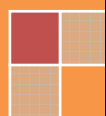


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Acknowledgement

It gives me immense pleasure to present the "Annual Progress Report" of our organization "Naugachiya Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram" (Nau Jan Lok), Bhagalpur, Bihar for the period 2014-2015. During the year, we concentrated on Child Line Project supported by Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai and worked for Promotion of Traditional Health Culture project supported by Ghoghardiha Prakhand Swarajya Vikas Sangh, Madhubani, Bihar. Under these projects in 2014-15, we successfully implemented different activities in Bhagalpur like restoration, shelter, medical, nutrition, outreach awareness, need assessment, meetings, herbal vatika, family surveys, skill development to local vaidya & traditional doctors and child line 1098 services in an integrated and comprehensive manner. The positive impacts of these projects can be judged among the targeted communities of Naugachia, Bihpur, Narayanpur, Kharik, Gopalpur, Ismailpur and Rangra blocks of the Naugachia Subdivision, Bhagalpur district in Bihar.

Our target groups are now exercising their rights and enacting their roles with full dignity and empowerment and thereby availing equal opportunity in an integrated manner for their holistic development.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our donors- Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai and Ghoghardiha Prakhand Swarajya Vikas Sangh, Madhubani, Bihar and above all to the local community whose support in terms of grant- in- aid, cooperation and advices helped us to move forward during the year with great success.

Sincerely,



Madan Mohan Thakur
Secretary cum Executive Director

NAU JAN LOK- AN INTRODUCTION

◆ ABOUT US

Naugachiya Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram (Nau Jan Lok) is a non- government, non- profit, democratic, secular and social organization dedicated to the holistic development of marginalized communities of the rural and urban societies 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 the Section 12(A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in the year 1991-92 and under the FCR Act, 1976 in the year 1991¹. Since inception, Nau Jan Lok is working to reduce the vulnerabilities of the marginalized communities with respect to various issues. We are presently operational in 07 blocks of Bhagalpur district in Bihar. Through our good work, we have achieved a special recognition among the poor and marginalized community for whom we are working for.

◆ 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 to 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

Nau Jan Lok aspires to see a developed, aware, sensitized and empowered rural society on the developmental platforms in a holistic approach where each and every individual of hailing from the marginalized sections could develop the leadership and could be able to take self- decision for leading life with dignity and respect.

◆ GOAL

Nau Jan Lok looks forward 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.

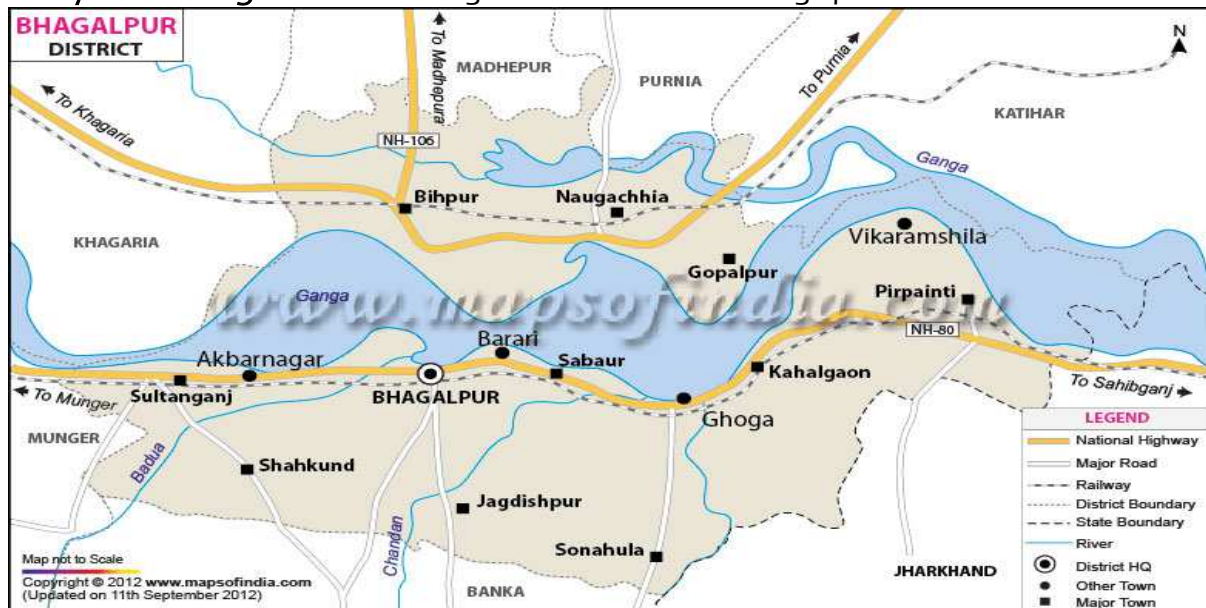
◆ AIMS & OBJECTS

- a. To aware, sensitize and empower downtrodden community for their integrated development.
- b. To provide help and support to the neglected, oppressed, poor and helpless rural and urban populations.
- c. To aware, sensitize and capacitate small, marginal and poor farmers for improving sustainable agricultural practices and livelihood security.
- d. To mainstream the poorest of the poor on all developmental aspects of rural society.
- e. To aware, sensitize and empower youth for reproductive health and rights.
- f. To provide shelter, relief and rehabilitation to flood, disasters and waterlog victims.
- g. To empower poor rural women socially and economically through SHGs formation.
- h. To promote investment and income generation activities among the poor rural people for becoming economically self reliant.
- i. To sensitize rural labor to ensure work opportunity.
- j. To mainstream all child labors in the society through education and other activities.

¹ Registration renewed for 5 years by MHA, New Delhi.

◆ OPERATIONAL AREA

At present, we are operational in *Naugachia, Bihpur, Narayanpur, Kharik, Gopalpur, Ismailpur and Rangra* blocks of Naugachia subdivision in Bhagalpur district in Bihar.



◆ TARGETED POPULATIONS

- Down trodden and marginalized communities residing in the rural and urban areas.
- Neglected, oppressed, poor and helpless women, girls and children.
- Small, marginal and poor farmers.
- Poorest of the poor.
- Adolescent boys and girls.
- Flood, disaster and waterlog victims.
- Local vaidya and traditional doctors.
- Rural labors.
- Children in need of care and protection.

PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

(1) **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 own 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 to the emerging middle class. Taken as a separate nation, they represent one of the neediest peoples on the planet.

In Naugachia subdivision in Bhagalpur district in Bihar, the problems of street children are many. In 2014-15 under this program, we covered all 7 blocks- Naugachia, Kharik, Bihpur, Narayanpur, Rangra, Gopalpur and Ismailpur of the district 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 an irrelevance. They lose their childhoods and have little hope for a better future. Supported by *Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai,*

we have undertaken different interventions for street children in the age group 0-18 years and being involved in advocating for child rights. We work for the protection of the rights of all children in general. But our special focus is on all children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections, 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 family, schools or institutions, children who need emotional support and guidance, abandoned children, missing children, run away children, children who are victims of substance abuse differently-abled children and mentally challenged children. So far, **1440** child cases are successfully solved by Nau Jan Lok under this program. Mass awareness promoted in the villages through distribution of pamphlets, posters and wall writings along with outreach services provided by the team leaders and members that helped in identifying different cases of children with accuracy and ease. We also collaborate with govt. departments working for the protection of the rights of children.

Activities Implemented under the Child Line Project

A. Awareness Workshop: Village level awareness workshops were organized in all blocks of Naugachia subdivision by us to make this program a success. The details are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Village/Tola</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Panchayat</i>	<i>Participant</i>
18.07.14	Mahdattpur	Naugachia	Yamunia	76
19.09.14	Chorhar	Kharik	Chorhar	83
14.10.14	Gopalpur	-do-	Dadpur	45
11.11.14	Khagda	Naugachia	Khagda	42
14.11.14	Miltola	-do-	Nagar Panchayat	133
15.11.14	Kharik	Kharik	Kharik Bazar	102
16.11.14	Naugachia	Naugachia	Nagar Panchayat	58
17.11.14	-do-	-do-	-do-	103
18.11.14	Nawada	-do-	-do-	31
19.11.14	Maraddih	Kharik	Dodia Darpur	118
20.11.14	Badi Makandpur	Gopalpur	Badi Makandpur	38
25.12.14	Pachgachia	-do-	Aaiya	33
13.01.15	Gorakhtik	Kharik	Gorakhtik	26
19.02.15	Punama Pratap Nagar	Naugachia	Punama	47
09.03.15	Laxmipur	Ismailpur	Parwatta	38
Total				973

The team leader of the Child Line sub centre, Naugachia participated in the program and gave adequate information to **973** participants (villagers and children) of **15** villages about the child line project and in details about child rights. The details of the information shared with the participants are as follows:

- **Right to Survival:** A child's right to survival begins before a child is born. According to Government of India, a child life begins after twenty weeks of conception. Hence the right to survival is inclusive of the child rights to be born, right to minimum standards of food, shelter and clothing, and the right to live with dignity.
- **Right to Protection:** A child has the right to be protected from neglect, exploitation and abuse at home, and elsewhere.

- **Right to Participation:** A child has a right to participate in any decision making that involves him/her directly or indirectly. There are varying degrees of participation as per the age and maturity of the child.
- **Right to Development:** Children have the right to all forms of development: Emotional, Mental and Physical. Emotional development is fulfilled by proper care and love of a support system, mental development through education and learning and physical development through recreation, play and nutrition.

The participants were also informed by the team leaders/members that Child Line work for the protection of the rights of all children in general. But our special focus is on all children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections, which include:

- Street children and youth living alone on the streets.
- Missing children
- Child labors working in the unorganized and organized sectors.
- Domestic help especially girl domestics.
- Children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions.
- Run away children etc.

The impact of the workshop is good and it has promoted right awareness among the participants about the vision and services provided by Child Line for protection of the children in need.

B. Open House Program: Open House Program is an “open forum for children” to raise issues faced by them to the Child Line team. This platform allows children to be heard and seek support of the government systems. In 2014-15, open house were arranged by Nau Jan Lok in 12 villages of the Kharik, Gopalpur and Naugachia blocks of the Naugachia subdivision to meet out this objective. The details are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Village/Tola</i>	<i>Panchayat</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Participant</i>
29.04.14	Punama	Punama	Naugachia	83
23.05.14	Saidpur	Saidpur	Gopalpur	51
27.06.14	Ujani	Nagar Panchayat	Naugachia	38
15.07.14	Mahdattpur	Yamunia	-do-	71
28.08.14	Bahtarra	Akidattpur	Kharik	85
18.09.14	Mardih	Dodhiya Dadpur	-do-	35
15.10.14	Dadpur	-do-	-do-	67
12.11.14	Amghatta	Tetri	Naugachia	38
15.12.14	Amiya	Amiya	Gopalpur	116
12.01.15	Ganeshpur	Ganeshpur	Kharik	27
18.02.15	Suraha	Chorhar	-do-	60
18.03.15	Pakra	Pakra	Naugachia	45
Total				716

Held once in a month, these open house programs promoted child participation with success and helped in identifying problems faced by children and receiving their feedback on the basic facilities that they were provided in schools. The children narrated various problems that they faced in schools like problems of toilets, lack of books, lack of space in schools, problem of admission, T.C. etc. The children also came to know about different govt. departments where they can approach to solve problems faced by them in the schools. “BAL SAMOOH” was also formed for the successful realization of the child line services. Regular

interactions were also made with the members of the “BAL SAMOOH” that helped them to move forward for the effectiveness of the Child Line services in the project area.

C. Meetings of the CAB: The Child line’s Advisory Board (CAB) is the principal policy making body of child line at the city and block level. The key tasks of the CAB include reviewing the functions of child line and suggesting measures for improving the services. The CAB acts as a panel that brings together decision makers of allied systems organizations and presents issues faced by children that are brought to the forefront through open house sessions and case interventions. CAB meets are scheduled and has proved to be a platform for Child Line for making direct interface with allied systems to resolve issues and ensure that all allied system organizations actively participate in child protection.

In 2014-15, CAB meetings were organized at Kharik, Naugachia and Gopalpur blocks by Nau Jan Lok. The details of the block level CAB meetings are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Members Participated</i>
20.05.14	Bhagalpur	Kharik	24
21.05.14	-do-	Naugachia	25
05.12.14	-do-	Kharik	22
12.12.14	-do-	Naugachia	42
23.12.14	-do-	Gopalpur	22
Total			135

In these CAB meetings, Block Development Officers of all 3 blocks were made Nodal Officers and officials/representatives of the Education department, Child Labor Department, ICDS, Police, Hospitals and PRIs were made the members of the Advisory Board. In these meetings, focus were given on the key tasks of the CAB include reviewing the functioning of Child Line and suggested measures to improve services. It was decided to organize CAB meetings quarterly and discussions were regularly made to improve the situation of child protection with the support of allied systems organization.

D. Block Level Discussion Workshop: On 13.09.14, a block level discussion workshop was organized at Kharik block by Nau Jan Lok. A total of **48** participants participated in the workshop and informed about the child Line project by the group leader that Child Line is a national, 24-hour, free emergency telephone helpline and outreach service for children in need of care and protection. It aims to reach out to all children in distress aged 0-18 years. Child Line provides interventions of shelter, medical, restoration, rescue, sponsorships and emotional support and guidance and linking them to long-term services. Child Line is a project of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India which is funded through Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai.

The participants were urged by the group leader to provide their full support for Child Line project. They were told to inform Child Line immediately if they came to know about child marriages being conducted in the project area. Child Line will take initiative immediately with the help of related govt. departments. Group leader also informed participants about the Outreach services, Aanganbadi camps, School camps, SHG and Farmer’s clubs. The participants gave their full assurance for cooperation to child line team for the success of different interventions of Child Line.

D. Resource Organization Workshop: On 26.03.15, a resource organization workshop was organized at Naugachia block by Nau Jan Lok. A total of **52** participants- NGO representatives and social workers of the Kharik, Naugachia and Gopalpur blocks participated in the workshop. The Secretary of Nau Jan Lok gave an overview of the Child Line project to the participants. They were informed that Child line is a national, 24-hour, free emergency telephone helpline and outreach service for children in need of care and

protection. It aims to reach out to all children in distress aged 0-18 years. Child Line provides interventions of shelter, medical, restoration, rescue, sponsorships and emotional support and guidance and linking them to long-term services. The participants were told to inform immediately to child line on free emergency toll free telephone helpline number **1098** if they came to know about-

- a. Children living alone on the streets.
- b. Child labors facing atrocities and
- c. Children who are in need of medical assistances and
- d. Children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in family, schools or institutions.

The workshop was a success and participants assured their full cooperation to the child line team for the cause.

Activities Implemented under the Traditional Health System Project

In 2014-15, Nau Jan Lok successfully implemented "Traditional Health System Promotional (Alternative System of Medicine) project" in **5** villages of Kharik block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. The achievements of the project are as follows:

- **225** family survey was done.
- **10** local vaidya and traditional doctors were identified. Received training on the treatment of different diseases, preparation of medicines and mobilization of local communities.
- Good awareness generated for THS.
- More than **34** varieties of available herbal plant listed.
- **08** communication sessions with local communities organized for popularization of the THS.
- **05** herbal vaticas constructed for promotion of herbal villages.
- **01** master vatika prepared.
- **03** awareness camps organized participated by 125 villagers, doctors, vaidyas, NGOs and other stakeholders. Camps helped people to know about THS and age old indigenous low cost treatments.

The qualitative outcome of this project is that it has brought "sustainable behavior change" in the society. People begin to know about the importance of maintaining cleanliness, health and hygiene and raising of herbal gardens at homes.

