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LOK PRERNA – SAMADHAN

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Message from the Secretary

Dear Well Wishers!!

Today India is watching a new wave of transformation by waging war against corruption and attempting to carve a responsible, developed and peaceful society. The discontentment among citizens on prevailing corruption in the country has probably reached to a level of revolution and fascinates millions of citizens to get involved fully or partially. LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN is no behind in extending its purest efforts for improving the living standard of marginalized and deprived community and shaping the society into a good place to live in.

In continuance of its initiatives, LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN is overwhelmed and delighted to present its Annual Report for the activities carried out during the fiscal year 2014-15. The year witnessed another level of commitments towards the benefit of rural community and the dedicated efforts resulted into significant achievements along with few obstacles.

We are duly bound to thank community members, Government Institutions, Non Government Donor Agencies, External Consultants and National as well as International agencies who supported our cause with financial, technical and operational inputs.

We are sincerely thankful to all our colleague, subordinates, peer members and volunteers who showed higher degree of admirable commitments and determination in performing their roles and responsibilities.

Having the firm belief in the Almighty and love for the marginalized, we look forward for extended support from all-round in order to serve the poor community effectively and efficiently in coming years.

Brief about Organization

It was in the year 2008 when few likeminded young and qualified people came together to serve the society with purest commitment. All these people had some prior exposures in social and development sector but they felt that there is an urgent need to form an organization which is socially responsible at its core and at the same time is professionally managed. Hence year 2010 saw the genesis of LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN as a registered body. LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN is registered as a non-profit organization in 2010 under Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

The organization has been working with the **vision** Establishment of a self-reliant society based on truth and non-violence without discrimination of caste, creed, races and religion. It has been working for the Empowerment of the rural poor & excluded communities through their holistic development (with special focus on women and children) and introduces participatory action research for their access to services and ability to influence policies. It has supported activities like natural resource management, land and agriculture promotion, income generation activities, vocational training, water and sanitation activities, education and strengthening people's organization. The child and women rights are the cross cutting issues of the organization.

Over the years, consistent and prudent efforts of the organization has enabled it to have a deep insight into the problem of the disadvantaged and deprived section of the community ensuring closer link with people and their benefactors including the government. Its concerted and integrated efforts has brought following commendable outcomes in its operational areas bringing eye catching changes in the attitude and action.

Thematic Interventions during 2014-15 and their outcomes

❖ Area of operation

LP-SAMADHAN is a non-profit philanthropic voluntary organisation of youths committed to work at grass root level, with headquarters at Baidyanath Dham Deoghar in the state of Jharkhand. We have been engaged in the multifaceted developmental activities since 2008 in the most backward districts Deoghar, Dumka, Jamtara, Godda and Pakur of Jharkhand.

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Block	No of Panchayets	No of Villages
1	Deoghar	Devipur	4	40
		Palojori	2	20
2	Dumka	Jarmundi	5	50
		Saraiyahat	4	40
		Masalia	4	40
3	Jamtara	Fatehpur	1	10
		Nala	1	10
4	Pakur	Maheshpur	2	20
		Pakuriya	2	20
5	Godda	Boarijore	2	20
		Poraiyahat	1	10
		Godda	1	10
		Pathargama	2	20
TOTAL :			31	310

❖ Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN facilitated the formation and strengthening of organizations, institutions and congregation of people, which have local area/ village-based presence, maturity and structural arrangements. LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN concentrated to involve people in all of the development initiatives since its inception to ensure maximum participation of community members in the development process by exercising their rights and realization of their entitlement.

So during the reporting period the details of the CBOs formed and strengthened by the organization is as follow:

SI NO	Type of the CBOs	Name of block and district	Number of CBOs	Number of Members	Supported by
1	SHG Women	Jarmundi, Saraiyahat & Masalia Block of Dumka District and Palojori Block of Deoghar District.	189	2164	DRDA-Deoghar, NABARD-Jharkhand
2	Farmers Club	Jarmundi, Saraiyahat & Masalia Block of Dumka District and Devipur, Mohanpur Palojori & Deoghar Block of Deoghar District. Godda, Mahagaowa & Paraiyahat Block of Godda District.	106	1497	NABARD-JHARKHAND
5	VWSC	Palojori Block of Deoghar District.	30	473	DWSM-Deoghar through NEEDS

6	Bal Sansad	Devipur	10	219	LP-SAMADHAN
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❖ Health

The primary requirement for performing any task is physical fitness of the performer but the prevailing situation in country especially the rural India is perturbing. Interestingly the illness and poverty are seen as an exogenous factors and no relation between the two is sought. To one hand the poor don't have access to improved health facilities and to another they are bound to spend the hard earned money for medical treatments. For those who don't have money to pay become victims of money lenders and give away their lands, cattle, jewellery etc in their possession.

The physical unfitness results into children absenteeism at schools, loss of wages for daily wage earners the infected child borne out of sick mother and draining of assets. The whole process can be seen as a vicious cycle and hence it becomes impractical for the poor to opt for improved health practices. The organization has taken numerous steps for promotion of improved health status and addressed the underlying problems during the reporting period.

❖ Promotion of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices



The fact can't be ignored that the accessibility to improved water, sanitation and hygiene practices along with behavior change is a sustainable answer to address health hazards problems. Availability of infrastructure facilities and changed mindset is the first step for promoting improved health practices. It is imperative to ensure proper health facilities to rural folk prior to ensuring the reach of any developmental schemes to them.

If the girl's education is to be promoted in the rural areas sanitary facilities must be available at schools. Similarly if the instances of diarrhea, typhoid and malaria are to be tackled, safe water and sanitary latrines must be made accessible and for improved hygiene practices the adolescent girls must be educated about personal hygiene and sanitation.



LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN has been playing a catalytic role in the promotion of improved health status for the rural folk. Since 2010 the organization has been working on intensively in two districts viz. Deoghar and Dumka, for ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. Community mobilization through awareness campaigns, Development and dissemination of IEC materials, Nukkar Natak etc. set the platform for changing the people's perceptions towards traditional approach of WASH Issues. During the reporting period the organization adhered to its basic philosophy of supporting the poorest of the poor and excluded communities like people with disabilities, widows and tribal population.



During 2014-15 with the benign support of funding agencies, govt. schemes and community contributions the Organization facilitated the CLTS training programme in three panchayets of Palojori block of Deoghar district. The adolescent girls were organized into Kisori groups for education and promotion of personal hygiene practices. For operation and maintenance of water, sanitation resources VWSCs and WUGs were formed and strengthened.



For advocacy and policy change the organization also organized block level **UDRAN Programme** in Devipur and Palojori Block of Deoghar districts respectively. District level workshops and consultation seminars were organized for policy



advocacy. The senior officials from the district authority, line departments, TSC partners, community members and other stake holders were invited in the same. The seminars and district level workshops resulted into 3% reservation for PWD in district PIP (WATSAN plan). For the promotion of WASH

issues Hand Wash campaigns were organized at each school of Project area. Baal Rally was done for creating awareness and educating the rural community on improved water, sanitation and hygiene practices.

❖ Promotion of Health Camps

There is no doubt that the govt. of India has excellent programs and schemes focused for poor but at the same time the bottlenecks and challenges in their implementations are also intriguing. The underlying reason behind the limited acceptability of the program is unawareness among the rural population. The impact of project which was done in the previous year is well reflected as the sahiya and health workers are continuously working for promotion of health issues.



❖ Promotion of Nutritive food consumption and Practice change

Nutrition has a major role in deciding the physical wellness of the community. The effectiveness of the food doesn't depend solely upon its nutritive value but also on the style of cooking and consuming. In the project area it has been widely observed that the significant percentage of population lack access to nutritive foods and are Mal-nourished. The villagers believe that their poverty and non consumption of highly priced foods are the major reasons for their under-nourishment.



To overcome this dogma and educating the community on proper intake of balanced diet and cooking process of food LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN Organized Cooking demonstrations. During the demonstrations more than 1000 community members participated. The demonstrations focused on educating the participants that keeping the vegetables in water before cooking for longer period and over cooking wash away the nutrition of the food. The need and importance of consuming nutritive foods by human body were discussed in details. The foods being rich in protein, carbohydrate, fats, vitamins, minerals

etc were also discussed during the demonstrations. The hygienic practices like covering of food and cooking the food partially for nutrition retention were shared during the demonstration. Due emphasis was given on women and girls who generally cook the food at home.

❖ Natural Resource Management

Jharkhand is a state which has been bestowed by nature in many ways. The state stands out distinctively because of having dense lush green forests, picturesque valleys, fascinating waterfalls, fertile soil and rarely found flora and fauna. Being a part of Chhota Nagpur Plateau, the state also has 40 % of country mineral reserves. The contiguous track of Santhal Pargana has been an eye catching attraction for nature lovers.

The natural resources available in the regions have been the source of livelihood for the indigenous people since primitive period but the degradation of the same not only compelled the indigenous population to look for other options but also endangered the existence of the rarely found flora and fauna species.

For bio-diversity conservation and natural resource management LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN carried its initiatives forward and increased its penetration in the project area with higher intensity. Some of the activities carried out in the financial year 2013-14 for promotion of Natural Resource Management and Bio –diversity conservation are.

➤ Promotion of Water Resources

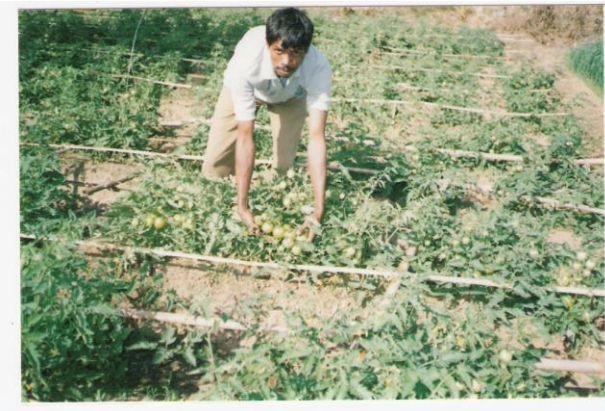
The government of Jharkhand has introduced the prototype schemes “sustainable livelihood promotion for Tribal through land- water management and agriculture promotion” but the implementation of the same and yield of expected outcome is far from reality. The erratic rainfall, deforestation, concretization of mother earth etc. are the factors which have

resulted into water war. Most of the wells have gone dry, the water resources have been non-functional and at the same time the ground level water have been depleting at an alarming pace.

In the reporting period the organization focused mainly on maintenance and revival of water resources like ponds and dug wells and promoted rain water harvesting technology, construction of new check dam, and desiltation of ponds. These water resources benefited 269 farmer families and more than 411 acres of lands were brought under irrigation. These water resources are also being used for Pisciculture resulting into putting extra money in the hand of poor farmers.

➤ **Promotion of Bio- diversity conservation through community mobilization**

The local indigenous population of the project area especially at the outskirts of Trikut hills is dependent on the flora and fauna of the region. The greed of money and lack of employment opportunity have compelled the population to sell the medicinal plants to outer world. Also the cutting of forest for fodder and wood resulted into deforestation at higher rate. Hence to promote bio-diversity conservation LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN mobilized the community and motivated them to opt for other source of livelihood. The community members were trained on alternative source of income generation like vermicomposting, bio-pesticides, nursery plantation, leaf plate making, vegetable cultivation, orchard preparation etc.



➤ **Environment Awareness**

The organization continued advocacy for environment conservation during community mobilization in all its project area. Plantation of fruits, timber, Medicinal herbs and promotion of vermin composting are the step towards environment conservation the organization undertook intensively during the year under report.



❖ **Livelihood**

➤ **Promotion of farm sector (SRI, SMI and SWI)**

Small and marginal farmers are prisoners of their past as stated by many chief agriculturists. They normally use traditional system of farming which is highly cost intensive but yields low production. Since most of them have a natural flair of risk aversion so they are reluctant to accept the new system and technology. But without adopting improved technologies, enhancement in the agriculture productivity is hard to imagine. Therefore to enhance the food security LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN promoted SRI



method by which farmers can get almost triple productivity than the traditional method in half of the investment of traditional method.

➤ SRI (System of Rice Intensification)



is merely 500 liters in comparison to 2500 liters for the production of 1 kg of rice. The SRI method is also successful during draught conditions and is eco-friendly since it requires least chemical fertilizers. The seed treatment with bavestine powder prior to sowing prevents fungal attack in future and hence results into healthy plants.

SRI Paddy Cultivation requires comparatively less seeds, water, labor and fertilizers but gives more yields. For instance, the seed requirement (per acre) in traditional method is 30-40 kgs however it's merely 2 kgs under SRI method. The yield per acre is also 2-3 times more in comparison to traditional method. Also the requirement of water



LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN is one of the pioneer organizations in promotion of SRI methods in rural areas of Santhal Parganas with the support of SDTT and SPWD. The objective of the programme is to enhance productivity of marginal farmers and use modern techniques to ensure food security. In the last year i.e. 2013-14

LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN motivated 2500 farmers of 14 Gram Panchayats of 5 Block of Dumka, Pakur & Jamtara district for the adoption of SRI method on an area of 552.5 acres of land through (Food Security Network) network partners. Also 52 farmers of 3 Gram Panchayats in Palojori & Devipur block of Deoghar district at Jharkhand adopted the method of SRI on 16.04 acres of land.



➤ SWI (System of Wheat Intensification)



maintenance, irrigation and weeding. The training and adoption of SWI helped the farmers to harvest the wheat which was 2-3 times more than their normal harvests.

LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN also promoted the System of Wheat Intensification (SWI) in seven Panchayats namely Hussainabad, Phoolkari, Jhundi, Dhobana, Jitjori, Ramudih and Baghmari of Devipur block in Deoghar district. The objective of the program was to ensure food security by increasing the production of the wheat from same field with minimum inputs. A total of 86 farmers adopted the method of SWI on 8 acres of lands. The organization provided them the knowledge of seed sorting and testing, seed sowing, irrigation before wedding, addition of fertilizer and paste management etc. Farmers were given hand holding support by practically being present at the fields by the project staff throughout the cultivation process such as seed sorting, field preparation, seed sowing, line

➤ SMI (SYSTEM OF MUSTERED INTENSIFICATION)

The experimentation of SRI method in Mustard (SMI) was done in 10 villages of Devipur block in Deoghar districts. 30 farmers were given the training and handholding support for the adoption of method on their field. 4 acres of land was brought under cultivation for SMI. Due to delay in nursery preparation and severe cold the growth of seedling was very poor but the exposure tours and training programs motivated the farmers to welcome and adopt this method whole heartedly during next season

❖ Education

With reference to school education even the condition for successful learning are conceivably bad in the area of primary education. LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN selected a total number of 3500 children who have never been to school or dropout from school after nominal schooling and started working to supplement the family income. Lok-Prerna ensured formal education of 1500 endangered children /child workers out of 3500. 90 % of 1500 endangered children were guaranteed the completion of primary education and 1800 students belonging to poor and marginalized section participated in school lessons. LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN also giving all kinds of material support to this needy girl student who is left out from the school as their parents cannot purchase aid for them. Library facilities were availed for 687 children .LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN also formed Parent Teacher Association (PTAs) in all these village and also trying to make all the VECs functional in the operational area to ensure that children are getting quality education and there is a conducive environment for their development. During the reporting period 120 VEC meetings and 180 PTA meetings were organized, which the help of 320 parents and 2497 teachers participation.

Women Empowerment through awareness to Woman Right

For the economic and social empowerment of the women, Lok Prerna-Samadhan promotes and strengthens women SHGs. Presently Lok Prerna-Samadhan is working on the capacity development of the 86 new SHGs to make them economically empowered. The previous 189 SHGs formed by the organization is likely to be empowered to run independently. Besides that, Lok Prerna-Samadhan also provided inputs to these SHGs to make them socially and politically empowered, too. In regular meeting with the groups, the organization team aware the women about their rights and entitlement as a citizen of the country and the way to exercise those rights and access those entitlement in future too with the aim of making them more empowered and to bring the sustainable development among them.

Lok Prerna-Samadhan is also able to form an advancement committee of women in Devipur block consisting two members from each of 86 SHGs of that area to ensure the long lasting coordination and an independent cooperation with the local government authorities to get the benefit of different types of state assisted programmes in that area. Presently that committee is getting prepared by the support of Lok Prerna-Samadhan to represent the women Interests of that area in different forums.

In the office level too, Lok Prerna-Samadhan gives priority to recruit equally qualified female candidate in all level of programmes and administration. Lok Prerna-Samadhan has an active Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH) to prevent and redressing any kind of sexual harassment cases in the institution. Lok Prerna-Samadhan also has its own child protection policy too, which is applicable for all, starting from governing board to the staff, in the field level, for the visitors too.

NABARD SUPPORTED FINANCIAL INCLUSION LITERACY PROGRAMME through NUKKAD NATAK, in 320 villages of Deoghar, Dumka & Godda District.

Inauguration of the Programme at Deoghar Dist.:



Sri Baidyanath Singh, DDM-NABARD, Deoghar, Sri N. P. Singh FLC counselor VGB-RO, Deoghar, Sri Shalil Kumar, RBO-SBI, Deoghar, Sri S. K. Das Director,



LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN organized Inauguration of program implementation as per schedule in 2 blocks of Deoghar district. It was organized on dated 10th of December 2013 at kendua, near Allahabad Bank Devipur Branch, Deoghar. The program was inaugurated jointly by



RSETI, Deoghar. The secretary LPS-Deoghar addressed the present people & guests with the introduction of programme objectives in which he gave details information regarding FI and FL programme. Further the people were visualized by display the posters and later all the present guests addressed the people in the context of mobilization of people towards

savings, credit and banking operations for their day to day advantages and getting economical security on the whole. Kala Jatha Team started performing the act before the audience in the presence of the following authorities and officials besides said guests & Media.

Sri Shailesh Kumar Singh, BDO, Devipur Block
Sri Ashok Kumar Yadav, Promukh, Devipur
Sri S. N. Hansda, Branch Manager, Allahabad Bank,
Sri Lavkush Kumar, Branch Manager, Corporation Bank, Deoghar
Sri Shashi Prakash, Asstt. Manager, Corporation Bank, Deoghar
Sri Harekrishna Barnwal, Chairman, PACS, Devipur
Sri Ram Vijay Sinsh, Thana Incharge, Devipur Thana
Sri Sitaram Barnwal Retd. Branch Manager, VGB
Sri S. K. Karna, Secretary, LOK PRERNA, Deoghar
Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, Secretary, NDF, Deoghar
Sri Laldeo Yadav, Secretary, Jai Vasundhara, Mohanpur, Deoghar
Sri Devanand Rabidas, Block Cooperative Extn. Officer, Devipur



Out Put:

- ❖ More than 48000 People awared about the nearby banks and opening of accounts as savings, recurring etc.
- ❖ Knowledge about the No Frill accounts opening ion the bank
- ❖ Detail description about small savings to proceed towards the bigger savings and understanding of importance of saving and unwanted expenditures and extravaganzas.
- ❖ Enhanced the knowledge about the relief from the traditional mahajan system of money lending and other pressure groups active in the villages for absorbing and cheating people .
- ❖ People come to know about types of accounts e.g. Savings, Recurring, FD, short term deposits etc.
- ❖ PRI members, Government officials, Bankers also remained present during the Nukkad Natak shows and encouraged the people to open accounts in banks and get privileged.
- ❖ Sahiyas. Jal Sahiyas, CBOs, Teachers, Angan Wadi Sewikas also participated in the programs actively.
- ❖ Details of POL/POA, KYC known to the people now for the further follow-up and the replication has started taking place.
- ❖ Nukkad Natak explained vicarious features of credits e.g., loan recovery, pre-payment, securities etc.
- ❖ Money transfer RTGs, NEFT etc also acknowledged.
- ❖ Knowledge about KCC, SCC etc are visualized and well understood by the people in the area .
- ❖ People awared about the personal loans and people come to know facts related to the vehicle financing and project financing under different government schemes .
- ❖ People come to know about educational loan, agriculture loan, Non-farm loan, agro allied loans etc.
- ❖ People clearly know about accidental insurance ,life insurance, health insurance, wealth insurance, ,Cattle insurance, Crops insurance etc
- ❖ The program of Nukkad Natak shows have reflected fruitful result with coordination of Bankers at various places .

Out Comes :

- ❖ Queries came after the Nukkad Natak shows about Cattle & crop insurance products
- ❖ Various types of accounts have also been opened in near by bank branches
- ❖ Coordination with the bank branches remained positive in the course of Nukkad Natak shows and follow-up is fruitful for the opening of accounts and others related activities.

Network and Alliance

FOOD SECURITY NETWORK

FOOD SECURITY NETWORK is the other network initiated by LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN in the same year, i.e. 2010. this network works in the Deoghar, Dumka, Pakur Districts along with its 6 other partner organizations, namely, Frontal Development Foundation, Gram Sewa, Lok Chirag Sewa Sansthan, Jharkhand Vikas Parishad, Gram Lok Vikas Kendra and Kirti Sanstha. All of the developmental initiatives taken by this network are for the food security of the tribal area.

Presently, this network operates in the 70 villages of Deoghar, Dumka and Pakur District with 2500 households. To ensure of food security through (SRI) improve agriculture, this network is working on the integrated development of Livelihood of the targeted 2500 households.

SUPPORT

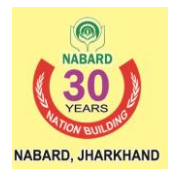
LOK PRERNA-SAMADHAN has entered into a collaboration with SUPPORT of strengthening of Civil Society Organisation (CSOs).

Our partners

The commitment towards poor and marginalized section of the society wouldn't have been materialized in the absence of support from our funding/donor agencies. Similar to last year our donors showed their trust in us and extended their financial support and paved the way for community service. Some of the donors who extended their support are:

25. Our Supporting Partners:

- Sir Dorabji TATA Trust (SDTT), Mumbai
- Society for Promotion of Westland Development (SPWD), New Delhi
- ATMA, Deoghar & Dumka
- DRDA-Deoghar & Dumka
- NABARD-(Deoghar, Dumka & Godda) Jharkhand
- GOONJ.....
- Indian Red Cross Society-Deoghar District
- **Prakalp (DWSD), Deoghar, Dumka (Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan)**
- NEEDS, Deoghar
- LOK PRERNA, Deoghar
- GRAM JYOTI, Deoghar
- LOK DEEP, Deoghar
- Gram Vikas, Odissa
- EKTA PARISAD
- Min. of Env. & Forest, GOI
- BIRVA, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- DWO, Deoghar (MADA)



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