



SATHEE

(SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT IN TRIBES, HEALTH, EDUCATION & ENVIRONMENT)

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INTRODUCTION

Mahatma Gandhi's last man philosophy remains been the guiding to team of **SATHEE** (Society for Advancement in Tribes, Health, Education and Environment) since its inception. Since last 24 years, **SATHEE** has been focusing those fractions of community, which have been surviving amidst isolation, oppression, and exploitation along with acute poverty-stricken conditions for a long time.

The initiation of this organization was from the executed major research project entitled "Ecological Survey of Paharia Community in Santhal Pargana" in the years 1988-91 at that time it was the part of Bihar, but it got its formal shape on 11th April 1996 with the conviction of societal transformation through long-term and empowering initiatives.

During the execution of the above research project, the team had successfully explored various existing problems of primitive and so called degenerating Paharia Tribe of the Rajmahal Hills and lower genetic areas of Santhal Pargana along with the other tribal community residing in and around the Rajmahal hill range of Santhal Parganas.

People's participatory process protection and restoration of people's aspirations and revitalization of local/indigenous technology in value added version along with beliefs in community capacities are the key operational principles of team members of **SATHEE**. Team also believes in transparency, joint responsibility, honesty and foresightedness through which greater task can be made easier. Besides above the basic thoughts of team is to motivate people to initiate sustainable development process leading towards better standard of life and prosperity as to transmit from one generation to another. Empowerment of deprived and unjust society with the help of above principles, values, thoughts, **SATHEE** has been performing with a clear perspectives of the benefits of oppressed, poverty stricken, disadvantaged sector of society specially the vulnerable sector of referral community in which women and children have been given priority.

Vision of SATHEE

Sustainable and dynamic development of suffering and excluded community in the periphery.

Hunger free society, just society equitable sharing among the peoples and ensuring the transparent governance are the key values and strong ladder to move towards the above vision.

Mission of SATHEE

Socio-economic empowerment of tribes, OBCs and other socially and economically oppressed community including the women, children and other disadvantaged groups through their capacity building and ensuring provisions meant for them.

Objectives of SATHEE

- ▶▶ To start the process of sustainability leading toward self-reliance using available local resources and identified skills.
- ▶▶ To build up the capacity for the maximum utilization of local skills for its best use as to aware the people regarding health, nutrition and hygiene.
- ▶▶ To start certain need based income generation programme especially for the unemployed and vulnerable sector of the society.



- ▶ To initiate appropriate and sustainable land and water management practices for the targeted sections of the society with the local and traditional perspectives.
- ▶ To aware and empower the community to realize their entitlements, provisions and other accessibility as per the govt. norms and constitution.

In fact **SATHEE** came into existence through peoples demand and dedicated to change the scenario of the struggling society. Team of **SATHEE** is totally dedicated to the people of the area and its role has been facilitators apart from a sensible watchman.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF SATHEE



SATHEE actively work in whole Santhal Pargana region, Jharkhand and Bihar in below intensive area

District	Block	Village		
		Paharia tribes	Other tribes	Other community
Godda	Sunderpahari	42	15	05
	Poriyahat	00	20	15
	Godda	05	10	41
	Mahagama	00	08	32
	Pathargama	00	12	21
	Boarijore	56	40	16
Sahebgunj	Borio	20	32	16
	Barheit	10	02	--



	Mandro	10	12	-06
	Udhwa		10	24
Dumka	Ramgarh		10	--
Pakur	Littipara	20	15	08
Purnea(Bihar)	Jaalgarh,kaswa	00	6	32
	Total	156	147	127

MAJOR INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN-

- CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT'S EMPOWERMENT- PROTECTION, SURVIVAL DEVELOPMENT
- EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN – GENDER RELATED ISSUES
- LIVELIHOOD AND FOOD SECURITY
- HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY
- WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE - SECURITY
- NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

A. CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS' EMPOWERMENT -PROTECTION, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

It has been seen that the children of the primitive Paharia and other tribal communities mostly dropped out after primary education among which the girl children between 6-18 years are more in numbers. Birth registration, routine immunization, ante and post-natal care, safe delivery and other related problems which are directly or indirectly related to the child rights are quite ignorant in the area since a long time. Especially the girl children and adolescents suffering various kinds of atrocities within families and out of the families. Also noticed that lots of girl children including tribal girls getting married before appropriate age of 18 or above and the percentage of these girls are 64 % in general whereas in the PVTGs it is more than 75 %. Migration with trafficking also have been the issues in the operational area and engulfing more than 100 adolescents and women every year.

Therefore, to ensure rights of children and empowering the adolescents below initiatives have been undertaken by the organization this year-

1. **Strengthening the local ICDS based pre-schooling**-In this regard 48 ICDS centers have been strengthened through providing capacity building support, provisioning of teaching and learning materials along with sports arrangement through creating a model initiative. In this regard the Mata- Samities of the respective ICDS have been capacitated with proper monitoring tools to monitor the functioning of the ICDS functioning.
2. **Mainstreaming of children to formal Education:** -Through the continuous initiatives of the organization along with empowered Gram Sabhas, Women forums and other alliance emerged in the area have protected the Development Rights of the Children in the tribal dominated blocks of Godda, Pakur, Dumka, Deoghar and Sahibganj Districts. During the period of one year 456 children enrolled in the govt. primary schools between the age group of 6–18 years.
3. **Capacity building to School management Committees:** - SMCs started to monitor the different development activities, institution and act upon accordingly and now under the preparation of school development plans. The local gram sabhas also supporting and monitor the School Management Committees formed under Right to Education act 2009. Through these



Acts and provisions, the accessibility of the Gram Sabhas and community members to the schools and its functioning has increased drastically at various levels.



4. **Strengthening of MODEL VILLAGES** - This year in the whole Santal pargana 32 villages have been selected for the model villages to ensure the child related facilities in these villages. The actions on it still continue.
5. **Organizing SHIKSHA EVAM POSHAN YATRA**-In this regard 15 days long YATRA was organized with the support of local functionaries leaders along with the local PRIs to sensitize them on the issue of education and along with role of different community people.
6. **Strengthening of Village Health and nutrition Committees (VHNCs):** -This year also through the various Capacity Building Training and awareness meetings related to health issues during the period, again 92 Village Health & nutrition Committees (VHNCs) have been strengthening in the core operational areas of SATHEE. These committees have been taking benefit of referral services and other health facilities also become accessible to the vulnerable especially children and pregnant women. VHNCs also actively participating in the NH day, polio immunization and also supporting SAHIYAS for institutional delivery at certain places.
7. **Activation of AWCs**- During the period of one year 12 AWCs have been activated (other than model) with the support of local volunteers and federation members. Our staffs and few cadres also provided support to these AWC staff to regularize the whole process.
8. **Immunization of children taken place:** - Due to the lack of awareness and poor accessibility of the community to the govt. PHC, sub centers large numbers of children have been exposed to various diseases which ultimately increasing the children and infant mortality rate. Through the initiatives of Village Health & nutrition committees, Gram Sabha and their linkages with the health institution 80-90% new children immunized through routine immunization. This year the local Lions club also supported in the mission.



9. **Adolescent empowerment through different actions to reduce the child marriage** -This year with the support of UMANG initiatives big initiatives have been taken to empower the



adolescents across the district in which more than 18000 adolescents directly targeted through actions such as organizing group education activities lashed with robust training modules with gender, legal issues, common efforts, leadership process, lifeskills education and along with other activities such as school sessions ,community sessions and also sports session. This resulted in to drastic reduction in child marriages to the extent of 16 % across the district in our operational area. The school enrolment also increased to 26 % in real sense where as the drop out reduced to the extent of 12%. The practice of menstrual hygiene among the adolescents also increased a lot to the extent of 72% at the community level and school going girls



10. **Growth Monitoring of children**-During the period growth monitoring ensured in all 45 model AWCs in which 18 severely mal nourished children have been supported through referral to MTC in the blocks.
Through our initiatives also growth monitoring also done in 23 villages in which more than 450 children taken under consideration on periodic basis. The children with severe malnourished and malnourished taken care by the community and the local health institutions. In this regard more than 45 children have referred to MTC during the year to protect them early deaths.
11. **Organizing KUPOSHAN MUKTI YATRA** –This year 7 days long KUPOSHANMUKTI YATRA to protect the children from malnutrition have been done with the gram sabha members, cadres and govt officials, In this regard the Local Deputy Commissioner has inaugurated the yatra. This yatra has covered more than 12GPs, nearly 109 villages under 6 blocks of the Godda districts.
12. **Campaign against child marriage and trafficking** - In this regard with the support of adolescent groups which have been formed in 109 villages, campaign was initiated to protect the girl children especially the PVTGs and other marginalized girls from the early marriage and frequent trafficking. These groups have been oriented to avoid the child marriage. These adolescent groups prevented 345 child marriages in the respective communities along with supported the girls to prevent and protect them from trafficking and physical exploitation

B. EMPOWERING THE WOMEN OF THE OPERATION AREA- GENDER AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES

1. **Capacity building training to women forum on malnutrition related issues**-In this regard 3 day training to leaders of women forums were organized in 2 blocks in which 360 or more women participated from 14 forums and 2 federations. In this capacity building training discussions were held on nutrition during and after pregnancy and neonates discussed at length. These training resulted in to the improved BMI of the women and its children in the community to the extent of 20-22 % in the community.
2. **Skill training to the women on slope area treatment along the hills**- Through the support



of NABARD, this year also a capacity building training for the PVTG women is organized in which more than 112 women participated.

In this training programme local tribal women got training how to regenerate the plants and others along the hills.

3. **Organizing the meeting of bungalow level Damin Mahila sangha-** In this regard 1 meeting is organized in which more than 78 women leaders participated. In these meetings following things were discussed-
 - Child marriage and trafficking issues in the region.
 - Girl child dropout from the schools and its mainstreaming.
 - Proper functioning of health, nutrition and educational institutions.
 - Improving the economic situation.

Through the effort a woman has been 16 recovered from different trafficked sites with the help of local administration and people's organization. These women have been supported by WSHG and Gram Kosh to stay at her home comfortably through the decision taken by Gram Sabha and different level women federations.

The federation through its effort and with the support of local gram sabha more than 200 families could have been linked with local PDS and tribal pension.

C. FOOD, LIVELIHOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY-

SATHEE has taken initiatives to ensure the food, nutrition and livelihood security among the most marginalized sections among the community. During the current year few major actions taken under this are as below-

1. **Community based food and nutritional security plans preparation** - In this regard this year 112 communities - based **FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY** plans have been prepared with the support of local gram sabha to take the sustained action on malnutrition among the PVTGs and other tribal community in the operational area. It has been submitted to the local officials for its realization through the effort of its gram sabhas and their federations. Through the different tracking mechanisms it has been found that nearly 32% of the planned actions could be realized such as water resource conservation, linkage with govt. programmes, institutional functioning etc.
2. **Promotion of nutrition Garden (POSHAN WADIS) through community efforts** - During this year more than 336 nutrition gardens have been promoted by the community and respective families with full of nutrition-based plants and products. Through this garden till date more than 1200 kgs of vegetables are sold in local market and community with in to enhance the nutrition-based livelihood situations. Through such initiatives 117 pregnant and lactating mothers along with more than 2000 children and adolescents could be protected from malnutrition.
3. **Revival of traditional Agriculture along the hills**-To ensure the livelihood and food security among the PVTGs in the operational area, SALT agriculture promoted along the hills slope to revive the degenerated lands and traditional crops of the communities of the community. In this regard 60 acres have been regenerated supporting the 200 families. This watershed model also been grounded successfully in the PVTG villages where the economy of more than 150 families have been increased to the extent of 30-40%. Through the traditional cultivation area of Barbatti and bajra also improved to the extent of 62 acres.



4. **Organization of BMI monitoring camps** – This year 44 health and growth monitoring camps were organized in which more than 2400 community people have been examined. After the detection of improper BMI, it has been referred to the local PHCs for proper medication and follow ups.
5. **Poshan Bank creation** - 32 Poshan bank created among the community to support the different deprived families to protect them hunger and malnutrition. In this regard altogether 212 families under the project area have been supported.
6. **Bajra and Kodo cultivation** - This year 22 acres have been regenerated with Bajra where as another 6 acres have been regenerated with KODO MILLET which was extinction from the area since 1980s. The produce amounted to 60KGs which have been deposited in the village POSHAN BANK to support the local community.

D. WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

This year major actions were carried out on the strengthening WASH in the PVTG communities. In this regard 22 water sources have been renovated to ensure the safe drinking water to the PVTG communities. More than 200 families have adapted the hygiene practices among the communities. Community women and adolescents of them also initiated proper menstrual hygiene behaviors. These hygiene and sanitation and related changes behavior resulted in to the decreased diseases incidence among the community .The community also prepared soak pits, garbage pits and also initiated the proper use of the drained water used in the kitchen garden.

Major Achievements

- ▶ During this year more than 480 families have changed the water related hygiene behavior as the family members now use to utilize water pots, hand wash after defecation.
- ▶ Children of 26 schools and 12 AWCs have again been targeted under hygiene practices
- ▶ 6 water sources have been renovated for the safe drinking water in the operational areas under Boarijore block of Godda district where as 22 platforms and others were also repaired in the area for the access to community on safe drinking water.
- ▶ 56 school-based sanitation along with 112 disability friendly toilets constructed and used for the selected disabled families under Dumka district of Santal Pargana.
- ▶ Construction of nearly 350 compost Pits to train the villagers in the method of decomposition of the organic waste material and convert it into usable fertilizer to promote vegetable production in the rural areas ensuring health and economic sustainability.
- ▶ To conserve the rainwater and to mitigate draught situation 3 water harvesting tanks have been renovated through the gram sabha under MREGS. It is expected to cover, more than 100 acres of land have been irrigated to protect the paddy crop from draught.



E. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE-

In this regard following actions have been taken-

1. **Organizing the awareness sessions on the impact of climate change**-During the period of one year 21 awareness sessions at community level organized in which gram sabha based discussions were organized in which more than 300 participants participated.
2. **Creating streams sustainable to draught and other climate issues**-During the period three springs under the hilly areas of Boarijore sustained with boulder bunds to enhance its free-flowing periods to support the community for agriculture and drinking water.
3. **Forest area protection**-With support of the local baisi and gram sabha 56 acres of forest area preserved to restrict the destruction due to external efforts.
4. **Initiating the organic farming** -Through the efforts of community 45 vermi-beds have been created at community level to support the local poshan watika and other BARI land croppings.

Organization of awareness generation camps and capacity building training on ecology, environment and agriculture, NREGS, Adolescents empowerment and WATSAN.

SLNO	NAME OF TRAINING	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	PLACES
1	F&NS plans	156	Boarijore, Godda
2	Traditional agriculture	142	Boarijore,
3	NREGS	367	All 2 districts
6	WATSAN	2048	2 districts
7	Livelihood related	342	1 district
8	Training on adolescent's empowerment-gender, masculinity, work division	3400	Godda and Mahagama blocks of Godda district
10	Training of health workers/FLWS	143	Boarijore and Sunder Pahari
11	Early child hood care and development	332	4 districts
13	SALT Technology-women	69	
12	Capacity building on child marriage and child protection	1107	5 districts
13	Training to master trainers on SMC	34	2 districts
14	Malnutrition related issues to gram sabhas and women groups	562	Boarijore and Sunder Pahari

NETWORK AND ADVOCACY

1. CAMPAIGN FOR RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Campaign for right to education has established in the year 2001 to ensure the right to education and child rights to each and every child of Jharkhand and Bihar. **SATHEE** took the regional leadership in this campaign for the districts of Santhal Pargana. During the period of 2017-2018



Following initiatives and achieved are as below: -

- » Monitoring of schools as per RTE by the local SMC members after their capacity building.
- » Assessment of 13 ICDS for model building and advocated at the state with officials.
- » ECCD policy-final submitted to the minister of WCD
- » Organization of regional level meetings in the Godda and Dumka to initiate the different stake holders on the issue of child right and RTE.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, TRAINING ETC

The different workers of **SATHEE** attended and organized lots of workshops, training, and seminars at various places.

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMMES	ORGANISED BY SATHEE	ATTENDED BY SATHEE
Workshops		
• FoodSecurityrelated	02	02
• GenderIssues	04	01
• Childissues	3	01
• Land&Waterrelated	01	00
• Water and sanitationrelated	00	03
SEMINARS		
• Foodsecurityrelated	00	00
• Childissuesrelated	00	00
TRAINING		
• SkillTraining	23	02
CapacityBuilding	06	02
WomenEmpowermentTraining.	00	00
TrainingonSocialSecuritySchemes.	00	01
Trainingon waterand sanitationand Hygiene	02	09
Orientation on Migration And Trafficking.	01	03
Trainingon health and nutrition.	05	06
TrainingonAntenatalandpost-natal care.	12	9
Trainingon Child rights ingeneral.	01	01
Trainingon gender and adolescents empowerment	06	02



Following documents prepared by the organization-

- Towards sustainable development
- Degrading the corner stones

A part from the above **SATHEE** is also providing support to the district level NGO in formulating project proposals, report writing, preparation of action plan etc. in its possible capacity.