

MASHAL PATNA



Annual Report 2020-2021



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Mission statement of Mashal is 'Committed to accompany and enable the marginalized communities to affirm and uphold their rights and dignity'. Keeping this in mind Mashal reaches out to women, children, youth of vulnerable adults, victims of natural calamities and persons with disabilities.

Jesus came to earth to preach the Good News – to give people an understanding of the Kingdom of God and the eternal hope. And Jesus particularly delighted in doing this among the impoverished, the weak, the hurting and the rejected in society. Jesus not only preached the Good News through His words, but He powerfully demonstrated the Good News through His actions.

Luke's Gospel (7: 11-17) tells of Jesus' encounter with a widow in the city of Nain who is mourning the death of her only son. Jesus was moved with compassion as if He had been overwhelmed with the sentiment. As God's people, we are commanded to show His compassion to the poor. We are called to be His hands and feet in a hurting world.

Our 2022 General Chapter Theme "**Renew the Face of the Earth... Cultivate a Culture of Encounter and Caring**" communicates the same message.

One recurrent topic in the discourse of Pope Francis, since his election on 13 March 2013, has been that of the "periphery". In Fratelli Tutti Pope Francis says "Now there are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting, and those who pass by; those bend down to help, and those who look the other way and hurry off". Pope Francis says, "caring is an expression of the heart".

It gives me immense joy to see how the Sisters serving at Notre Dame Health Centres of Sasaram, Sheikhpura, Gahiri and Jamalpur provided quality health care to rural population especially the most vulnerable of the society during the past year.

The Notre Dame Social Action Centres of Chenari, Sasaram, Raxaul, Piro and Gahiri focus on education. Last year the Sisters involved in Social Ministry organized various programmes to sensitize the importance of education, building self-confidence to make decisions regarding the right to education / life skill training, empowerment of adolescent girls and women and sustainable agriculture.

I congratulate Sister Mary Deepika, the Executive Director-MASHAL for taking keen interest in monitoring all the activities of Mashal in a very systematic and efficient way. I admire all the Sisters associated with Mashal for their commendable service to the marginalized in our society with dedication and commitment.

May God reward you for all your hard work and enthusiasm in incarnating the compassionate love of God to the needy and poor people.

Hearty Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Sister Mary Tessy, SND



FROM THE SECRETARY cum DIRECTOR' S DESK

Mashal is engaged in the noble mission of translating the human values of love, equality, justice and peace into social action.

While facing the challenges created by the pandemic Covid-19, Mashal has contributed significantly to the community's health, education, skill training of youth, income generation activities of women's groups and sustainable agriculture. Through both the Health Centres and Social Action Units, we have been able to reach out to 2,26,281 people addressing the Health Care Needs, as well as the developmental challenges of gender parity, social exclusion, illiteracy, digital gap among the students, unemployment, malnutrition and poverty particularly of the migrant families and ecological concerns.

One of the significant achievements of the year is the effort during the yearlong lockdown, to support continuation of education of 1800 students whose parents could not afford to provide the devices to access online education, through Bridge School Centers and Mobile Resource Centers supported by Unicef.

Mashal has added a new chapter to its history by entering into collaboration with NABARD for promoting integrated development of tribal communities in Haveli Kharagpur Block of Munger District of Bihar. Addressing the impoverishment of tribal caused by climate change, the project focuses on Wadi development in the arid land of the tribal as well as income generation activities for the landless tribal families.

These initiatives have been possible because of the visionary leadership of the organization, timely advice and guidance of the Board Members, support and collaboration of Govt. officials and donors, and hard work of committed staff. I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate everyone for the support and collaboration we at Mashal have received in order to carry forward the vision and mission of Mashal.

**Chinnamma KC,
Secretary cum Director, MASHAL**

Vision: An Egalitarian Society Based in the values of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



Mission: Committed to accompany and to enable the marginalized communities to affirm and uphold their rights and dignity

Thrust Areas:

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere (SDG 1)
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable Agriculture (SDG 2)
- Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all (SDG 3)
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education (SDG 4)
- Promote gender equality and empower all women and girls (SDG 5)
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic Growth (SDG 8)
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of ecosystems (SDG 13, 15)
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development (SDG 16)
- Revitalize partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17)

Priority Groups:

- Women, children and youth of vulnerable communities,
- victims of natural calamities and disasters,
- persons with disabilities

Strategy:

- Promotive and curative Health Care
- Bridge Schools, mobile learning centers
- Home for girls, formation of CBOs, promotion of IGPs
- Collaboration and Networking
- Community participation
- People centered advocacy

Statistics of Health Centers

Particulars	JAMALPUR	SASARAM	GAHIRI	SHEIKHPURA
No. of Personnel	23	16	4	3
No. of Patients	48120	17073	7924	4153
No. of immunization	4812	--	----	593
No. of snake bite cases treated	--	==	461	45
No. of patients given Day Care	---	---	--	45
Patients in Dental Clinic	----	50	---	----
Patients given Physiotherapy	----	909	--	----
Tuberculosis patients under RNTCP	----	50	---	----

Statistics of Social Action Centers

Particulars	Jamalpur	Sasa ram	Gahiri	Sheikh pura	Raxaul	Piro	Che nari	Mashal HO & Asha Kiran
No. of Personnel	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4
Community Volunteers	15	4	22	37	4	5	3	4+10
No. of students in Bridge Schools/ Adolescent Girls	450 ADGs	430	750	1300	215	250	250	40
No. of women in SHGs/JLGs	1300	1125	600	2937	350	200		
No. of youth in skill trainings	75	25	119	40	25			
No. of families in TDF project	200							

REPORTS OF HEALTH CENTERS

Mashal seeks to provide affordable and quality health care to rural population especially the most vulnerable of the society through its Health Centers.

The four Health Centres of Mashal are Notre Dame Health Centre, Jamalpur, Munger Dt., Navjeevan Health Centre, Sasaram, Rohtas Dt., Sheetal Swasthya Kendra, Sheikhpura, Sheikhpura Dt., Sanjeevan Community Health Centre, Gahiri, West Champaran Dt.

Medical Facilities

- **Day Care of patients**
- **Alternative system of Medicine:** Physiotherapy, Nugabed, Massage
- **Minor surgery:** Incision & drainage
- **Laboratory investigation tests:** Hb, CBC, Blood sugar, Blood grouping and typing, HIV VDRL, Urine Analysis, Semen Analysis, Urine Pregnancy test, TFT, LFT, RFT, Uric Acid, ASO, RA Factor, MP, Widal.
- Facility for ultrasonography
- Immunization for BCG, DPT, MMR, Measles, Typhoid, Rotavirus, Chicken pox, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, PCV and Tetanus Toxoid, Pneumococcal and Rotavirus.
- attend to the snake bite cases day and night throughout the year in Gahiri.
- care of the patients with snake bite, scorpion sting and lizard bite in Sheikhpura.

Navjeevan Health Centre in Sasaram is approved by the Government as **DMC and treatment Centre under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP)**. The Centre gets free anti TB drugs and reagents for the lab test for treatment of the patients who visit our Health Centre. 50 patients benefit from this prog.

Health Education

To staff- on Covid-19, weight checking, Blood pressure, pulse and taking temperature, diarrhea, anemia, TB, leprosy, HIV, hypertension, diabetes, jaundice, immunization etc. moderated by Sr. Dr. Anushila.

To Patients- on Covid-19 protocol; social distance, use of mask, hand washing, and use of sanitizer.

Covid Relief Activity:

- Provided rations for 100 families
- Stitched masks and distributed to patients
- Posters on Covid-19 were posted at the entrance, waiting hall and cash counter of the Health Centre for the education of patients on Covid-19.
- We stitched cloth masks and distributed to the poor patients.
- Concession worth about 53,000.00 (Fifty-Three Thousand only) was given on medicines to poor and migrants.

Glimpses of the Health Services of Mashal



NARRATIVE REPORT OF SOCIAL ACTION CENTRES

Focus Area: Education

One of the worst affected victims of the pandemic are children who had no access to regular education. While a lot of children had the means for online classes, children of marginalized communities were deprived of learning as they had no access to computers or smart phones nor could they get support of parents for home learning. Addressing this issue, Mashal in collaboration of Unicef Bihar, initiated this project to provide underprivileged children access to continuous learning. Given below are the highlights of this project.

Title of the project: To support continuation of learning during school closure and mainstream Out of School Children amidst lockdown and unlock situation.

Funding Partner: UNICEF Bihar

Area of Implementation: 15 villages in Nautan Block, Dt. West Champaran and 30 Centres in Ariari and Sheikhpura Blocks of Sheikhpura Dt.

Duration of the Project: 15.09.2020 to 31.07.21

Program Output - 1: E-learning facilitated for 1800 students (600 and 1200) aged 06-18 in 15 centres at West Champaran and 30 centres at Sheikhpura district through a Mobile Learning Resource Centre that went to the villages at regular intervals making it possible for the children to catch up with their lessons.

Outcome: In 45 villages 1851 students (1134 girls and 717 boys) attended the regular MLRC programme. The lessons prepared by Bihar Education Project Council in collaboration with Unicef were taken up with the students in MLRC. It has helped to resolve the digital divide to some extent.

Glimpses of MLRC in both the districts:



Program Output 2:
Learning is facilitated for OOSC and school going children in the Non-residential Bridge Course Centres



Outcome:

1842 students (1126 girls and 716 boys) are attending Centres as against the target of 1350 students. 591 girls readmitted to schools as against the target of 450. 80% of the students regularly attended the classes and 70% of the students have achieved the skills expected of them. Continuous professional development and monitoring, enhanced student learning outcomes.

Glimpses of NRBCCs in West Champaran and Sheikhpura Districts:



Program Output – 3: 1350 Parents and elders participate in the awareness creation seminars on the value of girl children and importance of their higher education

Outcome: 20-30 parents participated in the meetings regularly. Mediums like videos, stories and games were used to stimulate critical thinking and analysis of their issues. Such meetings have resulted in regular attendance, students coming on time to most of the Centers and improvement in hygienic practices.

Challenges and Mitigation;

Lockdown due to second wave of COVID-19 pandemic

Centres were closed during the days of lockdown. When lockdown was lifted and movement of people were allowed, we gathered the children in the same tolas. They were given masks, kept social distancing and soap and water was kept at the centre so that they could wash their hands when they came to the centre and went from the centre. Those who had symptoms of fever or cold were told not to come for classes.

Seasonal work of the parents

The classes were kept at a convenient time for the children to attend the classes. Even then some who carried food for their parents or who were in the field picking up fallen grains or potatoes couldn't attend the classes. After the season the animators visited the families and brought the children back to the Centres.



Meeting with mothers of students of NRBCCs

Education Project:2

India is one of the nations in the world with a very high number of out-of-school children in the primary level. Despite decades of efforts, a vast majority of population in India continues to remain outside the education system. Education, being the key tool in the process of lifting marginalized communities from the vicious cycle of poverty and deprivation, our Organization, MASHAL, is committed to working with these communities to improve their educational status as well as lead them forward in the process of empowerment.

Project Title: Promotion of Basic Education of the Girl Children of the Deprived Communities in Bihar
Funding Partner: Italian Bishop's Conference
Area of Implementation: 20 villages each under Units of Piro, Raxaul and Chenari 30 villages each under Units of Sasaram and Gahiri
Duration of the Project: January 2020 to December 2020
Goal of the project: <i>Promotion of Gender Equality by Accessing Quality Education</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives: Enrolment and retention of 1200 out of school and dropout girls in the age group of 06-18 years of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, minorities, and most economically backward class Communities Sensitization of the marginalised communities in 120 villages on Right to Education for better enrolment and retention of girls in the mainstream schools

Activities and Outcome:

1. Orientation and capacity building training for the project personnel	Outcome: The training helped the 22 project animators learn about project concept and objectives, Skills for animation of adolescent girls, Skills for Joyful Learning methods, TOT on formation and processing of Kishori Adalat (Adolescent Girls' Court) at Panchayat level, TOT on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), TOT on Children's Protection Policy and Child line, Discussion on Child Protection Policy of Mashal. They are empowered to contribute to social transformation through education of the out-of-school children and meetings with their parents.
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2. Identifying the out of school children, dropouts and children vulnerable to becoming school dropout and getting them enrolled/re-enrolled and retaining them in school.

Educational Status of Surveyed girls						
Unit	Total No. of hamlets	Total no of surveyed	No. of dropout	Never went to school	Irregular	Regular
Sasaram	30	1119	250	108	494	267
Chenari	20	740	143	57	267	273
Piro	20	787	133	85	138	431
Raxaul	20	1004	187	40	220	557
Gahiri	30	1787	377	194	303	909
Total	120	5,437	1090	484	1,422	2,437

Details of Girls selected for this project

Unit	No. of hamlets	Target group	No. of dropout	Never went to school	Irregular	Regular	Total
Sasaram	30	300	216	84	-	-	300
Chenari	20	206	124	27	55	--	206
Piro	20	212	96	44	72	-	212
Raxaul	20	269	65	38	140	26	269
Gahiri	30	301	142	62	94	3	301
Total	120	1,288	643	255	361	29	1288

3. To increase awareness on Girls' education, RTE, and Central and State government schemes which have been started for girls for reducing dropout rate and increasing the literacy rate.

A. One day village meeting with villagers of 120 villages to sensitize them on Right to Education (RTE), and to identify the barriers faced by girls in attending school regularly and on time

Outcome:

- Parents became aware of the importance of education and several parents promised to send their children, girls and boys both to school regularly.
- A committee was formed to ensure that girls go regularly to school and to collaborate in all the project activities.

Data of tola meeting

Name of units	No. of Villages	Women	Men	Adolescent girls	Adolescent boys	Total
Piro	20/20	648	314	768	234	1964
Chenari	20/20	1010	497	609	-	2116
Gahiri	30/30	1138	1042	568	264	3012
Sasaram	30/30	1401	727	872	-	3000
Raxaul	20/20	947	927	99	70	2043
Total	120/120	5144	3507	2916	568	12135

b. Interface Meetings

The Block level officers of Education Department, local leaders and leaders of village planning committee and mother's groups and representatives of girls as well as the

Outcome: The meetings helped to improve the network between the Government department and our organization. The administration is more aware of the ground realities of the poor and are willing to step in to improve the situation.



Activity :4
Sensitizing girls on the importance of education, building self-confidence and motivation to make the decision regarding their right to education:

4.1. Weekly Guidance for Strengthening the Girls' Forum (Kishori Munch): in 120 Centres

4.2. Monthly Cultural Classes of Girls' Forum in 120 Centres

4.3. 3 Days Life Skill Training in all the Centres. 1446 girls participated.

4.4. 20 days intensive coaching attended by 173 girls.

4.5. BBOSE (Bihar Board Open Schooling and Examination) Linkage benefitted 24 girls.

4.6. One-day-workshop on RTE and celebration of International Girl Child's Day at Block level in all 5 districts participated by 2279 girls.



Education Project 3:

Name of the project: Community Based Awareness Generation initiative and Non-Residential Bridge course for education and Empowerment of rural Poor adolescents (Girls & Boys).

Funding Partner: UNICEF, Patna

Area of Implementation: 20 centres in Sheikhpura district, Bihar

Duration of the Project: October 2019 to December 2020

Main Activities;

1. One Day Awareness Programme for Parents:

A mobile van with posters and slogans moved around in the villages giving the message of RTE. Several audio visual clippings were displayed on the large TV screen. People from 20 villages participated in the awareness building meetings and were motivated to take actions to promote education as organized community based groups. The women became aware of the need to send their children regularly to school and support them at school to improve the functioning of the schools.



Awarenees Creation for parents

Participants: 47 Men and 467 Women

2. Life Skill Training:



Life Skill Training

Life Skill training was conducted for 300 (200 girls and 100 boys) adolescents who are studying in the Flexible Learning Centres supported by the project. The training helped them to develop skills of listening, leadership and self-confidence. Post training much

improvement was noticed in hygiene related to drinking water, use of toilets, cleanliness of one's home and village.

3. Special Events:

a. Literacy Day celebrated in 20 villages: No.of participants: boys 190 and girls 353



On the occasion of the Literacy day on 8 September, cultural activities and competitions were organised in all the 20 villages, to create awareness on the importance of education of children. The opportunity helped children develop self-confidence and encouragement to

pursue their education against all odds.

b. International Girl Child day Celebration in 20 villages; No.of participants: Girls 346 and Boys 183.

On 10 and 11 October 2020 the international girl child day was celebrated at 20 FLC Centres. The themes of various events focused on upholding equal rights of girls. The strong message that was communicated was that girls can be powerful agents of change and nothing should keep them away from participating fully in all areas of life.



c. Interface Meeting with the parents, teachers and animators:

Participants: 586 parents, 47 staff, and 13 elected PRI leaders



The discussions focused on accessing quality education by the children and the role of parents and community in ensuring quality education for the children. Many children got help to tap the government schemes for students with the help of community leaders.

2. Focus Area; Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources

Project 1: Increased food security and gender equality through agro- related livelihood activities
Funding Partner: German Doctors Forum
Name of the project: "Increased food security and gender equality through agro-related livelihood activities".
Area of Implementation: 30 villages from 4 Panchayats of Charpokhari Block in Bhojpur District
Duration: January 2020 to March 2021

“Commercialization of agriculture” with indiscriminate use of fertilisers and pesticides has caused large scale ecological issues such as soli alkalinity and salinity, micronutrient deficiency, water logging and fast depletion and contamination of ground water. Agro-related livelihood and food security has been adversely affected. To address these concerns, Mashal mobilized 300 marginal women farmers of 30 villages in Charpokhari Block of Bhojpur Dt., Bihar to work toward increasing agriculture and livestock production through promotion of organic and improved farming and improved livestock management practices.

Output:

- i) 234 women learned about various schemes available with agriculture department and are doing the needful for accessing benefits.
- ii) 255 women benefitted from training on improved agriculture and livestock management practices both in the villages as well as at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ara and in the Veterinary College, Patna
- iii) 74 women have participated in the training on organic farming and have begun using backyard manure in their vegetable gardens
- iv) 26 women got Rs. 2000/- each for 3 months from the government as support for marginal farmers.
- v) 162 families got the free ration of food kits promised by Government during lockdown.
- vi) 60 women began goat rearing and 100 women took to poultry farming.



Project 2: Integrated Tribal Development Programme

Funding Partner: NABARD

Name of the project: Integrated Tribal Development Programme

Area of Implementation: 10 Santhal Tribal Villages in Haveli Kharagpur Block, Munger District

Duration: March 2021- February 2027

WADI, literally meaning a 'small orchard' of one to two acres, is an innovative approach by NABARD for providing the tribal communities a secured livelihood and for promoting ecologically sustainable economic activities. With the support of NABARD, Mashal has initiated the Integrated Tribal Development Programme in 15 villages of Santhal tribals in Haveli Kharagpur Block of Munger District. Interventions planned are: Wadi development in at least half acre of 160 tribal families, goat rearing for 40 landless families, Women Development activities, and Healthcare activities. Community mobilisation was carried out through meetings and PRA. 160 Acres of arid land vacant for years will be utilised for developing horticulture.



PRA in Village in Mandare



PRA in Bhavi Kura village

3. Focus Area: Skill Development Training of Rural Youth

Educated unemployed youth are an emerging issue of the marginalised communities where we work. Skill Development Training Programme of Mashal is an initiative that seeks to impart employable skills to the rural youth from marginalized communities. Along with formal courses such as CCA, DCA, ADCA and Tally, foundational skills in English communication, personality development and soft skills are imparted to prepare the youth for job market.

Project 1.

Funding Partner: Sisters of Notre Dame

Name of the project: Skill Development Training of Rural Youth

Area of Implementation: 4 Units; Raxaul, Gahiri, Sasaram, and Jamalpur

Duration of the project: January 2021 to December 2021



Project 2;

Name of the project: Computer Skill Development Training for 320 Rural Youth and animal rearing for sustenance to cover 40 families in the district of Sheikhpura
Funding Partner: Sisters of Notre Dame
Area of Implementation: Sheikhpura
Duration: January 2021 to December 2021

In the emerging political and economic scenario of the country and now with COVID 19 Pandemic, there is an urgent need to address the issue of unemployment among the youth and provide livelihood particularly to the migrant families. In rural areas the children are deprived of opportunity for learning computer just because they do not have the facility and their parents are illiterate. Responding to these issues, Mashal began computer education and short term professional courses for youth in Sheikhpura District. The 40 SHG women whose husbands had returned from work due to the pandemic are being given milking animals for livelihood. The monetary help given as loan will be returned to the Federation forming a revolving fund which will then be used for providing milking animals to other needy women.



4. Focus Area: Empowerment of Women and Girls

Project 1. Asha-Kiran Home for Girls

Name of the Project: Home For girls (Asha Kiran)

Funding Partner: Child Protection Society, Government of Bihar

Area of Implementation: Patna District, Bihar

50 girls have been restored to their families, 5 girls transferred to other Homes and 2 girls were sent for diploma course in Hotel Management in Bangalore.

During the year as pandemic spread, the girls were given awareness creation on Covid-19, its spread and safety measures by the staff in the Home as well as from the Child Protection Society. Training was organized by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child development (NIPCID), Delhi on Helping Children to Cope up with the Stress during COVID – 19, Pandemic.

Ensuring holistic development of girls coming to the Home is of paramount importance to us. Hence following the Covid-19, protocols, number of activities were undertaken. Children prepared special paintings, posters, models; poems and speeches related to protection of environment on Observation of World Environment Day. On World Day Against Child Labour Children participated in a painting competition organized by Railway Child Line. All the important national days were observed with cultural activities and competitions. We for Child Protection, an international forum for child protection conducted painting competition to promote child rights. On World Children's day on 20th November, children attended a webinar conducted by Brahma Kumaris on the theme "celebration of child rights and education for all". Celebrations were held on Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Diwali, Christmas etc.



Project 2: Empowerment of Women and Girls

Name of the project: Integrated Community Empowerment Programme
Funding Partner: KFB Austria
Area of Implementation: 7 tribal & 18 dalit villages of Dharhara & Jamalpur Blocks of Munger district
Duration: April 2020 to March 2021
GOAL: Eradicate early marriage of girl child and achieve financial empowerment of women and girls

Major Achievements:

Campaigns on Child Rights



- 385 SHG women gained knowledge on the provisions of POCSO act, rights of children for education, health and safe environment.
- 226 girls and 140 boys' became aware of and identified issues of child right violations in families and society at large and are motivated to bring about changes.
- 170 men participated in the campaign and understood the legal aspects of violations of child rights and sexual offenses.
- 19 Child protection committees were formed to address the issue of Child Abuse at village level.

Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (ADGS)

- Eleven panchayat level committees are formed in 11 panchayats to create support system to prevent early marriages
- 185 parents organised marriages only after the girls were above 18 years.
- 490 adolescent girls continue their education from 8th class to 12th saying no to early marriage.
- 164 youth girls and boys were given career guidance.
- 31 youth attended Don Bosco Skill training on various trades like hotel management, office assistance, Data entry operator, Consumer Relation Management, General Physician Assistance courses and are employed.
- 24 youth received Diploma in Computer education and are employed in various institutions or continuing studies.
- 07 young women out of 14 who participated in the six months beautician course are earning income through beauty culture in their villages.
- 22 young women including adolescent girls were taught cutting and tailoring and 18 of them are employed and supporting their families.

Empowerment of Women

- Income generation programmes (IGP) of SHG women are supported at three levels (Federation level, SHG level and through DIDI bank)
- Federation initiated four Didi Shops to provide marketing facilities to SHG members to sell their products of income generation programme. They are engaged in producing detergent powders, soaps, hand wash, Sanifresh, phenyl, vim, liquid soap and herbal shampoos. Herbal preparations like Avala Murabha, Avala Arishttam, Chawanprash, Neem oil, medicinal oils for massage etc. and other products such as Sathu, basan, puffed rice, milk products like curd, peda & ghee, and masalas, bamboo baskets and soaps are sold at Didi shops at Dasarathpur.
- Didi bank is supporting SHG women in 66 IGPs in agriculture, live stocks, food processing and various shops which provides essential things.

- SHGs are providing finances for the following income generation programmes to 338 members engaged in: goat rearing, rearing cows and selling milk, making Bamboo baskets and soaps, agricultural production like rice, wheat, vegetables, and pulses, rearing buffaloes, cutting and tailoring, running grocery shops, vegetable shops, bangle shops, readymade garments shops, furniture shops snacks and panipuri shops, beauty parlour, poultry farm, piggery, promoting herbal items like Avala Murabha, Arishttam, Chayawanprash and eucalyptus cough elixir etc.



B. Advocacy through Federations to obtain benefits from government schemes from Jamalpur and Dharara Blocks.

- Upgrading Government Middle School of Bellokar to High school
- Raising voice against violation of human rights in their villages especially when their electricity supply was stopped by the upper caste
- Ensuring Justice for the victim of violation of POSCO Act.
- Active participation in local governance through Gram Sabhas in 11 panchayets and getting benefits of developmental schemes for their villages
- Approaching various government departments to obtain land for the landless Manjhi families.

Women Empowerment Activities in MSK, Sheikhpura

Promotion of SHGs

Micro-finance activities

- Number of SHGs: 250
- Cumulative Saving: Rs.2,39,98,132.00
- Cumulative Internal Loan: Rs.2,06,64,663.00
- In Bank: Rs. 18,42,695.00
- In Box: Rs.14,90,774.00

Bank linkage and Income Generation Programme

191 SHGs received loan of Rs.1,57,59,000.00

- 500 Joint Liability Groups
- 2937 women are engaged in income generating activities such as cattle rearing, petty/grocery shops, Vegetable cultivation, seasonal crop cultivations and outlets for snacks.
- The JLG members opened their personal bank accounts (1686) and are registered under Atal Pension Yojana and other Insurances so that the women will get long term benefit from the savings.

Covid Relief Activities:

Food packets worth Rs. 500.00 each packet distributed among 20 families in Gahiri, West Champaran Dt. Bihar.
Food packets worth Rs. 780.00 each distributed among 27 families at Raxaul, East Champaran Dt.
Food packets worth Rs.500.00 each distributed among 100 families at Patna.
Food packets worth Rs. 514.00 each distributed among 60 families at Sasaram, Rohtas Dt.
Food packets worth Rs. 189.00 each distributed among 53 families at Sheikhpura.
Food packets worth 865.00 each distributed among 17 families at Munger Dt.
Soap and Hand Sanitizer worth Rs. 122.00 each distributed among 30 families and Rice packet worth Rs. 660.00 distributed amongst 53 families in Jamalpur, Munger Dt.
Food packets worth Rs. 252.00 each distributed among 20 families in Piro, Bhojpur Dt.
Helped 1 family with cash donation of Rs. 1000.00 in Raxaul.
Assisted 4 migrants with Rs. 5000.00 each to start petty shops and 1 migrant worker with Rs. 6000.00 in Raxaul.
Face Mask, Soap and Hand Sanitizer distributed worth Rs.10125.00 in Raxaul
Staff stitched 500 masks and made 500 hand washing soaps and distributed to 500 SHG members of Jamalpur Block during the lockdown period.
In collaboration with Oxfam Patna, Mashal, Alumnae of Notre Dame Academy and Patna Notre Dame Sisters Society, we distributed dry food grains, sanitary kits worth Rs. 9,00,000.00 (Nine lakhs only) to 450 poor families of Dharara Block and contributed one lakh rupees to the District Magistrate for the relief works at in Munger district
Initiated income generation programmes such as making puffed rice, laddoo, Sathu, Basin, Masala, and pulses for six SHG members who needed financial assistance.
5000 masks received from Reliance Foundation distributed in Munger, Jamalpur, Dharara and Kharagpur Blocks.

Impact Assessment of Social Action Wing of Mashal

An impact assessment of the Social Action Involvement of Mashal over the last 10 years was done. The study was done with technical support from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). As part of the study, Mashal's organizational assessment was done. To assess the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the Social Action involvements, Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews were done with the members and leaders of Self-Help Groups, Adolescent Girls' groups, local leaders, government officers etc. The interviews were conducted and recorded by the animators of 7 seven Social Action Centres of Mashal and the beneficiaries were selected at random from the project villages of these seven units. The process of Assessment that began in January 2020 ended only in May 2021 due to the delay caused by the spread of the pandemic. **The results of the Assessment showed that the projects of Mashal were implemented effectively and efficiently. Growth is seen in economic, social and cultural parameters. 100% of the respondents appreciated the interventions of Mashal and shared that they were relevant.**

After an analytical study of the report, the members suggested that we review the Strategic plan made for 2017-2022 and make a new strategic plan for the future involvements.

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