

Akhil Gramin Yuva Vikas Samiti

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Acknowledgment

This year we have moved to the 33rd years of our involvement in the development sector. Every year for AGYVS marks a forward step of contribution in achieving an empowered and developed society. The year 2018-19 has been of expansion, intensification, and implementation of new programs with newer techniques and realistic approaches. Older programs like SHG promotion, vocational training, health programs, educational programs, and sanitation programs are sharpening their focus and widening their reach to the target populations while newer programs like-E-Shakti Project, NIOS, BSDM, PPI, and NGO networking has been started based on people's needs and demands. At the same time, we have intensified our advocacy activities under the banner of "Lok Samiti" to solve the problems of the poor through peaceful means.



We have successfully implemented various community-based development programs for the poor and underserved populations in Bihar with an aspiration to see them on progressive paths. The poor, deprived and ignored communities are now able to generate sustainable livelihoods, exercising their rights and enacting their roles with full dignity and empowerment. They are growing as sensitized and empowered communities as per our aims and objects.

In our commitment to reach the poor and underserved section of the society, we received regular financial support from different national and international donor agencies and support from local administration that has helped us in realizing our dream of a developed and progressive society.

Subodh Kumar Pandey
Secretary

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◆ GENESIS

Akhil Gramin Yuva Vikas Samiti (AGYVS) was founded as an NGO in the year 1975 by a group of dedicated and committed social activists, who were inspired by the ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi and Jaiprakash Narayan to work for the creation of a just and equal society. AGYVS is registered under the Society Registration Act, FCR Act, and Section 12(A) of the Income Tax Act. At present, AGYVS is operational in Muzaffarpur, Vaishali & East Champaran districts in Bihar.

◆ VISION

AGYVS visualize a just society where no one remains hungry, unemployed, illiterate, and exploited.

◆ MISSION

To educate, organize and empower the rural poor to promote development as a liberating force aimed at social justice, economic growth, and self-reliance.

◆ LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860 by Govt. of Bihar, Patna. Reg. No. 154 dated 22.08.1978.
- Registered under the FCRA. Reg. No. 031140039 dated 12.03.1987.
- Registered under Section 12 (A) of Income Tax Act 1961. Year 1997-98.
- PAN AAAJA0552H.

◆ MAJOR OBJECTIVES

- To provide social, educational, and economic empowerment to women and children.
- To make people aware of their rights, duties, and initiatives meant for their overall development.
- To make people skilled for fir employment/self-employment.
- To promote a safer environment for the future generation through positive behavior change for sustainable development.
- To improve the precarious state of the villages in Bihar through improves agricultural practices, promotion of FPOs, health and nutrition, proper education, environmental conservation, etc.
- To improve community health emphasizing women and child health.
- To safeguard the rights of the child and well being of the children in need.
- To promote educational mainstreaming of the poor and vulnerable children and literacy promotion among illiterate women etc.

◆ MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sl. No.	Name	Sex	Designation
1.	Prabha Devi	Female	Chairman
2.	Suresh Pathak	Male	Vice-Chairman
3.	Subodh Kumar Pandey	Male	Secretary
4.	Binay Kumar Choudhary	Male	Treasurer
5.	Sunita Devi	Female	Member
6.	Naresh Ram	Male	Member
7.	Pankaj Kumar Singh	Male	Member
8.	Bipin Mishra	Male	Member
9.	Soni Kumari	Female	Member

◆ OUR OPERATIONAL AREA



<i>District</i>	<i>Block Coverage</i>	<i>Panchayat Coverage</i>	<i>Village Coverage</i>
Muzaffarpur	16	302	11,297
Vaishali	3	16	56
East Champaran	2	8	24
Total: 3 Districts	21 Blocks	326 Panchayats	11,377 Villages

◆ INFRASTRUCTURE

AGYVS has good infrastructure facilities with its spacious office building at Mani Fulkahan in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar with branch offices are at Vaishali and East Champaran districts in Bihar. All these offices are well equipped with all basic office facilities like Computer, Phone, Fax, and Internet.

◆ OUR TARGET GROUPS

Women, Adolescent Girls, Children, Youth, Disabled and Farmers with an emphasis on poor and vulnerable sections of the society.

◆ HUMAN RESOURCES

AGYVS has a committed experienced team of 60 full-time staff that comprises professionals, health workers, animators, teachers, supervisors, etc. who work with sincerity and commitment for long for organization progress. AGYVS has a good team of volunteers also.

PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR

■ **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

(i) ***Promotion of Basic Education:*** Education is one of the important activities of AGYVS and it has been a major issue for the holistic development of society. Since its inception, AGYVS is making sincere efforts to spread primary education among children of child labours (boys and girls) as well as also promoting literacy to illiterate rural women by establishing educational centers called “Robert Bal Shramik Centre” and “Women Literacy Centre” at Kanti and Marwan blocks in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. Since 1997, 02 “Robert Bal Shramik Centres” (For Children) and since 2013, 04 “Women Literacy Centers” (For Illiterate Women) were functional in 07 villages of the targeted blocks. These education centers are being run with the

financial support of Robert Af Sandeberg, a devoted man for the educational development of poor children around the world. Details are as follows-

Education Centre	Number	Block	Beneficiary
Robert Bal Sharmik Centre	2	Kanti and Marwan	25 children (Boys and Girls) in the age group 6-14 years.
Women Literacy Centre	4	Marwan	385 illiterate women and adolescent girls in the age group 18-35 years.
Total	7 Centres	2 Blocks	410 Beneficiaries

(ii) **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)**: Since 2009, AGYVS has been receiving support from the Ministry of Education (MOE), Government of India for the National School of Open Schooling by running a special center of NIOS (Centre Code 450115). The vital objects of NIOS are to provide education in the remote villages of India. It concentrates on the education of those students who lack opportunities for studies due to poverty. NIOS concentrates on primary and upper primary level education through alternate means of open schooling. Under NIOS, children are registered online to appear in the secondary examination. In 2018-19, 60 poor and underprivileged children have been benefited from this unique initiative of AGYVS.



■ VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

a. **PPI Project**: Rural women's limited access to productive resources, lower educational levels, and social norms about appropriate work for women tend to confine them to lower-paid, lower-status works where opportunities for skills training and advancement are reduced, thus perpetuating their lower status. Widespread patterns of insecure employment and temporary and precarious contractual arrangements in many rural enterprises discourage employers from offering training to women.

Women do most of the work in the fields of rural Bihar but are consistently underpaid, which prevents them from achieving financial independence. Vocational training can empower these women to uplift themselves out of financial dependence and decision-making power over their finances, livelihood, and life. In 2018-19, AGYVS with the financial support of People's for Progress in India, USA provided vocational training to 50 beneficiaries (25 girls and 25 boys) of the poor section of the society in readymade garments and diesel engine pump set repairing



trades. Beneficiaries from 5 Panchayats of Paru block in Muzaffarpur district were benefitted. The program has helped a lot in bringing sustainable changes in the socio-economic condition of the beneficiaries through employment/self-employment.

b. **BSDM Project:** Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), Bihar has launched a unique skill training program- “Kushal Yuva Program (KYP)” to enhance the employability skills of youth in the age group of 15-28 years (Age limit for SC/ST, OBC & People with Disabilities is as follows: SC/ST – 33 years, OBC – 31 years, PWD – 33 years), who have passed at least 10th Class irrespective of their having attained higher education or their currently pursuing higher education. Soft Skills training would comprise of Life skills, Communications Skills (English & Hindi), and Basic computer literacy which in turn would enhance their employability. Through this program, BSDM intends to enhance the employability of these youth of Bihar.



AGYVS Contribution

AGYVS is registered as SDC in this program since 1 June 2017 and so far imparted training to 580 youth and enhanced their employability successfully.

E-SHAKTI PROJECT-NABARD

E-shakti or Digitization of SHGs is an initiative of Micro Credit and Innovations Department of NABARD in line with our Hon’ble PM statement, ‘we move with the dream of electronic digital India...’. Digital India is a Rs 1.13-lakh crore initiative of the Government of India to integrate the government departments and the people of India and to ensure effective governance. It is to “transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy”.

Keeping in view the Government of India’s mission for creating a digital India, NABARD launched a project for the digitization of all Self Help Group (SHG) in the country. The project is being implemented in 100 districts across the country.

AGYVS Contribution

AGYVS is digitizing the SHGs groups across the Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. In 2018-19., monthly data uploaded for 6,300 SHGs. The details are as follows:

<i>Block</i>	<i>Panchayat</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>SHGs</i>	<i>Animator</i>	<i>No of individual women (out of 6300 SHGs no of women members)</i>
06	119	450	6,300	210	75,600



■ **FPO PROJECT-NABARD**

Indian Agriculture is predominantly characterized by a large number of dispersed and fragmented smallholdings. About 85% of the landholdings belong to small and marginal farmers. Being unorganized these farmers are unable to realize good value for their produces. Pilots implemented by NABARD and others indicate that the problems encountered by the small and marginal farmers can be mitigated to a large extent by organizing them into Farmers Producer Organization (FPO). FPO is one type of PO where the members are farmers. PO is a generic name of the organization of producers of any produce e.g. agricultural, non-farm products, artisan products, etc.

AGYVS Contribution

2 FPOs have been promoted by AGYVS under the NABARD project namely “Sarvodaya Vegetable Producers Company Limited” at village Anjanakot in Motipur block and “Litchi Farmers Producers Company Limited” at village Roopwara in Marwan block in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. The details are as follows:

<i>No of FPO</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>No of Members</i>	<i>Total Capital</i>
02	Marwan	582	6,20,000
	Motipur	502	5,05,100



Activities Performed

- Irrigation ▪ Plantation ▪ Varmin Compost ▪ Dairy ▪ Organic vegetable production
- Distribution of seeds and fertilizers at low cost to farmers ▪ Purchasing grains from farmers

■ **NETWORKING PROGRAM FOR NGOS**

In the present socio-economic scenario, it is not only important for the NGOs to work with commitment and dedication but also to possess a technical understanding of different aspects of the functioning of the NGO sector and the latest changes. It has been observed that in Bihar, most of the NGOs lack this capacity, and therefore not able to work efficiently as they should be.

To make efforts to minimize it, a network of NGOs called “Muzaffarpur Swaikchik Manch” is being promoted by AGYVS in the Muzaffarpur district. Presently, 14 committed and well-functioning NGOs are the members of this network who were periodically updated on topics like proposal writing, financial management, project implementation, office management, etc.

■ **PROMOTION OF FARMER’S CLUBS**

Since 2009, AGYVS is taking initiative in this direction with the support of NABARD in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar. In 2018-19, 25 farmers’ clubs were established in Kanti, Marwan,

and Motipur blocks comprising 15-20 small and marginal farmers in each club, Rs. 10,000/- is provided by NABARD for the efficient functioning of these groups. Monthly meetings of the groups were organized regularly to do savings, discuss the latest agriculture techniques and practices. Also imparted vocational training in agriculture-based trades like dairy, vegetable cultivation to promote greater value addition to their agriculture produces and forge new partnerships between public institutions and technology users.



In 2018-19, Kisan Credit Cards were issued to the members of the 10 farmers' clubs based on their landholdings by the commercial bank, Muzaffarpur. It is now helping farmers to readily purchase agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides and also withdraw cash for their production needs.

■ **CAMPAIGN AGAINST WOMEN VIOLENCE**

Violence against women is partly a result of gender relations that assumes men to be superior to women. Given the subordinate status of women, much of gender violence is considered normal and enjoys social sanction. To curb it, campaigns were launched in Kanti, Marwan, Paru, Sariya, Sahebganj, and Motipur blocks in Muzaffarpur district in Bihar in which following measures were adopted:



(i) Selection and training of Change Agents to organize women and aware and mobilize villagers in minimizing violence against women, information on Dowry Act, and providing legal assistance to women. 1,135 membership forms have been filled up.

(ii) Organization of 09 "Naya Dal" (Youth Wings- 308 members)" to pacify the work in the area and create a positive environment to bring desirable changes in this direction. These youth wings were instrumental to pressurize local administration to undertake appropriate steps to stop women's violence.

■ **OTHER PROGRAMS**

◆ **Environment Awareness:** Awareness camps were periodically organized by AGYVS in different villages of Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, and East Champaran districts in Bihar to sensitize people on this important issue. In 2018-19, we successfully covered 5,000 population (men, women, youth, and children) making them aware of the importance of maintaining an environment for the survival of human beings. A good number of booklets and pamphlets were also distributed among the targeted population on this issue concerned.

◆ **Cultural Programs:** Cultural programs are an important tool to reach the common masses on any social issue in a positive manner. In 2018-19- street plays, puppet shows, and devotional songs were adopted by AGYVS as a means to spread awareness among the community on health and sanitation issues. Different villages of Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, and East Champaran districts in Bihar were covered under the program.



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OUR DONORS

1. Functional Vocational Training Forum and Research Society (FVTRS), Bangalore
2. NABARD, Patna
3. DRDA, Muzaffarpur
4. PRAKALP, Muzaffarpur
5. National Child Labour Project, Govt. of India, New Delhi
6. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi
7. PPI, USA
8. DCLP, Muzaffarpur
9. Trickle Up
10. Bihar Skill Development Mission, Patna

OUR NETWORKING PARTNERS

1. Lok Samiti, Bihar
2. Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
3. Annadata Samridhi Aandolan, Muzaffarpur
4. Mahila Adhikar Manch, Muzaffarpur
5. Swaikchik Manch, New Delhi
6. We Can Campaign Networking, Bihar
7. Rights for Food & Work, Patna

