

# JATN – JHARKHAND ANTI TRAFFICKING NETWORK

A Network to promote safe and secure mobility in Jharkhand

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### CORE GROUP MEETING

On 19th October 2016 a core members team meeting was held in Jharkhand Resource Centre in Srijan Foundation Office to have a preparatory arrangement for the State Level Workshop to be conducted on 27th October, 16 in the capital city of Jharkhand.

Essential changes were made in the agenda, objectives along with the list of guest and participants for the workshop developed by JRC. Focus was to reach out to Women Commission, Labour Department and media personnel for their participation in the workshop as this would bring more visibility to Network initiative in promoting Safe Migration of women in Jharkhand. Each member was given certain tasks related arrangements for effective execution of the workshop. It was discussed that any migration related statistics or data's produced during the workshops by the network members should be authentic and related data should be verified.

### VOICE-THROUGH PAINT

One of the immediate achievement of conducting the district level workshop was observed in Gumla District of Jharkhand where Srijan Foundation was given the opportunity to conduct wall- paintings in the premises of Labour department at the block level. The officials felt that the cause or the need to aware and educate the people on Safe Migration was one of the prime concern owing to the numerous cases of trafficking and unsafe migration in the district. They requested Srijan to paint Safe Migration related IEC' along with the Helpline number issued by the Labour Department for the migrants so that the information could be accessed by community people especially the migrants themselves and their families.



### Exposure Visit

5 member team of JATN visited a Gurgaon based organization named Nari Shakti Manch which is working to ensure the rights of migrant workers. The purpose of the visit was to understand the situation of domestic migrant workers of Jharkhand and even explore opportunities to set up linkages between the source and destination so that together the rights of the domestic workers were ensured.





The field visit helped the team to interact and understand the challenges faced by the domestic workers at the destination and disseminate more pertinent information on account of obstacles faced by the migrants for raising awareness at the grass root (pre-migration stage).

## REVIEW MEETING

Review meeting of JATN was organized in Srijan office on 14th November 2016. 13 participants had participated in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the JATN for the past one year along with the future activities to be undertaken in the safe migration initiative.

In one year intervention of JATN 69 cases were recorded. Out of which 36 cases were of women trafficking and 33 cases were associated with children trafficking. It was discussed that the cases which deals with adult will only be taken into consideration But If during their intervention they come across a case dealing with a child then JATN will play an active role in linking these cases with the concerned department.

It was also shared that in the month of February Geneva Global has invited the JATN partners for Learning Exchange program which will be possibly held on February 9, 2017 in Bihar in Nalanda.

## JOURNEY TO EMPOWERMENT

Gracy Soren a resident of Baaritaad Village of Giridh district, at the age of 27, lost her husband Dawood Soren. They had been married for over 9 years and were raising two children who were in school.

Shocked and grief stricken by the sudden death of her husband Gracy struggled to adjust to the unanticipated change from wife to widow. Dawood was the bread earner of the house and looked after the whole family. After his demise she was also not supported by her in laws so the entire responsibility of her family rested on her shoulder. She worked hard as a daily labourer in others agricultural field to support her family but this proved to be of little help as the money so earned was not sufficient to look after the overall financial expenses.

Failing to cope up with the changed circumstances, finally at the age of 30 she left for Delhi after admitting her children in hostel. In Delhi she started working as a domestic worker in a Rajput family.

Many questions revolved around her mind before leaving the village, regarding the possible ill treatment at the workplace, sexual harassment, chances of being underpaid etc. But the scenario proved different from the way she had anticipated when she went there.

Gracy, now 40 says that "I receive a monthly salary of Rs. 5000 and I am now able to fulfill the basic needs of my children. My employer treats me well and I'm happy at my workplace. They also provide me with all the fooding and lodging facility. I am enjoying my work here."

Jasmine, 14, the younger daughter says "I feel proud that my mother is working hard and encouraging us to study further. This would not have been possible if she had not taken the decision to work outside."

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