

Janshakti (Pacs) Project

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Non-Discriminatory Access to Livelihood Opportunities, Education, Health & Nutrition of Muslim, SCs, Women & Single Women of Socially Excluded Communities

Background and Project Rationale

Demographic and socio economic background of the community (ies):

The target area is located in four blocks of Pratapgarh districts which are located far away from the district and Tehsil headquarters. The road connectivity is very weak in the targeted villages. The target communities consist of SC like CHAMAR & PASI, Muslim like FAKIR, JOGI, JULAHA, DHUNIYA, MANIHAR, DAFALI and KUJADA and women others. The total no. of families includes 22674, out of which 4757 (21%) are SC, 3914 (18%) Muslims and 14003 belong to women and others (61%). The total population is 1, 29,159. The male population is 53% (68,312) and female is 43% (60,436). As per census 2001, SC constitutes 21% population while Muslims are among three largest religious groups. On other hand, they are weak at social, economic and political levels.

It has estimated that literacy rate is 29.84% among male and 16.43% among female. The total literacy rate is 23.13%. The dropout rate is 75% among girls and 40% among boys. It has experienced that girls do not enjoy higher studies as they used to dropout from the regular schooling due to family and economic reasons. The children of SCs face discrimination during registration in schools and while studying in schools. The teachers called Muslims' children by giving different names i.e. MIYWA, KATUA, MULLA, TURUK while SC children are called CHAMARGUDDI & CHAMARWA. The women do not have any role in decision making of their family. In addition, the women especially Muslim women cannot move in free manner in society due to existence of social and religious restrictions and fundamentals.

(Source: Base line survey conducted by lead CSO & partner organisations in 2007 &2008)

Women of these caste and religious groups are also discriminated to access the benefits of JSY and nutrition programme of AWC. Both the ASHA and ANMs do not visit these families. They either do not get benefits of "JSY" (JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA). If they gets then only by paying 25 to 35% commissions. They also need to pay money for making their immunization cards to the ANMs. The women do not receive the facility of nutrition as they have not been registered in Anganwadi centres.

The targeted communities are economically weak as 85% live below poverty lines. The migration rate among SC is higher than Muslim community due to economic conditions. Only 5% families are having BPL cards. Although, the names of rest families are registered, but they are not issued the BPL cards. The SC families are having

agricultural labourer. The land entitlements (not agricultural land) are issued to very limited families, while Muslim families are deprived of such entitlements.

Daily labour is the only source of income. In general, male received Rs. 100/- as daily labour charges while women get Rs. 60. Due to their social background, they are not able to get the opportunities of 100 days work in NREGA programme. The money lenders forced them to become bonded labour.

Muslim women are involved in Bidi making and they received Rs. 20/- on an average per day. The women especially Muslim women do not go out of their families in absence of not getting daily labour. Due to poor economic conditions, SC and Muslim families are not able to get proper food. They are able to buy vegetables only for two to three days in a week. In addition, the families are not getting the benefits of NREGA in full manner. For instance, they are not getting 100 days labour but also their labour charges differ in times. It was experienced that they get work for only 30 to 35 days. It has been estimated that 85% Muslim community and 70% SC and other backward people of the targeted area do not receive job under MNREGA. As a result, they are forced to migrate to other cities for work. The situation among women is also not encouraging. The women neither get job cards on their names nor get work. (Source: Random sampling & FGDs conducted within community by all partner organisations)

In target villages, the SC and extremely poor communities are exploited by money lenders during their needs. They take interest Rs. 10 to Rs. 25 for per Rs. 100/-. It is estimated that 60% SC and 25% Muslim are exploited. On other hand, the services of bank and other financial institutions are not reachable to women of targeted groups. They are forced to work in agricultural land of moneylenders. The time period and wages are not fixed for doing such labour. The moneylenders calculate the time period according to their calculation.

The govt. services are not reached to targeted community due to corruptions and middle men to very extent. It has been noted that villages having SC and Muslim families do not have Anganwadi centres. The health functionaries do not visit to their villages. It was experienced that there is not a single SC and Muslim families appointed as a cook for preparing midday meal in targeted areas. The targeted community could not build any pressure due to weak social and political image. Both the communities are politically weak.

Key Strategies Proposed for the Project:

The core strategy of the project would be "JISKA MUDDA USKI LADAI, JISKI LADAI USKI AGUWAI i.e. fighting for rights of own issue by affected communities under self leadership. It means the issues should be recognized by the communities affected and the community should fight for the same and take initiative in the form of leading the issue.

Activities undertaken so far –

S.NO.	Name of Activities	Place of Activity
01	Induction & Base Line training for Staff	Prithviganj Office
02	Baseline survey	Project Areas
03	Half yearly block level meeting of service providers with community	Block
04	Formation of Women Groups	Project Areas
05	Awareness Meeting on legal rights, exiting govt. provisions etc.(IEC materials etc.)	Project Areas
06	Formation of Federation	Project Areas
07	Training of representative of VHSC, VECs and NREGA Committee	Project Areas
08	Public Meeting for demanding inclusive committee local bodies and other social platforms	District Level
09	Social Audit at Panchayat level	Project Areas
10	Training of Leadership building of CBO leaders 2 days	Project Areas
11	Organising Interface Camp at Panchayat Level	Project Areas
12	Campaigning on Issues and Services	Project Areas
13	Networking with other CSOs to Highlighting exclusion issues	CSOs level
14	Publication of yearly Magazine	CSOs Level
15	Formation of Vigilance Committee	Project Areas
16	Project Partners meet	CSOs Level
17	Household Survey and Focus Group Discussions With Communities	Project Areas
18	Training with Panchayat Representative 2 days	Project Areas
19	Organising Exposure Visit 2 days	Project Areas
20	Organising Public Hearing at block level	Block Level
21	Organising Public Hearing at District Level	District Level

Formation of Community Based Organization:

In our intervention area, there are 325 community based organization and 5437 members in it. In which, 5241 members are from excluded groups and rest of them are from OBC. The meeting of all CBO held every month. The members meet at a selected place and have done the meeting; they all raise their problems and discussed how to clear their problems.

S.No.	Name of Block	No. of CBOs formed	No. of members
1	Patti	131	2192
2	Aaspur Devsara	63	1054
3	Baba Belkharnath Dham	62	1037
4	Gaura	69	1154
	TOTAL	325	5437

Formation of Women Federation:

In our intervention area, we have formed 60 women federation and 5437 members in it. In which, 5241 members are from excluded groups and rest of them are from OBC & others. The meeting of all CBO held every month. The members meet at a selected place and have done the meeting; they all raise their problems and discussed how to clear their problems. After the CBO meeting federation meeting have done. The members of federation raise their problem and discussed about it and find the way to solve the problems.

Sr No	Block Name	Gram Panchayat Name	Nari Sangh Name	Nari Sangh Leader Name	Leader Contact No	No. of Members
1	PATTI	Basouly	Nadol Bhawani Sangh	Sangita Misra	8573979658	102
2		Mehadiya	Durga	Kalawati	9648999617	100
3		Umarpur	Mahamaya	Ratna Devi	9161323757	96
4		Pure Devajani	Hungam nari	Asama Begam	7388920029	91
5		Raipur	Chingari	Seeta	9838360412	87
6		Patti Grameen	Laxmi bai	Sursati	8127558213	78
7		Asudhi	Ekta nari sangh	Vimla	9648813795	71
8		Sumat Pur	Ekta nari	Chamela Devi	9670953704	69
9		Kuvkuvar	Vijay nari	Jagannathi	-	87
10		Kanja Saraigulami	Dhamaka nari sangh	Sheela	9616599918	64
11		Dashrath Pur	Sachet nari Sangh	Sayra Bano	8948075575	106
12		Kohrao	Tufan	Malti Devi	9918866874	87
13		Thane Pur	Durga Nari Sangh	Chandra wati	8795510227	84
14		Beerapur	Ujala Nari Sangh	Rajkumari	8687333960	90
15		Besar	Ekta nari sangh	Meera		112
16		Usarauoli	Dabang Nari Sangh	Jaydevi	9670705471	67
17		Daudpur	Sherani Nari Sangh	Ashama Bano		82
18		Bahuta	Chingari Nari Sangh	Salma		78
19		Saray Madhai	Roshani Nari Sangh	Durga Vati		83
20		Deideeh				
		Dhaurahara	Tufan Nari Sangh	Yashodra		77
21	Haripur	Jeet Nari Sangh	Chhabbo	9792130899	63	

22		Dubauli	Kamal Nari Sangh	Seema		92
23		Rampur Khagal	Ambedkar Nari Sangh	Reeta		69
24		Ramaipur Dishini	Hangama Nari sangh	Erawati Devi		85
25	AASPUR DEVESARA	Bharokhan	Tufan Nari Sangh	Sugna	9984903114	105
26		Gobindpur	Vikash Nari Sangh	Seeta Devi	9670247649	107
27		Babhanpur	Shakti Nari Sangh	Shanti	7897828295	95
28		Ramipur Nevada	Himmat Nari Sangh	Gulsan	9918250116	97
29		Aama Pur	Sahas Nari Sangh	Musta	9792288916	110
30		Dhandhar	Ujala Nari Sangh	Shashikala	9648643213	100
31		Bhati	Ekta Nari Sangh	Asarun Nisha	9648292888	106
32		Gauhani	Tej Nari Sangh	Durga Vati		80
33		Damdi	Takat Nari Sangh	Sabra Begam	7860682217	112
34		Majhigawan	Andolan Nari Sangh	Suman	9598176911	111
35		Dafra	Adhikar Nari Sangh	Sayra Nisha	9161024413	104
36		Redigarapur	Avaj Nari Sangh	Sadrul Nisha	9161506853	122
37	BABA BELKHARNATH DHAM	Bibiya Karanpur	Halchal sangh	Geeta Devi	9161256750	108
38		Karanpur Khujhi	Chingari Nari Sangh	Mahrun Nisha	9918870865	74
39		JAI SINGHGARH	Kohram Nari sangh	Malti Devi	9918544282	88
40		PURE PANDEY	Aandhi nari sangh	Mamta Devi	8874900098	60
41		AMAHARA	Aafat Nari Sangh	Lalti Devi	8948312778	102
42		YAHYAPUR	Jal Jala Nari Sangh	Amrawati Devi	9670131049	72
43		Sonahi	Toofan Nari Sangh	Murla Devi	9670394933	98
44		SARKHELPUR	Hangama Nari sangh	Gomti Devi	9984199516	109
45		ORAIYADIH	Qamayati	Gulsan Nisha	9554093867	91
46		JALALPUR KITHAULI	Chingari Nari sangh	Urmila	9838107678	97
47		GADAURI KHURD	Angara nari Sangh	Meera	9918171827	77
48		PURE BEDUA	Shola Nari Sangh	sitara	9598847754	86
49	GAURA	Rahetua	Women Federation, Rahetua	Soni	8601818840	97
50		Ramapur	Women Federation, Ramapur	Sayra Begam	9919486628	102
51		Thariya	Women Federation, Thariya	Sharda Devi	8419865514	71
52		Amarai	Women Federation, Amarai	Shobhawati	9670642454	86
53		Behdaula Kala	Women Federation, Behdaula Kala	Nafisa	9918877169	119
54		Behdaula Khurd	Women Federation, Behdaula Khurd	Jaymali Devi	8400607898	108
55		Masauli	Women Federation, Masauli	Phoolkali	8874881587	107
56		Gaurapure Badal	Women Federation, Gaurapure Badal	Sarita	8574126420	93
57		Shilaudhi	Women Federation, Silaudhi	Sheela Devi	7800124805	75
58		Kothara	Women Federation, Kothara	Phooto Devi	7505278147	78
59		Koyam	Women Federation, Koyam	Vimla	9670141421	80
60		Patahatiya Kala	Women Federation, Patahatiya Kala	Renu Devi	7688032502	90