

# IMPACT REPORT

2019-20



**JAN VIKAS SAMITI**  
**CHRISTNAGAR, VARANASI**





## ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Jan Vikas Samiti (JVS) was established in 1998 and registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. Since its inception JVS has been working for the integral development of the marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society, including women, children and persons with disabilities. JVS is directly implementing programs on Rehabilitation of Children and Youngsters with Disabilities, Women Empowerment, Promotion of Community Health, WASH, Livelihood, Skill Development etc. Over the years, JVS has been engaged in creating an inclusive society by enabling access to education, skill development and rights.

## VISION

We visualize an inclusive and humane society based on the values of equity, justice, and freedom.

## MISSION

Empowerment of the marginalized people of the society, especially the dalits, persons with disabilities, women and children through a process of awareness building, people's organization, collective action and advocacy for raising their socio- political, educational, economic, and health status and promotion of environment.

# CREDENTIALS

## **Credibility Alliance Accreditation (Desirable Norms)**

For good governance of voluntary organizations.

**Platinum Certificate by Guide Star:** Transparency and public accountability certificate.

**Member of LINC Asia Network:** Knowledge exchange and expertise in the field of disability.

## **Member of Catholic Health Association of India:**

Knowledge and expertise in the field of health.

## **Appreciation Letter by District Magistrate Varanasi:**

For COVID-19 relief work for the general public.

**Best NGO in Disability Sector:** Nominated for the Best NGO 2020 Award in Disability Sector by Govt. of U.P

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## 1. Disability

### Inclusive Development of Children and Youngsters with Disabilities through CBR- Community Based Rehabilitation



JVS adopted the community based rehabilitation as a strategy for rehabilitating persons with disabilities. In the year 2020, JVS with the support of Liliane Foundation has reached out to 6330 children and youngsters with disabilities to ensure and promote their overall development in terms of health, education, livelihood, social inclusion and empowerment.

In 2020, JVS has brought remarkable changes in the lives of many children and youngsters with disabilities as under;

- The health of 1827 children and youngsters with disabilities health improved with our support for medication, corrective surgeries and orthotic - prosthetic aids and appliances.
- Ninety-five youngsters with disabilities completed graduation, while another 23 completed post-graduation.
- Twenty-eight youngsters completed professional course while another 112 completed vocational course including D.Ed., B.Ed., LLB, MCA, MSW, Engineering, Nursing, ITI etc
- Fifty-two youngsters with disabilities got jobs either in private or government sector, including teaching, call centre, accounting, computer operation, hospitality services, etc.

- 692 children and youngsters with disabilities were linked with government social protection schemes such as disability certificates, ADIP (assistance to disabled persons for purchase of aids/appliances), pension, scholarships, railway and bus pass, Niramaya, etc.
- 2860 children and youngsters with disabilities reported improved social participation in community activities.
- 596 families of youngsters with disabilities showed improvement with small scale local livelihood enterprises initiated by them.
- Effective campaigns for protection of the rights of persons with disabilities were launched and carried out by partners especially in Meghalaya, Assam, Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

## Tele-Rehabilitation “Sambhav”:

Tele-Rehabilitation is the clinical application of consultative, preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic rehabilitation services via two-way interactive telecommunication technology. It is developed to provide reasonable access to geographically remote individuals and to those who are physically and economically disadvantaged. It also has the capacity to improve the quality of rehabilitation health care. Tele-rehabilitation relates to the services delivered by several health disciplines including physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy and biomedical engineering. It optimizes the timing, intensity and duration of therapy that is often not possible within the constraints of face-to-face treatment protocols in the current health systems. The project aims to capacitate CBR facilitators on rehabilitation diagnosis, making custom made treatment/ rehabilitation plans and providing appropriate therapies to the children and youth with disabilities who are most in need in the rural parts of India using recent technology. The main purpose and focus of the project Sambhav is the application of the web portal and mobile app for the purpose of assessment and rehabilitation plan, progress and outcomes.

In the year 2020, physical rehabilitation service was provided to **414** children with disabilities from 5 states (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Jharkhand) with the support of 8 partner organizations.

Following are the impacts through Tele-Rehabilitation;

Types of disabilities	Number of CwDs impacted
Cerebral Palsy	311
Locomotor	44
Intellectual disabilities	23
Spina bifida	1
Muscular dystrophy	12
Multiple disabilities	7
Speech Impairment	3
Blindness	2
Low vision	2
Hearing Impairment	7
Autism	1
Dwarfism	1

## 2. Health & Hygiene/Sanitation

### Community Mobilization for Safe Motherhood

JVS has been working in Harahua block for four years on reducing maternal and infant mortality rate through community mobilization programme. It has been observed that families have become aware of health related issues like taking care of reproductive health; for example consulting doctors for pre & post natal care, going for institutionalized delivery, ensuring health & hygiene, routine immunizations of mother & child, taking nutritional supplements and gained better knowledge about social issues, etc.

**In the year 2020, the following impacts were achieved;**

Sr. No.	Achievements	Quantity
1	Institutional delivery	442
2	Village Health Committee formed	30
3	Immunization of children	4125
4	Health Camps covering people	2545
5	People trained and educated on sex education, health issues, sanitation and child marriage	16774

### Secured, Hygienic and Healthful Living for Girls

A three year project on WASH has being implemented in Durgawati block, Kaimur District, Bihar with the objective to ensure sanitation coverage in 25 primary schools and 50 below poverty line (BPL) households having girl children, and to sensitize the various stakeholders, including the members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs), District level Water and Sanitation Committee (DWSC), SHG members, parents and field functionaries to have adequate knowledge about sustainable sanitation for all.

**In the last two years, the following impacts were achieved in the community;**

Capacity building of PRI members on secured, hygiene and healthful living for girls were done	43
Construction of disable friendly toilets in schools	19
Construction of toilets in the families	24
Educated about WASH to School Management Committee	11
Reached community members and adolescent girls for WASH practices	798

### Community Based Screening on HIV/AIDS

JVS through community based screening on HIV for At Risk Group (ARG) and High Risk Group in the districts of Varanasi, Prayagraj and Siddharth Nagar in Uttar Pradesh screened 7,838 persons through 190 camps, out of which 47 people were tested HIV positive and were linked with UPSACS for antiretroviral medicine.

### 3. Livelihood

#### Promotion of Inclusive Livelihood for Women



JVS Promotes agricultural and non- agricultural activities and enhance their knowledge and confidence to take part into such activities. Ideas come from the field itself considering the local environment and resources. It could be farming, small scale business, production of goods and services, enterprises etc.

Thus, the following livelihood initiatives were promoted for economic empowerment, wherein women are involved in a daily basis;

Livelihood Activities	Number of women involved
Washing Powder Production	188
LED Bulbs Assembling	69
Nutritional Suppliments Production	28
Paper Plates Making	30
Bag Making	42
Marketing of Sanitary Pad	55
Leggings Making & Marketing	28
Floor Cleaner Making	12
Washroom Cleaner Making	12

## 4. Empowerment

### Training & Development of women



Training and capacity building is critical for the development of women and members of self help groups. JVS initiated training and capacity building programs to educate women on their rights as well as to improve their bargaining capacity. The following training programs in 2020 have impacted a large number of women;

Training	Number of women trained
Training on Gender Rights, Justice and Equality	1430
Training on Protection Against Domestic Violence	95
Training on Problem Solving and Decision Making	95
Training on Leadership Development	115
Training on Entrepreneurship Skills	208
Training on Constitutional Rights	80
Training on Women's Health and Safety	1311
Training on Financial Management of SHGs	382
Training on Communication Skills	82
Training on Disability Rights	600
Training on local IGA	1411
Training on Documentation of IGA	112
Training on Management of Women Pressure Groups	165
Awareness on social issues through street play	15578

### Women Empowerment through SHGs

Women's empowerment and Self Help Group (SHG) are the core aspects of developmental strategy. A total of 497 SHGs were formed in Harahua and Pindra development blocks in Varanasi district, Sikkhad development block in Mirzapur district, Kerakat development block in Jaunpur district in Uttar Pradesh.



The SHG groups have been successful in bringing drastic change in their day today lives which has impacted in upgrading their social, economic, education, health and livelihood status in general. The following are the results in this regard:

Total number of SHGs	853
Total number of Women Members in the SHGs	10,942
Total number of CBOs	30
Total number of Federations	6
Total savings of the SHGs	6,83,07,432

**Besides the above achievements women have also been able to exercise their unity and bring changes at community level;**

Shutdown of illegal liquor production units	03
Mahila Vikas Samitis (Block level cooperative in formation)	03
Hand pumps for safe drinking water	18
New houses constructed	19
Toilets constructed through Swachh Bharat Mission	155
Sewage pipelines constructed in 4 panchayats	1500 mts

## 5. Inclusive Education

In partnership with Lilliane Foundation, the Netherlands, CBM, India and Light for the World, Austria, a 5 year programme on Inclusive Education called RAISE North East was carried out. The aim of the project is to support 15 local NGOs to become Resource Centers for Inclusive Education and to link each NGO with 3 to 5 neighborhood SSA schools to improve the quality of Inclusive Education in the SSA schools. Under the project, key teachers are trained as master trainers who further train their own colleagues and the teachers in the SSA schools. In partnership with 2 local NGOs, a similar but small programme on Inclusive Education is also being implemented in Lucknow, Barabanki and Sitapur districts in Uttar Pradesh. The highlights of these two programmes are as:

- 120 SSA teachers trained in Inclusive Education, TLM Development and Child Safeguarding.
- Eight teachers trained in sign language and 13 teachers trained in Assessment and Evaluation Methodology.
- Two master trainers passed ACCIE.
- Basic RAISE Manual on Inclusive Education (25 sessions) was completed and Advanced Manual (13 sessions spread over 100 hours) was finalized and uploaded on Nearpod.com
- RAISE NE Project received the Award Innovative Practice 2020 by Zero Project Networks for 2020.
- Infrastructure modifications in 12 SSA schools were completed.
- 302 children with disabilities were enrolled in the SSA schools.
- 2047 children are benefiting from the infrastructure modification done in 12 SSA schools in the districts of Lucknow, Barabanki and Sitapur.

## RESPONSE TOWARD COVID-19

When there was an economy-wide lock down, it was incumbent on the national government to think of the livelihood and existential issues faced by this massive group of Indians and their dependents. Thus, as a result, government took up the responsibility of providing ration and special economic allowances at national level to deal with the problem holistically in its full capacity, whatever Government can do for the citizen did and still continuing. Given the precariousness and insecurity of people and migrant workers in Varanasi, Jan Vikas Samiti as social organization took up the responsibility and ensured to reach along with relief materials to the migrants and rural population and provide them with cereals, pulses, and cooking oil, among other essential items during this tough time of lockdown. With this motivation Jan Vikas Samiti carried a marathon relief work in the rural and urban set-up of Varanasi city.

Following are the high lights of the relief work carried out in 4 phases from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020;

### ***Phase-I***

In phase one, as a starter; Jan Vikas Samiti organized a meeting with like-minded social and community-based organizations of the city from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to respond the pandemic. Thus, a joint platform was created by the name 'Banaras Nagarik Samaj' (Banaras People's Society) under the leadership of Jan Vikas Samiti and a decision was taken to start the relief work, after seeking necessary permission from the local civil administration. On obtaining the necessary permission, relief work started from 25<sup>th</sup> March. For the initial two days we reached out to people stranded in the railway stations and bus stand and migrant labourers with ready to eat food item. The relief work had initial support, from the local religious and educational institutions. Soon it was realized that relief is needed to the families of daily wage earners thus it was decided reach out to these families with dry ration so that they could cook and eat covering the other members of their family and survive during this tough time. In order to keep the relief work going, it was later decided to launch an online campaign to raise funds for the cause to reach out large number of affected people during this lockdown. The responses were very encouraging and overwhelming. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase relief work ended on 7<sup>th</sup> April impacting **3716 families**.

### ***Phase-II***

JVS works in rural areas among the most vulnerable and marginalized communities, we felt that we were not able to reach out to them sufficiently during this pandemic through the joint effort as requests were coming from all over the district. Besides, the funds were not sufficient to cater to more people. Thus, JVS felt the need and decided to approach the donor organizations for support to reach out to people affected by the pandemic in our work areas, especially families with disabilities and other vulnerable and marginalized communities. With the positive support from donor organizations and friends abroad, thus we started the Phase 2 response to COVID 19 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and JVS reached **3256 families** including 643 families of the persons with disabilities by the end of phase two on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

### ***Phase-III***

Country witnessed huge movement of migrant labours from the cities to villages, their native places in order to protect themselves from COVID-19 and also on loss of their livelihood in the cities. Thus, looking at the huge movement, Jan Vikas Samiti, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 initiated the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of relief work to support migrants with ready to eat food and water with the support of team and local donor. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase team decided to serve with ready to eat food and water. The kit includes ORS powder, Bun, Biscuit, Cucumber, Jaggery, Onion, puffed rice, Fried gram and Water bottle. The cost of one kit is Rs110 INR. The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase

relief work was supported by local donors on daily basis. During this relief work JVS supported **7881 migrant workers** in the Varanasi city by the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

***Phase-IV***

JVS with the help of their partner organizations have successfully distributed 5270 dry ration kits to the children with disabilities and their families across its 57 partners from 13 states has called for solidarity and unity among people to defeat the pandemic.

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