



SAHBHAGI VIKAS

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Director's Message –

Awdhesh Kumar Prasad



It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2023-2024, reflecting our continued commitment to empower communities through sustainable livelihood promotion, safe migration, and holistic child development initiatives.

During the year, our organisation has made steady progress in strengthening the socio-economic resilience of rural families, especially farmers, women and children, through integrated interventions under various thematic areas.

Our Safe Migration and Livelihood Promotion Initiatives have enabled migrating youths and workers to access timely information, skills, and social protection entitlements. Through awareness camps, counselling, and linkage with welfare schemes, we have worked towards ensuring that migration becomes a choice made with dignity, safety, and informed decision-making.

The Pre-School Education and Nutrition Programme has continued to nurture young minds by providing joyful learning opportunities, improved nutritional support, and community participation in early childhood care. The active involvement of parents, Anganwadi workers, and local institutions has strengthened the foundation for lifelong learning and better health among children.

Through the Micro Enterprises Development Programme (MEDP) on Nursery Raising and Organic Farming, women members of Self-Help Groups have not only enhanced their technical knowledge but also ventured into sustainable agri-enterprises. Their success in establishing nursery units and adopting organic farming practices stands as a model of eco-friendly livelihood development in the region.

Likewise, the Livelihood Enterprises Development Programme (LEDP) on Goatry, Poultry, and Vegetable Farming has built a strong base of women entrepreneurs equipped with practical skills, institutional linkages, and access to financial resources. The convergence support from NABARD, the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Departments, and local banks has further strengthened the sustainability of these rural enterprises.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to NABARD, the District Administration, Banks, Line Departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Jiv Daya Foundation, USA, British Asian Trust, USA and our committed field teams for their continuous support and collaboration. My sincere appreciation also goes to the Self-Help Group members and community leaders whose active participation and trust have been the cornerstone of every initiative.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to deepening our community engagement, promoting sustainable livelihoods, ensuring the safety and dignity of migrant workers, and investing in the holistic development of children. Together, we will continue to build pathways towards a more inclusive, resilient, and self-reliant society.

❖ Safe Migration and Livelihood Promotion Initiatives

1. Women's Collective / Self Help Group (SHG) Meetings :

During the reporting year, regular meetings were organized with Women's Collectives and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across 10 villages. A total of 53 meetings were conducted. The meetings



focused on creating awareness among women members on key issues such as safe migration practices and sustainable livelihood options. Participants discussed the challenges faced by families due to unsafe migration and explored ways to promote local livelihood activities. As a result of these discussions, action plans were prepared and implementation was initiated at the village level. Special emphasis was placed on poultry farming and vegetable cultivation as feasible income-generating options for rural women. Continuous efforts are being made to strengthen the economic resilience of SHG members through training, linkages, and practical guidance.

2. Kishori Group Meetings:

To empower adolescent girls and enhance their awareness on social and health issues, 41 meetings of Kishori Groups were organized during the year. The discussions covered important topics including safe migration, prevention of child marriage, and personal health and hygiene. Adolescent girls were encouraged to become peer educators and community messengers to spread awareness among their families and peers. The sessions also motivated them to take an active role in promoting safe migration practices and making informed life choices. This has contributed to developing leadership qualities and social responsibility among the girls.

3. Migrant Forum Monthly Meetings :

A total of 46 monthly meetings of the Village-Level Migrant Forums were organized in the 10 targeted villages.

These meetings brought together Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), Sahiyas, Ward Members, and SHG Leaders, who actively participated and supported the discussions.

The major focus areas included:

- Safe migration measures and awareness generation
- E-registration of migrants to ensure tracking and access to welfare schemes
- Support mechanisms for survivors of unsafe migration or trafficking

The forums have emerged as a strong community platform for information sharing, early intervention, and coordinated support for migrant families.

4. Training Programmes for Migrant Forum Members at Village Level

To strengthen the capacity of village-level migrant forums, 40 training programmes were conducted in 10 villages. Participants included AWWs, Sahiyas, Ward Members, and SHG Leaders. The training sessions focused on:

- Precautions and steps for safe mobility
- Building a supportive environment for survivors of unsafe migration
- The importance of coordinated community efforts

Participants expressed great interest and commitment to addressing migration-related issues collaboratively at the village level.



5. Panchayat-Level Workshops with Migrant Forums

Two Panchayat-level workshops were conducted during the year—one each at Tukupani and Konmenjra Panchayat Secretariats. The sessions provided an opportunity for forum members, AWWs, Sahiyas, and SHG Leaders to jointly discuss the following themes:

- Precautionary steps for safe migration
- Creation of a supportive environment for survivors
- Need for convergence among various government programmes
- Promotion of livelihood opportunities



These workshops facilitated better coordination between village-level forums and Panchayat-level structures.

6. Block-Level Workshop with Migrant Forums

Two Block-Level Workshop was organized at the Training Centre located in Tukupani Panchayat, Thethaitangar Block.

Including Migrant Forum representatives, SHG Leaders, PRIs, and officials from the Labour Department, Simdega.

Discussions focused on strengthening institutional coordination between community groups and government departments to ensure the safety, rights, and welfare of migrants. Emphasis was also laid on developing livelihood linkages and exploring convergence under various government schemes.

7. District-Level Workshop with Migrant Forums

At the district level, two District Workshop was organized during the reporting year at the Training Centre, Tukupani. Including Migrant Forum Members,



SHG Leaders, and PRI representatives—attended the programme.

The key themes discussed included:

- Safe mobility and migration precautions
- Rehabilitation and support for survivors
- Convergence of government programmes for migrant welfare
- Promotion of local livelihood options

Participants collectively agreed to work in coordination at village, Panchayat, Block, and District levels to strengthen the ecosystem of safe migration and livelihood promotion.

The year-long interventions have strengthened community awareness, built capacity of grassroots institutions, and promoted collective action for safe migration and sustainable livelihood. The active participation of women, adolescent girls, and community leaders has fostered greater social accountability and resilience in the targeted villages. The programme continues to encourage coordination between community-based groups and government systems for long-term impact.

❖ ***Pre School education and nutrition programme :***

During the reporting year, the organization continued to operate three Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Centres in the villages of Asanbera and Ranikudar under Tukupani Panchayat, and Gamharjhariya under Konmenjra Panchayat of Thethaitangar Block. These centres collectively cater to 89 children in the age group of 6 months to 5 years and 6 months.

The distribution of enrolled children is as follows:

- Gamharjhariya: 31 children
- Asanbera: 29 children
- Ranikudar: 28 children

The objective of these centres is to promote early childhood development, ensure nutritional well-being, and create a foundation for quality primary education. Each enrolled child is provided with 300 ml of Amul milk and a small packet of biscuits on a regular basis. This initiative aims to address malnutrition, enhance children's interest in attending the centres, and build community awareness on the importance of nutrition and early learning.

The programme also seeks to strengthen the linkage between health, nutrition, and education, ensuring holistic growth of children in the critical early years. Through consistent nutritional support and a child-friendly environment, the centres have successfully contributed to:

- Reduction in nutritional deficiencies among children.
- Improved attendance and participation in pre-school activities.
- Increased awareness among parents and community members about the importance of early childhood care and education.

As a positive outcome, there has been a noticeable improvement in the health status of the enrolled children, and no cases of poor health or school dropouts were reported among the beneficiaries transitioning to primary schools.

Overall, the initiative continues to make a significant contribution toward achieving the vision of "Healthy Childhood and Quality Education for All."

❖ ***Micro Enterprises Development Programme on Nursery Raising and Organic Farming***

(For 30 Members of SHGs under Tukupani Panchayat, Thethaitangar Block, Simdega District)

The Micro Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) on Nursery Raising and Organic Farming was implemented with the objective of enhancing the technical skills of SHG members, promoting eco-friendly agricultural practices, and encouraging micro-enterprise development for sustainable livelihoods.

The training programme was organized for 30 members belonging to 10 SHGs from Tukupani Panchayat of Thethaitangar Block, Simdega. The 15-day training session was conducted from 6th to 20th May 2023, using a combination of classroom sessions and field-based practical learning. The training methodology included lectures, visual aids, and hands-on demonstrations, enabling participants to learn by doing. Participants received practical exposure to organic farming techniques, nursery raising, and grafting methods.

An exposure visit was conducted on 19th May 2023 at the farm of progressive farmer Mr. Prem, located in Ranikudar village, where the trainees observed modern nursery and organic farming practices. The programme received valuable institutional support and guidance from the Lead District Manager (Bank of India), District Development Manager (NABARD), the District Agriculture Department, and the District Animal Husbandry Department, Simdega.

A refresher training programme was also organized on 6th December 2023 at the Sahbhagi Vikas Training Centre, Tukupani, Simdega. All 30 beneficiaries actively participated in this session, which included sharing experiences, reviewing progress, and receiving technical reinforcement.

The focus of the refresher training was on organic farming methods, nursery management, and marketing linkages. The session was facilitated by Mr. Sheonandan Rajak (Retd. BAO) and Mr. Nilesh Kumar (DDM NABARD, Simdega), who provided valuable insights and feedback.



Under the credit linkage component, the Bank of India sanctioned a total of ₹5.90 lakh under Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to 20 beneficiaries, enabling them to invest in their farming activities. Following the completion of the training, three collective nursery units were established — two in Jambahar and one in Ranikudar village, focusing on crops such as brinjal, tomato, chilli, cabbage, and onion. Out of the 30 beneficiaries, 19 members formed three groups and are jointly managing nursery units, while 11 members have established their own individual nursery units. Additionally,



16 beneficiaries received drip irrigation systems from the Agriculture Department, Simdega, as part of the convergence initiative.

The programme has resulted in significant positive outcomes. All 30 trained women have initiated organic nursery units and adopted eco-friendly farming practices. The training has enhanced awareness of sustainable agriculture, encouraged the use of organic fertilizers such as Bijamrit, Jeevamrit, and Neemastra, and promoted collective action for better productivity. The visible improvement in livelihood and increased community participation are notable achievements. Other villagers have also started replicating the model, creating a positive multiplier effect across the community.



The experience reaffirmed that village-level training ensures better participation and retention, while exposure visits enhance practical understanding and motivation among participants. The continued mentoring and support from the PIA, along with effective market linkages and convergence with financial and technical institutions such as NABARD and the Agriculture Department, have significantly strengthened the foundation for sustainable rural enterprise growth in the region.



❖ *Livelihood Enterprises Development Programme on Goatry, Poultry and Vegetable Farming:*

Background:

The Livelihood Enterprises Development Programme (LEDP) on Goatry, Poultry, and Vegetable Farming was initiated with the objective of promoting diversified and sustainable livelihood options among Self Help Group (SHG) women through capacity building and enterprise development.

During the base phase (2021–2023), a total of 34 SHGs comprising 150 women beneficiaries from Thethaitangar and Jaldega blocks were



identified in consultation with DDM NABARD, Simdega. The training programmes were organized in five batches covering both clusters, combining classroom and field-based sessions on goat rearing, poultry management, and vegetable cultivation.

Following the completion of the training phase, most of the participants successfully established livelihood units:

- 139 poultry units, 125 goatry units, and 147 vegetable cultivation units were started. The initiative received strong convergence from government departments and financial institutions, including distribution of seeds, irrigation systems, and sanction of ₹32.20 lakh to 94 beneficiaries under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme by the Bank of India.

• **Refresher Training Programme (2023–2024)**

During the reporting year 2023–2024, in five batches refresher training programmes were organized for both clusters to strengthen technical knowledge, review progress, and address field-level challenges faced by beneficiaries.

Cluster	Dates	Key Focus Areas	Participants
Thethaitangar	3–4 April 2023 & 4–5 July 2023	Improved management practices in Goatry, Poultry, and Vegetable Cultivation; record keeping; disease prevention; input planning	64
Jaldega	7–8 October 2022, 10–11 November 2022, 29–30 Jan. 2023	Integration of farm enterprises, cost management, fodder development, and convergence with schemes	86

(Note: The refresher trainings extending into early FY 2023–24 are reported here as part of the ongoing programme cycle.)

Each training was designed in coordination with DDM NABARD, LDM, Branch Managers, and relevant line departments. Training modules combined classroom sessions, participatory discussions, and sharing of field experiences from progressive farmers.

Convergence and Institutional Support

The refresher phase further strengthened convergence with various government departments:

- Agriculture Department: Distribution of vegetable seeds (Lady's Finger, Brinjal, Tomato, Sponge Gourd, Ridge Gourd) to 125 beneficiaries across both clusters.
- Animal Husbandry Department: Sanctioned 3 Goat Units and 5 Duckery Units under Mukhya Mantri Pashudhan Yojana in Thethaitangar cluster.
- MGNREGA: 7 beneficiaries constructed wells for irrigation.
- KUSUM Yojana: 3 beneficiaries received solar-powered irrigation systems in Jaldega.
- Birsa Harit Yojana: 8 beneficiaries linked for horticultural support.
- Drip Irrigation Systems: Distributed to 28 beneficiaries in Thethaitangar cluster.



Outcomes and Impact (2023–2024)

- Beneficiaries enhanced their technical knowledge and adopted improved methods of goat rearing, poultry farming, and vegetable cultivation.
- Strengthened convergence and linkage with government schemes for irrigation, input supply, and livestock management.
- Enhanced income and livelihood security through diversified on-farm activities.

- Women SHG members demonstrated improved record-keeping, planning, and marketing skills.
- The programme motivated other SHG members and households in the community to replicate similar livelihood practices.

The refresher trainings conducted during FY 2023–2024 have significantly contributed to sustaining and scaling up the livelihood enterprises initiated in previous phases. The continuous handholding support by PIA, in coordination with DDM NABARD, LDM, and line departments, has strengthened the participants' confidence and technical capability. Going forward, emphasis will be placed on market linkage, collective marketing, and financial inclusion to ensure long-term sustainability and income enhancement for the SHG women entrepreneurs.



LEDP Beneficiaries honored by Governor of Jharkhand Dated 12th July, 2023