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SRIJAN

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Foreword

It is extremely great moment for us that Srijan Foundation has completed its 5 years with its energetic and dedicated team members. Like previous years, Srijan has accelerated its people centered activities in its area of operation. We feel honoured and extremely exhilarated to share the experiences earned during 2006-07 for the growth & development of society and the unreached/ under served.

During the year Srijan has put its step ahead in more specific and concrete manner to get its actions done for the empowerment of the masses that are continuously struggling or facing challenges to get the systems better for their development. To strengthen the process most of the programs are ultimately focusing on the issue ensuring community empowerment. During the year initiatives have been taken focusing on the issues affecting the unreached and under developed. In the report we have tried our best to explain the efforts leading to the well-being & sustenance of the needy community by nurturing their inner strengths.

We are extremely thankful to our team and the well wishers helping to consolidate the ongoing activities and exploring new avenues creating opportunities for the masses in need. We, with the completion of the year, have tried our best to start the process of development for the cause of the rural society. The programs undertaken provided opportunity in front of the women representation in all the processes necessary to make it effective, sustainable and community friendly.

Above all, we extend our heartiest thanks, sincere gratitude to our well-wishers and donors/ supporters, and our colleagues for their contribution to realize the dreams of Srijan meant for the well being of the communities being served by us in general and rural community in particular towards their overall growth & empowerment.

Pooja
President

BACKDROP

Srijan Foundation is a professionally managed progressive organization initiated its effort from 2001. SF is a registered organization making its endeavor to serve the most marginalized and the vulnerable communities by building the capacity of the community in general and the grass root organizations in particular. Through the experience gained in the last four years and through joint intervention with community, the organization realized to adopt multifarious activities exclusively for the well being of the community. It strives to make a change in the lives of the most disadvantaged through meaningful partnership with like-minded agencies and communities.

Vision: To promote egalitarian, empowered and self-reliant society through tangible efforts of the voluntary organizations

Mission: To build the capacity of the community in general and the grass root organizations in particular to take up the responsibility to further enhancing the capacities of the most marginalized and vulnerable section for its empowerment.

Goal: Establishment of an empowered, gender sensitive and just society

LEGAL STATUS:

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Registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976	337750013 dated 13.06.2002
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AUDITOR:

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BANK DETAIL:

- Jharkhand Gramin Bank, Korrah Branch, Hazaribag: SB A/C NO: - 2958
- State Bank of India, Main Branch, Hazaribag: SB A/c No. 11071865574 (FCRA)
- Bank of India, District More, Hazaribag: SB A/c No. 31824

OPERATIONAL AREA (GEOGRAPHICAL): Jharkhand State

THEMATIC AREA: The major thematic areas being focused by Srijan during the year is:

Natural Resource Management (NRM)	Education
Women Empowerment	Micro Finance
Anti Trafficking Campaign	Disability
Livelihood Promotion	Research & Advocacy
Health, Nutrition & Sanitation	Technical Support Services

Srijan is streamlining its activities from its Hazaribag Central Unit. This unit is responsible for the management & execution of activities of all its project units. The operational area of Srijan is:

- Hazaribag : Sadar & Mandu blocks
- Ranchi : Ormanjhi Block
- Pakur : Hiranpur, Amrapara, Littipara & Pakuria Blocks
- Dumka : Jama & Jarmundi Blocks

THEMATIC ACTIONS DONE (2005-2006)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Believing the fact that the organizational reach towards its vision and mission is possible only with the competent and energetic team, well versed and updated with the latest changes in the external world. Srijan Foundation continuously explores opportunities for manpower development, Team Building & Development of staff competency. During the year, the organizational staff & core group members received the opportunities to attend theme specific workshops, seminars, training sessions, exposure to different areas/ agencies, etc. The support & opportunities are received from IGSSS, PACS/DFID, PHF, ILRI, CAPART, Tribal Welfare Commissioner, CWS, RGVN, District Administration, FVTF, Reach India, and other agencies.

In addition to staff competency building, focus was given on recreation, welfare & insurance of staff with a view to provide opportunities to relax and work more enthusiastically to achieve the organizational goal.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Self Help Promotion: Srijan works primarily to inculcate sense of self worth among women through SHG formation. The WSHGs are continuously organized to make them realize their rights, economic liberation and to give them the voice to promote solidarity action and initiate economic ventures. More than 200 SHGs having more than 3000 members were formed.

District	Block	SHGs Formed		TOTAL
		2006	2007	
Hazaribag	Mandu	55	19	74
Ranchi	Ormanjhi	45	27	72
Pakur	Pakuria	28	38	66
TOTAL		118	84	212

The program was supported by PACS/DFID, IGSSS, Ranchi, DRDA, Pakuriya and NABARD, Ranchi in Mandu (Hazaribag), Ormanjhi (Ranchi) & Pakuriya (Pakur) blocks respectively. The main aim of the program is to improve the socio-economic status of women through entitlement realization, gender equity and promote collective action.

SHG Formation & Strengthening: In the operational area, 212 WSHGs were formed & strengthened comprising of underprivileged community members. During the Bank Linkage processes were initiated. Groups are mainly linked to nearest Banks- STATE BANK OF INDIA & BANK OF INDIA.

Trade specific skill training to WSHGs is regularly done by Srijan to ensure effective mobilization of women from underprivileged communities to improve their socio-economic status by establishing sustainable economic activities. The major trades adopted by the women groups are goatry, piggery, poultry, vermicompost promotion, mushroom cultivation, basket making, etc as income generating activities.

Exposure: In order to strengthen the process more effective, women SHG exposure was organized to CPSL, Patna, Bihar and PRADAN, Deoghar. Both the exposure trip has given the groups to understand the importance of microfinance to initiate & strengthen their economic activities.

Issue based Training: Besides IG skills, the SHG members have received issue based training on leadership skills, gender & development; Government Schemes & Programs, NREGA, RTI, etc were given to these groups for qualitative improvement of all the groups. RGVN & Reach India has capacitated the functionaries of Srijan on NREGA Learning Conversations so as to replicate the process among the rural community with special focus on women.

Demonstration Units: In the project villages, women SHGs and Community members were motivated to establish their own units. 5 Vermi Compost units having 20 beds and 1 Horticulture Garden was established.

ANTI TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

Human trafficking in its worst form exists in Jharkhand state. Women & children from backward and disadvantaged family are the most vulnerable ones and the issue is prevailing all over the state. Recognizing the magnitude of the problem of trafficking, Srijan Foundation is executing the Anti Trafficking Communication Campaign with the support of CWS, Secunderabad.

During the year, Srijan Foundation has been recognized as LEAD CSO of Jharkhand Anti Trafficking Network (JATN), a network of 9 NGOs. The NGOs are operational in Ranchi, Hazaribag, Sahebganj, Pakur, Bokaro, Chatra, Palamau districts.

So far 180 Vigilance Committee (Anti Trafficking Organization at the Community Level) has been formed with whom regular meetings, training of ATO members, village wise monitoring done, 16 days program, observing World Women's day, street play, wall paintings, media highlighting, etc activities were organized all over the 8 districts reaching directly to 180 villages.

MICRO FINANCE PROGRAM

Microfinance Program has been initiated by Srijan Foundation aiming at poverty reduction. Since 2006, the actions under MF have been initiated in Ormanjhi block of Ranchi district. The programme is being supported by Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (RGVN) with initial support as LOAN of rupees three lakhs only. In the year 28 WSHG members have been supported to start up and strengthen their small scale businesses or agricultural initiatives. The process to reach operational sustainability is the major concern of the programme as it would help to expand the programme in more effective manner and to other operational areas of Srijan. In the coming years, it is our plan to establish partnership with other MF Agencies.

LAC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Alternative Livelihood promotion of rural disadvantaged masses is one of the core areas of Srijan. Under this, with the support of TRIBAL WELFARE COMMISSIONER & technical support from Indian LAC Research Institute (ILRI), it has initiated Jharkhand LAC Development Program in Ormanjhi block. The main aim is to provide additional income in lean months to poor tribal families and reduce forced seasonal migration. A total of 100 tribal families from 7 villages have been focused. The actions done are beneficiary training, pruning of trees, distribution of kit consists of secateurs, scrapping knife, spraying machine, net bags, insurance support, pesticides and fungicides.

LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Since 2004, the land & water management initiatives are ongoing in Ormanjhi block of Ranchi district. This initiative is financially & technically being supported by IGSSS/ GAA and KKS. The Geographically Based Program (GBP) aims primarily to support tribal & the underprivileged community to boost their food security. The key milestones achieved are seed support to farmers, upland farming, land leveling, pond renovation, vermicompost promotion, lift installation, grain bank promotion, capacity building of farmers & WSHG, etc. The major stakeholder of the program is 15 farmers group, 72 women SHG, youth, adolescent, gram sabha members and rural community. Under the program more than 25 villages are being covered.

During the year, Farmers Policy Development was initiated in association with Jharkhand Sukhar Birodhi Abhiyan. To develop future directions, joint workshop of CWS, FORRAD & IGSSS was attended.

In Mandu & Ormanjhi blocks, community based/ SHG based management of Vermi Compost unit was developed to promote the usage of vermicompost in agricultural fields thereby reducing the dependency on chemical fertilizers which has many long term side effects.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (NEAC)

Under NEAC 2006-2007 programme, an intensive campaign on promotion of "SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT" was organized in Ormanjhi block of Ranchi district with the support of Gram Vikas Kendra, Jamshedpur. The awareness & action components were organized in the operational villages of Srijan.

FUNCTIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING

To strengthen the process to provide trade specific skill training to rural unemployed youth, action based initiatives are being promoted in the operational areas of Srijan. The programme impact was reviewed by FVTRS, Bangalore. The trainees received training are successfully earning their livelihoods thereby raised motivational level of youths to start up their own enterprises. A regional workshop was organized jointly with FVTRS in Jharkhand to assess the possibilities and future partnership with government based programme.

DISABILITY

Srijan is continuously focussing on disability to create awareness and sensitise community besides facilitating their (disabled) social acceptance and mainstreaming. Under PACS Program, a detailed baseline survey was done during the year to assess the situation of disabled population in Mandu block of Hazaribag district. Based on the findings, efforts were done to provide necessary certification, distribution of aids & appliances, medical checkup of persons with disabilities, etc besides family based discussions & counseling. On World Disabled Day (3rd December), Srijan received award from District Level Network of Disabled.

HIV / AIDS PREVENTION

With the support of Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF), the HIV / AIDS prevention programme for transport workers, truckers, helpers, allied population, and the road side communities is continuing in NH-33 to control the spread of HIV/ AIDS. The interventions done under the programme are reaching through outreach activity, social marketing of condoms, STI/STD treatment through Clinic, Health Camp & Satellite Camp, community sensitization, etc.

BBC World Service Trust has selected as its partner for field trial of HIV/AIDS Tool Kits under its Media Dark approach. The toolkits are continuously being utilized for community sensitization on the issue in the remote and unreached areas.

WORLD AIDS DAY

On December 1, 2006, World AIDS Day was celebrated in Kuju (NH-33) and in adjoining project villages. HIV Information stall and Health camp was organized in which more than 200 people attended counseling session & treatment. Through the camp, condoms were distributed among the clients with IEC materials having messages to check the spread of HIV/ AIDS.

REPRODUCTIVE & CHILD HEALTH CARE

In Mandu block, with the support of PHF, UK activities on Reproductive & Child Health programme was organized in 30 villages. The project specifies implementation & community sensitization of rural community with special focus on pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent groups and children below 5 years. Village/ group specific meetings, trainings, liaison with government, School based initiative (essay competition, quiz, debate, etc), video shows, organization of health camps, observing breast feeding week, participation in Pulse Polio Campaign. In the area, Village Contact Drive was done to assess the existing situation & practices prevailing under RCH & HIV/AIDS.

WATER & SANITATION

To ensure adoption of safe health & hygienic practices in rural areas, Srijan has integrated this issue with its entire ongoing programme. Community sensitization processes have been organized among the members of Self Help Groups (SHG), adolescent girls, youth, and rural community, etc. They are motivated towards home sanitation and personal hygiene through village level meetings, group meetings, focus group discussions, school-based approaches.

RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION

During 2006-07, Srijan got an opportunity to do Research Study on the living condition & status of disabled/ physically challenged persons in Mandu block of Hazaribag district in Jharkhand.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT to NGOs

Srijan is continuously extending technical support to individuals, NGOs and Civil Society's through capacity enhancement sessions, developing proposals, preparing reports, field based guidance, etc to further enhancing the capacities of the most marginalized and vulnerable section for its empowerment through development agencies.

OUR DONORS/ WELL WISHERS

We are grateful to all our donors (national- individual & government & international) & well wishers for their continued support to continue our programs/ actions. We are obliged to our resource organizations, which assisted us financially and technically to walk down in the direction of our vision and mission.

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