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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan is a voluntary organisation started in Ambikapur, Surguja, Chhattisgarh which works for the up-liftment of poor section of the society, especially the tribals, and economically and socially poor communities.

It evolved through a voluntary work of a group of friends who wanted to contribute concretely to the poor communities during their studies. It follows Gandhian work and ideology to reach out to people

It came into existence on Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2004. It was legally registered on March 27, 2006 (Reg. No. 1329) under the Chhattisgarh *Societies Registration Act* 1973.

A group of friends from Ambikapur, while they were still in high Schools, had a special interest on people's development. They decided to do something concretely for people. They did not have much resource at their disposal as they were just students from various high schools. general knowledge They organised competition in various schools. They were delighted with the positive response they received from students, teacher and parents. They were motivated to do more for people's development. The second thing they did was the collection of old books of passed out students of various classes. They gave those collected books to the poor and needy students in the following year so that they have necessary books for their studies. This noble work got good response from the poor students and parents.

The group also received some old books authored by Mahatma Gandhi for general reading, like India of My Dreams, Gramswarajya etc. Each member read these books and gave others students to read and draw inspiration from the rich resources for life. We were inspired from Gandhian work and ideology and wanted to do more for people based on Gandhian ideology. There was serious discussion in the group on state of people's life and the applicability of Gandhian ideology and work for people's development especially in rural and tribal areas. They also discussed with community elders about their aspirations for development work. They started yet another activity in a few villages of bringing awareness on infant health and hygiene. They conducted some kind of competition on infant health care and hygiene. They came to know during the village immersion that many infants were malnourished and sick. They started linking lactating mothers and small government children with various schemes so that they receive nutrition food supplement.

The boys received a lot of appreciation for their work in the villages. The villagers started inquiring who they were and how long would they work in the villages. They did not have any concrete answer to their queries because they did not have any legal identity nor did they have any concrete plan. They were engaging themselves in such benevolent work in their free time and on holidays as they all were still students on high schools. Looking at the noble initiatives they were taking, some elders suggested that they visited Shree Gandhi Seva Ashram, Ambikapur. They visited the Ashram to know its work for people and discussed various issues with people in the Ashram. The Ashram was working for the poor people to make them self-reliant. They volunteered to work with Shree Gandhi Seva Ashram for poor people. After a few months, when the group member came together for some discussion and action plan, they reached to a consensus that they establish an institute of their own to work for the people on Gandhian ideology.

Finally, on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2004, Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan came to existence to further the Gandhian work and ideology. The group members continued their work for people under this newly found institute. Now they had a name and an identity of their own to tell the world that they were Gandhian band for development work. After one and a half of year, Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan was legally registered on March 27, 2006 under the Chhattisgarh Societies Registration Act 1973.

Sarthak did not have financial resources to undertake any developmental work in

the villages. However, group members went to villages to listen to people's issues and problems, and they tried to resolve them through concerned government officials. For example, a few eligible senior people were not getting old age pension, and they received pension after their intervention. Looking at selfless services, many more young people joined the band and work volume increased. Yet they enjoyed their work for the people. People used to come to the organisation for their work somebody from the organisation took the issue to the concerned officials and followed it up till work was done. However, it was realised that people were becoming dependent on them for their work. People would ask them to resolve every issue with government officials. People, instead of becoming self-reliant, and directly approaching to the officials, were coming to the organisation. At this juncture, with series of serious discussion among the group members, it was realised that it was time to empower people through quality education as well as good health, though it does undertake related projects. Once people educated and healthy, they can do their work for their own development. And with this, they as an organisation decided to work for children's education and health care.

2.0 ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan is a non-government, non-profit and grassroots voluntary organization established on October 2, 2004 adopting the Gandhian philosophy of village and rural development for its interventions. It was formally registered under Chhattisgarh Societies Registration Act 1973 on March 27, 2006 having registered No. 1329. Sarthak is working in the tribal majority area of Surguja district and established

with a mission to work towards strengthening people's capacities and institutions to get their due shares in every aspect of human existence. Hence it is a long-term strategy for emancipating the whole community, through interventions at three levels i.e. - the child, the family and the community with extra emphasis on child specially girl child, rural dropout child and disabled child.

Vision

A Society based on legitimate rights, gender equality, democratic governance, justice, honesty, social sensitivity, access to resources and a culture of service in which all are self-reliant.

Mission

Sarthak Commits itself to work for marginalized communities and groups-tribal, dalits, children, landless, subsistence farmers, and within this the most vulnerable like children, women, elderly, and People with Disabilities helping them to build their capacities-skills and knowledge, to fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

Objectives

- 1. To work for socially marginalized, including child and women, landless and forest dependent communities, small and marginalized farmers, particularly those who are denied their rights to ownership of the natural resource base.
- 2. To promote quality primary education for children in rural areas through the available resource's community has and it receives from the government towards this end.
- 3. To facilitate development processes with and for economically and socially deprived and physically and mentally challenged children to help them better educated, skilled and aware.
- 4. To strengthen and foster capacities of people and village level institutions to get their share in the development process.
- 5. To ensure livelihood opportunities for the poor, especially tribal communities, whose livelihood security is threatened, and whose basic rights and entitlements are being ignored and unmet.

3.0 THEMATIC AREAS & COMMUNITIES

Sarthak started its development intervention with community mobilization so as to empower the community to become self-reliant community. Systematically, Sarthak worked first for child health care issues. While working on child health care, it realised that children's health is closely related to issues like livelihood, access to government schemes and education. Sarthak, thus, adopted a development intervention which is more holistic and integrated to address these issues of the people.

- **Children:** proper functioning of Anganwadi Centres and ANMs, child nutrition, health, and development, primary education, issues of teachers in primary schools.
- Women: formation and facilitation of women self-help groups for economic sustainability and to develop a critical group to monitor the "last mile delivery of services" i.e. nutrition, health, PDS etc. Skilling of women for entrepreneurship development
- **Farmers:** organic cultivation and indigenous seed conservation and propagation
- **Community:** Local governance- Gram Sabha and Panchayats, sustainable development of the community as a whole.

Sarthak works for and with four tribal communities namely Pahari Korwa, one of the most backward and marginalised communities in India, and classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) by the Government. Manihi and Majhwar are two major scheduled tribe communities in Mainpat plateau of Surguja district. These tribes are very backward though not classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups. Kanwar, a tribe highly dependent on nontimber forest produce (NTFP) and agriculture in the programme area. Sarthak is skilling them for effective agriculture practices. Gonds are one of the agrarian tribal communities in Chhattisgarh. They practice traditional agriculture. Sarthak accompanies these tribal communities for better primary education, better child and women health

care, income generating activities, and better agriculture practices.

Sarthak has a well experienced team for implementing projects and programme of primary education and drop out children. women and child health care, livelihood, children's groups, community-based people's organization, Gram Sabha and Panchayati Raj, health awareness, issues of mal-nutrition etc. Sarthak has been involved in mobilizing the community towards social transformation especially through education, women & health, MGNREGA, setting up village level institutions and community-based organizations etc.

Education and child rights

This is to ensure that children of schoolgoing age are admitted in schools and create awareness among parents to send their children to school. Sarthak also runs remedial classes for children to support them in their studies to reduce dropout rate and improve retention of children in school. Creating awareness on RTE and ensuring the proper functioning of SMCs also taken seriously by the organisation to ensure quality education and check dropout rates. It also works on child rights to ensure no child is victim of harassment of any kind. Teachers of primary schools and parents are motivated constantly for best results.

Child and women health

Sarthak has been working to ensure that children grow with normal pace. They do not suffer from mal-nutrition as it affects badly the growth of children. Therefore, it collaborates with Anganwadi centres and ANMs to ensure that supplementary food reaches to children, pregnant and lactating women. The badly malnourished children are sent to government treatment centres. The adolescent girls are given special attention, especially during the menstruation period. Systematically both parents and others in the family as well as the community is given awareness on this natural process of life in adolescent girls. Women groups are formed and trained for common health issues, monitoring government health and education services, income generating activities. Sarthak also organising training of village health volunteers and organizes health camps for early detection and treatment of the diseases and referral services.

Implementation of MNREGA

The government has guaranteed work for food through Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Sarthak brings awareness among people about its provisions so that they take benefit of it. They train community members and village institutes on various provisions of the Act, ensure implementation with true spirit. Youth are trained to monitor the implementation of the work. This is precisely done because the earning improves the health of children and women directly.

4.0 APPROACH

Sarthak works for and with the tribal poor and backward communities. These tribal communities had isolated themselves for centuries and lived a life away from others, both tribals and non-tribals. They are exposed to the outside realities today and they cannot isolate themselves any more due to present circumstances as well as the need. They are going through a process of change more rapidly since few decades. They need a helping hand to accompany them into the process of change so that they are not lost but they get positive results in the process. Sarthak has taken various approaches to development which acceptable and appealing to them. Its approaches can be summarized in the following:

- Participatory Approach
- Empowering approach especially the women and children
- Building upon the socio-cultural and economic resources they have
- Respecting their cultural heritage and economic system
- Constant accompaniment before, during and after the programme

5.0 MAJOR INTERVENTIONS

A. UMANG UTSAV, MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVT. OF INDIA, NEW DELHI





Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan organized Rangoli Utsav 'Umang' to celebrate National Girl Child Day under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Rangoli decorations were done to celebrate the contributions of women to the journey of a progressive India@75. Participants drew rangoli decorations on the roads and squares named after the female freedom fighters or the female role models of the country.

The Girl Child Day holds immense significance as it makes people aware about the importance of a girl child and her rights in the country. The event also raised awareness about the initiatives such as 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'. The event was also attended by the participants of communities, local government authorities, schools, media personnel and others in spreading the message of 'Girl Power'.

Glimpses of Umang Utsav







B. NAYI KIRAN - MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE, BALCO



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Korba district of Chhattisgarh state is marred by social taboos and restrictions when it comes to managing menstruation and menstrual phases amongst women and girls. The socio-cultural norms and traditions prohibit women from discussions pertaining to

puberty and menstruation thus leading to poor and unhygienic practices. Women members specifically enjoy an average social status in the community. Further traditional patriarchy systems provide minimal prospects for girls and women to take care of their health and other requirements. There stands a huge communication gap between the parents and their girls and thus leads to lower affordability of choices adoptability in case of menstrual hygiene management. These further inculcate a sense of inferiority and lower the confidence level in attending day to day work.

Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan in association with Bharat Aluminium Limited (BALCO) through Nayi Kiran- MHH project provided multiple options of low cost safe and hygienic sanitary napkins in the cluster of Korba for the poor and marginalized community's women and girls. The major objectives of the project was as follows.

- To create awareness among adolescent girls and women on Menstrual Hygiene Management through Sustainable Health and Hygiene program
- To improve the economic and social conditions of women by making them healthy in terms of Menstrual Health & Hygiene
- To make 30 villages totally free from unhygienic practices pertaining to MHH
- To bring about a behavioral change and encourage girls & women to use sanitary pads by initially providing them on a free sample basis to bring in the behavioral change
- To establish sanitary pad making Unit so that women can avail sanitary pads on subsidized rates
- To initiate installation of Incinerators for safe and efficient disposal of used Sanitary pads

Major Activities Accomplished under Nayi Kiran

1	Social Mobilization and De-mystifying the My	ths		
1.1	Sensitization Program on MHH in villages		Sharing of IEC & BCC materials on MHH	43 villages
1.2	Awareness program on MHH among SHGs		Sharing of IEC & BCC materials on MHH	276 SHGs
1.3	Awareness program on MHH among Adolescent	girls	Sharing of IEC & BCC materials on MHH	43 villages
1.4	Awareness program on MHH among ANMs / ASF	IA workers	Sharing of IEC & BCC materials on MHH	43 villages
1.5	Awareness program on MHH among men		Sharing of IEC & BCC materials on MHH	43 villages
1.6	1.6 Awareness programs on MHH in schools		Organize Quiz / Drawing / Collage making - Competition on MHH	8 schools
1.7	Meetings with SHGs		Monthly meeting	58 SHGs
1.8	8 Meeting with Adolescent girls' Groups		Fortnightly meeting	30 Groups
1.9	9 Meeting with ANMs / ASHA workers		Monthly meeting	43 villages
1.10	Meeting with all village level stakeholders		Quarterly Meeting	43 villages
1.11	Family Counselling on MHH		Regular	
1.12	Convergence efforts with health and other government line departments		Quarterly Meeting	4 times
1.13	Observe and celebrate special days of importance [Women's Day]			1 time
2	Training and Capacity Building			-J
2.1	Project Staff Training (non-residential)	Training for project staff		1 time
2.2	Training on MHM to adolescent group leaders	Training for Adolescent group leaders		1 time

	[non-residential]				
2.3	Training on MHM to SHG Leaders [non-residential]	Training for SHG Leaders	1 time		
2.4	Training on MHM to Anganwadi Workers / ASHA [non-residential]	Training for Anganwadi Workers / ASHA	1 time		
2.5	Organise Leadership Training for Adolescent girls	Leadership Training for Adolescent girls	1 time		
2.6	Organise Youth Group [Adolescent boys & men] training	Training for Adolescent boys & men	1 time		
3	Revamping of Old Pad Production Unit and Pilot on cloth based pad making				
3.1	Revamping of Old Pad Production Unit	Procurement of raw materials, maintenance cost, labour charges	1 unit		
3.2	Identification of potential SHGs and members for manufacturing of hygienic Reusable Sanitary Pads	Potential SHG identification for manufacturing of hygienic reusable pads	1 unit		
3.4	Training imparted for hygienic Reusable Pads Production to the potential candidates	Training for SHG Members	1 time		
3.6	Establishment of "Swasth Suvidha Kendra"	4 Swasth Suvidha Kendra	4 centres		





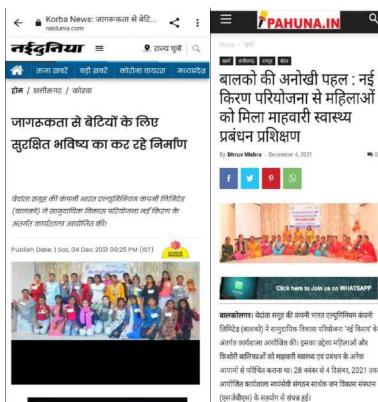


Pad Making Unit





















बालकोलगरए 4 दिसंबर। वेदांता समूह की कंपनी भारत एल्युमिनियम कंपनी लिमिटेड ;बालको ने सामुदायिक विकास परियोजना नई किरण के अंतर्गत कार्यशाला आयोजित की। इसका उद्देश्य महिलाओं और किशोरी बालिकाओं को माहवारी स्वास्थ्य एवं प्रबंधन के अनेक आयामों से परिचित कराना था। 28 नवंबर से 4 दिसंबरए 2021 तक आयोजित कार्यशाल स्वयंसेवी संगठन सार्थक जन विकास संस्थान ;एसजेवीएस

बालको की नई किरण परियोजना से महिलाओं को मिला माहवारी स्वास्थ्य प्रबंधन प्रशिक्षण



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बालकोलगर 4 दिसंबर वेदांता समृह की कंपनी भारत एल्युमिनियम कंपनी लिमिटेड (बालको) ने सामदायिक विकास परियोजना नई किरण के अंतर्गत कार्यशाला आयोजित की। इसका उद्देश्य महिलाओं और किशोरी बार्तिकाओं को माहवारी स्वास्थ्य एवं प्रबंधन के अनेक आयामों से परिचित कराना था।

28 नवंबर से 4 दिसंबर 2021 तक आयोजित कार्यशाला स्वयंसेवी संगठन सार्थक जन विकास संस्थान (एसजेवीएस) के सहयोग से संपन्त हुई।कार्यशाला में प्रतिभागियों को माहवारी की जैविक प्रक्रिया और उसके सहत्व, शारीरिक परिवर्तनी, हार्सीन सेंबंधी बदलावी, विभिन्न बीसारियी से बचाव, पोषण आहार की भूसिका, सामाजिक भारियाँ, त्रींगिक असमानता और माहवारी के प्रति जागरूकता मंे पुरुषों की भूमिका से अवगत कराया गया।

175 प्रतिभागियों से सहिलाओं और किशोरी बालिकाओं के अलावा स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्ता, सितानिन, किशोर बालकों के साथ अनेक नागरिक शासिल थे।बालकों के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी एवं निदेशक श्री अभिजीत प्रति ने सामाजिक चेतना की रृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण आयोजन की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि बालको अपने सामुद्रायिक विकास कार्यक्रम के जरिए जरूरतमंद्रों की हरसंभव सदद करने के लिए कटिबंद है। 'नई किरण' परियोजना के अंतर्गत लक्षित महिलाओं को स्वास्थ्य के प्रति जागरूक बनाने के लिए उन्हें अनेक गतिविधियों से जोड़ा गया है।

कार्यशाला की प्रतिभागी महिलाएं समाज की अन्य महिलाओं को जागरूक बनाने में योगदान देंगी। कार्यशालाओं के जरिए जागरुकता का संचार कर हम अपनी बेटियों और समाज के लिए सुरक्षित भविष्य का निर्माण कर रहे हैं।कार्यशाला की प्रतिभागी सिनानिन श्रीसनी सावित्री श्रीवास ने बनाया कि साहवारी



बालको की 'नई किरण' परियोजना से किशोरियों को मिला माहवारी स्वास्थ्य प्रबंधन प्रशिक्षण, कलेक्टर श्रीमती रानू साहू ने परियोजना के नामकरण 'नई किरणें' को किया विमोचन





िक मध्यम हो जागरुकत्त का तथार कर रम भग्ना भाष्य पर पुरान का कार्य । एहा कि करेरवा जिला प्रशासन के मार्गदर्शन में वालको संचालित परियोजना मों नए वायम सावाजिक एमगरुकत की रियोज में वर्त किरानी की किया में वर विरक्षीर लीबी सा

C. PROJECT CONNECT,





The Project Connect 2021-2022 sets the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals emphasizing in completion of primary and secondary education of every child as increases selfdetermination, fosters better living conditions, open profuse opportunities, and escalates monetary expansion through growth and development.

In August 2021, Project Connect, an initiative of Vedanta-Balco under its sustainability domain of the Corporate Social Responsibility Programme was initiated for the FY 2021-2022. It is being under implementation in 5 government secondary and higher secondary schools in the Vedanta - Balco, Korba work zone. The list of intervention schools is given below:

S. No.	Name of School	Location	Classes up to
01	Government Sec. School, Sonpuri	Sonpuri	10 th Std.
02	Government Sec. School, Rumgara	Rumgara	10 th Std.
03	Kanayashala Girls School, Balco	Balco	12th Std.
04	Adarsh Higher Sec. School, Balco	Balco	12 th Std.
05	Government Boys School, Balco	Balco	12th Std.

The annual project set out activities specifically targeted to achieve the following specific objectives:

- 1. Improving Students Gradation in 10th and 12th Board Examinations.
- 2. To improve teachers' capacity for delivering their sessions especially in Mathematics, Science (including Physics, Chemistry & Biology), Accountancy and English Subjects.
- 3. To create awareness among students about their career options after 10th and 12th Board Examinations.
- 4. Promoting Employee Volunteering for Community Development

The Project Connect 2021-2022 highlights the significant strategic reform program underway in education and training. It recognizes the importance of improving secondary education to ensure improved gradation on subjects in board examinations and understanding among students about their career options. This annual report helps to understand the progress of the project and its activities carried out during the said period. The report also provides an update on actions where significant progress has been made. Moreover, time to time appropriate measures were taken to track the project performance.

Program Activity	Activity Description	Remarks/Achievements
Mobilization and field Establishment	 Identification and Recruitment of Field Team [Project Coordinator, Instructors, Community Mobilizers, etc.] Exploring Employee Volunteers to participate and contribute in running the project activities Baseline survey – identification of poor and underprivileged students, Employee Volunteers Meeting with school administration and teachers of identified schools Meeting with parents of students studying and community leaders in identified schools Community Awareness Drive- on secondary education Meeting with village level stakeholders Setting up of Connect Resource Centre - Library setup, rooms for undertaking remedial classes, etc. Development of TLMs, Worksheets, Practice Sheets, Module Papers, etc. 	 Implemented the project on the field with 12 members' field team 43 Employee Volunteers were enrolled, 23 EVs inducted; and 15 EVs participated and contributed (about 13hrs teaching support) to implement the project activities Baseline data was collected from 5 intervention Govt. schools. Regular meetings were conducted with school administration and teachers in 5 government schools Meetings were conducted with parents and other village level stakeholder in 31 villages Connect Resource Centre was set up at Chandrodaya school for undertaking the remedial classes. Subject wise 20 Modules and 180 TLMs were developed.
Orientation, Training and Capacity Building	 Orientation, Training and Capacity Building Induction program - Employee Volunteers Project staff training Career Counselling & Option, Skill Development related sessions 	 Employee Volunteers' induction program conducted, where 23 EVs participated the program. Project staff training was conducted to provide understanding about the project, their role & responsibilities. 3 Career counselling & option sessions were organized for students.
Classroom Sessions and Extra- Curricular Activities	 Regular Classes for IX, X, XI & XIIth Students in Schools [5 schools] Remedial Classes for poor and underprivileged students at Connect Resource Centre 	 About 1110 hrs teaching support was provided during regular classes in 5 intervention schools. A total of 1492 Students [615 Boys & 877

Program Activity	Activity Description	Remarks/Achievements
Activity	 Winter Camps for Board Examination Aspirants - 10th & 12th Board [Non-residential] Winter Camp for poor and underprivileged students [Non-residential] 	 Girls] were benefited from 28 villages / communities. About 299 hrs teaching support was provided in Connect Resource Centre. A total of 161 students [75 from Govt. & 86 from Pvt. Schools benefitted from 9 villages / communities. Winter camp was organized, where 26.50 per cent Board Exam aspirants (out of 676 aspirants) attended and benefitted. Winter camp was organized for poor and underprivileged students studying in 9th & 11th Std. A total of 143 students attended and benefitted from the program.
Monitoring, Support & Supervision	 Monthly Staff Meeting Quarterly Review Meeting Convergence efforts with education and other government line departments Door To Door Visit 	 The field team was recruited in September 2021, and a total of 7 monthly & 3 quarterly meetings (staff) were organized. Convergence efforts were made and got the permission letter from DEO to undertake the project activities in the 5 govt. schools. Door to door visits were made in 31 villages. A total of 46 drop out students were mapped out & counselled. 13 students were re-enrolled, and 6 students were facilitated to appear in the board examination.

Glimpses of Project Connect



Meeting with School Administration (School -Government Sec. School, Rumgara)



Introducing TLMs in schools (School-Kanyasala Higher Sec. School, Balco)



Meeting with School Administration (School- Government Sec. School, Sonpuri)



Meeting with teacher for support in regular classes session (School-Adarsh Higher Sec. School, Balco)



Meeting with teacher for subject wise syllabus and support in regular classes session discussion (School- Kanyasala Girls. School, Balco)

Meeting with teacher for subject wise syllabus and support in regular classes session discussion (School- Government Boys School, Balco)





D. PROJECT JIVODAYA



Under the banner of Jivodaya Foundation, Texas, United States, SJVS team provided daily milk to 205 children between the age of 6 months to 5 years in the villages of Junapara, Bardandpara and Barimakhas villages in Mainpath area, Chhattisgarh.

In addition, 205 children were also provided the clothing and shoes.

Glimpses of Jivodaya









E. PEOPLE LED DEVELOPMENT (PLD) PROJECT - MISEREOR



The district of Surguja is a Scheduled district in the 5th Scheduled Area identified by the Constitution of India. Surguja district is on the northern part of Chhattisgarh State. The total population of the district is 1,972,094. Nearly 90% of the population of Surguja is depended on agriculture and engaged in the cultivation of cereals, oil seeds, pulses, and fruits or vegetables. The district mainly produces rice. The main tribes Nagesiya, Oraon, Baiga, Kanwar, Panika, and DandKorwa are depended on agriculture. On the hilly areas, grains like maize, barley, *kodo*, *madua*, *kutki*, bajra, and *gondali* are grown. The tribal people are dependent on the various forest products like fruits, roots of various plants, lac and honey for their survival. They even collect *tendupatta*, *char*, *amla*, *hawai*, and *sal* leaves and sell it directly to various government and non-government organizations as well as in the open market.

Tribals are poor, because their agriculture is hampered by irregular rain and pollution. Moreover, they are also exploited systematically by the rich. They are losing their rich culture and tradition. Many young boys and girls are migrating to metros like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata in search of livelihood. The migrants of Surguja district are now at home. Seeing the pandemic, the migrants who have come back to their native places are willing to stay in their village and engage themselves in different activities and earn their livelihood. At present, they are unemployed and living in utter poverty. The ratio of migrants shows that the good numbers of migrants are youths coming from poor and marginal families. So, they need some awareness, training and support to start their new life in their native places.

The COVID has caused serious damage to their livelihood and economy. Even though farmers could not sell their agricultural produce during the lockdown. Vegetables got rotten in the farm fields. Daily wage laborers did not get work during lockdown phases. The work is not much available even after the unlock phase. Target households could not collect and sell forest produce like Mahua, Kendu leaves, Char, Sal seeds etc. and lost major

household income. Adding to that, fruits like Jackfruit, tamarind that are generally available in the villages in big volume could not be sold. So the economic condition of the households is very bad. The returnee migrants have worsened the situation. The migrants have returned from their workplace due to the pandemic.

Upholding the principle of People Led, this programme will build on the knowledge and awareness gained by the communities in order to secure their nutrition and livelihoods and foster collective actions for promotion of socio-economic, environmental and self-governance development with the adoption of the key strategic perspectives. The project was formulated for empowering community action leading to revival and strengthening of traditional socio- economic, governance and health systems for achieving greater self-reliance of communities, which is being implemented in the 20 villages of Surguja district in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Objective 1: Documentation and demonstration of traditional farming practices which are more sustainable and more efficient to meet the food and nutrition security needs of tribal and *dalit* communities.

Objective 2: Empower communities to take up collective action for promotion of socioeconomic and self-governance development.

Objective 3: Reviving traditional preventive and curative health care practices which are based on medicinal plants and are acceptable to all.

S. No.	Name of Village	Name of Panchayat	Name of Block	Total Population	Family No.
1	Paigakhas	Paiga	Mainpat	479	90
2	Bakripara	Paiga	Mainpat	420	62
3	Supalga	Supalga	Mainpat	460	70
4	Barima	Barima	Mainpat	204	34
5	Uroga	Barima	Mainpat	422	61
6	Junapara	Barima	Mainpat	190	32
7	Bardandpara	Barima	Mainpat	140	28
8	Kudaridih	Kudaridih	Mainpat	216	35
9	Karmha	Karmha	Mainpat	1115	322
10	Bisarpanikhas	Bisarpani	Mainpat	805	145

S. No.	Name of Village	Name of Panchayat	Name of Block	Total Population	Family No.
11	Mahadevpara	Palgadi	Lakhanpur	128	47
12	Khekharapara	Palgadi	Lakhanpur	98	100
13	Amdala	Amdala	Lakhanpur	134	110
14	Awradand	Turna	Lakhanpur	71	47
15	Tikrapra	Kevri	Lakhanpur	499	56
16	Sundarpur	Beldagi	Lakhanpur	432	53
17	Kosgakhas	Kosga	Lakhanpur	519	164
18	Cainpur	Amdala	Lakhanpur	373	66
19	Dongakarcha	Singidana	Lakhanpur	430	104
20	Balgapara	Amdala	Lakhanpur	290	72
Total	20 Villages	12 Panchayats	2 Blocks	7425	1698

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