AN INTRODUCTION
TO

GRAM SWARAJYA SAMITI GHOSHI (GSSG)

(Dedicated for sustained survival of mankind a submission)



Blessings of his Highness Honorable Governor.
GSSG Secretary with Honorable Governor, Bihar



We are now better informed lot! *A group of trained police officers (in various laws related to prevention of trafficking in women and children) with DDC Jehanabad.*

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A. Brief Resume

A.1 Name of Organization	**: Gram Swarajya Samiti Ghoshi (GSSG)**
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A.5 Registration Details	: Reg. No.-737/92-93, Dated-24/02/1993 Regd. Under Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860 FCRA Reg. No.-031090040 Dated 25th June 1999 by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and also registered U/s -12A of Income Tax Act. PAN No.-AAATG3362P TAN No.- PTNG05031F
A.6 Location of Area	Bihar Province India(Focused to Jehanabad, Arwal, Gaya,Patna and Begusarai districts)
A.7. Substantive Areas of work	TB, Malaria & Kala-azar control, RCH, Water & Environmental Sanitation&Hygiene, Prevention & combat of Human Trafficking, Support to women victim

	of violence through Family counseling & Support Shelters, Universalisation of Education, Skill training for women and youths,Child right & Skilling

A.8 Bank Information

A. Sl.No.	Name of Bank	Address	Bank A/c No.	Type of A/c	Purpose	No. of Bank Signatories
1	Punjab National Bank	Modanganj, Jehanabad	108900-2100000849	Current Account	Local Fund	2
2	Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank	Bandhuganj, Jehanabad	72000100026208	Saving Account	Foreign Fund	2
3	Central Bank of India	Chiraiya Tar, Patna	1843083414	Saving Account	Local Fund	2
4	Punjab National Bank	Jehanabad	1089000100105397	Saving Account	Local Fund	2
B.	Name of Bank Signatories **Name**	**Post held**				
1	Ramashanker Sharma	Secretary				
2	Subodh Kumar	Treasurer				

B. BACKGROUND AND OTHER DETAILS

GRAM SWARAJYA SAMITI GHOSHI popularly denoted as GSSG is a non-governmental, non-profitable organization, without affiliations to politics, creed or religion. It is a social action and development assembly of conscious, vigilant, prudent social workers.

B.1 BACKGROUND

In later half of eighties middle Bihar particularly the old Gaya and the surrounding districts were badly damaged by class conflict. The situation was disturbing; Naxalites and other miscreant's (Lorik Sena, Private Armies) compelled hundreds of ignorant families to displace from their permanent habitat. Many of the children & women became orphan due to brutal killings of their bread winners.

The intellectuals were anxious about the situation. A group of socially committed people assembled in village Bandhuganj (which is still the head quarter of the organization) in the spring of 1990. The meeting ended by a consensus that there should be a voluntary response to the situation. During 2nd meeting of this enthusiast group, it was resolved that the group will work for removing the root causes of conflict and violence in middle Bihar, the land of Buddha. The identified causes were poverty and illiteracy.

An action plan to eradicate above mentioned causes was prepared. The informal group raised fund from local people. A number of programs were successfully launched. Native and foreign donor extended their supportive hand. Many failures and successes gave courage to the founding members to go ahead and to propagate the mission of peace & prosperity in the native state.

In above mentioned background the organization was formally constituted on 2nd October, l990, marking the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

B.2 VISION & MISSION

Vision: To transform the society based on value, good will, cooperation and equality.
Mission: To create enabling environment so that our community would become able to minimize their miseries and lead happy life.

B.3 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

(A) Accelerate the community driven initiatives for women empowerment, sustainable livelihood, health management, total literacy and all round development of the operational area.
(B) Capacity building for youth and women through vocational training and financial support for their entrepreneurial endeavors and to make them economically independent.
(C) The secure recognition for the inherent rights of every human being to work and to achieve the necessities of life.
(D) To encourage good health practices among target group.
(E) To keep population ecologically friendly and sound habitat infrastructure, based on optimum use of natural resources.
(F) Improve the economic status and standard of living of the inhabitants with the help of cottage industries and handlooms through vocational training, management and marketing.
(G) Inspire to raise the per-capita income through planned family restraining the population explosion.
(H) To work for women, especially down-trodden, working females, mothers and widows emancipation and empowerment.
(I) Over all effort to counter the blind faith, superstition, casteism and untouchability among the villagers with a view to live under modern civilized and scientific rampart.
(J) All other kind of work to handicapped/old people to fulfill their basic needs.
(K) To encourage all effort that contributes to the quality and quantity of education to children and adolescents.
(L) Resumption of self reliant and systematically developed society based on truth, virtue and non-violence where there will be no room for exploitation and deprivation.
(M) To plan and execute programs for persons suffering from disability with particular aim of their skill formation in different trades to lead normal life like other citizens in the society.
(N) Revive grassroots democracy to take root, through shifting the total power to the people to counter the backwardness of the society and to fight against the corruption to avail social justice, and step forward to fight against the segregation.
(O) Rejuvenating and Developing the local leadership which may be able to raise the people voice through Gandhian doctrine.
(P) Recognition and empowering grassroot bodies of the society at village level like the Gram Vikas Samiti, Tola Vikas Samiti and Mahila Mandals. Retrieve, encourage and support the depressed members/groups of the society based on the bottoms-up participatory systematic planning in every sphere of life.

B.4 FUNCTIONING OF THE ORGANISATION

The Organization has a management committee and a General body, a President, Secretary and a Treasurer. Apart from it, eight other members constitute the executive body. Due participation has been given to women in the management of the society. Four women are in present management committee. The general bodies elect executive/ management committee members at the interval of every 3 years. General body approves annual plan, budgetary allocations and previous year annual report and audited statements, presented by the executive committee.

B.5 PHILOSOPHY THAT GUIDES ORGANISATIONAL STRATEGY

Supporting the claim of every citizen to enjoy basic rights and liberties, cooperate with the people for the implementation of the scheme which alone can assure permanent social amity and peace.

Empowerment of rural people and grass-root organizations like Gram Vikas Samiti, Tola Vikas Samiti. Mahila Mandals, local leadership and the Group dynamics to layout, implement and monitor the plans through-

1. Participatory analysis to the state of affairs and needs estimation under the motto of the people by the people for the people.
2. Participatory perusal and schematic planning, monitoring and evaluation.
3. Developing the managerial and technical know-how to implement the plan.

Constituting and development of basic infrastructure like roads, drinking water facilities, irrigational facilities, educational and medical facilities and to promote action for protecting the environment.

Accumulation and transfer of technology considering the local resources and the special need of the people.

(a) Development of existing technologies and know-how.
(b) Up-gradation of skill and workmanship through proper training.
(c) Development of sensitive technology packages and system towards the social and cultural village.
(d) Confer the tutelage services.
(e) Taking up various social and economic issues covering women and child, such as livelihood, literacy, health, living in concealment (Purdha) child marriage, divorce, violence, exploitation, property rights etc. for their prestigious survival.

B.6. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE- The society is governed by a duly elected governing body under the leadership of secretary. The decision is taken in periodic meetings of governing body. The general body has the highest authority and is authorized to take all policy decision.

We have standard accounting practices in which we right daily books prepare monthly account statement collate it with our financial plan and get our annual audit conducted by competent auditor.

B.7. THE MONITORING & EVALUATION FUNCTION- We develop our M&E plan at the beginning of the project/program and practice it. A few aspects of our M&E is registers ,daily dairy, review meetings monthly ,quarterly and half yearly and prepared annual reports. The tools and templates are used for tracking work in progress. We develop thematic reports and conduct study, assessments time to time to analyze the situation and identify micro changes.

B.8. PROGRAMME PLANNING- We develop our strategic plan of specific project with help of our tactical partner and community as well. Further at every three years interval we review our overall organizational strategies and priorities and tune it with the existing aspiration of our target group. Gender is cross cutting theme in almost our entire program.

B.9. SOURCE OF FUND (Past & Present)

i. Donation and subscription from general people and institution.
ii. Membership fee.
iii. District Rural Development Agency, Jehanabad.
iv. Bihar State Welfare Board, Patna
v. Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi.
vi. Ministry of Forest & Environment, Govt. of India.
vii. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India.
viii. Sale proceeds of the product manufactured.
ix. Ministry of health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
x. Water AID, U.K.
xi. UNIFEM, New Delhi
xii. UNDP- TAHA
xiii. CAPART, Patna
xiv. Women Development Corporation, Bihar
xv. Save the Children
xvi. ADRA, India
xvii. Bihar Voluntary Health Association
xviii. Global Sanitation Fund(GSF)
xix. World Vision
xx. Power Grid

B.10. INFRASTRUCTURE & MAN POWER

The society has three well furnished offices 1st one is located in its functional block and has two rooms and one big verandah. Other one is located at state capital, Patna and is working as admn. Office. The third office is located at district headquarter Jehanabad.

(I) Physical Infrastructure available with the organization

SL. No	Assets	No. of Assets
1.	Ambulance	01
2.	Chairs	30
3.	Tables	12
4.	Stools	05
5.	Embroidery Equipments	03
6.	Almirahs	05
7.	Fans	11
8.	Carpets	04
9.	Cutting Table 02	02
10.	Sewing Machines	04
11.	T.V.	01
12.	Motor Cycle	04
13.	Musical Equipment	
	(i) Harmonium 01	01
	(ii) Tabla	01
	(iii) Dholak	01
	(iv) Casio etc. 01	01

14.	Typewriter	04
15.	Computer with Printer	02
16	Laptop HP make	02
17.	Steel Racks	04
18.	Phone & Fax facility	
19.	Digital camera	04
20.	Blackboard, maps, globe, library & other educational instruments.	1 each
21.	Instruments of communication (V.C.P, microphone etc.)	1 each
22.	Weighting Machine, Thermometer, Stethoscope, B.P. Machine, And other instruments for primary health care	1 each
23.	Standard Tools & Kits (HP Repairing)	
24	Spare Bank (HP Spare parts)	
25.	Tool Box (Skilled Training on WATSAN Activities	1 set

(II) Human Resource Available with the organization

	Full Time Worker	**Part Time worker**	**Volunteers**
Male	22	05	12
Female	04	00	04
Total	26	05	16
Note: The organization has rich pool of experts from cross decipline which is being used as per need arises.			

(C) SOME NOTEWORTHY INITIATIVES

C.1. about GSSG:

GRAM SWARAJYA SAMITI GHOSHI (GSSG) was incepted in year 1990 by a group of social workers involved in responding insurgency (extreme leftist movement and the other conflicting groups) in the then Bihar province of North central India. The society focused its attention initially on the new middle Bihar and gradually across the state. We started our activities in the district of Jehanabad which was then witnessing mindless killings by extremist outfits. The organization over a period of time attributed the calmness, bringing harmony and brotherhood in the society.

The given mandate of the newly formed society was to resolve the root cause of violence through Gandhian teaching of truth, nonviolence, and Gram Swarajya. In due course of time, the organization expanded its scope and geographical boundaries. The various development program that had has been executed by GSSG is related to strengthening of local self government, water and sanitation , peace and social justice, universalisation of education, skill training and micro enterprise creation , self help group development, responding HIV/AIDS through involving brothel workers and their client, Reproductive and child health development, Micro health plan development for the district health plan (NRHM), gender justice, policy and advocacy program, campaign to combat human trafficking, women & child rights, promotion of right to information, complimentary support in implementation of ambitious schemes like NREGA, IAY, public insurance schemes etc. Some noteworthy initiative of GSSG is as follows:

C.2 Note worthy Initiative:

a. Community development Programming – We had have been pioneer in implementation of innovative programmes that address socio-economic challenges of targeted community. Some of our mile stone community development programmes that brought meaningful change in lives of our people are as following:

1. **Water and sanitation programme assisted by Water Aid India:** Bihar has witnessed high growth in terms of public infrastructure creation. Unfortunately this had not been displayed in all sectors. Water and Sanitation Sector is still neglected. GSSG from last One and half decades is rasing voice and helping target community to overcome the WASH challenge. Advocacy and Service delivery are two areas in which we made our Endeavour in past. We worked with 16 villages and almost 24000 population including 12000 women in Jehanabad district to ensure Safe drinking water for themselves and minimal acceptable level of Sanitation Services.This Programmed was assisted by Water Aid.
   WASH stake holders like Panchayati Raj Institution, district administration, water and sanitation committee, women self help groups, school children's group and the direct beneficiary were engaged in this programme. The key components were related to capacity building of CBOs, advocacy and networking, school sanitation and safe drinking water supply, construction/renovation of drinking water structure, construction of low cost latrines; recycle of organic waste and waste water etc. A few outputs of the project is as following-



"The end of my life journey would be sweet now." An old woman showing her low cost toilet constructed under WATSAN program.



Production Unit: Hardware and low cast latrine

- **26 strong village level WATSAN committees has been formed**
- **At least 78 advocacy visits has been done to various layers of state & legislatures**
- **Villagers have now there own strategic plan on WATSAN activities**
- **Meaning full change has come out in**

Behavior of children and families. They are
Aware about safe hand washing.

- **158 women self help group has been**

Developed and linked to bankers in this
Project area.

- **1150 low cost latrines has been constructed in poor house hold**
- **Construction of Balwadi Toilet 2**
- **Construction of Urinal in Schools 5**
- **14 New hand pumps were installed in target villages**
- **H.P. Repairing 236**
- **FLP 2**
- **Roof water harvesting 4**
- **San Well 5**
- **Pond Desalting 5**
- **H.P. Platform 39**
- **Washing Platform 56**
- **Soak Pit 62**
- **Compost Pit NADEP Model 30**
- **Kitchen Garden 130**
- **Iron Removal Plant 2**
- **Spare Bank System 1**
- **Production Centre 1**



Mechanics Repairing Handpump



Nirmal Gram Abhiyan

Public Private Partnership Model for Decentralized Hand Pumps operations and maintenance in India.

Based on the learning of Phase one activity (as described above),Water aid assisted GSSG in this PPP model promotion in which we were partnering with them for Modanganj, Ghoshi & Kako blocks of Jehanabad District, Bihar. We made provision for the villagers to repair their pumps within 24 hours for uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water under this

project. The Spirit of this programme was inception of Lok Sahbhagita Kendra. The Kendra (Centre) was run by community. The Centre was running a spares bank. The bank was

expected to make available needful spare at reasonable price as and when required by the house hold. Mechanics were deployed who were expected to attend the complaint within 24 hours. Mechanics were provided with motorcycle and camera to enable them to attend complains faster. Almost 1255 hand pumps were repaired, Water security plan had been developed in five villages & plans were implemented in two villages under this project.

We also driven Total sanitation campaign with the support of Bihar govt. under which Jehanabad & Arwal has been the target district.

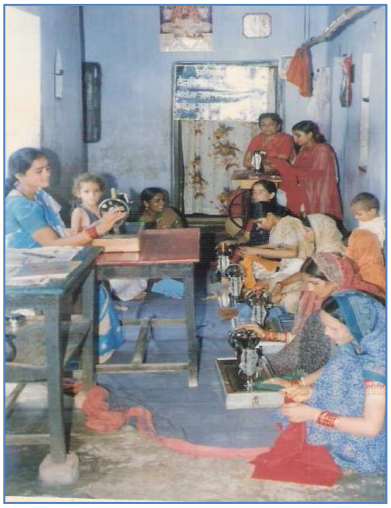
Nirmal Gram Abhiyan Program supported by CAPART Patna had been implemented in our Programme area.Since last three years we are focusing our attention to Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan/SBMG to ensure every household access decent Toilet and the Programme village become ODF. GSSG has been on forefront of Advocacy campaign led by Viswash (WASH network of Bihar)

2.Work on WASH issues in Urban Area: Rapid and unplanned process of urbanization has created such type of situation under which a large section of urban population live without provision of safe drinking water and proper sanitation facilities. Due to this reason number of slums in Bihar is increasing and slum dwellers are compelled to live under extremely unhygienic condition which is basic reason of their low health status and it causes increased expenditure on medical treatment and even loss of productivity. GSSG as an organization understood this fact and diversified its software activities in urban areas of Jehanabad and efforts were made to sensitize district administration on concerned issues of WASH and mobilized public campaign particularly to change behavior of people for prevention from diseases. Organization worked with twin strategy under which process of advocacy from block to the district level was sustained and behavior change communication was done among general public.

In addition to it, GSSG remained founder member of VISWASH, a state level network of NGOs working on WASH issues and its Chief Functionary was elected Convener of this forum and he is still holding this post. GSSG is coordinating agency of VISWASH Network and FANSA-Bihar. In last one decade this forum worked in entire state in effective manner under which software and hardware activities were done almost in all districts.

School Sanitation Promotion Program: Under the flagship program of SBMG organization has constructed 10 school toilets with the support of GVT under power grid CSR fund.The school toilets were constructed in different school of Atri block in Gaya District and Behaviour change and hygiene promotion activities were also conducted in targeted schools .

3. Mentoring, Coaching & **Vocational Training activities**: Functional and vocational training has always been always high in our agenda. We continued our efforts building skill sets for youths, women & Girls. The motive of the vocational training was to create self confidence & utilizing the skill of the youth in income generation and get self employment opportunities especially for women. In the past society has conducted a very useful training activity like in tailoring, cutting, fabric painting, shoe making & mushroom cultivation, food processing training, etc. Such skill training is becoming useful for literate /illiterate women and Girls to come a dignified life.



We also conducted several training programmed on Water quality testing, repairing & maintenance of Hand pumps, Mason & entrepreneurship development related topics. The unemployed and under educated youths get supported through such training. Many of the trained youth are earning their livelihood from the acquired skills.

Jehanabd is ill known for its violent past. Hundred of the vulnerable youths became victim of circumstances and jointed extremist outfits. On above background CRPF took one noble

initiative of skilling of vulnerable youth. We took part in the scheme and many youth get trained in modern mechanical skill. They also get placement support from us.

Honing the skills of students pursuing various degrees/ diploma is important for sustainable development. Organizational interface & real life experience certainly add working their skill and personality. We are fully aware about such responsibility. From last few years we are encouraging students pursuing degree/diploma in community development to interact with us and learn new skills. We are providing mentoring and coaching support to such students.

4.Action & Reflection of efforts towards emancipation of women.



4.1. Family counseling Centre Program: With the support of Central Social Welfare Board New Delhi, GSSG has incepted Family Counseling Centre so that women and family may get comprehensive solution at their socio psychological problems and relief against disturbances / mal adjustment for them. About 500 victimized women get counseling and legal aid through this centre so far. Our organization has conducted women awareness programs on International Women's day – 8th March every year to create understanding about the entitlement of women, laws related to women, prevention of female feticide abuse etc. We exhibited solidarity with empathizer pressurizing Government for instant justice to Nirbhaya by organizing protest march.



A rescued minor girl getting assisted at GSSG "I can't forget the moment"



Honorable D.M. & S.P. of Jehanabad participating in the Police training

4.2. Prevention of Trafficking in women & children: In the present scenario trade of women & children are becoming a big threat of the society. Unfortunately the much required humane value had been deteriorated till such an extent that women & child are frequently sold even cheaper than a goat. Our organization is partner of strong network ATSEC, India working for combating of trafficking abuse.

From last several years we are engaged in activities that target prevention of trafficking in women and children. We had also been assisted by UNDP-TAHA for this program. We established a Help Line operational with toll free No. 18001801000 for supporting the trafficked & HIV/AIDS victims at state capital Patna. The helpline was operational for two years. Preventive activities like inter religious forum, mass mobilization, and dialogue with communities, media & PRIs had been conducted under this programme. We organized orientation program among different stake holders like PRI members, religious leaders, transporters, investigating police officers, prosecutors & PTC trained constable cum Thana Munsi & prosecutors on rescue and rehabilitation related laws like on immoral trafficking prevention ACT 1956 as well. 83 persons were sensitized on this issue. Senior officers of district administration like District Magistrate (DM), superintendent of police (SP), Deputy Superintendent of police (DSP), Deputy Development commissioner (DDC), and District Welfare officer (DWO) also contributed their valuable time in such training program. We are grateful to UNODC, New Delhi for financial and technical guidance for perusing our anti trafficking measures. We also organized follow up training programs for police officials with the support of Save the Children.
We also worked for rescue and rehabilitation of trafficked girls/women. We successfully integrated many of them in their respective families. 23 unfortunate trafficked girls were rescued and rehabilitated. We are active partner of ATSEC (Network of civil society organization) against trafficking. Furthermore we organized HIV- test camps for the vulnerable group.

We did not limit our effort to destination point only but also arranged meeting in communities from which Girls are trafficked and transported. We organized several meetings with different stakeholders and community to sensitize on the issue of trafficking in Sitamarhi district (origin & transit & destination point) around Bhitha More. Bhitha More in Sitamarhi is adjacent to Nepal boarder being a vulnerable point for cross boarder trafficking., our activities like meeting with PRIs, Media, CBOs, communities was taken up around Bhiitha More of Sitamadhi district looking at the its vulnerability for the said issue. Also we have had several meetings with administration on issue on checking/reducing the degree of cross boarder trafficking.



4.3 Short stay home for Victimized Women: Cases of household violence against women is common in Bihar. Apart from this menace of trafficking in women or girls are also common in Bihar. Bihar serves as Origin, transit and destination for trafficked girls. State has responsibility to assist such victims. We run Short stay home in Jehanabad to assist such unfortunate women and girl. Women Development Corporation, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Bihar assisted us for successful conduct of such home in Jehanabad district.35 women and 12 children have been rehabilitated through this home.

4.4. Self Help Group: Women from Socio Economic Backward families become important stakeholder in livelihood earning of their respective family. GSSG organized several SHGs which had been linked to SJSRY program & Scheme of State led Women Development Corporation (Mukhaya Mantri Nari Shakti Yojna) .Govt. organization as mentioned supported capacity building of these groups. They are not only working for economic empowerment of their members but also participating in community development activities and also raising voices of concern women. Further we also have formed SHGs in saturated mode with the help of Women development Corporation under in Modan ganj Block of Jehanabad District. 60 groups were linked with the bank out of total 105 groups formed.

Under the aegis **world vision** urban slums women and girls were also given training how to make their life self sustained and improve the quality of life.

The impact of our intervention was such that many of the women took part in Panchyat election and won.

4.5: Domestic Violence:GSSG implementing ambitious project in patna slum to improve condition of slum women and girls living in slum area. Here it is noteworthy that abuses like drugs and alcohol is common in slum clusters.Women are worst victim of violenece due to use of alcohol and drugs.The women are also not aware of these rights against violence they don't know the platform which may assist them in difficult circumstances.. we conduct several training for the women of slum dwellers in difference aspect of violence, prevention, legal action ,support environment and institutions etc.

5. Children's Development & Adolescent:

5.1. Pre- School education, Nutrition & Child Survival program:

In Bihar the childhood of majority children are not satisfactory. From last many years we are building our best Endeavour to make their life comfortable. Our organization run crèches with the support of Bihar state welfare Board under which children got pre- school education nutrition & health check-up at regular interval. The programme was executed for many years and hundreds of such child from deprived ground were enrolled in formal schools and done well in their advance schooling.

5.2. Child Right & Child labor: We also worked for educating people about child rights. Awareness camp in the school, community has been organized by us at regular interval. We organized many seminars and workshops on child rights and elimination of child labor with the support of child labor commission Govt. of Bihar, Save the Children and ATSEC Bihar.

We also took part in Framing of Child protection policy in Bihar. We worked along with like minded organization and contributed in framing of draft policy led by international organization like UNICEF & Save the children. We take part in a Regional workshop organized in Gaya in which we contributed our level best.

5.3. Educational services: Education is the most important tool of Socio-economic change. To check high dropout rate we motivated young unemployed to set their remedial centre with our help. Such centre supported weak children improve their learning. Our organization also runs a children school at Barh (Patna) red light area especially for girl child so that they should not be the part of their parents' profession in future. Apart from this we also

conducted condensed course program for adult women with the support of CSWB, New Delhi. The programme was expected to provide adult women with functional literacy and life winning skills. 75 adult women get supported from this program.

6. Community Health Care:

6.1. Reproductive & child health (RCH): Prior to NRHM state resources were not sufficient for RCH care. . Community expected RCH services. We complemented the Gap in our programme location. The objective of the program was to reduce maternal & child mortality and morbidity rate. Other important theme of our services was promoting reproductive and sexual health of girls, AIDS & STD education, and Gender equality promotion. We concentrated over pregnant mothers having less than 3 children as our focus group. The little effective for health care services were strengthened & mothers were in encouraged to avail RCH services at the nearby PHC or health post.



We conducted many training to Traditional birth attendants and improved their skills of Safe Ante natal, delivery and post natal care. Later on when state increase resources in this sector, we started supporting ASHA and ANM in community mobilization activities. Our volunteer constantly worked for Polio Pulse Programme in Jehanabad district of Bihar.

6.2. Community Level Intervention program on TB Control in Jehanabad & Arwal District (supported by VHAI under Global Fund Project & ADRA India under Global Fund Programme): TB is the main killer of villagers in middle Bihar. Life style congested housing, less awareness, quackery; stigma attached to patient is some of the reason that makes the scene more complex. Social sector organizations are also not very much interested in combat activities in middle Bihar due to its contagious nature and fear of injury to their community workers.

In year 2010-11, GSSG realign its Health care intervention in Programme village of Arwal and Jehanabad district of Bihar and decided to work for prevention and control of killer diseases like TB, Malaria and Kala Zar. Altogether there was pressing demand of people of our programme village to assist communities in combating disease like TB in the villages. GSSG took initiative to raise awareness against TB spread in programme villages in Jehanabad and Arwal district. Fortunately from year 2011, ADRA India came forward & initiated support for the noble cause under Axshya India Global Fund Round – 9. GSSG organized community level sensitization meeting in 154 villages of under Arwal TU. We in year 2013-14 focus on Prevention of stigma & discrimination against TB Patients. We also worked for injury reduction education among care taker/ Front line worker of TB programme. We discussed TB prevention & treatment, multiple drug resistant TB, prevention and cure measures, HIV&TB etc. along with our community. The community worker discussed in details symptoms of suspect case as chronic cough & mild fever; chest pain; loss of weight and appetite, coughing with blood stain, tiredness. Communities were informed about DOTs and free treatment & medicine. Many suspected patients as well people were referred to Arwal DTC for 2 sputum examining. The TB Forum represented by front line worker, Government doctor, TB Patient & Journalists was mobilized to continue the effort of TB Control. We replicated learning of our Arwal Programme of TB Control in neighboring Jehanabad district. We in Jehanabad mobilized village health and sanitation committee in Ghoshi and Modanganj of Jehanabad districts. Total 64 villages had been covered under the programme.



Coordinator is telling how to eradicate/fight with TB in the community meeting

The worthy experience of our TB control programme is massive drive for Voluntary counseling & testing of TB. Till date 672 suspect including women and children get their sputum tested and the positive patient had been linked to State run dot centre. Almost 62 persons tested positive. The follow-up of medication had been done.

6.3. Social Mobilization for Malaria and Kala-azar control amongst vulnerable communities



Kala Azar is one of the main killer of rural community depend on agriculture and animal husbandry. Community groups that get affected belong to extremely Dalit background. Mushhars one who reside with their pigs are the most vulnerable to this deadly disease. Fortunately there are proved cure of the disease. Unfortunately the victim approach qualified Heath care facility at terminal stage .

We with modest assistance of Voluntary Health Association of India through Bihar Voluntary Health Association Patna under World Bank Project executed Kal-azar control program in 13 villages (around 15000 populations) in 2 blocks i.e. Jehanabad Sadar and Ratni Faridpur of Jehanabad district. We extended this programme in 10 more backward villages i.e. Bansi and Karpi block of Arwal district. We under this programme educated vulnerable community about the preventive measures of Kala- azar in communities. Moreover we discussed the symptoms of suspect cases and treatment support from state health machinery. We conducted following actions this year: Periodic Community meeting with women, children, youth, senior citizens, CBOs etc. We conducted home visit and one to one counseling to vulnerable families. We organized school campaign through which children & teachers were sensitized on prevention of this disease. Total 5 school campaigns were organized in said districts. We also helped & get helped by ASHA, ANM, Anganwadi worker and RMPs- in sensitization of community about the disease. Here it is noteworthy that 58 above said stakeholders get benefited from one training program organized in each district during previous years.

7. Right to information campaign: We let our people know the provisions of the act that enforce RTI. We in this concern trained our people to conduct social audit, requested

information from Gram Panchayat, Blocks and the District. Our constant discourse on RTI enabled community to hold PRI's

8. **Networking & Advocacy:** Linkages, Networking and advocacy has become very useful tool of change in modern day. GSSG emphasized strengthening of linkages & Networking. It has become member & partner of many national and international networks as pressure groups on different issue. We participated in activities of national and international networks like ATSEC, FANSA, BBA, Women Power Connect BVHA, VISWASH etc. ATSEC is working for responding human trafficking issue. Bachpan Bachao Andolan is lobbying for halting Child labour practices & Child protection. FANSA is lobbying for Potable water to all citizens. Women power connects, New Delhi working on women rights. Bihar Voluntary Health Association working on health issue. Apart from this our organization is founder member of VISWASH Bihar, working on Water Sanitation & Hygiene issue. At present organization is hosting VISWASH & FANSA Bihar Convening the network affairs. VISWASH is trying to put constant pressure and doing advocacy at the policy level to make the people's friendly State Water & Sanitation Policy and proper execution of the policy.At present Viswash is supported by Global sanitation fund as state sanitation network .

Roundtable conference :GSSG supported VISWASH is organised a state level round table conference on **"call to action on sanitation"** . Many legislatures, media houses, development partners,representative of NGO's & INGO'S and government officials were participated in conference.The conference was targeted to mobilize consensus on immediate action to resolve sanitation crisis facing Bihar state. Some eminent participants i.e Mr Krishnanadan Verma Hon,ble minister Dept of PHED Govt of, Bihar, Mr.Yameen Majumdar Unicef Chief),JDU spokesperson Dr.Ajay Alok, Ex MLA Manjit singh, Development partners representative, NGO representative etc.





Few suggestions and recommendation were cited, emphasizing need of collaboration approach and outcome based strategy so that laggard state like Bihar can be forefront of national sanitation facility Map.The suggestions were also focusing that political parties commitment towards urgency of ODF is needed but social behavoiur change/mindset of the community regarding the uses of toilet has to be in practice and given high priority.

Regional consultation: Regional consultation was organised at jehanabad and Madhubani on "Roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders in successful implementation of SBMG".The objective of this workshop was to discuss accountability issues pertaining to implementation of SBMG and have clarity on SBMG Guideline. So that they can move ahead according to their roles and responsibilities stated in the guideline .In jehanabad the workshop was inaugurated by honourable union minister (state drinking water and sanitation Govt.of India) Mr Ram kripal Yadav and in Madhubani the workshop was inaugurated by Honourable chairperson (state commission for protection of child rights Govt.of Bihar)Ms Misa jha. In both the consultation many legislatures, member of panchayati

Raj institution, Representative of different stakeholders i.e INGOs ,NGOs media partners etc engage in promotion of WASH participated actively in this workshop.





9. Capacity Building Activities in Health & Welfare domain – Our organization had has been organizing capacity building activities in Health Care, WASH promotion and social issues. Some noteworthy areas in which CB measures had been taken in past is as following:-

Nature of Participants	**Issue**
ASHA,ANM,Local Medical Practitioners & Anganwadi worker	Communicable Diseases prevention & Control(TB,HIV, Malaria, Kala- azar etc), nutrition & immunization
Traditional Birth attendants	Safe delivery, population control, mother & child health care
PRI's members	Communicable Diseases Control(TB, HIV, Malaria, Kala-azar etc) ,Water, sanitation & hygiene, domestic violence, trafficking
Police Officials	Children and women protection related laws / Immoral Trafficking prevention act.
SHG members	Book keeping, Accounting & water sanitation & hygiene, saving and investment, entrepreneurship development, domestic violence, women & child trafficking, skill development
V.W.S.C	Water sanitation & hygiene, repairing and maintenance of hand pumps, water quality testing, water conservation, environmental awareness, safe hand washing

9. Research & studies:GSSG contributed different studies on WASH issue in association of VISWASH. Some of key studies in which GSSG supported Viswash is as follows:

9.1.Study on Gender Violence: The perspectives in this study are based on publicly available information created on increased violence on women due to lack of sanitation. The attempt is to understand Women's Stresses and Struggles for Violence Free Sanitation. The findings present a scenario which is well observed in a patriarchal society – i.e Sanitation is a gendered issue. Social or cultural norms prevent girls and women from using the same sanitation facilities as male relatives, for instance the father-in-law, or prohibit the use of household facilities on the days women and girls menstruate. Menstruating women and girls are stigmatized in many cultures, they are perceived as dirty, impure and polluting. Due to

the low priority of menstrual hygiene from policy-making to decision on household budgets, many girls and women face very practical difficulties in managing their menstruation.

9.2. **An assessment of commitment exhibited by various political establishment towards realization of universal Sanitation services in Bihar:**Using Political Context Analysis as a tool to map the nuances of the political organisation before marching on to the next phase of advocacy to various political parties would be an appropriate strategy.

To conclude with, the environmental sanitation still remains an ignored issue in political establishment. In rural areas, local government institutions in charge of operating and maintaining the infrastructure are seen as weak and lack the financial resources to carry out their functions. The situation of environmental sanitation is changing with a very slow pace. It requires concentrated and sustained efforts to raise the level of environmental sanitation in the country and especially rural areas, so as India will able to achieve Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of "Environmental Sustainability" in near future.

10. Down memory lane: Ms. Therese Mohan (program manager of Water Aid U.K.) visited our program location on 24-25 Feb. 2009. The purpose of her visit was to conduct studies on measures on sustainability of recently concluded integer led water, sanitation & hygiene promotion program. During her visit she discussed with member of village water & sanitation committees, member of SHG's groups and community. She also conducted of qualitative assessment of impact of program. She also met with secretary & coordinator of district water & sanitation committee, Jehanabad and deputy development commissioner cum chairman district water sanitation district water sanitation committee Jehanabad. The other purpose of her meeting was to know about performance of organization at district level in area of water, sanitation & hygiene. She was very satisfied with the work of GSSG which has been done in previous four years.



Miss Therese getting warm welcome from WATSAN members



Miss Therese conducting focus group discussion of the impact of WATSAN members