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Annual Report

2025-26

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Executive Summary

On behalf of Banwasi Vikas Ashram, it is our honor to present the Annual Report for the year 2025–26. This year marked a phase of renewal and strengthening, during which several key policy and program-level decisions were undertaken to enhance the overall effectiveness and management systems of the organization.

We are pleased to share that, based on the deliberations and guidance of our Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the organization has further sharpened its focus on critical areas. These include promoting gender equality; eliminating child labour, child trafficking, and child marriage; improving child nutrition and early childhood care for children under five; strengthening livelihoods; ensuring nutrition security and sanitation; and working closely with primitive tribal groups (PVTGs) and adolescent girls. We are also committed to ensuring that PVTG communities have access to their land rights, entitlements, and social justice.

Banwasi Vikas Ashram expresses its sincere gratitude to all our donors, partners, individual supporters, stakeholders, and networking organizations for their continuous guidance and technical support in strengthening our program management processes and achieving meaningful outcomes.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the communities and project participants whose active involvement and cooperation have been central to the successful implementation of our initiatives. We also acknowledge with deep respect the dedication and teamwork of our Board members, project staff, and members of the Program Management Executive Committee, whose collective efforts continue to drive excellence in our work.

With Kind Regards

Suresh Kumar shakti
Secretary

Vision

- To establish an ideal society based on values of liberty, equality, fraternity and Justice; regardless of caste, religion, class and gender discriminations. A caring and Sharing Society based for equitable, socially just, educated and democratic Society.

Mission

- To create confidence among rural people in their empowerment to attain self-reliance, and capacitate them for their well-being through educating them; and also, to initiate remedial measures quickly and strategically to push people's aspiration to optimum level and work for the Integrated Development of the Community

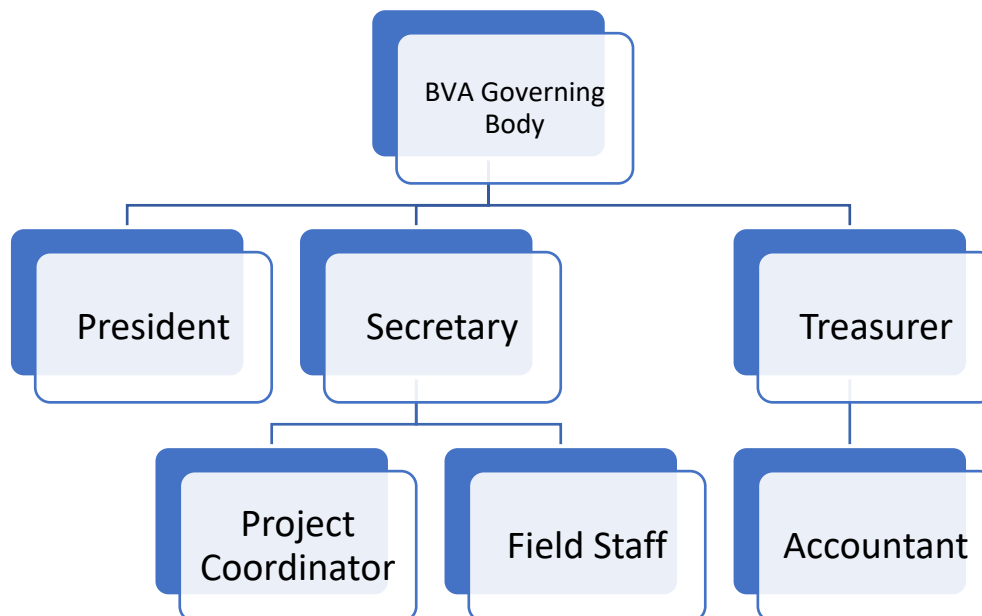
Objective

- To put an effort for the eradication of nation- wide illiteracy and superstitions and to develop farming-based cottage and small industries for the up-liftmen of the rural stacks.
- To empower the socially excluded groups especially women, youths, adolescent Girls and tribal Communities, physically and mentally challenged sections of the society in rural and urban areas to strengthen their socio economic, health, educational, Nutrition and livelihood options, opportunity and way of thinking, especially on the GOOD PRACTICES.
- To work for elimination of child labour and child marriage Climate Change adaption.
- To work for the optimum utilization of the available human, natural and Institutional resources for uplifting underprivileged, unfortunate and deprived communities ensuring Gender equality, Equity and diversity. Through SKILL BUILDING to improve economic status, nutrition security, health status accesses and entitlements for the RIGHTS specially for the women, Girl child, youth, disadvantaged, deprived, and needy segments of village, urban, tribal and primitive tribal's community with multi-stakeholder's partnership.
- To promote and Organize Community empowerment through Information Communication Technology (ICT) for the sustainability of Knowledge-Behaviour-Practices on Child, women rights, gender, sanitation, WASH in schools, nutrition, financial inclusion, adolescent health intervention for the excellence and mainstreaming the deprived community development. To promote and facilitated the Government of India program for Swacha Bharat abhiyan.
- We promote the Government of India/Govt Of Jharkhand's Community development program for the convergence.

Thematic sectors of operations:

- Education
- Livelihood
- Women Empowerment and Gender
- Reproductive and Child Health
- Health and Nutrition security
- Youth Empowerment, e-learning
- Biodiversity Conservation and Environment, sustainability
- Social Inclusion
- WASH & Management of No Open Wastes' (NOW)
- Child labour and early child marriage
- Research Development and other studies like social impact assessment, Formative Studies
- Disaster risk reduction
- Development of Primitive tribal (PVTG)
- strengthening communities and local self-governance institutions

ORGNOGRAM



Activities in the Year 2025-26:

Project name- Access to Justice, Phase-4: Supported by Just Rights for Children (JRFC)

Project Area- The project is being implemented across 150 revenue villages located in Giridih, Koderma, and Jamtara districts of Jharkhand.

Objective- To provide justice to children and spread awareness among communities on child marriage, child trafficking, child labour and child sexual abuse.

Awareness Campaigns:

- We conducted 900 awareness campaigns in 280 schools, communities, and 150 remote villages to educate parents, children, and community leaders about child protection and child rights also aware the community about harmful consequences of child marriage.
- Organized Bal Vivaah Mukti Rath Yatra to raise awareness on child rights and the legal consequences of child marriage.
- Shri Rabindra Nath Mahato, Speaker of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly, Shri Nagendra Mahto, MLA from Bagodar Constituency, and other stakeholders flagged off the *Bal Vivah Mukti Rath*.



Community Engagement:

- We fostered community engagement by establishing Child Welfare and Protection Committees (CWPC) and Bal Manch in villages to monitor and prevent child marriages with the help of PRI Members. 45 CWPC have been established and functioning.
- These committees played a crucial role in creating a protective environment for children.



Rescue and Rehabilitation

- Working closely with local authorities and law enforcement agencies, we successfully rescued 165 children from the risk of forced Labour/trafficking, missing and abduction.
- These rescued children were provided psychological support by BVA, Giridih, and linked them to sponsorship and other government schemes.



Child Marriage-

Total no. of Legal undertaking signed against Child marriage	Legal Action (FIR)	Injunction order
910	5	2

Child Labour/Trafficking –

Children rescued from forced labour/trafficking	Children rescued from missing/abduction	Rehabilitation
129	36	165

Media coverage



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Project name- Improving the livelihood, habitat and culture of Birhor PVTGs in Giridih district.

Supported by- Azim Premji Foundation

Project Area- The project is being implemented across 5 revenue villages and 2 blocks located in Giridih, districts of Jharkhand.

Objective:

To strengthen the livelihood, habitat, and cultural preservation of Birhor PVTG communities in Giridih district by building the capacity of project teams, ensuring effective implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), and facilitating community mobilization. The project aims to enhance awareness among the Birhor community regarding their rights and entitlements, and to improve their access to government welfare schemes, thereby contributing to sustainable and inclusive development.

Key Activities Undertaken During the Period:

Capacity Building:

- Organized 2 training workshops for staff and community cadre and 95 community meetings on the Forest Rights Act, welfare schemes, and participatory planning.
- Built capacities of 5 Gram Sabha members and local leaders on claim filing and entitlement access processes. 4 CFR claim are under process.
- Conducted awareness campaign in all 5 villages and 100 families of the local Birhor community were made aware about relevant social security schemes and entitlements.
- Capacity building sessions were conducted for 5 PRI members (Mukhiyas) on social security and welfare schemes, enhancing their ability to support communities in accessing government entitlements



Community Mobilization:

- Conducted awareness drives in all 5 Birhor PVTG Gram Sabhas to sensitize community members about their rights under FRA.
- Facilitated the formation or strengthening of Forest Rights Committees (FRCs).
- Conducted 5 health camps and Government social security and welfare schemes linkage camps.



Data of people associated with social security and welfare schemes

S.No	Name of Village	Panchayat	Block	No. of people have Aadhar Card	No. of people have Rasha n Card	No. of people have Aayushma n Card	No. of people have Job Card	No. of people have E-shram Card	No. of people have Pension	No. of people have Bank Account No.	No. of people have PM Aawa s Yojna	No. of Family have IFR	No. of CFR have	No. of people have residential Certificate
1	Kala Pathhar Birhortanda	Mandram o West	Suriya	28	52	24	20	17	5	20	5	0	0	27
2	Amnari Birhortanda	Amnari	Suriya	18	6	15	15	0	15	25	9	0	0	29
3	Pipradih Birhotanda	Chichaki	Suriya	18	5	6	6	7	6	28	9	0	0	33
4	Budhachanch Birhortand	Atka East	Bagoda r	45	62	2	15	6	7	70	15	0	0	0
5	Kali Chattan Birhortanda	Dhargulli	Bagoda r	27	15	5	5	7	4	15	15	0	0	0
Total				136	140	52	61	37	37	158	53	0	0	89

Youth Engagement Programme-

Objective:

To empower youth from rural and Birhor communities to actively engage in addressing social issues—particularly child marriage, child labour, health, and hygiene—and to promote positive change within their communities. The programme also aims to build leadership skills among youth and encourage greater community participation.

Programme:

Under the project, 10 youth groups and 45 Child welfare and protection committee were formed through which regular meetings, awareness campaigns, sports activities, and health and hygiene initiatives were conducted. Youth were oriented on child rights, nutrition, education, and social security schemes.

Results:

- Increased active participation of youth in addressing community issues.
- Youth played a significant role in child marriage prevention and awareness campaigns.
- Improved community awareness and behavioural changes related to health, hygiene, and education.
- Enhanced leadership skills and sense of responsibility among youth.
- Improved awareness and access to government welfare schemes within the community.

Engagement with Panchayati Raj Institution:

Program with PRI:

The organization actively collaborated with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, particularly Mukhiyas, through structured capacity-building sessions, Gram Sabha meetings, and community awareness campaigns. PRI representatives were engaged in strengthening village-level child protection systems and facilitating convergence with government welfare schemes.

Objectives:

The key objective of PRI engagement was to strengthen local governance and build the capacity of PRI members to ensure effective delivery of social security and welfare schemes. It also aimed to involve PRI leadership in the prevention of child marriage, child labour, and trafficking, while promoting child rights and community well-being.

Results:

- **5 PRI members (Mukhiyas) were trained** on social security and welfare schemes, enhancing their capacity to support entitlement access at the grassroots level.
- With active PRI involvement, **45 Child Welfare and Protection Committees (CWPCs)** were established and made functional across project villages.
- PRI members contributed to organizing **900 awareness campaigns** across **150 villages and 280 schools**, strengthening outreach on child protection issues.
- Their support helped in identifying vulnerable cases and contributed to the **prevention of child marriages**, with **910 legal undertakings signed** and **5 FIRs registered**.

- PRI facilitation also supported improved linkage of families with welfare schemes such as PDS, pensions, and housing, ensuring better access to entitlements for marginalized communities.

Project name- Pre-school nutrition and education program

Supported by- Jiv Daya Foundation

Project Area- The project is being implemented across 5 revenue PVTG villages (Birhor Tandas) and 2 blocks located in Giridih, districts of Jharkhand.

Objective: Provision of daily Milk to children to prevent Stunting, wasting and underweight children from 6 months to age of 5 years in the villages for 125 children between the age of 6 months to 5 years in the Villages of Pipradih, Amnari, Kala Patthar, Budhachanch and kalichattan District Giridih, Jharkhand.

Key Activities Undertaken During the Period:

Milk & Biscuit Distribution-

- Under the project, children aged 0–5 years in Birhor Tandas enrolled at Anganwadi centres are provided with 150 ml of milk and one packet of biscuits on a daily basis to support their nutrition



Pre-school education-

- Children are provided with one hour of pre-school education daily at Anganwadi centres by volunteers.



Distribution of Uniform and study material-

- Distributed uniform and study material to all enrolled 125 children in the presence of BDO, sariya block.



Distribution of Rashaan kit-

- Distributed 4 kg pulses and 26 kg rice/wheat to 125 families 2 times in a year to improve family nutrition.



Challenges:

- Cultural and societal norms continue to be a major challenge, making it necessary to address root causes and change mindsets over time.
- Limited resources sometimes hindered our ability to scale up our activities.

Conclusion:

Banwasi Vikas Ashram reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the rights and well-being of children and vulnerable communities. The progress achieved this year reflects the strength of collective action and shared responsibility.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, partners, volunteers, and government officials for their continued support. Together, we look forward to advancing our mission and creating a safer, more just, and hopeful future for all.