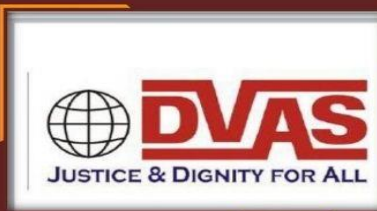


Annual Report FY 2022-23



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It gives me great pleasure to place this Annual Report in your hands as the President of Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) which has completed 31 years of its development journey. With the hope that you will find the report informative and something that will inspire you in your endeavors.

The vision and mission of our Executive Director and CEO, Mr. Dharmendra Kumar continues to drive progress and growth. It is important to note that CBOs like People's Organization, Children's Forum and unorganized labor unions will continue to be important vehicles for our people centric efforts to become self-reliant and sustainable enterprises.

Over the years, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti has evolved into a leading equity based social development organization. It has been seriously engaged in mainstreaming marginalized communities and excluded families by promoting sustainable development, especially addressing global threats such as child nutrition and education, gender inequality, and social evils entrenched in orthodoxy. Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) in collaboration with its partner organizations is striving to build local capacities for equality and justice

This year, on issues like malnutrition free villages, building child marriage free villages, sustainable livelihoods, early childhood education for underprivileged children, inclusive quality education, gender equality, disaster management, health and safety, solid waste management and climate change. Being focused. Several other imminent climate change adaptation interventions have also been initiated.

In this financial year, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti has directly reached out to more than 42,500 rural and urban poor through its programmes, which is a major achievement for the organization.

Through its tireless efforts during these 31 years of its development journey, DVAS is trying to maintain the constitutional values of India i.e. equality, fraternity, justice and brotherhood in 5 districts of Bihar state.

I strongly believe that Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti will continue to serve the excluded society through its various initiatives and contribute significantly to building a just and inclusive society with dignity.

It is a great pleasure and honor to carry forward the legacy of this renowned organization and work with a dedicated and hard-working team of staff, volunteers and board members. I want to thank you all for your support in 2022 - 23.

Let us work together towards our common goal of creating a better life for all and building self-respect in them.

Nawal Kishore Paswan

Chairperson



Message from the Executive Director

I am happy to share that Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) has completed 30+ years of service to the marginalized and homeless communities in Bihar.

I am also pleased to present the Annual Report 2022-2023. Mainstreaming marginalized communities and excluded families by promoting sustainable development, especially addressing global threats such as child nutrition and education, gender inequality and social ills rooted in conservatism. Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) in collaboration with its partner organizations is striving to build local capacities for equality and justice.

Due to our intervention, there has been a social change in the community organization. Marginalized communities have started participating in social activities with mutual consent. Economic transformation has led to reduced market share of money lenders and gradual shift towards formal credit institutions. Cadres in Gram Panchayat in politics have started claiming representation for their development.

In this situation, as per the action plan, with the mutual consent of the community organization members, personal talks with the migrant laborers were intervened in the work, which was quite successful. In this strategy, the cadres of the local organization, Panchayat representatives, youth have played the main role and in the same appropriate work was done and cooperation was provided. This year, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti has directly reached out to more than 42,500 rural and urban poor through its programmes, which is a major achievement for the organization.

I take this opportunity to thank the donors and partner agencies and individuals for their continued support and guidance in our endeavor. In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt respect and thank the Board members and DVAS team members for their invaluable support and rigorous efforts for the achievement of the output.

Our partnership with our donor agencies – Jive Daya Foundation, USA, Give Foundation, USA and Vitamin Angel, USA and our strong relationships with the local community, PRIs, CBOs and NGOs helped us move in the right direction. Again, we look forward to your support and cooperation in our fight against human suffering and inequality.

I express my gratitude to our donors, board members, partners and associates for their support and tireless efforts in reaching out to underserved communities – from whose trust and respect the greatest can be expected. I thank all the members of the community who gave us the opportunity to work with them.

Dharmendra kumar

Founder-Executive Director



Vision

Inclusive society where disadvantaged and vulnerable groups are empowered to build capacity of socially discriminated groups to realize their rights and fulfill their responsibilities to live in harmony with dignity and freedom to represent them.

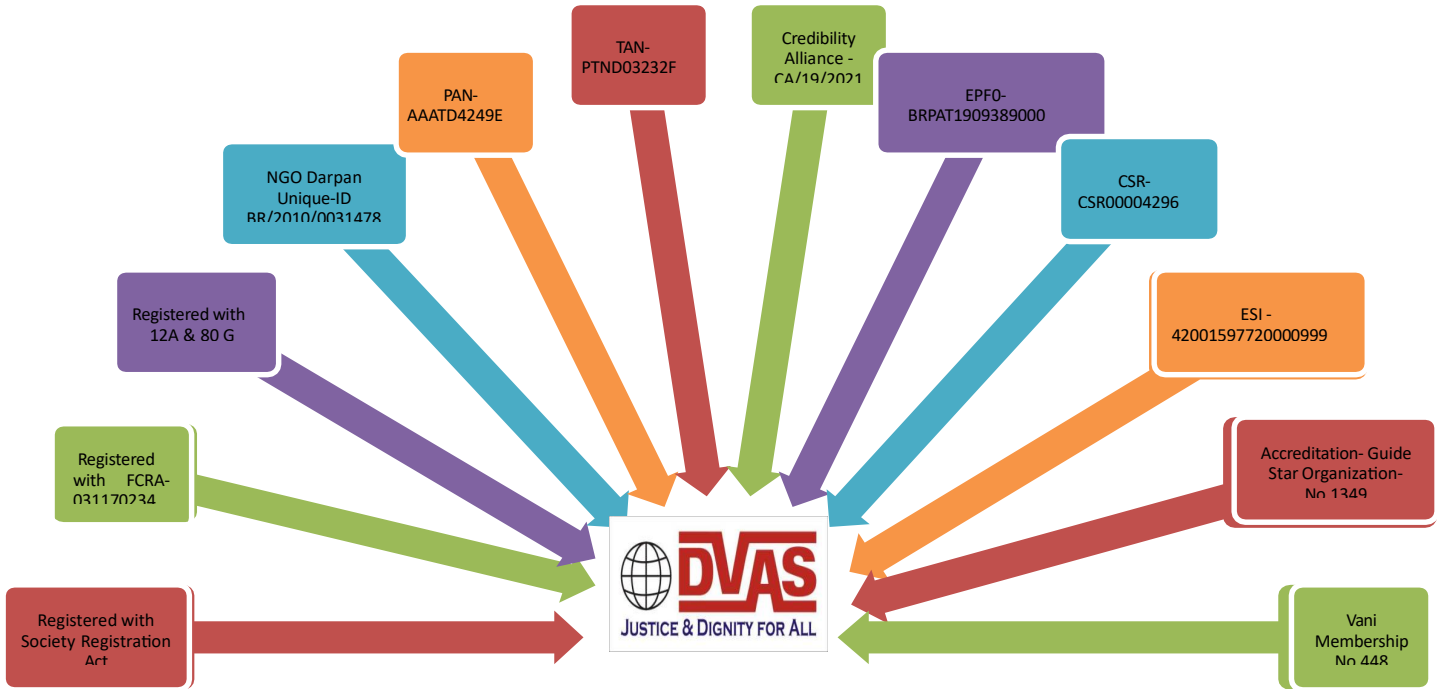
Mission

To empower the socially excluded children and marginalized community with socio-economic potential, inclusive education with focus on children and women, for independent and self-reliance through promotion of a conducive environment of livelihood and life with dignity

Objective

- To establish , Manage and maintain educational activities such as education center , publishing house ,library ,schools, colleges, hostels , Gurukuls and encourage activities of education
- To help through scholarship, grant, loan, prize, stipend etc.
- To make research in the field of education and help individuals or institution carrying on such work
- To conduct medical relief work, to establish, maintain and manage hospital, clinic or treatment center or to help such center
- To provide water to villagers for agriculture and drinking, to prepare pond, check dam, reservoir, well, tube well through water conservation unit.
- To provide village forestry, agriculture forestry, plantation, tree conservation activity and energy forestry.

Legal Compliance of Our Organization



Our Believe

- Honesty
- Dedication
- Transparency
- Innovation

Goal

To build the capacities of discriminated groups to raise their voices and represent themselves in Activities to combat factors leading to exclusion, socio-economic discrimination and inequalities.

Philosophy

As a value oriented Social voluntary organization, standing by the side of the poor people and suffering humanity is the core philosophy and driving force of this organization.

Aims

Success

Controlling one's selfishness and dedicating life in human service is the success of life.

Happiness

It is real happiness to make others' lives fear-free and happy.

Unity

Self-centered development is essential for real unity

Believe

Proper belief creates that perception from the cells of the brain, so that the one can make the impossible possible.

Humanity

Humanity can be served only by realizing the pain of others.

Awareness

Awareness is essential for good health and success in life.

Morality

Morality is such a straight without which one cannot get complacency in life.

Governing Council



Mr. Dharmendra Kumar
(Executive Director)



Mr. Nawal Kishore Paswan
(Chair Person)



Mrs. Madhuri Kumari
(Treasurer)



Mrs. Babita Kumari
(Member)



Mr. Bindeshwar Mandal
(Member)



Mrs. Kanchan Devi
(Member)



Mrs. Sobha Devi
(Member)

Roles & Responsibility of Key Positions

Designation	Key Roles
President/ Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Long-range, strategic planning. ✓ Develop, enforce and re-evaluate Organization policies and procedures. ✓ Analyze budgets and financial reports regularly.
Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Role of disseminating information to all members and stakeholders ✓ Giving proper notice of any meetings ✓ Timely distribution of materials such as agendas and meeting minutes
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Funding, fundraising and sales ✓ Financial planning and budgeting ✓ Financial reporting ✓ Banking, book-keeping and record-keeping ✓ Control of fixed assets and stock.
Head of Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Centre Setup ✓ Mobilization ✓ Workshop
Manager MIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Responsible for planning ✓ Coordinating ✓ Directing all computer-related activities
Head of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accounts ✓ Placement ✓ Print-Media

Adopted Policies & Procedure



Adopted



HR Policy



Corruption & Anti
bribery policy



Procurement Policy



Sexual Harassment
Policy



Whistle blower policy



Financial Management
Policy





Awards and Accolades



Certificate of Appreciation

Vitamin Angels India and UNICEF India would like to thank

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti

for being an integral partner in their Poshan Maah campaign in September 2022.

*The partnership helped build nutritional equity among mothers and children across India
for a brighter, healthier future.*

Siddhartha Shrestha
CHIEF, SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE
UNICEF INDIA

Sumish Jaubari
PRESIDENT, VITAMIN ANGELS INDIA



Activity Report

Achievements and Performance our work in Bihar (India)

Inclusive Development:

A sizeable population of Bihar comprising of Scheduled caste, backward castes and women and Girls have lagged behind and are in poverty trap for the historic discrimination and exclusion from developmental process in the caste -based feudal society in the state. Though in recent years, there are some signs of change, with more effective state policy and faster growth, but the challenges are enormous. DVAS which has been consistently engaged in its endeavor for dignity and development of these marginalized communities since its inception undertook several steps to consolidate its efforts for building a inclusive and just society through several interventions which are as follows:

(A) Capacity & Perspective Building of Community Cadre on Management and Development:

Participation in the developmental process is one of the basic requisites to demand and access fair share for any individual, community and society. With this objective in mind trainings were organized to build the capacities of the community cadre on management of village level organization and thematic inputs on various issues related with developmental aspects of the marginalized and poor. The concept of formation and nurturing of Ambedkar Gram Samiti was detailed out to the participants as a initiative to mobilize dalit community to collectively address the issues of exclusion and development through creating a buzz around these issues. Quarterly meeting of these cadres were organized to develop their leadership potentials and creating a developmental vision among larger marginalized communities

(B) Strengthening and nurturing Ambedkar Gram Samiti's: The organization has been consistently supporting and nurturing the Ambedkar Gram Samiti (village level body of the marginalized population) to sensitize the larger community on the developmental issues , addressing caste based violence , developmental and health issues of women and girls and ensuring larger participation of the community in the governance process including their participation in Gram Sabha.

(C) Training on Scheduled Caste Prevention of Atrocity Act: Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti firmly believes that Scheduled Caste Prevention of Atrocity Act, 1989 as a strong deterrent to protect the SC communities from various forms of violence and atrocities thereby ensuring their protection and dignity. In an attempt to adept the volunteers and activists on the provisions of POA a two day training camp was organized for building the capacities and sensitization. Guidelines related to the sections of Scheduled Caste Atrocities Prevention Act, primary registration, process of collecting information in compensation amount case, technique of fact finding and forwarding it to the concerned authorities have been provided. The participants also shared the experience that FIRs are not easily lodged at the respective police stations. And no medical examination is done, they are ignored and the Dalit community has to struggle a lot to their cases registered. In some cases, the police have been adversarial and have filed false reports against the victims.



(D) Resource inputs on drafting of FIR was provided to ensure effective implementation of the Act and the provisions of the Act were spelt out in details to provide comprehensive understanding of the Act among the volunteers. Special discussion was facilitated around amendments in Atrocity Act 2014 and 2015. Special attention was provided on deliberation of inputs on provisions of facilities and support for poor dalit victims as travel allowances, free checkup etc. A total of 1250 youth have received training and are advocating for themselves and their respective villages.

Celebration of Dr.Ambedkar Birth Anniversary



DVAS is continues working with the deprived Dalit communities in about 50 Gram Panchayats and 250 villages of Patna, Vaishali, Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Madhubani, Banka, Arwal and Gaya districts of Bihar state, also work with the underprivileged in the slums of Bodh Gaya, Samastipur and Patna urban areas. In the year 2022 -23, we have directly impacted the lives of approximately 42,500 individuals

through various interventions supported by our esteemed donors and partners. We work in parts of Bihar that perform poorly on the human development indicator scale. These districts have been identified for unjust practices like non- inclusive growth, educational inequality, gender inequality, malnutrition, child labour, and child marriage, human Trafficking, mass migration, sustainable livelihoods, urban poverty etc.

DAVS Celebrated Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary among tribal communities that underscores his contributions not only to the Dalit community but also to marginalized and oppressed communities across India.

- Awareness Programs: we have organized various awareness programs about the life and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, particularly focusing on his advocacy for the rights of marginalized communities, including Dalits and tribal people.
- Educational Workshops: We have conducted workshops and seminars on topics such as education, empowerment, and social justice, highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's emphasis on education as a tool for liberation.
- Cultural Events: DAVS Organized Host cultural events to showcasing the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities, including traditional music, dance, art, and cuisine.
- Distribution of Educational Material: We have distributed educational material, books, and literature related to Dr. Ambedkar's life and teachings among tribal communities, with a focus on empowering individuals through knowledge and education.

Theme: Addressing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG):

Addressing Violence against Women and Girls has been one of the key cross cutting strategies across all interventions and activities of the organization. Various initiatives and programs were undertaken to promote women empowerment in the intervention.

Workshop on women equality and child abuse prevention:

On the occasion of Girl's Day, a workshop on women's equality and prevention of child abuse was organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti and Alliance Dalit Forum (Bihar) in Morwa, Samastipur, in which about 120 people were enthusiastically present. Issues like prevailing inequalities and discrimination, caste-based violence against women and girls were discussed in the workshop. The participants also expressed concern over the increasing incidents of discrimination and violence against girls and women and ways to deal with such atrocities. The workshop also discussed in detail the Domestic Violence Act, POCSO Act and other provisions and how it can protect the rights of women and girls. A fact sheet on various actions taken by the Gram Ambedkar Committee to address such cases of atrocities was shared as a precursor to starting a discussion on the topic. Other issues such as providing higher education to adolescent girls, high number of school dropouts among Scheduled Caste girls and prevalence of child marriage in the community. It was generally agreed that unless women's participation in the public sphere of life and livelihood increases, the aspiration for parity, equality and social justice remains a distant dream.

Gender Equality Training:

(A) Gender equality training is one of the key interventions of DVAS in it strive to tip the equity in the favor of Dalit women and girls as they are doubly marginalized, firstly due to factors influencing caste-based exclusion and oppression and secondly due to their subordination in the male-dominated Dalit society. The thematic resource input provided definitions and concepts of gender which were further to get their cases registered. In some cases, the police have been adversarial and have filed false reports against the victims. deepened with examples. The issue of gender and development was then further discussed with the cadre. W.r.t. how patriarchy affects gender. Various forms of gender stereotyping were discussed with examples from social, religious and livelihood aspects in the society. In the training, detailed information was given about laws like Domestic Violence against Women, POCSO Act, Prevention of Scheduled Caste Atrocities and General Civil Code. And an action plan was formulated on measures to stop inhuman abuse of girls. Three-day gender equality awareness training was organized by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in which 120 people were trained.



Domestic Violence Act Awareness Program:

The basic human rights and the fundamental rights, assured by the Indian Constitution for women is distant mirage. The state of dalit women is even worse being subjugated to violence of various kinds: physical and psychological torture arising out of sexual assaults and atrocities, caste discrimination, untouchability, economic deprivation and exploitation, since ages all over the country and Bihar is no exception to it. They have been denied of their right to survival, protection and participation. The inadequacies of a gender sensitive response from institutions and systems of governance combined with resistance from a patriarchal social mindset have worsened their vulnerabilities and deprivations and at times results in domestic violence against them. Awareness program on domestic Violence act was organized to sensitize the dalit women and larger community on protection rights of women in cases of domestic violence with participation from 225 Ambedkar Gram Samiti was observed in the campaign. 19 cases of domestic violence were amicably resolved during the campaign.

Gender Equality and Livelihood Development:

The organization has been constantly advocating engendering the process of development with respect to promote social and economic development of girls and women from the marginalized society. Workshop on Gender and development was organized to deepen the understanding of the women and girls on how gender issues act as a deterrent in shaping up the personality and economic skills of girls and women. The workshop also discussed on various initiatives of the state government as Bihar State Livelihood Mission, Stipends and awards for girls for motivating them to continue their higher education, student credit cards and 50% reservation of women to tip the equity in their favor. The participants were also sensitized on the participation in gram Sabha and to demand and negotiate with elected PRI members to taking up women centric schemes for development of women. Inputs were provided on the legal and constitutional safeguards as functioning of women commission and Women Development Corporation to seek support for their protection and development.





Health and Nutrition:

The earliest years of a child's life are the most critical. These years determine child's survival and thriving in life, and lay the foundations for her/his learning and holistic development. It is during the early years that children develop the cognitive, physical, social and emotional skills that they need to succeed in life. These early experiences are largely determined by supportive family and community care practices, proper nutrition and health care, learning opportunities, which in turn are dependent on enabling policies and investments for young children.

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health:

Bihar has a large population comprising of Adolescents (12.8% approximately) who have health concern especially reproductive health issues as they reach puberty and in the next stage of their life i.e adult hood. At times several misconceptions and ignorance about change in their bodies become a subject of curiosity and even adversely impact their health. To address the concern of the adolescent DVAS organized training on Adolescent Reproductive and sexual health among adolescent to orient them on the aspects of adolescences so that they meet the physical growth with confidence. Inputs were provided on issues as menstrual cycle, Contraceptives and availability of Reproductive health services. The training also covered issues as spacing between two consecutive children and the average age for safe pregnancy. Information dissemination was carried out on the issues of pre-natal health care and anti-natal health care so that the adolescent takes the needful precautions and reflect a safer and matured sexual behavior. Meetings and Orientations were taken up by the organization around Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) to promote an enabling environment for the adolescent groups to meet changes in the body with confidence while reaching maturity through puberty. The orientation and meetings were also instrumental in promoting awareness and understanding among the adolescent on issues as Child marriages and its impact, birth spacing and role of contraceptives, family planning as well as other health aspects related with adolescents.

Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual and Mental Health Security:

Due to poor upbringing, mental health of adolescent girls from marginalized communities remains a major challenge, which is one of the important health security issues as they enter adolescence and the next phase of their life. stage i.e. reach adulthood. Many times, many misconceptions and ignorance about the changes in their body become a matter of curiosity and even adversely affect their mental health. To address the concerns of adolescent girls, Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) trained 100 Ambedkar Kishori Club members on mental health, reproductive and sexual health safety among girls and oriented them on the aspects of adolescence so that they can face physical and mental health issues with confidence. Can complete development. Inputs were provided on issues such as mental stress, onset of periods at approximately 12-14 years of age, menstrual cycle, contraception, nutrition and availability of reproductive health care services. One should not suffer from stress and should not drop out of education and consequently should not fall into the trap of child marriage. Also, take necessary precautions regarding sexual activities in your family with issues like spacing between two consecutive children and average age for safe pregnancy. Reflecting more safe and mature sexual behavior is also included.

Organization of health medical camp:

A health camp was organized in Poshan cum Ambedkar Prerna Shiksha Kendra (10 center's), Morwa and Tajpur block, Samastipur, run by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in which 565 children aged between 6 months to 14 years were given Vitamin Engel and related vitamin supplements provided by JDF. Went.

A total of 1225 women of these children were made aware about health safety and mental health, subsequently 232 pregnant mothers and women suffering from anemia were given vitamin supplements.



Nutrition and Pre-school Education:

Nutrition and Pre -School education program was facilitated in Morwa and Tajpur block of Samastipur supported by JDF and Patepur in Vaishali covering 650 children in 10 villages of the block. The project is providing support to 650 children in the age group of 6 months to 5 yrs. of age group and they are being regularly provided with milk and biscuit as nutritional supplement of regular basis to ensure their age appropriate physical and mental growth and to address the issue of malnutrition and growth stunting among the children of marginalized scheduled caste communities.

In addition to address the nutritional deficiency among the children the needy women are also provided with vitamin supplement and community education and vision development on relation of nutrition and health with physical and mental growth. Dry ration as also distributed among 600 families during the years to address the issue of malnutrition arising out of food insecurity situation.

Further the project has larger objectives as to end/ mitigate social gaps and discrimination based on the poverty situation and the prevalence of gender inequity in the society and families. Early childhood education promotion has been also promoted through the initiative. The children are provided ECE for 2 hours a day at the centers. 38 children were enrolled in AWCs and 78 children were enrolled in primary schools as an outcome of the project intervention. All 650 children reflected age average appropriate physical growth in terms of weight and height and displayed mental wellness and proactive physical activities.



Youth and Development

The key developmental approach of DVAS has been to build the capacities of potential youth leaders and develop their leadership traits enabling them to engage with the democratic process and foster participation and engagement towards their personal development as well as of the larger community and society.

Village level Youth Meetings:

Village level Youth meetings was organized at regular interval in 25 villages covering 350 youths of Tajpur and Morwa block of Samastipur to build the capacities of the youth in the governance process and also to develop their perspective around their self-development. Various social issues as prevalence of child marriages, career counseling and skill requirement for carving out a better future pathway of life was deliberated and discussed among the groups. The youths also sensitized their peers and the village community on these issues and also organized campaign for enrollment drive of children and discussions against the social tradition of child marriages in the community.

Celebrating Youth Day:

International Youth Day was celebrated during the year on the theme of “Transforming education” emphasizes on the efforts to make education more accessible and inclusive to the youth. The key objective of the celebration was to engage youths and make them more actively involved in their communities through positive contributions.

The deliberation covered issues as importance of STEM education in shaping the skill readiness and employability skills. The youths were informed that in an era where technology reigns supreme, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills have taken centre stage. Occupations demanding STEM expertise are poised for substantial growth, positioning individuals with these proficiencies for success in a technology-dominated world. While educational institutions play an integral role, skill development must transcend traditional confines. Extracurricular activities, internships, apprenticeships, and online learning platforms offer valuable opportunities for individuals to apply and refine their skills within real-world contexts are important from the view of youth personality and skill-based development.

Sports Promotion for young Girls:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti has initiated an experimentation around facilitating Youth development through Sports. To ensure regular engagement of adolescent girls in the process in 10 intervention site football has been promoted among girls from dalit community towards fostering their physical growth, encounter with the outside world, peer education and building their leadership potential and personality development. In this way the organization has been successful in ensuring the proactive engagement of the young girls around personality development and perspective development around socio- economic issues from the point of engendering the developmental process.



Promoting Organic Vegetable farming

As Vegetable is very important part of meal with its nutritional values; People generally cultivate vegetable with higher dose of chemical fertilizers for earlier production but this destroys the nutrients present in it and become poisonous to health. We DAVS team motivate and train the women farmers how to vegetable without any usage of chemical fertilizers. These farmers prepared fertilizers and insecticides naturally by using locally available materials. These Vegetable last for longer times due to absence of chemical fertilizers and are useful for health and environment. This way of natural farming reduces the cost of cultivation and hence the profit margin.



Livelihood Promotion for marginalized communities

The project leads to improved livelihood options to ensure food security of 2600 marginalized families while achieving household food security of 2600 families.

DAVS conducted skill development programs aimed to equipped marginalized individuals with vocational skills relevant to local industries. Programs included training in areas such as agriculture, tailoring, carpentry, computer literacy, and handicraft production.

DAVS supported the establishment and growth of small enterprises by providing technical assistance, business coaching, and access to markets.

DAVS helped local communities of Patna by diversify their livelihood options to reduce dependency on a single source of income. That was involved promoted alternative livelihood activities such as beekeeping, mushroom cultivation, ecotourism, or renewable energy projects.

DAVS offered agricultural extension services to improve farming techniques, increase crop yields, and enhance food security among marginalized farmers. And also promoted sustainable agriculture practices, organic farming, and the use of drought-resistant crop varieties.

DAVS worked to improve the efficiency and inclusivity of value chains by providing support along the entire production and marketing process.

Overall, DAVS play a vital role in empowering marginalized communities to improve their livelihoods, achieve economic self-reliance, and build resilient and sustainable futures.

Awareness Program on right of LGBT Groups

Conducting an awareness program on the rights of LGBT groups is essential for promoting equality, understanding, and acceptance in society.



Since there is a lack of LGBT rights awareness in Patna .The awareness campaign aimed to address LGBT rights and sensitize the communities in about LGBT people and their rights. Program was developed advocacy initiatives and strengthens the LGBT movement in patna through coordination and sensitization to support the LGBT communities in Patna. Focus Area of the

Program: Improving access of LGBT to human rights and enhancing their awareness in Patna.

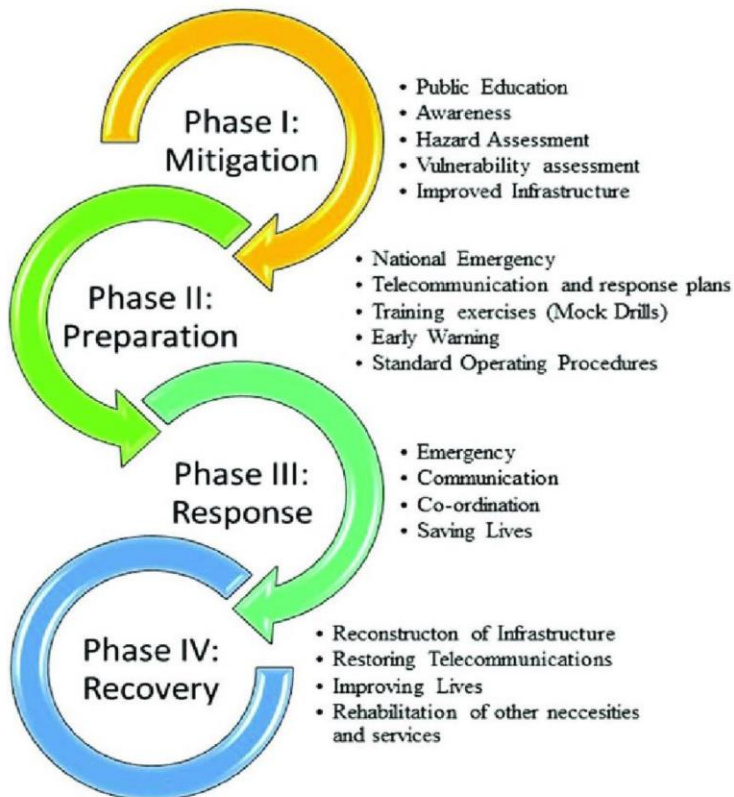
DAVS trying to create a society that respects and provides equal rights to all its members. Our dream is to see each and every member of the society to have access to quality education, a healthy life and a society free of exploitation and violence. The mission of DAVS is to empower people by equipping them with knowledge, so that they can improve their socio-economic status and participate meaningfully in the development of society.

DAVS is currently engaged in projects that focus on rights of women and the rights of the LGBT community in Patna. We also provided awareness sessions on women rights, LGBT rights and also provided counselling support to women and LGBT people who have been assaulted or abandoned by their families.



Disaster Relief Activities

Geographically Bihar is a disaster prone state. If we will analyze the History of occurrence of



disaster in Bihar then it can be better analyzed that every year disaster beats Bihar in many ways. Apart from severe kind of natural disaster, every year Bihar is subjected to other natural disaster such as floods, Droughts, Earthquake and River erosion. These calamities not only create huge losses of lives and damages of properties, but also severely affected the social, cultural and economic development of the human beings. Continuous occurrence of these disasters destroys the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, and village artisans by making them vulnerable.

At DAVS, this is our first year to put our effort towards Disaster Relief activities. We have just initiated disaster relief activities in this year to reach out the affected area of patna District. Our team visited disaster affected areas and met the survivors of disaster. Data was collected from survivors and analyzed by our team. There will be further planning on this and a phase-wise relief drive will be executed in the coming years.



Urban Poverty:

DVAS has been constantly engaged with urban poor in the cities of Patna and Bodhgaya since last 08 years. The organization has successfully built and facilitated platform of urban poor at clusters and city level to amplify the voices of the urban poor and ensuring their rights, entitlement and betterment in collaboration with government schemes and programmes as well as self-development initiatives.

Ensuring effective implantation of Social Security Act 2008 among Urban Poor:

Social Security Act 2008 is a historic landmark for billions of workforces in unorganized sector a a shield against vulnerabilities but on grounds implementation of the act has been far from being term end as satisfactory. The number of poverties struct workforce under coverage has been minimal in the state of Bihar. DVAS in alliance with others organization working for unorganized sector have carried out several advocacy initiatives in the leadership of unorganized sector laborers for effective and immediate implementation of the provisions of the schemes in Patna, Vaishali, Samastipur, Banka and Gaya district of Bihar. The organization firmly believes that apart from the social security Act following measures need to be implemented immediately for the benefits of unorganized sector laborers:

- Development of state framework for effective implementation of social security Act2008.
- Issues of UINQUE Number and registration of the laborer’s working in unorganized sector in the country.
- Formation of 31-member advisory board in the state in accordance to the provisions of the Act.



Pre-Election Voter Awareness Campaign:

DVAS was actively engaged in organizing Pre-Election Voter Awareness Campaign in Patna and Bodh- Gaya among urban poor. Slum level meetings were carried out to sensitize the urban poor to participation in the election process in majority and also to choose a representative of their choice who could effectively work for the upliftment of the urban poor. The urban poor population was sensitized on various developmental issues related with social security, dignity access to basic service and infrastructure and livelihood and effective implementation of Bihar state Slum policy so restoring the identity and housing crisis of urban poor so that these issues surface as key election issues in the state. The organization also supported other organization in raising issues of urban governance so that they could be inducted in manifesto of the candidates contesting urban elections.



Ambedkar Career Education Center:

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti provides education to the school children who have been left out of education and various examination competitions (Navodaya) for the purpose of prevention of child marriage, eradication of child labour, prevention of child abuse, etc. by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti. Ambedkar Career Education Center is being established in Netarhat, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sainik School, Kasturba and other schools. Through this centre, work is being done to connect 100 children with the mainstream of education.

Along with this, work is being done to develop the capacity of children towards education for their mental health and development by running Jagjaggi Education Center for pre-primary education and primary education.





Our Milestones (Story)

Case Story -1

Priyanka developed as a role model by connecting destitute children with education through Ambedkar Prerna Education Centre.

Ms. Priyanka Kumari Father Mr. Chandan Ram, Mother Mrs. Beby Devi, Village Benua, Block Morwa, District Samastipur, Bihar. Age 15-year Priyanka Kumari's father was very poor and helpless, due to which she remained unwell due to his inability to provide proper nutrition and was deprived of school education from primary education onwards and was involved in other activities with growing up day by day, her family started worrying about her marriage and were searching for a groom. The activities of community-based organization "Ambedkar Gram Samiti" were run by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti and Nutrition cum Ambedkar Prerna Education Center was run for the children excluded from education.



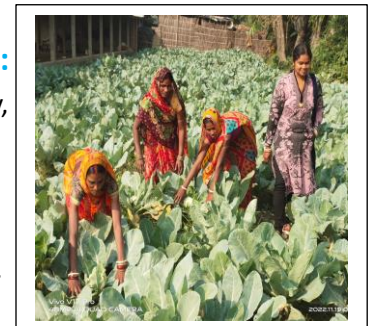
Priyanka Kumari told the organization cadres that she wants to study, she does not want to get married, after that her family members were discussed, after that they started sending her to the center and today, when she passed matriculation, her family members started feeling very proud. Priyanka Kumari's dream is that she wants to study further and become a doctor and serve the poor, this tells us that due to lack of money, proper treatment is not possible, which we will try to overcome. Priyanka Kumari herself freed herself from forced marriage and now remains a role model to save other girls in her villages from child marriage.

Priyanka Kumari, along with giving selfless education to other children at Ambedkar Prerna Education Centre, is herself a pioneer for higher education. Sathi is working as the Block Coordinator of Ambedkar Youth Club run by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti for providing quality education to the youth and child protection and eradication of child marriage. His family members are very proud of this pioneer and express their gratitude to the organization.

Case Story-2

Promoting organic vegetable farming as a livelihood option:

Ambedkar Gram Samiti (CBO) Organization The last line of the marginalized society, the Mahadalit community, especially women, is being encouraged to farm with farmers on their residential land and on lease for economic empowerment and livelihood of the families. Training was provided to 100 women cadres on better vegetable farming techniques related to organic vegetable farming in small pieces.



This is all the landless communities of Morwa Rakhat and Mohanpur of Samastipur district, whose livelihood depended on the farmer, but today these women have made a new beginning, all of them have taken up vegetable cultivation as a form of farming by dividing the work among themselves. which requires very less land per plant and is yielding good returns compared to other crops in a period of 6-8 months. This initiative is aimed at generating additional household income for marginalized families with household consumption. Bani is helpful in doing this. While expanding their livelihood from vegetable farming, these women cadres have received training related to the cultivation, production of marua and manufacturing of porridge and flour from it. Through the activity, these women have earned around Rs 50000/- from an average of 0.20-acre land. This has increased the confidence of the people. and connected to the mainstream of livelihood.

Case Story-3

Phool Kumari Devi freeing herself from moneylenders and moving towards economic empowerment:

Mrs. Phool Kumari Devi, husband Mr. Shiv Kumar Ram, resident of village Morwa Block Morwa, is a very poor, indigent woman of Mahadalit community of marginalized community. She has 4 children. Due to her husband's mental health not being good, she has to earn a source of income as a domestic worker. She is earning her living due to which she is unable to provide proper nutrition to her children and treat her husband. Many moneylenders and micro finance people actively prey on these people in this area.

That her husband's health was very bad and she was running the household by taking a loan from Micro Finance to get food. Mrs. Phool Kumari, after seeing the people of Micro Finance misbehaving with her and mentally torturing her for not depositing the installment on time, got humiliated in public. She took a loan from the moneylenders of the village and started depositing the installments in micro finance, but she came under the grip of debt from both the sides. After Covid, their condition started getting worse. On one side, there was micro finance and on the other side, moneylenders had started wreaking havoc on them regarding repayment of loan.

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti formed a community-based organization named Ambedkar Gram Samiti in this village, in which she emerged as an active member. Savings fund was deposited in the organization so that in time any member should be freed from debt and linked to self-employment. A good amount of funds was deposited in the organization.

This year, when the micro finance and moneylenders forced Mrs. Phool Kumari Devi to deposit the installment, the women of the organization "Ambedkar Gram Samiti" protested and gave Rs. 35 thousand from the organization fund to Mrs. Phool Kumari Devi, due to which the micro finance and moneylenders were able to pay the loan amount. Got back and took the breath of living free. While all their children are getting education and nutrition at Ambedkar Prerna Education Centre, Phool Kumari Devi is moving towards economic empowerment by connecting vegetable farming with livelihood. Now the women of CBO collect money and deposit it in the bank and use it in case of any emergency. The reimbursement rate is amazing.



Case Story -4

My participation, collective responsibility!!



I am Neeta Devi, husband Shri Kam, Kameshwar Ram, village Anandpur Morwa, Samastipur, Bihar from a marginalized family. I grew up in an uneducated environment, so, my mother did not allow us to go out of the house in my childhood. The parents were always worried that their daughter's life would be ruined if she fell into high and low status and due to the fear of being defamed in the society, they did not allow her to go to school, they used to take help in their daily work. I had a strong desire to study, but instead of sending me to school, I was married to a migrant laborer boy at an early age. We did not even know the religion of marriage. I was ignorant about which I used to hear a lot of taunts.

In our village, a community-based organization "Ambedkar Gram Samiti" was established by Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti, in which an education center was run for children against acts of violence against women, for equality, justice and to connect everyone with education and the organization also helped women. A program was started to make us functionally literate, in which we started learning to read and write. In the beginning, people used to make fun of us, but the family members supported us. After that, we, as an active women cadre, elected me as the President of the organization. After that, we included the organization in the examination conducted by the National Board of Open Schooling under the Mukhyamantri Akshar Aanchal Yojana and we gave the examination and got the certificate of passing 8th. Letter received.

Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti trained the School Education Committee members regarding their functioning, responsibilities and rights. They told us that it is the responsibility of the School Education Committee to enroll the children who have not been enrolled. Make children and community aware, pay attention to cleanliness. Participate in the development work of the school, pay attention to the quality of the mid-day meal provided to the children.

Now we go to every meeting regularly. Let's talk to the teacher himself. They are told to establish harmony with the children and teach them through games. Toilets in the school should be kept operational during regular class hours and maintained clean. If the fan in the school is not working then they are asked to get it repaired. I ask for dialogue between the community and the teachers so that the community has confidence in education, in the organization meetings I tell all the women and children and their parents about sending them to school regularly and not doing child marriage.

Changes have started taking place in our village primary school. Earlier there were 62 children enrolled in the school, out of which only 34 children came to school regularly, occasionally. I personally met the children, met their parents. In the regular meetings of the organization, he was motivated to send children to school every day and got the children who were not enrolled in school enrolled. I took the responsibility that no child from the deprived community should be deprived of education. Today there are total 167 children in this school.

Today, no one stops me from fulfilling my responsibilities. Even sometimes children find it difficult to go to school due to crossing the road, so the organization cadres take the children to school by crossing the road and help them in bringing them back home. I believe that what I am doing is I am playing a small role, it will have a big impact in building the future of children and they will get inclusive quality education and will enhance the mental development of children along with their potential. I would also like to thank the headmaster of this school for continuously ensuring the development of the school and the involvement of the community in the educational development of the children.

Mrs. Neeta Devi
Member, School Management Committee (SMC)
Anandpur, Morwa, Bihar

Case story-5

I am now malnutrition free, go to the center like normal children;

Alia Praveen, father Mohd. Islam, village Anandpur Morwa, Samastipur, Bihar says smilingly, now we are free from malnutrition and are going and playing in the center run by the organization in association with the normal children of the village, through which we can and her family is very happy. Presently she is studying in Poshan cum Ambedkar Prerna Education Centre, run with the support of Jiv Diya Foundation. It is said that Aaliya's mother is very poor and her husband is mentally handicapped due to which there is a lot of difficulty in earning a living.

Due to Ms. Aaliya not getting proper nutrition at home, her growth was very low, she was thin, could not speak properly and could not walk. Her mother was always worried, fearing that she might become mentally handicapped like my husband, and that is why she used to take medicines from the local doctors to make Aaliya's body fat.

When Aaliya came to the nutrition center in January 2022, her age was 2 years 6 months and her weight was 5 kg 400 grams.

After coming to the nutrition center, today its weight is 17 kg and height is 101 cm, which Alia and her mother are very encouraging and express their gratitude towards the organization, now she comes to the Ambedkar Prerna Education Center every day like a normal child.



Case Story-6

Steps from nutrition to educational progress!

Ujala Kumari, father Mr. Bablu Ram belongs to Mahadalit community of village Morwa Rakhat, Block Morwa, District Samastipur, Bihar, 6-year-old girl Ujala Kumari is now feeling strong with mental development.

Their father is a migrant laborer, mother does domestic work in farmers' houses, most of the Scheduled Caste families in this village go to other states to earn their wages and the women, along with domestic workers, are dependent on agricultural and non-agricultural activities. and livelihood options are limited and vulnerable to climatic conditions. Bablu Ram is a migrant laborer, hence the family faced food crisis and had to earn a living by taking loans from local moneylenders and micro finance to meet their food needs. They have to depend on this and this has adversely affected the health of all eight families.

When Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) in collaboration with Jeev Daya Foundation started the Nutrition cum Education Center program in this village, Ujala was enrolled in the center along with two other siblings. Ujala regularly visited the Nutrition cum Education Center of DVAS, where she was provided biscuits and milk regularly. When Ujala joined the center in the year 2022, her weight was recorded at 14 kg and on the basis of development index, she was in the category of underdeveloped children. Within a short time, the growth process of the girl got faster and now her weight is 25 kg and height is 122 i.e. her weight has increased by 11 kg cm and 31 inches. Adequate nutrition strengthened his locomotor muscles and bones and his performance in sports also improved as a result of the activities. She also developed mental and physical resilience to overcome challenges and is making remarkable progress in her educational level and health status. Today 465 such children are enrolled in the health and nutrition centers of Dalit Vikas Abhiyan Samiti (DVAS) and the children are very happy that their learning levels are improving.



Recognition

Accreditations to the Organization:

- Accreditation by Credibility Alliance, for Adheres to the **DESIRABLE NORMS** Prescribed for good governance of Voluntary Organizations. Certificate Registration No: CA/19/2021, Valid From 24 March 2027



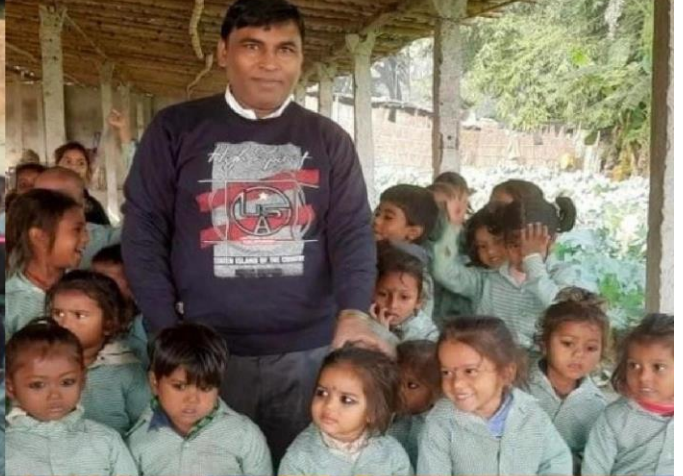
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Orientation training of Mata Samiti members formed under AWC



Our Program Pictures





Head Office-

The Organization has its head office, situated in District Patna. It is equipped with all basic infrastructures, well-furnished for the staff and the visitors.

The office has its networking system to make work easy and accessible for everyone. Office is equipped with computers, fax, Internet, telephone etc.

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