

Pragati Gramin Vikas Samiti, Patna

Annual Progress Report 2010

Dear sponsor , welcome - January 2010.

We of PGVS team thankful for your regular support to musahar families living in Paliganj subdivision of Patna District in Bihar. Because of you Community lives are changing. More and more woman are now able to earn a living , which means they can ensure their children have food, are healthy and can go to school.

We have started work with Musahar Community since 2004 in 60 villages of Paliganj subdivision, in which 3335 families are directly involve. We have also continued rights base activities to end poverty, social, political and economical discrimination and violence against woman and girls face.

In this update we can share with you some of our successes and achievements over the year 2009. Over 7560 people in Bikram and Paliganj block of Patna district benefited from NREGA programme due to the efforts of PGVS and actionaid. 345 families received 4dismal land with joint patta under homestead land act due to campaign and struggle of local organization.2886 families have received Antyoday card for food grain on subsidies Rate through PDS, and PDS shop are functional in 26 Panchayats. The children are now able to access their rights, enjoy their childhood, go to school, play games and have fun, something they should be able to take for granted. All of this and other more right is possible because of you. The following success stories are just examples of the work you have contributed the Dalits community of Paliganj(Patna) achieve.

1.Access food grain to prevent hunger

PDS (Public Distribution System) is a government's social security schemes to provide food grains at subsidized rate to poor families. But most of the PDS shops are not run properly due to corruption among shopkeepers and government officials. Irregular timing is one of the main practices they use to keep poor families from getting access to the food. Also Families who are initialed to it do not get it because they are not included

under the below poverty line list of government. Thus poor families have no option but to raise their voice against the administration. 1200 families of 30 villages were affected from this situation and they were facing hunger . After the meeting of local group , they organized massive rally , where 530 community members of villages across the sub divisional office of paliganj collectively protest against the discrimination in practice. They highlighted the biased selection of families under BPL and corrupt practices in shops before the top government officials. As a result, there is a greater awareness about the problems and government is forced to take action. In initiative taken by SDO on PDS system the community have access food grain properly from PDS shop without any problems all 60 villages 2886 families of Musahar hemlets. They get 35 kg(21kg rice and 14 kg wheat) from sept.2009 At the result in their families reduce scarcity of food and children got food regularly.

2.Training on health, education and gender rights with adolescent girl

In our DA area specially in Musahar community the adolescent girls were facing lack of awareness about reproductive health, Gender rights, Education, child marriage and blind faith .Due to more domestic work they did not think about their own status and identity in society . In this situation PGVS has planed activities with adolescent girl for their better future through awareness on education, health and Domestic violence. In first phase 30 adolescent girl from thirty villages has selected by woman self help groups and three days adolescent girls training camp organized . The girls were between 11 to 17 years old. They got knowledge in this programme about health rights, education and domestic Violence against women. They got health rights like How to make neat and clean, Reproductive health, gender etc. The objective of this training to aware adolescent girls about their reproductive health and education rights during the training girls produced panting relating health and education ,which show that their confidence and development. All 30th girls had come from 30th different villages and decided to form kishori samuh (adolescent group) in their village for campaign against violence and health rights. At result they are now taking initiative to constitution of kishori samuh for campaign against violence and aware about health education and property rights.

4. Community are fighting against drought

In 2009 Bihar facing drought. In which 26 district of Bihar including Patna have effected The condition of Bihar was very critical. In DA area because of no rainfall cropping could not be done as a result of which labors could not get work. This led to migration as well as starvation. The labors are paying 1.5 times of the actual cost of the grains in order to feed there dependent. Scarcity of water is also affecting the pets say goat, cow. The water layer of the hand pump has decrease. Animals are dying because of drought. The water of the pond, Canals is lying dried. In a few villages people use to go 2 -3 kilometers for water. The water of the wells is contaminated hence spreading disease. There are chances of breaking of epidemic. If one person is called for work then 4 -5 peoples arrives for the same.

The Grain bank, which were running in 60 musahar villages , The all food grain has been distributed in the 2160 families in 60 villages and there were no food for emergency need .

Due to this critical situation PGVS / Action Aid has taken initiative to protect starvation death, migration, scarcity of drinking water and unemployment. PGVS has started work with support of AA in 65 DA villages with Mushar community who was most affected from drought. PGVS has started relief work with community organization to replace food grain 300kg. in each village for grain bank in 63 villages, repairing of hand pump in 30 villages, new hand pump installation in 30 villages , Renovation of water bodies in 3 villages, which has 850 community member to get job and more than 7000 persons have taken job under NREGA. After the intervention PGVS has stop the hunger death and provide employment, drinking water and reduce migration and establised NREGA Help Centre (NHC) in 12 Panchayats for implementation of NREGA properly . Rs. 1100000 has to reach directly in the community through the drought action activity in 2009.



10 years old Amrita Manjhi of this village now very happy and go to school daily. She said- Mujhe school jana achha lagata hai. Mai bari hoker Doctor banugi. Mere gaon ke sabhi larkian school ja rahi hain humlog is bar khel pratiyogita me bhga liye the aur prize jeete the. Pragati ke aane se hamare goon ka vikas hua hai

(I am happy to go school. I become a doctor after education. In my village all girls go school. We have participated in sports in this year and got prize. My village now developing process after came of PGVS.

More ways your donations have changed lives!

No	Activities	Year 2007	Year 2008	Year2009
1.	No of people who got land to access land rights	368	243	345
2	No of people who got job card	3411	2355	2836
3	No of PDS shops made functional	0	6	34
4	No of new ICDS opened	0	0	18
5	No of women who got benefited from Janani Suraksha Yojna	0	35	56
6	No of Schools Regularized for Mid day meal	5	12	26
7	No of persons including widow who got old age and Widow Pension	775	54	193
8	No of families who got Indira Aawas	356	119	155
9	No of people who got old age pension	775	54	107
10	No of people who got Antyoday card	655	1200	2856
11	No of student who got stipend	435	564	486
12	No of villages ,which has Grain Bank	45	60	63
13	No of SHG functional	65	68	115

25% of the money was spent for Building Alliance of the Marginalized. Activities undertaken are organizing training programme for the community and their leadership development programmes; Organizing camps and workshop/meetings for demanding land and Awareness raising and mobilization on the Musahar community (SC).Capacity building of Village Education Committees, campaign on enrollment of dropout children; Alliance building with Government officials and struggle groups.

10% of the money was spent in Facilitating Just and Democratic Governance. The activities include Organizing workshops and meetings for facilitating Advocacy and lobbying processes, Building awareness on election and candidates, Facilitating social audit and public hearing processes; workshops for framing rules for pro poor policies and lobbying for their acceptance by the state like NREGA ,PDS, MDM ICDS and other social security scheme in Bihar.

15% of the supporters' money was spent in Enforcing Rights of Women and Girls. Activities include organizing meetings and workshops for women to increase their capacity on different issues and building their understanding on the rights of equality for women; and Campaign on Violence against women and girl child.

38% of the supporters' money was spent on Addressing Immediate Poverty Needs. Activity includes drought action and relief work like Hand pump for safe drinking water, additional support for Grain Bank to reduce hunger Renovations of Water bodies and Income generating activities, medical support to sponsor and other children.

Future Plans :-

- Ensure NREGA job card in all 60 Musahar villages of 3335 families.
- Ensure PDS system functional in all 26 panchayats of project villages.
- Build proper linkage between community and Government department for implementation of all social security schemes.
- Strengthening and linkage of SHG in all 60 villages
- Ensure ICDS centre and mid day meal functional in 30 centre.
- Ensure homestead land joint patta for 500 families.

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