

Annual Report 2013-14

From the desk of Secretary:

An NGO is a powerful way to create lasting change for a community. Through it, one can mobilize others and build something bigger than what can be achieved alone. Although it is a long journey and a lot of work and takes years & many kinds of skills, resources and relationships to build and to sustain the effectiveness.

In order to carry out its mandate it has thematically focused on the area of Education, Health, Women Empowerment, Environmental Activities, Local self-government, Income generating, Vermicompost, Institutional development, Capacity building and social awareness as the tools to usher in new Socio-Economic Paradigm.

I take the privilege to express my sincere thanks to all our well-wishers and Donor Agencies for their support and encouragement and solicit further help, co-operation and guidance in our endeavor to strengthen the condition of the under privileged sector of the society.

I take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Bolpur Manab Jamin family who has contributed to various stages of developmental work and betterment of this document. This Document draws on annual activities of the year 2013-14.

Secretary

[Bolpur Manab Jamin]

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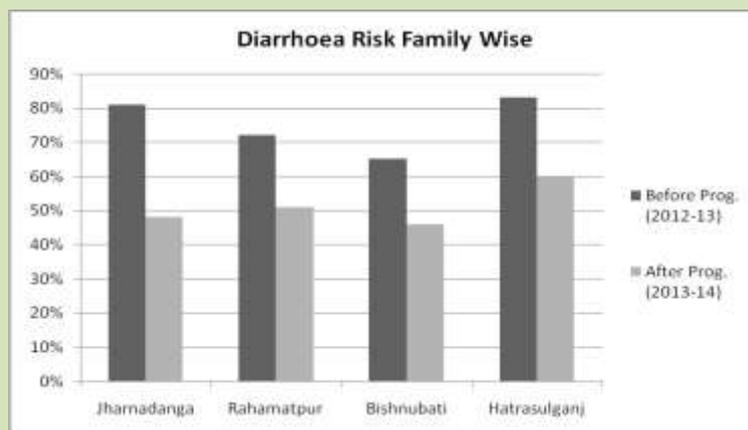
Bolpur Manab Jamin would like to place on records its appreciation and gratitude to all the Government Departments, Banks, local youth clubs and their leaders, Eco Group members for their efforts. We also thank all the villagers for their support.

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.

We express our sincere thanks to PRI representatives, Non Government Organizations, Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Dr. Ashutosh Sarker, Dr. Kuhu Chatterjee, Mr. Ashijit Ganguli, Society for Equitable Voluntary Actions, AHIMSA Trust.

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. This year 413 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.



Beside the reduction of the Diarrheal risk in the community few other outcomes are also noticed:

- Decrease in the rate of School Dropout which is caused by illness,
- Less expense for Doctor’s fees and medicine,
- Increase rate of man days, thus creating more income.

These factors symbolically represent a better condition of the communities where the programme was implemented.

Village Health Camp

The basic need of a community fulfills when it gets better health services. In rural sector it is observed that the Child and Mother health are under threat creating more vulnerability. Indicating toward this factor Bolpur Manab Jamin felt the need of health service among the rural community and make a linkage with St. Mary’s Child and Mother Care Centre, Paruldanga.

Support of International Centre for Agriculture Research in Dry land Areas (ICARDA)

Lentil the tiny nutritional giant and the poor man's meat can not only combat malnutrition but can also increase household income in rural areas.

Being inspired by this thought International Centre for Agriculture Research in Dry land Areas (ICARDA) entrusted Bolpur Manab Jamin to initiate pulse seed production and demonstration programme under India - Morocco Food Legumes Initiative (IMFLI) through South to South cooperation for dryland farmers in Birbhum District.

Increasing food legumes productions by small & marginal 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 outcome will be:

- *Increase in Lentil production.*
- *Increase in household income.*
- *Decrease Labour Migration*
- *Increase in cropping intensity.*
- *Increase in Legumes consumption.*
- *Combat Malnutrition.*
- *Increase soil fertility.*

This year Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical support of Visva Bharati University implemented the programme in 84.40 ha. area in 40 villages where 565 farmers benefitted . 2532 kg of special Variety Breeder, Foundation and Certified seeds were distributed. Each farmer got special variety of Lentil (Moitree, Subrata, HUL-57 and PL-6) for demonstration and cultivation. Apart from that, farmers own labour created forty man days per hectare for lentil cultivation in dry zone, rain fed, mono crop area. Besides this, Bolpur Manab Jamin demonstrated Line Sowing at 6 plots in 5 villages for comparative study on production and pros & cons of the varieties.

This year, 3 most successful farmers were honored at a ceremony which was attended by Prof. Gopal Chandra De, Ex Principal Palli Sikha Bhavana, Visva Bharti University.

Programmes under Central Board for Workers Education, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India

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 Workers Education Centre, Asansol Regional Office at the Campus Office. There were 60 couples to participate in the trainings. Every participants got a stipend to at the end of the session.

b) Awareness Programme on Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

Five 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 2 villages under Bolpur Manab Jamin Project area participated in this training programme. The key speakers were Assistant Labour Commissioner, Industrial Development Officer, Assistant Director Agriculture, Social Audit Coordinator, MGNREGA Cell of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block who gave a clear idea about the act of MGNREGA’s programme and its implementation.

c) Sensitization programme for parents of Child Labour under NCLP special School

This year a sensitization programme had been organized for the parents of child labour with the support of Central Board for Worker’s Education, Asansol Regional Office for the parents of Child Labour under National Child Labour Programme at NCLP Hansra School. The Field Officer of NCLP, Birbhum and Minimum Wages Inspector of Illambazar Block had spoken on the importance of the school. There had been also discussion on the availability and accessibility of different Schemes and Programme for unorganized sector labour.

d) Special Awareness programme for Schedule Tribe Unorganised Sector Labour

Special programme for Scheduled Tribe had been organised with the support of Central Board for Worker’s Education, Asansol Regional Office at different villages of Bolpur Sriniketan Block. The objectives of this programme was to make a bridge between the under privilege section of the community and Government offices. Assistant Labour Commissioner of Bolpur Regional Office, Assistant Labour Commissioner of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block, Assistant Director CA&FBP, Industrial Development Officer and Inspector BCW spoke on different schemes; there had been also discussion on the availability and accessibility of different Schemes and programme for unorganized sector labour. The programme covered 280 tribal people of 7 villages.

National Child Labour Programme School

According to Nelson Mandela - Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world. Unfortunately in the communities, children often face extremely difficult circumstances and forego their childhood. Violations of their

basic rights and limited access to resources, like education, are part of their reality which turns them to child labour.

Our activities focus on providing access to quality education and educational support, to vulnerable children who need special attention and care. We work closely with communities to build awareness on child education.

Bolpur Manab Jamin is running smoothly the two NCLP Special School at Labpur and Hansra (Illambazar) under National Child Labour Programme of Birbhum. The objective of the programme is kept in focus to combat child labour as well as to rehabilitate them in different trade which would make his/her world 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. Each student is getting regular mid-day meal and the allotted stipend of Rs.150 per month. Lessons on vocational training also given to them along with the regular course of study.

Child labour cannot be totally eradicated unless it is supplemented by comprehensive socio-economic programmes and educational uplift of the under privileged sections of the society and by a change in the attitude of the society towards child labour.

In short, the general improvement in socio-economic conditions of people will result in gradual elimination of child labour.

Social Security Schemes

a) WBBOCWW

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 limit of 18 to 60 years and have worked for not less than ninety days in the subsequent 1 year are eligible for registration as a beneficiary under this scheme. Annually contributions of Rs.30/-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 2013-14, 136 villagers under 10 villages benefited by the scheme of WBBOCWW. All identity cards of the registered beneficiaries under WBBOCWW have been distributed.

- (c) *The right to be heard and to be assured that consumers interests will receive due consideration;*
- (d) *The right to seek redressal against unfair trade practices or restrictive trade practices or unscrupulous exploitation of consumers; and*
- (e) *The right to consumer education.*

Besides these programmes BMJ has organised a Stall at Pous Mela, an annual fair and festival that takes place in Santiniketan, for 4 days from 23rd December to 26th 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 Prof. Gopal Chandra De, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati University and Mr. Biswanath Bag, Assistant Director, CA&FBP.

There has been display of various cartoons related to consumer rights and exhibit of a documentary film of the said department. BMJ 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.

Consumer Protection Right through a Street Corner

Manab Jamin organized awareness meetings on Consumer Protection Rights at the different villages under Manab Jamin project Area through a street corner with the help of Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri on 22nd May, 2013. Posters were displayed. A Cartoon Documentary Film regarding different examples of buying day to day commodities from market was shown. A seminar was also organized on Consumer Rights and its Protection. The programme got in touch with nearly 1000 consumers who are yet to know of their Rights. They moreover learnt the signs and the procedures of checking expiry date marks etc. before buying it through this important programme.

Special Programme on Consumer Right

A special seminar was organized on consumer awareness at the auditorium of Gitanjali with the help of Consumer affairs and fair business practice, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri Birbhum on 24th May 2013. 200 villagers of Manab Jamin project area, members of different NGOs and CBOs and different dignitary personalities participated in this programme. The Deputy Assistant Director of CA& FBP, Consumer Welfare Officer, and Senior Technical Officer of BSNL, District Officer of Small Savings of Malda and Legal Meteorology Officer had participated in this programme.

Movement of Tableau for consumer awareness throughout the District

This year, Bolpur Manan Jamin had moved out a tableau for consumer awareness with the support of Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practice, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri, Birbhum. This tableau is meant to reach all the sub-divisions along with Block and few Gram panchayets of this district. This tableau consists of banners which create awareness

among the consumers on every purchase with an announcement of the rights of the consumer and its protection, this tableau moved from 20th to 27th of May, 2013.

Consumer Awareness in Pous Mela

Pous Mela is an Annual Fair and Festival that take place in Santiniketan. The Fair is held for four days. This year, Manab Jamin had organized a Stall at Pous Mela for 4 days from 23rd December to 26th December 2013, in collaboration with Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practice, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri, Birbhum created awareness among the consumer's on their rights. The Stall was inaugurated by Prof. Gopal Chandra De, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati University and Mr. Biswanath Bag was present at the time of inauguration. Various cartoons related to consumer rights were exhibited and a documentary film of the said department was shown. 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.

Consumer Outreach Programme by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

The entry of private service providers brought with it the inevitable need for independent regulation. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was, thus, established called the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, to regulate telecom services, including fixation/revision of tariffs for telecom services.

On 9th January 2014 Bolpur Manab Jamin with the help of TRAI organised Customer Outreach Programme in Gitanjali (Shantideb Kaksha) Bolpur, West Bengal. This programme primarily intended to outreach to the customers, industry bodies, State Govt. and various government bodies directly associating the CAGs and TSPs.

Education Support Programme: For Immaculate Tomorrow

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”

~ Ernest Hemingway

Education is a process whereby we learn to act in a human, rather than infantile. Through this process we gain a cultural as part of our personal identity.

There are many challenges of education like as children do not have school fees, there is a need to work at young age, text books and school supplies may be scarce, and the government may be forced to attend to other priorities

In spite of the largest education system in the world, India still faces problems of low levels of literacy achievement and poor quality of education with 37 percent of the population lacking literacy skills and 53 percent of children dropping out at the elementary level.

Textbook Support service is committed to helping rural students, of SC, ST and economically weaker sections to become effective users of ideas and information by providing them the text books which enlighten their vision. Bolpur Manab Jamin is

Mushroom Demonstration Programme

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° C to 30° C and humidity 55-70% from October to February in the project villages.

This year spawn was distributed among 27 numbers of women farmers from 4 villages and 80 demonstrations have been made. Most of them are landless and SHG members.

Ecological Group

As a development organization Bolpur Manab Jamin is very keen to protect the environment which leads to better tomorrow. So to protect our coming generation we took an effort lead by coming generation especially by children of 11 to 16 years. This movement is going on in our project villages named Eco Group activity. We have 10 Eco Group comprising of 307 members in 10 project villages. The group prepares village resource map, water map, drawing different pictures resembling ecological issues, observance of Environment Days along with workshop, meeting and awareness camp with the villagers.

TEAM MEMBERS

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

Details of Working Committee Members of Bolpur Manab Jamin

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation	Occupation
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

Conclusion

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-centered 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.

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YOUR DONATIONS to BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN will 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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Branch	: Raipur Branch
SB A/c No.	: 17100110006832
Branch Code	: 1710
IFSC	: UCBA0001710

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