

JHARKHAND ANTI TRAFFICKING NETWORK

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Introduction and Key Achievements:

Jharkhand Anti Trafficking Network a network of CSOs of Jharkhand working on Safe migration, Women's right, gender issues, violence against women and gender equality issue since 1999 in Jharkhand state (earlier south Bihar). At present we are working under the support of British Asian Trust in 13 districts of Jharkhand state through 13 network partner organizations covering 130 villages comprising schedule tribe, schedule caste, backward and minority class people. Also we have one legal and case work support organisation providing support to cases of trafficking and women's right violation.

Promoting safe migration and counter trafficking also ensuring women's right are the prime concern of the network and we have created Migrant forum in each village of all working 130 villages(In some villages it is in process) under this project. The involvement of Men, women boys and girls in the whole process bring awareness on the safe migration issues. The members of the group act as a promoter of change on safe migration and gender issues.

Women collectives and SHG at village level they have understanding on safe migration , gender and violence issues and they are dealing with the issues emerging of trafficking at villages also they are capable of doing counselling of cases and disputes at village level. Women groups are coming forward to take safe migration issues and especially child marriage issues at village level. They have made continuous efforts to build up healthy rapport with Govt. Department to avail the entitlements under government facilities. The groups have been effective at block level and have received support in helping women in accessing govt. facilities. A woman's collective raising their voice in their community area and at block offices. They are doing awareness generation program to provide knowledge on the related issues with women. They are monitoring the gaps the implementation of schemes and services at village level. The tribal, backward and minority class women they are becoming aware on the issues and demanding their rights with the respective departments.

The women and girls they are now aware about the provisions and laws related to women and they are accessing their rights and entitlements. Women and girls are organized and acting against violence on women and girls and ensuring women's right. The girls they are raising voice for their education and marriage they oppose child and early marriage and also convincing others not to go for child marriage. The women and girls' group are more effective and taking safe migration, domestic violence and child marriage issues on priority. Also, the girls and women they are taking part on other social activities, gram sabha meetings, SMC meetings etc.

The migrant forum comprising the women and girls, village leaders, community people, potential migrants, returnee migrants, frontline workers and village leaders are in the process of reorganisation and formation. Migrant forum meetings started on monthly basis whereas the training of migrant forum will be conducted on quarterly basis. The rights of women, safe migration and violence against women discussed in the migrant forum meetings also the laws related to women and mobility discussed during the meetings. A preparation before going to other places and also sharing of experiences during the meetings.

All the 13 organisations working as information centre on safe migration, women's right and trafficking in their respective districts. People and community members they are getting relevant information on safe migration, violence on women related also the Govt. Schemes in the block/area.

Capacity building of Jharkhand Anti Trafficking Network is in process and Civil Society Academy and Gender at work are the external team for the capacity building of JATN members. Because of the COVID situation both offline and online process adopted. The organisational development, leadership development, Resilience building, Fund raising, Networking and advocacy are the some of the areas in which a regular process is continue. The internal process of strengthening the network is a regular process and on safe migration and women's right are the important area of discussion during online and offline meetings. Also the functioning of the network properly, bylaws etc.

Two online meetings with British Asian Trust has been done for the effective functioning of the network and to strengthen the network.

Engaging with govt. and policy makers is one of the core areas of Jharkhand Anti trafficking Network being a state wide network. At present the advocacy issues are effective implementation of Labour laws and Jharkhand women policy. The budget allocation is also negligible for the implementation of the laws. The Jharkhand women policy passed in the assembly during October 2014. We are working with alliances of women groups working on the issue. The other groups of the state working on women issue jointly we take policy level advocacy with Govt. We have women and girls collectives at village level in 130 villages. These groups advocating for their rights and entitlements at block and district level in regular basis. Also, we are in regular contact with AHTU, Mahila thana, Jharkhand women commission, DLSA, WCD departments to take the cases of trafficking and violence on women in the district and state.

The present situation of COVID-19 all the people affected from this directly or indirectly and due to the situation all the organisations worked for COVID relief and vaccination in their respective districts. Awareness creation, Mask and sanitizer distribution among villagers, ration distribution among poor people are the major area of intervention by the organisations in the working areas. Also promoting vaccination process in the locality has been done by almost all organisations in the respective districts.

During the meetings with women collectives, kishori group and frontline workers the area noticed are child marriage and early marriage issue are very prominent in the area and it is discussed in meetings and also the women and stakeholders they have started opposing and not to go for child marriage of girls. They will be given opportunity to complete their education and to make their carrier.

Activity wise progress during the period (September to November 2021) :

Name of the organization : **13 organizations of 13 district**

Reporting period: **01 Sept 2021 to 30th Nov 2021**

Project area: - : 13 districts of Jharkhand state

No. of Villages : **Total 130 villages**

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Sl. No .	Activity conducted during the period	Issue discussed	No. of unit	No. of participant			Output	Achievement against output	Supporting and non supporting factors
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1.	Women’s collective/SHG Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key discussion done on the topic what they understand about “safe migration”. • Vaccination and precaution measures for COVID. • Livelihood options. • Women’s right and VAW. • COVID relief • Migrant laborers 	133	133	1383	1516	Women’s self help group get learnt about the safe migration, women’s right, Migrant laborers, COVID and vaccination also, livelihood schemes.	Learnt about the labor migration policies and approaches, Women become aware on safe migration and trafficking issue. Women want to go outside and work.	<p>Supporting factors: Community people/ women are participating in the meetings actively, Well rapport with community, Support of local SHG, PRI and other CBOs.</p> <p>They/women show their engagement also they share their thoughts one by one.</p> <p>Non Supporting Factors: Superstition, Poor reach of Govt. facilities, Paddy harvesting period.</p>

2.	Kishori group meeting	Key issues discussed on the topic “Safe migration and Trafficking”, Women’s right, Child marriage, Health and education issues of girls.	134	48	11 16	11 64	The girls they understood about “Safe migration and Trafficking”, Child marriage, Education, employment and career building.	The girls they are taking initiative not to go for child marriage and they wanted to complete their education and then go for employment.	Supporting factor: Groups was so eager to participate and wanted to work in this as a volunteer. The parents of the girls also supporting them on their thoughts. Non Supporting Factors: Lack of positive environment in the villages, Local traditions
3	Formation of migrant forum	Formation of new migrant forum and reorganization of old migrant forum.	39	19 7	23 0	42 7	Safe and unsafe migration differences and it is also the movement which makes differences between legal and illegal terms.	Safe and unsafe migration.	Supporting factor: The community returnee migrants and potential migrants, PRI members, frontline workers, Sahiya, Sewika, Sahayika, and SHG leaders are supporting. Non Supporting Factors: Local traffickers
4	Migrants forum meeting	What are the major issues that lead to trafficking and how it could be prohibited and turns into safe migration process. Laws related to safe mobility, Migrant laborers, Govt. program and schemes.	57	15 5	29 1	44 6	People came to know about the forum and actively interacted throughout the process about the forum. Came to know about safe migration and trafficking, Govt. programs and schemes.	Large number of people joined the meeting and shown their interest in the forum. Now community people they are talking about their rights.	Supporting Factor: People actively participating in the meetings. Also getting support from other stakeholders of the village. Non Supporting Factor: Local Traffickers

5	Meeting with front line workers	Engagement of ASHA, Sahiya, Sewika, Sahayika, about the meaning of safe migration, Govt. programs and schemes, Migrant laborers, Trafficking.	29	58	122	180	The Frontline workers participated also kept their doubts and incidents happened among them and participated in the discussion actively.	The frontline workers they are supporting the whole process. They make their presence even after their busy schedule and even asked to organize this meeting regularly.	Supporting factor: The frontline workers are pro-program and supporting the whole process. Non Supporting Factor: The community have poor reach of Govt. facilities.
6	Information centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Migration related issues. • Trafficking related. • Migrant laborers • Laws related to mobility • Women's right • COVID related • Govt. schemes 	13	46	66	112	The information related to safe migration, Govt. schemes and women related issues provided to the local community, women and girls.	People are coming to the offices of organizations working as information centre and getting relevant information from there.	Supporting Factor: People are coming to the centre. Non Supporting Factor: New IEC materials not available.
7	PRI/ Gram sabha meeting	In panchayat under the leadership of mukhiya and other PRI members Safe migration and trafficking discussed.	05	87	96	183	Meeting was very effective and they were also become aware of this forum and actively participated.	They were present on time and they welcomed the initiative of forum.	Supporting factor:- Mukhiya, ward and others welcomed the initiative and they asked for regular organizing this meeting and said at COVID times this type of meeting will be helpful. KCC loan available Non Supporting Factor: Local traditions.
8	Initiative on COVID -19	Awareness on COVID-19, COVID relief Services, Vaccination	13	40	58	98	The needy people they got some relief during COVID like Mask,	The migrant laborers returned to their houses they got some relief as dry	Supporting factor: The CBOs at village level and frontline workers they are supporting also the community people supported the program. Non Supporting Factor: Reamer against

							sanitizer, dry ration etc.	ration and other necessities provided to them.	vaccination.
9	Coordination with different Govt. departments	District headquarter, AHTU, DLSA	13				In almost all districts there is coordination with DLSA, AHTU, and block and district administration.	The Govt. machinery is also supporting our initiative.	Supporting Factor: Govt. officials at block and district are supporting. Non Supporting Factor: Frequent transfer of Govt. Officials.
10	State level Network meeting.	Review last quarter and planning next quarter meeting	1	9	6	15	The running quarter/last quarter progress reviewed and plan for next quarter prepared.	All organization participated in the meeting through the top leaders and representatives.	Supporting Factor: The partner organizations shown their interest in the program, Non Supporting Factors: From some organizations the second line attended the meeting.

Apart from the above some online and offline meetings and workshops done with British Asian Trust, Gender at work and CSA during the quarter September to November 2021.

- 1.) Meeting with British Asian Trust: Zoom- 16/11/2021
- 2.) Meeting with British Asian Trust – Zoom- 23/11/2021
- 3.) Meeting with Gender at work and CSA:
 - (i) 23-24/09/2021- Learning Reflection meeting- Face to Face- Chanakya BNR (G@W and CSA)
 - (ii) 27-29/09/2021- Workshop on leadership, identity and strategy- Face to Face- Green Horizon (G@W)
 - (iii) 19/10/2021- Zoom meeting (G@W)
 - (iv) 3/11/2021- Zoom meeting(G@W)
 - (v) 18/11/2021- Zoom meeting(G@W)

Description of activities:

- **Women's collective/SHGs Meeting:** The women collective/ WSHG meetings conducted in almost all villages this group is the existing group at village level and we go to the meetings of women collectives and share our views with them regarding safe migration, women right, trafficking, child marriage and COVID relief and vaccination. The laws related to safe migration and precautions taken for safe migration also discussed in the meetings. As COVID has affected the community so the COVID relief and vaccination discussed in most of the meetings. Women need more safe passages to migrate they need labor migration policies and approaches to protect them. While gender-sensitive pre-departure preparation, workshops and messages that educate women on safe migration can help women workers to make informed decisions about migration, we must also acknowledge that the onus must never exclusively be on the migrant women to stay safe but on the perpetrators not to abuse and on the processes to be transparent and effective and for all involved to commit to safe migration. The village women are now understanding about their rights to move one place to another and also they are coming forward to take the Govt. facilities available in the area.
- **Kishori group meeting:** The kishori group is also an existing group and through this group also The safe migration promoted in the area in the meetings of kishori group the major discussion on their education, health and child marriage issues also safe migration and trafficking issue discussed in the meetings. A brief discussion on the topic of "Safe migration" According to observation that being a female/adolescents has been reported as a prominent risk factor for being trafficked and this observation is increasingly being questioned found in situations of extreme exploitation and abuse . The kishori groups are emerging as a leadership role in the area.
- **Formation of migrant forum:** At present we are working in 130 villages directly in which we have forming migrant forum in each village comprising the community people of the village, potential migrants, returnee migrants, village leaders and stakeholders, frontline workers sahiya, sewika, sahayika, ANM etc. People migrate to other places mostly in brick clins, and other states/ cities for domestic work and they in risk unsafe migration noticed The unsafe migration is also the movement is illegal in some way It has been a common assumption in awareness campaigns and pre exploitations that leads to unsafe migration is or is more likely to lead to trafficking. After making this forum we aware the members who participated in this for safe migration.
- **Migrants' forum meeting:** Migrant forum meetings is planned and organized at monthly basis and also on quarterly basis there is training of migrant forum organized The major issues that lead to trafficking and how it could be prohibited and turns into safe migration process, .Laws related to safe mobility, Migrant laborers, Govt. program and schemes are discussed in migrant forum meetings.
- **Meeting with front line workers :** Engagement of ASHA, sahiya and sewika about the meaning of safe migration When we conducted meeting with the front line worker, we stated about our warriors, and at grass root level ASHA, sahiya, Jalsahiya they are the warriors, to whom we wanted to promote and encourage, We need a deeper look into the reorganization of care work in order to address the multiple discrimination and barriers faced by women in access to and delivery of care, with an important first step of integrating care into public services and public policy. The frontline workers supporting the initiative and convincing the women and girls about the process of safe migration and their rights.
- **Information Centre:** All the 13 organizations are working as information centre regarding safe mobility and women's right. The information centers provide information to the community, women and girls about Safe Migration related issues., Trafficking related.

Migrant laborers, Laws related to mobility, Women's right, COVID related and Govt. schemes. The community people are coming to the organizations office/ centre and get relevant information on safe migration and women issues.

- **PRI/ Gram sabha meeting:** community-based programming to help migrants avoid situations of labor exploitation continues to grow the work was conducted with the knowledge that political, economic and social structures create and sustain contexts of risk for migrant workers To develop prevention interventions to promote safer migration in contexts that are risk-laden. In gram sabha meetings also the issue of safe migration and COVID-19 and vaccination discussed.
- **Initiative on COVID -19:** Due to the COVID-19 situation through-out the area almost each organization has involved in the process of awareness generation, relief work and vaccination process. The affected people given support in some places, use of mask and sanitizer and social distancing promoted through-out the area.
- **Coordination with different Govt. departments:** Each organization working in coordination with WCD and labor departments at block and district level also with DLSA and AHTU. In some districts good rapport established and also the Govt. officials are positive in the concept of safe migration.
- **State level Network Meeting:** State level Network meeting organized at SDC Ranchi on 26/11/2021 to review the ongoing work and to plan for the next quarter. Only one or two organizations are not completely working full fledged at field level but rest all organizations are working effectively at their respective fields. The plan for next quarter prepared

CASE STORY / BEST PRACTICES

CASE STORY- 1

Aarti Devi (Changed name and address)

Survivor was married 13 years ago in the Bhewi gram of Smastipur district of Bihar State. Her husband's name is Santosh Prasad and he is now about 35 years old. She has been a victim of continuous domestic violence by her in-laws and one day her husband threw her out of the house and beat her up (with the whiplash which was used to beat ox). and after that she came back to her mother's house but in her own house her parents said that the house of her in-laws are her real house and she should adjust and compromise herself and should return back to her in-laws house as soon as possible and after few days they took her back to her in-laws house and left her there.

After returning to her in-laws house they again started torturing her mentally and physically and in midst of all these she became pregnant with one baby boy. After the birth of the child due to work load her in-laws again started using violence against her and one day her husband came back from his work and he threw the hot pulses all over her body and this caused major injury to her and there was no one to help her.

But with the help of a neighbour she came back to her mother's house in Gumla along with her child but her parents again scolded her for why she came back here in that state and after 10 days she again returned back to her in-laws house with the same neighbour.

After arriving there she wasn't allowed to enter inside the house and she spent whole night outside the closed door hoping that they will open the door but the door was opened only in the next morning and allowed her to enter. Day-by-day condition of survivor was getting worse and worse and one day her husband and mother-in-law took her to Nepal, where his husband was doing broom business, and planned to murder her.

In Nepal, Survivor was tortured by them brutally and amongst these all she again became pregnant with another baby boy. In all these events of happenings, her mother-in-law became ill and all of them returned back to Samastipur, Bihar. After arriving back to village all the family member of in-laws beaten her up in a closed room and her condition worsen very much and she called her parents and went back with them. Dowry was kept by her in-laws and in her mother's house she was again physically tortured.

In midst of all this havoc, survivor's child was diagnosed by cancer. And the younger sister of the survivor was learning tailoring at Chotanagpur Kalyan Niketan, and once survivor visited the organization along with her younger sister on the occasion where organization has organized a program on SAFE MIGRATION, where survivor told all story of her side, where the representative of organization said that she'll visit her house day after and became busy in her work.

Next day, organisation's representative went to survivor's house and talked to her in alone and asked her that what steps she wants to take and with the consent of survivor, they went to C.J.M court and the case was filed and within these events, survivor suffered a lot and child was admitted in the Mahaveer Kaur Hospital, Patna for treatment and the financial condition of the survivor was bad so she got help from the organisation's end. And according to the survivor's wish, a compromise was done among the couple and on this occasion all the family members of in-laws were present in the court.

Few days of compromise everything went well but later again domestic violence started due to some earlier family issue, again survivor gave an application to organization, then organization went to police station along with the survivor and police called the accused and again compromise was done in written and a copy was kept by the police station and organization and later the survivor was linked up with STAR SWAROZGAR TRAINING ORGANIZATION and tailoring training was given to her and now survivor has bought a stitching machine with the help of chotanagpur kalyan nketan organization and she is now living her life happily and normally.

CASE STORY 2

Vibha Devi (Changed name and address)

Survivor Vibha mishra is 35 years old and lives in Gumla District. Survivor was married 20 years ago with Sudhir Mishra aged 42 years , after marriage she was tortured by her in-laws and her husband was an alcoholic which caused lots of tension in the family. Frustrated by the torture of her in-laws she went back to her mother's house (Darbhanga District), there she gave birth to a child and due to her step mother she was not treated well there also, whereas in her in-laws house her husband became drunkard and in intoxication of alcohol he used to lie here and there in market. Father of the survivor called his son-in-law, but he started abusing after arriving in survivor's house and beat her up and in midst of all these trauma she again gave birth to a child and after that survivor's husband took survivor to his house back, and again she was tortured countlessly. As her husband was not earning, not only family but even neighbours tortured her. and to live her life bit well survivor started selling mineral water bottles in the bus stand. And during that period an agent from bus stand molested her and tore her blouse and said your husband is alcoholic what he'll be able to do and after this incident, in-laws threw her out of the house.

After 2 months of the above happened incident, the same agent of the bus stand beaten the survivor and in this incident, clothes of the survivor were torn and even her bangles were broken on her wrist only and he threw the water bottles and things of the survivor. survivor cried for help but no one helped her so she went to police station and filed an FIR but no action was taken, and then someone told her about chotanagpur kalyan nketan, and said that go there, that organization will definitely help you. Then survivor went to the organization and gave a written application to the organization stating that her self-respect has been harmed and no one is helping her. Organisation's representative took the survivor to police station and gave an application in written in the police station, firstly police officials denied but later they arrested the accused. and on the say of survivor compromise was done in written and apology was given by the accused.

After this incident, survivor wasn't getting a place in the bus stand to sell her goods but later the representative of organization talked to the contractor of bus stand and after depositing certain amount a tea stall was opened by the survivor in bus stand and along with that survivor was trained in tailoring by STAR SWAROZGAR ORGANIZATION, initiated by bank of India. And later husband of the survivor was asked to help his wife.

After receiving training, survivor has been doing tailoring and even took a rented room also the survivor's husband has been employed as a security guard by the help of organization where he is working dedicatedly and for the family and also help survivor at her tea stall in holidays and the survivor thanked the organization and said now she is living the life she hoped for i.e. a normal life.

Case Story: 3

Mrs. Parvati Devi w/o Lt. Birbal Hazam has fear of being weak, falling sick and dying by taking the vaccine. Actually there were many rumors in the revenue villageTukupani of Thetheitangar block about the covid-19 vaccination.

This high pace rumor was taking place as People were talking about falling sick and dying.

We were continuously trying for rumor control.

In meantime, SHG Leaders, Health Sahiya and Village head, undertakes the responsibility to encourage and motivate the villagers by organizing a meeting, hence the rumor among the public was dispelled and some people in the village get ready for the vaccination and started taking vaccine. In this way people in the village are moving forward for the vaccination.



Case Story -4

Name: Yashmin Khatoon

Age- 23 Years

Father's name- Anjur Ansari

Village-Nari, PO- Nawadih, PS- Kisko, District- Lohardaga,State-Jharkhand

Before Six (6) month Yashmin Khatoon married with Hasib Ansari S/O- Jahir Ansari, Village –Garadih, PO-Gajni, PS-Kairo, and District- Lohardaga. Her inlaws regularly in the name of dowry beating and psychologically torture. This situation came in to knowledge of SPARK personnel from the same village .In a counselling meeting both the parties where called and they agreed that this type of situation will not arise further and they started living peacefully.

Incidentally one day there was again beating to Yashmin during food preparation and also the husband given her divorce .Now the girl living with her parents. This incident is very much highlighted in the area and violence is there and we are suggesting her to go for legal redressal.

Case Story -5

Mangri Devi W/O ShukarBhuinya ,Age-48 Years, Village- Kurha ,P.S- Ichak, District- Hazaribagh, Jharkhand is a women Labour who went to Dehradun for labourer worker. Her livelihood is totally depends for labour work. During last lockdown she did not come to her home because of she was depended on others for food, medicine and house rent. She was far away from her house economic condition also not good and she was disconnected with the mobile also. After lockdown she returned to her house and then she felt ill and health condition disturbed .For the treatment of her illness she taken loan/debt. During this time she came in contact with organization (MMS) and she told about this passed situation happened. Immediately she was provided one month dry ration for food requirement and she was also linked with MGNREGA

program, now again she wanted to go Dehradun and work there. We advised her to go but before going full preparation that where to go, what work, how many salary, hour of work, nature of work it must be decided before going.

Photographs:



Meeting with front line workers.

Adolescents group meeting





Community/Panchayat meetings

SHGs meeting





Formation of migrant forum



Adolescents group meeting



Formation of migrant forum



Meeting with frontline workers

SHGs meeting





**Meeting with SHG group on
safe migration**

Meeting with SHG group





Meeting with Kishori group

Meeting with frontline workers





Meeting with PRI members

Meeting with frontline workers





State level network meeting

State level network meeting





COVID-19 Awareness program

COVID-19 Awareness program





Vaccination Camp

Kishori Group Meeting

