

PROMOTING PEOPLE'S CENTERED DEVELOPMENT...

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019 BINOBA AROGYA EVAM LOK SIKSHAN KENDRA



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• ORIGIN

A group of youth having strong faith in the ideologies of Shri Jayprakash Narayan established BALS K in 1982. These youths were the part of the youth wing called "Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Vahini". Initially, the group worked as community volunteers for years with continuing efforts for community empowerment. In the initial stages, formation and strengthening of the village level institutions were the basics of the intervention. BALS K is registered as an NGO under the Society Registration Act in 1987 and under the FCR Act in 1988.

• VISION

To establish a self-sustainable society based on the values of equal opportunity, balanced growth, dignity and self-respect.

• MISSION

To organize, capacitate and empower the rural poor in order to invigorate their potential towards socio-economic, cultural and political entitlements and materialization of organizational vision.

• LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under Society Registration Act, 1880 by I.G. Registrar, Govt. of Bihar, Patna. Registration No. 195 dated 14.08.1987.
- Registered under FCR Act, 1976 by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Registration No. 031340012 dated 06.07.1988. Valid till 2021.
- Registered under 12(A) of Income Tax Act, 1961. Reg. No. VIII-OSD/51-1992-93.
- Registered under 49(A) of Income Tax Act, 1961. PAN AAAAB0762B.
- Niti Aayog Unique Id Number: BR/2017/0168348.

• MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Gender	Designation	Experience
1.	Bhagwan Singh	NBJK, Korrah, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	M	President	42 years
2.	Binod Sharma	At: Baday, Via: Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar	M	Secretary	37 years
3.	Pano Devi	Vill. Sonawa, P.O. Chandhari Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar	F	Treasurer	36 years
4.	Girija Nandan	NBJK, Korrah, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	M	Member	43 years
5.	Prabhu Nath Sharma	NBJK, Korrah, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	M	Member	43 years

6.	Dharmshila Devi	Vill & P.O. Dhekwaha Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar	F	Member	28 years
7.	Sujita Devi	Vill. Bauridih, P.O. Bauri Sarai, Via: Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar	F	Member	19 years
8.	Satyendra Singh	At: Baday, Via: Islampur, Nalanda, Bihar	M	Member	35 years
9.	Hans Raj	Old Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi	M	Member	43 years
10.	Santosh Saw	Vill. & P.O. Chandhari, Islampur, Dist. Nalanda, Bihar	M	Member	17 years

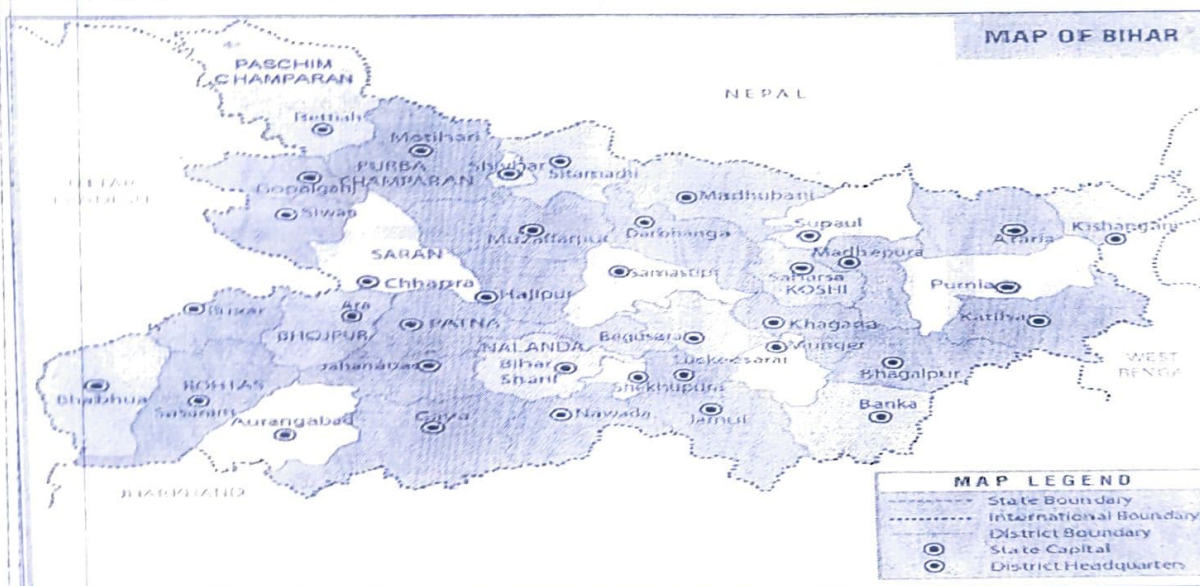
• TARGET GROUPS

Women, Children, ERs of Panchayat, Adolescents, Disabled, Disaster Affected Population and Small & Marginal Farmers.

• HUMAN RESOURCES

BALSK has a committed team of professionals, social activists and volunteers who look over the different activities of the organization. At present, 11 full-time staff (male-15 and female- 05) are in payroll and 256 persons are working as voluntary basis in the organization.

• OPERATIONAL AREA



State	District Coverage	Block Coverage	Panchayat Coverage	Village Coverage
Bihar	Nalanda	2	23	78

	Gaya	2	9	27
	Supaul	2	10	60
	Nawada	2	30	187
Total	4 Districts	8 Blocks	72 Panchayats	322 Villages

• INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES

BALSK has a well equipped registered office at Islampur, Nalanda with all necessary basic facilities like phone, fax, computers and internet along with meeting halls, demo halls, vocational training center and library. The field offices of BALSK are at Rajgir block in Nalanda district, Warsaliganj block in Nawada district, Pratapganj block in Supaul district and in Khijirsari block in Gaya district in Bihar.

• AUDITOR

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• OUR DONORS SO FAR

Name	Place/Country
Misereor	Germany
CASA	Kolkata
Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3)	Patna
Ministry of Human Resource Development	New Delhi
Oxfam India Trust	Kolkata
Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART)	New Delhi
Canadian High Commission	New Delhi
Forrad	New Delhi
Caritas India	New Delhi
Pathfinder International	U.S.A.
DFID	U.K.
Bread for the World (BFW-GERMANY) through NBJK	Hazaribagh
Cord Aid	Netherlands
Terre Des Homes	New Delhi
Basic Needs Through NBJK	Bangalore
Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK)	Hazaribagh
Prativesh	Patna
Bihar Voluntary Health Association (BVHA)	Patna
Trickle Up Program	U.S.A.
Give India	Mumbai
Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP)	Mumbai

Damien Foundation	Patna
Mamta	Patna
Rural Youth Coordination Centre	Patna

PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR

(I) WITH THE SUPPORT OF CASA

BALSK has been supported by CASA for improving the socio-economic status of Dalits and Mahadalits population through leadership development, developed DRP and livelihood opportunities in 10 villages/tolas of the Tekuna and Suryapur Panchayats of the Pratapganj block in Supaul district in Bihar.

Indian Government at all levels, announces several social security schemes and programs like "Indira Awas Yojna", "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna", "Ujjwala Yojana", Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Lakshmibai Pension, Disability Pension, Food Security etc. for a cross section of the society from time to time. In 2018-19, BALSK attempted to provide information to the Dalit, Mahadalit and ST community about these social security schemes and how they can get benefits of these schemes for their overall development.

In order to succeed to our this project goal, we successfully formed many types of committee/groups in the project villages such as VDC, DMC, DMTF, Peace committee, Youth Group etc. and by enrolling members from different castes and religion in these committee/groups. Periodic meetings of these committee/groups were held up in good spirit. The Dalits/Mahadalits are now enjoying equal participation in the decisions making the process that has never been achieved before.

The primary livelihood source of people in the project area is agriculture/share cropping and daily wage earning. But poor people do only 3-4 month of work in agriculture because of the lack of facilities and resources. In the project area, 90-95% of population belongs to BPL category and many of these people are yet to be listed in the BPL list. So, people of the BPL category are deprived of the govt. anti poverty programs and facilities. Migration is high and there is also difference in the daily wages of men and women. Women are getting fewer wages than men.

In 2018-19, regular training and meetings were organized by BALSK that had strengthened the economic options of the Dalit/Mahadalit communities. Now apart from daily wage earning, these people have been using their barren lands for cultivation of vegetables, pulses and maizes. This has not only makes them economically stronger but also helped them to get nutritious foods that improves their family health overall and limit their medical expenses to a great extent. Livelihood opportunity also maintained at the time of disaster and climate change. People have now become aware of the collective farming benefits under livelihood model and also started taking up agriculture loans for long term benefits. Under MNREGA, people are getting employment opportunity now which has reduced the percentage of migration as well.

Our activities had made Dalits and Mahadalits politically aware. They are now become aware of their voting rights, PDS, land rights etc. BALSK also promoted these people as "pressure groups" and arranged their regular meetings with BDO, CO and PRI representatives that helped them to understand their different rights and privileges. Now, they are encouraged to meet and interact with govt. officials and panchayat representatives to discuss their problems at length. Due to the collective action of BALSK, block officials beginning to realize their error and started listing out the families not enrolled and attached in PDS. Women leadership development

Initiative has also provided excellent results in a very short span of time. They have been instrumental for a ban of alcoholism in the area.

In present context, climate change is a serious concern. The project area is facing the challenges of flood and drought both. So, seasonal farming practices have been emphasized. Through training and exposures, people learnt about seasonal farming, vegetable farming and preparation and use of vermin compost in farming practices through collective efforts. DMC and DMTF have now become more capable in reducing the effects of disasters more effectively.


Sl. No.	Name of Activity	Period
1.	Group Meetings of VDC	Monthly Basis
2.	Group Meetings of DMC	Quarterly Basis
3.	Group meetings of DMTF	Quarterly Basis
4.	Capacity building training to CBOs leaders	30/03/2019
5.	Training of adolescent on Gender Sensitization	12/02/2019
6.	Capacity building training to project staff and field visit with NGO representatives	09/02/2019
7.	Creation of Papaya Farming & Creation of model	13 & 27/02/2019
8.	Preparation of micro planning In 10 village	16/01/2019 to 02/02/2019
9.	Preparation of seed bed of Papaya	29/03/2019 & 31/03/2019
10.	Linkage with different type of govt. scheme	Regular Basis



OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

- VDC members developed Leadership quality and beneficiaries received benefits of govt. livelihood schemes like MNREGA PDS, Social Security Scheme, Mukhya Mantri Seed Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme, Ujjwala Scheme etc.
- Promotion of local resources to meet out disasters and capacity building for better planning for disaster management in future. Encouraged to link with govt. disaster road map. Promotion of better coordination with Bihar Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Society. Development of Disaster Prone Houses also encouraged.
- Capacity building for taking collective action for implementation of Village Development Plan.
- Mainstreaming of school dropout children. Parents got sensitive for girls' education. Poor children supported under the fellowship and notorious food schemes. Increased enrollment of children with improved attendance and strengthening of SMC in schools overall.

- Knowledge enhanced on financial compliance, books of accounts, audit procedures etc.
- Collective action taken for sustainability of the program. Establishment of 1 district level CBOs body.
- Leadership development and advocacy for district and block level problems, Promotion of People's participation on block and village level problems increased.
- Capacity building of the community volunteers on institutional building and information on govt. schemes and programs.
- Integration with govt. schemes and programs initiated.
- Community volunteers get informed on institutional development, capacity building, fundamental rights etc.
- Framers get informed about vermin compost, cash crop production, Seed production, Kitchen garden and organic farming practices, Seed Production, Cultivation, Kitchen Garden and Cash Crop Production through use of Vermin Compost.
- Stakeholders get informed on MNREGA, Food Security, Land Rights and Sanitation. Public Cooperation improved on improved sanitation practices, Pressures put on BDOs for the facility of community toilets to landless families and regular work under MNREGA.
- Developed livelihood Module.
- Enhanced knowledge of DMC and Community Members on Disaster Preparedness and climate friendly agriculture practices.
- Women status in the society got enhanced. Women have now become aware of gender inequality and discrimination


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(II) With the support of Center for Catalyzing Change (C 3)


The devolution of powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions as a result of the 73rd amendment of the Indian Constitution empowers Panchayati Raj Institutions to take up any interventions improving the quality of life of its people especially in the areas of health as for Maternal health, family planning and reproductive health etc. Effective and planned interventions it takes sincerely under its scope; the PRIs can make a significant differences in the implementation of health and family planning services to the poor people.

As against the powers and responsibilities devolved; Panchayats are entrusted to execute reproductive and maternal health (RH/MH) responsibility. In executing these responsibilities, the Panchayats through its elected representatives (women and men) are expected to influence the community, improves the quality of RH/MH service delivery and prioritize women and girls' health on the agenda of the Gram Panchayats. As against this great responsibility passed on to the shoulders of the elected PRIs; the preparedness for shouldering this responsibility has been ignored and no such capacity building as envisioned has happened in the entire Bihar State. As a result; elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions including the women who ascended the ladder of Panchayati Raj Representation as a result of 50% reservation made mandatory for women from the 2006 PRI elections in the Bihar State; mostly remained inactive and crippled with respect their role in improving the delivery of health and family planning services.

The PEHEL Project- "Women Leading Change" of CEDPA is a vital intervention to impact by improving the situation of women's health, reproductive health and maternal health and the potential of women PRI members, male PRI members and community level mechanisms to impact sustainable changes in this situation. This is what is being explored through the informed, planned and active involvement of the ERs both men and women as envisioned by the PEHEL project. The component of advocacy by elected representatives of PRIs leads to improved quality in maternal health, reproductive health service delivery system.

As a project partner of CEDPA, BALS K is implementing PEHEL Project since July 2017 in 2 blocks namely Roh and Warsaliganj blocks in Nawada district in Bihar covering a total of 30 panchayats and 157 revenue villages.

<i>Implemented Activities</i>		
<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Activity</i>	<i>Numbers Organized/ Participants/ Data Generated/Formation Done</i>
1.	Regular visit to PHC,HSC,VHSND by ERs	Regular basis
2.	Organising Dialogue among members of PHFW&VSC from All the three tiers	1 Meeting Organized.


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3.	Cluster meetings	8 clusters formed. Quarterly meetings organized.
4.	Bimonthly meetings of PHFW&VSC	Regular basis
5.	Regular Organize & visit to SAS Bahu samelan, Aanprasan Diwas etc.	Regular basis
6.	Administered checklist of VHSND, HSC and PHC	2 time
7.	Preparing Data Base and Profiles of Panchayat Representatives	Data base and profile of 319 ERs Prepared
8.	Organizing/Support Ward Sabha/Gram Sabha	Regular basis
9.	Contact with Block and district level officers	Regular basis
10.	Interaction of ERs	Regular basis

- All ERs mobilized in the selected blocks that have improved the quality of MH/RH/FP services in their respective jurisdictions.
- ERs in general are now beginning to undertake demonstrative actions that result in improved delivery of services.
- ERs are now having direct engagement with relevant officials at the block and district levels.
- Community actions improved on RH/MH services.
- PRI members have now come forward and ensuring accountability for RH/MH services through the use of low cost technology innovation.

(111) WITH THE SUPPORT OF MISEREOR

BALSK with the support of Misereor, Germany is implementing a project for "Community Based Village Development program for underserved population with an Integrated Approach of Health, Disaster Management, climate change and Socio-Economic Improvements, Supaul, Bihar" covering 30 villages of Chhtapur blocks in Supaul district, Bihar. The project goal is to improve the reproductive health enhancing knowledge and bringing desirable changes in the sexual behavior increased access/control over resources better equipped for claiming of rights and entitlements and better disaster management capacity of the target groups. The target groups of the project are:

- Adolescent of age group 14-19 (male & female).
- Young unmarried male & female.
- Newly married couples.
- Eligible couples with first pregnancy/one child.
- 2nd time pregnancy and 2nd child during post partum period.
- Parents in law of eligible couples, influential Person of the target community, local administration and democratic bodies.
- Poor women, youth groups, NGO groups, PRIs and poor general communities as a whole.

Project Progress

- Orientation training to project staff :** Orientation training to project staff is an important activity of the project for the knowledge update of all project staff on project goal, vision, Mission, objectives and their roles and responsibilities on reproductive health, social analysis, disaster management, community mobilization, Govt. facilities and programs, so that

they can work effectively and provide quality inputs to the project implementation in the area. The process of orientation training was participatory with an emphasis on group sharing. Qualified and experienced resource persons attended the orientation training to provide right information to the trainees with equal participation of one and all. The training was held on 22-23 feb , 2019 at BALS K office Chhatapur, Supaul. 10 participants participated in the training program and get informed on important topics/issues like health, Different type of Group promotion, Govt. welfare schemes and programs, panchayat raj and project management.

- b. **Orientation training to project staff on Different Issues:** Technical training to project staff on disaster management was imparted in order to improve technical skills of the project staff on disaster management, so that they can help poor people come out from the affects of the disaster and rehabilitate themselves to live. As Supaul district is disaster prone therefore this training is of great importance here. The details of the training are as Identification of vulnerable groups, pre and post disaster preparedness, how to use local resources at the time of disaster, how to minimize the effects of disaster.
- c. **Formation of VDC:** In this period we have formed 30 vdc in 30 village. VDC formation was an important activity in this project. VDC were formed with an objective to prepare a plan for development the villagers through linked the govt. schemes.
- d. **Formation of DMC:** In order to disseminate regular and timely Information to the villagers on disaster management Issues. 30 DMC has been formed in 30 village of the chhatapur block of supaul district in bihar. DMC members were involved in group meetings in every 6 months which helped them to gain knowledge about the disasters and its mitigation process. One of the important role of these DMC is to act as a catalyst to disseminate timely information to the villagers on disasters Management.
- e. **Formation of DMTF:** Formatin of DMTF was an important Activity in this project. DMTF were formed with an objective to prepare a team of people who can Manage the future disaster. More effectively the members of DMTF were involved in group meetin in every 6 month that helped them to gain knowledge about the pre, during and post disaster techniques, early warning and rescue system. Shelter preparation, preparation of first Aid team, livestock management etc. DMTF members gained good knowledge of the issues concern.

(IV) **OTHER PROGRAMS**

BALS K always believes that information dissemination is important for the development of the society. In 2018-19, number of awareness camps and workshops were organized in Nalanda district in Bihar covering different issues of socio-economic importance. Experienced resource persons and eminent personalities participated on these occasions and shared information with the participants that has improved their knowledge on the issue. The details are as follows-

Date	Subject	Participant
30.04.2018	Child Labor Eradication	29
18.07.2018	Water & Sanitation	32
5.01.2019	Disaster Management	36
5.06.2018	Environment Awareness	42
5.03.2019	T B Awareness Prohramme	22
	Total	161