

A women initiative for womens



# Sakhi Annual Report 2016-17

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**MISSION:**

To strive for Socio – Economic empowerment of women and Girl children of the families living under below poverty line by improving their existing conditions through formation of Groups.

**VISION:**

A society free from gender base discrimination and violence on women and Girl children. A society where women have control over their own body and life and equal opportunities exist for both Men and Women.

## Secretary Speaks

**We started the year 2016-17 with mixed feelings – excitement coupled with concern! We had programs on Water, sanitation, hygiene, Agriculture research, women empowerment, child safety and the end-line results were to be declared. I'm happy to share that 2016-17 ended as a landmark year for Sakhi, for many reasons. We moved in right direction in achieving the desired result as per the expectation of our donors and launched new partnerships.**

**The good result is that we have supported Madhubanidistrict & 7 block administration as technical agency in making SBM/LSBA successful and now the program is moving in right direction and started giving result. In year 2016-17 7 Gram Panchayat declared Open defecation free with our support. In agriculture research project we formed 4 successful cooperative farming models and the result is evident as there is change in the cropping pattern of the village. Farmers started adopting new cash crop in place of traditional crop, there is shift in tenancy pattern and most importantly women as farmers are now recognized in the village, no more land in that particular region is vacant during dry season.**

**Women empowerment is the major thematic area of Sakhi and we are committed to safeguard the interest of women and children's. With the support of the Women Development Corporation we are running short stay home to safeguard the interest of women's & with the support of Child line India foundation we started the journey to safeguard the interest of children's. Sakhi supported fisherwomen community of Madhubani district in getting their right over the pond and now we are supporting these women's to improve their living standard using modern method of fish farming and vending.**

**Now the annual report is in your hand! Hope you enjoy reading it.**

**Thematic area of working in year 2016-17**

Project at a glance (2016-17):-

Sr No	Name of project	Supporting organization	Project Area
1	Short stay home (MukhyamantriNari Shakti Yojna)	Women Development Corporation, Bihar (Social welfare department)	East Champaran district
2	Childline Sub center	Childlineindia foundation	6 blocks of Madhubani district
3	Directly supported 112100 people from poor communities to access appropriate and affordable sanitation by 2019	Water Aid	Madhubani district
4	Sustainable and resilient farming system in eastern gangetic plain	CIMMYT	Two blocks of Madhubani district
5	DSI4MTF	IWMI	Two blocks of Madhubani district
6	PSSRI	NRMC (GSF)	Jhanjharpur block of Madhubani district
7	Hindrances of aquaculture development in Bihar	ILRT	Madhubani district
8	Development of fish farming and uplifting the living standard of fisher women.	Sakhi	Madhubani district
9	Action research on fish production	ILRT	Andhrathari block of Madhubani district

## Women & child

1. (short stay home):-
  - Provided shelter to 47 victim women's.
  - Capacity building of victims on Stitching, Weaving, beautician.
  - 45 women are rehabilitated after counseling.
  - Provided support to victims on medical treatment, court procedure, helpline counseling.



## 2. (child line sub center):-

- Awareness generation activity in 6 blocks regarding 1098.
- Organized community sensitization program.
- Information sharing with the police and block department.
- Attended 3 cases and provide support to the child.



## 3. Aquaculture (supporting fisherwomen):-

- Linking fisherwomen with welfare scheme of government like SBM/LSBA, pond leasing.
- Supported more than 45 fisherwomen with good quality fish seed.
- Capacity building of fish farmers on modern method of fish farming.
- Supporting fisherwomen in marketing.
- Organizing exposure visit for the fish farmers.

## Water Sanitation & Hygiene:-

1. **Water Aid :-** to make community enable to have access of safe sanitation, drinking water and hygiene by the end of year 2019.
  - Supported Madhubani district administration & 7 block administration in planning & implementation of SBM/LSBA in the district.
  - Capacity building of district/ block officials on SBM/LSBA.
  - Capacity building of block volunteer cadre on implementation of SBM/LSBA at ground level.
  - Supported 7 blocks in achieving 7 Open defecation free Gram Panchayats.
  - Supported DRDA in organizing events at district level.
  - Supported blocks at field level by organizing CLTS, workshops, sensitization activity in their area.
  - Acting as resource organization for the district in capacity building & planning.



- Capacity building of more than 300 PRIs members on CLTS and government schemes on sanitation.
- Capacity building of 84 masons on low cost IHHL models which help community in constructing low cost IHHL for their home.
- Capacity building of government frontline workers of 6 blocks on LSBA/SBM, role & responsibility in achieving ODF GPs.
- Help district in making SBM/LSBA a movement in all blocks of district.
- Created cadre of school students (15 students each) in 32 schools of district. These students acting as resource person for the schools in making WASH a movement not only in their schools but in their villages.
- Organized several awareness generation activity at the field level ( wall painting, wall writing, hoarding, street plays, village meeting, gram Sabha, night choupalsetc).



2. **PSSRI (NRMF global sanitation fund):-** to make Jhanjharpur block of Madhubani district open defecation free.

- At the field level conducted more than 32 CLTS exercises at the field level.
- Provided technical support to Jhanjharpur block administration for making Jhanjharpur block Open Defecation Free.
- Provide capacity building support to block administration and help them in capacity building of all block officials as well as created a cadre of more than 130 volunteers.
- Given first Gram Panchayat of Madhubani district open defecation free namely Raiyam east.
- 32 Wards of Jhanjharpur block become ODF in the year 2016-17.
- 100% of the toilet constructed during the period is under usage.
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Action research

1. **Dry season agriculture for marginal & tenant farmers (IWMI)**:- the project aims at increasing the barren area during dry season through improved use of irrigation technology so that marginal & tenant farmers could increase their income.

- Project area:- one village each from two block namely Bhagwatipur village of Andhrathari block & Mauahi village of Babubarhi block.



- Formation of 6 farmers groups having total 42 members. out of which 3 groups were doing collective farming on leased land & rest individually.

- Farmers started dry season agriculture in around 4.5 acre of land and opted for vegetable crops.

- More than 40 acre of land in Bhagwatipur village is cultivated this year by other farmers during dry season.

- There is shift in cropping pattern from paddy- wheat- moong/barren to paddy- wheat- vegetable.

- There is shift in tenant- landlord relation. Earlier shared cropping system is there now farmers started leasing of land.



- Income of the collective farmer group increases from vegetable farming.

- Modern method of vegetable farming started in village.

- Some people started activity of vegetable vending as their livelihood option.

2. **Sustainable & resilient farming system in eastern gangetic plain (CIMMYT)** –the project aims developing conservation agriculture through improved agricultural equipment (zero tillage, paddy trans planter) and crop diversification.

- Project area is two village of two blocks namely Nanaur village of Andhrathari block & Mauahi village of Babubarhi block.



- Formation of two groups of farmers in two villages having total 21 members.

- Capacity building of farmers on conservation agriculture and modern agricultural equipment's.
  
- 3. **Action research on impact of secured tenures period on fish production (ILRT)**- the main aim of the project is to find the impact on production of fish when the fish farmers gets assured that pond will remain in their custody for fixed period of time if he/she paid rent on timely basis.
  - Survey of 20 ponds of assured ownership and 20 ponds for data comparison.
  - Compilation of data and after one year resurvey of production status.
  - Publishing of the report for the recommendation for policy change.

### **Sakhi resource center**

1. **Hatchery & fish rearing center:-**Sakhi is running fish hatchery cum fish seed rearing center to support community with good quality seed for improved production of fish.
  - Annual production of more than 600 Lakh Spawn.
  - Rearing of spawn to Zeera, Dhani, Fry & fingerlings.
  - Supporting quality seed to the fish farmers.
  - Capacity building of fish farmers on modern method of fish farming.
  
2. **Sakhi residential training center:-**
  - sakhi has well equipped training center with residential facility for 50 participants.
  - Well-equipped training hall with all logistics facility for 50 participants.
  - Supported different agencies in organizing training for their cadre like JEEVIKA, district administration, etc.