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NAUGACHIA JAN VIKAS LOK KARYAKRAM (NAU JAN LOK)



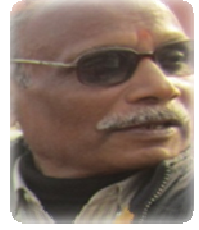
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Acknowledgment

I am happy to present the "Annual Report" for the period 2021-2022 of our organization- Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram (Nau Jan Lok). I am happy to point out that Nau Jan Lok has grown in confidence and strength during this period. First of all, I would like to congratulate members and staff for their perseverance and their total commitment to the cause of the poorest community of the Naugachia subdivision. During the year, we successfully implemented various community-based development programs for underserved populations with an aspiration to see them on progressive paths.



The good impacts of our programs can be observed in different blocks of Naugachia subdivision as poor, deprived and ignored communities are now exercising their rights and enacting their roles with full dignity and empowerment. Education to the children of the poor Mahadalit community has given them their educational rights and an appropriate platform to progress in life.

With this all our efforts, our target groups are growing as sensitized and empowered communities as per our aims and objectives. We got this success with the cooperation and participation of the local communities in our programs, our esteemed donors and the sincere efforts put in by our team. I took this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our donors- Misereor, Germany, Solidarity Group of Eugendorf and Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai, and above all to the local community, govt. officials and print media whose support in terms of grants, cooperation, and advice helped us to move forward with success.

Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram is a learning organization that is constantly innovating based on experiences that are being generated in the field. We will hope to continue doing that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature appears to be 'Madan Mohan Thakur'.

Madan Mohan Thakur
Executive Director

NAU JAN LOK- AN INTRODUCTION

◆ ABOUT US

Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram (Nau Jan Lok) is a non-government, non-profit, democratic, and secular social organization dedicated to the holistic development of the marginalized rural and urban communities in Bihar. Nau Jan Lok is registered under the Indian Society Registration Act 21, 1860 on 3rd March 1987 with the govt. of Bihar, Patna. It is also registered under Sections 12(A) and 80 (G) of the IT Act and FCRA¹.

Since its inception, Nau Jan Lok is working to reduce the vulnerabilities of marginalized communities concerning various issues. We are presently operational in Bhagalpur and Khagaria districts in Bihar. Through our good work, we have achieved special recognition among the poor and marginalized community for whom we are working.

◆ VISION

To establish and strengthen a civil society/social order that is just, equitable, and humane. This vision is supported not only by the United Nations Charter of Human Rights but also by the thrusts of the constitution of India that assures all its citizens- justice (Social, Economic, and Political) liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith, and worship, equality of status, opportunity, and fraternity assuring the dignity of the individuals and the unity of the Nation.

◆ MISSION

To see a developed, sensitized, and empowered rural society on the developmental platforms in a holistic approach where every individual hailing from the marginalized sections could develop leadership and could be able to take self- decisions for leading life with full dignity and respect.

◆ GOAL

To establish an egalitarian society with holistic approaches where equality of status and opportunity assures the dignity of the individuals and the unity of the nation.

◆ OBJECTIVES

- a. To provide help and support to the neglected, oppressed, poor, and helpless rural and urban women, girls, and children.
- b. To aware, sensitize and capacitate the small, marginal, and poor farmers for sustainable agriculture practices and livelihood security.
- c. To mainstream the poorest of the poor in all developmental aspects.
- d. To be aware, sensitize and empower adolescent boys and girls on reproductive health and rights.
- e. To provide shelter, relief, and rehabilitation to floods, disasters, and waterlogged victims.
- f. To empower poor rural women socially and economically through awareness and livelihood generation programs.
- g. To promote investment and IGAs among the poor rural and urban poor people for their self-reliance.
- h. To be aware and sensitize rural labour about their rights and ensure work opportunities.
- i. To mainstream child labours through education.
- j. To empower and strengthen the local governance system for the overall development of the villages.

◆ OPERATIONAL AREA

State	District	Subdivision	Coverage
Bihar	Bhagalpur	Naugachia	07 blocks of Naugachia, Kharik, Bihpur, Narayanpur, Gopalpur, Ismailpur, and Rangra.

¹ Registration renewed for 5 years with effect from 1.04.2022 by MHA, New Delhi.

	Khagaria	Khagaria and Gogri	All 07 blocks: Mansi, Khagaria, Parbatta, Alauli, Chautham, Beldaur and Gogri.
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◆ **TARGETED POPULATIONS**

- Downtrodden and marginalized communities residing in rural and urban areas.
- Neglected, oppressed, poor & helpless women, girls and children.
- Small and marginal farmers.
- Poorest of the poor.
- Adolescent boys and girls.
- Flood, disaster, and waterlog victims.
- Local Vaidya and traditional doctors.
- Rural labours.

PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

(I) **MISEREOR PROJECT:** With esteemed support from MISEREOR, Germany- Nau Jan Lok has implemented a community-based project in 54 villages of Naugachia and Kharik blocks in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. Following activities were successfully implemented during the year-

A. Health Training Program: A total of 49 health training programs were successfully organized in different villages and GPs of Ismailpur and Bihpur blocks in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. Participated by the members of socially, economically, and backward families, these training programs highlighted the menstrual cycle of a woman. Participants were informed that the menstrual cycle is hormonal changes that begin to take place in the body of a woman (10-16 years age group). It happens once a month. However, different girls start their menstrual cycle at different ages. It occurs once in 28-35 days and normally lasts for 2-7 days. Most women are troubled by the problems of menstruation, but due to ignorance or shame, they continue to struggle with this problem. In case, no menstrual cycle occurs at the age of 16 years it is called a lack of menstruation.



It is often found that rural women and girls always do not use sanitary pads and use dirty clothes during their menstruation period due to poverty and lack of ignorance and poverty. Menstrual hygiene is important to reduce the risk of diseases and it is important to use sanitary pads to maintain menstrual hygiene rather than using clothes for the prevention of the following diseases/problems:

- ◆ Leucorrhoea
- ◆ Pain in the spinal cord
- ◆ Reduced facial glow
- ◆ Infections and over infections
- ◆ Swelling or sores in the genitals
- ◆ Cancer of the uterus
- ◆ Lack of blood in the body
- ◆ Disease in the uterus, smell, etc.

The participants were motivated by the ANM to keep hygiene and use sanitary pads during the menstrual period and also told to take COVID-19 vaccines for prevention from COVID.

Impact Generated

The training generated a good impact on the socio-economically deprived women and they are using sanitary pads regularly during their menstrual periods. They are also spreading their knowledge in the meetings of the "Gram Sangathan" and asking participants to do so. All of them have taken the COVID-19 vaccination and prevented the deadly virus.



B. Livelihood Training-Tailoring, Vegetable Gardening, and Vermin Compost: Sewing and Cutting (Tailoring) training was imparted in 6 villages namely Jhandapur, Govindpur, Hario, Jhandapur East, Navtolia, and Bhatta of the Bihpur and Ismailpur blocks. 180 women were trained and informed about the basic cloth cutting techniques on paper and then imparted practical training on cloth items like Blouse, Petticoat, Salwar-Suits, Underwear, Baba Shirt, Pant, Shirts, and face masks. The project sites were also visited by the Program Manager, Area Coordinator, and Community Coordinator of the Jeevika program. The beneficiaries were informed about different aspects of marketing their products.

Impact Generated

After the end of the training, all trained beneficiaries are now organized under PG groups by Jeevika- Bihpur and Ismailpur. 30 sewing machines were also purchased with the support of the village organization (Gram Sangathan). The beneficiaries are now successfully engaged and generating good income by preparing cloth items and face masks.



01 and 02 days training programs were organized in vegetable gardening undertaking 900 participants from 30 project villages of the Bihpur and Ismailpur blocks. The participants were informed about (a) Generating good income in less cultivable lands and with less capital (b) Doing vegetable cultivation by the use of organic fertilizers (c) Improved seeds, preparing nursery beds, land cultivation, irrigation methods, selection of high lands, the scope of marketing and high-yield vegetable cultivation methods.

The participants were encouraged to do vegetable cultivation by the use of organic fertilizers because of their good demand in the market. So, it should be assured to use organic fertilizers more for vegetable cultivation. During the training cultivation methods of potato, tomato, brinjal, pepper, cauliflower, garlic, radish, lady finger, sem, etc. were discussed. The mushroom cultivation process and methods of mushroom cultivation at home were also elaborated.

Impact Generated

A total of 850 CBO members of both blocks are doing vegetable gardening in their homes, producing more vegetables with increasing income, and assisting in the economic progress of their families.

13 numbers one and two days of training programs were organized in vermin compost making covering 390 CBO members from 13 project villages of the Bihpur and Ismailpur blocks. Excessive use of chemical fertilizers in agricultural lands makes people unhealthy. As a result, their economic situation is getting worse because of the increased expenses on health. So, the use of organic fertilizer (vermin compost) is a necessity to prevent this situation.

Impact Generated

Participants got aware of different techniques for preparing vermin compost from cow dung, goat dung; green grasses, and straws and government supports for preparing vermin compost and saving agricultural lands from becoming barren.



C. Capacity Building –CBOs, CSOs and DMCs: 6 CBOs, CMCs, and DMCs of the Ismailpur and Bihpur blocks were involved in capacity-building training programs. Mr. Nitesh Kumar, SPV of Jeevika participated as a resource person and discussed the formation and promotion of these structures. He said that the CBOs and CSOs can play an active part in social activities, solve problems of villages, and do advocacy for those problems with the concerned govt. officials and departments. They also put these problems with gram panchayats and village-level organizations. The SPV scheme of Jeevika was covered in detail. The members of the CBOs and CSOs were informed that small capital is provided to BPL families by Jeevika for setting up small income generation activities. Also informed about the ambitious MNREGA scheme of the government and participants were encouraged to take plantation work under this scheme for the promotion of sustainable income generation. Information was also provided in detail about the "Pradhan Mantri Housing Scheme" and the "Saat Nischayaya Scheme" along with the vegetable gardening and mushroom cultivation schemes of the horticulture department. It was told that a grant of Rs. 30,000 is provided for vermin compost production work. Details of the "Samagra Gavya Vikas Scheme" of govt. of Bihar was discussed and said that under this scheme benefits are provided to purchase 2, 5, and 10 cows. In this scheme, SC/ST grant is 60% and the OBC grant is 40%. Information was also provided on the UCO RSETI free training program in goat rearing and beekeeping.

Impact Generated

12 farmer club members of Ismailpur block have been trained by RSETI and involved in goat rearing work successfully.



A total of 750 members of DMCs of 25 villages of Ismailpur and Bihpur blocks were involved in capacity-building training programs. In the training program, they were informed about different types of disasters like floods, drought, fire, earthquakes, and ice storms and the causes of these disasters. Further, rescue measures like preparing a village map, creating the disaster relief fund, developing an information system, arranging a First Aid Kit, Fodder for livestock, and selecting high places, etc. were also discussed. The participants were also informed about how to contact panchayat representatives, and officials of Govt. disaster management for effective and timely management of disasters.

Impact Generated

At present, DMCs formed under the Misereor project are working effectively with govt. disaster management departments and PRIs. They are making all pre and post-disaster implementation in the project area and making interventions for the protection of the community from disasters.



D. Non-Formal Education Centre: To re-integrate school dropout children of the Mahadalit families into the mainstream of development, 5 Non-Formal Education (NFE) centers were established in different villages of the Bihpur and Ismailpur blocks managed by the established CBOs. Apart from quality education for poor children for their future growth. Discussions were made with parents from time to time, in which the different rights of children were discussed. After preparing children mentally for education, all 150 children were enrolled in different govt. schools. Now children are attending school regularly and doing well in their studies.



E. Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction: A two-day disaster management workshop was conducted at Raghunaya Tola and Harijan Tola of Ismailpur block in which 60 participants participated. In the workshop, the participants were informed that the biggest suffering of humans is due to disaster, if the disaster is fully known then the loss will be less. At the time of the disaster, there should be a spirit of solidarity, awareness, cooperation, etc. Awareness should also be generated at the village level and appropriate coordination will be done with government disaster departments for disaster prevention. The importance of vaccination was also explained for the prevention of COVID-19.

F. COVID-19 Awareness Program: 250 community leaders were provided with important information about COVID-19, such as preventive measures, government resources, COVID-19 established centers, clarification of public confusion related to COVID, etc. With this effort, we have prepared them as community leaders and master trainers making raised their awareness on adapting social distancing, the importance of masks, washing hands, and keeping homes clean and hygienic.



Success Story

Name: Radha Devi

W/O: Bablu Sah

Village: Nav Tolia

Block: Ismailpur

District: Bhagalpur

Name of the Group: Ujjala Self-Help Group

Radha Devi is a native of Ismailpur block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. Radha is 7th class pass and her husband is daily wage labour. When Radha joined Ujjala Self-Help Group, her family's financial condition was not good. Radha received training in sewing and cutting from Nau Jan Lok.

She took a loan of Rs. 10,000 from her Group (Ujjala Self-Help Group) and with the support of Jeevika, she prepared around 8,000 face masks. She received Rs. 7/- for each face mask. Despite social and financial constraints, she continued doing sewing work.

At present, Radha Devi has 6 sewing machines and she has started sewing training classes. Today, she is imparting sewing training to 22 women/girls. She took a small fee of Rs.1,500/- from each candidate. The number of candidates for sewing training is increasing. With time, she also opened a small cloth shop. In all her work, she is supported by her husband.

Radha Devi is thankful to Nau Jan Lok for timely support.

Name: Chandini Devi

W/O: Maneshwar Mandal

Village: Meghal Tola

Block: Ismailpur

District: Bhagalpur

Name of the Group: Parwati Self-Help Group

Chandini Devi is a native of Ismailpur block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. In 2020, the members of the group were imparted a 2-day vegetable gardening training by Nau Jan Lok. Before joining the group, Chandini Devi's financial condition was very weak. She took a loan of Rs. 10,000 from the group and started Papaya Cultivation on 10 Kattha of land and earned a profit of Rs. 44,000/-. She again took a loan of Rs. 30,000/- from the group and did Papaya cultivation in 18 Kattha of land. This time, she earned a profit of Rs. 64,000/-.

With Papaya Cultivation work her weak financial condition got improved. Presently, she admitted her son to a good school in Bhagalpur town.

Chandini Devi is thankful to Nau Jan Lok for giving her timely support.

(II) CHILD LINE PROJECT: Perhaps the most disadvantaged group in India is the millions of street children who live or work on the street. Street children have fallen through society's cracks – there are few ladders for them to climb back up. They live as their parents did and as their children are likely to do. Children live and work on the street because their parents are poor, or they are orphans, or they have run away from home, often to escape abuse. They are invariably malnourished, receive scant education or medical treatment, and are involved in child labour from an early age. Child prostitution and sexual abuse are also major problems, as is addiction to drugs. These children live in a different world from the emerging middle class. Taken as a separate nation, they represent one of the neediest peoples on the planet.

In 2021-22, supported by Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai, Nau Jan Lok covered all 07 blocks of Khagaria district in Bihar namely Khagaria, Mansi, Parwatta, Alauli, Choutham, Beldaour, and Gogri where there are hundreds of thousands of destitute, runaway and orphaned children living in hand-to-mouth situation. For them, education is an unattainable luxury or irrelevant. They lose their childhoods and have little hope for a better future. We have undertaken different interventions for street children in the age group 0-18 years and also advocate for child rights. Following activities were successfully implemented during the year-

A. Open House Program: Open House Program is an “**open forum for children**” to raise issues/problems faced by them to the Child Line team. This forum allows children to be heard and seek support from the government systems. In 2021-22, a total of 12 Open Houses were arranged in 12 villages of the Khagaria, Mansi, and Alauli blocks of the Khagaria district to meet this objective. The details are as follows:

Date	Village	Panchayat	Block	Participant
07.04.21	Bakhri	Bhakri	Khagaria	24
27.05.21	Awas Board	Sanhouli	Khagaria	14
17.06.21	Umesh Nagar	Umesh Nagar	Khagaria	25
14.07.21	Ramganj	Sansarpur	Khagaria	21
27.08.21	Mathurapur	Mathurapur	Khagaria	21
24.09.21	Malgodam Road	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	24
23.10.21	Chakhusaini	Mansi	Mansi	20
23.11.21	Rahimpur North	Rahimpur North	Khagaria	25
18.12.21	Santosh	Santosh	Alauli	25
24.02.22	Parmanpur	Sansarpur	Khagaria	26
30.02.22	Ranko	Ranko	Khagaria	22
Total				269

Held once a month, these open house programs promoted the use of child line 1098 free 24-hour, free emergency telephone helpline, and outreach services among the school children and villagers. It also helped in identifying problems faced by children and receiving their feedback on the basic facilities that were provided to them in the schools. They were told to call 1098 free phone services when problems arise.



B. Case Intervention: Although Nau Jan Lok works for the protection of the rights of all children in general but in 2021-22, we gave special focus to vulnerable children in the age group 0-18 years, who need care and protection which include street children living alone on the streets, child laborers working in the unorganized and organized sectors, children affected by physical/sexual/emotional abuse in the family, the child lost and found, parents asking help, children who need emotional support and guidance, abandoned children, missing children, children who are victims of substance abuse, differently-able children and mentally challenged children, COVID-19 information, etc. A total of 672 cases were successfully solved during the year. The details of the case interventions are as follows-

Sl. No.	Type of Cases	No. of Cases
1.	Medical	16
2.	Shelter	11
3.	Restoration	38
4.	Protection from Abuse	39
5.	Conflict of Law	01
6.	Sponsorship	20

7.	Child Lost and Found	10
8.	Parents asking Help	12
9.	ESG	01
10.	Other Intervention	35
11.	Other Child Line	03
12.	DNF/DNI	01
13.	No. of FIR/GDE	70
14.	COVID-19 information	415
Total		672



C. Awareness Programs in Schools: On the occasion of “BAL DIWAS,” a series of awareness programs were organized in 04 blocks (Khagaria, Mansi, Gogri, and Parwatta) of Khagaria district to promote the “integrated child protection scheme” implemented by the Ministry of women and child development, Govt. of India. The details of the school awareness programs are as follows:

Date	School	Village	Panchayat	Block	No. of Children Participated
01.04.21	Middle School	Mehsaudi	Mehsaudhi	Khagaria	167
03.04.21	-do-	Thata	Thatha	Mansi	140
14.04.21	-do-	Kothia	Kothia	Khagaria	127
01.08.21	High School	Chakhusaini	Mansi	Mansi	195
03.08.21	Middle School	Mansi	Mansi	Mansi	87
04.08.21	-do-	Mansi	Mansi	Mansi	116
05.08.21	-do-	Baluahi	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	106
06.08.21	-do-	Maheshpur	Maheshpur	Gogri	205
09.08.21	-do-	Mathurapur	Mathurapur	Khagaria	192
12.08.21	Primary School	Pramanpur	Sansarpur	Khagaria	75
14.08.21	Middle School	Sansarpur	Sansarpur	Khagaria	160
19.08.21	-do-	Sansarpur	Sansarpur	Khagaria	104
21.08.21	High School	Khagaria	NAC	Khagaria	180

28.08.21	Middle School	Sanhauri	Sanhauri	Khagaria	169
31.08.21	-do-	Baluahi	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	186
04.09.21	High School	Khagaria	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	143
12.09.21	Middle School	Sanhauri	Sanhauri	Khagaria	169
14.09.21	-do-	Baluahi	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	186
01.02.22	-do-	Naya Gaon	Parwatta	Parwatta	150
10.02.22	Arya Samaj School	Khagaria	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	130
15.02.22	Girls High School	Khagaria	Nagar Parishad	Khagaria	170
25.03.22	Middle School	Mathurapur	Mathurapur	Khagaria	120
26.03.22	-do-	Sanhauri	Sanhauri	Khagaria	155
Total					3,332



In these awareness programs, the participants (Villagers + School Children) were informed about child line 1098 free 24-hour, free emergency telephone helpline, and outreach services for children in the age group 0-18 years who need proper care and protection. Awareness was also raised of social evils like child marriages, child crimes, and child labor and participants were motivated to come forward to reduce these social evils. These programs also promoted the hidden talents of the children. The villagers were told to use 1098 services regularly to provide quick support to children in need.

D. Block Level Meetings of the CAB: The Child Line's Advisory Board (CAB) is the principal policy-making body of the child line at the city and block levels. The key tasks of the CAB include reviewing the functions of the child line and suggesting improvement measures. The CAB act as a panel that brings together decision-makers of allied system organizations and presents the issues faced by children that are brought to the forefront through open house sessions and case interventions. The CAB meets are well planned and has proved a good platform for Child Line to make a direct interface with allied systems to resolve child issues. It also ensures that all allied system organizations should actively participate in child protection measures.



In 2021-22, a CAB meeting was organized on 28.02.22 at Collectorate Hall, Khagaria, participated by 35 CAB members. These CAB meetings were organized under the presidency of the District Magistrate, Khagaria. The CAB members were instructed by the DM for supporting Child Line Programs in their proper implementation. The CAB meeting was participated by the president of CWC, joint Director of the District Child Protection Unit, Sub Divisional Officers, representatives of SP, DEO, Civil Surgeon, District Information Officer, District Legal Services Authority, Welfare Officers of all Police Stations, District Transport Officers, RPF Commander, railway Police, etc. Elaborative discussions were made on keeping the children safe found in the night and taking appropriate action on the information received on child marriage, child trafficking, child trafficking, etc.



E. Meetings of Gram Panchayats: On 15.03.22 & 22.03.22 meetings of the Gram Panchayats were organized at Kharik block under the Child Line Project. A total of 46-gram panchayat representatives participated in the meetings with success. In the meeting, they were conveyed about the child line toll-free no. 1098. A discussion was also made on how to help the children of 0-18 years facing difficulties in life, prepare a strategy to be adopted for making child line services effective, Parvarish scheme, benefits to disabled, strayed children, child marriage, child rights and care of the malnourished child.



(III) EDUCATION CUM LITERACY PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN: With financial support from SR. HOL Bernhard Girardi, a project on education cum literacy for women and children was undertaken. 06 education centers benefitted 180 children

(Boys-79 and Girls-101) in Khagaria block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. Activities and achievements are as follows:

- 6 education centers established benefitted 180 children (Boy-79 & Girl-101). Venues for education centers were selected after consultation with the village community.
- Children of Dalit/Mahadalit populated villages like Rashouk (Ward No. 1), Rashouk, Bhirurahi, Pokhar, Chowk Mushari, Madar, and Rakodih Mushari of the Khagaria district were covered by these education centers.
- A total of 22 children (Boy-08 and Girl-14) of the education centers have been enrolled in Govt. Primary Schools of Bhiryahi Bachauta, Rasouk, Madar, and Rakodih (Boy-07 and Girl-11) and 1 boy and 3 girls in Govt. Middle School, Bachauta.
- Children of Dalit/Mahadalit children especially those who are school dropout beginning to continue their education and their parents also became aware of the importance of education in life.
- A positive environment has been promoted for child education in the project area. Course curriculum apart from basic literacy also imparts teachings on moral values, customs, and culture.
- Experienced Instructors selected by Nau Jan Lok after discussion with local village communities. Instructors were also regularly oriented toward quality learning for children.
- Children gained quality knowledge and learning and thus now continuing their education for a bright future.
- Regular interaction with the Parents of the children make them realize the importance of education to their children. Parents are very happy now as their dream to the education of their children comes true.



Awareness programs were also organized in the project villages in which parents of the children, village community, youth, social workers, etc. participated in good numbers. The participants were informed about the objectives of the program and its importance on the future of the Dalit/Mahadalit children who have left their studies or never attended schools because of poverty and proper parental guidance.

The salient features of the education centers were also discussed like its cost-free nature, adoption of the standard course curriculum, good learning environment, and care for the child's overall growth. The participants showed their great interest in the running of education centers and assured their full support in the functioning of the education centers smoothly.

