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Preface

This year represent a significant milestone for the DVAS. We are approaching next year to complete 24th years of our existence in social development sector. Now we express our gratitude towards all those who would remain extremely supportive and helpful in realising our vision and changing the lives of people. Following the pattern of each year we are happy to present the annual report of DVAS for the year of 2017-18. We have tried to capture an account of the activities we conceived planned and implemented in the reporting year.

This was a year of a number of new partnerships and associations. We developed new programs for our projects injecting additional benefits to the families we are working with. Our donors and partners remained positive throughout the year and DVAS met all the goals set out in the various statements of work between DVAS and other organizations.

Sincerely

Programme Manager

DVAS

Following the pattern of past years, this year also we have addressed the issues pertaining to Social Inclusion, Education and Child Rights, Livelihood and Women Empowerment, Poverty and women empowerment and social justice through a set of carefully designed interventions.

While we rejoice our existence of 23 years DVAS pays tribute and congratulates Ms. Fulkumari devi, who was selected at block level as a strong woman representative of Ambedkar Gram Samiti.

We pay our tribute to different agencies like RTE Forum, *Dalit* Forum, Jila Mahila Helpline, Gender alliance, Labour Community, Civil Society, Mahila Baal Vikas Yojna who strode with us to address the issues of gender inequality, women rights, social inclusion, livelihood rights etc.

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Acronyms

Acronyms	Meaning
BPI/APL	Below Poverty Line/Above Poverty Line
CBO	Community Based Organisation
DVAS	<i>Dalit</i> Vikas Abhiyan Samiti
IGSSS	Indo Global Social Service Society
MGNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
POA	Prevention of Atrocities
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institutions
RTE	Right to Education
SC/ST	Schedule Caste/Tribe
SHG	Self Help Group
SMC	School Management Committee
TDH	Terre Des Hommes

Message from the Chairperson

It is a great pleasure to present to you the 23rd Annual Report of DVAS with a hope that you will find the report informative and something that will motivate you in your endeavours.

It's been a great privilege and honour to serve as the Chairperson of DVAS for the past 3 years. Throughout this tenure I have seen a great deal of impact and change in the communities where DVAS plays a role.

The vision and mission of our Executive Director and CEO, Mr. Dharmendra Kumar continues to progress and evolve. Important to note that CBOs like People's Organization, Children's Forum, and Unorganized Labour Union would remain important vehicles to make our people centred efforts a self-reliant and sustainable venture.

This is the age of women empowerment and I believe that the Empowerment of women not only enables them to live in

dignity but also a tool for sustainable development and reducing poverty. Empowered women significantly contribute to enhance the socio economic profile of their families in general, which as a result improves prospects for the next generations.

Educational attainment and economic participation are the key constituents in ensuring the empowerment of women. Other than educational and economic empowerment, changes in women's mobility and social interaction and changes in intra-household decision-making are necessary. The acceptance of girl children as a positive addition to the family and education for girls has given them a proper place in their village societies.

It is with great pride that I commend the work of Mr. Dharmendra and his team and look forward to the impact we will see in the future.

Sincerely

Nawal Kishor Paswan

Chairperson

Message from the Executive Director

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Progress Report, 2017-18 of *Dalit Vikas Abhiyaan Samiti (DVAS)* in your hands.

This year the organisational activities were focussed around strengthening and empowerment of the deprived and marginalized communities' i.e. SC/ST and the other socially and economically backward section of the society. Our project area witnessed opening of new interventions and events along with the unabated efforts to serve the marginalized and the poorest sections of the society.

Various interventions were carried out during the period covering issues like Health and Quality of life, Urban Poverty and Urban Governance, Social Inclusion of Scheduled Castes, Environment conservation, Livelihood, Women Empowerment and Education.



I take this opportunity to thank the donors and co-operating agencies and individual for their continuous support and guidance in our endeavour. Last but not the least I would like to express my sincere regards and thank Board Members and DVAS Team members for their invaluable support and rigorous efforts for accomplishment of Outputs.

We look forward for your support and co-operation in our fight against Human Sufferings and inequality.

Sincerely

Dharmendra

Executive Director

Mission Vision and Genesis

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti is a right based civil society organization working towards empowerment of *dalits* and women through addressing factors of exclusion and advancement of their rights in close coordination and support from broader secular, democratic, progressive and egalitarian social movements without losing its *dalit* perspective.

Over the last 20 years, its developmental interventions are attenuated to augment the increased participation of marginalized communities through various enabling strategies and programs such as advocacy, sensitization, issue based campaigns, community capacity building and networking and to ensure fundamental socio-economic rights, including human rights, and resolutions of various National and International Bodies.

Over the period, the organization has marked its presence as a committed, target oriented development agency, guided by professional values, with long term objectives to pursue integrated community development.

While working in Bihar we introduce the best practices and approaches for community empowerment. We add value in our field operations by embedding the learning we acquire from our past

experience and collective research and reciprocate the same, creating a loop of learning which ultimately benefits our clients and community at large.

Our Vision

To build the capacities of discriminated groups to raise their voices and represent themselves in activities to combat Factors leading to exclusion, socio-economic discrimination and inequalities.

Our Mission

To empower the Dalits and underprivileged community people to maximize their potential and enable them to become independent and self-reliant through foster a conducive environment to enable the less privileged to assert their rights and live with dignity.

Our Goal

To establish an egalitarian society for the less privileged; especially dalits; community people who can enjoy rights, liberty, equality and fraternity by enabling themselves independent section of society is ensured in the process of decision making.

Operational Landscape

DVAS is currently working with unreached and underserved *dalit* communities in around 50 Gram Panchayats and 360 villages all forming part of Patna, Vaishali, Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Gaya and Nalanda, districts of Bihar, benefiting poor and indigent *Dalit* communities. We as well work in Both Gaya & Kankarbagh Nagar Panchayat in Urban areas with the underprivileged sections. In the year of

2017-18 we have touched the lives of approximate 75750, individuals directly, who hail from 7500 Households through various interventions, supported by our esteemed donors and partners. We work in those parts of Bihar that fare poorly on the scales of human development indicators. These districts are marked for iniquitous practices like child labour, human trafficking, mass migration, absolute poverty etc.



Operational Statistics

Districts	Village/Communities	Household Coverage	Individuals
Samastipur	30	5500	28500
Vaishali	10	2450	12250
Patna	20	4200	5500
Gaya	30	4800	22000
Nalnda	10	1250	7500
Total	100	7500	75750



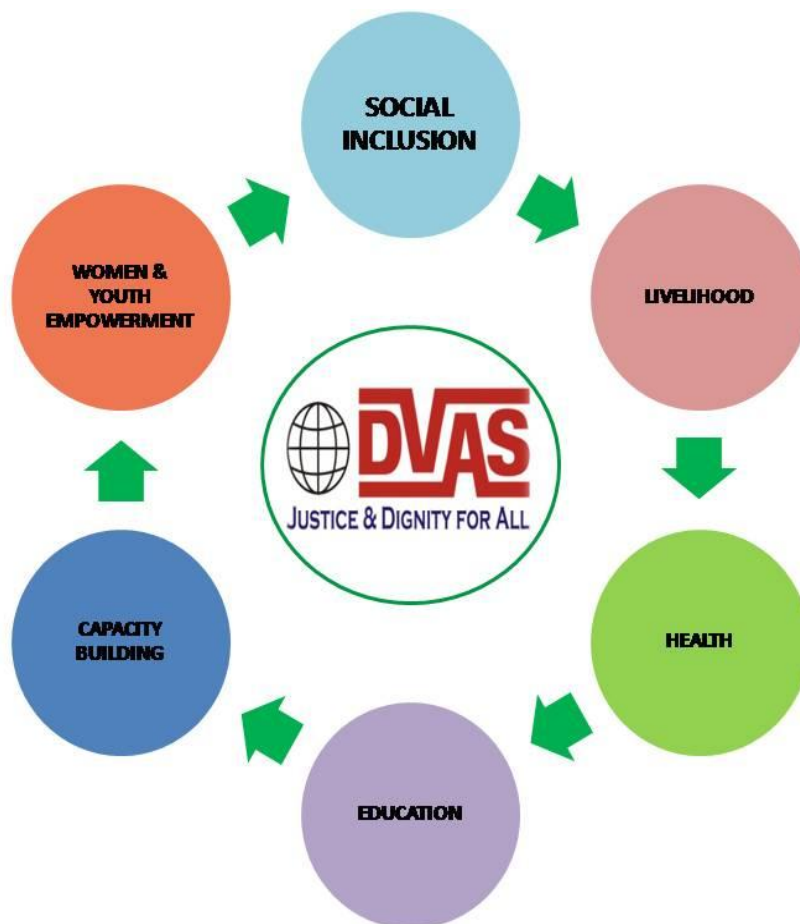
Photograph 1: We the Bal Sansad Children.....and VSS Members Teachers s

Our Partners

Project partner	Project name	Operational Districts	Villages/Communities	Household Coverage	Population Coverage
CSD-RTE Forum(TDH) New Delhi	Enhancing Community Participation in Bihar for the Implementation of RTE act 2009/	02	60	10250	35000
CARE INDIA New Delhi	Safe and secure education for girls	02	50	9000	27500
CASA New Delhi	Ensuring Rights and Dignity Livelihood through	1	10	4500	22500

Project partner	Project name	Operational Districts	Villages/Communities	Household Coverage	Population Coverage
	Collective Approach among the <i>Dalit</i> , <i>mahadalit</i> and other vulnerable Groups.				

Key Thematic Components and Strategic Approach



Social Inclusion: Inclusion of the excluded communities has been the prime working issue of the organization. The organization believes in formation and nurturing of Community based organisation's coupled with enhancement of micro – macro linkage and advocacy to be the key strategy for inclusion. Equity in terms of access to resources and active participation in decision making process as key indicators to inclusion for marginalized communities. The organization has been putting in sincere efforts since its inception for access to basic rights among the excluded communities.

Promoting Education as basic Rights among Marginalized Children: Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti strongly beholds education as a catalyst to foster

Photograph 2: We Organize Regular Meetings With Women

development of the marginalized societies and instrumental in creating awareness around issues related to rights and entitlements. The organization has been involved in periodic study of educational process of the marginalized as Scheduled Caste children to understand the factors and causes responsible for exclusion of children for the educational process. The organization has been advocating for proper implementation of Right to Education 2010 norms at the educational institution with the government. It has also drawn a campaign to sensitize the parents with community involvement for active participation and management of the centres. The organization is running JAGJAGI centres at Patna and Bodhgaya to motivate children to join the mainstream education system



Women Empowerment:

Empowerment of Women has been a non-negotiable principle for DVAS since its inception. The organization values empowerment of women as building base for strong family and value based society. The organization has undertaken a series of initiatives ranging from formation and nurturing of SHG's and campaign against domestic violence related with women. The organization has been instrumental in organizing women groups especially *dalit* women groups on issues related with sexual and Physical harassment.

Combating social discrimination through legal and constitutional options: We take the approach of; Fact finding and legal support to combat the social discrimination. We also organise, Counselling services, Para legal Training, Orientation of Human Right defender, and do advocacy for use to right to information, right to service etc.

Promoting Livelihood and vocational Training: Livelihood promotion has been one of the areas for facilitating economic strengthening of the marginalized groups for the organization. The organization has been facilitator in Promoting Micro Livelihood activities and vocational training to young girls on stitching, embroidery and computer training with focus on girls from minority community to enhance their skills of economic value to make them self-reliant and live a life with confidence and pride.

Health and Sanitation: Health is a burning problem both in rural and urban areas specially among the marginalized and poverty stricken population. We put in efforts to

sensitize and build awareness of the local communities on health provisions, maternal and child health and conducted several adolescent Health awareness programmes. The organization has been promoting engagement of settlement improvement committee (SIC's) to demand and negotiate for rights of health and sanitation as explicitly mentioned in the Bihar State Slum Policy 2011.

Promoting Child Rights. The organization firmly believes that the investment in children are important from the vantage point of building a strong future for the country. But there has been gross violation of rights of children in the state which needs to be addressed. The organization has been engaged in various campaign against child labour to ensure community awareness and advocacy for implementation of child rights. The organization has been also actively involved in campaign against child marriage.

Youth leadership development program: The organization has been actively involved in building the human capital especially with the Youth Groups. Various Capacity building programs on thematic issues have been organized to improve the skill Knowledge and aptitude of the rural youths to promote a sense of confidence to meet the life challenge with maturity. The organization has been involved in organising Youth leadership development Program both for men and women to build them

capacitates and development of leadership trait.

Agricultural Development and on farm enterprise promotion: Agriculture is one of the key sphere for augmenting the household income in rural areas and to ensure food security for all. The organization has been working on the issue as promoting improved techniques and practices to ensure better management and promotion of small and marginal farmers. The organization has been creating awareness on non-chemical farming and to address the issues as arresting land degradation through use of vermin composting in place of

chemical fertilizer based agriculture among the farming communities.

Building capacities of Urban Poor for access to rights and services: DVAS has been constantly working with the Urban Poor groups to address the issues of urban Poverty and urban governance in the urban poverty pockets of cities like Bodhgaya and Patna. The organization has been involved in formation and nurturing of people's collectives to organize and raise voice against Urban poverty in the state. Federations of these organization have been promoted by the organization to demand and negotiate for their rights and entitlements for leading a life with access to basic services and dignity.

Special Feature# State Level Meet on RTE and Role of SMC



Photographs No 3; Mr jatan Ram Manjhi CM Bihar

After 70 years of Independence the condition of education is not so good. As per the Education department all the children are in the school but this data is very skewed. Education is the backbone for the society. India's concerns towards the welfare of the weaker sections of the Indian society, has been well reflected in Article 46 of the Constitution, which states that the State will promote the educational and economic interest of the weaker section of the Indian society, specially the Scheduled Tribes (ST) & Scheduled Castes (SC). No doubt that the country has progressed much after the independence the quality.

In a bid to take the issue of quality education to the next level a public discourse was organized in the form of a workshop in Patna. The workshop was attended by dignitaries like Mr. Jitan Ram Manjhi, former Chief Minister Bihar and senior members of RTE forum and educationists

During the discussion, it is brought to the understanding of participants that the Government of Bihar has made the proper rules in consonance with RTE act but the certain issues are still remaining the cause of concern like inert SMCs, poor participation of community in school related matters, poor quality of teaching etc.

Giving his remarks on state of education in the state Mr Manjhi says that a notification is to be made to the Bihar Education Department and he would take up the issue at policy level with the government. He further adds that the measures shall be

taken about the appalling condition facing by the *Dalit* community in Bihar.

Speaking on the state of education in Bihar the members from RTE forum informs the people that the child population of Bihar in the age group of 0-17 years is about 4.75 crores, (46% of Bihar's total population). Female child population accounts for 47.5% of the total child population. The percentage of SC children hovers around 17% whereas 1.3% children belong to Scheduled Tribes. The rate of literacy among children below 18 years of age hovers around 79.54%, with girls registering a marginally lower literacy rate of 76.95%.

The problem of retention still remains widespread and other numerous reasons for non-continuation of education force the children to drop of schools. Data reveals a declining graph of participation and completion as they reach higher classes. Further, the quality of the education received, the experience of discrimination, the inadequate and poor quality of infrastructure, shortage of teachers, poor instructions where these children learn, reflect a much deeper systemic and societal failure in the district and the state.

Honourable Minister of Education, Shri Krishanandan Prasad Verma, who was present in the programme as the Chief Guest in the program put a submission that owing to the poor quality of education imparted in the government schools, there is a great difference in the number of children enrolled in government schools and those who are in private schools, and considered it a major challenge in the way

to provide education to all. He informed the participants that Bihar considers the importance of inclusive quality education, and takes adequate steps to ensure the same. He expressed his dissatisfaction towards the quality of education in schools. He lauds the efforts of social organizations, educationists, researchers for their efforts in the area of quality education.

Mr. Dharmendra Kumar while acknowledging the support of CASA said the CASA has been working on various issues including education for many years in 10 districts of North Bihar. The awareness programme for SMC is a campaign-driven program and is very important. Shri Kedar Nath Pandey, President, Bihar Secondary Teachers Association touched upon the issues like caste systems in rural schools and the issues that hamper the dialogue between teachers and students in schools.

Dr. Josh Kalpura Director, Xavier Institute of Social Research, Dr. Archana ASRT, Prof. Khageendra Kumar, Head of Department, Education Department, Prof. Anil Kumar, Akshay Kumar, Vijay Kumar Singh, Editor, Prachya Prabha, Vikash Kumar Pankaj, Advocate, Rajiv Ranjan,

It is deduced that in spite all such efforts it is a harsh reality that the government school are hardly functioning as institutions of social transformation to foster all round development of children of socially excluded groups. It is concluded that such alarming conditions of educational exclusion of children's of socially excluded groups requires immediate response to address their educational needs as well as to adequate measures to establish child rights in the state.

This program was attended by Nanda kishore Kushwaha, Member, State Food Commission, Vidyanand Vikal, Former Chairman, State Scheduled Commission, Vice Chancellor of School Education Committee, Federation, Phul kumari Devi,

Bihar Bal Voice Forum, Prem Kumar Verma, Samata, Surendra Kumar and Uday Kumar Dasara. Amongst those who expressed their views were, the CASA project officer, Fulmani Soren, Dr. Manju Jha, Abhigyan, and Pancham Narayan Singh

Photograph 4: We Try to Take Policy Makers on Board for a impactful discourse (With Education Minister of Bihar)



Special Feature# Livelihood Augmentation

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has been implementing a project for livelihood augmentation of *dalits* and women in Morwa and Tajpur block of Samastipur district in Bihar. Past work experiences and primary and secondary data suggests that *dalits* and women in developmental blocks of Tajpur in Samastipur are most deprived. Their control over resources, government programs and policies is at abysmally low level, while their participation in decision making process is negligible. The entire area is rain fed and it is the main occupation of the people with constant threat of drought.

In its stride towards livelihood empowerment of the target community DVAS has been constantly engaged in sensitizing the community on various aspects of livelihood and also carried out a livelihood analysis of the target area in collaboration with the community. In the reporting year the organisation organised two days training on livelihood feasibility study and livelihood promotion for members of Ambedkar Gram Samiti formed under the project.

Photograph 5: Participants in Livelihood Training Programme



The key objectives of the programme was; to jointly identify potential livelihood activities feasible in the intervention area in collaboration with the participants, to understand the feasibility aspects of the identified livelihood options and to develop understanding of the participants and finalize action plan for demonstration of livelihood promotion under the project. The programme also covered sessions on Resource Base Analysis (RBA) and identification of livelihood options in farm and non-farm sectors. The sessions covered the aspects like; availability of skills and technology of the enterprise management, availability of raw material & demand of the product and financial capacities and comfort level of the participants.

A common discussion was facilitated on feasibility of the identified options. It was agreed that options like; Goat rearing, Brinjal cultivation, mixed cultivation of Potatoes and Maize, carrying out petty trading in Agriculture commodities and non-farm options like tailoring and *papad* making are some of the viable choices in the locality. Discussion was also held on the financial requirements and support if the options are taken into consideration by the members of samite.

Special Feature# Programme on Gender Equality Campaign

A training was organized on gender equality by Ambedkar Gram Samiti and supported by BFTW from 7th March 2018 to 12th March 2018 in Tajpur and Morwa block. The programme was conflated with International Women's Day. The main focus of this campaign was generating equality among men and women across different social and financial concepts like gender, social equality, remuneration equality for work, discriminatory practices towards girls, etc.

On March 07, 2018, Amadekar Gram Samiti organized an event with the objective to establishing equality for women and the end of discrimination towards women. On the eve of Women's Day, discussion was held to memorize the evening on the names of women.

08 March 2018, interactive program on the safety and inclusive quality education of women and children was organized in the

presence of *Dalit* Development Campaign Committee, Tajpur Office Auditorium. In this program, social workers and women's rights, and their security issues were discussed. The participants include, Sanjita Vibha Rani, Block Child Development Project Officer Tajpur, Mr. Vikas Jain Supreme Court Advisor, Bindari Singh Mukhya Fatehpur Panchayat, and the cadre of Ambedkar Gram Samiti. On the occasion, the *Dalit* Vikas Abhiyan Samiti had set up the Ambedkar village committee.

In the last lap between 9th to 12th, the school education committee was involved for a wider discourse on gender equality with children, and security for women and children. The programme also included issues like inclusive quality education. The program concluded on March 12th in the Tajpur office premises in which Mr Prem Singh Nirala and Mani Rani, managing

director of Women's Helpline, appreciated the initiative.



Photograph 6': Gender Campaigns Voices



Photographs:7 Community livelihood

Programme Details (2017-18)

Details of Key Interventions

Thematic Components	Intervention
Social Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A three days training in two batches involving community leaders was organized to sensitize the target community on the provisions mandated under the MGNREGA scheme and also on the process to generate demand & access to work under the scheme. -A number of 2000 persons were provided inputs on provisions and process related to MGNREGA under a campaign organised in the reporting year. -A Ten days' interface was organized to facilitated dialogue on several functional issues related with implementation of MGNREGA between government officials, job card holders, community and others -Training of women on entitlements and flagship programmes like pension scheme was organised in the reporting year. -Advocacy Initiatives On National Food Security Scheme (Section13) of the Act were undertaken in the reporting year across the project operational area. -A study was conducted on the issue of atrocities against scheduled castes in Samastipur district was undertaken with the objective understand the functioning and implementation status of the protection acts and related mechanism; the study was also focused on understand the awareness level of members of SC community on provision, functioning of protection acts and mechanisms as well to understand the practical challenges faced by them in seeking protection and justice under the act. The study produced a set recommendations for advocacy and dissemination efforts for sensitization and strengthening of implementation of POA Act in t state -A 2 days training on SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act), was undertaken by the organization to provide information on t provisions of the act, the process to be followed while registering cases under the act. -Regular meetings in 10 Ambedkar Gram Samitis. The meetings were organised regularly with a membership base of 432 membe and the members were provided resource inputs on leadership, life skills and other social issues.
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training of community members on PDS, nutrition and food security provisions. -Community drive and mobilisation in <i>Chakhabib</i> village for installation of drinking water sources.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joint Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Exercise with community and School Management Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Capacity Building Programme for 30 number of teachers on RTE and Role of SMC -District level workshop with 40 number of participants on the roles of teaches and SMC members in implementation of RTE act
Livelihood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Training on cultivation of Peas, Brinjals and Potato was organised for 3 women groups covering 45 beneficiaries with resour input support from various experts. -To translate knowledge into practice the women groups were supported with input cost for demonstration by women leaders a they contributed the cost of labour for the demonstration plots -DVAS in collaboration with District Animal Husbandry department got 50 women leaders trained on goat rearing under t integrated Goat & Sheep rearing schemes of the state government.
Women and Youth Empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 days training on community leadership development for 45 cadre -A training and capacity building programme was organized in the reporting year for 65 youths on rights and entitlements, demand and negotiation skills to avail the government schemes and provisions as MNREGA. The capacity building programme also included the conceptual clarity on role of Gram Sabha in a bid to develop their leadership trait to collective and mobilize the community around the socio-economic developmental issues, enhancing participation in gram sabha. -Training on Domestic Violence Act and Gender Sensitisation was carried out in the reporting year. -Training on Gender Rights and Equality

Key Achievements Vis-à-vis Thematic Components

Components	Key Achievements
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of unremitting collective efforts of village level CBO members, in order to establish social inclusion in religious ceremonies, a prayer spot known as <i>Chhath Ghat</i> observed undiscriminating practices. The spot got open for the members of <i>dalit</i> communities for offering prayers. • Increased awareness, reported amongst community members about different government flagship programmes. The collective efforts are reported to be used to avail benefits of the programmes by the people. • A number of 65 families belonging to Scheduled Caste got the legal authority over their land. • People of <i>Morwa</i> village are no more living in darkness. The efforts put up by the organisation has resulted in access to electricity connection for household purpose. • A number of 32 women are supported to file their application for <i>vridha pension</i> (old age pension) while 18 women have been supported to file their application for <i>Laxmibai Pension Yojna</i>, out of which 09 cases have been sanctioned.
<i>Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people of <i>Chakhabib</i> village need not to face the problem of water scarcity specially in summers. With the help of CBOs, they have put demand to have the facility of water under the scheme namely <i>Har Ghar Jal, Har Ghar Nal.</i> and get water hand pumps installed in their village. • During the reporting year DVAS has provided support to 1265 Schedule Caste families to file their application with authorities and also facilitate the process of renewal of Public Distribution System (PDS)s for 825 families.
<i>Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased participation of School Management Committee (SMC) in school level planning, monitoring and supportive supervision. • Increased level of awareness amongst parents about girl child education, resulting in better retention and attendance of girl child in schools specially at primary level.
<i>Livelihood</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of our intervention and capacity building programme a number of 17 families have got support of 1 lakh INR for goat rearing under livelihood support programme. • Increased awareness, reported amongst women on institutional credit practices. A majority of <i>dalit</i> women are reported to access credit from SHGs and Banks and showed less dependency on local money lenders. • Increased awareness amongst farmers' community on multiple cropping and food security. They are reported to put impetus on vegetable cropping in group farming to get additional income. • A number of 65 applications for issuance of Job card and 45 applications for work are promoted by the organization during the reporting period. 350 families accessed enhanced work opportunities under MGNREGA. • The women successfully demonstrated the farming practices and made handsome returns in amount of Rs 5000- Rs 10000 from the activity.

Components	Key Achievements
<i>Women and Youth Empowerment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 45 number of cadre got capacitated on community leadership and due to awareness on gender related issues, women started participating in gram Sabha and raised several issues related to their rights, patriarchal mindset, stake in decision making process, politics etc. They also have got a road map and micro plan for future course of action. • Increased awareness amongst community based cadre specially amongst women. Now they question the age old patriarchal tradition like keeping women in veil (<i>parda</i>) and demand their stake in decision making process at household level. • A number of 80 leaders and 22 People's Organizations emerged from targeted Mahadalits, Dalits, Muslim Minorities, scheduled tribes, women and other backward classes and addressed issues of discrimination, atrocities, exploitations, caste conflicts, local self-governance, and DRR and educate others about protecting their rights and entitlements. • Voices of marginalized community get space in public discourse as Ambedkar Gram samite was culminated at block level and Ms. Fulkumari devi was selected as women representative. • A number of 15% of women leadership are aware on human rights, gender mainstreaming and equal opportunities at all levels.



Photograph 3: Our Efforts Fetch Results in Baghi Tama village. Neelu Devi gets her Right to Safe Drinking Water

Case Reports on Thematic Components

Social Inclusion

Case Report-1:

In context to application of new PDS card to uncovered families and any rectification to be done in the existing PDS cards holders, the applicants had to visit the district offices for verification and authentication of the documents and procedure as per orders of the District Magistrate of Samastipur. When this issue was raised by the community the organization along with the community leaders brought the functional problems of such order before the district level officials. The officials considering the facts as time cost and expenditure in such process relaxed the system by making a provision of authentication and verification at panchayat level. The process of giving a court affidavit was also relaxed and the procedure of self-attestation was introduced making the process simpler, saving time and resources in the process to the benefit of the *dalit* and marginalized communities.

Case Report-2:

We have been working on the issue of homestead land with Landless families. Although *pattas* have been given to landless families as per the provisions of Bihar, yet in majority of cases people do not have physical possession of the land. Mostly Bhoo dan land was provided to them as per the records but the land was in possession of rich and powerful till date. DVAS raked up the issue with district administration for getting physical possession of the land. But when the district administration declined to take action DVAS supported the families to take up this issues with state chapter of national SCST commission. SCST commission intervened in the matter and 20 *dalit* families were provided with physical possession of land by the district administration as an outcome of the activity

Health

Case Report-3:

Ms. Neelu Devi is a happy woman now, as she has access to safe drinking water and she no more have to request others for drinking water. *“It is my right says a confident and proud Neelu Devi, secretary of Ambedkar Gram Samiti Baghi Tatma of Baghi Panchayat in Tajpur blocks.”* The hamlet is dominated by Mahadalit population who are marginalized and mostly BPL families. The hamlet exhibits all indicators of underdevelopment including lack of access to safe drinking water, no contact roads between the hamlets and rest of the panchayat, subsistence agriculture etc. The families of the hamlet were forced to collect water from irrigation wells and farm pond. The winds of change began when DVAS started working in the hamlet and soon successfully formed Ambedkar Gram Samiti.

Case Report-4

Ms. Sangita, a woman from Baghi Panchayat in Tajpur Block, used to live with her mother in law and brother in law.

Her husband used to migrate for work. She got married at a very early age and have 3 children. She was very weak and was not able to do any work properly. She was not allowed to meet anyone and go out as well. She also got tormented by her family members. Due to her bad physical condition, people used to consider her un pious.

During the formation of CBO, Ms. Sangita Devi expressed her wish to join the group but all the women were reported to be against her. When the animators of DVAS came to know about the situation, they tried to convince the family members along with the community. After a lot of incessant efforts by animator, people got convinced and accepted Sangita Devi as a member of Ambedkar Gram Samiti(CBO). Later she rose to the position of the leader. She says, *“There are a lot of women like me who face this type of discrimination in their life, I want to work for those women and remove domestic violence and superstitions from the society.”* She is a crusader of women’s rights in her village and work for the organization

Women Empowerment

Case Story-5:

Ms. Phulkumari Devi, a woman from Morwa village who belongs to a *Dalit* family now talks about women's rights and leads a cadre of volunteers at block level. But the story was completely different a couple of years back. Her husband used to consume alcohol whole day and used to beat her and stop her from going out anywhere and to meet anyone. During the formation of Ambedkar Gram Samiti (CBO), all the women chose her as the leader of the group.

The animator of *Dalit* Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, counselled her to share her story of domestic violence in public and to shame

her husband. After continuous pursuance



she agreed to do the same and narrated her story of torture in public that she used to face. This revolution brought a new change in her life.

*Livelihood***Case Report-6:**

Bibha Devi, is a woman who belongs to Rampur maheshpur panchayat, of block Tajpur. She is an active member of Ambedkar gram Samiti. Her husband is a daily wage worker, and she has three children. Once in need of money she approached the local money lender who in return asked for some gold jewelry. Unable to provide jewelry to the money lender she approached the members of Ambedkar Samiti and sought their help. Members of Samiti organized some money for her she required, and from there the idea of institutional credit lending practice was emerged. Now the women of the CBO collects money and deposit it in the bank and use it at the time of some emergency. The reimbursement rate is amazing and there is almost zero case of some being

*Education***Case Story-7:**

Children of Bodhgaya ward-19 belong to Mushar community and categorised in the poorest among the poor category. The entire slum has a population of 2000 with the representation of 185 children fall under the age group of 6-14 years. Until recently these children were deprived of the basic and elementary



education, as the school was quite far off from their habitation. The lack of education often forced them to indulge in child labour. The adults of this area are also illiterate but understand the importance of education. Organisation took the cognizance of the situation and started a public fund for credit practices as an initial activity of making contact. Gradually when the organisation had created a foothold in the community, the

issue of school was raked up. With the support from local level representatives of RTE forum People were gathered and they submitted an application to cluster education officer of Bodhgaya marking a copy to District Magistrate to organise a school in the vicinity. They got an assurance from the officers and it is believed that the children from this slum will get an opportunity to study in mainstream education system.

Photograph 4: Campaign on MGNREGA



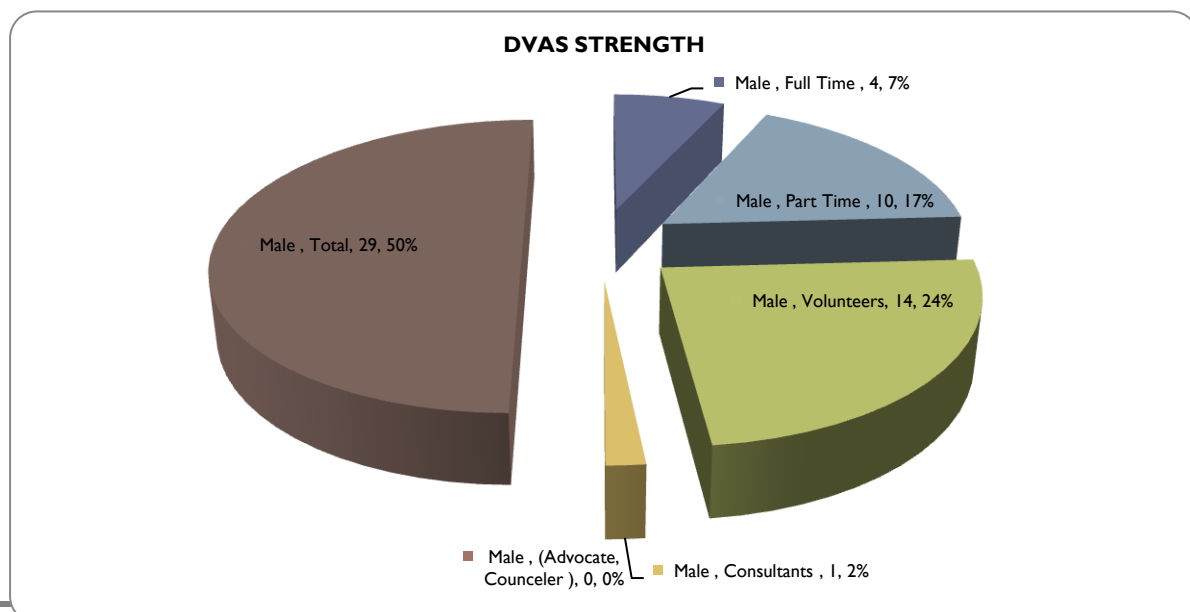
Our Financials

Donors	About Donor	Amount in INR
BFTW Germany	Ensuring Rights and Dignity Livelihood through Collective Approach among the <i>Dalit</i> , <i>mahadalit</i> and other vulnerable Groups.	1188046.49
CSD –RTE Forum(TDH Project) New Delhi	Enhancing Community Participation in Bihar for the Implementation of RTE act 2009/	307000
CARE INDIA	Safe and secure education for girls-Awareness Programmes	50,000
Let change Foundation	Education Awareness Programme	1000
Others		109820

Governance and Structure

Governing Body

The Governing Body has the responsibility to steer, DVAS in policy directions and delivery. It includes representation from various sectors like education, law, social sector, community organisation, etc. The body provides direction and pro-bono support to our constituents.



Governing Body Members

Sl. No	Name	Qualification	Duration of mandate and professional background	Position
1	Mr. Nawal Kishor Paswan	Graduate	15Yrs of Social work in District KRP-Jila jan Shiksha ,patna	Chairperson
2	Mr. Dharmendra Kumar	(Graduate ,LLB Dalit Human Right Defenders	28 Yrs of Social Work for dalits and sustainable development	Founder-Member Executive Director
3	Mr. Jaydip Kumar	Graduate	8 yrs as Educationist & Social Worker	Treasurer
4	Smt. Babita kumara	Graduate	05 yrs of Social work	Member
5	Smt. Sobha Devi	Graduate	4 yrs as SHG Leader	Member
6	Smt. Kanchan Devi	Graduate	CBO Leader	Member
7	Mr. Bindeshwar mandal	Graduate	10 yrs of Social Work	Member

The Core Team

The Governing Body is supported by our Core Team, which includes experts, consultant's executives from different fields. The core team is responsible for our capacity building, strategy formulation, advocacy, research, performance management, implementation and communications. The Core Team reports through the Executive Director/CEO of the organisation.

Program Coordinators/Managers

The Program Managers and Coordinators are responsible for delivering and implementing the various DVAS programs and contractual projects. The Program Managers oversee the work of coordinators and field staff.

Local Volunteer Teams

Staff and volunteers are working locally in each community implementing our programs in the field.

In the year of 2017 an orientation of the entire staff of DVAS was planned and executed. The orientation included components like introduction of vision and mission of the organisation, genesis of the organisation and working ethics. The staff was also trained on field management and community organisation in detail.

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ताजपुर | मिज संवाददाता

ताजपुर व मोरवा में बिहार भूदान यज्ञ कमेटी दर्जनभर से अधिक परचाधारों भूमिहीनों को भूमि पर दखल दहानी करएगी। दलित विकास अभियान समिति की परियोजना समन्वयक बबिता कुमारी ने बताया कि दलित विकास अभियान समिति की लिखित शिकायत पर राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति आयोग भारत सरकार ने मामले में त्वरित संज्ञान लेकर डीएम एवं एसपी समस्तीपुर को करवाई करने का निर्देश दिया है।

इससे अम्बेडकर ग्राम समिति में भी आशा जगी है। बताया जाता है कि राजस्व एवं भूमि सुधार विभाग बिहार एवं बिहार

आयोग का निर्देश

- बेदखल परचाधारियों को दी जाएगी जमीन, आयोग ने दिया निर्देश
- दखल कब्जा नहीं होने की दर्ज करायी थी शिकायत

भूदान यज्ञ कमेटी ने 13 अगस्त 1988 को मोरवा एवं वर्ष 2000, 2006 एवं 2007 में ताजपुर प्रखंड में भूमिहीनों को परचा दिया था। परन्तु दखल कब्जा नहीं होने पर दलित विकास अभियान समिति ने राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति आयोग में इसकी शिकायत दर्ज कराई थी। आयोग ने एसपी को जारी निर्देश की सूचना दलित विकास अभियान समिति को भी दी है।

मनरेगा मजदूरों के भुगतान के लिए पंससों ने की मांग

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ताजपुर प्रखंड परिसर स्थित सभागार में पंचायत समिति की बैठक प्रखंड प्रमुख शांति देवी की अध्यक्षता में हुई। इसमें पिछले बैठक में लिये गए प्रस्ताव की संपुष्टि की गई। इसके बाद सभी सदस्यों ने मनरेगा योजना में काम करने वाले मजदूरों को कई माह से मजदूरी का भुगतान नहीं होने का सवाल उठाया।

जवाब में पीओ अहमद रजा ने कहा कि विभाग के पास राशि नहीं होने के

कारण मजदूरी का भुगतान नहीं हो पा रहा है। सदस्य संजीव चौरसिया ने महीने में एक भी दिन राजस्व कर्मचारी के पंचायत में नहीं रहने के कारण किसानों को हो रही परेशानी को दूर करने की मांग की।

जिसपर बीडीओ चंद्रगुप्त कुमार बैठा ने आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने का आश्वासन दिया। बैठक में स्वास्थ्य, पीएचईडी, शिक्षा, बिजली, बाल विकास, जनवितण आदि विभागों पर भी चर्चा कर कई प्रस्ताव पारित किए गए।

आजादी के 70 साल बाद भी साक्षरता दर 65 फीसदी

पटना | हिन्दुस्तान प्रतिनिधि

सम्मेलन

आजादी के 70 साल बाद भी बिहार में साक्षरता दर महज 65 फीसदी है। यह एक चिंता का बड़ा कारण है। ये साक्षरता भी पूर्ण समावेशी एवं गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा नहीं है। यह बातें पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री जीतन राम मांझी ने दलित विकास अभियान समिति की ओर से गुरुवार को बीवीएच एलसीटी घाट मैनपुरा में भयमुक्त एवं सुरक्षित शिक्षा विषय पर आयोजित सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करते हुए कही। प्रो. विनयकंठ ने कहा कि शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता तब तक संभव नहीं है जब तक सभी सरकारी स्कूलों को एक सुरक्षित वातावरण के साथ एक मजबूत एवं

- दलित विकास अभियान समिति के सम्मेलन में बोले पूर्व सीएम
- शिक्षाविदों का भी शिक्षा व्यवस्था पर ठोस नीति बनाने पर जोर

गुणवत्तापूर्ण ढांचा मुहैया न किया जाए। आरटीई फोरम के राष्ट्रीय संयोजक अंबरीश राय ने कहा कि बगैर कॉमन स्कूल सिस्टम के शिक्षा क्षेत्र में समानता की बातें बेमानी है। सीमा राजपूत ने कहा कि राज्य को भयमुक्त एवं सुरक्षित शिक्षा के लिए ठोस नीति बनानी होगी। सम्मेलन में विभिन्न संगठनों के अलावा कई लोगों ने हिस्सा लिया।

Our Legal Status & Sectoral Partners

Our Bankers

Bank of India, Fatuha Branch, patna

ICICI Bank, Suman Palace Patna

Legal Status and Accreditations

Organization is registered under-

-Section 21 of Societies Registration Act 1860, on July 13th, 1996

-Foreign Contribution and Regulation Act 1976, on September 16th 2002 valid till Oct-21

-Section 12 (A) of Income Tax Act 1961

-Section 80 G (5)(vi) of Income Tax Act 1961

-Employees Provident Fund Scheme 1952

-Accreditation by Credibility Alliance, Mumbai-400004, for compliance of minimum norms Prescribed for good governance of Voluntary Organizations. Certificate Registration No

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-Guide Star Organization, Mumbai Registration No.1349

-VANI Membership No.4482

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Head Office-

The Organisation has its head office, situated in District Patna. It is equipped with all basic infrastructures, well furnished for the staff and the visitors. The office has its networking system to make-work easy and accessible for everyone. Office is equipped with computers, fax, Internet, telephone etc.

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