

*"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith"*

2 Timothy 4:7

In Loving Memory



Late Rev. Fr. George Joseph
Former Director RDSWS

:: Birth ::
08/12 /1962

:: Ordination ::
09/05 /1994

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is my privileged joy as the President of the Raipur Diocesan Social Welfare Society (RDSWS), the Social Development wing of the Archdiocese, to write this message on the occasion of the publication of its Annual Report for the year 2023-2024. Going through the report I find that the RDSWS has been engaged in various social welfare activities in transforming and empowering thousands of communities of marginalized and rural poor in Chhattisgarh.



My deep appreciation and thanks to all the members of the RDSWS team for their deep commitment, dedication and hard work for the integral development of the impoverished people. This was made possible only because of the cooperation and support from all our donors and partners. I extend my heartiest congratulations and implore God's abundant blessings upon them all.

The social responsibility is fundamental to the life and mission of the Church. Therefore, it is important to ensure that it is exercised in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am happy to see that the RDSWS is making a positive difference by empowering those denied of human dignity and equal rights, especially women and children with the integral and sustainable development goals. Thus, it proclaims and bears witness to faith, as Pope Francis makes it clear that "An authentic faith - which is never comfortable or completely personal - always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it." (EG, 183)

The RDSWS is called to be "an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor and for enabling them to be fully a part of society" (EG, 187). It envisages a holistic model of development by encouraging a "culture of care" which goes beyond human life and encompasses Creation by generating awareness of the sacredness of creation and "to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation" (Laudato Si 231).

I thank sincerely from the core of my heart to all concerned, particularly Rev. Fr. Vinod Kumar Anant, Director, the staff, all our partners, donor agencies, volunteers, friends, collaborators and well-wishers who support us in our efforts to bring joy and hope to the poor and marginalized brothers and sisters in Chhattisgarh.

May God continue to bless us and the RDSWS.

+ Victor Henry Thakur
Archbishop of Raipur &
President. RDSWS

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I, as the Secretary cum Treasurer of Raipur Diocesan Social Welfare Society, am pleased to place before you the Annual report of the society for the year 2023-24. I feel proud to state that RDSWS has been very instrumental in upliftment of the women, children and the marginalized group of the society. Thousands of women, children and men have been able to build their lives through the animation of RDSWS. It could be possible only with the abundant blessings of almighty God and constant support and encouragement from the president, vice-president and the governing body members, the dedicated commitment of the staff both at the centre and the field. They have given their full contribution in all the best possible ways. I acknowledge that the project funding agencies are the pillars that have made things possible and I am obliged to express my gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of the organization in their own various capacities.



I would like to restate the strides that our organization has taken to march forward in its noble mission of serving the poor and the marginalized. This annual report is an account of the participative collaboration in bringing changes in the lives of the community, especially women and children, and the efforts of committed staff and volunteers who have been instruments in achieving this desired goals.

As I look back on the past years, I feel so proud of what the RDSWS has been able to accomplish, creating a stronger community in different parts of our archdiocese and even across Chhattisgarh State. It has supported and animated women and the children in securing their future. RDSWS makes them to create economic opportunities for individuals with limited resources but unlimited potentials.

I feel so proud to be serving as the secretary cum treasurer of Raipur Diocesan Social Welfare Society, and excited about the opportunities this institution unfolds to work with such dedicated, creative, and passionate staff both at RDSWS Office in the centre and in the field where the efforts are materialized.

I am grateful to our Governing Body Members of RDSWS. I thank specially to our Archbishop Victor Henry, the president of the society, who has been supportive and thoughtful to the organization and the mission of the Archdiocese of Raipur. I thank the Almighty God for His abundant blessings. We are ever grateful to our board members and constant blessings and support of the vice-president Rev. Fr. Sebastian Poomattam V.G. for his ever availability and guidance. I express my gratitude to all the staff, volunteers and the community for all their supports and good wishes for the organization.

 **Fr. Vinod Kumar Anant**
Secretary cum Treasurer, RDSWS

RDSWS (Raipur Diocesan Social Welfare Society)

Raipur Diocesan Social Welfare Society (RDSWS) is a social development organization of the Archdiocese of Raipur stands tall with its working experience for women, children and tribal community for their wellbeing. In four decades it has grown to be active promoter of women empowerment. It was established in 1980. Its work-area consists of 14 districts of Chhattisgarh State. RDSWS promotes integral development of the poorest - the marginal Labors, small farmers, women, children and depressed people in the society -through its various programs. With the support of international funding partners and individual donors within this country, RDSWS is able to accomplish its work in a meaningful and successful way.

Legal Status:

The Society is registered under Firms and Society Registration Act, 1973. It has obtained IT exemption u/s 12A of the Income Tax Act and the FCRA.

VISION & MISSION



VISION: RDSWS envisages creation of a peaceful society which empowers the poor and marginalized communities without discrimination and promotes justice, equality and fraternity”



MISSION: RDSWS will Empower the voiceless, especially women, children, youths, small farmers & laborers by involving their active participation in the various processes promoting

The Objectives:

- ◆ Integration and sustainable development”.
- ◆ Strengthening & Federating CBOs
- ◆ Networking with the like-minded NGOs
- ◆ Policy research and Influence
- ◆ Alliance & Leadership Development
- ◆ Capacity Building and resources mobilization

Management:

The Archbishop of Raipur is the President of the Society. He appoints the Executive Director while the other members are elected by the General Body of RDSWS. The activities and programs of the society are planned, coordinated and monitored by the Governing Body, Staff, Diocesan project selection Committee and the local center in-charges.

Policies:

RDSWS promotes the following policies: Human Resource policy, Finance & Accounts, Gender Equality, Child Protection and Anti-Sexual harassment.

List of Governing Body Members 2023-24

Name & occupation	Address	Designation
Archbishop Victor Henry Thakur <i>Social worker</i>	Bishop's House Byron Bazar, Raipur-492001, C.G.	President
Mr. Sebastian Poomattam <i>Social worker</i>	Pastoral Centre Byron Bazar, Raipur-492001	Vice-President
Mr. Vinod Kumar Anant <i>Social worker</i>	CGSeva Sadan, Tatibandh Raipur-492099, CG	Secretary cum Treasurer
Mr. Sebastian A <i>Social worker</i>	Seva Niketan, Cherikheri, Madir Hasaud - 492104 Raipur, C.G.	Member
Mr. John Thodukayil <i>Social worker</i>	Catholic Church, Kawardha- 491 995 Kabirdham Dt., CG	Member
Sr. Prathipa <i>Social worker</i>	J M J Provincialate, Bharat Mata Campus, Tatibandh 492099, Raipur Dt. (C.G)	Member
Ms. Jyoti Toppo <i>Social worker</i>	Sisters of Joseph of Lyons, Aundhi Via- Manpur, Rajnandgaon- 491229, (C.G.)	Member

Project Number: -321-926-1027 ZG

Project Title: - Sustaining the federations to capacities Dalits and Tribals to avail their entitlements and stimulate livelihood options in 9 districts of Chhattisgarh

Funder: - MISEREOR

The project aims to strengthen Panchayat Level Federations (PLFs), composed of more than five women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), through training and meetings. This enables to support Adivasis, Dalits, and other disadvantaged groups in accessing essential services.

PLF Institutional Development: The federations empower women to mobilize local and government resources, address gender inequalities, organize awareness programs on health, income generation, environmental issues, and women's rights. They will also encourage women's active participation in Gram Sabha meetings and decision-making at the Panchayat level.

These efforts help to develop local human resources, promote gender-inclusive democratic practices, and foster leadership for integrated village development.

Thrust area of the project

1. 12,000 households have direct access to ten government schemes and programs.
2. 4000 vulnerable households have sustainable livelihood activities in cooperation with government.
3. Women Gram Sabhas help women to attain the rights to which they are entitled and actively help to shape the development work in Panchayats.
4. Set up cooperatives which involve 1,500 women.
5. Solve the Problems of water supply and sanitation
6. Formation of new 50 PLFs.

Project area covered

District	Blocks	No. of Panchayat	No. of Villages
Durg	Patan	21	21
Kawardha	Bodla	10	15
Bilaspur	Masturi	16	16
Janjgir-Champa	Akaltara	16	16
	Pamgarh	16	16
Shakti	Malkharoda	16	16
	Dabhara	16	16
Baster	Baster	18	30
	Bakhawan	17	29
Jashpur	Parsahabhar	40	96
Sarguja	Lakhanpur	20	25
	Udayapur	20	24
Raigarh	Laylunga	30	58
Result	9	13	256
			371

PLFs active intervention access 10 Govt. Schemes:

A total of 11,817 households (98% of the target of 12000 households) from 170 PLFs benefited from 10 government schemes, including pensions, Mahatari Vandana Yojana, CERDA (solar pump), housing, and work under MANREGA, etc. This marks an increase of 5,683 households in a year. The all most achievement of the target is attributed to the dedicated efforts of staff and PLF members. They are now more aware of the processes and their rights, enabling them to approach local government authorities effectively. The PLF members have emphasized making demands and consistently following up on them. Furthermore, there has been a significant improvement in unity and self-confidence among women, empowering them to engage with government officials more assertively.

Setting Up Sustainable Livelihood Activities through PLF Efforts:

Through the efforts of PLFs, 4,335 households have started sustainable livelihood activities, primarily in agriculture, forest produce, and animal husbandry, in collaboration with government departments. An additional of 724 households was included during this year. As a result, many of these households have witnessed significant improvements in their livelihoods through activities such as vegetable cultivation, brick-making, poultry, cattle and goat farming, fishery, and running petty shops and grocery stores, etc.

Women Gram Sabha Initiatives:

A total of 105 PLFs are actively conducting Women Gram Sabhas, prioritizing the needs of women and addressing their issues. Through these efforts 465 pending applications for various schemes and entitlements have been sanctioned. This includes the approval of 8 farms and ponds under MGNREGA, along with bore wells, tap connections, and 9 community halls (Mahila Bhavans). Through Gram Sabhas women are now able to present issues affecting them and their communities confidently.

Reaching out to women on social, economic, and political issues, as well as coordinating with various departments, has become a routine activity of the PLFs. They are effectively accessing benefits from various government schemes, including employment opportunities through MGNREGA, drinking water and sanitation facilities, electricity, CC roads, school buildings, Mahila Bhavans, and community halls.

Cooperative society:

1,485 women have joined the cooperative process at the PLF level, where they are managing small credit and inter-loaning activities among federation members and are utilizing financial assistance during emergencies. This process is in its initial stages; the women are motivated to join the cooperatives.

Chandani Mahila Credit Cooperative Society, Patora Village:

In Patora village of Durg District, the Chandani Mahila Credit Cooperative Society is operational, covering 50 villages with 850 shareholders. Currently, the cooperative society has a fund of ₹19,52,311 out of which ₹14,70,000 has been disbursed as loans to 134 members. These loans are granted to members of cooperative society, and it is exclusively for purposes such as agriculture, house construction and repairs, business, health, education, and marriage.

Food Bank Initiative at the PLF Level for Emergency Relief:

The food bank initiative aims to educate the community on coping with and managing natural calamities, disasters, and pandemics. A total of 253 food banks are being managed by PLFs across Panchayats in the project area. These food banks are sustained through regular fundraising efforts, including contributions of funds, food, and materials.

The food banks stock essential items such as rice, dal, clothing, and money. To date, 1793 individuals, including the elderly people, persons with disabilities, widows, and the poorest of the poor, have benefited from these food banks. They provide basic but vital support to meet primary necessities like food grains, clothing, and financial assistance.

Fund Mobilizations:

153 PLFs were linked with the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

As a result of this linkages with NRLM and NABARD a total of 1,320 women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) received a total of ₹69,72,000 in loans and grants from the government. These funds were utilized for income-generating activities such as vegetable cultivation, farming, goat rearing, fisheries, incense stick and soap making, running provisional shops, retail sales, and etc.

Addition to this 117 PLFs have raised ₹24,64,360 through monthly collections and other sources and ₹20,16,500 was disbursed as loans to 948 families to support their livelihoods.

Environmental Awareness:

40 PLFs organized tree plantation programs in villages. A total of 7,247 saplings of fruit and timber trees were planted, with at least 4,500 trees currently thriving. The PLF members actively care for these trees, contributing to efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. 26 PLFs conducted awareness rallies in their villages, involving panchayat members, women, and students.

Emerging Volunteership:

A total of 488 volunteers are emerging in the villages, actively contributing by organizing meetings, approaching government departments, maintaining and keeping documentation, and encouraging women's participation in the Women Gram Sabha. These volunteers are being nurtured to ensure the long-term sustainability of the programs initiated through the project.

Achievements in Village Development:

As a result of the demands made by the Federation and the pressure exerted on the Panchayats, the government sanctioned and completed several village development projects, including: Construction of 10 new water tanks, Installation of 7 tap connections, Drilling of 9 bore wells, Repair of 1 bridge, Construction of 12 concrete roads, Installation of 8 drainage gutters, Development of school infrastructure (5 boundary walls), Creation of 6 cultural stages and Construction of 9 community halls (Mahila Bhavans).

These initiatives have been successfully implemented across 34 villages; these are improving the quality of life for residents significantly.

Overall Impact:

These initiatives reflect the sustained efforts of PLFs in improving livelihoods, empowering women, enhancing village infrastructure, and fostering environmental stewardship, ensuring long-term community development.

Testimonials



I am Mrs. Phuleshwari Markam from Katabahra village, Bodla block, Kabirdham district. My family is very poor. My husband and I used to migrate to different places in search of work. We have two acres of land where we could only grow one crop. With support from the PLF, I accessed 10 government schemes and installed a bore well in my field. Now, I can irrigate my field, allowing me to grow two crops. We no longer need to search for work elsewhere. My family now stays in the village. I help other member's access government schemes. I'm very grateful to the PLF and its staff.



The Laxni PLF had meeting and decided to attend on bricks making training at Jashpur. The president and secretary of Pratigya Group attended this training. After training program Pratigya SHG members started making bricks. They have 35,000 thousand bricks. Now they started selling. 30,000 thousand bricks already sold. and income is Rs.1,26,000/- In the group. Money, have been distributed among the group members, 5000/- for each, all together 50,000/- and balance 76,000/-. Profits Rs. 41,000/-. also started inter loaning with 15,000/-. They have decided to make bricks every year. The economic situation is improving of the group members. They are able to work in the group for livelihood.



The Year 2021 RDSWS intervened Sonarpal Gram Panchayat, district Baster through a project. After intervention of the project staff sensitized the "Naari Shakti" PLF for Kitchen Garden. RDSWS supported PLF by providing vegetable seed. They

have taken land from Gram Panchayat on lease and started cultivation. they invested Rs. 12 thousand and got profit Rs. 35 thousand of it. the PLF members have decided to continue the activity in coming all season. PLF members are very grateful to RDSWS for the support and Guidance.



The Primary School in Khokhri, governed by the Gram Panchayat Khokhri, Block Pamgarh, District Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh faced issues due to the lack of a boundary wall. Anti-social elements were disturbing the school environment, particularly

harassing the midday meal cooks and creating unhygienic conditions. This issue was prioritized during a PLF (Panchayat Level Federation) meeting, and an application was approved in the main Gram Sabha. However, during the construction of the boundary wall, a land dispute arose with a neighboring family. PLF members remained present until the work was completed. Now, the school management is running smoothly, and they have expressed their gratitude to the PLF members, who are proud of their hard work and successful efforts.



The Village of Nawapara, Block Laylunga, District, Raigarh had been facing a drinking water problem for a long time. A few villagers applied for a solution, but their application was initially rejected. This issue was raised in a PLF (Panchayat Level

Federation) meeting held on 17th December 2023 at Sonajori. The PLF, through the Mahila Gram Sabha, took the initiative to address it. The application was resubmitted on 28th January 2024 to the main Gram Sabha. It was approved, and a borewell was dug on 24th May 2024. Since 1st June 2024, the villagers have been receiving fresh drinking water. They are now happy and thankful to the PLF members and staff.

Activities



Training for new federation leaders on concept of federation



Active Women/Voluntary training on federation management, documents, 10 scheme social security schemes and disaster management.



Training on fund raising in local level for 210 selected executive members of PL



Exposure visit/ study tour for selected federation leaders.

Activities



Food bank creation in PLF level for emergency relief.



Inter-federation meet at organization level



The application to Serpanch by women's Gram Sabha



Celebration of International women's day/Adivasi Din



Promote social forestry model in village level for climate mitigation through tree plantations.

Activities



Agro- based income generation programme support in view of adapting to climate changes by introduction Millet varieties, Kitchen garden



Income Generating Program Shop, Grinding machine, Compost



Training on Co-operative Society



Cluster level monthly meeting with active women

Activities



Workshop on women Gram Sabha at PLF level



Quarterly review and planning meeting



Monthly Review Meeting at District Level with DPA and CF

Rural Coaching Centers - Project No. D22 0317 118
EDUCATION TO RURAL CHILDREN
 Funder - Kindermissionswerk



Raipur Diocese Social Welfare Society, in collaboration with KINDERMISSIONSWERK, operates 30 coaching centers across three districts in Chhattisgarh, catering to Dalit and tribal children in rural areas under the Archdiocese of Raipur. These centers provide educational support, skill development, and extracurricular activities aimed at empowering marginalized communities. The initiative seeks to bridge the educational gap, promote gender equality, and foster social inclusiveness among students.

Chhattisgarh faces serious challenges in the field of education, especially in its rural and tribal areas. Even, after the initiatives like the "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan," many kids still struggle with basic reading, writing, and math skills. The state's literacy rate is around 70%, but it's much lower in tribal areas—just 59%, and only 48% for tribal women. In regions affected by violence or lacking infrastructure, kids have even fewer chances to get a basic quality education.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT :

- ◆ To motivate parents for the better education of their children.
- ◆ To improve English and mathematics of 853 poor children.
- ◆ To improve the retention of children and decrease the number of dropouts.

Raipur Diocese Social Welfare Society (RDSWS) is actively working to bridge the educational gaps in some rural and tribal areas of Chhattisgarh by running rural coaching centers for less privileged children. These centers focus on students of grades 5 to 8, particularly those struggling with basic literacy and numeracy skills, such as reading, writing, and math, which are common challenges in remote villages.

RDSWS provides a structured environment for students to improve their academic abilities, especially in subjects like English and Mathematics. By focusing on foundational education, the organization ensures that children gain essential skills to continue their education and prevent dropouts. The coaching centers also offer a safe space for children to learn without the fear of failure, helping to build their confidence and academic competence.

Additionally, RDSWS emphasizes community engagement, encouraging parents to understand the importance of education and actively participate in their children's academic progress. This involvement is critical in reducing dropout rates and motivating students to stay committed to their studies. Through regular visits and monitoring, the supervisors ensure that the quality of education provided at these centers is consistently improving.

These efforts align with the broader goals of improving educational access and quality in underserved areas of Chhattisgarh, helping students overcome the systemic barriers they face. By focusing on the basics and providing continuous support, RDSWS is playing a vital role in empowering students and offering them a path to a brighter future.

Key Achievements of the Coaching Centers

- ❖ Girl enrollments increased by **9%** compared to the previous year, with a total of **511 girls** and **342 boys** attending the coaching centers.
- ❖ Students are now more engaged and motivated in their learning.
- ❖ Parents are attending meetings and educational events, showing a deeper interest in their children's learning.
- ❖ Successfully identified and re-enrolled **3 students** who had previously dropped out of school.
- ❖ Students from **Thakupali and Sukhapali coaching centers** secured **1st to 5th positions** at the panchayat and block-level quiz competitions, earning **cash prizes** for their achievements.
- ❖ **Aniket Adely**, a student from the Podi Dalha coaching center, successfully passed the **SHRESHTA Exam** and was awarded **free educational and residential support**, marking a significant milestone for the center.
- ❖ **Bal Sabha** meetings empowered children to share experiences, voice concerns, and advocate for change within their communities.
- ❖ Students, with the support of Bal Sabha, planted **362 saplings** during various events such as festivals and birthdays.
- ❖ Out of these, **217 saplings** are flourishing, creating greener surroundings and promoting environmental sustainability in their communities.
- ❖ Parents, the Sarpanch, and local politicians supported coaching centers by providing essential items like bulbs, fans, educational materials, and cash, highlighting their commitment to students' educational growth and the centers' smooth functioning.

These achievements highlight the positive outcomes of the coaching centers in transforming not only the lives of students but also fostering a community-wide emphasis on the value of education.

Through its rural coaching centers, RDSWS is making a commendable effort to reverse the dropout trend by providing children with quality education and a renewed interest in learning. Addressing the systemic issues, the organization aims to build a stronger foundation for education in rural Chhattisgarh, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and socially.

Categories	Numbers
Schedule Tribe (ST)	312
Schedule Caste (SC)	336
Other Back ward Classes (OBC)	162
General	43
Total Students	853

Collaboration

School Teachers, Parents, Panchayat Women Federations and youth Volunteers, Sarpanches.

Coverage

Total 30 Coaching Centers are functioning in 3 districts of Chhattisgarh.

SUCCESS STORY

"Aniket's Rise: From Playful Days to a Bright Future"

Aniket Adle, a student from Podhi Dalha, was initially disinterested in his studies and preferred spending his time playing with friends instead of attending school. His academic performance was a concern for his parents, who decided to enroll him in the local coaching center in 2022 when he was in Class 7. Though Aniket was initially reluctant, the dedicated teachers at the coaching center played a pivotal role in reigniting his interest in learning. They provided him with the attention and support he needed to improve his grades. Motivated by his teachers, Aniket was encouraged to apply for the **SHRESHTA Scheme**, a prestigious program that offers meritorious Scheduled Caste students a chance to study at top private residential schools across the country. Aniket's hard work paid off when he was selected for admission to **Yogantar Public School in Rajnandgaon**, where he now studies without any tuition fees. His success story is a testament to the power of education and mentorship. Aniket's parents are deeply grateful to the coaching center and **Kindermissionswerk** for their unwavering support and guidance, which has made this incredible opportunity possible for their son.



Success Story





Bal Sabha

Baal Sabha: A Platform for Children's Voices

Context

Baal Sabha, or Children's Parliament, is a platform where children come together in a structured and safe environment to voice their thoughts, discuss issues, and work collaboratively towards solutions. It is a child-led initiative designed to empower children by giving them a space to express themselves freely, learn about their rights, and take active roles in their communities.

Through our coaching centers, we have observed that children have immense potential to express their thoughts, ideas, and concerns when provided with the right platform. To nurture this potential, we introduced **Baal Sabha (Children's Parliament)** in our centers as a dynamic space for children to engage, learn, and grow.

"Outcomes of Baal Sabha for Children"

1. Leadership Development:

Participation in Baal Sabha has significantly enhanced the leadership skills of the children. They confidently lead discussions, make decisions, and take responsibility for implementing solutions to local challenges.

2. Sense of Brotherhood and Cooperation:

Baal Sabha has fostered a strong sense of unity among children. They support and help one another, creating a culture of teamwork and mutual respect. This cooperative spirit extends beyond the Sabha, positively impacting their relationships in school, home, and community.

3. Awareness of Rights and Advocacy:

Children are now well-informed about their basic rights, such as the right to education, protection, and a safe environment. They actively share this knowledge with their peers and community members, spreading awareness about child rights and standing against child labor, abuse, and neglect.

4. Personality Development:

Regular involvement in Baal Sabha has contributed to the overall personality development of the students. They are now more articulate, confident, and empathetic, with a growing ability to think critically and solve problems effectively.

5. Community Action and Problem-Solving:

Students have identified and addressed several local issues, including improving school facilities, addressing sanitation concerns, and tackling environmental challenges. They have planted trees, cleaned public spaces, and conducted awareness campaigns on issues such as addiction and health risks.

6. Inspiring Change:

Baal Sabha members have become role models in their villages, inspiring other children and even adults to take action. Their campaigns against child labor, addiction, and environmental degradation have garnered support from the larger community.

Baal Sabha is not just a platform for children; it is a stepping stone towards building a generation of informed, confident, and socially aware individuals. It instills values of empathy, inclusivity, and active participation, paving the way for sustainable change in society. By nurturing young minds through Baal Sabha, we are empowering children to shape their futures and contribute positively to their communities and beyond.

Photos



Fuljhar Community development project 22558

Funding Agency: - KNH (Kindernothilfe)

Overall Objectives: - Bring change about economic, social and political transformation in the lives of the rural community, poor schedule tribe, schedule caste and marginalized people in the target villages.

Objective of the project:-

- ❖ To promote awareness and understanding of child rights.
- ❖ To prevent and protect children from rights violations.
- ❖ To enhance access to education, skill development and livelihood opportunities.
- ❖ To improve health and wellness.
- ❖ To empower community based organizations (Strengthening the SHG and Cluster level Association).

❖ District	: Mahasamund
❖ Total Blocks	: Basna, 01
❖ Total Panchayats	: 07
❖ Total Villages	: 10 Village (Adivasi & Dalits)
❖ Sponsorship	: 250 and other 50 children
❖ Number of children in Tuition centre	: 221
❖ Total SHG members	: 714
❖ Total CLA	: 9
❖ Member in CLA	: 92
❖ So far Activities	: CFCD and SHA
❖ Status of the Project	: Reporting duration April 2023 to March 2024

The target group ensured their development through the use of output

1. Economic Empowerment:

- 209 participants have started their own goat rearing.
- 60 of them are preparing vermi compost and using it for their agriculture.
- 10 women started to cultivate mushrooms after their training and started earning additional income.
- 165 individuals started their own small business and earning income for the family.
- 142 women started growing their own vegetables in their kitchen gardens.
- Women started producing washing powder, soap, phenol, leaf plates, pickle making, etc. and selling them in local market.
- 60% of the women are applying and availing the schemes which have encouraged women to gain self-reliance.
- 70% SHGs women enhance the skilled on business plan.
- 70% women will be self-reliant through doing business.

The above use of output has helped women to become economically self-reliant and certain economic security has been built. The CLAs are able to address the educational, health and other needs of the children and the family members.

2. Social Empowerment:

- Women themselves mobilized resources for women's day and managed the events.
- 267 women are helping people with bank related works and approaching various help lines 102, 1098, 100, 108, etc.
- 75 are maintaining their records and registers independently in their SHGs & CLAs.
- Women and children started to participate in decision making and raising their issues in the Gram Sabha.
- 300 women skilled on operation of mobile and through this they will able to know latest schemes of Government or different marketing knowledge.

- Another 400 women gained knowledge in violence against women and stand against the violence. The above use of outputs has increased women's self confidence and self-esteem. Their participation has increased. The education of children has improved; there are no dropout children in the village. Health facilities and services are accessed by the community.

3. Political Empowerment:

- 300 women skilled on operation of modern technology and through this they are able to know the latest schemes of Government or different marketing knowledge and so they are able to make benefit from it.
- At least 650 women participated in Gramsabha.
- 307 women involved in decision making process

The above use of outputs has ensured capacity development of group leaders resulting in improved group functioning. The leaders are also able to motivate the group members to avail services from various departments. Due to the leadership, there is a concept self-governance in the villages.

4. Building Strong SHGs and CLAs;

- The trainings and capacity building programmes have increased the capacity of group leaders and members leading to self-managed group activities, goal setting and making efforts to achieve the goals.

Sustainability

The project has brought about positive changes and instilled confidence in the communities especially among women but these needs continuous strengthening and capacity building of the federations. Some of the activities result in the direction of sustainability to the target group. They need continuous follow up and facilitation to make them politically conscious and self-sufficient in the long term.

- The concept of a people led approach is the key for success in any project. Women-CLAs becoming an institution among women have been an empowering and confidence-building experience for rural Dalit and tribal women.
- The formation of CLAs has enabled the women jointly to approach their issues and demands in the village councils/Panchayat/ govt. offices. And as a result their demands are heard and approved.
- Continued follow up of the CLA by the organizational staff can bring about integrated development in the rural Panchayats.
- Introduction of the digital technology in communication would continue and improve interpersonal and group communication.
- The education of the children will be given important as community is aware that their children have to be educated for better future.
- The women will not approach to the local money lenders for money because they have built their economic sources in their SHGs.
- The local structures and capacities that have been created so far are SHGs, CLAs which are totally community-based. They are following the regular meetings, saving in the groups and attending the Gram Sabha meetings. The groups have been maintaining all the records and registers of the savings, loaning and minutes of their meetings. Since there is strong leadership and belongingness to the groups, they are involved along with a strong desire to improve their socio-economic and political situation. They have a strong will to continue these structures even after funding has ceased.

ACTIVITIES



Sponsored Children's Gathering



Ongoing Self Awareness Program



Exposure Visit to Nursery



Seminar on Child Rights



Monthly Meetings of Women



Skilling of Women on Livelihood

SPONSORSHIP FOR DALIT AND TRIBAL CHILDREN

Funded by: KINDERMISSIONSWERK

The children and RDSWS are very grateful to Mr. Karl Bohme from Germany, a friend of the Raipur Archdiocese, who has been supporting the poor Dalit and tribal children to continuing their education who were being dropout due to lack of support of education and hostel. The program is implemented in the 4 rural parishes (Aundhi, Charoda, Kawardha and Jairamnagar) of the Raipur diocese. 307 children are helped with their educational expenses, tuition & hostel fees, uniforms and medical help. Through education and awareness children have grown with self-confidence and self-esteem and prepared themselves as better citizens.



Jamnagar



Charoda

BENEFICIARIES

S.N.	Parish	Students	Boys	Girls
1	Aundhi	206	103	103
2	Charoda	20	2	18
3	Kawardha	20	3	17
4	Jairamnagar	61	24	37
	Total	307	132	175

Kawardha

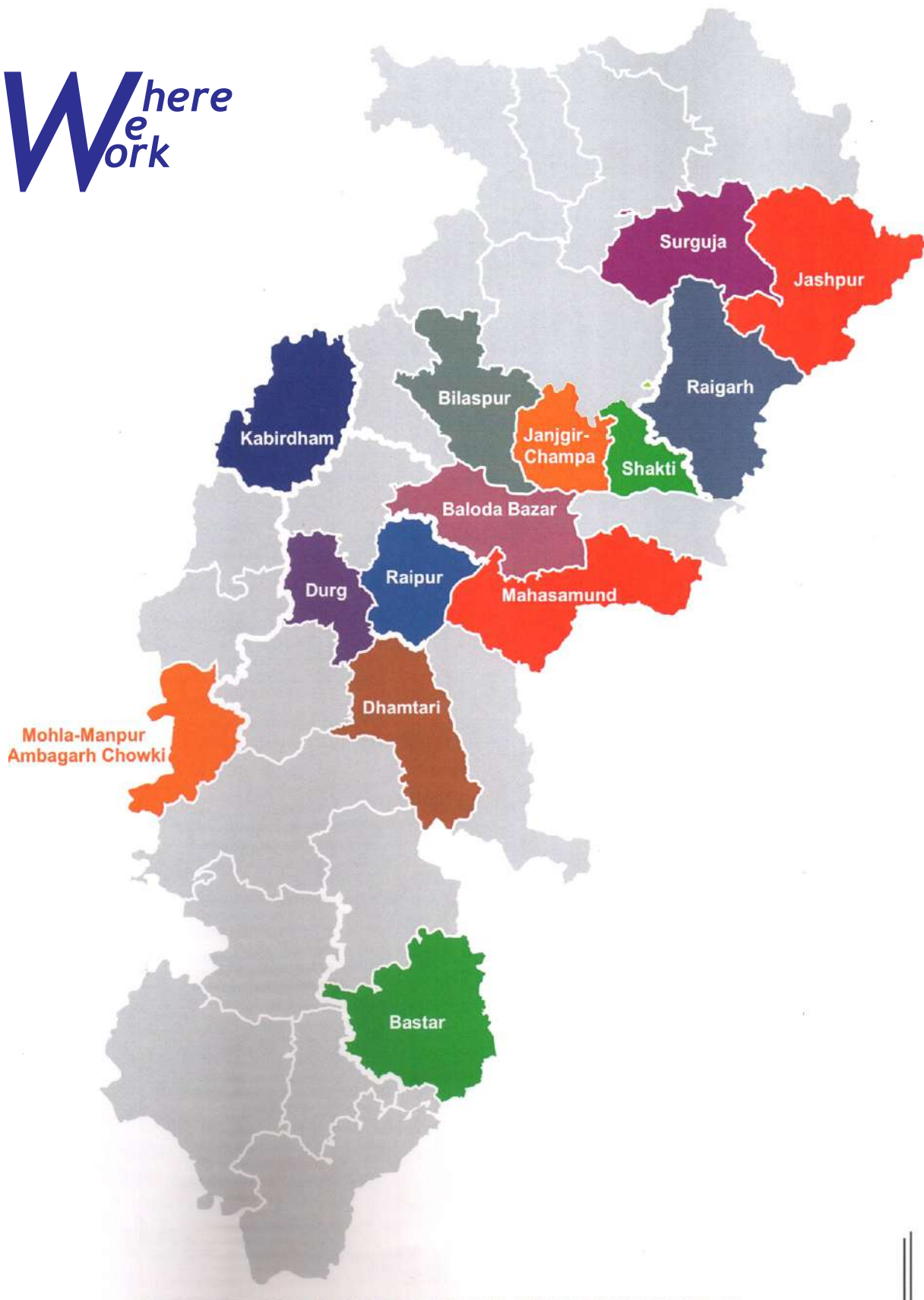


Aundhi

Class Wise

Center	Aundhi		Charoda		Kawardha		Jairamnagar		Center	Aundhi		Charoda		Kawardha		Jairamnagar	
Class	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	Class	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
KG	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	9 th	9	5	1	1	0	0	3	1
1 st	8	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	10 th	4	4	1	3	1	3	0	5
2 nd	11	20	0	2	0	0	0	2	11 th	2	1	0	2	0	2	5	7
3 rd	14	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	12 th	2	4	0	1	0	0	8	8
4 th	12	10	0	0	1	1	2	2	M.Sc.	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 th	6	15	0	0	0	0	2	3	B. Sc/B.com	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
6 th	15	15	0	1	0	1	1	6	D.El.ed	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
7 th	3	4	0	3	0	1	1	1	NEET/ITI	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
8 th	10	6	0	1	0	1	1	2	Computer	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Total	81	88	0	9	1	6	8	16	Total	22	15	2	9	2	11	16	21

**Where
Work**



RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS .	AMOUNT
BROUGHT FORWARD.	1515817.71	BROUGHT FORWARD.	670855.88
		<u>DEPOSITS & ADVANCES :</u>	
		Income Tax (T.D.S.) (2023-24).	1943.00
		<u>CLOSING BALANCES :</u>	
		As per Annexure (I) Annexed.	843018.83
TOTAL Rs.	1515817.71	TOTAL Rs.	1515817.71

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE.

For M/s. Harish Dua & Co.
Chartered Accountants.

Place : Raipur
Date : 28.09.2024.
UDIN-24078688BJZYMA1953



RAIPUR DIOCESAN SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY, TATIBANDH, DISTT. RAIPUR (C.G.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
TO RECURRING EXPENSES :		BY INCOME :	
a> Local Account :		a> Local Account :	
Maintenance Expenses :		Society Account :	
As per Receipts & Payments Account.	606745.88	Contributions from Hunger & Disease Account.	306111.00
b> F.C. Account :		Bank Interest.	31192.00
RECCURING EXPENSES :		Mess Recoveries.	20240.00
As Per Receipt & Payment Account.	376530.24	Training Income :	
(As Per Contra).		Receipts.	97170.00
" DEPRECIATION.		Less : Expenditures.	37397.00 59773.00
a> Local Account.	29231.00		417316.00
b> F.C. Account.	924444.00	b> F.C. Account :	
953675.00		Bank Interest (Allocated).	376530.24
Less : Transferred to Depreciation Reserve Account.	953675.00	(As Per Contra).	
	0.00	" NET DEFICIT :	
		Being Excess of Expenditure Income over carried over to Balance Sheet.	
		Local Account.	189429.88
TOTAL Rs. :	983276.12	TOTAL Rs. :	983276.12

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE.

Place : Raipur
Date : 28.09.2024.
UDIN-24078688BJZYMA1953



For M/s. Harish Dua & Co.
Chartered Accountants.
M.S. No. 078688
Proprietor
Membership No. : 078688
Name : Harish Kumar Dua

RAIPUR DIOCESE SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY, TATIBANDH, DISTT. RAIPUR (C.G.)

(FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2024.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT
<u>SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND :</u>		<u>INTEREST FUND EXPENSES :</u>	
<A> GRANT-IN-AID :		1. <u>Coordination Office Expenses :</u>	
As per Annexure (III) annexed.	22427460.75	Bank Charges.	29097.24
		Audit Fees.	120820.00
 <u>BANK INTEREST :</u>		Extra Salaries.	50000.00
On S.B. Account.	242174.00	Printing & Stationery.	38430.00
		Travel Expenses.	91268.00
<u>TRANSFERS :</u>		Vehicle Maintenance.	40465.00
Cash Balances Transferred from Project.	15637.62	Computer Maintenance.	6450.00
			376530.24
<u>OPENING BALANCES :</u>		2. <u>Allocations :</u>	
As per Annexure (IV) annexed.	5307388.25	Allocated to S.P.F.	
		(Sustaining the Federations).	20547.00
		Allocated to S.P.F.	
		(Fuljhar Development Project).	5337.00
			25884.00
		3. <u>Non-Recurring Expenses.</u>	
		Security Camera	27116.00
		Furniture's & Fixtures	52549.56
			79665.56
			482079.80
		<u>SPECIFIC PROJECTS FUND EXPENSES :</u>	
		As per Annexure (I) annexed.	
		Recurring Expenses.	20408239.50
		Less : Bank Interest Allocated.	25884.00
			20382355.50
		<u>OTHER LIABILITIES :</u>	
		Income Tax (TDS) Paid.	11500.00
		<u>CLOSING BALANCES :</u>	
		<u>Cash & Bank Balances :</u>	
		As per Annexure (II) annexed.	7116725.32
TOTAL Rs. :	27992660.62	TOTAL Rs. :	27992660.62

For M/s. Harish Dua & Co.
Chartered Accountants.



Proprietor
Membership No. : 078688
Name : Harish Kumar Dua

Place : Raipur
Date : 28.09.2024.

RAIPUR DIOCESAN SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY, TATIBANDH, DISTT. RAIPUR (C.G.)

(LOCAL ACCOUNT)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2024.

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS .	AMOUNT
<u>INCOME :</u>		<u>TRAINING CENTRE :</u>	
<u>Society Account :</u>		<u>Maintenance Expenses :</u>	
Contributions from Hunger & Disease Account. 306111.00		Honorarium to Gardner. 70000.00	
Bank Interest. 31192.00		Salary to Cook. 96000.00	
Mess Recoveries. 20240.00		T.A./D.A./Vehicle Maintenance. 24413.00	
		Household Expenses 10216.00	
		Stationery, Printing & Postages. 14649.00	
<u>Training Income :</u>		Celebrations & Refreshments 17241.00	
Receipts. 97170.00		Repairs & Maintenance. 92425.00	
Less : Expenditures. 37397.00	59773.00	Professional Fees 17200.00	
	417316.00	Garden Expenses. 4410.00	
		Salary (Extra Staffs). 22200.00	
<u>INTEREST FUND :</u>		Audit Fees 38040.00	
(Jhullaghar Project)		Bank Charges. 12.88	
Bank Interest (S.B.) 11.00		Annual General Body Meeting. 69662.00	
		Magazines & Reference Books. 4341.00	
<u>HUNGER & DISEASE ACCOUNT :</u>		Mess Expenses. 102959.00	
Collections during the year. 406111.00		Mobile Charges 470.00	
Less : Contribution to General Fund. 306111.00		Electricity Charges 2410.00	
Less : Paid to Caritas India. 100000.00	0.00	Web Site Renewed. 6450.00	
		Legal Charges 4000.00	
		Medical Expenses. 3116.00	
		General Expenses. 2231.00	
		Staff Maintenance 4300.00	606745.88
<u>OPENING BALANCES :</u>		<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES :</u>	
As per Annexure (II) Annexed. 1093490.71		Office & Other Equipments 9999.00	
		Utensils 18010.00	
<u>JHULAGHAR PROJECT :</u>		Furniture's & Dead Stocks 6200.00	34209.00
in S.B. Account with State Bank of India, Kumhari : Withdrawn. 5000.00			
		<u>EMERGENCY FUND EXPENSES :</u>	
		<u>Recurring Expenses :</u>	
		Donations & Contributions. 6000.00	
		Education Help. 18890.00	24890.00
		<u>JHULAGHAR PROJECT :</u>	
		Cash in Hand. 5000.00	
		Interest on S.B. Account. 11.00	5011.00
CARRIED OVER Rs. :	1515817.71	CARRIED OVER Rs	670855.88



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