

Annual Report

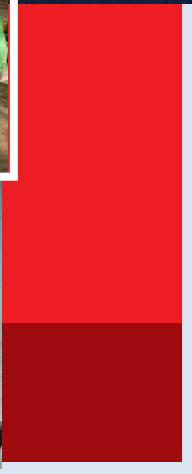
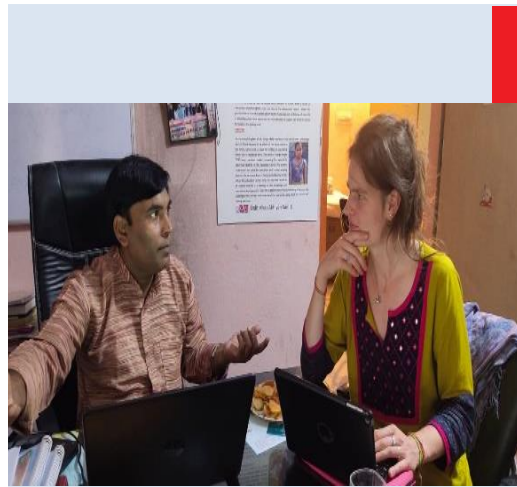
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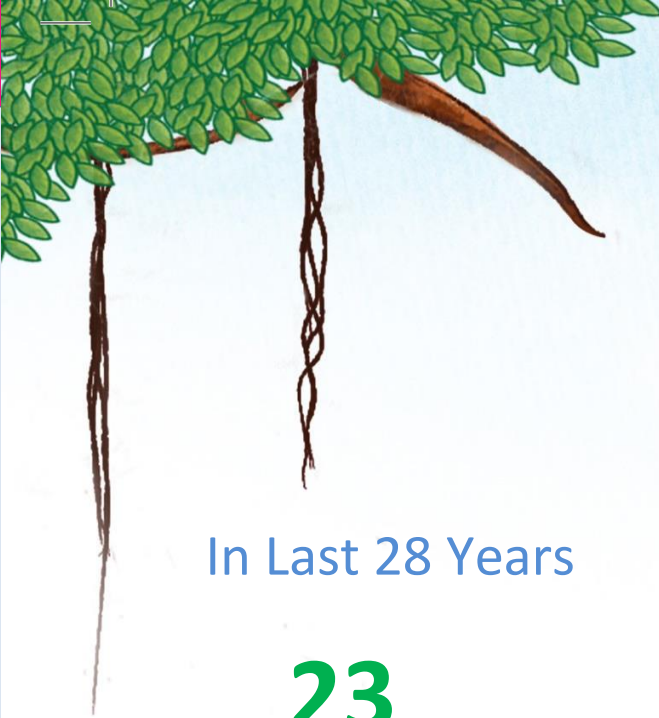
# Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS)



28<sup>Years</sup>  
of DVAS

# ABOUT THIS PROGRAMS





In Last 28 Years

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Unique NGOs worked  
With DVAS



Social Inclusion | Sustainable Livelihood | Education | Women and Girls Empowerment |  
Health and Sanitation | Urban Poverty & Urban Governance | Agriculture | Right to  
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# THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Our Annual Report provides an overview of the work of the Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti confederation from April 2019 – March 2020. The Report covers the work of DVAS.**

It is an honor and privilege to present the Annual Report of Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) for the year 2019-20. We have successfully completed another year of journey during which 5 major projects were implemented in the State. All the projects of DVAS were directed towards Humanitarian Aid and Sustainable Development serving the under-privileged and the poor irrespective of their religion, caste, colour and race considerations.

2019 is an epoch landmark for DVAS as we shall be reflecting and celebrating the 28th year of our credible journey and contribution towards nation building. I need to highlight that during the last 28 years, DVAS has been rooted with the people it serves and has also undergone changes to remain relevant in the changing context to serve the people in distress. These changes were determined through structured strategic planning process often facilitated by external evaluators and facilitators. We need to recognize that organizational growth and institution building is a dynamic process. DVAS is mindful of this fact and therefore, has never compromised with organisational adjustments according to redefined mission and strategy in rapidly changing context. 2019 will provide another opportunity for DVAS to reflect and learn from past years of experiences. In terms of activities we have given emphasis with a priority to Livelihood, then Health, Education, Entitlement and so on.

In this brief Activity Report, an attempt has been made to provide its readers with a glimpse of the activities implemented during the period 2019-2020. I take this opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation for the support and financial contribution and encouragement received in our work from our Constituency, Board of DVAS, Resource Agencies, Partner Organisations and Friends of DVAS. Our special thanks to the Government of India and the State Governments for all the help received. I must place on record my thanks and appreciation for the staff members of DVAS for their dedication and hard work in difficult and adverse conditions. Let us get into another year with HOPE and JOY to bring peace and dignity in the lives of people.

**Mr. Dharmendra Kumar**  
**Executive Director**  
**Dalit Vikash Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS)**





**46,756 People**

**Directly benefitted under Core Program**

Operation in

04 District

&

50 Villages

# Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) Annual Staff Meeting



# OUR YEAR

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, 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, Vaishali, Bodhgaya and Samastipur district with financial and technical support of IGSSS, OXFAM, CSD (TDH), NEG - Fire and CASA for 2019-2020 to empower the Dalit and Mahadalit community with focus on women on aspects as livelihood, access to rights and entitlements.



# PROGRAMS

## STATE-LEVEL CONSULTATION ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENHANCING BASIC SERVICE FOR URBAN POOR

Within a generation, it has been estimated that the majority of the developing world's population will live in urban areas, and that the number of urban residents in developing countries will double, increasing by over 2 billion inhabitants (World Bank 2000). India is no exception. Some 50% of the population or around 600 million people may be resident in urban areas by 2020. These figures suggest that we need to know more about the process of urban development and its effect on urban residents, lives and as a development agency, we need to know more about the impact of urbanization generally on poverty reduction.

The state of Bihar too is growing very fast. It is currently at 104 million, which is an increase of over 25% from the 80 million recorded in the 2001 Census. Bihar's urban poverty ratio is 31.2 per cent in 2011-12, a reduction from the 2004-05 levels when it was 43.7 per cent (Bihar Economic Survey 2013-14).

Although urban centers present real opportunities for poor people, they also create and feed the conditions within which poverty spreads. On the positive side, economic growth, which is partially driven by urban development, increases the incomes of poor people. In addition, cities have the resources to improve the

conditions within which people live and work, and they create the context within which poor people can demand and obtain redress from political and bureaucratic systems. Urban population increases are in part fuelled by rural urban migration as people seek new employment and livelihood opportunities in urban centers.

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has been working for urban poor in Bihar. So that the quality of life of urban poor and informal sector workers has been enhanced by the active participation of community based coalitions in urban governance for securing their residential and livelihood rights through policy engagement at city, state and national level.

## Objectives

- **Right and entitlements –**  
(Entitlements to urban land under the 'housing for all' scheme, rights of the marginalized sections to inclusive education, health, social security, etc.)
- **Climate change –**  
(Assessing the roles and responsibilities of the government and civil societies in ensuring that man-made disasters, such as the recent Patna flooding, are avoided at all cost. Building an action plan for the same.)
- **Governance –**  
(Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of government and the civil societies.) To share the crux of Bihar State Slum Policy 2011, sharing of provisions of Housing for All, SMART CITY, and HOMLESS for building of capacities. To outline the roles of various stakeholders in Governments up gradation of slums and its services.



## Planning Meeting of Urban Poor: Youth Leaders

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, A state level Planning Meeting of Urban Poor – Youth Leaders was organized. The objective of the meeting was to promote the youth leaders in participation the making of their community plan and provide the opportunity to consider his problems and solution himself, improve the quality of better leadership.

In the meeting a total number of **46** youth leaders participated. During the meeting numbers of issues came out through the youth leaders along with the possible solution. The planning framework prepared by the youth leaders according to their issues.



2 Planning Meeting of Urban Poor: Youth Leaders



Figure 1 Quarterly Review & Planning with CBOs

## Quarterly Review and Planning meeting of CBOs

Quarterly review and planning meeting with CBOs conducted at Atathi Home Patna organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2020. There were representatives and members of 130 CBOs have been participated. The meeting was Coordinated and Felicited by Mr. Dharmander Kumar (Chief Executive DVAS). A total 130 executive member from 10 Slum Vikas Samiti have been participated. The following discussion and decision has been made in this meeting:

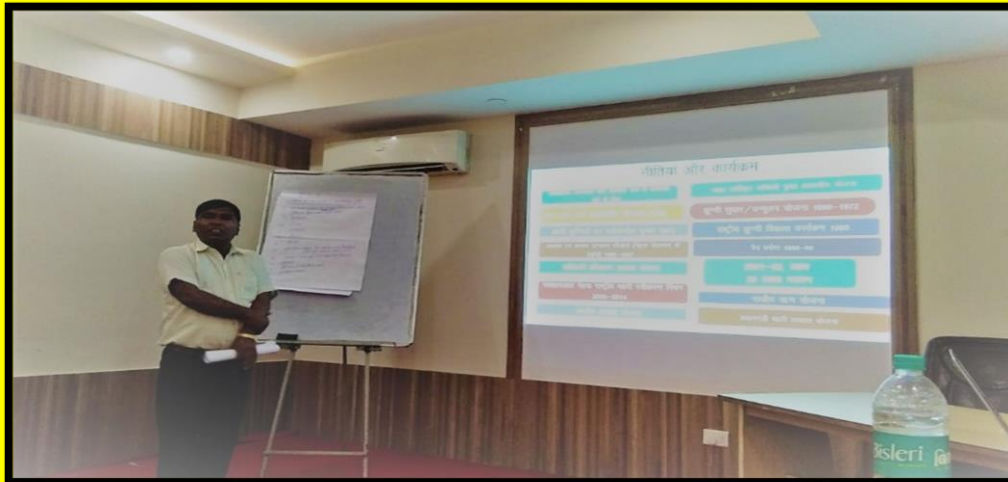
- The identity of community people has been made through efforts of CBOs.
- The community peoples have been actively participated in all programs.
- The campaign was very fruitful for the community.
- The minutes register of CBOs have been update.
- The community peoples have been demanding the work for the earning.
- CBOs representative has been approaching to Municipal department for casual work opportunities.

## Enabling Inclusive Cities for the Homeless Communities

First State Chapter Meeting – Bihar



A state level Enabling Inclusive Cities for the Homeless Communities has been organized by the Dalit Vikash Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) on the issues of Homeless in Bihar with the support of IGSSS and OFFER. In the meeting 18



## **Enabling Inclusive Cities for the Homeless Communities**

First State Chapter Meeting – Bihar

A state level meeting has been organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) with the Support of OFFER and IGSSS for formation of a state level Network for understanding and ensuring the availability of benefit scheme and entitlement of homeless people in Bihar through the Network. Total 18 executive representatives of the 7 organizations had participated, including the OFFER team.

**Experience sharing from baseline by CSO partners in Patna, Gaya, and Muzaffarpur and the personal learning, findings and challenges of the baseline done in 3 cities.**

**Data sharing of the 5 project districts in state Bihar on the baseline survey on homeless people and brief presentation on the SU LM and NULM.**

### **Scheme of shelters for urban homeless -**

**Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna National Urban Livelihood Mission by Priyanka Parmar (OFFER): -**

- Ensure availability and access of the urban homeless population to permanent shelters including the basic infrastructure facilities like water supply, sanitation, safety and security.
- Cater to the needs of especially vulnerable segments of the urban homeless like the dependent children, aged, disabled, mentally ill and recovering gravely ill, by creating special sections within homeless shelters and provisioning special service linkages for them.
- Access to various entitlements, viz. social security pensions, PDS, ICDS, identity, financial inclusion, education, affordable housing etc. for homeless populations.
- Formulate structures and framework of engagement for development, management and monitoring of shelters and ensuring basic services to homeless persons, by state and civil society organizations including homeless collectives.

**Urban Poverty and My city Alliance for Urban Poor Experience Shared by Dharmendra Kumar: -**

**Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti Works for:**

- **Urban Poor**
- **Street Venders**
- **Domestic Workers**
- **Construction Workers**
- **Homeless People**

**Importance of Network – Stepping – stone for advocating for the cause of the homeless community by Prof. Pushpendra Kr. Singh (Chairperson Centre for Development and Practice, TISS)**

## Community Sensitization & Mobilization of Gram Sabha

During the community meeting, we have sensitized them about the participation in Gram Sabha, the stereotype practice of the society that, always the deprived and marginalized people were ignored in the society and they personally hesitate to participate in the meeting where some upper class have participated, they have always a fear to participate in parallel level with them, but after long sensitization process they have been participating in regular basis and they also raise the problem and argue with them about the problem and solution.

In the year 2019-20 with the support of our partner Organization we have successfully reached to more than **2600** peoples through Gram Sabha.



## Capacity Building of CBOs and Collectives on their scheme and entitlement

**86** CBOs Meeting has been conducted in the year 2019-2020 in which **1,119** (331 Male, 528 Female and 260 Youth) people Participated.

The purpose of 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.

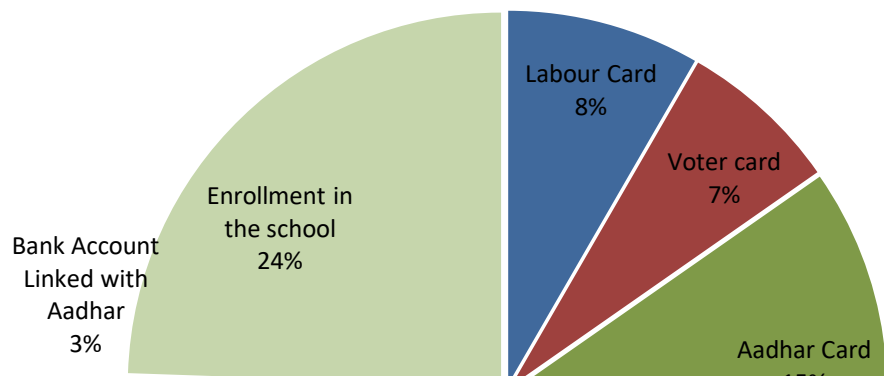
The topic covered in the meeting are as following:

- 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.

**Empowering the targeted community to support in making Documents**

**78** Community Meeting was organized by the Community on the different prevailing issues faced by the community during the meeting a total number of **1362** peoples (415 Male, 644 Female, and 203 youth) participated. The objective of the Meetings was to focus on the issues prevailing in the community and aware the community to step out and raise the voice against these problems.

## SOCIAL SECURITY





## Reducing Inequality in India: Education

### Periodic Meeting 10 'Aagaz Gram Samiti'

A collective platform to collective and mobilize the larger community on the issue of inequity in public education at village level.

### Formation of Samaveshi Siksha Unnayan Samiti

With the objective to enhance the opportunity of education in the institution and proper functioning of schools and Aganwadi Centre we have been formed 18 Samaveshi Siksha Unnayan Samiti groups in 18 different target village. During the formation of the SSUS group, a total of 459 participants (162 Male and 297 Female) attended the meetings conducted during the reporting quarter. In the year 2019 - 2020, a total number of 22 Samaveshi Siksha Unnayan Samiti have been formed at Village level.



### Capacity Building of Siksha Samiti members



capacity building workshop.

### ICDS and elementary education

36 Mobilization meetings were conducted with Agawanbadi Saveka, Community peoples, Aagaz Gram Samiti to improve & strengthening the quality of AWC and determinants of elementary education.

## Interface Meeting with Government Officials

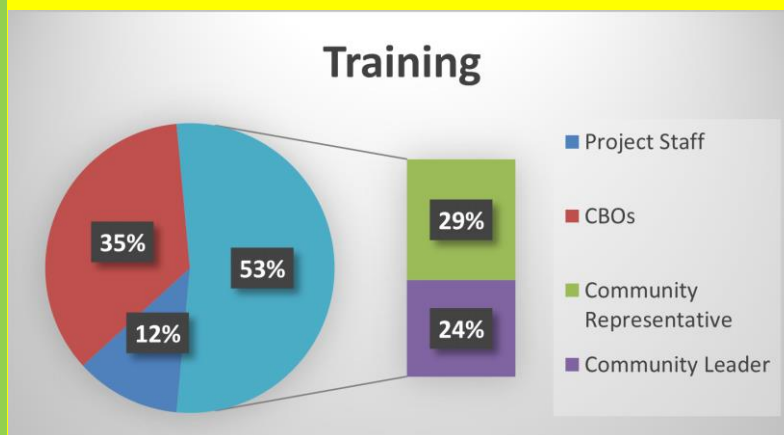


### Interface Meeting with Government Officials

In the reporting year 2019-20 altogether 16 interface meeting have been conducted with the different government department officials. The purpose of interface was to aware the government officials regarding the prevailing issues faced by the marginalized community in the rural and urban. With the support of our partners, we are able to raise the issues in front of government. Issues raised i.e. the problems faced by the Slums peoples on Urban Awash Yojana and issues will come in the planning of smart city, Admission of Poor children in private schools under RTE Act, discrimination with dalit children in schools, proper running of ICDs, adoption of new education methods, Work under MGNREGA etc.

During the meeting PRIs members, CBOs members, Youth club members and community members participated.

## Capacity enhancement Trainings



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

### Gender Mainstreaming

*The gender mainstreaming programme has been organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS). It has been undertaken mainly on gender policy and sharing, capacity enhancement on gender analysis, gender-sensitive planning and gender budgeting and periodic gender-specific review. 369 people have participated in the gender mainstreaming programme.*

### Campaign on Women's Day

DVAS has organized a campaign cum "A walk is an outing made by walking" from 8th March 2019 to 14th March 2020 for made awareness on gender discrimination, safety & security of women and adolescent girls in the occasion of "International Women's Day". Women's Day Celebrated in the different project area of Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti.

Organized 24 meetings for incessant interaction with community leader and member for empowering them regarding the right and policies of government to make aware about the employment sustainability of their area to prevent the migration in another place for employment opportunities, also we have sensitized them for stereotype retention and practices.

### Formation & Training of Youth Groups

With the aim to inform the vulnerable adolescents about the vocational courses run by the government and encourage them to join the courses by improving their future prospect, livelihood opportunities and raising their family income. With this objective 40 youth groups have been formed in target villages. We have also adopted some strategy to reach more boys like involve boys in youth conclave at district and state level with active participation so that the participant boys would convey their valued experiences to the target group as a role model and encourage them to connect with the project activities.

## Front line domestic worker and construction worker training

The objective of creating awareness to the domestic workers and construction works on their rights and entitlement about the workplace as well as in the society.

As “domestic work” is considered “women’s work”, an exceptionally large number of domestic workers are women. There is no common legal framework at the national level promoting and protecting the rights of the domestic workers though several legislations and notifications do exist to provide some coverage to domestic workers.

With the above subject **12** capacity building training was organized with domestic workers and construction workers on their rights and entitlements, in which altogether **216** participants participated.



## Strengthening community participation in Bihar for the implementation of the RTE Act-2009

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

The awareness generation program on RTE Act-2009 and the role of Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) have been conducted in the reporting year. A total number of meetings were conducted. In which members participated.



### Block Level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) Training

3 Block-level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) training has been conducted. The Block Level Vidyalaya Siksha Samiti (VSS) member was very excited to get training about their roles and responsibilities in the school development and how can they participate in the school monitoring and evaluating the plan. 49 Participants participated during the training.



### 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 members and leaders have participated in the meeting for better coordination and functioning of the

### Encourage participation of SMC & mothers in monitoring and governance of school/ AWCs

For encouraging participation of SMC & mother in monitoring and governance of school, a block level workshop to encouraging them on the occasion of Teachers day has been organized. There were 12 male and 33 female has been participated. The DVAS has been adopted the methodology to build the capacities of the SMCs and Mata Samiti as mandated community monitoring structure to adhere to the policy provisions of RTE and functioning of AWCs as per norms to promote equitable success to quality education and provision to all and elementary education to raise and demand for child rights and child protection and improved functioning of schools. The discussion has been made during the meeting are as following:

- School functioning in proper way
- RTE norms
- participation in school development plan
- Child rights and child protection
- Quality education and services to children in preprimary and primary level
- Quality service delivery in AWC as per ICDS norms

- Strengthening Mata Samiti for monitoring of AWC in terms of service delivery

### Engagement with women, mothers, gatekeepers / Frontline workers (including their unions) on the importance of ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) using BCC (Behaviour Change communication) and monitoring tools

DVAS has been engaged women, mothers, frontline workers through the community meeting and capacity building program to aware and capacitate them about importance of ECCE ( early childhood care and education) also capacitate them about observation technique of ECCE in AWC through using TLM. The methodology behind this program will be built on issues as school functioning, RTE norms and child right and child protection for their purposive engagement in monitoring the effectiveness of school functioning on issues as delivery of quality education and services to children. Community members will be mobilise and motivate to send their children's regularly to AWCs and School and to support the school management in inclusive and quality school functioning and delivering. During the reporting period 1 capacity building programs have been organized by DVAS. **There were 28 female and 14 male have been participated.** The discussions have been made are as following:

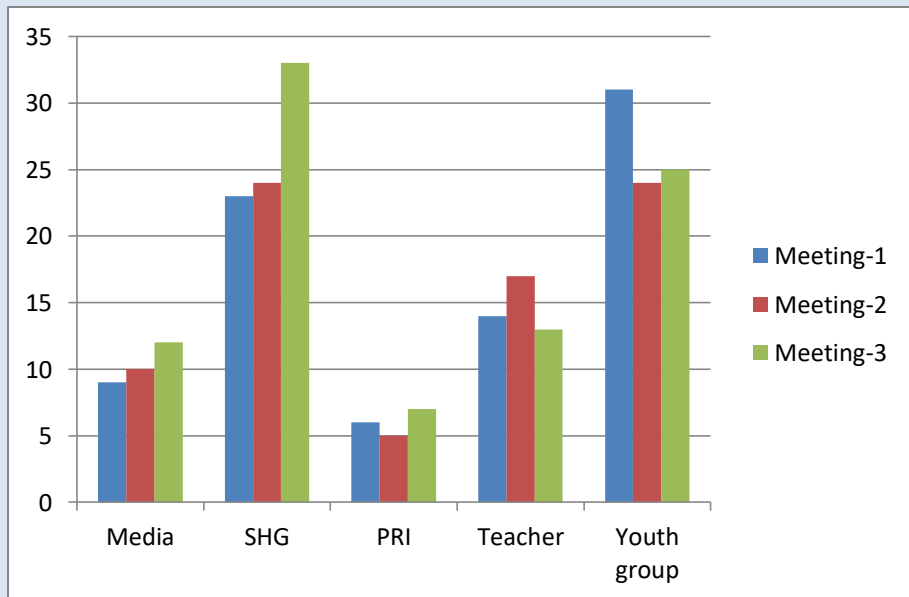
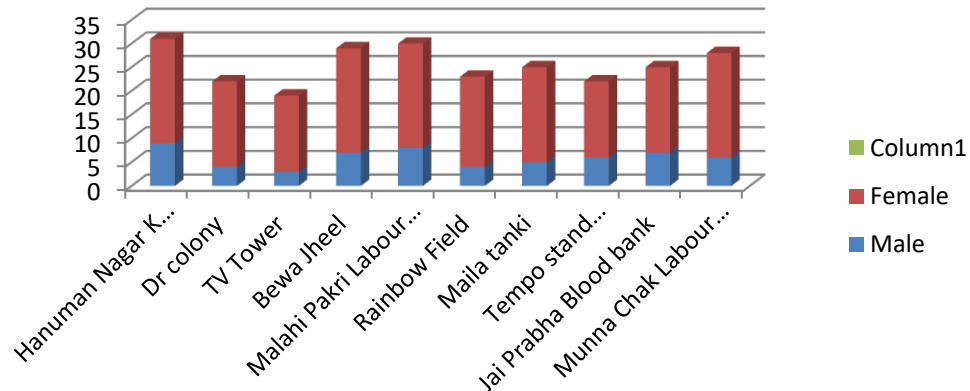
- Demonstration of TLM in AWW.

## Formation of Slum Vikas Samiti at slum level

10 Slum Vikas Samiti (A community-based organization) has been formed. Each Slum Vikas Samiti has consisted of 20-30 members. Slum Vikas Samiti has been formed for the purpose of strengthening the community people about their rights and entitlement.

- Playing and learning materials have been used in AWC
- Mata Samiti (MS) meeting has been organizing properly
- Regular attendance of children in AWC
- Mobilization technique using by helper of AWW
- Displaying painting in AWC for joyful environment in AWC

## social group



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## कोविड 19 के निराश्रित, असहाय महादलित परिवार के बीच खाद्यान्न राशन एवं स्वच्छता किट वितरण



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Need assessment done by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) team member with the support of PRIs members, CBOs, Youth groups and Local Administrative on the following point:

- Families who don't have ration Card
- Families who don't get any benefit from the government
- Person with disability, Widow, Elderly, Family having chronicle disease member, daily wage worker from SC/ST etc.

Response in

**Patna,  
Samastipur,  
Vaishali, Nalanda,  
& Gaya**

PRIORITY GIVEN TO

**Elderly women  
widows' minority  
Dalit serious ill &  
Physicalchallenged**

**Hygiene initiatives**

**3000** face masks, **900** sanitary pads and **1600** hand sanitizer distributed, **953** soap distributed among the families and individuals across Bihar

**2,500 families**

**Immediate Relief Support to affected people:** We reached **3120** families and thousands of individuals; and have distributed **2500** Ration Kits across Bihar with a close network of people comprising our local teams

Audit Report

**Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) coordinated with local gram panchayat ward members to identify the beneficiaries**

## Request For Support our Work:

DALIT VIKAS ABHIYAN SAMITI (DVAS) is continuously working towards the empowerment of Dalits, women, and children 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. We have embarked upon this long-enduring journey with the hope and faith that your generous support is always with us. We can work and carry out our functions only because of the continued support of our activists' donors, partners, supporters, and well-wishers. We continue to seek your help in our endeavors to ensure improved accountability and governance practices amongst the voluntary agencies for building trust in the Indian non-profit sector. We heartily welcome any small support that you would like to provide to us;

### You can support us by:

- **Online: by links click of the link below**
- <https://letzchange.org/projects/sponsor/-a-young-dalit-to-build-employable-skills/> or
- <http://letzchange.org/nonprofits/dvas/>
- ❖ **Offline: by** Sending your cheques/ drafts payable at Patna to **“Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti”** to our **administrative office:** Ambedkar House, Durga Place, House No-232, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ashok Nagar Road No-14, Kankarbagh Patna-800020 (Bihar) India

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*You are welcome to visit us anytime*

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