharsa districts. This variety of paddy crop is tolerant to submergence.
- Total 456 farmers (283 male and 173 female) of Marauna block and 418 farmers (281 male and 137 female) covered under the project and total 497.5 acre of cropping area (249.5 acre in Marauna block and 248 acre in Navhatta block) covered. This variety of crop will help farmers to have better yield of paddy even is flooding and submergence crop.

Section-6: Emergency response

Western Kamla embankment breached near Kumraul and Baur villages of Ghanshyampur block of Darbhanga district on 15th August 2014 and flood occurred in the block. To mitigate the immediate adverse impact of flood most affected 1100 families of Ghanshyampur block provided immediate non food support (Buckets with lid, Mug, Soaps, nail cutters, water purifiers, tarpaulin sheets etc.) with the help of Oxfam India. This effort checked the threat of epidemics and other sufferings of the victims.

3. External support to the organization (year 2014-15)

- a) United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).
- b) International Rice Research institute (IRRI)
- c) ADRA
- d) DFIT
- e) Oxfam

4. Photo glossary





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