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Building Communities

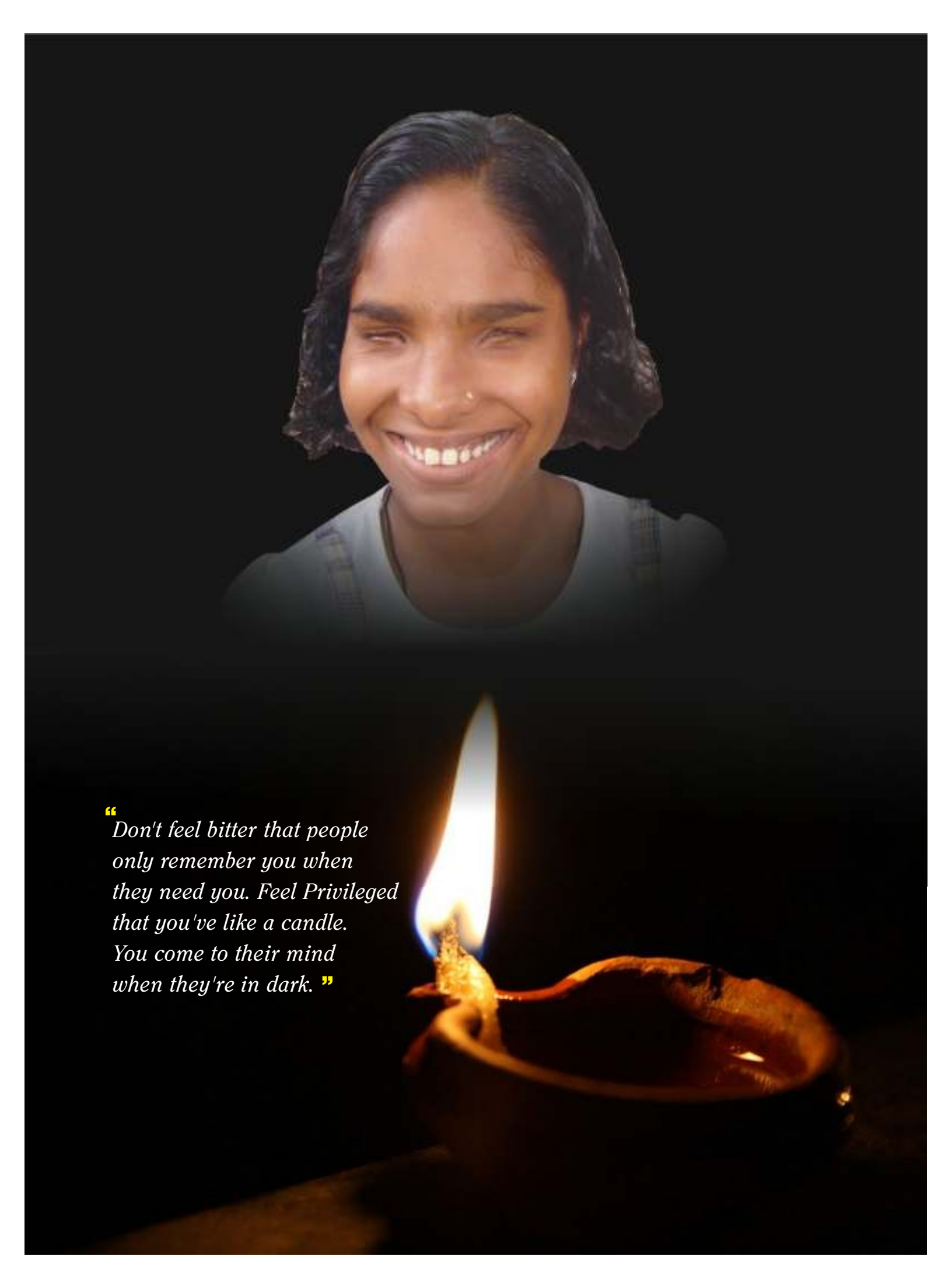


annual report

2012-13



Jan Vikas Samiti
(Social Welfare Society of Varanasi Province of the IMS)



“ Don't feel bitter that people only remember you when they need you. Feel Privileged that you've like a candle. You come to their mind when they're in dark. ”



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Message from the Directors' Desk



Dear friends,

I am delighted to present the annual report of Jan Vikas Samiti for the year 2012-13. Through the report it gives a brief description of all the activities that have happened during the year and I firmly believe that what was accomplished in terms of human development is much more than what is reported.

With great joy and pride JVS accepted the role of strategic partner organization (SPO) with the funding organization Liliane Fonds (LF), The Netherlands as we have been standing forward in the line of helping thousands of persons with disabilities in north and north east India and Nepal. It is a great joy to see the smiling face of the special kids especially in our Muskan Day Care Centre. When the parents narrate the improvement in the life of these children their eyes are filled with tears of joy.

Through the tireless work of our collaborator Holistic Child Development India (HCDI), Pune has brought one more feather in the cap of JVS as Japanese government has extended their whole hearted support in helping the poor people of Madhepura district, Bihar through the construction of community halls in the villages.

Manos Unidas is our constant partner and we owe much to them in our struggle to alleviate the pain and suffering of thousands of less privileged people especially the village women.

I express my sincere thanks to our collaborators staff members for their support and guidance towards all the noble tasks done by JVS during the year.

*Dr.(Fr.) George Pradeep
(Director JVS)*

Message from Provincial Superior / President of JVS



VARANASI PROVINCE OF THE INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR
PRESIDENT



Dear Fr. Pradeep,

I am very happy to know that Jan Vikas Samiti is bringing out its annual report of the year 2012-2013. An annual report reflects the life and activities of an organization. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the services of JVS towards the poor and the most marginalized people of the area.

It is a fact that JVS has been at the service of the physically challenged children with the aim of mainstreaming them and making them feel confident that they are quite capable of managing their lives in spite of their disabilities. I am also aware that you are empowering the poor people, specially women, to stand on their feet with the help of Self Help Groups (SHGs). I congratulate you and all your staff for the positive impact JVS makes in the society with your dedicated efforts.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all your collaborators viz. Liliane Fonds, The Netherlands, Holistic Child Development India (HCDI) Pune, and Manos Unidas, Spain, Royal Common Wealth Society for the Blind, Mumbai, BREAD, Noida and all other co-workers and well wishers.

With best wishes and prayerful regards

Rev. Fr. Jyotilal IMS
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Jan Vikas Samiti - An overview

Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) is the Social Welfare Wing of the Varanasi Province of the Indian Missionary Society (IMS). Currently it has 36 centers situated in Remote Rural areas of four States of North India namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh.

The major thrust of JVS is to bring structural change in the society in favour of the poor and the marginalized through community based organizations (CBOs). JVS believes that the strength of the poor is in their number and if our country is to have an integrated development, it can happen only through the collective efforts of the people.

Vision

To build as inclusive human society based on human values of equality, justice and brotherhood.

Mission

Empowerment of the marginalized people of the society, especially the Dalits, Women and Children through a process of awareness, organization collective actions and advocacy for raising their Socio-Political, Educational, Economic, Health Status and Promotion of Environment.

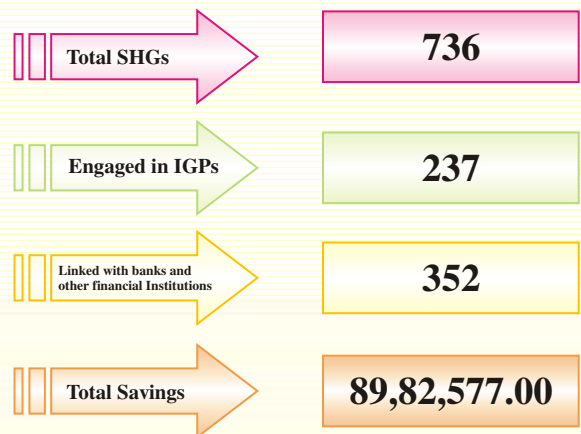
Women Empowerment

'Empowerment' is a process, which gives women power or authority to challenge in some situations. In the case of women's development issue Empowerment of women is a process nourished by development policies and programs that could enable women to get enough strength to challenge their submissive social condition or status and Improvement in women's access to Social and economic opportunities

JVS focuses on gender equality and women's empowerment not only as human rights, but also because they are a pathway to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development.

Over the years, JVS has been trying to create an environment through positive economic and social policies for overall development of women to enable them to realize their full potential to have equal access to participation and decision making of women in social, political and economic life in the society. We also emphasize on equal access to women to health care, quality education at all levels, career and vocational guidance, employment, equal wages, social security and public acceptance etc.

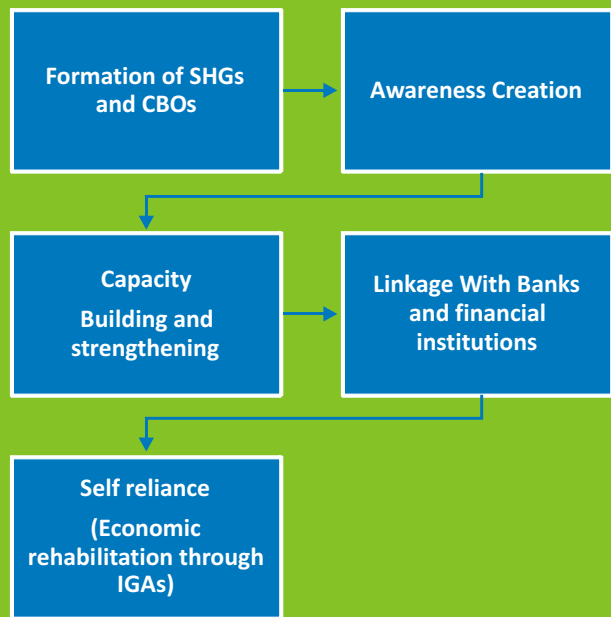
To eliminate all discrimination and all forms of violence against women and the girl children we form women organizations, Self Help Groups (SHG) to strengthen the partnership of women with the civil society.





Income Generation Activities (IGAs)

JVS promotes SHGs to initiate IGAs for economic development of the family through self employment for the members. A total of 237 SHGs are engaged in different Income Generating Programmes like Goat Rearing, Agriculture, buffalo Rearing, flower gardens, petty shops, etc and earn their daily living. It is very encouraging to see that the SHG members are contributing to their small savings without any failure despite their poverty.



Community Awareness through Low-cost Media

JVS provides its services through low-cost Medias like street plays and puppets shows to create awareness on different issues affecting the communities and to sensitize them on the importance of Education, Better health and hygiene, participation in the local governance, use of RTI, etc. As a result we could see a remarkable change in the increased number of children enrolled in the schools, better participation of the people in decision making and public meetings, better implementation of Govt. Welfare Schemes etc.

Community Empowerment through Village Committees / Groups

Community Based Organizations :

As CBO's are typically, and almost necessarily, staffed by local members - community members who experience firsthand the needs within their neighborhoods and the community and also being connected geographically to the locality and if they are strengthened and motivated to take initiatives for the development of the community then we may say they are the key path to the development of the society.

Community based organizations (CBO's) are groups that work at a local level to improve life for residents. The focus is to build equality across society in all streams - health care, environment, quality of education, access to technology, access to information for the people with disability etc.

Farmers Groups :

Farmer's groups have been formed in the project area of Madhepura District. The farmer's groups were organized to develop their farming skills and provide them with knowledge about the new methods and techniques used in the farming. The farmers also had an exposure to KVK Hazaribag where they could see the actual practice of the new methods and techniques. The clubs also help the farmers to learn from each other about the new government schemes and the ways to get benefit from such schemes.

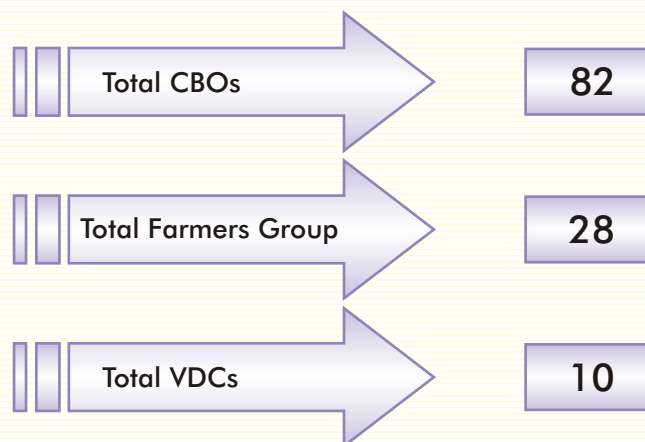


Village Development Committees (VDC)

The purpose of village development committees is to organize village people structurally at a local level and to create partnership between the community and the public sector for improved service delivery system. A VDC has a status as an independent institution and authority for interacting and linking with the more centralized institutions of governance. JVS has initiated the formation of VDCs in the villages focusing to have the overall monitoring and taking initiative measures for the development of the area covering the aspects of education, water supply, basic health, sanitation and income Generating activities etc. The VDCs facilitate the villagers to reach and have access to the schemes of the government and other financial assistance etc. for their economic development. The VDCs are formed out of the Representatives from SHGs, Farmer's groups, CBOs and Youth groups.

Children's Parliament

The main purpose of the meeting is to make the children aware of their rights and specially bring them as a group, mingle with everyone and interact with the other. During the meetings they discuss on various issues, value them and take decisions to act accordingly. Thus the children come to know various things about what is happening around them. We have conducted 29 Children's Parliament meetings in which 447 children took part actively. Among them 284 boys and 163 girls took part.



Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons With Disabilities

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The community based rehabilitation programme of JVS has a focus on working in partnership with the parents and family of the children with disability to design and implement a unique plan for each child. These are drawn up as per the needs, abilities of the child, family's expectations etc.

These interventions seek to address parents' and families' low levels of awareness, misinformation, little or no aspirations for their disabled children. Parents and families are oriented, trained and built up their capacity alongside the child's, so that they can carry on the work with their children and reduce dependence on regular rehabilitation

Groups and Communities

JVS works with people with disabilities, their families and community. The communities, we feel can be one of the biggest support for the inclusion of an individual with disabilities in the mainstream of society. Throughout the year we organize many activities in the communities to facilitate formation of parents/people with disabilities and also to sensitize the community for inclusion of people with disabilities into the mainstream of the society.

We help people with disabilities to learn how to avail themselves of various Government facilities like Medical Certificates, Disability Identity Cards, Railway concession, Stipends, Aids and appliances and existing rural development schemes. This effort also includes local clubs and other NGOs working in the area to involve people with disabilities in their programmes.

We owe much to Kiran centre, Varanasi for the help they render to JVS to conduct Health Camps once in two months, assess and follow up the children with disabilities.



Direct Child Assistance

JVS directly extends its help to 476 children with disabilities in Varanasi, Gazipur, Unchaulia, Mirzapur districts of Uttar Pradesh and Saharsha district of Bihar, covering the areas of their Educational, Health, social Inclusion and Income Generation Activities for Economic independence .

JVS being the strategic partner of Liliane foundation, the Netherlands for North and North East India, provided its extensive help to 6665 children with disabilities in North and North east India through its 93 Partner organizations in India and 13 in Nepal.

Parent's group

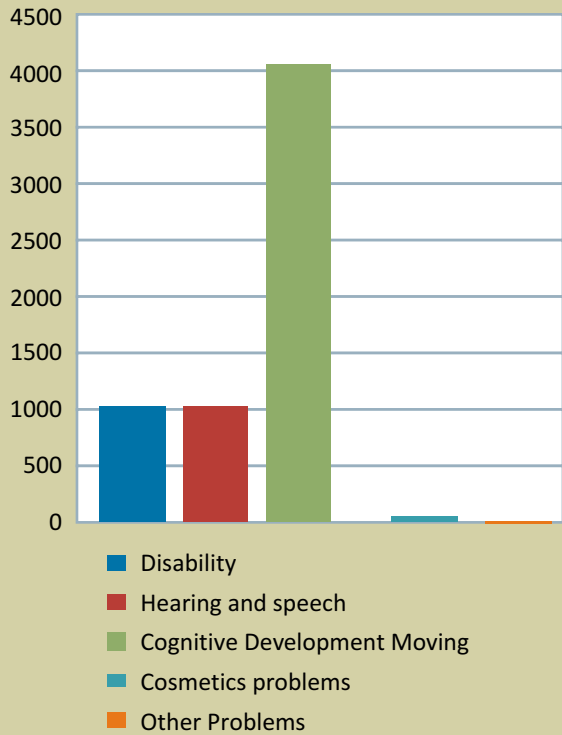
Parents of children with disability are the important part of JVS's work. Apart from regular home visit and meetings with the parents, we are also creating opportunities through some activities where they can all work as groups. Parent's group take active interest to organize events and activities with the support from JVS. These includes awareness compaigns on World Disability day, International Women's days, girl child day etc.

Total Children assisted	6665
Number of children assisted in North India	6429
Number of children assisted in Nepal	236
Total Number of Partner Organizations	101
Total Number of Partners North and North East India Region)	90
Total Number of Partners (Nepal)	11
Number of new Partners in North and North East India Region	3
Number of new Partners in Nepal	2

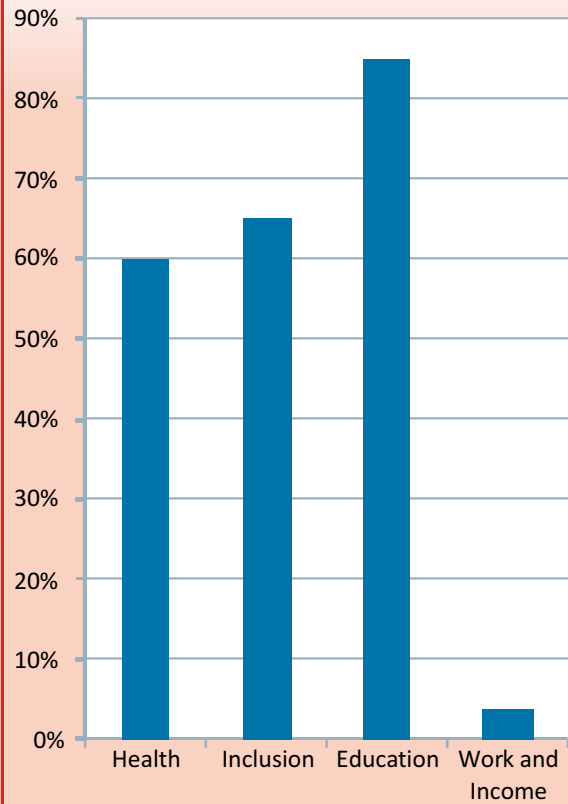
Gender wise

● Male	● Female
59%	41%

Disability Wise Assistance Data



Focus Area wise data



Tricycle	71
Wheal Chair	33
Spine Brace	04
AFO & HKAFO	97
Gutter	13
Cruches	19
Special Chair	28
Corner seat	02
Artificial Limb	06
Sewing machine	02
Rail pass	184
Buss pass	175
Medical Certificate	152
Hearing Aid	13
Walker	02
White Cane	192
Braille	45



Comprehensive Eye Health Services

The comprehensive Eye Health Service programme was initiated by JVS in Pindra block of Varanasi District with the aim that no one should be needlessly blind and those with irreversible blindness or low vision should have the same rights and access in the society.

The programme mainly focused on the inclusion of people with visual impairment (VI) in social, economic and other development activities of the area, maximize their physical and mental abilities, proper access to their rights and make the community aware about the Eye Health issues and Eye Care services so as to reduce the prevalence and incidence of vision impairment.

Economic Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Impairment (PVI)

JVS initiates to train the persons with Visual Impairments to strengthen them for their self dependency and earn their daily livings through self employments. Persons with visual impairment are trained under different small scale businesses like, running petty shops, making Garlands and handicrafts etc. During the last year 7 VI people were sent to Dehradun for undergoing a special training on preparing plates, files etc. out of paper.

Mobility & Orientation

Orientation and mobility trainings (O & M) help the blind or visually impaired persons to know where he is in space and where he wants to go (orientation). It also helps him to be able to carry out a plan to get their (mobility). Through orientation and mobility trainings we focus on the aspects of sensory awareness: gaining information about the world through hearing, smell and touch. spacial concepts: realizing that objects exist even if not heard or felt, and understanding the relationships which exist between objects in the

environment, searching skills: locating items or places efficiently, independent movement: which includes crawling, rolling, walking, etc. sighted guide: using another person to aid in travel, protective techniques: specific skills which provide added protection in unfamiliar areas, cane skills: use of various cane techniques to clear one's path or to locate objects along the way. We do also take care of their areas like daily living skills, the bathing, brushing, keeping themselves neat and tidy, managing household activities especially for the women.

So far 241 (136 Male and 105 female) visually impaired people are covered and trained under orientation mobility and Daily living skills.

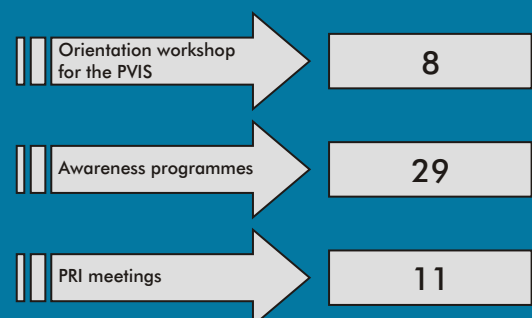
Formation of Blind Peoples Organization

The Blind People's Organization (BPO) is an organization in the society which promotes comprehensive rehabilitation of persons with all categories of disabilities through education, training, employment, community based rehabilitation, integrated education, human resource development and other innovative means.

Other activities of BPA ensure that people with disabilities are to initiate to obtain the maximum service from the government and get access to the schemes and programme of the government. JVS promotes the formation of BPOs in the villages to strengthen the people with visual impairment to take necessary need based initiatives to approach and raise voice for their rights for their own welfare and development.

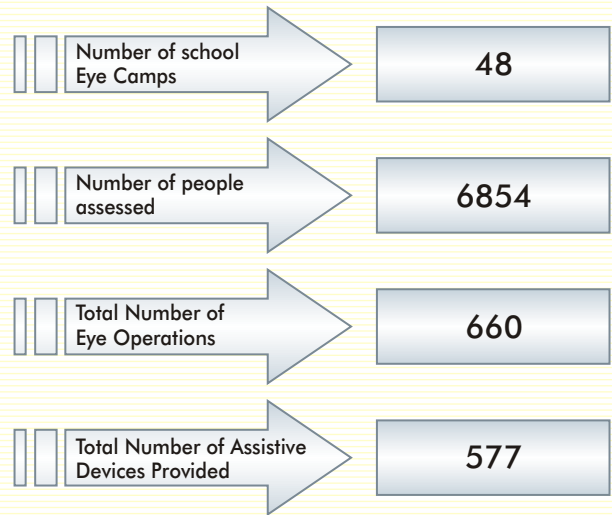
Trainings, Seminars and Workshops for the Visually Impaired

A number of trainings, orientation workshops, seminars, public meetings etc were organized by JVS in Pindra block of Varanasi District to create awareness on blindness and low vision, inclusive education, participation in the local governance, updating on the government programmes and welfare schemes, right based approach, linkage of the village groups with banks and government institutions for the financial aid and economic development.



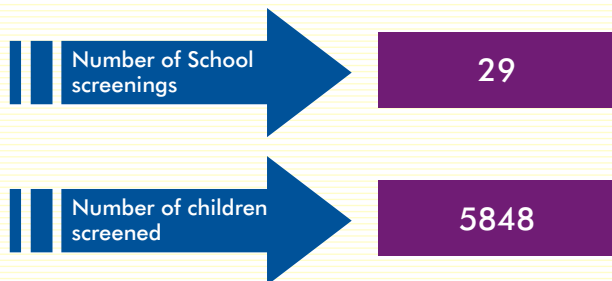
Diagnostic Eye Camps

JVS regularly conducts Diagnostic Eye camps in the villages to identify the people with low vision and blindness so as to provide the further assistance for the treatment and medication to ensure the eye health of the community. The identified Persons with low vision are referred to the Hospitals for further necessary treatments and cataract operations.



School Screenings

School screenings are conducted on a regular basis for the primary schools of the area covered by the programme to identify the low vision and other eye disease of the children to provide proper treatment for them to overcome the problems to ensure the eye health of the children.



Education

a. Inclusive Education For the low vision and visual impaired children

The main purpose of Inclusive education is to include children with Low Vision or Visual Impairment into mainstream of the society. Special teachers appointed by JVS support the children with visual impairment and low vision in their academic studies, participation in socio/ co-curricular activities etc. We distinctively cover Harahua and Pindra Block of Varanasi district under this programme.

Special Teachers	02
Total VI children Supported	34
T. T. I. E.	366

Teachers Training in Inclusive Education (T.T.I.E.)

A total of 366 teachers from different primary schools of pindra block of Varanasi, were trained on various topics and aspects on inclusive education practices. The force was to impart the teacher's requisite skills in special areas such as Braille, sign language, as well as how to manage an inclusive class in general. The teachers also were trained for the initial assessment and identification of the blindness and low vision and other eye diseases of the children.





Day Care Centre

'Muskaan' (Smile) school is an educational initiative by JVS to ensure easy, affordable and appropriate educational access and social development of the most marginalized children with multiple disabilities (CwDs).

The very nomenclature, Muskaan, stands to inculcate the feeling of positivity and to convey the message that Smile is a right of every child despite its disability. Disability can be turned into ability with efforts, dedication and positive attitudes. The centre stands to take care of both physical and social aspects of the mainstreaming of the CwDs. These includes physiotherapy, medical aid, socialization training, joyful learning, counseling through home visits, facilitation of the access of the CwDs to their rights and entitlements. These includes pension, railway/bus passes, concessions in school fees, scholarship etc. Grassroot level interventions like meetings with parents of CwDs, their counseling for dealing the disability related issues at home, interaction with concerned government officials have been instrumental towards inculcating a positive attitude among the stakeholders towards disability.





Elementary Education to slum children in Varanasi city for a Self-Reliant Community

It is a well known fact that there are more than enough efficiently run English Medium and Hindi Medium formal schools for the children of the well to do families. But unfortunately more than 80% of the population, of the unorganized nothing much is available in this northern area of the country.

With this background there is a great need to offer elementary education to the slum children in order to inculcate certain discipline in the community although it will be a big challenge to make these children attend regular classes. This is a challenge because the parents do not show any kind of interest in educating their children as their immediate concern is their daily bread. However, a few of the slum dwellers have expressed the need of education for their children. The Educational Program, therefore, has the following motto: "Promote elementary education, put an end to the child labour." Children of 20 slums in Varanasi city are covered under the present programme for education having the major objectives:

To create awareness among the slum population about their own plight and the possible curse on the future generations.

To create awareness among the slum children about the danger of continuing the precarious, sinful and treacherous life that they live.

To generate awareness about basic education as fundamental rights in the slums.

To rehabilitate slum children/slum dwellers to do something meaningful and beneficial things in life.





Non-formal Education

There are four tuition, Non- formal Education centers functioning in four villages of Madhepura District of Bihar. Average number 52 students are benefited from the programme Children are very much interested in programme they take initiative for and conducted for the youth from the 10 target villages. The tuition teachers also maintain their records like, daily report, monthly report and attendance registers etc.

Abacus initiation for the village children

“Gramin Jagat Shikshan Sahayog” Educational fund to build awareness on education for children around Varanasi is a special initiative taken by JVS to ensure the higher education of the poor children of the area covered by the organization by building awareness on education of the poor children and motivate the families to save an educational fund for future higher studies of their children. At present we have 100 children enrolled under the programme from the most vulnerable families of the area. Here we salute Bro. Rajesh IMS for his selfless service.



Vocational Training programmes for the Youth

There are so many young boys in Pindra and Harhua block who lost their hope in building up their career due to the low facilities and financial problems. JVS has taken an initiative to send those boys who are willing to do some vocational training in order to get a good job. JVS joined hands with AURO SPINNING MILLS, Himachal Pradesh a vocational training centre for the future of the young boys. The boys are being trained for 6 months (theoretically and practically). After that they are given placement according to their standards. So far 48 boys are sent for the vocational training in which 32 boys are given job and the rest 16 boys are undergoing the training. The families of these boys express their heartfelt gratitude to JVS for the guidance and support.

Early Childhood Care Centers (ECCC)

Ten centers are established in ten villages of Kumar Khand Block of Madhepura District, Bihar to take care of the children in the age group of 3 to 5 years.

Along with providing the basic nutritional essentials we adopt play way methods to prepare them for schooling, regular medical checkup during the health camps to ensure the good health of the children and occupy them with cultural activities like songs, dances etc. Teachers and Care takers of the centers provide regular building programmes to ensure and increase their self efficiency to manage the centers and help the children to grow. Teachers use the joyful method of teaching which is interactive, participatory and understandable to the children.

Periodical parents meetings are organized to ensure the participation of the parents in the programme and their children's growth.

Besides taking care of the children in the ECC centers, the teachers also took initiative to enroll the grown up children at the government schools in the beginning of the academic year. New children were enrolled in the ECC centers in place of those who got admission in the government schools. We also used the medium of street play to spread the message on importance of education which attracted a large crowd.

S. No.	Place	New Enrolment	Old Students	Total	Children Enrolled in the Schools
1.	Ranipatti	18	32	50	21
2.	Jamuaha	17	33	50	23
3.	Gidrahi	24	26	50	28
4.	Gopalpur	22	28	50	20
5.	Korlahi	27	23	50	32
6.	Sukhasan	29	21	50	19
7.	Rota	21	29	50	33
8.	Barhkurva	38	12	50	18
9.	Charbarkurwa	35	15	50	15
10.	Haribola	23	27	50	26
11.	Total children	254	246	500	235



Health Care and promotion

Community Health Programme

"Community health" is a process of enabling people to exercise collectively their responsibility for their own health and to demand good health as their right. It involves the increasing of the individual, family and community autonomy over health and over organisations, means, opportunities, knowledge, skills and supportive structures that make health possible.

JVS is working in 28 slums of Varanasi for the health issues of slum dwellers. Through Asmita each slum has roughly 800 to 1000 inhabitants (Associations for the Social Marginalized Integrated Therapeutic Action).

The components of community health action of JVS-Asmita include .

- Integrating curative with preventive, promotive and rehabilitative activities.
- Involving local, indigenous health knowledge, resources and personnel.
- Training village based health workers.
- Initiating and supporting community organisations in all aspects of health planning and management.
- Generating community support by mobilising financial resources, labour skills and manpower resources from the community etc.



Safe Motherhood and child birth

30 village-Dais (Nurse) are trained and provided with necessary equipments and other emergency medical supplements for the safe child birth and motherhood in the villages. The Daies are provided trainings and awareness on the health and hygiene of the pregnant women.



Training cum awareness camp on Family and adult Education

Total of 4 trainings covering 150 adolescent girls and young mothers are conducted on family life and adult education covering the topics pre and post natal caring of the babies. We also trained the adolescent girls to understand and deal with the emotional and physical changes that they experience during the adolescent phase.



Special Awareness on Tuberculosis (TB)

The primary objective of this activity is to go to the doorstep of marginalized and vulnerable communities to inform them about TB, its symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and RNTCP (Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme) services and how to avail these services in case of need. In the process, we link the identified TB symptomatic to RNTCP services by.



referring them and/or

Collecting and transporting the sputum samples to the nearest DMC (Designated Microscopy Centre).

If they are found to be having TB then they will be linked to RNTCP treatment services
The place where JVS serves people in the field of TB is as follows:

Slum areas

Tribal Population and homeless people

In pockets or in communities where smoking and or alcoholism is high

The areas are very far away from DMCs/ RNTCP services (Distance to DMC is more than 10 kms.).



Linking Relief and Rehabilitation to Development

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The flood calamity in Bihar caused by unpredictable Kosi River on 18th of August, 2008 added additional misery to the state poverty. 5 districts in north eastern Bihar were totally washed away by the floods as the river was shifted to 120 Kms eastwards. Thousands of people were displaced and took shelter in temporary camps organized by government and humanitarian organizations. Soon after the floods JVS with the support of Holistic Child Development India, Pune took up massive relief programme to extend its support to the neediest ones.



The involvement of JVS for last 4 years, living close to the people has built a very strong rapport with the community and promoted people's participation in the process. Repeated contacts and small-scale schemes through the project have helped the people to develop a trust in JVS and they have become very friendly and are willing to venture into praxis

So far JVS has formed 76 SHGs of which 65 of them opened their accounts in the Banks and 29 SHGs are supported by the government for carrying out Income generation activities. Village Development Committees (VDCs) are formed in all 10 villages covered by the Programme.

The initiation of LRRD as a special project have the following components:

- Child Care and Education
- Vocational/skill training for the youth
- Health Care, awareness and health education
- Nutrition for the malnourished children
- Promotion and strengthening of Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Training and exposure for CBOs
- Research and studies
- Livelihood activities



Success Stories

Pooja Gupta



Pooja Gupta

When a survey was made by the JVS mediator Sr. Angelica, she found a child with hearing impaired. She met the parents of the child and advised the parents to consult E.N.T specialist and audiologist. The parents were least bothered about the health of the child. And being a girl child, the parents were all the more not interested in taking any steps for the betterment of the child. The mediator visited the family frequently and gave them counselling, guidance and motivation. Finally, the parents consulted the E.N.T and audiologist.

The doctor advised them to buy a hearing aid for the child. The parents did according to the instructions of the doctor and got admission in Nav Vani (School for the Hearing Impaired). She is Pooja Gupta.

Pooja belongs to a poor family. They have a brick house with one room that is also not properly made. Her father is a daily labourer. She has 4 sisters and one brother. The income of their father is not enough to support or run the family.

Pooja is staying in a hostel and doing her studies in the Hearing Impaired School in order to get better education and a bright future by the support of JVS. She completed her annual exams of 7th standard and waiting for the results. She helps her mother during the holidays and plays with younger ones at home.

She is smart and social. She keeps good relationship with those whom she comes across. She is eager to know and learn things, people etc. She is an average and hard working student. She is interested in playing basket ball and leaning tailoring. She takes active part in all the activities of the school.

Pooja and her family members express their heartfelt thanks to the members of Jan Vikas Samiti for the generous help and financial support.

Success Stories

Alma



Don't lose hope; you never know what tomorrow will bring!!!

Miss. Alma a 17 years old young girl with a pretty smile is able to support her family by doing domestic work. This girl has faced so many hurdles in her life due to a grief-stricken mishap in the childhood. When she was two years old, her hand got burnt within the boiled water. At that time there was no body to take care for her. Her father being an alcoholic, failed to care his daughter. Her family was staying in a remote area where no medical treatment was accessible. All the fingers except the thumb were turned to backward and were fused with the wrist.

Later she was unable to hold anything with her left hand. There was contracture at the elbow and could not straighten her hands.

With that burnt hand, she was compelled to face people's unusual and odious behavior. She had no friends to play with. Due to inferiority complex she refused to appear before people and preferred to remain at home. Alma is an aboriginal girl (people who generally live in forest area) from Assam. When she was five years old, she lost her father in a road accident. Her mother was alone to earn money and also to take care of her. She sent her daughter to a local school where she studied up to class six and later discontinued.

Later, to reduce the financial crisis, her mother sent Alma to a convent for domestic work at Imphal. In the convent, the sisters approached JVS (Jan Vikas Samiti) for support to correct the deformity of her burnt hand. In March 2013; it was decided to provide assistance for plastic surgery. So the girl was taken to RIMS Imphal for medical consultation. After the necessary examination, the first surgery was successfully done in the same month. Elbow and fingers were released from the contracture and put them in normal position; the Second operation was to prevent the palm from falling laterally. As per the advice of doctor, physiotherapy was given to stimulate the hand.

Now the girl is able to hold things with her left hand such as drinking water, washing clothes, cleaning the plates and sweeping with brooms etc. She is grateful to JVS for the generous support. She is confident to do any work with her affected hand. Now JVS' support is withdrawn, because the girl earns for herself and for the family by domestic work.

Alma's mother expresses her true regards and thanks to the members of Franciscan Clarist Society of North East and Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS-LF) for the generous help and support.



'Union is strength'

During the P.R.A (Participatory Rural Appraisal) Survey made by the animators of Jan Vikas Samiti brought forth a great number problems and difficulties in Krishnapur village of Harahua Block of Varanasi District. The Kurmi's (Kurmi is known as the chief ancient agricultural caste of India) financial condition became poor in the village. So they used to borrow money as loan (on the basis of interest) from the high caste people (Pandits, Thakurs/Landlords) for their daily living. To send the children of Kurmis to school was beyond their capacity due to utter poverty. The income of the family was not sufficient even for the interest of the borrowed money; therefore, they could never return the actual money to the loan Lenders. The Kurmis had to bear insults, punishments, over work in the field. Apart from one's life Kurmi's owned nothing. Their land and their houses were taken by the Pundits for not refunding the loans.

Through the initiative of Jan Vikas Samiti a SHG (Self Help Group) was formed in Krishnapur village. The name of the SHG was "Sundari Swayam Sahayata Samuh". Those people who used to borrow money from the landlords are now taking the loans from the 'Sundari' group and are able to refund the money gradually. The interest rate of the loan also is very low. Through the animator (Mrs. Hemalata Patel) of JVS, they are also now aware of the government schemes and other opportunities for development.

The women of this group are cultivating the flowers in the field through IGP (Income Generation Programme). Each person earns approximately Rs.200 to Rs.300 per day. According to the season income of the family is now sufficient for their daily living. Now the poor people of Krishnapur village are free from the clutches of landlords.

The Sundari group expresses its heartfelt thanks to Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) for the support and guidance.

Media Coverage



RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT STATEMENT FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31-03-2013

Receipts	Amount (INR)	Payments	Amount (INR)
Opening Balance	3,146,534.64	Welfare/Empowerment of Women	172,614.00
Welfare/Empowerment of Women	1,348,345.00	Welfare of Children	701,631.00
Welfare of Children	1,282,619.00	Relief/Rehabilitation of Victims of Naural Calamities	2,217,706.00
Relief/Rehabilitation of Victims of Naural Calamities	1,703,761.00	Welfare of Physically & Mentally Challenged	8,649,379.00
Welfare of Physically & Mentally Challenged	64,128,524.45	Welfare of Physically & Mentally Challenged (Transferred to other societies for programme)	51,066,431.00
Bank Interest	601,179.00	Establishment Expenses	322,719.04
Other Income/Receipts	345,400.00	Closing Balances	9,425,883.05
TOTAL	72,556,363.09	TOTAL	72,556,363.09

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2013

Funds and Liabilities	Amount (INR)	Property and Assets	Amount (INR)
Reverses and Surplus	12,828,872.05	Fixed Assets	3,377,807.00
		Diposits and Others	25,182.00
		Cash and Bank Balances	9,425,883.05
TOTAL	12,828,872.05	TOTAL	12,828,872.05

Receipts and Payments of Funds 2012-13

