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Dear Friends,

With great pleasure and enthusiasm, we put forth before you our Annual Report of 2011-12

BASTAR SAMAJIK JAN VIKAS SAMITI, has been serving the distressed and neglected people's of the society in the regions of its work, since the time of its origin. It has also been working in the remote tribal areas of Bastar & Dantewada district.

BASTAR SAMAJIK JAN VIKAS SAMITI, its spare of work by introducing vocational training, health and sanitation. Apart from providing free medical care and nutrition, it has also taken the responsibility of rehabilitating the physically and mentally handicapped in the regions of its work. It has also a vision of widening the domain of its work regarding Environment, Plantation, Vocational training, health and women empowerment.

All the achievements of BASTAR SAMAJIK JAN VIKAS SAMITI, till now have been possible with our assistance and cooperation. Whatever remains to be done can only be achieved by our valuable assistance and cooperation.

Our healthful thanks and gratitude go to you all.

Yours solidarity

President- BASTAR SAMAJIK JAN VIKAS SAMITI
and on behalf of the Team Members.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Bastar Samajik JanVikas Samiti – a Voluntary Organisation - was started in to empower the tribal of this region and put them on the path of self-reliance.

2. LEGAL STATUS AND HISTORY:

Registered under the Societies Regn. Act and under FCRA. BSJVS was started by the youth of Bastar District who were highly qualified but did not want a formal sector job as they wanted to work with the poor weaker sections whose socio-economic conditions were miserable. One tribal young woman volunteered to join hands that were made the President of this organisation. She is committed to the total sustainable development of all the poorer sections. She has been the backbone of all the good progress made so far. Hence, this organisation can be called Community Based Organisation which has been recognised by Government of India both Central and State Governments whose projects are going on actively. If the donor comes forward to fund this project it will be a boost for the good works carried out by the youth organisation.

3. VISION:

A just and egalitarian society where social and gender equality prevails and all communities work together for sustainable development

4. VALUES AND MISSION

- ❖ To promote Peace and Secularism
- ❖ To promote capacities among poorer sections for collective peaceful Struggle
- ❖ To promote leaders with commitment and a spirit of selfless service
- ❖ To facilitate behavioural changes
- ❖ To promote democracy as a Human Right

- ❖ To enlist the Participation of Weaker section in Self-Help/Self-reliance
- ❖ To empower women and weaker groups through revamping of Bodies of Local Self-governance
- ❖ To work for gender mainstreaming

5. BSJVS' STRATEGIES

- ✚ **HEALTH AS HOLISTIC WELL-BEING:** *Social and economic deprivations are good breeding grounds for the fanning of communicable diseases. We consider health as the holistic well-being and so integrated inputs are vital. HIV/AIDS is a serious threat.*
- ✚ **HIGHER STATUS FOR WOMEN:** *Women in India are suppressed and need to enjoy better status. They should be mainstreamed in the development and governance process specially in the PRIs.*
- ✚ **HUMAN DIGNITY POSSIBLE ONLY WITH EDUCATION:** *Today's children are tomorrow's leaders and if they are educated with social commitment our future will be safe.*
- ✚ **HELPING THE POOR WITH ECONOMIC SKILLS FOR SELF-RELIANCE:** *A big problem for the poor is poverty but a bigger problem is their low self-confidence to acquire economically useful skills and assets. Collective approach specially the Self-Help Group approach is adopted for overall economic and social progress.*
- ✚ **HUMANE WELFARE OF WEAKER SECTIONS:** *It is not enough if we bring the weaker sections to enjoy the fruits of development but the process should be pregnant with human dignity. An enhanced overall status for the weaker sections such as tribal, scheduled castes, backward classes and social justice for them should be a reality.*
- ✚ **HUMAN GREED SHOULD NOT DESTROY THE ENVIRONMENT:** *Global warming has become serious and no time should be lost to revert the process. Balding of hill areas is a disastrous trend. Sustainable agricultural technologies need to be promoted for sustaining the environment and making agriculture productive and cost-effective.*

6. DESCRIPTION OF KEY BSJVS' ACTIVITIES:

6.1 Jan Shikshan Sansthan, HRD Ministry New Delhi

This project of Ministry HRD, GOI has been implemented for the entire Bastar District focusing on ST/SC/OBC and Minorities of age starting from 15 and above.

The project components were provision of vocational and life skills training to the non literates, neo-literates and rudimentary level of education of the district, so that they could be further mainstreamed. Free training is provided on business topics as well as personality development, leadership and social skills. More than 6500 beneficiaries have so far benefited. Jan Shikshan Sansthan play vital role in the literacy program called Saakshar Bharat, in which the non literates and neo literates of age group 15 and above are to be short listed and being given vocational trainings through Panchayats.

6.2. Child in Need Institute, Calcutta.

Districts Covered –Bastar, Kanker, Dantewada, Bijapur and Narayanpur

This project of CINI(Vitamin A Solution Program) has been implemented by the organization in five districts of Bastar Region viz., Bastar, Dantewada, Bijapur, Kanker and Narayanpur. The components are to monitor and implement the program of Vitamin A in the above districts. With the help of State Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Women and Child, the activities performed was to orient the ANMs, AWWs, Supervisor and ICDS about the strengthening of Biannual rounds, orientation of Block PRIs,

Urban planning /sensitization workshop on Vitamin A Soution, Monitoring of Urban and Rural session sites including Hard to reach areas, Awareness meetings with community groups/mothers, Mobility support for HRA services delivery and monitoring, press conference and Inauguration of Biannual rounds.

Organization successfully completed the above task within time period given by CINI which was from April 11 to Jan -12.

6.3. Project Axshaya, with Emmanuel Hospital Association, New Delhi.

Blocks covered – Darbha, Nangoor.

This program of Axshaya has been implemented by the organization as a partner NGO. A global fund round 9 TB ACSM project was sanctioned in the month of July -11 and period of completion was four years from the sanctioned date. In this program the activities are to train the health staff of GOI on improving soft skills, Training of rural health providers, Training of selected CBOs on leadership, organization and management skills , Orientation training for community volunteers on behaviour change communication, Formation of District Level TB Forums, Sensitization of youth group, SHGs and Village development committees, Collection of Sputum and retracing defaulters , Quarterly/Half yearly review meetings between various community/health functionaries and DTC.

6.4 Targeted Intervention programme HIV/AIDS

Blocks covered :- Jagdalpur Town around 20 Kms radius

Objectives: To identify Female Sex workers/Peer Groups; To promote Condoms and to prevent STI/RTI cases by referring them to ICTC centre and ART centre. Community mobilisation, Referrals and linkages, IEC activities

This project was supported by NACO to prevent HIV/AIDS among High Risk Groups. The HIV infection is widely spreading fast in this region. Baseline survey of HRGs was done. So far 1000 FSW have been identified and line listed. It was done through interviews and focus group discussion with HRG groups/peer groups. Within a year we hope to identify further FSWs through this process. As we identify them, we also promoted HIV/AIDS education among them, made them aware of the transmission routes and mobilised them for taking adequate safe measures for preventing the infection and escape from opportunistic infections/diseases. We are giving treatment to all the FSW through referrals to private service providers and to Govt. Hospitals. We intend to make this process sustainable through forming and strengthening the Community Based Organisation, so that they will handle the major responsibility of preventing trafficking and trapping under flesh trade and if trapped to redeem them back and if cannot be redeemed, protect them completely from the deadly monster HIV. In our STI/RTI treatment we covered 508 patients in which 05 Case of HIV +ve was found and referred to ART centre Jagdalpur and the treatment was started. Awareness about using

condom is increased. The program got success in the past years, FSW of this region now starts coming with self motivation of Regular Medical Checkups through our PPP Doctors. We are also organizing Mega Events specially for FSW community, in which they perform their skills by singing, dancing and playing various games. So far, we organized 6 Mega Events and the participation gone beyond 1200.

6.5 Bastar Ujjar (Literacy and Life Skills)

Blocks /Village covered:- Katekalyan Block, 10 Villages

The aim of this programme is to make the illiterate tribal children literate (age 6-18 years) and to promote life/livelihood skills. We have done baseline survey in the target villages to trace the school drop-outs. We have contacted the parents of these children and are motivating them to enrol the children in our NFE centres where the children will be imparted total life skills. The value of literacy is emphasised in these meetings with the Parent. We have also started some of the livelihood programs like chalk making, Paper bags, etc. We are also trying to strengthening the SHG mechanism in order to make this programme a success. This type of initiative is welcome by the target people. Our Model ie., forming and playing roles of Bal Panchayat was adopted by the State Govt. Parent Teacher Association, SHG groups actively participating in the program and the success of program showing there results.

6.6 Creche centre from the State Social Welfare Board Raipur.

Blocks/Villages covered :- Katekalyan Block of Dantewada 4 Crech Centres are running

Totally 5 creches have been organised where the children of age group 03 to 06 years have been enlisted. These crèches help the mothers who are going to work on farms. All are tribal children. Each crèche caters to 25 children including both boys and girls. We have appointed one teacher and an assistant to look after the children. The children are given some nutritive supplement and some basic literacy skills. Learning by games is the technique used.

6.7 Forming/Strengthening Youth Self Help Groups/Small Businesses:

SL. NO	District	Block	Villages	Total Members	TOTAL S.T.	TOTAL S.C.	OTHERS
1.	Dantewada	Katekalyan	29	6321	5183	1103	35
2.	Bastar	Jagdapur	15	600	421	111	68
	TOTAL		44	6921	6604	1214	103

Between 2005-07 we formed SHGs in all the target villages of Katekalyan Block in Dantewada Distt. And Jagdalpur Block of Bastar District. Each group has 15-20 young women members below 32 years of age. Mostly the groups are of Tribal Community. Appropriate training was provided to the willing women on various relevant topics of SHG and women's empowerment, strengthening the participation of women, Income generating activities, Savings and Credit activities and processes. The group itself elects one President, Secretary and a

Treasurer. They also name their group. We explain to them in detail about how they can save small amounts of money and collectively work towards economic progress. Every week a meeting is organised by each SHG in their respective villages. Our field workers help them to maintain the records i.e Attendance Register, Cash book, Ledger, Meeting Register, Pass book etc. After savings increase, they start lending to members from the savings. A nominal amount of interest i.e 2% is charged. They also wear a common dress code to demonstrate unity in diversity. After the SHG has an initial experience of about 6 months, they are graded based their capability. They are introduced to further banking. Currently, micro-credit is being obtained from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development). Collaboration Government/Panchayat has been obtained. With the micro-credit, the SHGs have started some pilot business such as collecting/selling NTFP, Agro-Processing, Grocery, Fancy goods, Cycle store, Cloth Business, Small Catering, Bangles etc. Repayment has been very good. However, these SHGs need more orientation and demonstration on micro-enterprises suiting to rural and forest background .

The Janpad Panchayat Jagdalpur gave Rs.26,440 to conduct training on SHG topics for strengthening the SHG groups working in Jagdalpur area and to explain to them the schemes run by Panchayat, how they can get the loans from the bank and other institutions, types of business, marketing, linkages, book keeping, profits-losses etc.

Achievements of the Women of the SHGs: The women from the SHGs have started earning approx. R.1000 per month which is a new

experience for them as they were not having one square meal a day. Now, their food consumption has increased besides their interest in social activities too. Some have also redeemed their mortgaged lands and also bought new lands for cultivation with the income from the SHGs, besides the basic amenities required for a family. The girl Children's enrolment in schools has improved from the SHG members' families. The savings of the all the SHGs now is Rs.1.5 lks. approx. The big achievement in the year 2004-05 was all the groups collectively organised a MEGA TRIBAL EVENT- a gathering called "PARAB MANDAI" with 30000 tribals with their own resources in kind and cash. They invited the then Chief Minister Mr.Ajit Kumar Jogi (Christian) through the tribal leader Mr.Mahendra kumar Karma. For the first time in the history of Katekalyan, a CM visited their tribal village. The tribals saw the helicopter for the first time.

Another significant achievement was electrification of a village not more than 5 kms from Katekalyan not having electricity till 2004-05. The groups collectively approached the Minister Mr. Mahendra Karma and asked about the electricity connection in their village. When the Minister called the Engineer from Electricity board, he asked the money to lay the poles viz.Rs.5000 (the govt. Procedure), immediately the group collected the money from the SHG members and deposited with the Electricity Board & within a month all arrangements were made to lay the poles and wires and electricity came to that village. That was a big achievement for these tribal groups.

6.09. Consumer Awareness Program

Through local Contribution. Recognizing the importance of the problems, the Government of India and state Government have initiated steps to introduce dispute redresses mechanism by way of consumer Protection Act. But a lot more has to be done in the area of creating awareness on the part of the consumer to facilitate his seeking suitable remedy wherever there is a need. This becomes more important in the rural areas, where there is widespread illiteracy. Henceforth we organized camps regarding consumer awareness in 3 villages where the population is totally tribal.

6.12. Livelihood promotion For women

Implementation of Program through local Contribution . This scheme covered 12 villages targeting a total population of 1800 of whom 1650 were tribal's and the remaining Scheduled Castes. These poorer sections were given training on their land and other rights through which they successfully asserted their rights

7.0. . IGA programme for Women SHG

This project covered focused training on income generation activities covering 40 villages in four Blocks. Mostly rural based skills such as dairy, fruit production and sale, vegetable production and sale, collecting Non-timber forest produces and selling the same such as honey, tamarind etc.. This improved the livelihoods of several hundred young tribal population both men and women.

7.2. OTHER ACTIVITIES (most of them taken up with Local Donations, Contributions): These projects are:

(i) Environment Awareness Workshop : Sponsored by C.G.State Environment Board Jagdalpur which covered 100 population under environmental camps/campaigns (ii) Animal Welfare programme through which we trained 5421 young population from 22 villages. (iii) Community Development Programme: which covered 30 villages and a population of 6645 mostly tribal young people. (iv) Adult Literacy programme which promoted literacy and social skills for those who had not gone to schools. Totally 3400 young men and women below 32 years were covered from 23 villages. (v) Sports and Cultural Activities which consisted of tribal festivals, songs, dances, etc. which were used as occasions for communicating social/health messages, leadership openings. This scheme covered 2500 population from 15 villages. (vi) Agricultural and Horticultural Development Programme which provided training in food production to 3500 poor farmers from 34 villages. The situation of food insecurity has come down from these villages.

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