GRAMIN EVAM NAGAR VIKAS ARISHAD
Annual report 2019-2020

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INTRODUCTION

FROM THE DESK OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Annual Progress Report of Garmin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad for the year of 2019-20 is a very transparent as well open text which reveals actions, activities, utility and future strategy especially for those who are engaged in social development and civil society actions to promote the actual development aspects of the community keeping the views of millennium development goal of our country as well the State. I am experiencing the growth of the organization through new initiatives, field outlooks and exposures and execution of work in the different sectors of humanitarian aid and philanthropy with the support of likeminded people. GENVP has been able to bestow a position for itself. We also learned from mistakes, stood up by criticism, welcomed suggestions and recommendations for further improvisation, tried its utmost level to create a special and valued place among the other reputed civil society organizations which has sharpened their initiatives and concise their efforts.

The year witnessed the action for Women Empowerment, Livelihood, Community Institutions for local self governance, Institutionalizing philanthropic concept, Trans-boundary water management, Family Planning and Bhikshavriti nivaran program. We also worked for Reproductive Health, Sexual Health, Adolescent Health, Networking and Development. Social Inclusion and Domestic Violence of women emerged as key working areas for GENVP in active collaboration with change agent from various sectors, i.e., media, Voluntary organizations, Intelligentsia, etc. and urged them to evolve partnerships for development the pace of social change.

This is special occasion for me and also for the organization to put this report. Our actions with desirable marginalized sections added to build rapport, love and affection and also strengthened the sustainability of organization with continuation of value added executions at grass root level to apex level. The organization is thoroughly admiring and gratified to all the noticeable and unseen civil society movements, supporting agencies, networks, communities and common citizen who facilitated the organization in nurturing in a better way.

Ram Kishor Prasad Singh
General Secretary
Genesis of Organization

Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) was established on November 14, 1984 with the vision to provide a platform for discussion and action on developmental issues concerning the poor. The organization was founded by a group of like-minded intellectual associates to involve the rural and urban poor in various developmental activities. The organization has imbibed the thoughts expressed by the father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi and another visionary, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan, that development can only take place when the people, especially the rural people are mobilized to participate in their own development. Accordingly, GENVP is committed to concentrate on the empowerment of people, especially women, Youth & Dalit in the villages, realizing that women, Youth & Dalit are the strongest agents of social change and through them the other sections can also be reached.

The Vision

“Achieving a self-reliant rural society with self-governance, peace, equity and justice”

The Mission

- Community organization for initiating social action.
- Facilitating the establishment of sustainable health care system.
- Empowerment of women and bringing gender equity in rural society.
- Ensuring economic development and creating sustainable opportunity to weaker section.

Core Value

- Value to traditional knowledge and Wisdom
- Compassion with Poor and people who denial to human rights
- Gender Equity and Equality
- Transparency

Target Group

- Women
- Dalit
- Children
- Adolescent
- Young people
- Persons with disabilities
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- Beggars & Destitute

Key Thematic Issue

- Health
- Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- Philanthropic Practice
- Education and Digital Literacy
- Livelihood
- Homeless
- Water management and Climate change
- Dalit Empowerment
- Water and Sanitation
- Local Self Governance
- Non Conventional Energy
- Trafficking
- Right to information
- Nutrition
State wide networking

Membership & Association

- State Coordinating Organization of Women Power Connect
- Member of national Network CMNSA
- Member of AiH
- Member of Gender Alliance
- Member of NACG
- Member of SRIJAN
- State level Core group member of “ARC”
- State Coordinating Organization of “NARMADA”
- Governing Board Member of ATSEC
- Member of Bihar Innovation Forum
- Member of Credibility Alliance
- Member of Bihar State Child Welfare Council.
- Member of SAATTHII
- Member of PROPOOR
- Member of WESNET
- Member of VISHWASH
- Secretariat of Family Planning Alliance, Bihar

Widening the spread of the impact as well as increasing the scope of operation with respect to community health/ reproductive health/ reproductive rights/ declining child sex ratio have been a vital organization priority for a long time. The best method to overcome these limitations and thereby achieve the state wide spread as well as wide spread impact is through networking of similar organizations. Of course the organization also values the networking with individuals committed to the cause; but institutional networking gains higher priority as it has higher programmatic impact. This effort has yielded fruit in bringing together a large number of civil society organizations spread all over Bihar. Repeated rounds of network meetings among them have finally brought about an understanding of common principles a commonly agreed minimum action plan. As of today this network of civil society organizations is spread all over the state and has strong presence in all the districts of Bihar. There is a thematic forum of civil society organizations with at least 10 organizational partners/members in each of the district. This network meets together at district as well as state level platform. The meetings are mostly organized district wise for specific campaigns. The state level meetings have also proven its vitality to explore the possibility of a thematic understanding and for the effective advocacy.
Geographical Expansion

Geographical catchment area

In fiscal year 2019-20, GENVP has expanded its geographical reach up to 18 Districts of Bihar through direct interventions and across the Bihar state through network and indirect interventions. The districts of Bihar which was covered during the year are Nalanda, Nawada, Gaya, Jehanabad, Arwal, Buxar, Bhojpur, Rohtas, Vaishali, Saran, Muzzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Gopalganj, East Chamapran, West Champaran, Saharsa, Supaul and Patna.

KEY STRATEGY ACROSS BIHAR

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HEALTH

Health is the core as well key thematic issue of intervention for the organization. From inception till date, GENVP believes that health is an issue of providing justice in service deliveries to downtrodden and weaker sections of the communities. It is not merely a concern of public health service providers or professional services but an issue of social justice and equality as free and quality health care services should be available to all without any kind of discrimination. Over the period of the time the organization has been very steady and balance in its efforts to address health concerns of targeted communities to reduce their sufferings through successful initiatives. Reproductive and Sexual Health, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, family planning, Immunization and Safe abortion have been on the priority list of the organization which is also poor health indicators in Bihar.

In this fiscal year 2019-20, Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) has devoted it’s time to aware the community on Family Planning with new initiative and strategy. The project has engaged local stakeholders i.e. Police, members of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Local key health implementers i.e. ASHA/AWW/ANM, Decision makers i.e. Government officials from Health Department and Policy makers i.e. MP (Member of Parliament), MLC (Member of Legislative Council), MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) and Health Minister to aware and encourage the community on the importance of family planning and available government schemes and entitlements across 15 Missin Parivar Districts of Bihar.
**PROJECT**

**Engaging influential leaders to expand access to improve and quality family planning in Bihar | Extension**

**Goal of the Project**

The focus would be leaving behind strengthened partnerships at the state and district levels and building champions – who are able to carry forward the key family planning messages.

**Supporting Agency**

Global Health Strategy

**Project Duration**

2018-2019

**Intervention Area**

- 12 districts of Bihar
- 15 CSO partners
- East Champaran, West Champaran, Gopalganj, Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Bhojpur, Buxar, Rohtas, Arwal, Jehanabad, Nalanda

Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) in collaboration with Global Health Strategies (GHS) is building off on the work carried out over the last year in the extension phase. The extension phase ‘Engage influential leaders to expand access to improved and quality family planning’ in 12 MPV (Mission Pariwar Vikas) districts of Bihar i.e. Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, East Champaran, West Champaran, Gopalganj, Rohtas, Buxar, Bhojpur, Arwal, Jehanabad and Nalanda. The project aims to create conducive environment to improving access to informed and expanded contraceptive choices through engaging Network CSO partners, community champions, technical experts, Family Planning Alliance, community leaders and popular public figures. It will be done through technical trainings that will equip them with knowledge and capacities to aware the communities on family planning especially on contraceptive method and government schemes and policies related to it and establish feedback mechanism with local administrators/program implementers/ decision makers/ policy makers further to achieve the objectives.

**Aim**

The project aims to create conducive environment to improving access to informed and expanded contraceptive choices through engaging Network CSO partners, community champions, technical experts, Family Planning Alliance, community leaders and popular public figures.
Objectives

- To build technical capacities of CSO and existing champions or potential champions on family planning, government schemes and entitlements.
- To disseminate family planning information across various platforms by judiciously using existing champions.
- To establish feedback mechanism with the program implementers/policy makers/decision makers on issues related to service/supply/behaviour of family planning at Panchayat/Block/District level.
- To conduct evidence based advocacy with government officials at different level i.e. Block/District level for sharing good practices as well issue related to family planning.
- Conducting advocacy and communication events/workshops with Policemen Association and Media.

Achievements

1. Build technical capacities of Network CSO Partners on Family Planning

_Graming Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad_ has organised two days Technical Training of Network CSO partners especially for CSO head on Family Planning in Patna. The training was to build technical, advocacy, communication and documentation capacities of the Network CSOs through interactive sessions on government schemes and entitlements, myths and misconceptions related to contraception, evidence based advocacy, use of social media, reporting and MIS (Management information System) etc. Further these participants will trained their community champions and other staff on family planning to disseminate the message and advocacy with the government officials.
Key takes away

- The overall capacity of the participants has been increased from the training.
- The assessment tool shows the Knowledge, Attitude & Skills of the participants has been increased.

2. Advocacy meeting with members of Panchayati Raj Institution

The organization with the support of implementing partners i.e. 15 Network CSO partners has organised 21 Advocacy meeting with around 200 PRI members across 21 panchayats of 11 districts of Bihar state till March 2019. The meeting was organized to engage the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions towards raising the discourse on family planning and sensitizing them about their roles and responsibilities toward the panchayat in context of family planning in Bihar.

Key Statements

1. Mr. Nagendra Prasad Singh, Ex-Mukhiya of Rahimappur Panchayat, Bidupur Block of Vaishali district stated that “Male participation should be ensured to achieve the goal of Family Planning.
2. Mr. Abhinandan, Upp-Mukhiya of Chiraya Block of East Champaran District suggested other Ward members to aware the community on the importance of family Planning.
3. Mr. Navneet Ranjan, Mukhiya of Barwat Sena Panchayat, Bettiah Block of West Champaran conveyed other members to contribute their time on VHSND site to suggest ANM to aware the community on available methods of Contraceptives.
4. Dr. Tauqueer, Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre, Hathua shared his personal contact number with PRI members in case they get any issue related to supply of contraceptive methods.

Key take away

1. Message on the importance of family planning disseminated with more than 400 peoples participated including around 200 members of Panchayati Raj Institution
2. Meeting has engaged around 200 members of Panchayati Raj Institution and around 20 Local key implementers like ASHA, AWW and ANM as well as Social activist/principal in 21 meetings organized across eleven districts of Bihar.
3. The advocacy meeting with PRI members was covered in 14 Print media output across the Bihar.

Achievement Graph
Philanthropic practices | dalit Community foundation

The concept of Community Foundations is new to Bihar. Philanthropy especially family based and village based philanthropic practices have long time existed in Bihar state of India. But the idea of a formally established Community Foundation is totally a new idea. There are various community organizations operational in the state and they are mostly organized around the concept of empowerment. The emergent Dalit Community Foundation as a result of this consultation process facilitated by Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) shall be the pioneer of Community Foundations of mutual support within the Dalit communities in Bihar. Community Foundation is a philanthropic institution established by a particular community for mutual support for the holistic development of its members. We are in the effort of facilitating the emergence of a Dalit Community Foundation in Bihar. Global fund for community foundation is supporting and funding us in this project.
PROJECT

‘Establishment of Institutionalized Systems for Development of Community Philanthropy amongst the Dalit Communities in Bihar’

GENVP has been making its efforts since a long time for organizing the Dalit Communities in Bihar state of in the best interest of the Dalit Community members taking up committed interventions for development of the community members. These efforts took a design and shape with the support of GFCF which directly supported the process of various consultations and get together of Dalit Community members who are capable of contributing and are committed to the development and growth of the community members. This year GENVP is in the process of taking ahead the institutionalization of philanthropic channels already initiated with the Dalit Community Members, bringing visibility of the ‘Dalit Community Foundation’ and fortifying the internal unity and solidarity among the nearly two dozen sub-caste groups constituting the Dalit Community in Bihar State.

Goal of the Project
To develop and make functional a Dalit Community Foundation, a platform whereby the local philanthropic efforts of Dalit Community could be linked to efforts at State and National levels.

Supporting Agency
Global Fund for Community Foundation (GFCF)

Project Period
2015 sep- Dec 2019

Intervention Area
Bihar

Target group
Dalit Community/Scheduled Caste
**Objective**

Formation and strengthen of Dalit Community Foundation, a platform whereby the local efforts of Dalit Community could be linked to State and National level institutional practices and policy formulations.

**Activities**

The project has aimed to achieve the goal of formation and strengthen Dalit Community Foundation through engaging dalit community of Bihar at different level of consultation. GENVP facilitated a number of grassroots/village and block level as well as state level consultations among the Dalit Communities and attained the consent and commitment of a number of Dalit Community Members who are socially influential; economically well off, socially committed and ready to undertake philanthropic interventions in the best interest of the Dalits. Apart from this, the consultation was conducted with 23 caste divisions separately and in mixed groups with the objective of establishing constructive collaboration and social cohesion among the dalit caste groups.

**Community Level Consultation**

The several community level consultations were conducted at the grass root level. The consultation was organized in different district of Bihar e.g. Nalanda, Supaul and Saharsa etc. The purpose of the consultation was to recognize potential resource amongst the community, community aspiration towards their own development and introducing the concept of community philanthropy for the formation of Dalit Community Foundation.

**Outcome**

The outcome of these consultations encouraged the community philanthropy concept of establishing “Dalit Community Foundation”. The dalit community appreciated the concept and the cooperation was seen up to the mark from the community side.
**State Level Consultation**

The several State Level consultations were organized in the form of smaller as well larger platforms with intellectuals within the Dalit community of Bihar by Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad (GENVP) at Patna. The purpose of the consultations was to bring together the scheduled caste intellectuals around the Patna who have proved themselves and set an exemplary in the society.

**Apart from this the consultations also aims**

- To share the philanthropic concept of Dalit Community foundation with the intellectuals
- To initiate the positive discussion among them for the establishment of Dalit Community Foundation.
- Strengthening organizational understanding and systems on community foundations
- Fortifying the Dalit Community Foundation in the statutory aspects
- Selection of potential intellectuals as Board members through fair nomination and election process.
- Preparation for Launching Dalit Community Foundation

**Outcome**

These consultations acted as motivational factor to gear up the process of formation and launching of Dalit Community Foundation.

**These are the following outcomes of the consultation:**

- The philanthropic concept of establishing Dalit Community Foundation has been appreciated by all the Scheduled Caste intellectuals.
- Participants expressed their belief on philanthropy for the community foundation to improve the status of the dalit community.
- The Drafting committee among the Scheduled Caste intellectuals was formed to take lead in drafting statutory documents for Dalit Community Foundation i.e. preparation of Deed, Governance policy, Logo, website.
- Five intellectuals i.e. four male and one female from different sub-castes and from different profession were elected as Board members through democratic election process.
- Initiation of formal launching of Dalit Community Foundation
Women constitute almost 50% of the world’s population but India has shown a disproportionate sex ratio whereby female’s population has been comparatively lower than males. As far as the social status is concerned, they are not treated as equal to men in all the places. In the Western societies, the women have got equal right and status with men in all walks of life. But gender disabilities and discrimination are found in India even today. The paradoxical situation has such that she was sometimes concerned as Goddess and at other times merely as slave. Now the women in India enjoy a unique status of equality with the men as per constitutional and legal provision. But the Indian women have come a long way to achieve the present positions. History is witness that women were always dependent on male members of the family even last few years ago. The concept of empowerment flows from the power. Empowerment of women means equipping women to be economically independent, self-reliant, have positive esteem to enable them to face any difficult situation and they should be able to participate in development activities. The empowered women should able to participate in the process of decision making.
**Mukhyamantri Bhikshavriti Nivaran Yojna (MBNY) SCHEME**

**Goal of the Project**
Beggary prevention and vulnerability reduction leading to a dignified life of the ultra-poor in the long run.

**Supporting Agency**
SAKSHAM, Social Welfare Dept., Govt. of Bihar

**Project Period**
Sep 2015 – ongoing

**Intervention Area**
Nalanda, Bihar

**Target group**
Female Beggars / Ultra Poor

*Mukhyamantri Bhikshavriti Nivaran Yojna (MBNY)* to protect and promote the rights of beggars by ensuring their care, protection, development, socio-economic and cultural environment through enabling policies and programmes. MBNY is a Bihar state government scheme. The interventions aim at beggary prevention and vulnerability reduction leading to a dignified life of the ultra-poor in the long run.
Introduction

**GENVP** is running a Short Stay Home cum- Classification centre for female Beggars / Ultra Poor at Nalanda in collaboration with State Society for Ultra Poor and Social Welfare (SSUPSW) which has established by Govt. of Bihar within the Social Welfare Department for working on the issues of Beggars / Ultra Poor under "**Mukhyamantri Bhikshavriti Nivaran Yojna**" (MBNY) publicly known as "**PAUCHAN**" in 2008 - 09. The functionary of short stay home named **Shanti Kutir** has been started in 2015.

![Image of women in a short stay home](image)

Vision

"To protect and promote the rights of Beggars / Ultra Poor through ensuring their care, protection, development- socio-economic and cultural empowerment through enabling policies and programmers".

- To provide identity to Beggars / Ultra Poor.
- To provide necessary care & support to old, disabled & sick Beggars / Ultra Poor.
- To provide livelihood options through vocational trainings to the Beggars / Ultra Poor.
- To arrange basic education for children in to beggary.
- To ensure socio- upliftment through micro-finance.
- To generate awareness in public to discourage begging.
Achievement

- 292 beneficiaries have been identified through the field intervention and with the help of local police station.
- 279 beneficiaries have been enrolled in Shantikutir, Nalanda.
- Age based categorization of beneficiaries are following:
  - Beneficiaries under the age group of below 18 yrs are 08
  - Beneficiaries under the age group of 18 yrs to 35 yrs are 116
  - Beneficiaries under the age group of 36 yrs to 50 yrs are 60
  - Beneficiaries under the age group of 51 yrs to 60 yrs are 42
  - Beneficiaries of more than 60 years are 43
- 18 beneficiaries got their disability certificate through the intervention.
- 83 among the total beneficiaries got their identity card (Adhaar and Voter Id)
- 20 beneficiaries were linked with bank account.
- 58 beneficiaries were linked with different Livelihood program and training centers.
- 02 beneficiaries were linked to the old age pension scheme.
- 147 beneficiaries were rehabilitated from Shanti Kutir, Nalanda.

Challenges

- Mobilizing beneficiaries especially who were suffering from mental illness.
- Maintain friendly environment to build good relationship among the colleagues and the beneficiaries.
- Building capacity and skill of beggars to further connect them with jobs or self employment.

Glimpse of good practices

Beneficiaries start their day with Morning Prayer
Beneficiaries learning to prepare Paper Bags

Beneficiaries learning to prepare Mats

Beneficiaries learning to prepare candle
The candle making Initiative: Unique initiative taken by GENVP for livelihood

_Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad_ (GENVP) has taken an initiative to grab this lucrative business opportunity. The objective of this business was to link the beneficiaries, especially female beggars with livelihood activity which support them to live dignified life.

In this regards, the organization is engaging female beggars (beneficiaries) staying at Shanti Kutir, Nalanda for livelihood activity. Apart from this the organization is also engaging other female beggars around the Nalanda which stay at their own home. The organization has organized “_Candle making training program_” at _Shanti Kutir, Nalanda_. The objective of the training was to train the female beggars and the supporting staff, staying at _Shanti Kutir, Nalanda_. Afterwards GENVP equipped “Shanti Kutir” with the equipment and raw materials required for the production of for their practices. Now some of the female beggars are capable in making candle at “Shanti Kutir”.
The candle making business becomes so popular from the last few decades. It can also be considered as lucrative business. ‘Candles’ are still a necessary item in the purchase lists of every family whether urban or rural all over India. Especially in the low income and poorest states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh etc the use and demand for candles is very high. There are various small cottage based production units which are majorly the producers and suppliers to the entire candle market demand. There is lot of opportunities for employment, income enhancement and institutional as well as socio-economic growth enshrined in the production and marketing sphere of candles in these states.

Nowadays people feel good in enjoying the relaxing effect of burning scented candles. Its demand is increasing day by. Mostly peoples are using candles for religious and illumination purposes. But in recent times, candles are also being used in various purposes like in hotel; restaurants, birthday celebration and marriage anniversary on regular basis. People are considering it as a perfect gift for their near and dear ones.
'Lighting Lives'

Candle Production and Marketing Project for sustaining the Rehabilitation of Beggars/Ultra poor

Goal of the Project

The project shall provide employment opportunities and income to at least 90 persons hailing from the most marginalized and poorest sections of the society. When this project reaches to scale 90 direct beneficiaries and 500 indirect beneficiaries in the form of dependants of the direct beneficiaries shall have health and other socio-economic benefits. Maximum profits would be earned by the persons who are engaged in candle manufacturing and marketing

Supporting Agency
Lemonaid+ Charitea Foundation

Project Duration
2017-2020

Intervention Area
Nalanda

Target group
Beggars/Ultra poor

Introduction
India is a country of festivals and we light lots of candles during the festival of lights the ‘Deepawali’. 'Candles' are still a necessary item in the purchase lists of every family whether urban or rural all over India. Especially in the low income and poorest states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh etc the use and demand for candles is very high. There are various small cottage based production units which are majorly the producers and suppliers to the entire candle market demand. There is lot of opportunities for employment, income enhancement and institutional as well as socio-economic growth enshrined in the production and marketing sphere of candles in these states. The supply side of the market for candles is far from saturation

In this regard Gramin Evam Nagar Vikas Parishad in collaboration with Lemonaid+ Charitea foundation is using this opportunity to establish an unique innovation of Candle Production and Marketing units to provide the sustainable income to the target groups i.e. beggars/ultrapoor in culture capital district of Bihar i.e. Nalanda. The organization will establish 90 Candle Production units till 2020 which provide direct employment to 90 beggars/ultra poor and indirect employment to at least 500 persons in the form of dependants of candle producers. The ultimate objective of establishing livelihood project to engage beggars/ultrapoor to improve their quality of life in context of health, education and other socio-economic benefits.

Aim

1. The project shall provide direct employment to 90 beggars/ultra poor and indirect employment to at least 500 persons in the form of dependants.
2. The direct full time employees who are stakeholders in the production and marketing of Candles shall earn at least INR 8000 per month.
3. The Socio-Economic conditions of the dependants of the directly employed persons in the project shall improve substantially compared to the pre-project times where they had very little or nil income.
4. The direct beneficiaries shall benefit from sustainable income and thereby prevent their relapse in to social evils like beggary, petty thefts, prostitution etc.
5. Socio-Economic Empowerment of the direct beneficiaries as a result of the Membership Based Organization being formed among them and through the training and capacity building events planned as part of the project
6. The project shall ensure dignified life for beggars/ultra poor.
Achievement

Assessment of market and availability cycles of raw material
In the month of February 2019, GENVP has conducted a study with the support of interns provided by *NMIMS (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies)* for the assessment of market and availability cycles of raw material. The study has been accomplished in the Patna, capital of Bihar state as popular as hub of marketing and production.

Objective
The objective of the assessment was to know the current scenario of the market in context of variety, production, branding and marketing of candle in Patna as well in Bihar state. The assessment was done with analyzed sample group which represented our target market with concise and straightforward questionnaires. The survey was conducted among suppliers of raw material, candle wholesalers, distributors and candle retailers in Patna, Bihar.

Findings

Through the assessment of the market following findings has been found:

- The raw material for the production of candle is available throughout the year.
- The demand of the candles depends upon their types at a particular time.
- Apart from normal white candles, the other candles like designer scented candles, birthday candles, gel candles, tea-light candles are in demand throughout the year.
- The designer candles are highly sold through online portals as well.
- The white candles have a very saturated market and have seasonal demand. But on other side the demand of white candles were never fulfilled during the festive season.
- The white candles are in demand at churches throughout the year especially during the Good Friday.

Recommendations

- Since the demand of white candles is seasonal, therefore such types of candles should be produced during the festive season only.
- Some distributors were keen to sell digit shaped birthday candles and small candles used on cakes, this would fetch them a market of around INR 1 lakh per month.
- Tea-light (floating candles) was also one of the major recommended designs with high profit margin and low cost investment.
- The organization should approach to online marketing platforms like Amazon, Flipkart and also some exclusive sites that sell handmade products for social cause like shopforacause.in, itokri.com
• The product should be sold under a brand name, as a featured product to attract customer’s sight and also there should be advertisement and marketing strategy in the initial stage to create awareness about the candles and the cause behind it.

• The organization should have GST registration so that it will be easier to sell online and have a fair business.

**Formation of a membership organization in the form of Informally Federated CBO Units**

The organization has dedicated the whole month of *March 2019* towards the selection of stakeholders to engage in the candle production unit. The selection process includes several rounds of interactions and field validation by the monitoring team. Towards the end of the March, 19 eligible stakeholders were finalized and validated from the field for the round of discussion with the project management team. The discussion meeting held with the potential stakeholders ended with final selection of 16 CBO units from Kosuk village of Biharsharif Block of Nalanda District on the basis of selection criteria i.e. ultra poor or hailing from beggars, available space for production, most needy and eager to improve their socio-economic condition of family. Each CBO unit consists of one leader and four co-workers or dependents.

**Training and capacity building of the target community members**

The organization has provided in house capacity building training to 16 production units for 10 days to improve the skills of the stakeholders. The training was strategically design to provide opportunity to the leaders (women) of the production units to gain technical as well as institution building, employable skills, managerial skills and operational skills for the establishment of production units. Additionally different variety of designer and scented candles was showcased which have more demand in the market. But the production units required times and expertise in candle production. In the meantime the production units will initiate its operation in production of white candle to fulfill the demand arises during the Diwali, festival of light.

**Establishing and operating candle production and marketing units under the leadership of the Ultra-Poor**

The organization has provided in house capacity building training to 16 production units for 10 days to improve the skills of the stakeholders. Afterward the production units were provided all the required materials like candle mold, wax, thread, and refine oil, scissors, knife and utensils etc for creating environment of candle production at home. Documents required for safe custody of the assets handed over to the community and the management process etc. was prepared in consultation and in agreement with the community. At the end of the month of April, the organization has established 16 well equipped and expert candle production units in Kosuk village of Ranabigha panchayat of Biharsharif block in Nalanda district among the target group of scheduled caste community i.e. ultrapoor / beggars. Apart from this the establishment of 6 production units is under process and the financial requirements for this activity in process is already approved and earmarked against this activity from the available budgetary provisions already received.
Glimpse of the activities

Beneficiary screening meeting

In house technical training

Practices session at Production unit
PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Celebration of Important Days:

1. Signature Campaign for women reservation:

   The campaign included a signature campaign exclusively demanding 33% reservation to women in all political processes. A memorandum was prepared in Hindi language so as to ensure that every one who signs it has understood what it stands for and was circulated from the state convener to all the member organizations. The member organizations disseminated the information contained in the memorandum and exhorted the women to sign on to the campaign and become part of a greater movements and mobilization at the state level. The support to the signature campaign was more than expected. All together the members of WPC were able to mobilize 9819 signatures in support to the memorandum.

2. International Girl Child Day:

   October 11 celebrated as International Girl Child Day was celebrated by GENVP with adolescent girls. Some of the common fields where girls around the world face inequality include access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care and protection from discrimination, violence against women and forced child marriage.
   
   The aim to highlight and address the needs and challenges every girl faces, 11 October is marked as International Day of the Girl Child across the world since 2012. The significance of the day underlies in the objective to promote empowerment of girls and fulfillment of their human rights. It is a day dedicated to celebrating girls, amplify their voice and stand up for their rights. The theme for this year is ‘Girl Force: Unscripted and Unstoppable’.
   
   On the occasion of International Day of Girl, GENVP addressed to the girls: “Brave, Powerful, Bold, Innovative, Resilient, Courageous, Strong, Unscripted, Unstoppable. Girls can do any - and everything! Let’s tear down all barriers and lift them up. Let’s step aside and let girls lead.

3. International Women’s Day:

   International Women’s Day was celebrated on 8th March, in which participants were made aware about the significance of International Women’s Day. During the celebration, Women’s Conference was held in which women of different villages as well as the PRI members participated. The status of women has increased, globally, but still there are different fields where still women are far behind. Their social, economic, educational status and political involvement is still not up to the mark. International women’s day was celebrated to motivate them and make them aware about the importance of women in the society.
4. **International Youth’s Day:**

The International youth day celebration was organized by GENVP on Thursday, 12 August 2019 on the theme of “Transforming Education”. 2019 is the year for galvanized action around the education sustainable development goals. This year also marks the 20th anniversary of International Youth Day, a powerful moment to hear youth voices highlighting the importance of ensuring quality education that is inclusive and equitable, which prepares young people to be active, engaged citizens and learners throughout their lives.

5. **International No Tobacco Day:**

The day was celebrated with the message: “Tobacco products kill more than 8 million people every year. Tobacco and related industries must continuously find new consumers to replace the ones that their products are killing to maintain revenue. The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on "tobacco and lung health." The campaign will increase awareness on:

- The negative impact that tobacco has on people’s lung health, from cancer to chronic respiratory disease,
- The fundamental role lungs play for the health and well-being of all people.

World No Tobacco Day 2019 will focus on the multiple ways that exposure to tobacco affects the health of people’s lungs worldwide. These include: Lung cancer, Chronic respiratory disease, Across the life-course, Tuberculosis & Air pollution

6. **World AIDS Day:**

On the occasion of World’s AIDS Day, the project team organized rally and drama with the help of the school students. With the celebration of the World’s AIDS day, the young boys and girls in the community were made aware about the cause of HIV AIDS. The title of the drama was “Who is stronger: AIDS virus or the people”? A large mass of people were addressed and made aware about the different aspects of HIV/AIDS. During the rally, some boys approached the organizing team, enquiring about the use of condoms to protect themselves from HIV infection. Several questions were put forward by the young people who were eager to know about preventive measure for HIV infection.

7. **Nukkad on Child Marriage:**

Nukkad Natak (street play) has been staged in the villages of Nalanda District on the issues of child marriage and child bearing and its adverse impact on health and family life. Nukkad Natak was also staged on practices and traditions which pressurize young populations to go for early and repeated children and its affect on health of women. The Nukkad Natak was successful in sensitizing the community on the concerns. Debates have started at village level on the issue.