

# Annual Report



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**Building People -  
Building Communities**

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Everyone is a gift to our world and as a gift to our world one must put in everything one has so that one finds his/ her unique way to

bring forth the fruit out of energy. Over the years many people have been contributing to the society enormously in positive ways. Their dreams are no longer shattered but have become a reality.

Jan Vikas Samiti has successfully completed 17 years of existence under the able and energetic guidance of Rev. Fr. Abhishiktanand IMS (1997 - 2007), the Late Rev. Fr. Satyajit IMS (2007 - 2010) and Rev (Dr) Fr. George Pradeep IMS (2010 - 2014). I remember them with a grateful heart and express my heartfelt gratitude to these veterans for the marvelous services they rendered for the poor and the marginalized people, and especially for the empowerment of women, children and rehabilitation of persons with disability, that we have achieved so much in such a short span is of .....a testament to the persistence and dedication of Jan Vikas Samiti's staff and the support from the office staff. The driving force and commitment of the previous directors and board members made it all

possible. I believe that coming to this sector was not a chance but a choice of those who really wanted to do something meaningful and unique to the society. We as a team, are exploring the unexplored potentials of this sector and are trying to leave sustainable effects in the lives of all those who need it!

I wish to specially extend my sincere gratitude to all our overseas and local donor agencies, individuals, visitors, and volunteers who help us by their prodigal- open handed, profuse generosity and support. I realize how important the help, understanding and courage of so many people is in overcoming the challenges we face and in extracting the best from ourselves. This report is a brief presentation of the activities and achievements of the organization during the reporting period. I am sure this annual report will give you a bird's eye view of the activities of JVS during the last one year.

*"God sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing, with a special act of love to bestow."*  
*- John Powell.*

Your's Lovingly,

Fr. Alex IMS

# The Organization



Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) is the Social Welfare Wing of Varanasi Province of the Indian Missionary Society (IMS). Currently it has 12 centres situated in remote rural areas of four States of north India namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The major thrust area of JVS is to bring structural change in the society in favour of the poor and the

## **Our Vision**

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

marginalized through community based organizations (CBOs). JVS believes that the strength of the poor is in their numbers and if our country is to have an integrated development, it can happen only through the collective efforts of the people.

## **Our 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 and Health Status and Promotion of Environment.

# Women Empowerment

*There is no tool for Development more Effective than the Empowerment of women.*

**- Kofi Annan**

Women are one of the strategic focus groups of the organization because it envisages a gender just society. We at JVS focus on gender equity and women's empowerment as human rights. To

eliminate all discrimination and all forms of violence against women and the girl children we form women organizations and Self Help Groups (SHGs) to strengthen the partnership of women within the civil society. Savings and credit provisions in itself are assumed to contribute to a process of individual economic empowerment through enabling women to decide about savings and credit use. Women's economic empowerment is assumed to lead to increased wellbeing of them-selves and their families. The total number of SHGs is 318. During the course of time, JVS began to emphasize quality in terms of SHG formation. So intensive and various training programme were organized for the animators to equip them with necessary skills and information. As a result of all these about 100 women of different groups have started the various income generation program on their own.

JVS has also formed federations aiming to raise the awareness level of the members and other villagers through regular meetings, discussions and organization of events

like Women's Day, AIDS Day etc. apart from observance of national festivals like Republic Day and Independence Day. Like every year, this year also Women's Day was observed in different focus blocks of the organization.

576

Self Help Groups

346

IGA Initiatives in SHGs

82

Community Based Organizations

3331

CBO Members

## International women's day



March 8th marks International Women's Day, the day ordained by the United Nations to reflect on progress made and to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage. In India the condition status of women are still very disquieting. In response to this situation and to mark the day in a meaningful manner we at Jan Vikas Samiti joined hands with other like-minded organizations Lok Chetana Samiti and Our Lady of Providence to celebrate and to mark Women's day on 11th March 2015 on the theme "A violence free society, with respect and freedom".

# SHGs/ Micro credits



**Total SHGs engaged in IGP**

**346**

**Total Savings SHGs**

**1,05,88,615.00**

Self-Help Group (SHG) is a association of poor people, from the poor socio-economic background. They come together for the purpose of solving their common problems through self-help and mutual help. The SHG promotes small savings among its members. JVS initiates this particular activity among the very poor people who do not have access to formal financial institutions. They act as the forum for the members to provide space and support to each other. It also enables the members to learn to cooperate and work in a group environment. The SHGs significantly contribute to the empowerment of poor women.

Over the years by the able intervention of JVS they have been able to manage their own common fund and the financing needs of each other.

**Gender Sensitization** JVS recognizes that the local community and Self Help Groups have an important and integral part to play in addressing issues of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and works towards an end of violence against women in particular. JVS is therefore also committed to the restoration of justice within this context. Provision of education, vocational training and income generating opportunities allow women to support themselves.



## Federations

The federations aim at raising the awareness level of the members and other villagers through regular meetings, discussions and organization of various events like women's day, AIDS day, observance of national festivals like Republic Day and Independence Day

**Total no of Federations**

**9**

**Leaders (Committee Members)**

**135**

# Income Generation Activities...

Our organization promotes economic empowerment of its focus groups through the medium of SHGs, micro savings/ credit and micro enterprises. We have 346 SHGs with the combined strength of 4152 members from the marginalized communities. The cumulative pool created by these members at the end of the reporting period was Rs. 8114474/-.

This pool is a result of the micro savings developed among focus women over the years. The togetherness and habit of saving not only saved an amount for the members but also entitled them for hassle-free loan at their doorsteps. In order to save the focus women from the clutches of moneylenders; the organization promotes productive as well as consumption loans. From a total of 4138150 INR SHG members took productive loan. The productive loan was used for setting up micro enterprises for enhancing family income. The micro-enterprises set up with help of SHGs are mainly bangle shops, thela, poultry, vegetable cultivation and animal husbandry.

At the end of the reporting period, there were a total of 72 micro enterprises existing in the focus area. Nationalized banks like SBI, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab National Bank have been supporting the SHGs with institutional linkages and seed money. Today these groups, known as Self Help Groups, have become the vehicle of change for the poor and marginalized.



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## Mahila Sangh Community Based Organization

JVS has been striving to ensure the empowerment of women through different ways and means with women's federations being the most strategic of them. **Mahila Adhikar Sangh:** Formation of multi-tiered organisation of women's groups is one of the strongest strategies of the organisation to empower its focus on women. **Mahila Adhikar Sangh** is community based organization at **panchayat** level facilitated by JVS. The group aims at realization of the entitlements of the poor and voiceless women. The network has its tiers at village and **Panchayat** level. The office bearers have been elected from all these tiers. The village level **Mahila Adhikar Manch** (Sangh) is the basic units of the federations as well as platform for collective action.



Total No. of CBOs	CBO (Committee Members)	Total Members
32	480	1399
12	180	504
20	300	791
18	270	637
82	1230	3331

# Community Sensitization



Street play team of Jan Vikas Samiti has been very active in spreading awareness in the villages in the districts of Varanasi, Lakkimpurkheri and Mirzapur. They have travelled miles and miles to empower the women and to conscientize them towards chasing away the discrimination in the society at all levels through their plays. The street play team has been very successful in strengthening the women who are being tortured and used

as a machine at home. After such awareness programmes being conducted through SHG groups the women raised voice against violence against women and have succeeded to get their rights at home and in the society.

## Youth groups

Empowerment of the citizens of tomorrow i.e. adolescent girls are an important issue that JVS is concerned about. The organization considers this powerful segment of society as a platform of collective action and a pressure group. It has been promoting the empowerment of these focus groups through different ways and means. The first and foremost task in this direction is formation of the groups in order to pool the

collective energy. From time to time, these groups are sensitized and capacitated on the issues of health, education, responsibility for their villages, access to government programs, etc. At the end of the reporting period, there were a total of 22 groups. These groups lead the works like campaigns, information dissemination on Panchayat meetings and other significant works related to the area.



In our endeavour to realize the vision and mission of the organization, Jan Vikas Samiti has also partnered with Liliane foundation the Netherlands for implementing of inclusive development programme for persons with disabilities in North and North East India. Through this Programme, JVS provides medical and social rehabilitation to approximately 8,000 children and youngsters with disabilities every year.

Our strategy and programmes in

disability and development are in line with those of the Liliane Foundation, which provides support for comprehensive tailor-made and rights-based assistance to children and youngsters with disabilities in low income countries. In realization of this shared mission and vision, Jan Vikas Samiti has been supporting and reaching out to 89 local Partner Organizations spread across the North region.

➔ 89  
Partner Organizations

➔ 101  
Projects

➔ 7676  
Children assisted in the last year.

➔ Social Inclusion  
Medication  
Education  
Livelihood

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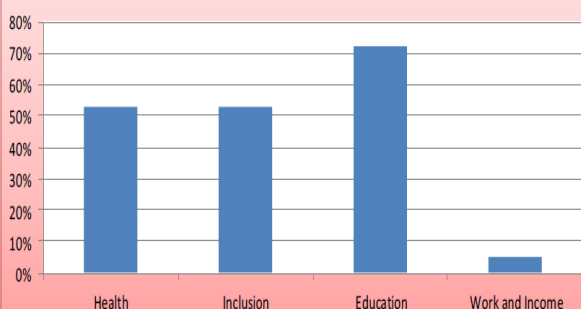
Child Development (CD): Addressing the child's impairment, improving their functioning and making children resilient and self-aware. These interventions are directed towards individual children such as: diverse sorts of therapies, surgeries, assistive devices and communication aids or school supplies, etc. Here the partners are directly concentrate on the CWDs, registered in their programmes.

### Enabling Environment (EE): \

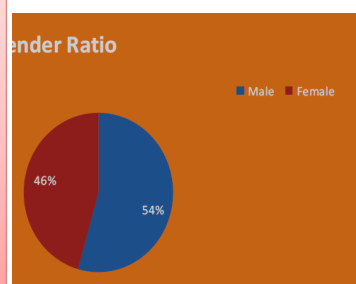
Enabling Environment (EE): Reducing the physical (infrastructural and communicational), attitudinal and institutional (policy) barriers that hinder the participation of CWDs in society, since the society is not well equipped to facilitate their participation. These activities are small-scale capacity development projects at the community level by which children with disabilities can benefit.

From April 2014 to March 2015, a total of **7676** children were assisted.

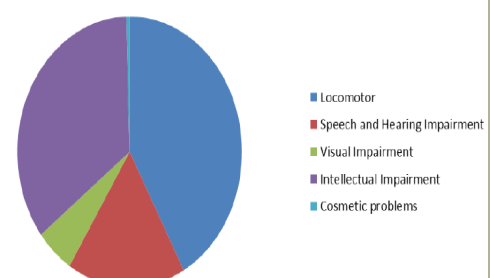
Focus Area wise data



Gender Ratio



Disability Wise Statistics



## State Level Assistive Devices Camp

Prosthetic and Orthotic Camp at Manipur: In collaboration with Mobility India, Bangalore, and JVS an orthotic/prosthetics camp was organized by in Manipur three districts (Imphal, Churachandpur and Senapati) of Manipur state. The camp was a joint collaboration of three POs in Manipur (FCC, Northeast, HD Foundation and MANEDA. Approximately 250 aids and appliances were distributed to the children and youngsters with disabilities in three districts. It was a real challenge to transport appliances to Manipur. Congratulations to the representatives of all the involved organizations for successfully completing the event.

## Samarth 2014

Five young boys from Khandwa Diocesan Social Services (KDSS), a partner organization of Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) participated in SAMARTH - 2014, A National Dance & Music Competition for Specially Talented Artists with Disabilities organized by the Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India on 15th and 16th January, 2014 at SIRI FORT Auditorium, New Delhi. Congress President and UPA Chairperson, Hon. Sonia Gandhi inaugurated the event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aT7Z-VEFkGk> this will direct you to the inaugural function of SAMARTH-2014.) These five young boys danced extremely well at all



levels in spite of their physical limitations, holding high their determination and courage towards their goal and stood 2nd in the competitions. Today JVS takes justifiable pride on itself and its partners for such incredible initiatives for the children with disabilities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aT7Z-VEFkGk>

## Workshops on Child Rights and Protection Issues

JVS organized 6 workshops in a series on Child Rights and Protection Issues for the



entire JVS-LF network from November 2013 to August 2014. The purpose of organizing these workshops was to bring common understanding of child rights and protection issues among our partners to respect child's inherent dignity and to avoid any compromising situations which could harm a child in any manner. As one of the major outcomes of these workshops all POs of JVS – LF region have signed a code of conduct on Child Rights and Protection issues developed for JVS and its Partner Organization by the subject experts.

## Mothers Training On 'Home Based Care And Management Of Children With Multiple Disabilities'

Mothers play a vital role in forming the next generations. When it comes to a mother having a child with multiple disabilities it really matters to the future of the child very much. Looking at the gravity of this issue, a three day Mother's Training programme for the mothers of persons with multiple disabilities was organized by JVS from 10th to 12th of July, 2014. Twelve mothers along with their children participated in the training and learnt about home based care and management of children with disabilities. The Village Health Workers were also present as volunteers and keen learners.



### Training on Identification and Management of Intellectual Impairment



JVS organized a Training on programme Management of Intellectual Disability in collaboration with MENTAID from 25th – 31st August 2014 at Dhyana Ashram, Kolkata. There were 33 participants from the partner organizations of JVS. While Dr. Sudha Kaul (Ex Director – IICP) spoke on Family based intervention and Mrs. Aloka Guha (Ex Chairperson - National Trust) on Rights and entitlements of PWDs, Mr. Chhetri spoke on Cerebral Palsy and its management. Group activities and group presentations brought forth many observations and queries which the

resource persons dealt with and made them to understand with different examples. Explanation of ADLs, Assessment, sensory stimulation therapy, communication, problem behaviours their assessment and management etc ... were all made with practical demonstrations

### Regional Level Partners Meet for Bihar And Jharkhand



In our Endeavour to build and strengthen partnership and networking, a partner's meet was organized for Jharkhand and Bihar Partners. Change of strategies and policies on the project of inclusive development of the children and youth with disabilities was the focal point of discussion.

## Training For Senior Managers On 'Leadership And NGO Management'



In an attempt towards strengthening leadership and management capacities of our Partner Organizations, JVS organized a course on LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT for its selected partners. The training was organized at Blind People Association, Ahmadabad. The experts from the Institute of Rural Management, Anand and BPA empowered the participants. This course mainly targeted the senior management staff / assistant director who have a great role in organizational and financial management and fund raising.

## Regional Cooperation Strategy on Inclusive Education in The Northeast Region

As a follow-up of the Learning Space Workshop, CBM, LFW and JVS took this initiative to the next level to develop a Regional Cooperation Strategy for IE for the NE. A pilot project on Inclusive Education is planned with 11 partner NGOs. Dr. Aloka Guha (Former Chairperson, National Trust) is on board with the team as consultant to perform an assessment study of the involved NGOs. Bethany Society is acting as lead partner for this preliminary phase of the project. The report of the assessment study will be available by the end of February 2015.

## Primary Rehabilitation Therapy Training (PRT)

Primary Rehabilitation Therapy Training (PRT) training was organized by Jan Vikas Samiti -Liliane Foundation in collaboration with Kiran Society at Anjali, Varanasi. Therapeutic Practical Training was also part of the training.

## Inspire to Care: Alliance Between LF -JVS - Karuna Foundation (Nepal)

In an effort to develop international collaborations with an aim to share and learn from various creative efforts in CBR a visit was paid to the Inspire 2 Care programme of Karuna Foundation in Nepal. Chairpersons and Directors of Liliane foundation, and Karuna Foundation, visited the programme in Nepal and then travelled to Varanasi for a meeting in JVS on 13th Feb, 2014 to discuss the possibilities. Governing board members of JVS were also present for the said meeting. A series of successful discussions on the present activities and future plans were held during the meeting.



## Learning Space 2014

As a step to promote Inclusive Education in northeast region, a workshop jointly supported by Light for the world, CBM and JVS-LF was conducted in Barapani, Shillong from Aug 20-22nd. The region was represented by 17 organizations.

## Joint S.P.O. Meeting

Representatives from CHAI and JVS, the two Strategic Partner Organizations of Liliane Funds met at Varanasi on 9th July 2014 to discuss various developments regarding the Liliane Funds programme in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

## Regional Constitutive Meeting For Disability Network For North East India

JVS along with Light for the World and CBM India organized a meeting to bring together various stakeholders in the disability sector in the Northeast region under one umbrella and to build a common platform to raise disability related issues in a collective manner which is both accountable and credible. The network is supported by Light for the World, CBM India and JVS-LF. There were over 100 participants from across the seven north eastern states. With a participation of about 65 NGOs, the meeting also saw the presence of representatives from INGOs, CBR partners and other NGOs, parent bodies, DPO members, special schools, other organizations working in the disability sector, as well as from the mainstream organizations and media personnel.

## Engage, Include and Be inspired

## Sambhav ~ Reaching to the Unreached

Twining project on Tele-medicine between Jan Vikas Samiti and Groot Klimmendal is taking shape, and as a step forward the National coordinator and the Programme Manager from JVS visited Groot Klimmendal and Roessingh rehabilitation centre in the Netherlands for training on Tele-medicine. Sincere thanks to LF and PUM who remain hooked from the inception of this project till date and kept on giving continuous guidance and the required support to us.

Five to ten percent of the global population of persons with disability has been supported by church based organizations. People with a disability represent the world's largest minority group with 1 in 5 living in poverty in developing countries the largest unreached people groups and are even under-represented in the churches. It is estimated that a 100 million persons with disability live in India. As a Christian response to this complex situation and thinking, connecting together with international and national leaders/ agencies like, EHA, CBM, CHAI, 99 balloons, CMC Velloor, Christian Medical Association, World Vision, TLM, Tear Foundation etc. to strengthen the Christian response to disability in India, from JVS Fr. Nihilish IMS presented a seminar paper on "An empowering Christian world view of persons with disability" on 27th September 2014 in New Delhi.



# Inclusive education in NE

Planning meetings for the Regional Strategy of Inclusive Education for North East was organized jointly by JVS-LF along with other two international groups CBM and Light for the World. Inclusive education is actually about innovative education. It is proposed to include a specialist in Innovative Education in the early stages. It is an excellent attraction for general

school teachers and education departments.

After a series of workshops, discussions and deliberations the programme is in final stage to be launched. After deliberations and trainings a few congregations have decided to have policy changes to make their schools inclusive.

## LF-MIVA

Locomotion and mobility are important for us, as we are working towards the accessibility at every level. Working towards the promotion of mobility is one of our priorities. JVS with the financial support of LF - MIVA. The Netherlands supported three of our Partner Organizations with vehicles for better mobility and locomotion for the use of community based rehabilitation. The supported 3 Partners are the following:

- ⇒ Patne Notre Dame Sisters Society - Sumbuk, Darjeeling
- ⇒ Gram Chetana Kendra - Jaipur
- ⇒ Diocese of Varanasi Social Welfare Society— Varanasi.

Total Children assisted in .....	8447
Number of Children assisted in North India	7850
Number of Children assisted in Nepal	597
Total Number of Partner Organizations	98
Total Number of Partner in North and North East India Region	88
Total Number of Partner in Nepal	10
Total Number of Mediators (Projects) in North and North East India Region	111
Total Number of Mediators (Projects) in Nepal	11
Number of new Partners in North and North East India Region	02
Number of projects closed in North and North East India Region	03

### CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

1. No. of teacher training	29
2. No. of teachers trained	209
3. NO. of Asha members trained	87
4. No. of SHG members trained	186
5. No. of volunteers trained	40

### OTHER (NOT COVERED BY THE ABOVE)

1. No. of people engaged in MNREGA	15
2. No. of people obtained Rail pass	139
3. No. of people obtained medical certificates	85
4. No. of people obtained Pension	13
5. No. of people obtained Buss Pass	122

### REHABILITATION SERVICES

1. No. of incurable blind identified	146
2. No. of children received clinical LV assessment	05
3. Total No. of persons completed O&M/ DLS training	116
4. No. of persons economically rehabilitated	42
5. No of blind/ low vision children enrolled in schools.	20

### SCHOOL SCREENING

1. No. of schools visited	47
2. No. of children screened	5848
3. Children Identified with refractive error	79
4. Specs prescribed	240

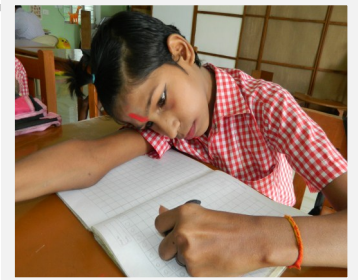
# Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities

The community based rehabilitation programme of JVS has a focus on working in partnership with the parents and families of 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 and little or no aspirations for their children with disabilities.

Parents and families are oriented, trained and their capacity is built up alongside child's, so that they can carry on the work with their children and reduce dependence on regular rehabilitation.

## 1. Education

Education makes the children aware of their talents, potentials and their rights as citizens. It empowers them to take action and stand up for themselves. Therefore JVS gives great emphasis on education through provision of inclusive education, special education, and regular education. During this period JVS has supported 400 children with educational assistance.



## 2. Health

Access to health care often proves difficult, especially in poor rural areas. JVS provides access to health care and Para - medical rehabilitation which includes treatments such as corrective surgery, medical checkups, provision of medications and physiotherapy. During this period JVS has supported 235 children with health assistance.



## 3. Inclusion

Inclusion ensures that children and youngsters with disabilities are recognized as equal members of society with the same rights as everybody else. JVS promoted inclusion through community mobilization, awareness raising, family counselling, and participation of Self Help Groups and through home visits. The role of parents in promoting inclusion and participation was emphasized more. During this period JVS has supported 700 children with inclusion.



## 4. Work and income

To improve the economic situation of youngsters and their parents, the JVS project assists youngsters with vocational training, higher education, job developments skills, professional training, etc. During this period, JVS has supported 40 children with work and income assistance.



## 5. Livelihood

JVS takes initiatives to train the persons with disabilities to strengthen them for their self-dependency and earn their daily living through self-employments. Persons with visual impairment are trained under different small scale businesses like running petty shops, making garlands and handicraft items, etc.



## 6. National Trust

National Trust is a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. JVS being a member institution of it, has been pooling the benefits from it by enrolling the children with multiple disabilities under the insurance scheme, named NIRAMAYA and at regular intervals attending the conferences and seminars conducted by them.



## 7. Parent's group

Parents of children with disabilities are part of JVS's work. Apart from regular home visit and meetings with the parents, we are also creating opportunities through some activities where by they can all work as groups. Parent's group takes active interest to organize events and activities with the support from JVS. These include awareness



## Sankalpa 2014 ~ National Level Para Olympics

National level Para-Olympics was held on 29th and 30th March, 2014 at St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel, Nepal. The event Sankalpa - 2014 aimed to serve as a platform for children and adults with disabilities to showcase the unique potentials that they possess. JVS-LF in collaboration with St. Xavier's School organized this grand event. Many children with disabilities from different NGOs participated in it.

The winners were given prizes at the closing ceremony on the last day of the event. Dignitaries from JVS witnessed this event from its beginning till the end. There was a huge crowd including the organizers, participants, chief invitees, volunteers and foreigners who encouraged the children to play, enjoy and to win the medals.





# Community Health and Hygiene

"Community health" is a process of enabling people to exercise collectively their responsibility for their own health and to demand good health care as their right. It involves the increasing of the individuals, families and communities. Opportunities, knowledge, skills and supportive structures that make health possible for JVS is working in 32 slums of Varanasi for the health issues of slum dwellers.

Through Associations for the Socially Marginalized Integrated Therapeutic Action (ASMITA), JVS reached out to the slums, each roughly having 800 to 1000 inhabitants. The components of community health action include. Integrating curative with preventive, promotive and rehabilitative activities, Involving local, indigenous health knowledge, resources and personnel, training for village based health workers, initiating and supporting organizations in all aspects of health planning and management, generating community support by mobilizing financial resources, labour skills and manpower resources from the community etc.

## Medical camps

In taking steps to ensure that every vulnerable child has affordable access to health care facilities, JVS has been conducting medical camps for the children and youth with disabilities every second month at the premises of JVS in collaboration with Kiran society Varanasi. Children with disabilities were assessed and referred for medical interventions.



## TB Programme

The primary objective of this activity is to go to the doorstep of the 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 are linked to RNTCP treatment services. The places where JVS serves people in the field of TB are:



- ◆ Slum areas
- ◆ Tribal Population and homeless people
- ◆ In pockets or in communities where smoking and alcoholism is high

JKS	Axshay San-vaad	Diagnosis	Distribution of medicines	Mid media activities
22	1400	87	16	24

## Promotion of Reproductive Health

Human rights include sexual and reproductive rights, yet in the rural situations the poor people have no accessibility to quality services. Where programmes do exist, the most marginalized are frequently denied access to services and information. We at JVS try to complement the existing structures by promoting and strengthening the capacity of key leaders like ANM, ASHA workers and Anganwadi teachers. We

also support by organizing and advocacy among those who are most affected by these challenges, and collaborations among movements that address to related social inequities. Across all this work, the rights of young people and girls in particular are recognized and addressed. We believe that promoting and protecting sexual and reproductive rights is critical to building strong families and communities.

## Netradeep - Vision Centre

JVS established a well-equipped Vision Centre at JVS, for follow up and referral and refraction purposes. Through this Vision Centre the nearby patients are coming for follow up and referral purposes. persons identified refractive errors are prescribed spectacles as per requirement. **1207** people came to have their eyes checked up from among whom **47** persons underwent cataract operation and **165** people were given spectacles. The old and the poor people of this area are benefiting greatly.



Total OPD	Spectacles	Surgeries
1207	165	47

## Water and Sanitation

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) with a special is being implemented by Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Sacred Heart Sisters and Fakirana Sisters Society in villages of East and West Champaran through the financial support of Liliane Foundation. “Hygienic and healthful living (HHL)” project was launched in February 2015 in 15 villages of Majhulia block of West Champaran district of Bihar and 15 villages of Sugauli block of East Champaran district of Bihar. The project is centered on infusing the recognition of sanitation needs of persons with disability in the existing sanitation program “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)” of the government of India in East & West Champaran of Bihar. The project is to support and expand the reach of “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA)” to persons with disabilities (PWD) households by building model sanitation infrastructure and modification of existing sanitation infrastructure to make it accessible for persons with disabilities. This is to support and increase the effectiveness of the existing programme and most importantly to make it inclusive.

## Mental Health Programmes

Working towards improving Mental Health Services and Support Systems in the focus area, JVS is closely collaborating with concerned Government department. Seminars, regular visits and interaction with the inmates and conducting training on Mental Illness and Psycho social Management etc are done with the support of Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi. We intend to create a good number of volunteers and equip all the staff of the after-care home with the knowledge and skill to manage the common mental health disorders, type, causes and basic psycho-social remedies.

# Linking Relief and Rehabilitation to Development

The natural calamity (Flood) in Bihar caused by the unpredictable Kosi River in August, 2008 added additional misery to the state steeped in poverty. Five districts in north eastern Bihar were totally washed away by the floods as the river changed course to 120Kms 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 7 years, living close to the people, has

built up 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 operated in the communities through the strategic plan of SHGs CBOs, income generation activities, Village Development Committees (VDCs) in all 10 villages covered by the programme. With the support of the Japanese government we have managed to establish community halls as well.



- ◇ Child Care and Education
- ◇ Vocational/skill training for the youth
- ◇ Health Care, a wareness 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
- ◇ Capacity building programmes
- ◇ Housing

The organization is an ardent advocate of child rights because, children form, the future of a nation. In order to protect and promote children's right and build up a 'child-friendly' environment, the organization has been promoting children's club and children's parliament. The main purpose of these is to make children aware of their rights, especially to bring them as a group and to encourage them to get along with everyone and interact with others. During the meetings they discuss on various issues, and take decisions to act accordingly. Thus the children come to know about various things and about what is happening around them.



## SHGs

JVS has been striving to ensure the empowerment of women through different ways and means with SHGs being the most strategic of them. In the flood affected area of Ranipatti in Madhepura district 77 SHGs are active and have become as a platform for collective action.

## Farmers, Group

Farmers' groups have been formed in the project area of Madhepura District. The farmers' groups were organized to develop their farming



skills and to provide them with knowledge about new methods and techniques used in farming. The farmers also had an exposure to Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Hazaribag, where they could see the actual practice of new methods and techniques of farming. The clubs also help the farmers to learn from each other about new governmental schemes and about the ways to get benefit from such schemes.

## Community Based organization

As CBO's are typically, and almost necessarily staffed by local members – community members who experience firsthand the needs within their neighborhood and the community and also being connected geographically to the locality, if they are strengthened and motivated to take initiatives for the development of the community then we may say they are the key to the path of development of the society. Community based organizations (CBOs) are groups that work at a local level to improve life for residents. The focus is to build equality across the society in all streams - health care, environment, quality of education, access to technology, access to information for the people with disability, etc.

## Village Development Committees (VDC)

JVS has initiated and has introduced VDCs. It prepares villages especially in backward regions by preparing Village Development Programmes with the intention of ensuring a holistic and integrated development of the village concerned. The main objective of VDC is to focus on financial inclusion and also to develop the selected village in an integrated manner. This would include economic development, infrastructure development, and other aspects of human development, i.e., education, health, drinking water supply etc in collaboration with the Nodal Agency (NGO) and other governmental departments. We are implementing VDC programmes at Saharsha and Madhepura districts of Bihar.

## ECC centers

With the kind support from HCDI, the organization developed a model of innovative education. The model is based on promoting a fearless environment of education for the children in the age group of 3-6 years. Completion of the training was followed by training of teachers and establishment of an innovative model of education in June 2009. The centres came into being covering children from hamlets in Madhaepura district, Bihar. With an aim of preparing the children for formal education system, the model focuses on the following developments in the children:

- Motor development
- Emotional development
- Cognitive development

In order to achieve this, various innovative methods have been promoted. Open meetings with the villagers helped them feel convinced about the method we proposed and adopted

## Mother's care: Bringing HOPE to the Disadvantaged Children

Through Mother's Care programme we want to see the children from the area go from primary school through university. JVS believes it is every child's birthright to receive hope for a better future, education to grow and protection from disease and illness. We envisage a world of tomorrow where impoverished children from this region can gain the skills to lift their families, their locality, and themselves out of poverty.

To address the needs of the marginalized children who could not go to a good school in the absence of funds to pay for uniforms, books and writing materials. We at JVS are reaching out to address the needs of most disadvantaged 100 children through a programme called mother's Care assisted by Bread Noida and this making a great difference in their lives.

## Residential Camps

JVS regularly conducted residential training programme for visually impaired children to help them to improve their reading and writing in Braille, to better orientation and mobility, skill development, and overall development of the children in their studies and social life. Girls learned cutting vegetables as well as other kitchen related domestic works. They learned how to identify and clean their clothes and also bathing, dressing, going to the toilet, and other things which are necessary in their everyday life.

## Blossom (Ensuring Higher Education of the Poor)

Education has been accepted as the birth right of every child. Various studies show that less than half of UP's children between the age 6 and 14 go to school. JVS motivates the children as well as their parents to send their children to school and to have savings for the higher education of their children. One hundred poor children will be selected in the programme. These selected children will be motivated to save Rs. 50/- per month and a matching fund of Rs. 50/- will be added to their amount from JVS through the support of BREAD, Noida.



## Non-Formal Education

Realizing the present needs and standing for the rights of children to education is a challenge. A challenging programme is launched, an educational programme by ASMITA, one of the local centres of JVS, following motto: ***“Promote elementary education, put an end to the child labour.”*** This is to inculcate among the slum children, life skills education, to follow certain discipline in the society and to enable them to 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. The programme covers children of 20 slums in Varanasi city.



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

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. 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.



## Integrated School in Bhitari

Keeping in mind the vision of the organization every effort is made to have inclusive community at our end. To include one of the most marginalized groups in the society, i.e. children with disabilities is a great success for both the St. Joseph school and for JVS. We have been preparing this school for many months by conducting orientation programmes for teachers, parents of disabled children and others.



## A Campaign on Education for all

The campaign on RING THE BELL has been successfully organized in different elementary and government schools by Jan Vikas Samiti. Children from twenty schools participated in the campaign. Approximately 4000 children took part in the campaign with banners, bells, posters etc. The main motive of this campaign was to give awareness to the school children and to awaken them to their right to education.



# Muskaan' Day Care Center

**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. The school stands to take care of both the physical and social aspects of the mainstreaming of children with disabilities (CWDs).



The very nomenclature, **Muskaan**, stands to educate 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 a positive attitude. The centre stands to take care of both

physical and social aspects of the mainstreaming of the CWDs. These include 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. Grass-roots level interventions like meetings with parents of CWDs, their counseling for dealing with the disability related issues at home, interaction with concerned government officials etc have been instrumental towards inculcating a positive attitude among the stakeholders towards disability.



## Inclusive Education

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

The parents of Children with Disabilities (CWDs) approved the Social Service wing of JVS at Durgawati to get help for their children's education. The pradhan of the village was also in favour of supporting the children with disabilities. With the collective effort of the villagers and the pradhan, a house is given free for the children to come daily and study there. The block officer has also promised that he would include these in the nearby village schools. This inclusive education will contribute a lot in removing the gaps between the disabled and non-disabled children and promote "education for all".



## Community Sensitization—Mobilization



JVS has earned a name for itself for adopting and practicing a unique modus operandi for conveying the development messages to the rural communities. This includes a traditional yet very entertaining method like puppet shows and street plays. The range also includes observance of significant days and rallies. The organization has prepared a team of street play artistic and of puppeteers. The groups move in the focus area of the parent organization as well as of the like-minded organizations. The presentations are always followed by a healthy and lively discussion with the audience in order to enhance the impact of the message given through these mediams. During the reporting period, a total of 87 puppet shows were held while the number of street plays was ninety two. Messages on topics like sanitation, maternal and neonatal health, Panchayati Raj, government programs, etc. were effectively conveyed. Apart from these mediams, significant days were also observed at community level with a twin-objective of making the community aware and enhancing its capacity to organize and manage community level events. Village level functions received cooperation from local leaders, Panchayat representatives, educational institutions, CBOs and other stakeholders. The artistes of Jan Vikas Samiti perform street plays in the districts of Shahjahanpur, Varanasi and Mirzapur.





# Celebrations of important days

## World Disability Day

Third of December each year finds the world celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It is a day dedicated to increase awareness and understanding of disability issues and to mobilize support for practical action at all levels for persons with disabilities. It is also a day observed in recognition of the contributions and achievements of people with disabilities from around the world. Keeping the sanctity of the day Jan Vikas Samiti had its celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 29th November 2014 with a theme "Create accessibility and promote inclusion" with a highly powerful message to the world of which we are all a part.

The programme was conducted in collaboration with the networking NGOs and other institutions involved in the developmental programmes of persons with disabilities. A total of six hundred children from different institutions along with the guardians participated in the programme. To show case the talents of the children with special needs (CSWN) a sports competition and a cultural programme were also arranged.



## Girl Child Day Celebration

13th September, 2014 at the premises of Viswa Jyoti Gurukul, Christnagar, Varanasi under the theme "**Security and Education of Girl Children today**". Hundreds of girl students took out a march from Harahua block office and from Chandamari to Viswa Jyoti Gurukul Varanasi, on the theme set for the day. The girls participated in the rally in full swing and shouted slogans at the top of their voice.

Post rally, the children were divided in groups and there was a discussion on the general issues affecting the girls and they came up with many minor and major issues which are affecting their day-to-day life from within and without.

Prof. Archana Srivastav, HoD Home Science, Agrasen PG collage, Parmanadpur and Prof. Laxmi Dubey, Dean of the social work department Mahatma Gandhi Kashi VidyaPeeth encouraged the girls by their inspiring speeches.

Arrays of colorful cultural programmes were put up by the girl children and a group song "We shall overcome" was a befitting end to mark the day, both in terms of the message given and the skills to be brought alive. Similar programmes were conducted at our various centres like Bhitari, Unchaulia, Durgawati and Theresapur.

# Capacity Building Programmes

## An attempt against “Land Tribunal Act” - One day workshop

A one day workshop was organized by Jan Vikas Samiti in collaboration with Viswa Jyoti Gurukul, Christnagar on 21st February 2015 at Viswa Jyoti Gurukul. The main motive of the workshop was to solve the problems of the farmers regarding “Land Tribunal Act”. Shri Ballabh Acharya Pandey and Shri Giri Sant Ji were the main speakers in the workshop.

### MNREGA Camp

The job card holder of MNREGA were called to JVS on 6th September, 2014 and were clearly explained about the government facilities like health care, education for their children, etc. A form was filled for the persons present for the camp to get benefited from government.

### Cultural Revival

The Ragas of Kajari singing resonated around the premises of JVS and aroused the minds of the people of locality and reminded them about the vanishing cultural folk singing - Kajari. The songs presented in the



Kajari singing Competition included themes on dowry, violence against women, feticide, price raise, illiteracy, need of education, empowerment and on various social themes. The teams sang with confidence and spread an aura of pleasant harmony which captivated the over-filled premises of JVS. The singing was unparalleled and the songs covered by the teams gave them a completely new dimension.

Jan Vikas Samiti, the social welfare society of Varanasi Province of the IMS conducted a competition of Kajari in an attempt to revive and cherish the cultural folk singing on 16th August 2014. Twenty one teams from various villages from the Pindra and Harahua Blocks of Varanasi district presented colorful tunes and rhythms to which the guest audience swayed with delight and applauded in appreciation.



### Organization Development

Organization's capacity was enhanced through training of the staff as well as the focus groups. The staff of the organization attended a number of training programmes that were either organized by JVS or by fellow organizations/funding agencies. During the year a wide variety of creative methods were employed to exchange the capacity of the focus group at various levels. Number of training programmes, workshops, seminars and other innovative methods have been organized in different units with the objective to enhance the capacity and to strengthen the knowledge on issues that are affecting us. Trainings on disability relate issues, child rights, women issues, mother's trainings, Self-Help Group to the unit staff for implementation of the work in the field more efficiently and effectively.



## Low cost media

JVS provides its services through low-cost media 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 schools, better participation

of the people in decision making and public meetings, better implementation of Govt. Welfare Schemes, etc.

The street play team of JVS has been very active in spreading awareness in the villages of the districts of Varanasi and Mirzapur. They travelled miles and miles to empower the women, to promote education of girl children, to eradicate discrimination in the society at all levels and to put an end to the superstitions through street plays.

S.N	Name of the Play	Number of plays	Number of Participants
1	Bure Kam Ka Bura Natija	47	6502
2	Kamalikaakmal	57	7153
3	Jeevan Dhara	07	830
4	Tamasha	24	4127
5	Ye kaise Rishata	67	9125
	Total	202	27737

### Capacity Strengthening training for the staff

JVS conducted regular training on evaluation and capacity building programmes for the staff of JVS to capacitate the staff in all projects to reach out to the focus group more efficiently and effectively. The participants were guided to evaluate on the current status of the projects they are involved in and capacitated skills in other to achieve the target set.

### Organization Assessment

An organization assessment was done for the development of organization by Mr. Khilesh and Ms. Premlata (CA). Various aspects of the organization needs, best practices and areas to improve were assessed and recommended. We whole heartedly thank Liliane Foundation for taking the lead to guide us in the whole process.

### Leadership Training

The field staff of JVS and 3 each leaders from 18 CBOs took part in the leadership training at JVS. It was held on 27th & 28th of August, 2014. The same training was repeated for different CBOs on 27th & 28th of September, 2014 as well.

### Policy development:

The human resource policy and finance policy of the organization revised and child protection policy was newly formulated.

### Strategic Plan:

Strategic plan for the organization for the coming five years was drafted and has been submitted for and approval the kind perusal of the governing body.

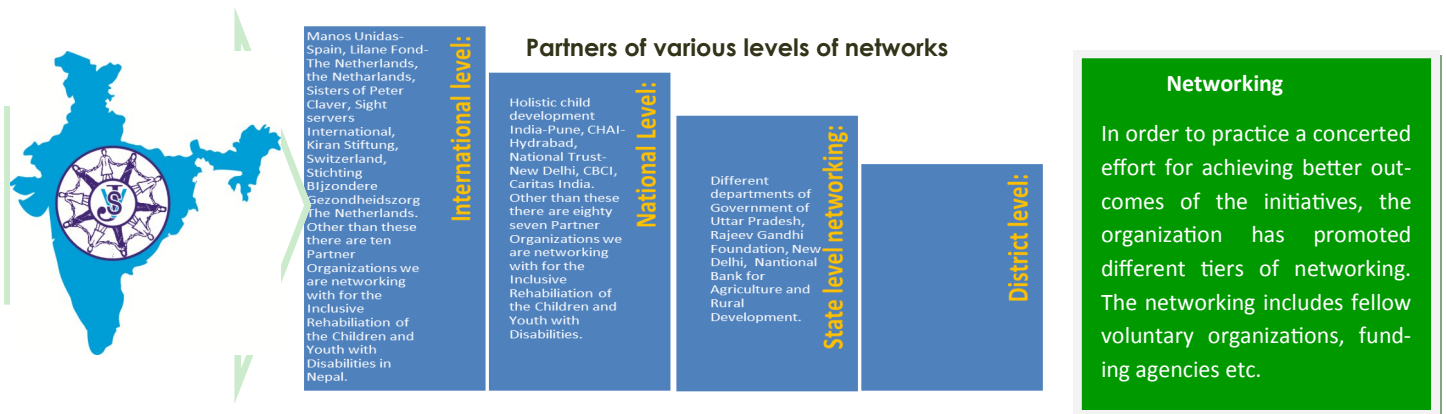
### Training on documentation

The field staffs of JVS were given 2 days training on documentation with regard to Manos project on 3rd July, 2014.

# Trainings and workshops

During the reporting period JVS conducted various training and workshops on different topics to raise awareness women empowerment; government facilities etc. and strengthen the individuals to step ahead for their rights. Please find below the list of the trainings conducted.

Topics	Resource person	No Participants
Federation	Mr. Suresh	68
Federation	Mr. Suresh	103
Federation	Mr. Suresh	70
Federation	Mr. Suresh & Vishnu	153
Federation	Mr. Suresh	80
RBM	Mr. Manmeet	15
RTI	Fr. Alex	15
Goal Orientation	Manmeet	15
Schemes and provisions	Shashikant	15
Time management	Fr. Nkhiesh	15
Rights and entitlements	Mr. Suresh	
Felicitation	Mr. Khilesh	7
CBO& Leadership	Mr. Suresh & Prabha Kumari	40
CBO& Leadership	Mr. Suresh & Prabha Kumari	34
CBO& Leadership	Mr. Suresh & Prabha Kumari	22
CBO& Leadership	Prabha Kumari & Jadawati	40
CBO& Leadership	Prabha Kumari & Jadawati	30
CBO& Leadership	Mr. Suresh & Prabha Kumari	20
Income Generation Activities	Mr. Suresh, Vishnu, Prabha Kumari , Mr. Animesh	600 ( in 9 trainings)
Income Generation Activities	Group leaders of SHG	All SHG members
Leadership and Self Reliance	Mr. Suresh, Manmeet, Prabha Kumari	824 (in 12 trainings)



## Visits by Funding Agencies

### Visit by Manos Unidas:

Anna Laura and Josefine from Manos Unidas, Spain made their project visit to JVS on 9th February, 2015. A gathering of all the SHG leaders and CBO members was organized in the hall of



JVS. They were also taken for the field visit to Krishnapur. They were very happy to have an interaction with the people and they expressed that the project is being implemented very actively by JVS. The documents and reports of the project were also being placed before them.

### Visit by Blossom, Mother's Care & BREAD Noida:

Ms. Ella And Ms. Margaret Graham made their monitoring visit to JVS on 28th February, 2015. Fr. Joson IMS accompanied them during the visit. They were directly taken to Benipur, the project area. There they were welcomed and presented a short programme by the beneficiary children. They brought forth their queries and had a very long discussion on the pro-

ject, especially on the benefits of this project. And then they had a short meeting with the staff of JVS. They expressed that they are happy with the implementation of the project and its outcome.



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*“The best way to find yourself is to lose  
yourself in the service of others”*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

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