



## ANNUAL REPORT

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**Bolpur Manab Jamin**

### **From the desk of Secretary:**

*Success, they say, is not a destination but a journey. It's not a matter of where you happen to be, but how far you've come from where you started.*

*Bolpur Manab Jamin has been functioning since few years in Bolpur-Sriniketan block of Birbhum District of West Bengal with a view to develop as much as possible the strength of down trodden community to make them more valuable in the society.*

*Its developmental work hasten the progress to reduce hunger, poverty, infirmity and illiteracy from the society, bring back smile and hope to the rural and under privileged people and to translate all into reality the Millennium Development Goals.*

*Before I finish, I would like to thank our well-wishers, Donor Agencies for their support and encouragement and solicit further help, cooperation and guidance in our endeavor to uplift the condition of the less privileged section of the society.*

*The present document is a sincere effort to pen a true picture of the Organization for all concerned. The compiled data will definitely help us in future planning of the service.*

**Secretary  
Bolpur Manab Jamin**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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The Society takes the privilege to express its sincere thanks to Shining Eyes, Germany; International Center for Agricultural research in Dryland Areas (ICARDA); National Child Labour Project of Birbhum District, Asst. Labour Commissioner Office, Bolpur; Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices, Regional Office, Birbhum; Central Board for Workers' Education, Asansol.

We express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Institute of Agriculture, Palli Shiksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Bolpur Manab Jamin, a Non-Governmental Organization situated in a dry zone area that has Laterite soil and Vindhya Alluvial soil. The area has mono cropping with rice, which is entirely rain fed. The project area is near Santiniketan; however, the area is underdeveloped and has a large population of landless farmers.

The district of Birbhum lies between 23<sup>0</sup> 23' 30" and 24<sup>0</sup> 35' 0" North Latitudes and between 87<sup>0</sup> 05' 25" and 88<sup>0</sup> 01' 41" East Longitude. The district is bounded on the north and west, by the district of Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand, on the east by the districts of Murshidabad and Burdwan and on the south by Burdwan, from which it is separated by the Ajay River.

BMJ is working at 15 villages of 4 Gram Panchayats (5 villages in Ruppur Gram Panchayat, 7 villages in Raipur-Supur Gram Panchayat, 2 villages in Sattore Gram Panchayat and 1 village in Kankalitala Gram Panchayat) of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block.

### **Programme Objectives:**

- *To improve Food Security*
- *To increase the Nutritional Status of families*
- *To reduce school dropout*
- *Improve financial inclusion*
- *Involve more people in Income Generation Schemes.*
- *Increase environmental awareness*

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR'S ACQUISITION PROJECTS**

### **1. Hand Washing & Sanitation Programme**

Bolpur Manab Jamin has been evolved as a result of its experiences of working with communities, its organizational set-up, the skills of its team-members, and its focus on empowerment of communities. Based on these experience, envisages the development of basic health and hygiene in different areas with the support of the community.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, hand washing is considered the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection. Diseases are caused by germs and germs are carried on your hands. Proper hand washing, by children and staff (teaching staff), is an easy and effective way to reduce the transmission of disease & worms. Hand washing works wonder - the result is fewer sick days and limits visits to the doctor.

The challenge is to transform hand washing with soap from a figurative good idea into an automatic behaviour performed in homes, schools and communities. Turning hand washing with soap before eating and after using the toilet into a deep-rooted habit could save more lives than medical intervention, reducing deaths from stomach infections including Hepatitis A & diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections and fecal-oral transmission of diseases.

Mere hand washing with soap would make a significant contribution to meet the Millennium Development Goal of reducing deaths among children by 2015.

Bolpur Manab Jamin set its goal and had implemented this programme with the support of Dr. Monika.Golembiewski, Shining Eyes, Germany in 2 primary schools, 1 Shishu Shiksha Kendra and one ICDS centre.

This year 403 families were aware and had access to hand washing which includes under-privileged SC, ST, OBC and economically weaker section primary students and their parents. Sanitizing kit was distributed to the children and their families to safeguard their health which will sustain better habit of the community.

## **2. Support of International Centre for Agriculture Research in Dry land Areas (ICARDA)**

Research partnerships between Bolpur Manab Jamin and International Centre for Agriculture Research in Dry land Areas (ICARDA) have generated significant benefits for dryland farmers cultivating Lentil. Within this India – Morocco Food Legumes Initiative (IMFLI) initiative through South to South cooperation will join their effort and expertise to boost food legumes production.

Increasing food legumes productions by small farmers to strengthen food and nutrition security through adoption of improved technologies and governance within South-South cooperation are the main aims of the programme.

The impacts will be:

- a) Increase in Lentil production.*
- b) Increase in household income.*
- c) Increase in cropping intensity.*
- d) Increase in Legumes consumption.*

e) *Combat Malnutrition.*

f) *Increase soil fertility.*

This year Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical support of Visva Bharati Universtiy provided training to the farmers regarding Lentil cultivation before harvesting of paddy. 186 farmers participated in this programme. 900 kg of special Variety certified seeds had been distributed. Each farmer got special variety of Certified Seeds of Lentil (Moitree variety and Subrata variety) to demonstrate this programme. Apart from that, farmers own labour created forty man days per hectare for lentil cultivation in dry zone, rain fed, mono crop area.

### **3. Rural Knowledge Library**

A library is an organized collection of information resources made accessible to a defined community for reference or borrowing. It also creates a constructive and affirmative environment that encourages independence and self-study.

The Rural Knowledge Library with the support of Australian High Commission, New Delhi under Direct Aid Programme for youth development aims to create opportunities for tribal young people to study, connect to others, develop skills and utilize these skills to contribute to their community. It also provides array of opportunities that enable youth to build their competencies.

250 nos. of under privileged, tribal, schedule caste, economically weaker students were issued books from Rural Knowledge Library. They also took reference books from the Library for different kinds of studies.

### **4. CBWE**

#### **a. Quality of Life Training for Unorganized Sector Labour**

The term Quality of Life is used to evaluate the general well-being of individuals and societies in a wide range of contexts, including the fields of development, healthcare, policies and schemes. Quality of life should not be confused with the concept of standard of living, which is based primarily on income. Instead, standard indicators of the quality of life include not only wealth and employment, but also the built environment, physical and mental health, education, recreation and leisure time, and social belonging. For that reason 3 no of training on Quality of Life were organized for unorganized sector labour with the help of Central Board for Worker's Education Centre, Asansol Regional Office at three villages under Bolpur Manab Jamin project area each of 2 daylong training and 4 daylong training. Assistant Labour Commissioner and Assistant Director Agriculture, Assistant Director –

Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices spoke on different schemes, programmes and policies for their socio-economic development as well as the morality of their own lives. There were 20 couples (husband & wife) to participate in this training programme. Every participant got a stipend (Rupees 100.00 per head per day) in lieu of wages to participate at the training programme.

#### **b. Training for Panchayati Raj Functionaries**

Panchayat Raj is a system of governance in which gram panchayats are the basic units of administration. Functionaries of Raipur-Supur Gram Panchayat and Ruppur Gram panchayat have been given 2 days training by Central Board of Worker's Education Centre, Asansol Regional Office at Manab Jamin, campus office. There were 40 participants in this programme. The elected members of Panchayati Raj Institution, members of Gram Unnayan Samity under Ruppur and Raipur-Supur Gram panchayat had participated in this training programme. Assistant Labour Commissioner, , Inspector- BCW and Block Disaster Management Officer spoke on different schemes, programmes and policies for the socio-economic development of the villagers. The roles and responsibilities of the functionaries were also conversed for the smooth running of the Panchayats.

#### **c. Awareness Programme on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**

Six awareness programmes on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act have been organized with the support of Central Board of Worker's Education Centre, Asansol Regional Office. 240 villagers of 10 villages under Manab Jamin Project area participated in this training programme. The key speakers were Assistant Labour Commissioner, Block Disaster Management Officer who gave a clear idea about the act of MGNREGA's programme and its implementation.

#### **d. Block level Awareness Programme on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act**

Block level awareness training on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act have been organized with the support of Central Board for Worker's Education, Asansol Regional Office. 100 participants from 72 different villages participated in the programme. The objective of this programme is to expand the idea on MGNREGA among the villagers. The key speakers of this programme are Assistant Labour Commissioner, Inspector-BCW, Block Disaster Management Officer, Assistant Director Agriculture of Bolpur Sriniketan Block, Social Audit Coordinator, MGNREGA Cell of Bolpur Sriniketan Block, Jt. B.D.O, Regional Director of Central Board for Worker's Education, S.D.O of Bolpur Sub-Division, all spoke on Act and schemes for fruitful implementation of MGNREGA.

## **5. National Child Labour Programme School**

There is an old saying that goes 'The child is the father of the man' it simply implies that childhood is the formative period when a man's character is shaped. Unfortunately children of some segment remain rather neglected and deprived lot in a fast and adult centric world which views everything from its own misconceived perception. What is worse is that in the under developed countries children are not just neglected but actively exploited as a means of cheap labour.

This year, Bolpur Manab Jamin had got sanction to run two NCLP Special School at Labpur and Hansra (Illambazar) from the Project Director, National Child Labour Programme of Birbhum. The objective of this programme is to combat child labour as well as to rehabilitate them in different trade which would make his/her world a shade better.

The children at the age group of 9 to 14 years especially child labour working in brick field or as a maid servant or working in a tea stall are the pupil of this special school. The capacity of the student of each school is 50. Each student gets regular mid-day meal and is allotted with a stipend of Rs.150 per month. The student would also acquire lesson on vocational training along with the regular course of study.

Finally it could be said that child labour is a crime against humanity, and simply goes against nature and least we could do as individuals when we come across a child in harness of any kind is to be considerate to him/her as we would be to our own young ones.

## **6. Legal Aid Programme**

Bolpur Manab Jamin started this programme with the help of Sub Divisional Legal Service Committee, Bolpur Sub Division and First Track Sub Divisional Judge of Bolpur Court. Legal Aid Clinics are intended to provide legal relief easily accessible to the indigent and backward sections of our society. They are almost on the lines of primary health centres where a doctor and other auxiliary medical staff provide basic health care to the people situated in village areas affected with poverty and social squalor. Like the doctors rendering health services to the people of the locality in the primary health centre, a lawyer manning the legal aid clinic provides legal services to the people. The thrust is on the basic legal services like legal advice and assisting in drafting of notices, replies, applications, petitions etc. The legal aid clinic will also attempt to resolve the disputes of the people in the locality, preventing the disputes from maturing into litigation. This provides the lawyer in the legal aid clinic an opportunity to understand the difficulties faced by people in the distant villages' for access to justice. Legal aid clinics have to be manned by para-legal volunteers selected by the Legal Services

Authorities and lawyers with a sense of commitment, sensibility and sensitiveness to the problems of common people.

Our four Para-Legal Volunteers were selected and trained by the Legal Services Authorities who were then deputed to work in the Legal Aid Clinics for assisting the lawyer and the seekers of legal aid. They draft petitions, applications and accompany the seekers of legal aid to the government offices for interacting with the officials for solving the problems of such seekers of legal aid.

## **8. Linkage Programme**

### **BGREI**

The Government of India has launched a special programme of 'Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI)' - a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2010-11 in the eastern states with an objective to increase the productivity of rice based cropping system. This scheme has resulted in impressive increase in production of food grains with the eastern region now turning a food surplus region.

This year 12465 kg of seeds (variety 1010) among 626 nos. of farmers of 11 villages and covered 1887.9 hectare of land under BGREI programme. This programme was supported by Assistant Director of Agriculture, Bolpur-Sriniketan Block. The farmers got two trainings for this programme. The farmers also got financial assistance from the Office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture.

## **9. BOCCOW**

Bolpur Manab Jamin has been involved for the development of unorganized sector labour through the scheme of West Bengal Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare.

The building and other construction workers in the age group of 18 to 55 years and have worked for not less than ninety days in the subsequent one year are eligible for registration as a beneficiary under this scheme. Tri-monthly contributions of Rs.60/- (monthly Rs.20/-) is to be deposited along with relevant documents against which a receipt will be issued by the office and an equal amount has been released by the Government as Matching Contribution.

During 2012, 257 villagers under 23 villages benefited by the scheme of WBOCWW. Required identity cards of the registered beneficiaries under WBOCWW have been distributed through and 10 awareness programmes were held at respective villages and campus office of Bolpur Bolpur Manab Jamin.

Under the scheme of WBOCWW, this year 26 beneficiary got the support of Rs.2000/-for purchasing tools 18 beneficiaries got assistance of Rs. 3000/- for purchasing bicycle and 5

beneficiaries got assistance of Rs. 4000/- each for education for their children for further studies of Higher Secondary. This year one beneficiary got assistance of Rs. 30000/- for death benefit.

#### **10. SASPFUW**

Bolpur Manab Jamin has also facilitated 218 beneficiaries under social assistance schemes for the benefit of unorganized sector labour with the help of labour department, Govt. of West Bengal. The name of the Scheme is state Assistant Scheme (SASPFUW) for provision of future.

The subscribers who are involved in the self employment occupation and work at unorganized industries may get the benefit from these schemes.

#### **11. Transport worker**

For the benefit of unorganized workers engaged in automobiles Bolpur Manab Jamin implemented the scheme of **West Bengal Transport Workers Social Security Scheme** through West Bengal State Social Security Board, Labour Department, Govt. of West Bengal. The scheme shall apply to all unorganized workers engaged in automobiles used for commercial purposes namely cars, taxies, luxury taxies, light commercial vehicles, vans, auto-rickshaws, tempos, lorries, trucks, bus, etc or by whatever name called, other than those solely owned by an individual for his personal or family use. This year 11 beneficiaries got the benefit of the scheme.

#### **12. CA&FBP Consumer Protection Right**

As a general consumer, people always are deprived in daily life to purchase consumable goods. Most of the people have neither any idea regarding the protection of the consumer from deprivation. During this year, Manab Jamin had organized 24 awareness meetings on Consumer Protection Rights at 12 villages under Bolpur Sub Division. Bolpur Manab Jamin had organized this programme to create awareness among the people regarding Consumer Protection Act. This programme have been organized in collaboration with the Dept. of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices, Govt. of West Bengal.

During this year, we also organized the awareness programme on consumer rights & its protection among the School & University student under Manab Jamin project area. Three numbers of awareness programme had been organized among the student of Kankutia Santidev Ghosh High School

## Consumer Awareness in Pous Mela

Pous Mela is an annual fair and festival that takes place in Santiniketan. The fair is held for four days. This year, Bolpur Manab Jamin had organized a Stall at Pous Mela for 4 days from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 26<sup>th</sup> December in collaboration with Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practice, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri, Birbhum to create awareness among the consumer's on their rights. The Stall had been inaugurated by Mr. Piyush Mukhopadhyay, Ex principal of Siksha Satra; Prof. Gopal Chandra De, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati University and Mr. Biswanath Bag, Assistant Director, CA&FBP were present during the time of inauguration. There has been display of various cartoons related to consumer rights and exhibit of a documentary film of the said department. Manab Jamin throughout this fair had aimed to create awareness about the rights guaranteed to consumers under the law and to serve as Guidance Agency to guide consumers to assert such rights.

### 13. Self Help Group: Approaching Towards Sustainability

One of Bolpur Manab Jamin strategic objectives is to contribute to the goal of reducing rural poverty and to provide improved financial and related non-financial services in rural areas.

From the development experience of many countries, it was found that there is correlation between women empowerment through education, poverty entitlement, capital formation, human resource development and formation of self help groups.

At present total number of SHG under Bolpur Manab Jamin are 79 where 914 villagers are involved in these different SHG groups. The majority of the members belong to Scheduled Caste community and the number is 436.

*The details are given below:*

No. of Self Help Group	:	79 (Number of SHG composed by women are 60 and men are 19)		
Total member of Self Help Group	:	Scheduled Tribe	–	211
		Scheduled Caste	–	436
		Underdeveloped	–	127
		Minority Class	–	3
		General	–	137
		Total	–	914
The SHG members are engaged with different income generation programme like as Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Intensive Agriculture, Pisciculture, Small Scale Business, Cottage Industry, Social Forestry Plantation etc.				

#### 14. Farmers Club: Sustaining Growth In Agriculture

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) encourages banks to promote Farmers' Clubs in rural areas under the Farmers' Club Programme, earlier known as "Vikas Volunteer Vahini (VVV) Programme". The Programme was launched by NABARD in November 1982.

Bolpur Manab Jamin nurtures 16 Farmers' Clubs in 16 villages within the project area with the support of NABARD.

*The details of the Farmers' Club:*

Sl. No.	Name of Farmers' Club	Village	No. of Farmers Covered	Operational Bank
01	Supur Srijani Farmers' Club	Supur	31	UCO Bank, Raipur Branch
02	Sristi Farmers' Club	Nurpur	37	UCO Bank, Raipur Branch
03	Durgamata Farmers' Club	Mirzapur	33	UCO Bank, Raipur Branch
04	Sabuj Farmers' Club	Rajatpur	40	UCO Bank, Raipur Branch
05	Radha Madhav Farmers' Club	Islampur	34	Paschim Banga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
06	Lohagarh Krishi Unnayan Chasi Samity	Lohagarh	59	Paschim Banga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
07	Mahula Mangalchandi Krishak Sangha	Mahula	36	Vijaya Bank, Kankalitala Branch
08	Pallyshree Farmers' Club	Paruldanga	41	Vijaya Bank, Kankalitala Branch
09	Bahadurpur Durgamata Farmers' Club	Bahadurpur	41	Paschim Banga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
10	Benuria Pragati Farmers' Club	Benuria	30	Paschim Banga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
11	Madhusudanpur Annapurna Farmers' Club	Madhusudanpur	22	Allahabad Bank, Bolpur Branch
12	Prakriti Farmers' Club	Rindanga	22	Allahabad Bank, Bolpur Branch
13	Motipur Pragatisil Farmers' Club	Motipur	25	Paschimbanga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
14	Ruppur Farmers' Club	Ruppur	15	Paschimbanga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
15	Kendradangal Farmers' Club	Kendradangal	36	Paschimbanga Gramin Bank, Sriniketan Branch
16	Taltore Sabujayan Farmers' Club	Taltore	44	United Bank of India, Bolpur Branch

## **15. Eco Group**

Ecological movement has been started under Bolpur Manab Jamin. Eco groups are working actively at villages under Bolpur Manab Jamin project area. The idea to promote Eco Group is to create awareness against environment pollution and to grow habit for tree plantation to protect the environment. The members of Eco group are in the age group of 12 to 18 years and student from class VI to XII, the most of the eco-group members belong to farmers & day laborer family. There are total 307 nos. of eco group members where 128 boys and 179 girls are energetically working.

## **16. Education Support Programme: For Immaculate Tomorrow**

This is a need based programme under which textbooks are given to meritorious and economically weaker students. This year 159 students studying from Class VI to Bachelors Degree got the support.

Among them 67 numbers of boys and 92 numbers of girls received the books. The caste wise distribution was 70 numbers of Scheduled Caste, 13 numbers of Scheduled Tribe and 47 numbers of others.

## **17. Kala Azar**

Kala Azar has been a major public health concerns in West Bengal. This disease is mostly prevalent in hard core endemic pockets inhabited predominantly by poor rural populations including the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, and other marginalized communities, who have relatively limited access to quality health care, communication and other basic facilities, and are thus rather vulnerable.

Bolpur Manab Jamin and West Bengal Voluntary Health Association partnership is a key supportive programme strategy aiming at reaching the entire target population with correct information and services on effective Vector Borne Disease control/ elimination tools and technologies at Birbhum. In this background, the present project is providing effective and high quality technical and management services to plan and implement social mobilization and delivery of timely and appropriate preventive and curative service for Kala-azar elimination in identified endemic areas.

Bolpur Manab Jamin members carry out active search of fever cases and ensure timely and appropriate diagnosis and treatment with the help of related Health Departments.

Details given below are the services rendered from April 2012 to March 2013

Sl. No.	Name of the activity	No. of activity	No. of participants
01.	Village Meeting	67	1669
02.	Awareness/Feedback meeting	29	601
03.	Door to door mobilization	54	1369
04.	Campaign in school	25	1168
05.	Meeting with quacks	28	54
06.	Orientation of Village Health and Sanitation Committees Meeting	33	250
07.	Mass campaign and feedback session on acceptance of IRS & use of LLINs	41	1522
08.	District Level Monthly Review Meeting	18	57
09.	Indoor Residual Spray	4 times (21 village)	1597 (family covered)
10.	BPHC Level Meeting	16	71
11.	Sub Centre Level Meeting	12	58
12.	Training of ASHA workers	1	30
13.	IEC Materials Distribution	20	56 (poster distributed)
14.	Kala Azar Fortnight Programme	2 times (25 village)	462 (family covered)
15.	Participated in Poush Mela 2013 for 3 days organised by Bolpur BPHC		

### **18. Health Awareness: Commit To Be Fit**

This is the programme for the women. The inspiration of this programme is to create awareness among the women on health, hygiene, sanitation, family planning, immunization, nutrition, etc. A qualified Doctor have been conducted this awareness programme. During this year, 4 no of health awareness meeting had been organized at four different villages under Bolpur Manab Jamin Project area where 116 women have attended.

The Health In-charge conducted 20 nos. of health awareness meetings at twelve different villages under Bolpur Manab Jamin project area, where 256 women have participated. There have been discussions on how to combat population explosion, immunization, child health care, combat malnutrition, improvement of health and hygiene, etc.

### **19. Nutritional Garden**

Growing of organic vegetables in the Kitchen Garden is a very popular programme for the housewives. The vegetables are grown in their homestead land three times a year. Seeds were supplied to them in each season. Normally they got seed in three seasons. They have used only

organic manures for production of vegetables. They have been taught on the use of Liquid Manure and use of organic pesticides for control of insect, pests and diseases.

The production of vegetables enriched their diet due to consumption of part of it in their daily meals. In some cases they have also earned pocket money by selling a part of the vegetables produced by them.

This is one of the popular programme of Bolpur Manab Jamin where the women of had demonstrated this programme. The main thrust of this programme is to propagate the home stead kitchen garden which would be source of nutritional supply of the family as well as secondary source of earning the pocket money. Bolpur Manab Jamin supplied seed and seedling in three times in a year that is in rainy season, winter season and summer season. The women have used only organic manure and homemade organic pesticides. During this year, 200 women have demonstrated the kitchen garden programme. The production of vegetable has enriched their diet. In some cases they have earn some money by selling a part of the produce.

## **20. Promotion Of Medicinal Garden (Health Garden)**

The idea of this programme is to promote the health garden within the homestead area and women have taken the responsibility to look after the medicinal garden. The women have got the technical know-how on: use of medicinal plants for prevention of primary illness. During this year 7 types of medicinal plants had been distributed among 83 women under Bolpur Manab Jamin project area. The women have used it for prevention of primary illness like acidity, stomach problem, cough & cold etc.

## **21. Mushroom Cultivation**

Mushroom cultivation's economic importance lies primarily in its use as food for human consumption. It is one of the programmes of Bolpur Manab Jamin. Oyster mushroom is grown at moderate temperature ranging from 20<sup>0</sup> C to 30<sup>0</sup> C and humidity 55-70% for a period of 2 to 4 months in the project villages.

This year spawn was distributed among 47 numbers of women farmers from 4 villages and 104 no of demonstration have been made. Most of them are landless and SHG members.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Village</b>	<b>No of Participants</b>	<b>No of Demonstration</b>
01.	Bahadurpur	16	20
02.	Mirzapur	12	54
03.	Paruldanga	10	16
04.	Supur	09	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>104</b>

## **22. Maize & Black Gram Cultivation**

The story of maize/corn began in 1492 when Columbus's men discovered this new grain in Cuba. Maize, a high yielding cereal crop, is a member of the grass family Gramineae. Bolpur Manab Jamin teaches, if it is cultivated with proper care and management, it will be able to meet the need of food in a considerable extent of ever increasing population.

In America it is considered as the king of field crops. It is used as staple food in Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, Kenya etc.

Urd or black gram is a native of India and originated from *Phaseolus sublobatus*, a wild plant. It is very rich in protein containing about 25 per cent protein in its seed and is the richest in phosphoric acid among pulses.

Urd bean being leguminous has the capacity to fix atmospheric nitrogen and thus helps in restoring the soil fertility.

During this year, Dryland Research Station, Bankura came forward to help Manab Jamin to distribute 30 kg of Maize and 20 kg of Black Gram to 10 farmers in the village of Mirzapur. The farmers cultivated 7.75 bighas of land with this support.

## **23. Bolpur Manab Jamin Foundation Day**

In order to commemorate the completion of the 3 successful year of journey of Bolpur Manab Jamin the Foundation Day was organised. It was observed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at Bolpur Manab Jamin, Mirzapur Office Campus through a discussion.

On this occasion the Secretary said that Bolpur Manab Jamin is always caring for the poor and downtrodden segments and it was in the tenure of Bolpur Manab Jamin that the backward, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minorities were empowered socially and financially. The Foundation Day was observed with full enthusiasm by the members of Future Generation Farmers' Group, Youth Leader, Guest and Bolpur Manab Jamin members. The celebration of the day concluded with a short cultural programme performed by Future Generation Farmer Group members.

**Details of Working Committee Members of Bolpur Manab Jamin**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
1.	Pijush Mukhopadyay South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	President	Retired Principal
2.	Debiprasanna Mukhopadhyay Andrewspally; P.O.: Santiniketan; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731235	Vice President	Retired Professor and Principal
3.	Supriya Mondal South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Secretary	Teacher
4.	Chanchal Paul Nayekpara, P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Asst. Secretary	Social Service
5.	Debasis Mukherjee Vill.: Surul; P.O.: Sriniketan; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731236	Treasurer	Social Service
6.	Santosh Paul Trishulapatty, P.O. : Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Member	Service
7.	Srikanta Mondal South Jambuni , P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum, PIN : 731204	Member	Farmer

## TEAM MEMBERS

Alpana Mete	Kanan Mete
Anima Garain	Krishna Ray
Balika Kisku	Madhavi Das
Chanchal Pal	Monoyara Begum
Debasis Mukherjee	Saunak Kar
Debashis Mitra	Shefali Das
Dharam Kisku	Shibani Mondal Mazumdar
Gouri Haldar	Srikanta Mondal
Hira Rani Pal	Supriya Mondal
Jharna Pal	Susanta Patra
Julekha Mondal	Surovita Sarkar
Kabita Sardar	Swapna Mazumdar

## LEARNING FROM THE PAST ACTING FOR THE FUTURE

It is important that the future keeps in touch with the past. We have more direct responsibility for the proceedings. Bolpur Manab Jamin primarily puts emphasis on the exchange of experiences between the generations. The members and volunteers create awareness and understanding for the beneficiaries and work for their sustainable development.

Participatory and people-centred approaches to development that were both innovative and experimental, BMJ ascended on the basis of their strengths as local, grassroots-level development organization offering the potential for innovative programs reflecting the needs and wants of local communities and disadvantaged groups.

Their close grassroots linkages meant that Bolpur Manab Jamin was seen to be more than just alternative service providers, also offering a route to empowerment through allowing communities and disadvantaged groups to articulate their needs in programme design and implementation.

***Your donations***

***to Bolpur Manab Jamin***

*will help support our much needed program, as it will ensure the continuity of our program in providing an extremely valuable service and a deep satisfaction to the person/community for having brought about a positive social change.*

***Let us endeavor to build a healthy society with your support.***

**BANK DETAILS BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN**

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