SRIJAN FOUNDATION
Creating a better world for women and children

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Celebrating 21 Years of Serving Community
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**Introduction**

**Srijan Foundation (SF)** is a Jharkhand based Non-Profit Organization registered on the 7th of February 2001 under the Indian Trust Act 1882. SF was founded by a group of socially committed young professionals in 1995. SF since its inception is working directly with the community, particularly with women and children, to create a better world for them. Keeping them in the focus SF is working for the all-round development by ensuring their rights with Human Rights Approach.

SF is a child and women development organization working directly with communities struggling with poverty, social exclusion, and gender injustice across Jharkhand. SF works under the four domains: women empowerment and gender justice, sustainable agriculture, child rights and protection, and reproductive health. All the mentioned domains are cross-cutting and keep adolescents at the core of all interventions. Adolescence is one of the core beneficiaries of the SF and one of the major thrust areas. Since early 2000, we have been extending support and interventions to the adolescent age group of 11-19 years, belonging to the most vulnerable and marginalized population, through community-based services. We strongly believe that Adolescent girls need to be looked at as individuals who have their own needs, rights, entitlements and are productive members of society. And working with adolescent girls is equally important because the experiences, knowledge, and skills acquired in adolescence have important implications for an individual's prospects in adulthood.

SF is reaching out to approximately 1 lakh people - including children, adolescents, and women spread over seven districts of Jharkhand “Chatra, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Manoharpur, Ramgarh, Ranchi and Pakur”. SF has a team of approximately 100 people and has a blend of professionals and grassroots people to work directly with the community.

SF considers itself a practicing and progressive organization, open to learning, model building, and bringing innovations.

SF works with Networks and Alliances for a more significant impact on the issues of adolescence. More than 65,000 AGYW are getting benefits under various SF projects - Tejaswini Program, Child Marriage Prevention Program, School Safety Initiative, and Adolescent Empowerment Program. Human Resource in Adolescent Program.
Vision
SF's vision is to create a just & equitable, empowered, and self-reliant society.

Mission
SF is working with a mission to build and enhance the capacity of the local community and supporting the organizations working at the grass-root level or ground level taking up the responsibility to enhance the capacity of the underprivileged and poor marginalized sections of the community, to make them self-reliant and empowered, especially reaching out to the community’s children, adolescent girls, and young women.

Goal
To facilitate process for creation of an inclusive and equitable development of the most marginalized, vulnerable and socially excluded communities (particularly women and children) in the state of Jharkhand by creation of development models through direct field interventions, building capacity of CBOs & Civil Society Organizations and articulation of demands and realization of the rights of the target community.

Objectives
Promoting and Protecting Rights and Entitlements of Children.
Facilitating Gender Justice, Promoting and Protecting Rights and Entitlements of Women.
Creating models of Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood.
Promoting collective action.
Geographical Spread

15+ Projects
6 Districts
200+ Villages
60000+ children & families
## Governing Body of Srijan Foundation

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Srijan Foundation "Themes"

Theme 1: Women Empowerment & Gender Justice

Theme 2: Child Rights and Protection

Theme 3: Sustainable Agriculture & Livelihood Promotion

Theme 4: Health
Women Empowerment & Gender Justice

OVERVIEW:
- Project Reach: 2000
- Location: 3 districts of Jharkhand:
  a. Gumla
  b. Hazaribagh
  c. West Singhbhum
  d. Ramgarh
- Beneficiary: Adolescent Girls and Young women
Women Empowerment & Gender Justice

Target beneficiaries: Under this Theme, Srijan Foundation reach out to the Adolescent girls and young women, Female Sex Workers, Trafficking survivors, women from coal mining areas and single women who themselves earn and run their family i.e a women headed family.

Strategies used: SF is working through these major strategies:

1. **Participatory and Right based approach:** SF is focusing on the right based approach including the participation of the community people in study, exploration and accomplishment so that they understand the power they hold to change and transform their own lives.

2. **Implementation approach:** SF believes in learning and doing, SF takes out time to go at the grassroot level, learn the problems and issues at the grassroot level thereafter work through replication and models taking out solutions for the same.

3. **Capacity building approach:** SF believes in transforming the sources through which the communities are getting benefitted and are in close contact with the communities, such as grassroot level NGOs, CBOs, local stakeholders and the Government. Therefore SF, first of all, sensitizes and builds the capacity of these groups NGOs, CBOs, local stakeholders and the Government.

4. **Referral and Linkages:** Communities are being linked with certain Government Schemes through which communities get benefitted and also if certain cases which at a moment are beyond the reach such cases are being referred to the local NGOs which can reach out to the victim or the needy sooner so that the action could be taken at the earliest.

5. **Research and Advocacy:** SF identifies the issues at the grassroot level and conducts advocacy at the different levels with different groups of people such as Government officials, Local stakeholders, PRIs, Mukhiya, Ward members etc.

6. **Peer-led approach work:** The project adopted the approach of peer-led learning dissemination through the peer leaders in the existing project. Their leadership development will be further enhanced to take up the peer-led approach, so these adolescent girl leaders reach out and mobilize other girls in their locality, sustaining next generation learning in a more friendly environment.

7. **Exploratory learning among adolescents for self-development & agency building:** It aims that adolescent girls should do things of their interest/choice and not what we or the community force them to do in a stereotypical manner. In this regard, an exploratory and participatory approach is adopted so that girls are able to explore themselves and put forth their choices.

8. **Sports for change:** Outdoors and indoor games is used for mobilization, information and agency building of the adolescent girls. This will further challenge the stereotypical behaviour, image and practices within the community and families that limits the right to mobility, freedom and body of girls.

9. **Creation of Supportive Ecosystem:** The approach of creating a supportive environment is the key to sustaining the changes in the perspective and practices which are institutionalized through norms and patriarchy, this is carried out by engaging the key stakeholders (Parents, religious leaders, school teachers and so on). So that adolescent girls are able to enjoy their rights and entitlements as individuals.

10. **Creation of safe space:** One of the biggest issues in making adolescent girls feel safe and express themselves was the unavailability of safe space, not just physical but also psychological. So, this project adopts the approach of creating better communication among parents, children, and stakeholders and also among the adolescent girls' group through the resource or information center created.

11. **Promoting education and career-building:** We all know that COVID has adversely affected learning and education, this has resulted in poor performance, increased dropout rates further leading to early marriage and child marriage. So, the thrust of the project is ensuring quality education and enrollment of girls in formal schooling or skill-building.
Community mobilization: Community mobilization is done by the Community Mobilizers (CMs), who are basically from the same village or the community, who know the community people well and can communicate with the groups of people easily so as to identify their issues and ask their views on the same and then provide them the solutions to the issues.

Group formalization: After the mobilization process is complete, we try to form different groups, so that the groups can meet and discuss the same type of issues they face at domestic or community level. Later when their capacity is enhanced they can deal with the issues at the greater level. These groups are mainly: Adolescent Girls Groups, Adolescent Boys Groups, Young Women Group, Farmer’s Group, Peer leader’s Federation, etc.

Regular meetings: Conducting regular meetings with the different groups is the way to get closely connected to them so that they remain aligned with the motives we are working amongst them and do not lose their focus and sensitization process. Through these meetings and awareness programs community people are being sensitized towards their issues and the solutions for the same.

Training and capacity building: Community groups are approached through certain training programs and capacity building processes which makes them empowered, vocal and confident towards their own rights and choices.

Providing platforms and linkages: Community people or the groups are linked with certain government schemes or platforms like livelihood training provided by the government or through the NGOs.

Networking: SF networks and coordinates with different grassroot level NGOs working in the particular community with the same goal or purpose aligning with SF, so that SF can work in that particular community for a longer duration of time and creates sustainability.

Increased Community Space and Participation of adolescent girls: Ensure active participation in community-level institutions (Village level Child Protection Committees (VLCPC), Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VHSNC), School Management Committees, Children Clubs, etc.) created for adolescent girls. To help them raise their voice and access rights and entitlements. Make a girl child-friendly environment that fosters change for a gender-just society that gives space and opportunity for development and empowerment.

Setting up a resource centre - a community space for a regular meeting of adolescent girls and interface with the community.

Addressal of cases of violence and discrimination: Sensitize para-legal volunteers of the state legal services authority to provide legal counselling/aid/awareness on PC & PNDT Act/PWDWA/ POCSO/ and other legislations related to adolescents. Organize legal camps at the panchayat level and extend legal support to the survivors of Gender-Based Violence. School intervention to explain to adolescent girls some of the provisions of laws and mechanisms meant to safeguard adolescent and girl children.

Mass Awareness and Sensitization: Celebrate adolescents’ essential days as themes for adolescent empowerment and encourage them to voice their issues on such platforms. Development and printing of relevant Information Education Communication (IEC) on messages related to the importance of adolescent health, nutrition, need of education and skill-building, etc., to address the issues of vulnerability & deprivation, rights and entitlements, and laws and policies meant for their empowerment. Organize regular sensitization meetings with men, boys, PRIs, and religious leaders in a friendly and gender equality environment at varying levels.

Adolescent Leadership & Federation Development:

- Regular meetings in the locality to mobilize girls into groups to inform and educate them on specific issues (Consent and choice, Sexual and reproductive health, nutrition, and menstrual hygiene).
- "Right to Play and mobility" is exercised through sports (Indoors and outdoors).
- Leadership training of adolescent girls to help them take a peer-led approach to pass on the information and educate other girls in their locality to create a community sustaining model of learning, behaviour change, challenging structures, and societal norms.
- ThePeer Leaders are further federated into bigger groups at the block level by organizing regular meetings and training sessions to identify issues affecting girls and collectively taking actions for its addressals and reviewing policies influencing this.
Achievements

- Profiling of 207 SHGs has been done in E-Shakti App and 93 SHGs have attained online code from NABARD through which NABARD can directly extend support to them for example: financial assistance, imparting trainings, etc. Feeding details of the SHGs in the E-Shakti App regularly ensures better and quicker accessibility to the services rendered by NABARD.
- 171 adolescent girls and women have received information about sexual reproduction and health.
- Mobilization of 934 AGYW groups comprising 60,000 members (13-24 years) in 4 districts (Ranchi, Gumla, Ramgarh & Hazaribagh).
- Initiation of Formation of Peer Leader Federation in Gumla and Hazaribagh Districts so as to develop collective visioning among the Peer Leaders to have an increased communication among the Peer Leaders, sharing of community level issues by the individual Peer Leaders (such as gender, patriarchy, child marriage, trafficking, Menstrual Hygiene Management, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), etc.), seeking solution from the Federation. Federation is formed so as to train them as Leaders.
- Successful completion of a 5 day in-house Winter Camp training where 30 Adolescent Girls mainly the Peer Leaders imparted information on life skills through various interactive and participatory sessions such as knowledge-building sessions, Mehendi, artificially paper jewellery making, Photography, dance, Yoga, Football, etc.
- Development of 13 Alternative Education Centers in 13 villages of (Hazaribagh and Gumla districts) and imparting bridge course education to 83 Adolescent Girls.
- Around 4500 Community Service providers such as PRIs, VLCPC members, Sahiyas, Sevikas, ANM, School Teachers mobilized and capacitated on issues affecting women and girls.
- Identification of cases of violence against women and girls such as child marriage, child labor, discrimination, and domestic violence by SHGs and AGYW.
- Empowering and enhancing the capacity of 150 Female Sex Workers (FSW) on their rights and entitlements through JSS.
- Formation of help desk for counseling FSWs and helping them in their documentation work.
- During the Covid situation, we have reached several vulnerable families and individuals in 7 districts (Garhwa, Gumla, Hazaribag, Pakur, Ranchi, Ramgarh & West Singhbhum) and provided them with dry ration, safety hygiene kits, and face masks.
- 105 families were linked to the MGNREGA scheme during COVID.
- Increased women participation, 210 women participated in meetings like Panchayat level Gram Sabha, General Assembly.
- 120 Peer Leaders have been identified and trained, who lead their group independently, increased the participation of other girls, and took group initiatives to address issues such as gender-based discrimination, violence, and child marriage.
- 400 adolescent girls raised their voices against violence, gender-based discrimination, and child marriage to access their rights and passed on the information to Childline 1098.
- 350 teenage girls played football and broke societal shackles.
- 45 Parents changed their thinking towards girls' education and have sent their girls out of the house to work and study in other cities.
- Behavioural and perspective changes were observed in 65 Adolescent boys as they became aware of their role against domestic work in their households, and community level-at-large, creating a violence-free environment.
- Total of 770 adolescent girls participated in the group meetings, the topics which were vividly discussed are Gender Discrimination, Child Marriage, Violence against women, child rights, Sexual and Reproductive health right, and child labour.
- 60 peer leaders and 250 adolescents and young women voiced against the child marriage and violence.
- 110 adolescents went for the Anganwadi and got the informations on the schemes available from Sahiya and Sevika,
- 350 adolescents are into playing football and breaking the stereotypical norm of the society.
- 25 dropout Adolescent girls have been enrolled and regularized in the nearest school.
- 13 girls had been enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School, 4 girls in Government school.
• 8 married women have been supported in issues related to domestic violence under CRPP Project.
• Sanitary pads and masks distributed to 275 adolescent girls through CRPP Project.
• 72 WSHG linked with KVK, MANDU to support them with seeds of various kinds of dal like Arhar, Badam.
• 36 WSGs have been linked with E-SHAKTI program that is being supported by NABARD. In this program SHGs are digitized and their transaction details are regularly updated in the portal.
• 5 SHGs have been linked with bank of India (BOI) to help them avail to credit loan from bank.
• 155 WSHGs (14 group) members have been linked with PACS so as to provide them with high quality of Dhan (paddy).
Personal Information:
Venue of Event: Mangura, Hazaribagh
Name of the victim: Manisha Kumari
Father's Name: Surendra Prasad
Mother’s Name: Basanti Devi
Age: 19 Years
Religion: Hindu
Address: Village – Mangura, Block – Ichak, District – Hazaribagh

Fact-finding process: After getting information about the case, the Community Mobilizers of SF, Sanju Kumari and Veena Devi intervened in the case. Fact Finding was done personally with the victim in which the victim has shared the following things.

Case Details: Manisha Kumari is studying in BA Part 3 in JM Inter College, Ichak (Hazaribagh). During her course of going to college, Deepak Kumar and Akhilesh Kumar, residents of Kariyatpur, had been following Manisha continuously. Manisha came to know about this when she was coming back to Mangura from her college on 28.8.2021, while the boy along with a friend started following Manisha in a motor bike. He started giving a signal to the auto driver to stop the auto, but when the auto driver saw from his front mirror that the girl was feeling uncomfortable, he started asking those boys to go ahead. But the boy stopped his bike by taking it in front of the auto and started making dirty comments to Manisha and was asking her to walk together. Taking Manisha's side, the auto driver and other passengers, helping Manisha, asked those boys to go ahead but they did not go. Thereafter, Manisha informed her brother Sandeep Kumar about the incident and filed a complaint against those boys in Ichak police station.

Action was taken by the Ichak Police and the boys were arrested; the parents of both the boys were called to the Ichak Police Station and were informed about the incident. Both the boys accepted their mistake in front of the Police and apologized to Manisha and again wrote a bond in the Police Station for not repeating this again.

Intervention done by the organization: Fact finding has been done by doing conversation with the victim and enquiring complete details of the incident.

Present Situation of Victim: Victim lives in Mangura with her parents and is free to go to her college.

Team Overview: According to the discussion with the victim, team SF said that she herself shared that she was disturbed by the incident that happened to her. But now she is feeling comforted by filing a complaint against those boys raising her voice against the incident happened to her, and that she prevented herself from the same. This step taken by her is a big lesson for the other girls in the group.
OVERVIEW

- Project Reach: 3000
- Location: 5 districts of Jharkhand:
  a. Gumla
  b. Hazaribagh
  c. West Singhbhum
  d. Ramgarh
  e. Pakur
- Beneficiary: Children, Adolescent Girls and Boys
Target Beneficiaries: Srijan Foundation works directly with the Children belonging to different categories like Scheduled Cast (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) who are in need of Care and Protection. SF has also extended its helping hands to the children who were deeply impacted due to COVID pandemic.

Strategies:

- **Mapping of the Vulnerable families and the children for the support:** Foster/ Kinship Families and vulnerable families in the program receive support in obtaining an income for the whole family and for taking care of the foster children. Holistic development plan for vulnerable children is prepared in which the wishes and potentials of the child have been discussed with the child and the family, and where possible, is taken into account.

- **Families receive parenting support to be able to create a safe environment for the children:** Trainings are provided to the families and care givers on childcare, good parenting, parenting skills, child marriage prevention etc.

- **Identification, linkage and support to vulnerable girls:** Identification of such girls who are on the verge of getting married at an early age "Child Marriage / Early Marriage" and linking such girls with schools for pursuing higher education or vocational training.

- **Training and strengthening the VLCPC / WCPC / PRIs through regularizing their monthly meeting:** Meetings with VLCPC at the Anganwari Centre in different villages is carried out, discussing on serious issues mainly related to children such as child marriage, child trafficking, child labour, how to deal with COVID, education, health, etc. Through which we expected to achieve co-operation in working for children and creating a conducive environment with them especially during COVID. Also, helped families and children to connect with as many schemes as.

- **Cooperation with schools and teachers giving special attention to the needs of vulnerable children and foster children.**

- **Case Intervention through Child line (1098) Services.**

- **Networking and liaisoning with Government and like minded organizations:**

To reach the above-stated changes, the activities employed are:

- **Training and strengthening the VLCPC / WCPC / PRIs through regularizing their monthly meeting:** Meetings with VLCPC at the Anganwadi Centre in different villages is carried out on regular basis, discussing on serious issues mainly related to children such as child marriage, child trafficking, child labor, education, health, etc. Through which we expect to achieve co-operation in working for children and creating a conducive environment. Also, through VLCPC / WCPC / PRIs, Sf tries to help families and children to connect with as many as possible Government schemes.

- **Life skills and agency building of adolescents:** A Series of customized training sessions on building agencies, life skills, and leadership organized for adolescent girls and peer leaders by community mobilisers trained in community engagement and specific topics. Special annual events like winter camps, learning, and exposure visits are organized to make learning practical and expose these girls to the outer world and its diversity in a safe setting.

- **Increased enrollment and retention in the schools:** Sensitize and activate School Management Committees (SMCs) to ensure universal enrolment of adolescent girls: The SMC members will be sensitized for linking adolescents to schools, conducting IPC with parents whose girls dropouts, developing adolescent-friendly standards in schools. Ensure strict implementation of the Right to Education (RTE), etc.

- **Arrange regular Parents Teachers meetings and counsel parents** whose children are out of school on some or other pretext. After the eighth standard, high dropouts amongst adolescent girls have been a trend due to schools' distance and lack of quality education. School dropout girls either fall into unsafe migration or early marriages. So, these girls will be linked to quality education, appropriate skill-building opportunities, or both. Providing needed support to dropout girls after analyzing their situation through home visits and feedback from SMCs to help them continue their education.
Family strengthening through direct livelihood support to family or linking them with existing schemes and government programs.

Eco-system development: Involve adolescents and young boys to sensitize them and build their capacity to look at issues from a feminist lens. Parent-child meetings and dialogue to break the communication barrier.

Frontline workers (AWWs, Sahiyas, and Panchayat representatives) engaged to mutually decide and allot community-level spaces for adolescents to sit once a week to discuss their concerns and ideas (Feminist platform).

Interaction with religious leaders on issues like child marriage.

Achievements

- 11 ACC family was connected to the PACS through which they got paddy seeds free of cost.
- To overcome the mental health concerns faced by girls during COVID, 192 girls in 28 villages were connected through WhatsApp groups and online counselling was provided by trained facilitators through conference calls and individual sessions.
- During COVID constant contact was made through normal and conference calls with 360 Adolescent girls and 90 Adolescent boys members, in which necessary information was disseminated regarding the protection against COVID-19.
- 780 Adolescent girls and 180 Adolescent boys were oriented through meetings in small groups about COVID by providing necessary information and a hygienic kit in which sanitary pads, masks, soaps, sanitizers, COVID awareness pamphlets were distributed to protect against COVID-19.
- Behavioural and perspective changes were observed in 65 Adolescent boys as they became aware of their role against domestic work in their households, and community level-at-large, creating a violence-free environment.
- 25 dropout Adolescent girls and 15 Adolescent boys have been enrolled and regularized in the nearest school.
- 13 girls had been enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School, 4 girls in Government school.
- 48 adolescent girls were connected to DDU-GKY training in which 25 girls are working independently.
- During the lockdown, 160 families were trained and cultivated sack farming and kitchen gardens.
- 820 adolescent girls and adolescent boys were given assistance in online registration and taking COVID Vaccination.
- Total 18 social and legal interventions were carried out in domestic violence, and child marriage cases.
- A total of 197 needy families were identified (After school closure) during COVID, and they were provided dry rations, masks and rice from Mukhiya Fund and Public Distribution System Shop.
- 3 children who became orphans due to covid were linked with sponsorship.
- The families of 193 migrant labourers were supported by providing them with dry ration (pulses, rice, oil, soap, soybeans, spices, salt, hygienic kit).
- 9 children were enrolled in schools.
- 33 vulnerable families have been sanctioned with PMAY.
- 20 families have been identified for IGA (Income Generation Activity) and 9 families have been supported with Goatary.
- 17 disabled has been linked with Swami Vivekananda Disability Pension Scheme. Restart 3 children disability pension. That was temporarily stopped from 7 month.
- 10 disabled children has been linked with block to supported try cycle, wheel chair, MR kit, hearing machine, blind stick etc.
- 11 family linked with PDS.
13 SHGs have been assisted to give loans of Rs. 2 lakhs to each group by Bank of India and State bank of India. 10 SHGs have been assisted to give loans Rs. 5 thousand to village organization and also 10 groups have been assisted to give Rs. 15 thousand from Ribalambic fund to each group.

250 families have been supported to provide mask through Mukhya’s fund.

16 families have been linked with local NGO (Vwishya kiran) to reach out to more families through dry ration support.

A total of 391 adolescent girls from 26 adolescent girls groups have been include in meetings that took place in small clusters. Total 89 meeting were conducted with the adolescent groups on various topics such as child marriage, child labour, child trafficking etc.

21 covid affected children linked with sponsorship scheme.

Under Alternative Child Care (ACC):
1. Children Directly reached = 103
2. The number of children indirectly reached = 1010
3. The number of parents Directly reached = 92
4. The number of professional reached = 457
Child Name – Roshan Kumar (Name has been changed)
Age – 06 Years
Child ID – CHRM0005
Family ID – FMRM0002
Father's Name - Late. Raghu Prasad Kushwaha
Mother Name – Anita Devi
Village – Median Chumba, Post – Barka Chumba, Police Station – Giddi A, Block – Mandu, District – Ramgarh

Child's previous family status - The child's father died on 1-05-2021 due to COVID-19. The child's grandfather had died a year ago. The child's father was living in Ranchi for the last two years working here. He was the only earning member of the family. There are now four people in the family. Now there were no earning members in the family, due to which the problem in upbringing of children has arisen. The child's mother and grandmother have suffered a great loss. Those people were the most helpless in time. They did not have any deposit, they did not even have land for farming. They also lack skills to generate income. They did not even have Ration Cards. No Government benefits have been received. There were only two rooms in their house without any toilet facilities. Being around 60 years old, his grandmother can not take care of the child in the house and is involved in household chores. Children go to Anganwadi.

Intervention of Srijan and child line caseworker -:
Home study of his house was done by the case worker. He met the family members and gave them the assurance of standing and cooperating, increased their confidence and slowly brought them to a working state. Soon after, get information about what resources are available and what are not. Case worker helped them to make the birth certificate, Aadhar card and opened a bank passbook.
For education and health care, the child was linked with sponsorship scheme. For their instant food provide ration to Rs.20,000 assistance from Punah Sarkar's Scheme, Family Benefit Scheme
An application for the pension of grandmother and mother was submitted in their social security. The Case worker approached Mukhiya and then the DC Office to facilitate the process of providing housing through PM Awas.

Current Status -: At present all the family members are healthy, their panic has been reduced for livelihood. Anita is doing kitchen gardening along with taking care of her children to generate income. She was added to the SHG and is happy to discuss with other members and income generation is started. To increase her income, she wants to do some work after getting vocational training. The health of her children are fine. Roshan goes to school every day and Raunak goes to the Anganwadi centre.
Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood Promotion

OVERVIEW
Project Reach: More than 3000
Location: 5 districts of Jharkhand:
 a. Hazaribagh
 b. West Singhbhum
 c. Ramgarh
Beneficiary: Women & their families
Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood Promotion

Target beneficiaries: SF is reaching out to the 5000 women farmers directly and 20,000 women farmers indirect beneficiaries including the families of women farmers and Government Institutes (Blocks, PRI, ATMA, NABARD).

Strategy:

- Cadre strengthening to ensure better implementation of classroom and field based practical education of women farmers on sustainable agricultural practices
- Adoption of organic farming protocols.
- Allied practices of livestock management through housing, fodder, vaccination by herbal and organic practices.
- Srijan Foundation with the support of Goonj through the DFW initiative aimed at respecting the dignity of the people by offering to undertake developmental activities for their own villages through a dignified work in return of ration or clothes.

Achievements

- Traditional varieties of seeds are stored to be used during the next season
- Women Farmers learnt Creepers plantation through "Machan Technique"
- Line sowing technique introduced to the women farmers after taking a practical session on seed selection, grading and treatment.
- Initiation of Safe Nursery in maximum households
- Nutrition gardening started by women farmers of almost all the households in the Targeted villages.
- Potato cultivation through POP method has helped in enhancing the income
- 400 families have prepared bamboo storage and learnt about the prevention of their vegetables such as potatoes from getting rotten.
- Line sowing of pigeon pea pulses so as to ensure regularized consumption of pulses in the households
- Enhanced production of maize through Line sowing technique.
- Women Farmers were introduced to SRI technique and witnessed the enhanced production of rice and therefore the women farmers adopted this technique for rice cultivation ensuring bumper production.
- Women Farmers are ensuring food and nutrition security by adopting Mixed Farming comprising of various nutritious crops.
- 650 participants along with SHGs received "Seed Grant" for livelihood planning in 21 different villages of Manoharpur block, West Sighbhum through Trickle Up.
- 321 Project participants named as Ultra poor under "Trickle Up" were distributed Mobile phones in 27 villages of Manoharpur block, West Sighbhum.
- 428 participants from 13 villages in Manoharpur block, West Sighbhum received cooking stoves, through Trickle Up.
- Mobile number of more than 500 participants were recharged in 21 villages of Manoharpur block, West Singhbhum.
- 50 SHGs were strengthened again after COVID, plus their savings accounts were opened by the help of Srijan Foundation members under Trickle Up.
- Increment in the usage of Organic pesticides rather than chemical pesticides by women farmers.
- Women Farmers are trained in the Preparation of organic pesticides (Neemastra, Brahmastra, Agniastra) and has regularized its usage.
- Preparation of organic fertilizers and regular usage by women farmers resulting into sustainable agriculture.
- NPM shop is motivating the villagers to prepare the organic pesticides, store and use the same.
- Ensuring food security by regularizing the consumption of green vegetables grown through the sack farming practice by using waste water from the households.
• Establishment of low cost Community Nursery making people aware about nursery preparation through the protocols of safe nursery at the lowest cost and is affordable for the farmers.
• **Drudgery Reduction:** SF has supported 12 families with vegetable weeder which is ensuring to reduce the field level drudgery of the women farmers.
• **Linkages with Government schemes:**
  1. 72 families have been linked with the Birsa Munda Mango Plantation scheme
  2. 172 Pucca Vermin Compost shed and NADEP shed started with the linkage with MGNREGA
  3. 1,100 families have been linked with MGNREGA for preparing Nutrition Garden at their households who have been supported with an amount of Rs. 12,000/- each.
  4. 11 women farmers have been supported for plantation through mulching technique from the District Horticulture Office (DHO)
  5. 300 families have been linked with Mukhyamantri Dal Bhaat Yojana (Mukhyamantri Didi Kitchen Yojana)
  6. 270 families have been linked with the PDS scheme
  7. 107 families have been linked with the Tatijhariya block for ration support
  8. 42 PVTG families have been linked with Mukhyamantri Dal Bhaat Yojana and the Ichak, Tatijhariya and Daru blocks
  9. The Health Department has been supported with 12000 masks prepared by the VO supported by Srijan Foundation to be distributed in the communities during the lockdown
Background:
Sombari Purty lives with a family of Sixth in Mathburu Village within Gangda Panchayat in Manoharpur Block of West Singhbhum District in Jharkhand. Her Family relies mostly on Labour Activity for their diets and livelihood. She is a woman who has been actively engaged with self-help groups and has worked with Srijan Foundation and Tickle Up on MPOWERED Project for the last 2 Years and she had participated with accordingly. Though her previous experience was not overtly successful she was open to joining with us under the MPOWERED Program intervention. The Reason for her intrigue in the program was due to the nature of her family’s diet.

Sombari Mentioned that prior to joining the program her family’s diet lacked diversity and consisted mostly of the income they could arrange on their business or livestock activities or what they could purchase in the market. Regarding small enterprise and Gotary practices, this meant mostly applied for Loan in SHG and started as well. Sombari further noted that relying on the market for food can be costly; thus, their family could not expand their diets through the market.

Intervention and Results:
Sombari Purty is a resident of village Mathburu in Manoharpur block of West Singhbhum district in Jharkhand. They have a nuclear family and the family’s main source of livelihood is the migration for work as wage labor. A key intervention through the MPOWERED Program is distributing seed grant amounts as 2300 Rs and Covid Relief Kit for 800 Rs. These seed grants are meant to increase food diversity in the diets of the participating families and reduce reliance on the market for introduced vegetables.

According to Sombari, the seed grant has been impactful for her family and her village. She began participating in the project in July of 2018. After that, She has taken a loan the amount of 50,000 Rs for the purpose of starting small cosmetic shops in her locality. And she finally started as and continuing in present as well as. Every Tuesday, in the Timra bazaar, she has been seen to her shops and sells the items, and rest of the day, she has been seen to her items for sale to door in surrounding villages. She brought her items from the seller in rupees of 4000 Rs and on those items was sell in 5000 Rs. The initial batch of Goatery and Poultry have since grown into a beautiful and diverse activity for Livelihood.

Earlier, she brought two goats, one male, and another female for the amount of 2000 Rs per Goat, and also brought two hens one male and another female for the amount of 200 Rs. One year later, she sells the 10 Hens in rupees of 450 Rs/per Hens and 2 Goats for the rupees of 5000/per Goats.

Now she has 10 Goats and 15 Hens in now present. The goat shed, which adjoins their house, consists merely of a roof made from bamboo sticks. “We are aware that goat rearing can be profitable and, therefore, we wish to purchase more goats, she was not aware of the scope or benefits of POP APPLICATION for easy access of the information on vaccination and de-worming in goats in her home, and said that if it were known to earlier, she could perhaps have saved its goats and hens from dying. He also mentioned that they have been unable to continue with their children’s education in eariler because of the lack of funds. But now she has been stable and made her identity and also increase her income that why she continuing her children's education as well.

Future Plans:
As a part of the project, Sombari and all participants are encouraged to Diversified livelihood for engaged in many more income generating activities with other households to increase food diversity and raised income within the whole village. Make group and Do Something Big and proper maintenance of their activities will allow this intervention to be sustainable for the foreseeable future.
Project Reach: 7000
Location: 6 districts of Jharkhand:
   a. Gumla
   b. Hazaribagh
   c. West Singhbhum
   d. Ramgarh
   e. Pakur
   f. Ranchi
Beneficiary: Children, Adolescent Girls and Boys, Young Women and Women groups like SGGs
**Health**

**Target Beneficiaries:** Almost all the Projects under Srijan Foundation is directly or indirectly related with the Health. It covers beneficiaries like Children, Adolescent Girls, Young Women, Female Sex Workers (FSW) and Migrants within the communities.

**Strategy:**

1. **Project PRERNA:**
   - Project PRERNA is one among such initiative of Conexus foundation in partnership with Bharat Serums and Vaccines to “Create Awareness of Frontline Health Workers on RH blood factor in the state of Jharkhand”.
   - Through this program, SF team is taking the initiative to “Create Awareness about Institutional Delivery, Importance of knowing own blood group and mother & child health related to RH incompatibility, risk associated with it and importance of being under the consultation of the doctor for its prevention”.
   - The Program had focused on "Awareness and Facilitation Campaign for Women of reproductive ages between 20 and 40 years in the state of Jharkhand”.

2. **Jwala Shakti Samuh (JSS):**
   - **Establishment of Help Desk:** Help Desk is the medium to reach out to the Female Sex Workers (FSWs) and Counsel them related to Mental Health and any kind of Violence faced by FSWs.
   - Interface with Government Functionaries
   - JSS Project focuses on Empowering FSWs to get basic education through different training such as Legal Awareness Programs so as to educate and sensitize them about their Rights and Entitlements.

3. **GAATW :**
   - To ensure that the Migrants get their Rights and ensure their participation in the Gram Sabha.
   - Creating a platform through the Resource Center so that the people of the community, especially women, can get information about Government Schemes, various Laws, Policies and get benefits of the same.

4. **Adolescent Program:**
   - **Education through Training and Awareness Programs:** Educating Adolescents and Young Women through different Training and Awareness Programs related to Menstrual Health and Hygiene, Nutrition, Contraceptives, Sex Education, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR).
   - **Linkages:** Linking AGYWs with VHNDs (Village Health & Nutrition Day), AGs are provided information related to menstrual health and hygiene through VHND by Sahiya and Sevika. And, YWs are provided important information related to Family Planning, Contraceptives, Health & Nutrition and providing Iron Pills and other important medicines to the young women group in the community.

5. **WHP (World Health Partners):**
   - Community engagement activities with the stakeholders related to FSWs and Trafficking Survivors
   - Contacting FSWs and Survivors of Trafficking
     1. Marking of hot spots
     2. Line Listing and Screening of FSWs and Survivors of Trafficking
   - Counseling of FSWs and Survivors of Human Trafficking on COVID 19 & MH
   - Referral services for high-end counseling (services at RINPAS or CIP / or district health facility)
   - Gender based violence related counseling
   - Communication material development for FSWs with WHP (rights, schemes, GBV & MH)
6. DKA Project:
- Mobilization and meetings with the AGYWs on Health and Nutrition.
- Capitalizing upon existing platforms like VHND, SHGs, Mothers Committee meetings to sensitize women, newly wedded couples etc. on health related issues particularly SRHR, and the importance of nutrition.
- Organizing important events related to health like Menstrual Cleanliness Campaign, International Menstruation and Hygiene Day, Nutrition week , etc.

7. HCL Project:
- Practicing Nutrition Garden so as to support pregnant woman for 1000 days Nutrition Cycle and the family from hunger and malnutrition.
- Using organic fertilizers and pesticides which helps in maintaining the fertility of the soil and helps in the growth of chemical free vegetables and improves the health of the people positively.

Achievements

- Nutrition week was organized by Srijan Foundation in 8 villages on 1,2,8,9,10 September 2021 with the Adolescents and Anganwadi works Sevika and Sahiya. The purpose of celebrating the Nutrition week was to aware all the adolescents with the topics of Nutritional diet, Nutrition and Health. It was informed that the lack of nutrition usually causes anemia and malnutrition if they do not follow the proper nutritional diets in their daily food intakes. During this program, the adolescents themselves identified the nutritous vegetables that are available in and around the available nutritious food.
- A total of 104 adolescent girls and 6 Sevika Sahiya participated in the Nutrition Week program.
- Information provided by Sahiya about the importance of iron tablets to the adolescent girls.
- Adolescent girls were given information about anemia and other related issues.
- 38 monthly meetings were held with a total of 18 women’s groups. In that 320 women participated. Women were given information about social issues including nutrition and health.
- Organized health and nutrition day (VHND) in 16 villages, around 180 members participated and got well informed.
- More than 150 women participated in the Panchayat level meetings like the Gram sabha, Aam sabha and “ Yojana Banao Abhiyan”. 15 newly married young women were identified during the meeting and were encouraged to participate in the SHGs and VHNDs. Here they were informed about reproductive health, immunization, and various government schemes.
- Menstrual cleanliness campaign was conducted with the objective to remove the misconceptions/myths about menstruation in the society as well as to give them correct information about menstruation so that people can break the silence about menstruation in the society. To spread awareness about 50 teenagers, young women and service providers from different communities were involved in this campaign.
- Online International Menstruation and Hygiene Day program was organized on 28.5.2021 in which about 37 teenage girls and young women from 25 villages participated.
- A total of 387 monthly meetings were organized by the SF team members regularly with 42 adolescent group members in 28 villages of Mandu block, in which 770 adolescent girls and young women participated. Meeting included the members of adolescent group who discussed about social issues such as child marriage, child rights including health and nutrition.
Introduction:
Far from the Hazaribag district, in the distance of 40km, there is a village Sijhua, which comes under block Tatijhariya, panchayat-Khaira. It is situated at a distance of 5km from Khaira and in the middle of a forest. In which 100% SC, ST (Manjhi) caste are residing, here 42 families, 35 homes, and 210 population are living.

Past Situation
In the AWC of village Sijhua, every month the video show of the nutrition garden is regularly (1-8 video) shown by the members and CRP of Srijan foundation. In the month of October, the video of dangerous signs of pregnancy has been noticed. On that day after seeing the video, Basanti Devi, Pandri Devi, Muniya Devi, Kanchan Devi, Talo Devi along with other villagers told that, whatever they saw in the video, such services are never provided in this village, and neither ANM has come, before 10 months she had come and given an injection to a child after that she has never come.

Complain and Demand by the Community:
After seeing the video show, which was shown by Srijan foundation in village Sijhua, Basanti Devi and 5 other women of the community complaint that, in my village, neither vaccination has been done nor ANM comes and not even we get any information. They demanded that such services must be provided in our village, due to lack of facilities we remain sick, and many children are dead in lack of treatment. Pregnant women also cannot do any checks up due to this dead child were born, before a few months.

The intervention of the Srijan Foundation
After hearing about the matter of Basanti Devi and the community that, in Sijhua village services are not provided. Srijan foundation took an action immediately. The matter was brought in front of the block in-charge health officer, he said that on the last day of every month they do a monthly meeting with all staff of hospitals. This month on 30th there is a meeting, come on that day.

On 30th October 2018, a member of the Srijan foundation took participated in a meeting along with hospital staff. There the problems faced by the villagers of Sijhua related to health issue was brought in front of all staff, there 4 pregnant women, 10 babies, and 10 mothers having babies are in this village and these beneficiaries are not getting any services. In meeting the block in-charge health officer Dr. Girish Verma decided and said to ANM to provide every month all services there, and said that no home delivery should be there in Sijhua village.

After finishing the block level meeting the block in-charge health officer Dr. Girish Verma gave the letter to ANM Pratima Narayan to start the regular vaccination in Sijhua village.

Present Situation
Today at Sijhua, every month regular vaccination of kids, check-up of pregnant women, family planning, and all types of services are given to every beneficiary. Now all facilities related to health care are available in Sijhua village. All pregnant women are going to the hospital for delivery. Home delivery is seen more in that area, and villagers are taking advantage of family planning.
COVID Activities

Relief work was being done by Srijan at the time of COVID, in which we were talking to everyone in the community and trying to know about their needs. We met a Migrant Labour Maulit from Bangura Village (Palkot, Gumla), during the conversation Maulit asked for co-operation for alternative employment and said that I have a shop, but if you support a little more capital in it, then we can increase our employment further. On behalf of Srijan, whatever materials were needed for making Dhuska (rice, lentils, besan, salt, turmeric, spices, potatoes, onions) were supported.

In the beginning, goods of 2,000 (two thousand) were bought to them from SF. Today Maulit earns 500 to 600 rupees daily from the same shop. Along with this, she has also increased the items of her shop, now she also sells rice and chicken (on the order of the customer), due to which her customer has also increased and her income has also increased. She says that if my shop runs like this, then we will open the hotel in the coming time.

During COVID community girls were facing a lot of mental health problems as schools were closed and they were at home all the time and had to face issues like Child Marriage, early pregnancy, domestic violence, etc. To overcome the mental health concerns faced by girls during COVID, 192 girls in 28 villages were connected through WhatsApp groups and online counselling was provided by trained facilitators through conference calls and individual sessions.

During COVID constant contact was made through normal and conference calls with 360 Adolescent girls and 90 Adolescent boys members, in which necessary information was disseminated regarding the protection against COVID-19.

During COVID 780 Adolescent girls and 180 Adolescent boys were oriented about COVID protection measures by providing necessary information through meetings in small groups and a hygienic kit in which sanitary pads (to girls), masks, soaps, sanitizers, COVID awareness pamphlets were distributed to protect against COVID-19.
COVID Activities

During COVID 160 families were trained in sac farming and cultivated vegetable crops through sack farming and kitchen gardens. The training built interest to more than 50 families and they regularly attend trainings and are adopting the process of these type of cultivation.

During COVID a total of 197 needy families were identified, and they were provided dry rations, masks and rice from Mukhiya Fund and Public Distribution System Shop.

With the help of stakeholders identified the vulnerable children whose families got effected by COVID and connected to the Government Scheme such as sponsorship scheme, PDS scheme, Swami Vivekananda Yojana, enrollment of children in schools etc. During COVID the Government Institutions like Panchayats, Blocks, Districts were linked to the scheme and a better environment was created for the children. 21 covid affected children linked with sponsorship scheme.

30 children’s family were helped by dry ration during COVIOD period.

Total of 820 adolescent girls and adolescent boys were given assistance in online registration and helped in taking COVID Vaccination.

Total 18 social and legal interventions were carried out in domestic violence, and child marriage cases.
Sanitary pads and masks distributed to 275 adolescent girls.

More than 3000 families reached out in distribution of Dry ration within the communities in different Districts like Ramgarh, Gumla, Hazaribagh, West Singhbhum, Ranchi.
Important Events

International Women’s Day Celebration at Hazaribagh
"Theme: Break The Bias"

16 Days Activism
ANM training on RH (-)ve Incompatibility at Manoharpur

AWW training on RH (-)ve Incompatibility at Manoharpur (CDPO Office)

Sahiya training on RH (-)ve Incompatibility at Manoharpur (CDPO Office)

Block Level Cook stove distribution to Smart Sakhi
Cook Stove Distribution to Smart Sakhi Group in different villages of Manoharpur block, West Singhbum

Taap Assessment by Tata Communications to Srijan’s Staff and PP in Block Conference Hall

Taap Assessment by Tata Communications team in Duiya village
Women Farmers trained in Organic farming, Machan farming and Sac farming (Ichak Block, Hazaribagh). More than 50 Women farmers are practicing the same at their houses.
Media Coverage

Engagements that were recognised

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