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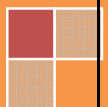
ANNUAL REPORT

NAUGACHIA JAN VIKAS LOK KARYAKRAM (NAU JAN LOK)

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Acknowledgement

I am happy to present the "Annual Report" for the period 2016-2017 of our organization- Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram (Nau Jan Lok). I am happy to point out that our organization 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 had successfully implemented various community based development programs for underserved population with an aspiration to see them on progressive paths. We have also made good progress in disaster management issue with improved capacities of the "DMC", "DMTF" and creation of "Disaster Management Fund" is now gearing up strongly for effective disaster management in the district.



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. They are growing as sensitized and empowered communities as per our aims and objects. We got this success with the cooperation and participation of the local communities in our programs, our esteemed donors and the sincere efforts put by our team.

I took this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our donors- Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai, Misereor, Germany, SSP, Mumbai and Bernhard Girardi and above all to the local community, govt. officials and print media whose support in terms of grant, cooperation and advices helped us to move forward with success.

Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram is a learning organization and 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' written in a cursive style.

Madan Mohan Thakur
Secretary

NAU JAN LOK- AN INTRODUCTION

◆ ABOUT US

Naugachia Jan Vikas Lok Karyakram (Nau Jan Lok) is a non- government, non- profit, democratic, secular and 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 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

To see a developed, sensitized and empowered rural society on the developmental platforms in a holistic approach where each and every individual hailing from the marginalized sections could develop the leadership and could be able to take self- decision 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 aware, sensitize and empower adolescent boys and girls on reproductive health and rights.
- e. To provide shelter, relief and rehabilitation to flood, 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 aware and sensitize rural labor about their rights and ensure work opportunity.
- i. To mainstream child labors through education.
- j. To empower and strengthen local governance system for overall development of the villages.

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

◆ **OPERATIONAL AREA**

Nau Jan Lok is operational in more than **120** villages of the Naugachia, Kharik, Bihpur, Narayanpur, Gopalpur, Ismailpur and Rangra in Naugachia subdivision in Bhagalpur district in Bihar.

◆ **TARGETED POPULATIONS**

- a. Down trodden and marginalized communities residing in the rural and urban areas.
- b. Neglected, oppressed, poor and helpless women, girls and children.
- c. Small and marginal farmers.
- d. Poorest of the poor.
- e. Adolescent boys and girls.
- f. Flood, disaster and waterlog victims.
- g. Local vaidya and traditional doctors.
- h. Rural labors.

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 2016-17, we covered **04** blocks namely Naugachia, Kharik, Bihpur and Gopalpur 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. Supported by **Child Line India Foundation, Mumbai**, we have undertaken different interventions for street children in the age group 0-18 years and also advocates for child rights.

Activities Implemented

A. **Case Intervention:** Although, Nau Jan Lok work for the protection of the rights of all children in general but in 2016-17 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 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-able children and mentally challenged children. A total of **281** cases were successfully solved during the year.

B. **Awareness Program:** On the occasion of "**BAL DIWAS**" series of awareness programs were organized in all **4** blocks (Naugachia, Kharik, Bihpur and Gopalpur) of Naugachia subdivision to promote "integrated child protection scheme" implemented by the Ministry of women and child development, Govt. of India. The details of the awareness programs are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Panchayat</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Participant</i>
14.11.16	Sripur	Tetri	Naugachia	Awareness Rally	83
15.11.16	Auliabad	Jhandapur West	Bihpur	Painting Competition	42
16.11.16	Pachgachia	Amia Pachgachia	Gopalpur	Awareness Rally	112
17.11.16	Bihpur	Bihpur Central	Bihapur	Sports Events	41
18.11.16	Nagrah	Nagrah	Naugachia	Cultural Program	49
19.11.16	Malpur	Makandpur	Gopalpur	Cultural Program	67
20.11.16	Kharik Bazar	Kharik Bazar	Kharik	Signature Campaign	120
Total					514

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 were also raised on 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 by making them participate in the paintings, sports events and prize distribution ceremonies. The villagers were told to use 1098 services in a regular manner to provide quick support to children in needs.



C. 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 2016-17, a total of **11** Open Houses were arranged in **11** villages of the Kharik, Gopalpur, Bihpur and Naugachia blocks of the Bhagalpur district to meet out this objective. The details are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Panchayat</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Participant</i>
19.04.16	Sripur	Nagar	Naugachia	81
17.05.16	Pachgachia	Amia Pachgachia	Gopalpur	33
14.06.16	Harion	Harion	Bihapur	35
15.07.16	Kadwa Pachgachia	Khairpur Kadwa	Naugachia	38
19.08.16	Tintanga Karati	Tintanga Karati	Gopalpur	37
14.09.16	Narkatia	Lattipur Takia	Bihpur	48
23.11.16	Nanhakar	Dharampurasti	Bihpur	38
20.12.16	Badi Alalpur	Bahtarra	Kharik	42
13.01.17	Dimaha	Dimaha	Gopalpur	42
20.02.17	Kasimpur Kadwa	Kadwa Diara	Naugachia	38
21.03.17	Bahtara	Bahtarra	Kharik	40
Total				472

Held once in 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. Applications were also made to the govt. officials and school authorities with a request to solve their problems.



D. Block Level 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 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. CAB meets are well planned and has proved a good platform for Child Line to make 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 2016-17, **03** CAB meetings were organized at Kharik and Gopalpur blocks by Nau Jan Lok. The details are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Members Participated</i>
05.08.16	Conference Hall, Kharik	Kharik	38
10.02.17	Conference Hall, Gopalpur	Gopalpur	32
21.02.17	Conference Hall, Kharik	Kharik	35
Total			105

These CAB meetings were organized under the president ship of Block Development Officer with able participation of the Nodal Officers and officials/representatives of the Education Department, Child Labor Department, ICDS, Police, Hospitals and PRIs. Elaborative

discussions were made on the progress of the child line in the blocks and it was emphasized that each and every one should come forward for the success of child line services in Kharik and Gopalpur blocks. A decision was made to shift a runaway girl child immediately to Kasturba Gandhi Residential Schools for short stay purpose. In the CAB meeting, BDO also gave detailed information on child rehabilitation schemes implemented at the block level. It was also decided to organize CAB meetings quarterly to improve the situation of child protection with the support of allied system organizations.

E. Meetings of Resource Organization: On **04.07.16** & **24.12.16**, meetings of the Resource Organization were organized at Naugachia block by Nau Jan Lok. A total of **58** NGO representatives and social workers participated in the meetings with good success. Mr. M. M. Thakur, Secretary of Nau Jan Lok gave an overview of the Child Line project and brief description of the Child Line project was presented by the Team Leader and Team Members to the participants. They were conveyed 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 use 1098 services regularly to support needy and helpless children. It was also decided to arrange periodic meetings of the Resource Organization preferably at the interval of three months.



F. Promotional Program: In order to promote “Child Line Program” in an effective manner, series of promotional programs were organized that gave information about the 1098-free emergency phone services to volunteers, guards, ANM, Anganwadi Sevika and PRIs in a successful manner. 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. They were motivated to provide their full support for the success of the 1098 services in Bhagalpur. The details of the organized promotional programs are as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Participant</i>
12.07.16	Bihpur	Awareness to volunteers	32
15.08.16	Karari Tinranga	Awareness to PRI members	32
21.08.16	Bihpur Police Station	Awareness to Guard	22
10.09.16	Kharik	Awareness to volunteers	36
30.09.16	Naugachia	Awareness to ICDS workers	43
10.12.16	Naugachia	Awareness to volunteers	34
08.01.17	Gopalpur Police Station	Awareness to Guard	34
17.01.17	PHC, Kharik	Awareness to ANM	32
22.01.17	Bihpur Police Station	Awareness to Guard	31
22.01.17	Kharik Police Station	Awareness to Guard	15

05.02.17	Parwatta Police Station	Awareness to Guard	14
05.02.17	Naugachia Police Station	Awareness to Guard	14
Total			339



(II) Misereor Project: With esteemed support from MISEREOR, Germany- Nau Jan Lok has launched a community based project in **54** villages of Naugachia and Kharik blocks in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. The project aims to work for livelihood promotion, agricultural promotion, DRR, climate change, village development and health issues in an integrated manner.

Activities Implemented

A. Livelihood Programs- Different livelihood programs were conducted for women SHGs in- (i) Cloth Making (ii) Manjusa Art (iii) Banana Farming (iv) Bio Sand Water Filter (v) Vermin Composting and (vi) Vegetable Gardening. A total of **964** SHG women/men successfully received training in these trades. The goals of these livelihood training were to improve the poor socio-economic condition of the women of the SHGs. The women learnt these skills with sincerity and now being involved in generating incomes and bringing sustainability to their poor life situation.



The training in vegetable gardening and banana farming helped in improving the skills of SHG women involved in agriculture activities. Their knowledge enhanced which improved livelihood options for them along with bank linkages for starting up IGAs and marketing of the finished products.

B. Formation and Strengthening of VDCs- With an objective to bring positive changes in the poor situation of the villages, **09** VDCs were formed and strengthened in **09** villages covering **03** Panchayats namely Kahairpur, Akidatpur and Raghapur of the Kharik block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar. These VDCs have a total of **184** members (male-**06** and female-**178**). These VDC members were provided capacity building training by Nau Jan Lok to improve the situation of the project villages overall. They were also encouraged to monitor

the govt. programs being implemented in the villages and do visit of ICDS and schools for their quality functioning.



C. Mass Awareness & Hazard Mapping Trainings were conducted in different project villages by the experience resource persons that helped **312** participants to know about the geographical status of the Naugachia block and understand why the villages of the block face flood problem every year. They were also appraised about the basic problems of the project area like illiteracy, unemployment, roads and non-availability of fodder for animals. Participants also came to know about different forms of disasters- flood, earthquake and fire and about the coping mechanism. The participants were also informed about the importance of maintaining “Disaster Fund” and how to take support of the govt. machinery during disasters. It was emphasized that everyone should think in the direction and must propose better idea to reduce it.

Sessions on Hazard mapping of the villages were also conducted that helped participants to know about the % of flood water that entered in the villages and the problems caused by it. The sessions also clearly pointed out about the facilities like high lands, community toilets, drinking water hand pumps, wells, schools, hospitals etc. that is available in the area. Discussions were made on what is important to do during the pre and post disasters period and about the relevance of “Disaster Management Task Force (DMTF)” and “Disaster Management Committee (DMC)” for coping up the problems of disasters effectively. Hazard mapping was done for **09** villages and local villagers fully participated in the process.

D. Training of DMC and DMTF & Preparation of Village Action Plan This activity was one of the important aspects of the project. One day block level workshop dated **10. 01.2017** was organized at Nau Jan Lok office premises at Naugachia in which **42** SHG women participated. Mr. Rajiv Kumar Ranjan, BDO, Naugachia block attended the workshop and gave his opinion. He emphasized that SHGs are formed for help and therefore it is important that they should know about how to help people during disasters and should also know about the Disaster Management techniques. They should also be involved in creation of “Disaster Kosh” and “Disaster Management Task Force”. He emphasized that timely information is important to reduce disaster effects.



During the workshop, Mr. M.M. Thakur, Secretary, Nau Jan Lok also gave his opinion and told that it is important that women should well informed and active during disasters. He

emphasized that there should be proper coordination between the “SHG Disaster Management Task Force” and the officials of the “Govt. Disaster Team” that will help in the management of Disasters effectively. Information and guidance were also provided for preparation of village action plan. The participants were of immense benefits from the workshop.

E. Improved Health & Village Development- A one day workshop (20.12.2016) was organized through local contribution at village Faridpur in Kharik block in which 20

participants (male & female) participated. The objective of the workshop was to provide health advices and health checkups to the participants. During the session, Mr. M.M. Thakur, Secretary of Nau Jan Lok emphasized that “Health is Wealth” and every one should possess some basic information about general health problems of daily life. He told that home based precautions would be sincerely adopted for minimizing the health problems of people at large.



Health checkups of the participants were also done by Dr. Deepak Kumar Shah. Apart from the check up, he also advised them how to take precautions to minimize/avoid health problems like blood pressure, sugar, stomach etc. He advised them not to hide their diseases and go for doctor help when diseases occurred. The participants were of immense benefits from the workshop.

F. Health Camps- It has been observed that SHG women because of the poverty and lack of information face a lot of health problems in life. A camp was organized on 20/12/2016 by Nau Jan Lok at village Faridpur in Kharik block through which 19 SHG women benefited. The features of the camp included-

- Health check-up was done through low cost and traditional health systems of ayurved, homeopath and acupressure.
- Consultation by qualified, skilled and experienced doctors of the area.
- Prescribed customized food and lifestyle.

The SHG women were benefitted as it successfully evaluated their health status through low cost and traditional methods and also educated them about maintaining healthy lifestyle as well.

(III) DRR PROGRAM: SSP, MUMBAI: Since 2011, Nau Jan Lok has been involved in addressing the DRR and Climate Change issues within the network of the MISEREOR partners across Bihar with the support of SSP, Mumbai. The following activities were carried out during 2016-17:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Particular</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>
1.	10.01.2017	Block Level Disaster Management Workshop	Conference Hall, Naugachia	42
2.	23.10.2016	Panchayat Level Disaster Management Workshop	Primary School, Laxminia Kadwa (Khairpur Kadwa Panchayat)	68

3.	7.02.2017	Small Loan Distribution to SHGs for Vegetable Cultivation through Vermin Compost	-	3 SHGs*
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* Loan distribution amounts were Rs. 10,000/- to each group.

■ **Exposure Visit** A one day Exposure Visit (12/11/2016) was organized for **34** SHG members of the Khairpur Kadwa and Laxminia Kadwa Panchayats at village Pakra. The visit covered the aspects of vegetable cultivation, climate change and vermin compost and helped women of the SHGs to know about the methods of improved vegetable cultivation, preparation of vermin compost and its appropriate uses during vegetable production. The exposure visit promoted good understanding of the SHG women which is now helping them in improving their poor economic situation. These women are now spreading their knowledge to other group members also.



(IV) EDUCATION, HEALTH & HYGIENE AWARENESS PROGRAM:

With financial support from SR. HOL Bernhard Girardi, a project on education cum literacy for women and children were undertaken. As a result, **220** illiterate women in **09** villages of the Kadwa Diara and Khairpur Kadwa Panchayats of Naugachia block in Bhagalpur district in Bihar were made literate to read and write. During the start of the activity village meetings were organized with 100% participation of the poor and illiterate women and adolescent girls of the project area. Literacy classes conducted through **04** literacy centers undertaking beneficiaries from the identified villages. There were **25** women learners (25 Learners x 8 villages) total: **200** learners in these education centers. **04** qualified and experienced instructors were recruited for taking classes in rotations in the education centers. The classes conducted in a very positive



atmosphere. Teaching-learning materials distributed among the learners that assisted them in getting educated. The result has been very positive and about **60%** learners have now become literate. They are now able to read and write with ease.

The key challenges in the health care in the project area are poor accountability, low-quality care, lack of health awareness and limited access to health facilities. To cover this aspect, a **04** day awareness camp was organized on health and hygiene for **52** SHG/Non-SHG women of the Naugachia block. The experience health workers of the area discussed different topics like women's reproductive health, nutritional intake, hand washing, menstrual hygiene practices, pre-post natal care, communicable/common diseases, protection of child, govt. health programs etc.



These activities promoted a lot of enthusiasm among the participants that helped them to become aware about their health and health rights. This is now helping them to realize their full potential and moving forward in life.

(V) FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAM: After the devastating flood in the rivers of Kosi and Ganga in the last week of July, 2016 the two most affected blocks- Kharik and Naugachia of the Bhagalpur district were selected by Nau Jan Lok to provide relief materials to the flood affected populations. A total of **250** affected families of the villages of Kadwa Diara, Mushari Kadwa and Khairpur (Harijan Tola) that were heavily affected by flood and not provided any support from the govt. agencies were listed for support. Following relief materials were distributed among these families through donation from SR. HOL Bernhard Girardi.

- House construction materials. • Cloths for male, female and children.
- Bio sand water filters for consumption safe drinking water. • Food items.
- Utensils. • Fodder for livestock.



The distributed materials and constructed houses helped **250** families when they need it most. The PRIs and social workers of the area also joined their hands with the flood relief team of Nau Jan Lok that restored smiles on the faces of these families. A list of the flood affected families was also prepared and handed over to the govt. disaster management officials of the State/District level with a demand for timely relief to the affected families. The staff/volunteers of Nau Jan Lok always remain in regular touch with the affected population that helped them to fight the flood situation in good spirit.

