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NYAY KENDRA PROJECT

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SCHOOL AWARENESS PROGRAM on prevention of human trafficking - The main objective of the program was to give information on the above-mentioned issues to the girl students and teachers. Simultaneously, the girls present were given detailed information on the above issues. Ideas were shared among themselves and solutions were identified issues were discussed; mainly the purpose of the program was to make girls aware on human trafficking.

S.N.	Date	Place	Participants
1	26.12.2022	Middle School Madhuvan, Baazpatti, Sitamarhi	45
2	27.12.2022	Middle School BangaoDakshnni, Baazpatti, Sitamarh	40
3	30.11.2022	Middle School, Bakhri, Sursand, Sitamarhi	63
4	14.11.2022	Middle school, Ranauli, block Bathnaha, Sitamarhi.	400

A series of Community Awareness on Legal Rights and Prevention of Human Trafficking was organized in the district Sitamarhi on the issues –

SL No.	Date	Place	Participants
1.	22.09.2022	U.M.SchoolJagdar school campus, PariharSitamarh	22 members participated in this program, in which men, women, adolescent girls and PRI's
2.	18.11.2022	Madhuvan, Bajpatti, Sitamarh,	Women- 21, Man- 11, Girls- 13,Boys- 10, PRI's- 4, ASHA, Aganwari Total- 61
3.	21.11.2022	Koriyahi, Bajpatti, Sitamarhi	Women- 29, Man- 10, Girls- 16, Boys- 8, PRI's- 6 - Total-53
4	26.11.2022	Basha, Bajpatti, Sitamarhi	Women- 23, Man- 12, Girls- 15, Boys- 10 PRI's- 5 - Total- 65
5	07.12.2022	Adithi office campus	23 women 12 adolescent girls, 1 - ward members, 1- AganwariSevika 5 – from Adithi team member).



Sensitization Workshop for SSB, Sitamarhi on Antihuman Trafficking Law and Procedure and Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking - in this year two program was organized. It was to orient the participants on the current laws, policies, challenges, and best practices concerning antihuman trafficking in Indo-Nepal Border Area.



Image: Participants with Adv. Tarakant Rishi, Advocacy Consultant, Mrs. ManasiSamaddar ADITHI and others

After training many girls (Sex Trafficking) and boys (trafficking for Child labour) were rescued by SSB in every year and we support them to file FIR, Counselling, court cases etc.

District level Legal Awareness Program with Collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Meeting Hall of the office of DLSA-

S.N.	Date	Venue	Program	Participants
1	22 nd December, 2022	Meeting Hall of the office of DLSA, Sitamarhi	District level Legal Awareness Program	100
2	29 th March, 2023	Meeting Hall of the office of DLSA, Bettiyah	Legal Awareness Program Collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (Empowering Women) on the occasion of International women Day.	96
3	31 st March, 2023	Panchayat Bhavan at Talkhapur, ward no. 38, block Dumra, Sitamarhi district.	Legal Awareness Program Collaboration with District Legal Service Authority (Empowering Women) on the occasion of International women Day.	55

In 10.04.2022 a minor girl named Shridevi has been rescued by the SSB, 51 Battalion at Surshand India - Nepal border. A person, who was a resident of District Muzaffarpur. He is running a hotel. Against Shridevi's wishes, the person always took her in different places and stayed with her in the hotel. Despite Shridevi's refusal, her mother used to force her to do this. Shridevi said that the Man had made an objectionable video, when she refused to cooperate with him, he always blackmailed her. The person always forced Shridevi to have sexual relationship and threatened to make the video viral if she refused.

The information about the incident was given to the ADITHI team by the SSB and our aftercare team with other members of ADITHI reached at the place as soon as they got the information. We informed CHILDLINE also. The girl was counselled by our aftercare coordinator after reaching the Bhitthamor Border, Sursand. On confirmation of the case, the accused and the girl were handed over to Sursand police by the SSB.

The girl did not want to go home with her mother. During counselling, the girl was assured that she is now completely safe. the statement of 164 was recorded before the ADJ-6, POCSO court. Shivani told all the incidents that happened to her before the court, after this, orders were given by the court for pregnancy test, COVID and ultrasound test. By the order of the court, the girl was presented before the CWC, Sitamarhi. The girl was sent to children home (for girl's), Madhubani under the police protection. The girl's parents were also present during the court process and after the allegations against the accused were proved, the accused and girl's mother were sent to jail. Till day both accused are in Jail.

CHILDLINE NODAL AGENCY

Supported by ChildLine India Foundation

ADITHI is supporting CHILDLINE as NODAL organization from June 2011 in the district Sitamarhi. The main role is to develop synergy and coordinating effort with line department, institutions, organizations, SSB, Rail police and also with cross boarder organization setc in the direction for protection, prevention and prosecution in favor of children. In Sitamarhi there are more three organizations also working in the role of collaborating organization and sub-centers and our role is to support and develop coordination, collaboration linkages and capacity building of these organizations to support children and stop child atrocities/any type of crime/ violence with children in the district Sitamarhi.

The main activities are:

- ✚ **Coordination of CHILDLINE at city level (number of meetings conducted and issues discussed):**

Following are activities to fulfill the initiatives:

Weekly Meetings with members	Meetings team	Monthly Meetings with team members	Co-ordinators' Meetings	Directors meetings organised	Review and meetings	meetings media
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- ✚ **Coordination with the Government**

- **CHILD ADVISORY BOARD meeting and District child protection meeting-**
Regularise the meeting in which all officials from district and blocks, police department, health, education, DPRO, Labour, zilaparishad, homes, NGOs and Childline present and discussed on schemes for child welfare, entitlement, child friendly JJB and homes. Child marriage also one of the major challenges
- DCPU monthly Meeting – Organise on every 4/5th of the month. Discussion on different directives and circulation from State and SC. Also on strengthening of all levels CPC. Identification and support to begging children and support to COVID-19 affected children.
- Monthly meeting with SP and all thanaincharges on prosecution of accused and other issues.

Achievement

- BLCPC and BCAB at sonbarsa, Riga and Pupri conducted in which Regularization of child protection meetings at panchayat/ward level, parwarish Scheme, survey of vulnerable family and linking of identified street children and link with government scheme discussed.
- 2 Capacity building to 17 members of collab, sub-centersChildLine.
- Training on protection and prevention on COVID-19 to the government department.
- Training to SSB team on Trafficking
- Resource organizationsensitize and supported 3 needy child
- Stopped 6 child marriage
- 6 children rescued along with Dhava dal.
- Supported 4 children to get CM relief fund
- Good coordination with the police, education, labour, health departments.
- Member of DCPC, Dhava Dal, DHS etc

Display CHILDLINE hording/ flex in schools and block offices.

Innovations in CHILDLINE:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
<i>Special drive For Child labour Free Village.</i>	<i>Conducted workshop on international human Trafficking and prohibition and regulation day.</i>	<i>Conducted meeting with DPM, JEEVIKA for the strengthen of Samuh on the issue of child labour. .</i>

Challenges

- Delayed in support from Govt to Corona affected Children's families
- Coordination with staff and work esteems reduces due to current declaration of CHILDLINE by Central Government

KAWACH PROJECT

Supported by British Asian Trust



Project Objective:

Kawach focuses upon-

- ★ Reducing vulnerability of children due to poverty,
- ★ Limited access to government schemes,
- ★ Quality education and unforeseen health expenses which causes the continuance of child labour and debt bondage in the region.

Challenges in delivering the program-

- ❖ Municipal and MLC elections affected most of the program with Govt. officials.
How we dealt with it: We met them one to-one.
- ❖ Ayushman camp affected due to unavailability of DPM.
How we dealt with it: We spoke with DPM, gave representation to the CS, spoke with assigned company for camp.
- ❖ DCPU not interested to take any initiative in Ayushman and Jeevika
How we dealt with it: We met them regularly and made them aware about the connection of these in protection from child labor.
- ❖ Sending needs to state and ensuring state initiative is a big challenge in education.
How we dealt with it: We held regular meetings at the district level.

Summary of Progress:

We, along with partner organizations, developed a education report for state advocacy focused on involvement of SMC to ensure enrolment, retention, timely benefits of schemes related to education, etc. This study include the outcome data of 12 district 27 blocks and with 91 SMC. Also prepared data sheet and report for state initiative.

In January 2023 District Magistrate and District Child Protection Unit Gopalganj issued guidelines for organizing community awareness program at block level for prevention of child labour, child marriage and Adithi was assigned as an expert and community of 5 blocks sensitized.

In Siwan district, on 24.12.2022, in the light of the implementation of the State Action Plan-2017 for the prevention of child labour the order was issued for the formation of task force at the block and panchayat level for child labour eradication and regulation and prohibition of juvenile by the Labour superintendent.

On December 30, the program officer of AdithiSiwanGopalganj was given a certificate by the Child Welfare Committee, Gopalganj, for doing excellent work in the field of child labour prevention and child protection in the last 5 years, which was the result of the programs conducted by Adithi for the last 5 years.

District Child Protection Unit, organize monthly meeting and review the status of children along with NGOS, CHLDLINE, CWC. In this meeting, protection for all children in the district who involve in begging and other CNCP children. The plan related to the children and the block level, panchayat level, ward level child protection unit meeting is reviewed.

Participated in various state level think tanks like HLN, CACL, CCHT workshops organized on the Issue of Child protection.

In this half year, target families benefitted from our target area in three district:

KisanSamman Nidhi	283
Pradhan MantriAwasYojana	286
SukanyaSamridhiYojana	194
Ration Card	561
Old Age Pension	206
Family Benefit	50
Widow Pension	79



'Preventing Child Marriage and Early Unions' Project

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The all round development of our targeted girls as well as their enhanced status in their families and the community has been the overriding goal of all our work under this program. But since the last 6-month, we have specified the same to include that they be accommodated in the decision-making, they be made aware of their SRH rights along with the ability to meet them, there is a core group of peer educators to inform and inspire the others and they be enabled to utilize the emerging opportunities before them under a supportive ambiance.

We can say with conviction that we have been able to progress along these parameters reasonably well with all potential and possibilities to fare exponentially well in the future. There has been a palpable progress in the field of education when more and more girls are able to join the mainstream education and are also able to continue it. The parents and families are progressively agreeable to let their girls go to school with an assurance that they would be married only after attaining the right age. The girls are far more equipped with the self health caring attitude with good awareness about how to get their health related complaints addressed and are also availing the same through government health institutions. With their enhancing educational and analytical as well as awareness levels, they are being increasingly accommodated in the familial decision-making process. With the sustained training activities being conducted with them, we have been able to raise quite a

number of peer educators in our areas who are generating awareness on their own while encouraging and inspiring their peers as well as younger sisters

Activities with targeted girls:

To further develop the leadership qualities of our girls, in the second half, we devised an Advance Leadership Training (12 sessions) and trained 72 selected elder (15 and above) girl leaders. But we continued with the older format of normal training (51 sessions) for the rest of the girls (11 & above) training a gross number of 681 girls. The former groups of elder girls have turned into peer educators and are disseminating the advance training inputs with their elder peers. The follow-up meetings (400 meetings) of all the girls (gross no. 2798), too, continued by our project workers to sustain the awareness.

We also ran the free coaching classes service to all our willing girls (88 girls) as the same was proved to an excellent education-promoter. With a large number of girls attending these classes, the intervention has been a resounding success.

We continued with the sewing training due to its immense popularity among the girls and were able to train 116 girls in the reporting year. Apart from it, 57 girls were selected for the government sponsored training with guaranteed job under DDU-GKY program.



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Two health check-up camps were organized at one Panchayat benefitting 96 girls while two such camps were conducted at the block level in Community Health Centers in which 57 girls participated.

Two interfaces of girls with government officials were organized in which 39 girl leaders participated enthusiastically and were immensely benefitted.

Our girls have also availed the services of free football coaching by two teams of a total of 44 girls.

Improved seeds were distributed among 375 girls and they all raised kitchen gardens.

Two 3-day residential Wenzli self defense training programs were conducted for 13-15

16-19 yr girls in which a total of 43 girls keenly learnt the art to raise their safety level.

Activities with Family Members

The family is the real battle ground where the social interventions succeed or fail. So, we rightly put it in our focus and invested much time and effort in winning it there.

Our main strategy in this regard was to conduct home visits of our target groups and engage the parents as well as other family members in interpersonal communication to disseminate all our messages there directly. Additionally, we facilitated them to access the entitlements that had not reached them yet. Our workers visited a total of 3108 houses.



In this way, we were able to reach the following benefits to the families in the reporting year:

SCHEMES	APPLIED	APPROVED
Old Age Pension	357	234
Disability Pension	18	09
Disability Certificate	09	09
Widow Pension	107	74
MNREGA Job Card	169	189
Ration Card	207	150
E-Shram Card	509	668
UjjwalaYojana	88	98
SukanyaYojana	208	202
Disaster Relief	174	131
Birth Certificate	118	77
Death Certificate	81	52
Aadhaar	149	187
PM Suraksha BimaYojana	317	317
MatriVandan Benefits	80	80
PM Jeevan JyotiBimaYojana	38	38
Ayushman Bharat Card	280	291
Phulo- JhanoAshirvadYojana	135	120
Animal Set	139	77
Toilet Scheme	137	
Sanitary Pad Packs brought from PHCs Distribution among Girls	700 packs	
Sanitary Pad Packs Distribution among Girls by us	2000 packs	
Immunization of 0-5 children	1086	
Immunization of Pregnant women	312	
Pregnancy Benefits from AWW	181	
Lactating Benefits from AWW	469	
Iron-Folic Acid to Pregnants	345	
Iron Tablets to adolescent girls	557	
Vitamin A to adolescent girls	448	
COVID-19 Vaccinations	163	

Gender Transformative Achievement

The child marriage and early unions been left way behind, we have been stressing on our girls' education, health. Skill training and, if possible getting jobs to prove themselves. All these steps have been inimical to the old social norms that openly professed an inferior gender role for girls who remained confined to the four walls of their house while aiding their mothers in the household chores, animal husbandry or at best, providing some assistance in the agriculture fields. It was so necessary to address these social norms as they were the stumbling blocks in the path for development of our girls that unless addressed in a multi-pronged way could not be expected to give way for an enabling ambience for our girls.

Secondly, unless a girls is facilitated to reach her full potential, she cannot, possibly, derive full benefits of her late marriage which was its basic aim. And the same could not be achieved without transforming all the harmful gender and social norms in a wholesale fashion.

Surely, it was no mean task to do that and unless multi-faceted interventions were undertaken, the results could not be expected to be fast, holistic and non-reversible. So, while we worked with all the potential stakeholders to bring them onboard and thus multiplying our force reached to the community at large for the actual work to be done.

While continuously working with the boys, we had been able to remove one major block from the path while creating another supportive arm in the families from within, we stressed more on individual contacts and interpersonal communication with the families by our workers. As a result, home visits in our target areas were undertaken in this period in a big way, wherein our workers got a chance to work at individual level. Amply aided and assisted by exploring unutilized social welfare entitlements in the family, they deftly utilized this entry point as gradually nudging them to provide full blooming environment to their girls.

This proved a successful strategy and we became able to paving the path for our girls who were now allowed to join the mainstream of education and avail of other opportunities that came their way. Soon, the girls proved themselves, the family became convinced of their girls' potential and realized that betting on them was a good decision. And thus, the old social norms were successfully got bid farewell from that family.



Thank you

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