



SATHEE

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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 with in 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 where as 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 this year also 16 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. **Running bridge center and mainstreaming of children to formal Education:** -This year 6 bridge centers were initiated to support the drop out and never enrolled adolescents especially among the PVTG Paharia and other tribal communities under Boarijore and Sunderpahari blocks of Godda districts in which nearly 180 adolescents were enrolled to see their school going process. Till date 60 girls children are ready to enroll in to the formal schooling process,



3. **Capacity building to School management Committees:** - SMCs started to monitor the different development activities, institutions and also acting upon accordingly and now initiated 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. This year with the support of the local administration more than 200 SMCs have been trained after their reorganizing at the community level.
4. **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. The local deputy commissioner and CMO of the Godda have inaugurated the yatra.
5. **Strengthening of Village Health and nutrition Committees/POSHAN SAHAYTA SAMUH (VHNCs):** -This year also through the various Capacity Building training and awareness meetings related to health issues during the period, again 102 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 accessible to the vulnerable especially children and pregnant women. VHNCs also actively participating in the NH day, polio immunization and supporting SAHIYAS for institutional delivery at certain places.
6. **Activation of AWCs-** During the period of one year 6 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.
7. **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.



8. **Adolescent empowerment through different actions to reduce the child marriage** -In the districts of Godda and Pakur, 3000 and more adolescents groups have been trying to strengthen on the basis of laid down the criteria. These adolescents have been taken in consideration with few indicators such as MHM, improved nutrition, reduced drop outs, understanding of gender



norms and creating the groups for further discussions. 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, life skills 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

9. **Growth Monitoring of children**-During the period growth monitoring ensured with support of AWCs in which 45 severely mal nourished children have been supported through referral to MTC in theblocks.

Through our initiatives also growth monitoring also done in 23 villages in which more than 250 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 22 children have referred to MTC during the year to protect them early deaths.

10. **Organizing KUPOSHAN MUKTI YATRA** –This year 7 days long KUPOSHAN MUKTI 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 12 GPs, nearly 109 villages under 6 blocks of the Godda districts.
11. **Campaign against child marriage and trafficking** - This year also 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**-This year also 3 daystraining to leaders of women forums were organized in 2 blocks in which 243 or more women participated from 11 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. **Organizing the meeting of bungalow level Damini Mahila sangha**-In this regard 1 meeting is organized in which more than 52 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 main streaming.
 - Proper functioning of health, nutrition and educational institutions.



- Improving the economic situation.

Through the effort a 6 woman has been 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 32 community 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 1123 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 3200 kgs of vegetables are sold in local market and community with in to enhance the nutrition-based livelihood situations. Through such initiatives 134 pregnant and lactating mothers along with more than 2000 children and adolescents could be protected from malnutrition.
3. **Revival of traditional Agriculture a long 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 72 families. This water shed 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 112 health and growth monitoring camps were organized in which more than 3200 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** -29 Poshan bank created among the community to support the different deprived families to protect them hunger and malnutrition. In this regard altogether 340 families under the project area have been supported.



6. **Bajra and Kodo cultivation**-This year also 22 acres have been regenerated with Bajra where as another 6 acres have been regenerated with KODO MILLET which was extinct from the area since 1980s. The produce amounted to 12 KGs 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 32 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 220 families have changed the water related hygiene behaviors the family members now use to utilize water pots, hand wash after defecation.
- ▶ Children of schools and AWCs have again been targeted under hygiene practices but result not found due to its closure.
- ▶ 3 water sources have been renovated for the safe drinking water in the operational areas under Boarijore block of Godda district where as 12 platforms and others were also repaired in the area for the access to community on safe drinking water.
- ▶ Construction of nearly 110 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 2 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 8 awareness sessions at community level organized in which gram sabha based discussions were organized in which more than 120 participants participated.
2. **Creating streams sustainable to draught and other climate issues**-During the period one 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 32 acres of forest area preserved to restrict the destruction due to external efforts.



4. **Initiating the organic farming** -Through the efforts of community 45 vermin-compost-beds have been created at community level to support the local POSHAN WATIKA and other BARI land cropping.

F. DISASTER RESPONSE AGAINST COVID SITUATIONS-

In this regard following actions have been undertaken-

1. To protect the animals and the pets in the PVTGs area 20 grass land created for the cattle to save and protect their lives. Nearly 2000 cattle and other pets protected through these initiatives.
2. Nearly 20000 PVTGs families fed continuously during lockdown situation from March-May 2020 to protect them from hunger and related atrocities.
3. 12 govt quarantine centers have been supported. In this regard 7000 persons in migrated from various places and reached to the district were supported to a great extent.
4. At community level more than 6000 families have been supported with dry ration, hand sanitizers, masks along with other essential materials up to longer periods.
5. More than 3000 children and adolescents continuously supported through running nutrition and education center in which education and nutrition support have been provided simultaneously.
6. 300 or more selected families have been provided with proper seeds and agriculture support to continue the agriculture in post covid lock down situations.





सामुदायिक किचन के जरिये प्रतिदिन 250 लोगों को कराया जा रहा भोजन

सुन्दरपहाड़ी (एच)। प्रखंड के ग्राम पंचायत पहाड़पुर में मुखिया विनोद शर्मा के दिशे रेख में 9 अर्धीय से सामुदायिक किचन का कार्यक्रम स्थानीय पंचायत भवन में साथी संस्था के सौजन्य से किया गया है। जिसका मुख्य उद्देश्य कोविड 19 के चलते लोक डाउन से प्रभावित अरहाय परिवार, अन्य जरूरत मन्द परिवारों को भोजन कराया सुनिश्चित किया गया है। जिसमें पंचायत के विभिन्न गांव रामपुर, जीतपुर जीकेटीला, लालटोला, धारपुर, महाडपुर परसेरी टोला आदि सभी टोला एवं गांवों के कुल लगभग 250 व्यक्तियों को प्रतिदिन भोजन कराया जा रहा है। कार्यक्रम के 11 वीं दिन विधिवत संचालित कराते हुए कुल 2200 व्यक्तियों को भोजन कराया गया है। साथ ही कोरोना जैसी वैश्विक बीमारी से बचने के लिये आवश्यक निर्देशों का पालन करते हुए प्रति व्यक्ति को सजाजिक दुरी, हाथ धुनाई, मुँह धुक्ना, रोक पाणी आदि आवश्यक सहायपूर्ण काम उढाया जा रहा है। साथ ही इस बीमारी से बचने हेतु जरूरत मन्द 150 परिवारों के बीच स्वच्छता कीट के रूप में साबुन, डिटोल, घास्क, सेनेटाइजर एवं मास्क का वितरण किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम के संचालन में सहायता सुर्भ, अभिसेख, विभाग चंइ, बीरेड कुमार एवं साथी के सभी सहकारकों की जो भारीपारी सरहनीय रहा।

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

SLNO	NAME OF TRAINING	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	PLACES
1	F & N Security plans	111	Boarijore, Godda
2	Traditional agriculture	240	Boarijore,
3	NREGS	123	All 2 districts
6	WATSAN	240	2 districts
7	Livelihood related	526	2 district
8	Training on adolescent's empowerment-gender, masculinity, work division	7000	Boarijore, Sunderpahari Godda and Mahagama blocks of Godda district
09	SALT Technology- community	65	Boarijore
12	Capacity building on child-marriage And child protection	1107	5 districts
13	Training to SMC	120	1district
14	Malnutrition and adolescents' issues related issues to gram sabhas and women groups	356	Boarijore and SunderPahari

NETWORK AND ADVOCACY

- Disaster response related action undertaken virtually.



- CACL meets against child labour.
- Eco-protection and environment regeneration related discussion.
- District based NGO forums meets organized on livelihood and COVID response.
- Participated in clean air campaign at the state and national level -virtually.

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,TRAININGETC (Vertually)

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		
• Food Security related	00	02
• Gender Issues	04	01
• Child issues	00	04
• Land & Water related	00	02
SEMINARS		
• Food security related	00	00
• Child issues related	00	00
TRAINING		
Capacity Building	00	02
Women Empowerment Training.	00	08
Training on Social Security Schemes.	00	01
Training on water and sanitation and Hygiene	00	00
Orientation on Migration And Trafficking.	01	06
Training on health and nutrition.	02	07
Training on Child rights in general.	00	02



Training on gender and adolescents empowerment	06	08
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Following documents prepared by the organization-

- Studies on impact of lock down on tribal community with FXB
- Base line for PVTG and their economic development

Apart 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.