Support for Small Initiatives: A Program with Difference

Voluntary sector has added a lot positive to people’s life worldwide and placed an alternate model of development that is pro people, near to nature and cares for democratic spirit. Much proclaimed ideas like microcredit, SHGs, watershed, NREGA, right to information / education etc. have been emerged from here only and now followed by the government also. As a leading NGO of Jharkhand and Bihar, Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra finds an important role to nurture such innovative process and strengthening of people involved in this sector.

As NBJK itself was not born suddenly but as a well thought concept of realizing people’s empowerment and addressing the issues vital for a decentralized democratic process. It accepted the challenges of initiating, self making and being with support of well-wishers and donor agencies those trusted it to deliver outcomes. The time of struggle as a novice and such sensible support is like learning for NBJK that inspired it to continue the chain of capacity building for committed social workers, women led action groups and newly formed VOs as Support for Small Initiatives. This support has enabled around 500 VOs of Jharkhand / Bihar to form a network of Swachh Bharat, ensured capacity building training to more than 300 organizations and self-sustainability for about 50 such partners those valued the ideological strength and transformation of efforts in the format in which we call VOs that matters much for rural development by organizing people and filling the gaps in service delivery where government machinery is unable to reach.

There are a large number of individuals, groups or NGOs at villages or small places with objectives of rural development, people’s empowerment, entitlements and their participation in the process but they lack proper guidance, skills and financial support to initiate towards such ideals. This leads to early end of young dreams and frustration among those who could have contributed to make lives of common people easier. NBJK has learned to facilitate voluntary effort for a superior cause by own experience and included Support for Small Initiatives as one of its full fledged core programs.

As merely making organization is not enough and the whole framework needs a system to run, NBJK intervenes here to systematize VOs under the program. To fulfill legal obligations related to registration, foreign aid and tax exemption are always tough for any newly formed VO / NGO. If all formalities get completed, the organization needs a suitable work to be justified and looks for an office with minimum staffs or volunteers to begin actually in field. That office should be managed properly and the VO has to follow a documentation process continuously for regulatory bodies, supporters and community also. There are practices to ensure transparency, accountability and validity in the work of any VO that seeks to serve people. NBJK provides specialized training and financial support as fellowship for beginners. Every year 25-30 VOs are being supported by rotation for their sustainability purpose. They get exposure; attend workshops / seminars over issues and get inputs for resource mobilization. Action Village India (U.K.), Community Aid Abroad (Australia), Bread for the World (Germany), AIARD (New Delhi) are some reputed agencies which supported our stand upon strengthening of small voluntary effort and arranged funding for the purpose. This is a unique program by NBJK that has proved potentiality and needs stability in a larger interest. Apart from that, NBJK involves VOs in some of its other programs as local partners for real work experience and works as a mother NGO in the field.
**Workshop on Fundraising**

One day workshop on fundraising was held at NJBJK, Ranchi with support of The Resource Alliance, New Delhi on 30 January, 22 NGOs of Jharkhand have shared the event as per initiative of NJBJK through its network partnerships. Mr. Satish Girija (Secretary, NJBJK) has welcomed Maj. Gen. Surat Singh Sandhu (Chairman, TRA) and all member representatives from VO’s. He praised Gen. Sandhu and The Resource Alliance for awareness building among NGOs over changing trends of philanthropy and social work across India. Mr. Satish has put a brief introduction of Gen. Sandhu with *Heipage India*, the organization he headed and strengthened earlier by innovative fundraising initiatives. Maj. Gen. S.S. Sandhu said with Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 getting effectively implemented from this year, more than 1600 corporates will have to dole out 2% of their profit towards corporate social responsibility (CSR). “It’s going to be huge amount, somewhere around Rs. 20,000 crore and here lies an opportunity for the credible NGOs to take the money and help in nation building,” he said. Due to death of such NGOs many corporate are setting up their own foundations but NGOs with lot of experience and community involvement have far more ability to assist corporate in delivering their CSR activities, opined the TRA Chairman during this workshop.

He suggested the NGOs or VO’s to come forward with suitable work model and communicate more like participation in events as India NGO Award with more many. Maj. Gen. Sandhu has stressed over the need of Fundraising organisations for resource mobilization as well as of grass root organizations to work with community deeply. The program was applauded widely by VO’s in the state.

**Livelihood Project launched at Khunti**

An inclusive program on livelihood enhancement of 2500 households in 45 villages under Khunti district was initiated by NJBJK with support of SRTT, Mumbai and Clos-Jharkhand began formally on 10 March through the project launching workshop held at Cini office, Khunti. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Edmond Minz (District Agriculture Officer, Khunti) who favored for team spirit and class vision to make it a success. The DHA has welcomed NJBJK supported farming on fallow land with cashcrop like tomato, watermelon and assured for scheme based facilities to farmers. Mr. Salish Girija (Founder & Secretary, NJBJK) has established relevance of the program for Jharkhand where majority of people depend upon rainfed agriculture and migrate due to food insecurity. Improved agricultural practices and allied activities have enough potential to transform rural income pattern, he emphasized.

Mr. Shreshthauli Patel (Team Leader, Tata Trust-Cini Cell) has briefed about their activities and termed Khunti as a priority district to work with high focus, continuous efforts and due commitment. Mr. Ayan Dev (Program Coordinator, Tata Trust-Cini Cell) has shared about achievements of prior work by NJBJK-Cini that benefitted 2050 households with increased food security, cash crop farming, livestock rearing and more income. Mr. Ravish Chandra (District Soil Conservation Officer) has stressed over the importance of all related programs for good result. Mr. Sushma Lakha (BDJ, Jharkhand), Ms. Rita Singh (JLPSL), Dr. S.K. Singh (Ex-Deen, BAU), Dr. R.K. Thakur (Sr. Scientist, NFSM), Dr. Ravi Shankar (AVRDC), Mr. R.K. Pandey (PRADAN), Mr. Umesh Rana, Ms. Garima (Cini) and others have participated in this event. The livelihood program aims for increased annual income of Rs. 1 lac to 20 thousand to each beneficiary family within the period of five years.

**Jharkhand State Lok Samiti Convention**

On 20 March, Jharkhand State Lok Samiti has organized it’s convention at Ranchi. Mr. Girija Satpati (President, National Lok Samiti) has inaugurated the convention and reminded about the need of governance and justice for common citizens. He said that decentralization, accountability and transparency are the tools to be used for such long awaited reforms in our system responsible for services delayed or denied to people. We must have empowered PRIs & urban bodies, panchayat / block level courts for justice and a restructured IPC in order to establish a just society, he pointed out. The national president of Lok Samiti has talked about rule of rural India and land acquisition bill that discourages agriculture. Mr. Girija has supported an alternative model for development and exchange of ideas over the issue. The program was chaired by Mr. Satish Girija (President, JLS) who expressed concern over poor performance of legislative, judiciary and executive organs of government that could neither control poverty, migration; trafficking, women atrocity and corruption, nor be able to earn people’s faith in the system. Mr. K.G. Azad (LS national coordinator) has established relevance of Lok Samiti...
Family Saved by FCC

Family Counseling Center (FCC) by NBKJ with support of Central & State Social Welfare Boards has prevented a marital dispute between Mannu (husband) and Priya (wife) in Hazaribag recently. On 9 January, Mannu (father-Sanjay Ram, village-Octi, police station & post-Sadar, Hazaribag) came at FCC and lodged a complaint against his wife Priya (father-Mehadev Ram, village-Anarpur post-Anarpur, police station-Padma, Hazaribag) for family dispute. He was taken seriously by the counselors and they have paid home visits to know detail about the case. It was found that the couple was married in the year 2008 conventionally and they have 3 children also. Mannu is a daily laborer while Priya is a housewife and they were sharing a joint family with parents and unmarried younger brother of Mannu also. Mannu’s father works as a truck driver with CRPF in Maharashtra, once his mother went there and the brother was in home. He is an auto driver and shouldered family responsibility during those days. Due to bad company at work place, Mannu has developed liquor addiction and became suspicious for illicit relationship in between his wife and younger brother. The problem became so grave that Priya tried to end her life and went to her parent’s place. Mrs. Meera Gupta and Mr. Sanjay Kumar (Counsellors) have called all family members on 24 January at FCC for a meeting. They talked to neighbors also. Mannu’s mother stood by her daughter-in-law and charged the son for his liquor taking habit. It was decided collectively that Mannu and his wife Priya will have to leave the old joint family, they did so and live together peacefully with their children. (Original names & address have been changed)

Capacity Building Training for VOs

NBKJ has provided training to VOs of Bihar and Jharkhand on Accountancy & FCRA 2011 under the program of Support for Small Initiatives with help of BFW, Germany. The training was organized during 16-20 February for 47 VOs of both the states. Mr. Praveesh Singh (Asst. Manager-Finance, NBKJ) has reminded the participants about fundamentals of accountancy and briefed them about vouchers like receipt, payment, contra & journal including cash book, bank book and bank reconciliation statement along with cash verification and currency denomination. He has focused upon income tax, TDS, purchase, stock, fixed/individual assets also. FCRA part of the training was covered by Mr. Sanjay Kr. Sinha (Manager-Finance, NBKJ) who facilitated the VOs for renewal of FC Registration, on-line return and other relevant practices required. Training on office management, documentation and government schemes was held for 93 NGOs from 12 to 19 March in a row. Mr. Rajiv Kr. Singh (program manager) has discussed over organizational profile, proposal writing, implementation strategy and presentation. Mr. Praveesh Singh has covered the topics like 12A, FCRA, TAN, PAN, society act, EPF, different registrations. TDS along with attendance, tour & leave / fixed asset, purchase & stock registers, project & general files etc. The trainees were provided detail information on various government schemes like Antyodaya, Annapurna, PDS, NRGA, NRM etc. to facilitate social security among target beneficiaries in villages. Mr. Girja Satish (President, NBKJ) has visited the trainees to attend a session on views sharing.

Focus on Children & Families under CCCD

Panchayati Raj supported Child Centered Community Development (CCCD) program has put children at the helm of affairs by making 5 selected schools more friendly for them in villages of Church block, Hazaribag. Under the initiative Support My School, a lot of construction work is going on to install WASH & play facilities for children amid greenery through plantation. Toilets, rain water harvesting structure, boundary wall, playground, swings and hand washing points for these schools are in progress and children will enjoy them shortly. With the scheme of VWS/ WSS (Village Water Safety & Security), NBKJ facilitated Gram Sabha meetings for approval of toilet construction in 12 villages. Also on site support for crop planning and pest management to 58 farmers in two villages was provided to ensure food security. Vulnerability assessment of families in 2 villages was conducted with.

राष्ट्रस्वेत कृषि महाकाली देश को अत्यंत मुहिम अनुभव हित को निर्माण करने, व्यवस्थापिका या सूचना प्रणाली में सुधार, किस्मों की देश को नगद रूप से पूर्वाधारित शासन अर्थव्यवस्था सम्मान अर्थव्यवस्था की मूलधारी की दी गई है। इस उपभोग पर श्रीमती ने हिंसा प्रकार एवं श्रीमती शार्मा रामण, (समस्त, जेलिव-कलार) ने ब्राह्मण अर्थव्यवस्था और पूर्वाधारित, श्रीमती खर्दीकर (जेलिव-कलार) ने विश्वविद्यालय में महाशक्ति के प्रभाव पर विश्वसनीय फाइटिंग बनाई है।

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केन्द्रीय एवं राज्य सरकार सामी काल्यान बोर्ड के सहयोग से नॉन-नॉन केंड्र द्वारा सामाजिक परिवार पहल के स्वास्थ्य, पारमाणविक, शौच, राष्ट्रीय परिवार-स्वास्थ्य अर्थव्यवस्था (स्वास्थ्य) के जेलिव-कलार में आयुक्त बोर्ड के नियुक्ती परिवार सम्मान प्रदान किया गया। इसमें अनुमति के कारण सभी भागीदारों के लिए न्यायिक आयुक्त परिवार के संस्थापक में सामाजिक परिवार सम्मान के रूप में 9 जनवरी को न्यायिक आयुक्त-स्वास्थ्य, जेलिव-कलार, शासन के द्वारा सम्मान प्रदान किया गया।

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CASE STUDY

In her role as the head librarian at the Ngao Primary School in Kenya, Mrs. Wangai has been instrumental in transforming her school into a learning hub for the community. Under her leadership, the school has seen a significant increase in the number of students and the quality of education offered.

Mrs. Wangai has implemented several initiatives to improve the school's infrastructure and ensure that all students have access to quality education. She has worked closely with the community to raise funds for new classrooms and libraries, and has established partnerships with local businesses to provide scholarships and educational resources.

Her dedication to education has not gone unnoticed, and she has been recognized with several awards for her contributions to the field. Mrs. Wangai serves on the board of the National Educational Network, where she works to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, have access to education.

Mrs. Wangai is a true role model for her students and the community, and her efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of those around her.