Banwasi Vikas Ashram

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ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2023-24

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The Secretary's Desk:



On behalf of Banwasi Vikas Ashram, it is an honor to present the Annual Report of the

organization for the year 2023-24. This year marked a phase of renovation and transformation, where critical policy and program-level decisions were made to enhance the overall program management system of the organization.

We are pleased to share that the outcome of the meetings of our Board and Executive Committee led to a focused direction for Banwasi Vikas Ashram. The organization has committed to prioritizing child rights and ensuring that marginalized communities, particularly children, have access to their rights and entitlements. Our core focus areas this year include gender equality, the elimination of child labor, mother and child health, family planning, livelihoods, nutrition security, sanitation, support for primitive tribal people, women-headed families, the girl child, socially excluded groups, marginalized farmers, adolescent girls, and children under 5 years old.

Throughout the year, the organization strengthened key initiatives such as women's self-help groups, farmers' groups, adolescent girls, and expectant and lactating mothers. Priority was given to building their capacity through financial literacy, agricultural and non-agricultural activities, nutrition security, and awareness campaigns on child rights. Additionally, we worked on reducing child marriage, malnutrition, anaemia, and promoted outreach activities for child labor elimination, reproductive health, sanitation, non-formal education, and convergence

This year, Banwasi Vikas Ashram developed comprehensive perspective plans in areas such as livelihoods, gender, health, nutrition, sanitation, education, and skills building, creating a roadmap to move forward in a structured and impactful way. Our targeted interventions were focused on the girl child, women, adolescent girls, farmers, child laborers, children under 5 years of age, and primitive tribal groups.

Banwasi Vikas Ashram expresses its sincere gratitude to our donors, partners, individual supporters, stakeholders, and NGO networks for their guidance and technical support, which have been instrumental in advancing our program management and achieving impactful results. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the community and project participants for their continued cooperation and support in the successful implementation of our initiatives.

Finally, we acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our Board members, project staff, and members of the Program Management Executive Committee for their dedication and teamwork in ensuring program excellence

Warm Regards

Suresh Kumar Shakti

Secretary

Abriefoverviewofthe organization

Banwasi Vikas Ashram is a grassroots voluntary organization dedicated to the rural development of communities in the districts of Koderma, Hazaribagh, Chatra, Giridih, and Jamtara in Jharkhand. The organization works across a range of critical areas including education, livelihood, child labor elimination, health, adolescent girls' health, nutrition security, right to food, child marriage prevention, youth skill building, e-learning, and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene).

Banwasi Vikas Ashram also provides technical assistance to help underprivileged communities develop a self-help approach, starting with their immediate concerns and gradually building sustainable systems that empower local communities to take ownership of their own development initiatives.

The organization's journey began with the Chatra Land Movement, where the founders of Banwasi Vikas Ashram and their associates mobilized Dalit and deprived communities to demand their land rights. By asserting their entitlements, they achieved the final emancipation of these communities from the control of zamindars (landlords). Although the control of land by the tillers led to unrest in the area, it also contributed to the rise of the Naxal movement, which sought peaceful agitations for social and economic justice.

At that time, there was a significant gap in the quality of education and access to educational opportunities. This lack of access to education in the region motivated Banwasi Vikas Ashram to focus its efforts on improving education in these areas, where literacy rates were particularly low, and access to education was limited.

Today, Banwasi Vikas Ashram continues to build on its foundational work, addressing a range of pressing issues while empowering rural communities in Jharkhand through education, skill-building, and socio-economic development programs. Through our comprehensive approach, we aim to uplift marginalized communities, particularly focusing on the most vulnerable groups, including women, children, and tribal communities.

Organization Details

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Legal Registration status	**Year, Date and Type of Registration** In 1990 under Society Registration Act,1860 RegdNo.618/1989-90(in Bihar)dated-09.03.1990 Regd.No.281/2007-08(In Jharkhand)dated-04.04.2007 **Registered under FCRA** Regd.No.337730004 in 2003, dated-28/01/2003 Registered under section 12A of the Income Tax act, 1961 No-CIT/DHN/Tech./12A/XI-5/98-99/MemoNo.-998-1000 dated-30/05/2000. PAN Number:AAATB8344E TAN Number: RCHBO1719E

Thematic sectors of operations

Education	Social Inclusion
Livelihood	Development of primitive tribal(PVTG)
Women empowerment & Gender	Disaster risk education
Reproductive & child health	R & D and other studies like social impact assessment, formative studies
Health & Nutrition Security	Child labour & early child marriages
Right to life with dignity for all	Wash & management of No Open Wastes
Youth empowerment & E-learning	Biodiversity conservation & Environment sustainability

OUR 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.

OUR 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.

Key achievements & initiatives: 2023-24

Kailash Satyaryhi Children's Foundation

Introduction: Banwasi Vikas Ashram in Giridih, with the support of the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, is working tirelessly to eradicate child marriage in the Giridih district. Currently, Banwasi Vikas Ashram is working in 7 Blocks (Giridih, Bengabad, Gandey, Jamua, Bagodar, Dumri, Pirtand) and 150 villages in Giridih district. This report provides an overview of our activities and achievements during the reporting period from May 2023 to March 2024.







Achievements:

- **Prevented Child Marriages:** Through our awareness campaigns and community engagement efforts, we prevented 8 child marriages during the reporting period.
- **Rescue and Rehabilitation:** We successfully rescued and rehabilitated 8 children who were at risk of forced marriage, providing them with a safe and nurturing environment.
- **Increased Awareness:** Our campaigns reached out to over 21,782 individuals, raising awareness about the negative impacts of child marriage and the importance of child rights through 630 activities (meetings, rallies, and awareness programs).
- **Community Involvement:** The establishment of 76 VLCPC and 92 Bal Manch in several villages has empowered communities to take a proactive stance against child marriage.
- **Pledge:** Approx 200000 people took pledge against child marriage with the help of mobile application.

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, with the invaluable support of the Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation, remains committed to the cause of creating a Child Marriage Free Giridih. Despite the challenges, our efforts have yielded positive results, and we are determined to build on these achievements in the coming years. We express our gratitude to all our partners, volunteers, government officials, and donors who have contributed to this noble cause. Together, we can ensure a brighter and safer future for Giridih's children.





Child Marriage

Total no. of Legal undertaking signed against Child marriage	Legal Action (FIR)
450	8

Child Labour/Trafficking

Children rescued from forced labour/trafficking	Legal intervention	Rehabilitation
24	24	24

Media coverage



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मुफ्त शिक्षा से बाल विवाह की समाप्ति संभव

EDUCATIONAL MAINSTREAMING & ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE.
(Supported by SCN MINISTRY FUND)

- Total residential children. Village based remedial Coaching 150 children. All for continued education and residential– (15 at Nazareth Vidya Niketan, 18 in government schools; 7 Gurukul); Non-Formal/ Remedial) schooling (150 children.) All the parents/guardians attended workshop on gender balance and child trafficking. School teachers attended capacity building training.
- The guardians/parents of children were very cooperative. Activity facilitation and monitoring were productive. Eco-Clubs and meetings excellent. Flower plants/ fruit trees planted. Awareness meetings and budget planning with parents were fruitful. Women entrepreneurs are doing income generation activities. In the p roject area child labor and child marriage very minimal.

Pre-School Nutrition and Education Programme
(Supported By Jiv Daya Foundation)

Jiv Daya Foundation is joining hands with Banwasi Vikas Ashram, to distribute bulk ration for families enrolled in Pre-School Nutrition and Education Initiative from very poor socioeconomic background. Later this collaboration 26 Kg of Dry ration will be provided to a total of111 families of children enrolled in Nutrition Project at the villages of Budhachanch, Kali Chattan, Pipradih, Amnari and Kala Patthar, District Giridh, Jharkhand. In addition to it we will also be supporting 50 Education Kits and 25 Solar Lamps to the families of the children enrolled in the Pre-School Nutrition project.





Environmental and ecological justice (Supported by Global Green FUND)

- Community came together as a distinct group. These are most affected negatively due to modern development. They have been living for more than 80 years on land that is not recognized by the government. This land was/ can easily be taken by the government in the name of development. The people on their own don't feel free to organize themselves, knit as a distinct group to stand up against the opposing elements. People outside their community – the more powerful take advantage of the lack of unity. The project was able to mobilize and strengthen the community through formation of village groups. Once committees were formed and public meetings were held regularly, people became more united. Leaders got courage to meet government officials and firmly request for their needs such as land ownership documents. The youth once aimless and jobless got new leash of energy and desire to better their lives. They participated in village meetings; lead the committees to claim their rights by negotiating with the revenue departments. The youth group began self-employment in their own village and did not migrate to outside - cities/towns searching for jobs. For example, the chicken business in the village was providing jobs for the youth. Others were inspired and began other small business at village/ Block level.

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.