

DALIT VIKAS ABHIYAN SAMITI(DVAS) ANNUAL REPORT



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Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS)

Executive Director Report

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) is very familiar name in Bihar. It is an organization committed for the development of the Dalits, Tribal and other backward castes has been working among the poor marginalized communities in Bihar. The organization has its registered office at Fatuha, administrative office at kankarbagh, Patna and branch offices at different project locations in Bihar for smooth operation of its activities.

It has been working with various local partners (registered organizations) as a nodal agency to cover a wide area and as a decentralized operational mode. It has now networking with other organizations in the area.

Formation, promotion and empowerment of CBOs, SHGs, youth's club, Women Organization are one of our core development process as we believe that, 'Only People's organizations at the community level will be able to initiate and sustain the development process of their community itself'. The organization will play as Catalyst to accelerate the development process.

In terms of activities we have given emphasis with a priority to Livelihood, then Health, Education, Entitlement and so on.

Information and knowledge communion regarding Govt. schemes and leveraging of those schemes to the families and communities are the other important activities. People need to be aware on Right to Information, Entitlement and Govt. schemes so that, they could avail the benefits of those schemes. Also we have made a regular linkage with different Govt. Depts. to make all the government development programs a success in the area.

In this brief Activity Report, an attempt has been made to provide its readers a glimpse of the activities implemented during the period 2018-2019.

During presenting this report of our achievements during the period 2018-2019, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our Donors, Govt. Departments, Networking partners, Panchayat Institutions, Individual well wishers. We also extend our sincere thanks to our staff members and consultants who have their full energy to make the programs a success for the benefit of our target communities.

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Executive Summary:

Scheduled Caste (SC), comprises more than 16 percent of population of India. Despite their large number and constitutional safeguards the SC continue to suffer from social and economic oppression. They have been excluded throughout the recorded history of India, stripped of their dignity and denied basic human rights by way of segregation and lack of access to developmental resources and the state of Bihar as well as district of Patna, Samastipur and Bodhgaya are no exception to it.

Past work experiences and primary and secondary data suggests that dalits and women in Developmental blocks of Tajpur, Morwa in Samastipur, Dobhi in Bodhgaya and Patna district are most deprived. Their control over resources, government Programs and policies is poor, participation in decision making process is negligible. There is total lack of awareness about the developmental programme of Government. The Government system at any level is not transparent.

The institutions like Health Sub Centre, School, ICDS Centre, are not providing quality basic services as envisaged. The arbitrary Governance is resulting into poor functioning of these institutions. This has resulted in the corruption in government programme and denial of civil rights of the socially excluded groups.

Rain fed agriculture is the main occupation of the people and the area is prone to drought. The Dalit community e.g., Musahar, Chamar, Dome, Washer man etc. who have been working for super class people of the Society but get nothing except few grains or money towards their livelihood. Their children also learn to follow up their ancestor since long back. The villagers of Mahadalit Community have no way out except to pay their services to earn for restoration of life. No land of their own, No educational support, No health security, no dignity to women.

DVAS intervention under the project was undertaken in Patna and Samastipur district with financial and technical support of IGSSS, OXFAM, CSD(TDH) and CASA for 2018-2019 to empower the Dalit and Mahadalit community with focus on women on aspects as livelihood, access to rights and entitlements.

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Project Detail

The project is being implemented by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti in Patna and Samastipur district in Bihar supported by CASA, OXFAM, IGSSS, TDH (RTE Forum). The project aims at holistic development of the SC and other unprivileged community through building their leadership traits, community based organisations exploring livelihood options and access to schemes. Community based organisation and volunteers strengthening the formation of federation and state level collaborations has been one of the key strategy under the project

The project also made an attempt to address the gender gaps in the society and sensitization, mobilization and core competency development among the women and girls in the intervened area. The women organisation has also been instrumental in raising the issues of domestic violence and also violence against women and girls in all forms. The project has made inroads in access to social security schemes as old age pension, widow pension, disability pension, MNREGA etc through advocacy.

Activities during 2018-2019

Project Title:

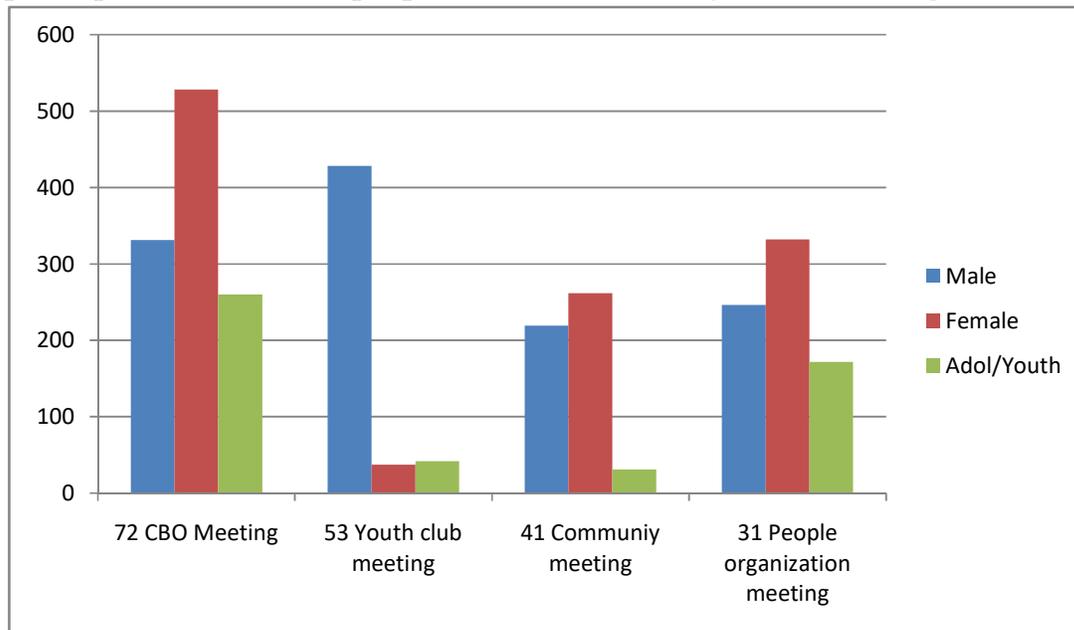
Ensuring sustainable livelihood and dignity life of vulnerable community.

Community organization leadership/ cadre building and their perspective capacity building

Periodic Meeting of CBO at Gram Panchayat Level

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We have organized incessant meeting with CBO, community meeting, youth club meeting and other stakeholder meeting about the prohibition of the Government benefit schemes for rural poor and other scheme related to the livelihood, education, health, employment and Women empowerment. The participation of the people also shown by chart as given below:



The topic covered in the meeting are as following:

- How to avail the Government livelihood scheme. What are the procedure & eligibility, i.e. MNREGA
- What are the education schemes for education of government?
- What are the health benefit schemes of government and eligibility criteria?
- Commitments of Government for rural poor's.
- Women group benefit schemes.
- Adolescent health.

Developing leadership and Cadre building of youth & women from excluded community through their perspective development on right and policies issue:

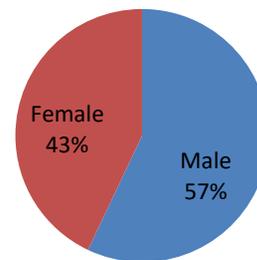
We have been organized many meetings for incessant interaction with community leader and member for empower them regarding the right and

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policies of government to make aware about the employment sustainability of their own area to prevent the migration in other place for employment opportunities, also we have sensitize them for stereotype retention and practices. Following are the:

MNREGA



Topic covered during the meetings mainly are as following:

- MNREGA
- Employment right
- Pension scheme
- Women and child health
- Education
- Women empowerment etc.

Through, regular interaction with them 5 male and 6 female has been identified as a leader and 5 SHG's had been formed.

Training of leaders/youth/volunteers on group Formation & Management/leadership development/developmental and contextual analysis/ rights/ laws/ policy/ programmes & tools of Advocacy.

20 youths have been identified after periodic meeting with youth community, they are belong from marginalised and vulnerable community, DVAS has been conducted training programme for youths and community leader for leadership development , The topic has been discussed in the training are as following:

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- Participation in Gram Sabha and Gram Sabha policies
- Disaster risk management and incorporation with Disaster management office.
- Government benefit schemes and where the schemes have been available
- Process of avail the government benefit scheme
- Regular advocate with local government authorities and line department etc.



Community Sensitization & Mobilization for participation in Gram Sabha

During the meeting with community we have sensitized them about the participation in Gram Sabha, the stereotype practice of the society that, always the deprived and marginalised people were ignore in the society and they personally hesitate to participate in the meeting where some upper class were participated, they have always a fear to participate in parallel level with them, but after long sensitization process they have been participate in regular basis and they also raise the problem and argue with them about the problem and solution. During this period they have been participated actively in the meetings. The issue has been raise in Gram Sabha are as following:

- About the implementation of MNREGA.
- About the PCC road construction in the street where they have been living.
- Drain should be constructed
- Proper supply of Water and electricity
- ICDS centre should maintain their time
- School should maintain the proper guideline of RTE
- Similar participation of them in any development plan and meeting of the village etc.

Networking and alliance building

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Facilitating Networking at Block/District/State of people organization & their Network



A block level meeting has been organized by Ambedkar youth club with BDO, CO and WO and other stakeholder of block level for the good governance between youth organization and women group and block level all stockholders. The meeting has been facilitated by the BDO, he was appreciated the youth group initiative, he told that every work will be done easily through the participatory process, after some discussion about the welfare schemes and other schemes a core group has been formed. The discussion and decision has been made are as following :

- Meeting can be done every month
- BDO is president of the core group
- A Youth is and a women also a active member of core group
- Two relevant issue of the village development has been put in a meeting is essential
- the issue had been taken within two month from the meeting in priority level
- In absence of BDO the whole meeting will be conducted by CO
- In absence of BDO & CO the whole meeting will be conducted by WO

Networking of voluntary organization at different level and strategic partnership and alliance building

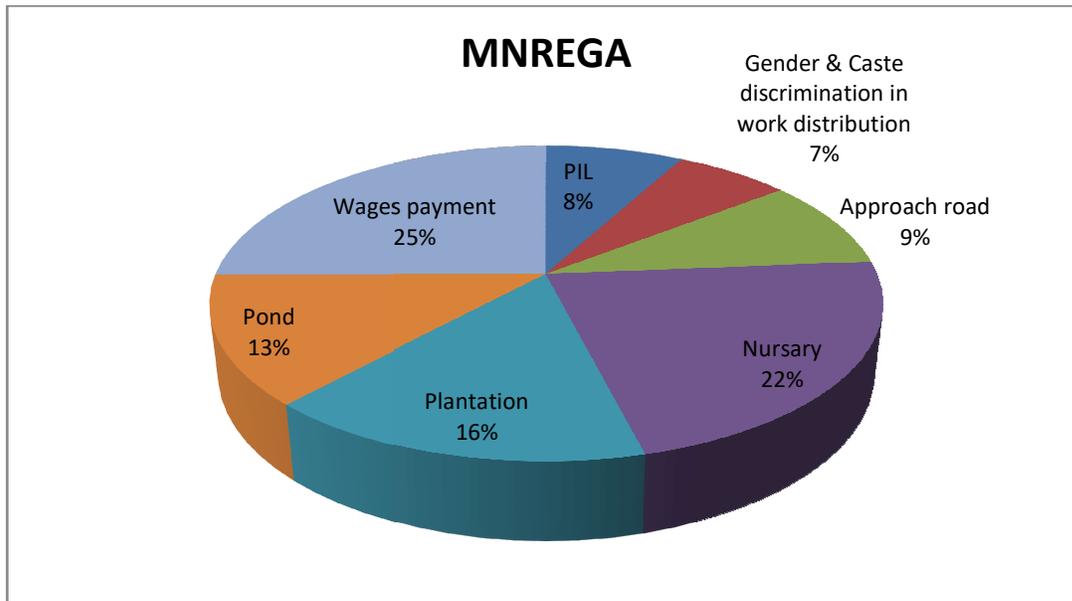
A block level meeting has been organized in collaboration with Ambedkar Youth Club and Women's group for the collective issue of the ICDS and school of the village, they had been identified some issue related to the time and regularity of school as well as Angan wadi centre, they have been submitted an application to the BDO about the irregularity and punctuality of school teacher's, also mentioned the discrimination happened in the school about gender and caste. BDO ensure that he will take serious initiative about this matter against teacher, they also given a copy of application to the CDPO and

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also given some guideline for the appropriate action against Angan wadi workers.

Collection of data/ analysis/ documentation on dalit and women atrocities, discrimination, human right, violation and police concerning masses

The data has been collected and after analysis of the data the application has been submitted to the authority for PIL, gender & caste discrimination in distribution of work, demand of nursery in private land, Plantation and fruit gardening, demand of pond in private land and due wages payment. The below given data and graph is reflect the situation:



Also the above mentioned demand has been putted in Gram sabha as well as ward sabha, also the written application has been submitted to BDO and CDPO about the irregularity of school and Angan Wadi Centre.

Gender Mainstreaming

The gender mainstreaming programme has been organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS). It has been undertaken mainly gender



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policy and sharing, capacity enhancement on gender analysis, gender sensitive planning and gender budgeting and periodic gender specific review. There were 48 female representatives, 18 adolescent girls and 13 male representatives from 8 communities have been participated. The main motive of this gender mainstreaming programme to advocate the community specially women and adolescent girls through the female representatives and change the traditional mindset of the society about the gender discrimination happening in every household. Also it is a initiative for the breakthrough of male domination in the society.

The gender mainstreaming programme has been making tremendous result in the society, the female person of the society have been articulate and accelerate their participation in the society in socially, politically as well as economically. Basically it was also an evaluation process of gender discrimination of an individual to assess the actual scenario of the society regarding the discriminations have been happening with them.

Campaign on Women's Day

DVAS has organize a campaign cum “A walk is an outing made by walking” from 8th March 2019 to 14th March 2019 for made awareness on gender discrimination, safety & security of women and adolescent girls in the occasion of “International Women's Day”. A walk is an outing made by walking has been covered in seven village (Banua, Morwa Ray tola, Chako Bhindi Chamouli, Rampur Maheshpur, Chak Habib, Baghi Tatma Tola, Ram Tola) in seven days respectively, approx 40-50 community women leader and adolescent has been participated respectively.

The main objective to celebrate the women's day to empower, mainstreaming and unite the women on gender discrimination, women violence, atrocities and safety and security of adolescent and women on their work place as well as society. In seven days campaign of “The walk is an outing made by walking” has been mobilized and empower approx 365 community women in seven village of Morwa and Tajpur block of Samastipur district of Bihar.

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During the period of this year 2018-2019 Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has been conducted so many programs to raise awareness among the community, are as following:

Signature Campaign:



A post card signature campaign held at labour adda with 2000 construction labours, they came together and writes their problems in a post card individually, The post cards have been send to the Prime Minister. Further, a demand letter has been submitted to Labour Minister and Principal Secretary and gets our letter accepted. Eventually,

Government also did a round of discussion with the team of DVAS to address the issues of construction workers, Thus community labour and Union Members got recognition from the government.

To make the government responsive towards issue related to urban poverty, the State level network was formed as a part of shared strategy in collaboration with civil societies, the government representative, core group of ward counsellors etc. as a result “Slum Development Committee Federation” was jointly formed

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as “My City Alliance for Urban Poor”.



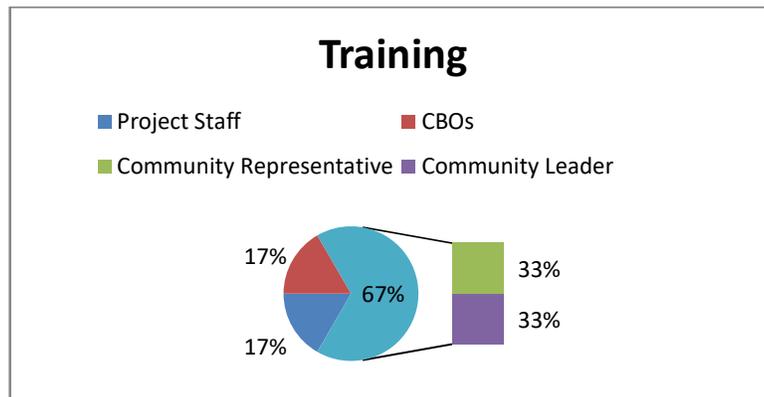
Other Activities implemented during the year 2018-2019

Many activities has been done during the year to create awareness regarding the basic and fundamental rights of slum dwellers between different stakeholders and capacity building of project staff State and National level so far, are as following:-

Training of Volunteer and Project Staff

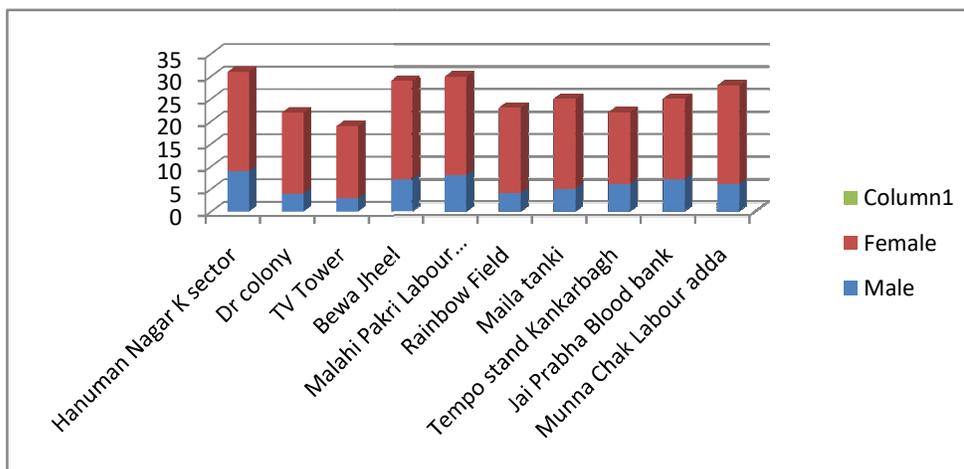
The training of volunteer and project staff has been conducted for the capacity enhancement of the staff, volunteer, community leader and community representative for better understanding of social security scheme, their rights and entitlement. The slum dwellers were lacking the benefit of the schemes, the objective behind the training was the slum dwellers have to get easy accessible of social security scheme and other government benefit scheme

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Formation of Slum Vikas Samiti at slum level

10 Slum Vikas Samiti (A community based organization) has been formed. Each Slum Vikas Samiti has consisting of 20-30 members. Slum Vikas Samiti has been formed for the purpose of strengthening the community people about their right and entitlement. Also CBOs have been initiate collective approach by the community and for raise awareness and their voice to get the benefits of all the schemes under Slum Vikas Samiti.



(Proportion chart of Slum Vikas Samiti)

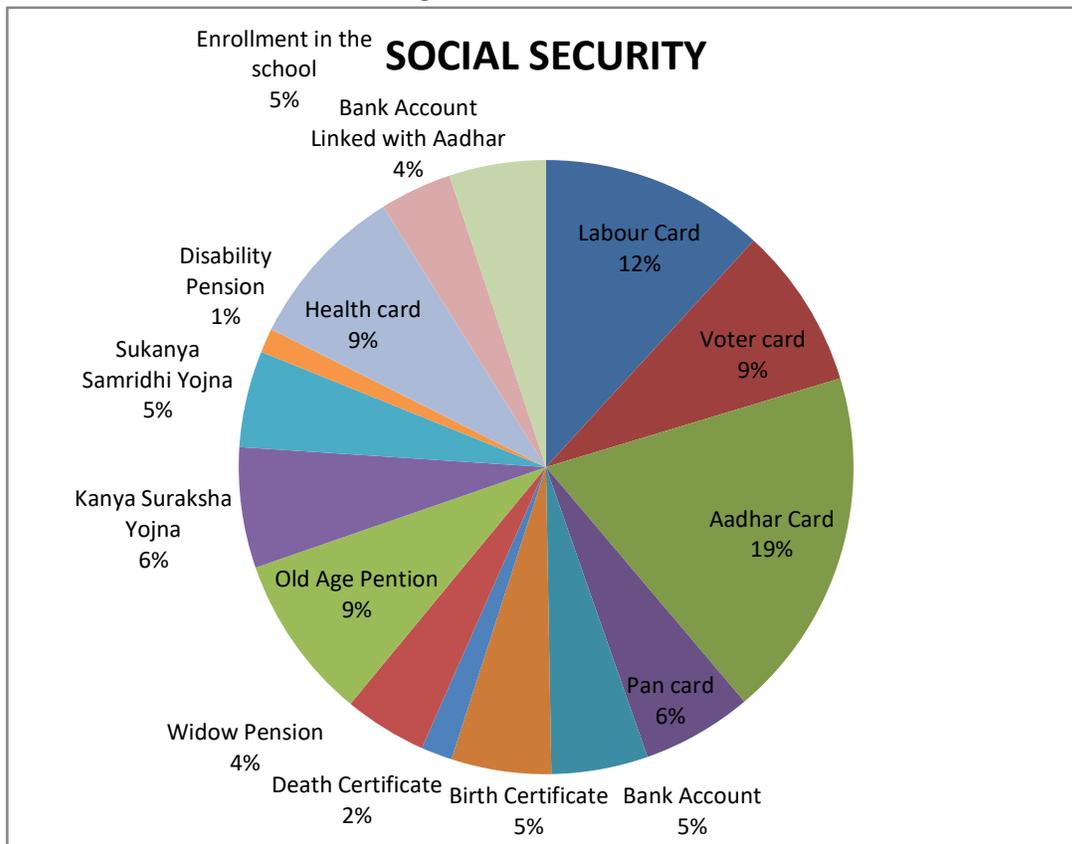
Community led campaign on awareness of identity and Entitlement The community led campaign has been conducted for awareness of the right and entitlement of government benefit scheme. Also mobilize of the community through this campaign. The campaign has been conducted with the objective to create awareness among the people about the importance of individual identity, the relation between identity and entitlement and what should be your entitlement. Also rapid meeting with labour union for dismissal and replace of

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previous 41 labour laws for the benefit of construction labour has been done through this campaign. The incessant meeting has been conducted with labour union and other related stakeholders for the dismissal and replace of previous labour law for the benefit of construction labour.

Empowering the targeted community to support in making of labour card, Voter card, Vendor license, Aadhar Card, Bank Accounts, and Ration Card etc

The making procedure of labour card, voter card, vendor liscence, aadhar card, bank account and ration card has been a tough task for the innocent community people, many of the people have been lacking the entitlement and benefit scheme due to non availability of the identity. Through this programme we have been empower the community people for the making of identity and get the benefit trough the identity.



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Capacity building of CBOs for collective on their scheme and entitlement



Many community people have been lacking the government benefit scheme due to the non availability of their identity and awareness, due to the identity they have been surviving from lots of problem, the less possibility of empowering every people individually, so the organization has strategy to empower the community for their scheme and entitlement through the CBOs. The CBO members have been get the information about:

- Emergency response support scheme
- Housing scheme
- Pension scheme
- Health scheme
- Social security scheme
- Toilet scheme
- Safe drinking water scheme
- Employment scheme

State level consultation on enhancing basic services for urban poor of urban poverty with government representative, civil society and other stack holder.

State level Network with government representative, various organization members, trade unions, slum development committee and community members have been established for the cause of social rights i.e. housing for everyone, smart city, clean India mission and urban poverty empowerment. National level competitive programme has been done for develop the understanding of issue and work. In this state level consultation



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program the key issue has been discussed and major decision has been taken are as following:

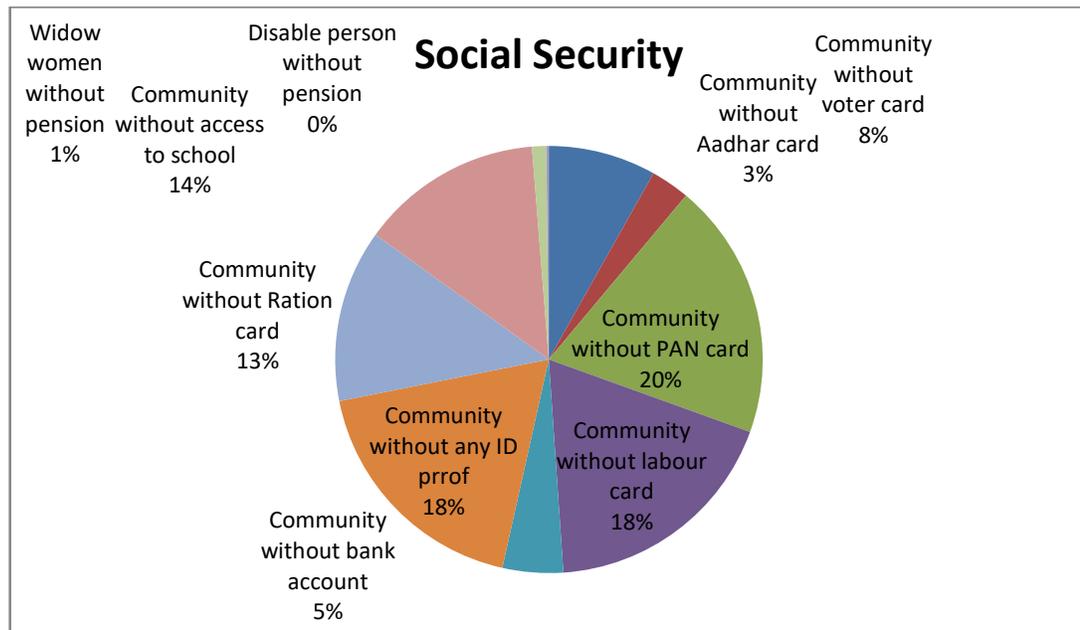
- My city alliance for urban poor has been formed in involvement of civil society, trade union, government representative and young federation in state level network partner meeting.
- Elected the core group and disciplinary committee and made rules and regulations under the Indian law section for the betterment of basic rights of slum along with government in the meeting of my city alliance of urban poor.
- State level conference by my city alliance for urban poor for basic right of urban poor i.e. education, health, housing, security in the manifesto of seven sure programme of government and this is also submitted to all political party president.
- 20,000 signature sent to the President of India, Prime Minister of India And Election commission under My city alliance for urban poor for every political party has include the entitlement of similar status of slum dwellers in their manifesto.
- Study conducted in Patna and Muzaffarpur about smart city after that shared the plan and budget with government officials.
- National level seminar has been conducted for empowerment on BSWO.
- Rally by slum federation on land, housing and security to oppose the step taken by Patna Municipal Corporation.

Release of charter of demands on urban poverty issues was not originally planned under the project. A signature campaign was run and the charter of demands with signature on people support was shared and submitted to all major political parties and urged to make it part of the their election manifesto. This additional activity was taken up to leverage the advantage of the upcoming elections to tip the equity and benefit in favour of urban poor. Networking and for alliance with government was achieved as an outcome of the activity.

Analytical data

After deep analysis, we have found the community were suffer pension and benefit under social security scheme are reflecting the figure as following:

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Some unexpected Outcomes have been found during this year (2018-2019) are as following:

- Four labour Adda was established by the government as an outcome of the project providing basic amenities to labourers especially the women.
- while working in slum area we observed so many challenges like- community didn't trust us and told that there are so many persons comes to our slum and make so many promises but they never do anything that they said so far, how we can trust you that you will work for us for our well being. For earning their trust team member of DVAS interacted with the slum dwellers on regular basis and keep listening and enlisting their problems.
- secondly community members wanted us to help them in monetarily terms and we really got tensed but again we sat with them and explained the objectives and goals of project and told them that we will provide them all the necessary information and guidance and will work together to address their issues.

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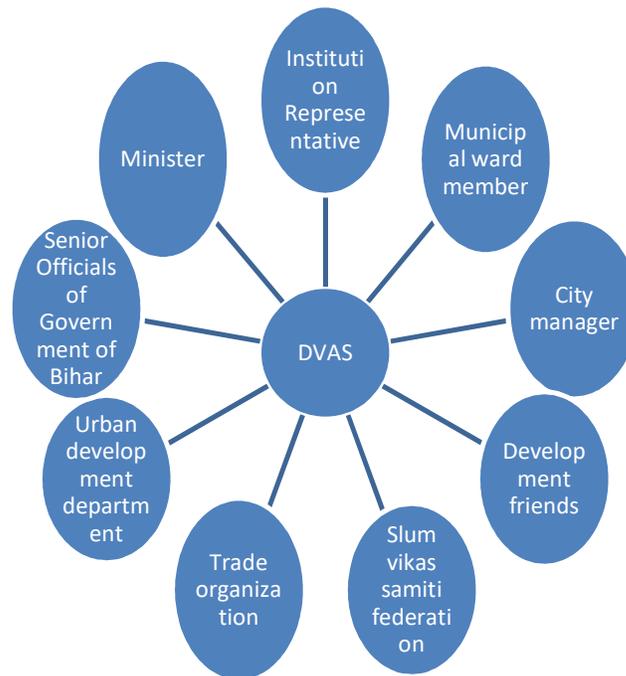
Integration and Convergence:

On December 28, 2018, a consultation was organized to discuss the opportunities and challenges in the state-level urban poor infrastructure in which institution representative, municipal ward member, city manager, development friend, Slum Vikas Samiti federation, trade organization is located in the 23 districts of the 65 organization representatives of Community and urban development department, senior officials of the Bihar government, ministers etc. were participated for the foundation of State Level Network for

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urban

poverty.



In which state level core group was formed to work by creating a joint program by the media, public bodies including government officials. After the Core Group meeting on January 12, 2019, it was decided to create strategy based issue, which has been a significant result.

Project Title

Reducing Inequality in India: Education

During the period 2018-2019, the activities were understand and build the perspective on shrinking public education through series of meetings followed by formation of Women CBOs to demand, negotiate and act as pressure group for entitlement realization. Awareness meeting with teachers and community was undertaken for creating mobilization and sensitization about RTE Act, enrolment, retention and monitoring of services. Training of Village Siksha Samiti(VSS) was undertaken to sensitize them on their roles and responsibilities and making schools RTE compliant. The following initiative has been taken during 2018-2019:

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Village Level Meeting:



The village level meetings was organised during the reporting period (at Baghi Tatma Tola & Primary school, Mohanpur Rakhat, Morwa). The meeting covered the agenda of Out of School / drop out Girls and discussed on the factors (inadequate number of Teachers, insecurity among girls, poor teaching quality, cultural practices) acting as obstacle to girl child education. The community decided to prepare a list of out of school children and to conduct an enrolment drive for their association with formal education. The community also raised the issues of compliance of RTE provisions as mid day meal, books, Stipends etc and to ensure monitoring by formal community institutions with larger community. The meeting was successful in raising the issues of inequities, discrimination and exclusion in the education process especially with the girl child.

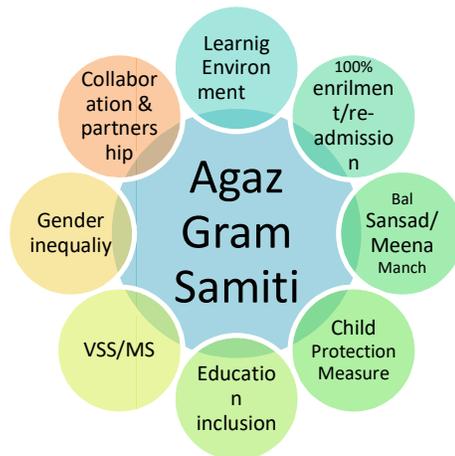
Formation of village level Committee, at district and state level.

Ten Community Based Organisations were formed in all the ten Project locations during the reporting period known as ‘Aagaz Gram Samiti’ as a collective platform to collective and mobilize the larger community on the issue of inequity in public education at village level. Seven-member committee has been formed to



facilitate smooth coordination of meetings as well as other activities at village Level. The collective has developed a functional Bye laws as guidelines to keep the members and the coordination focused on key pathways decided for promotion of education among marginalized communities.

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Key points of Bye Laws of Agaz Gram Samiti are as following:

- 100% enrolment / re-admission of Out of School /Drop Out children
- Activating Child platform in schools : Bal Sansad, Meena Manch
- To sensitize children on Child protection measures
- To address educational exclusion in Schools
- To support Village Siksha Samiti/ Mata Samiti for making schools and AWWs for RTE compliant.
- To work for address in Gender inequality in society and School
- To facilitate dialogue and make efforts for collaboration and partnership between teachers, parents, government officials and larger society.

Capacity building Programme:



Capacity building and orientation programme of Village Siksha Samiti members were organised during the reporting period on their roles and responsibilities and provision of RTE Act 2009. The workshop facilitated an interactive session status of education and inequities in the public education system to initiate a discussion on the roles and importance of Village Siksha Samiti members in overall improvement of the functioning of the schools including inclusive

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education and compliance of RTE provisions. The RTE and its provisions were discussed in details to promote a wider sense of responsibility and accountability among the members. The functioning of Village Siksha Samiti was discussed in details which was new for them. Community based monitoring mechanism for effective monitoring of RTE provision, Safety and security of children and addressing issues related with exclusion in education.

Advocacy and Lobbying:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) in collaboration with other civil Society organisation met Honourable Minister of Education ‘ Mr Krishnandan Prasad Varma’ to put the issues of delay in opening of accounts of School children for direct transfer of Subsidy for purchase of Books(The Dept. of Education , Bihar



has issued a circular for direct transfer to monetary support to children for purchase of Books rather than physical distribution to check time delay and other financial irregularities) . But Till date the Banks have not been able to open the Accounts of Children in majority of the cases thereby delaying the process of direct beneficiary transfer for monetary support. The network submitted their charter of demands and also brought the reality of the performance of the Banks and education department in poor management of the issues. The minister has assured to look into the matter at his level to speed up the process.

The community has submitted a complaint against the head master who has been accused often for his intolerance and discriminatory attitude against children from scheduled caste communities.

Mobilizing community members, VSS (Village Siksha Samiti) members and students ensuring the inputs for quality education

A Block level workshop has been organised on the issue of quality education at Tajpur with active participation of Village Siksha Samiti members , CBO members, teachers , Cluster coordinator Motipur CRC, Block Resource Person (BRP) and

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larger community. The objective of the workshop has been to ways forward to ensure access to quality education among the children which was the key concern reflection among the participants and the speakers. Various critical issues as inadequate number of teachers absence of learning environment at home, issues

with first generational learners were some of the key aspects which was discussed and delivered during the workshop.

The workshop was successful in bring the school teachers, community, VillageSiksha Samiti and larger community in the process of dialogue and the stakeholders have assured to collaborate for the cause of education among children of marginalized communities as an outcome of the activity.

Formation of youth groups at village level, at district and state level.

As we know that youth is one of the most powerful stakeholders of our interventions to address and raise the voice in the society as well as in front of the government about right to education. Therefore, we have organized “Lakshya Yuva Samiti” in all 10 intervention village to facilitate the demand for increase opportunity to enjoy economic, social and political rights. They have been provided support for i knowledge enhancement, attitudes and behaviour in relation to education, health, hygiene and nutrition. We have organized the 80 meetings at all 10 intervention villages in 10 groups during this period so far following topics were discussed during the meeting:-



- Sharing the objective of the project
- Experience sharing by “Agaz Gram samiti” regarding education status in rural area and also made a decision for identification and bring back of drop out children and skill development of youths.
- Establishment of youth group for the purpose of look after the child rights and

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also include in panchyat level through this group.

- 7 governing members have been elected in “Lakshya Yuva Samiti”.
- Discussion has been made about maintained regular attendance of children in school, supervision of school in term of quality education and welfare schemes of government.
- Need training of right to education.

We have also discussed about following topic during each and every meeting with this group:-



State level education inequality report to be released and disseminated

State level Consultation on status and equality in public education a motivational event has been organized for VSS members, Teachers Union, Yuva Sangathan Student Federation, Representative of Disability Forum, Representative of BEP (Bihar education Project), CBO Members has been organized at Hotel Chanakya, R Block, Patna (Bihar) on 26th March' 2019. During the event a total of 174 members were actively participated. The event has been organized in collaboration with Oxfam India for improving the disseminating the Facts on Status and inequality in public education system in Bihar and for the easy accessibility of the services at community level. During the event, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has advocated with the Education department to streamline the services in improving the accessibility o

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quality education in community level It was also discussed that around 20 nos. of Yuva and Mata Samiti are working as change agent in mobilizing of children who have been drop out from school and youths on meeting as well providing access to counselling services will be facilitated to sustain their interest on the education. In addition, following facts are identified by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) so far fact sheet were disseminated. The findings of the study conducted by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) of School data based (Primary school) are as following:

- Majority of school in the project area are situated in the SC dominated area (Dalit, Maha dalit), Hence, the 95% of the students belong to weaker section Were enrolled.
- Enrolment of boys and girls in sample schools are 48.4% and 51.56% respectively.
- It is noteworthy that although most of the primary/ upper primary schools are running in a building with several classrooms and 50% of these schools are found with boundary wall and gate. It is disheartening that only 27% primary schools and 65% primary with upper primary schools run by the government in the district have boundary wall as per the estimation of DIES 2016-17.
- It is to be noted that only 33% primary and 65% primary with upper primary schools have a play ground in the premises in Samastipur district. It is remarkable that 70% of primary/Upper primary schools in the sample area have a playground. Lack of availability of play ground hampers engagement of children in different games and physical activities making schooling monotonous and unattractive.
- It has been found that the water facility has been provided in the majority of primary (85%) and primary with upper primary (99%) schools in the district Sufficient drinking water facility are not available at 30% of schools, most primary schools in the sample area.
- It is depressing to see that only 40% of schools in the sample area have a well equipped library.
- Almost all the upper primary schools in the sample area have both boys and girls toilets whereas primary schools did not have any kind of toilets at all.
- Only 40% of sample schools have ramp facility.
- None of the primary schools has any kind of toilets at all for differently able children.

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- 50% of schools have play and game materials.
- It may be noted that more than 95% teaching learning materials grant has been utilized by teachers and 60% of the sample schools have teaching learning materials.
- Majority of the schools in the sample area have kitchen shed.
- Almost all of the sample schools have barrier free access but majority of schools are located at distant places, away from dalit households and girls have difficulty in access to those schools as all weather roads are not available.
- Almost all the schools follow the time table.
- None of the primary schools children is getting any kind of textbook at all. According to DICE data 30 thousand SC category students received free textbook in 2016.
- 98% primary and 99% primary with upper primary schools provide MDM. Almost all the children complain about discrimination in getting MDM. They complained that they are getting MDM on the caste based sitting arrangement.

Eventually, recommendations are also been disseminated with this fact sheet by DVAS are as following:

- Ensure effective implementation of the RTE Act whose implementation has been dismal with only 1.7% schools complying with the norms in Bihar, even after 8 years of implementation. The government must draft a roadmap to ensure 100% compliance with RTE norms within 3 years of formation of the new government.
- The state government should expedite the process of recruitment for vacant teacher's positions and put in place appropriate mechanisms for pre and in service teacher training, timely availability of textbooks and creation of their infrastructure facilities to ensure RTE compliance as soon as the new government is formed.
- Ensure that mass scale public school closures are stopped in the name merge and reopen those that have been closed to ensure the RTE norm are met and schools are accessible to all.
- Ensure all out of school children's are brought back to school and provide quality and inclusive education. It is important to have particular plan for the uninterrupted education of girls to ensure their equitable comprehensive development given they are more prone to drop out due to social

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discrimination.

- Ensure school safety guidelines are finalized and rolled out in Bihar. While ensuring budgets for implementation of guidelines. Particular effort will be needed to ensure safety and security of girls, to ensure retention and quality learning of girls up to secondary education.
- Take urgent action to reverse declining expenditure on education as a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and bring it to at least 6% of the GDP in line with the global education financing benchmarks and ensure common school system as per recommendation of Much Kund Dubey Committee.
- Ensure the total eradication of child labour up to the age of 18 years and remove the provision in section 3 of the child labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016. Which legalizes child labour in “family enterprise”? Allowing children to work, risks violating these children’s right to education. It effects the retention rates in schools and increase the dropout rate: especially from Dalit, Adivasi and Muslim communities.
- Ensure measures to curb commercialization and privatization of education. Strengthen the accountability of private schools and ECCE centres by drafting and implementing a National Regulatory framework that would lay down fee regulation. Compliance with quality and safety norms.

Capacity-building workshops for parents and civil societies to demand for equitable quality pre-primary education ,ECE and elementary education

The workshop has been conducted at Ambedkar Hall, Tajpur, Samastipur in collaboration with Civil society, community member and Parent etc. The overall strategy for promoting the capacity of community for access the quality education and to develop



leadership skills for betterment of the communities as well as maximizing their participation in decision makings that affects them. This time, we planned to make the community leader more visible and drive new opportunities for action through takeovers from civil society for a while during the event. Following problems were

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identified and discussed:

- The government schemes have been not reaching by community.
- The dual education policy has been more hazardous for our country.
- Discrimination has been shown in the school with Dalit children's regarding all contexts.
- Text books are not available on time in government school.
- Important education act must be implementing in the school for the betterment and uplifting of poor community.
- Establishing the common understanding on the importance of ECE activities at ICDS centres.
- Encourage the children and parents for motivating them to increased regularity and retention of children at the centres as well as school.

Mobilization of community and mothers to participate in ICDS and elementary education process of their children



Mobilization of community and mothers to participate in ICDS elementary education process of their children have been conducted at Tajpur Office.

All participating mothers and community members have been counselled relating to services of ICDS and elementary education. During the program, discussions were held on determinants of elementary education such as; preschool education poor delivery of education in the project area, poor services of AWC etc. They were also sensitized on how to make empower to raise their issue on a stage and related services available at AWC and school. The major discussions have been made are as following:

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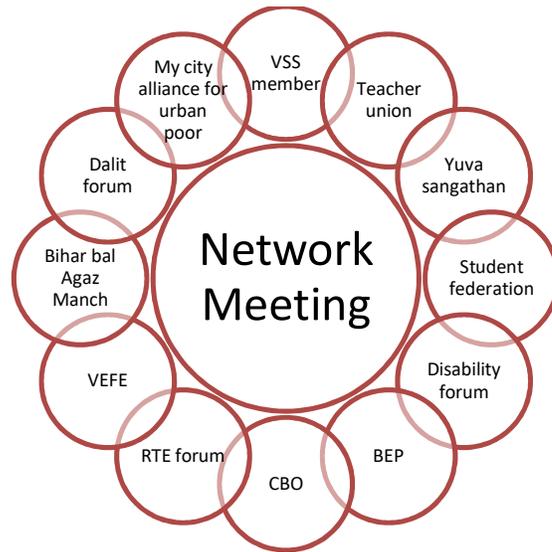
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Network meetings

Network meeting Bihar on Stock Taking has been organized for VSS members Teachers Union, Yuva Sangathan, Student Federation, Representative of Disability Forum, Representative of BEP (Bihar education Project), CBO Members along with Networking RTE forum, VEFE, Bihar Bal Agaz Manch, Dalit Forum, Bihar, My city alliance for urban poor has been organized at Anugrah Narayan Sinha Institute of Social science, Baily Road, Patna (Bihar) on 31st March' 2019. During the event a total of Male -37 and Female -38 out of 75 members were actively participated. The event has been organized in collaboration with Oxfam India and RTE forum for improving strategic partnership with CSO/ educational institute/ teachers/ student network, media, people representative towards ensuring equitable public education services. The event has been facilitated by Mr.Kedar Pandey (President- Bihar Primary Teachers Association and MLC),Mr. Sanjay Sinha from TISS, Mumbai Ranjana Das ((Regional Manager) Oxfam India. A report has been presented by Mr Dharmendra Kumar(Executive Director)DVAS (Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti) on "Status of education in Bihar" were shown more differences in comparison DIET and ASAR report. In addition with event also has advocated with the Government to streamline the services in improving the accessibility of quality education in community level.

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The major decision has been taken in this meeting are as following:

- Schools must be following the RTE rules in safety and security of the children's and no. of teachers to be increased as per the RTE provisions.
- Ensuring the availability of text books must be distributed in starting session of the school.
- Retention policy and quality learning have been almost defunct in school.
- In absence of sufficient resource the merger policy has been taken by the government but after merger it will happened closure.
- Take urgent action to reverse declining expenditure on education as a share of GDP and bring it to at least 6% of the GDP in line with the global education financing benchmark and ensure common school system as per recommendation of Kothari Ayog.
- In coming Parliamentary Election each and every political party have been add education is major issue in their manifesto.

Encourage participation of Village Siksha Samiti & mothers in monitoring and governance of school/ AWCs

Since, most of the learning assessment reports highlight that school children in Bihar are far behind to attain the class wise learning competencies and majority of children face difficulties as they move up in the education ladder, and ultimately drop out from the school. This is also because of non-tracking of students learning and poor implementation of assessment processes in the classrooms. Therefore, we have

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organized a meeting with Village Siksha Samiti and mothers for encourage participation in monitoring and governance of school and AWC. The discussion has been made in the meeting are as following:-

- Sharing objective of the project and brief about the programme.
- Discussed about the services of AWC
- Community are responsible for school education and early grade education.

After briefing about above topic by Executive Director Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS), some major decision has been taken by Village Siksha Samiti members and community members are as following:-

- A vigilance team has been formed for supervision of school and AWC.
- Bal Panchayat to be formed for the children.
- Planning has been made for responsibilities of children in the field of education.

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Activity during 2018-2019

Awareness generation of RTE and Role of Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS)

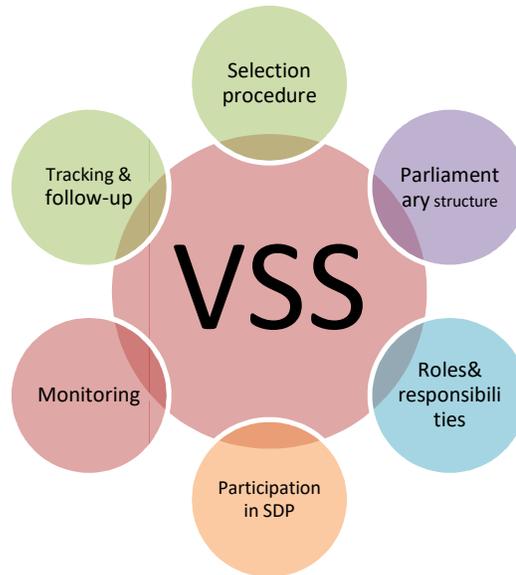
The awareness generation programme on RTE Act-2009 and role of Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) has been conducted during the period between school teacher Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) member and community leaders. The topic has been covered during awareness programme are as following:

- Brief of RTE Act-2009
- Roles of VSS member in school development plan
- Free education of children under 6-14 years
- Teachers student equation in the class
- No test of the children at the time of admission
- No retention and no termination from the school of children
- Out of school under the age of 6 will be got admission in the age appropriate class.

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Block Level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) Training

The Block level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) training has been conducted. The Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) member were very excited to get training about their roles and responsibilities in the school development and how can they participate in the school monitoring etc, The discussion have been made roles and responsibilities of VSS during the training programme are as following



Block Level meeting with teacher and Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) member

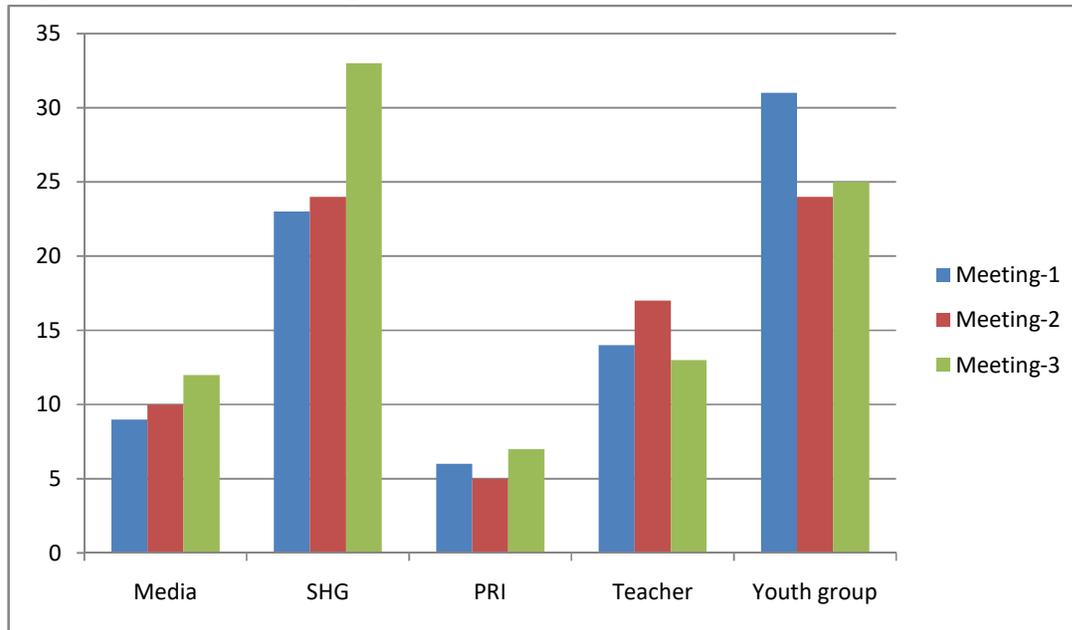
Block level meeting with teachers and Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) member has been conducted. The Block Development Officer (BDO) Circle Officer (CO), Block Welfare Officer (BWO), Block Education Officer (BEO), other like minded government officials and community member and leader has been participated in the meeting for better coordination and functioning of the school. Also the RTE 2009 to be implementing in every school of the project area at least. The discussion has been made in the block level meeting are as following:

- How to put demand of school development in the VSS monthly meeting
- Monitoring of development of the school
- How to help in the enrolment in the school
- Maintenances of minutes of the meeting
- Role of the member of VSS in good governance of school

District level meeting with different social group

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A district level meeting with different social group SHG representative, Youth group representative, Teachers, PRI members, Media representative and other like minded organization representative has been conducted



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District level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) capacity building meeting

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- Brief of RTE Act-2009
- Roles of VSS member in school development plan

District Level workshop with Teachers

The district level workshop with teachers have been conducted during the reporting period for discussion and understanding of RTE Act 2009 and develop a common understanding with them to implement the project objective and follow and implement the RTE rules in the schools, the topic has been discussed in the district level workshop are as following:

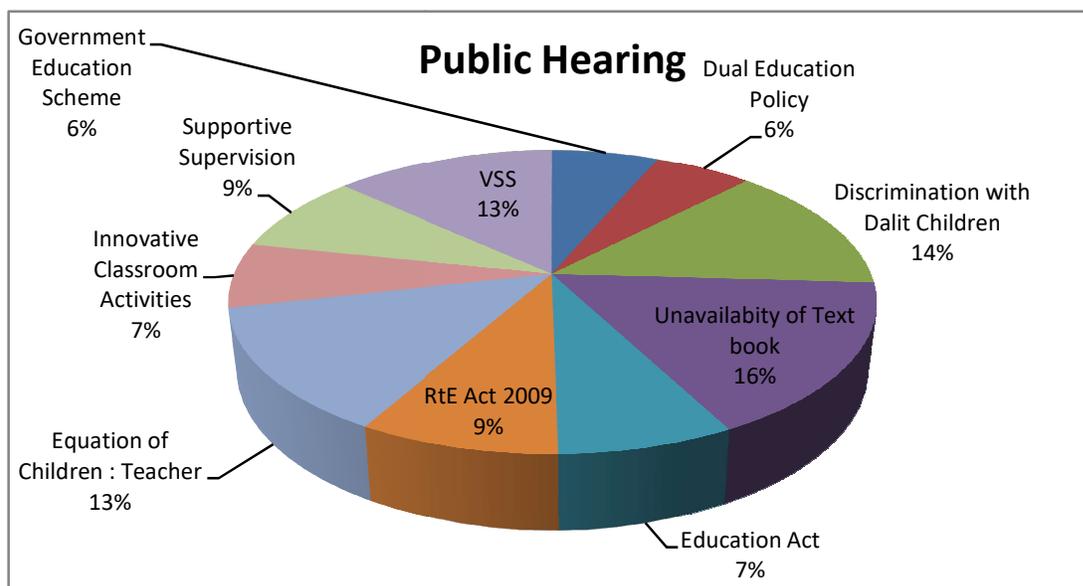
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State level Public Hearing

State level public hearing has been conducted with Government Education Department, the representative of youth club, women group, community leader, CBC member, and other stakeholder have been participated. The education department representative has been briefing about the education status in the state as well as the current infrastructure facility. Also they have been explain about the barrier and process of implementation of any programme to be implement. They have been also explain about the gap between teacher and student. After end of the session the participants have been submitted the written application as well as demand for better implementation of the education programme and betterment of the education status for better future of the children. the below given graphs has been showing the figure as well as need of the community:







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