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PREFACE

“Our mission is for the destitute, the poor and the illiterate peasantry and labouring classes and if after everything has been done for them first, there is spare time, then only for the gentry.”

- Swami Vivekanand

Located at Bhattasahi, a backward and benighted village in Keonjhar District in Orissa, BAITARANI is a women based and women-oriented NGO at grass-root level. The organization has been registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, Government of Orissa, vide its Registration No. KJR-4616/92 ,dated 15th November 2003.

The genesis of the organization dates back to 2001-02. A group of village women under the leadership of Smt. Santilata Shi came out from the four walls of the domestic chores and wanted to do something for other needy and neglected women of the society. No doubt it was very difficult at a backward village reeling under grim illiteracy and the resultant social superstitions and religious dogmas. The resistance came from the male dominated society, but the women were desperate. Neither any obstacle nor any odd could dissuade the spirit of a group of sincere and dedicated women who got united and took a solemn vow to enlighten and empower other poor women and marginalized segment of the society. Their firm resolution was translated into action with the establishment of BAITARANI a women based and women regulated civil society in the year 2001-02 which was registered later under the S.R Act in 2003.

Thanks to the tenacious efforts of a group of village women, BAITARANI has already made its presence very much felt among the distressed, downtrodden and deserted women at the village Bhattasahi and its neighbouring area. The organization stands poised to go forward with its lofty mission of helping the helpless women and other poor people in the coming years.
VISION & IDEOLOGY OF BAITARANI

BAITARANI believes in the equality and justice of all human beings cutting across the barrier of caste, creed, clan and gender. It visualizes a social order in which women will not be exploited and they will enjoy all equal rights and privileges with their male counterparts in society and also women will have joint partnership with the male in the development process.

MISSION OF BAITARANI

The mission of BAITARANI is to cause sustainable development to the poor and marginalized groups with a prime focus on the distressed, dalits and downtrodden women and neglected children.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

In a nutshell BAITARANI aims at fulfilling the following objectives:

➢ To spread literacy and education both formal and non-formal among the illiterate and ignorant people.
➢ To organize the rural women belonging to SC, ST and other backward communities against all types of atrocities, tortures, injustices, discrimination and exploitation and help them in all possible ways to have proper legal protection.
➢ To take up different poverty alleviation programmes for the removal of crushing poverty at different backward villages in Orissa.
➢ To cause socio-economic empowerment of the poor and marginalized groups with a prime focus on the distressed and downtrodden women through micro-finance.
➢ To form self-help groups among the poor women and generate savings among them.
➢ To achieve self-reliance of the poor and vulnerable segment of the society with a prime attention on the distressed and downtrodden women through micro-finance.
➢ To conduct different vocational training programmes and create employment opportunities for the unemployed youths belonging to low socio-economic condition with a prime attention on the distressed and deserted women.
➢ To optimize the productivity in agriculture, pisci culture and its allied activities in the rural area thereby maximizing the income level of the poverty-stricken farmers and fishermen through the dissemination of science-based, need-based and result-oriented technologies among the backward peasantry and fishing communities.
➢ To develop horticulture in the rural area for the economic betterment of the poor farmers.
➢ To undertake different community development programmes in backward villages including arrangement for low cost housing, construction of village roads, safe drinking water and sanitation.
➢ To organize different community based health care programmes in the backward villages with a view to bringing a lasting improvement in the health, hygiene and sanitary condition of the poor villagers.
➢ To undertake Integrated Child Development Programme, Reproductive Health-Care Programme, Mother & Child-Care Programme, Nutrition Promotion Programme, Family Planning & Welfare Programmes in the backward villages.
➢ To take up AIDS Prevention Programmes.
➢ To organize Waste Land Development and Social Forestry Programmes.
➢ To improve the environment and ecology in the rural area by taking up different environmental protection programmes.
➢ To organize relief and rescue programmes during the period of natural calamity.

ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP & STRUCTURE

BAITARANI is governed, managed and controlled by an Executive Committee consisting of 7 members including 5 office bearers. The members of the Executive Committee are elected from among the general members for a period of 3 (Three) years. The Executive Committee, the main decision making platform of the organization is represented mainly by the SC & ST women from villages. Any important decision is taken unanimously in the meeting of the Executive Committee as per democratic norm. Besides, there is a General Body represented by 11 members.

The Executive Committee sometimes forms different Monitoring Cells & Bodies for supervision of different projects and activities. There is also an Advisory Committee consisting of 10 reputed and retired personals to provide the valuable advices and suggestions at the time of need. There are also different staff for different projects.
ORGANOGRAM OF BAITARANI

GENERAL BODY

GOVERNING BODY

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY  TREASURER

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

FIELD WORKERS

BENEFICIARIES
INFRASTRUCTURES

At present BAITARANI is fortunate to have land measuring 10 decimals at Gadadharpur village of Ghatagaon Block, two no of Bikes, four Computer Set & three sewing machines.

PERSONNEL

The organization is presently having 4 paid and full-time staff & 15 volunteers.

OFFICE BEARERS

1. Smt. Jayanti Tripathy - President
2. Smt. Debaki Mundari - Vice-President
3. Smt. Santilata Shi - Secretary
4. Smt. Basanti Patra - Asst. Secretary
5. Sri Parsuram Jena - Treasurer

AREA OF OPERATION

The area of operation of BAITARANI is all over the geographical jurisdiction of Keonjhar district of Orissa which may likely to be extended in course of time as per the need and demand of the people. But for the time being, the organization is working in Sadar, and Banspal Blocks of the district.

TARGET GROUPS

Poor and marginalized groups with a prime focus on tribal, distressed and downtrodden women, needy and neglected children are the target groups of BAITARANI.
A BRIEF RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

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1. National Environment Awareness Camp
The organization have organized 1no of environment awareness camp at Gopinathpur village of Janardanpur G.P. Staff of the organization explained to the gathering about the procedure of protecting pollution and how to save the environment for the maintenance of the ecological balance. They advise to the gathering for their consciousness about deforestation and to take up aorestation in their own village to save environment because the critical issue of climate change is now affecting the daily life of the people in respect of water, crop, oxygen and other necessary components. The requested to gathering to spread this awareness in their respective area

2. Dalit Human Rights Programme
The area of operation of the organization is consisting more numbers dalits family and who have no education till now and living as daily worker. So that they have no idea about the human right and the role of dalit community to enjoy such right. In fact the educated person for the community are serving outside and have no moral responsibility to inculcate about the human rights to their own community. This one kind of deprivation fro which the community is remaining far from the mainstream. Hence, a camp has been organised by the organization at Gumura village. The secretary of the organization has explained about the legal provision human right especially provided to the dalit community to the gathering.

3. Plantation Programme:
During the reporting period a plantation programme has been done by the organization in village Bhaliadihi of Janardanpur G.P for the enhancement of safe environment. 700 Akasia plant ,has been planted in the road side of the village through participatory system. The villager have committed to take care maintain the total plantation up growth of the plants.
4. **Women Empowerment Programme:**

A workshop has been organized by the organization at village Handibhanga of Handibhanga G.P on the women day consisting 48 female only and discussion was taken on women social and economic barrier like the tradition of dowry, women torture, illiteracy in women, dependency of women on man, Deprivation from property, homesickness, precarious health hazard are accruing in our society. Smt. Santilata Shi Secretary along with some remarkable women participants discussed over the issues widely taking some local example. The secretary advise how to get rid of the problems and to enlight the new adolescent girls to lead their life in the new path.

5. **Promotion of SRI Method in Agriculture:**

In the operational area of BITARANI the people depends mostly on cultivation and had been adopting the old method of cropping. The farmers have taking a signle crop in traditional method but are using the new paddy seed and using chemical fertilizer to get more harvest. This orctic is causing barreness and decreasing of harvest. Hence the organization taken step to promotion SRI method in these villages and has provided training to the farmers about SRI method and advise not to use the new available seed and chimerical fertilize. The farmers those who have implemented SRI method got government benefit and privilege. So that they became more interested to take up SRI method in paddy cultivation. After adoption of SRI method the farmers got much amount of harvest in the last agriculture area.

6. **Observation of National Days:**

The organization have observed the independence Day, Republic Day, extravagantly with all its General Body and Executive Body, guests invited and office staffs. The students of Bhattasahi CP School go rounds the villages with marching and patriotic slogan. Song competition was made among the students and awarded prizes to winners. World TB Day & was observed with District administration and health department of Kendujhar by making meetings and on Children’s Day (14th November), Gandhi and Shastri Jayanti (2nd October). Jhoti and Song competitions are held among school children by the organization.
7. AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME-
To aware the people in target area, wash-out the blind beliefs from the society, change of sexual behaviour, positive attitude to PLHIV organization has already conducted awareness programme on STD/HIV/AIDS in Sadar Blocks at Pokharapani, Maligaon and Keonjhar Municipality. The main target groups of this program were Dhaba owners, truckers, sex workers, adolescents and eligible couples. 4 nos awareness was done through Audio visual, meetings, counselling, information sharing by using leaflets and posters. Condoms were also demonstrated & distributed to target groups at free of cost for precautionary steps 981 people have sensitize about the demerits of STD/HIV/AIDS..

8. TB AWARENESS PROGRAMME
The Awareness on TB & the benefits of adopting the Directly Observed Therapy System (DOTS) programme was conducted by the organization at 50 places in Sadar & Patna Block of Keonjhar district. It was made successfully on RNTCP through wall painting by a team in all the health institutions and other Govt. Buildings. The main objective of this programme was to aware people on TB, control the spread of TB, reduce the death rate cases to it and make the DOTs method popularly.

9 MALARIA AWARENESS PROGRAMME
Malaria awareness programme have been conducted by organization at Muktapuri & Sankarpur village in Sadar Block efficiently. 308 no of beneficiaries have been benefited and awared pertaining the malaria disease. They have also been aware to use precautionary methods in order that they might be saved from the attack of malaria. The funds on this programme is borne by Baitarani.

10 Awareness on Abolition of child labour-
An awareness camp has been organized by the organization for the abolition of child labour at Sirispal village of Sadar block. In the camp the it has been suggested to the gathering about rights of a child and the need of minimum education. The carrier of children is depending for his/her successful life. The dilemma of poverty and the helplessness of parents and the social psychology is generating child labour which is black spot of our society. They have suggested to look after the issue by everybody and to eradicate it in a process child adoption and hostel admission and parental care for education.
11 **Medicals Assistance to Poor.**

The organization has assisted 7 patients (4 female & 2 male) who were suffering from acute diseases and unable to get government help. The patients were refer to district hospital and arranged free medicine for their treatment.

12 **SHG Development Training Programme**

With a view to implement economic empowerment of the poor women; the organization has adopted micro-credit as the main economic tool. The organization has already formed 74 SHGs belongs to SC/ST and BPL families of Sadar Block in Keonjhar district. They have savings in various nationalized banks and out of total SHGs, 60% SHG made linkage with banks after which they have been involved in various IG activities. The marketing facilities of SHG products are being promoted by BAITARANI through different exhibitions / sale stalls/ marketing avenues.

In order to promote the efficiency for the fruitful management of SHGs as well as for uplift of socio-cultural status of the SHG members, BAITARANI has conducted the following capacity building training programmes in different backward villages in Keonjhar.

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13 **Awareness on RTI ACT**

Since year the people were under the pressure of government official for any information and liaison. Which was great obstacle for the people for personnel government liaising. This problem was solved in 2005 after the formulation of RTI Act. The organization has spread the provision of RTI act and its benefits to people throughout operational area by organizing awareness camp, wall painting, distribution leaflet and poster.
14 **Awareness on RTE ACT**

The privilege of education to all while made act after 2008 the organization had taken step for more admission to new student and dropout students in their concern school by propagating about the provision of RTE Act.

15 **Awareness on Forest Right Act.**

In each village the organization has organized awareness meeting on FRA and CFR to access the natural resources and place for community infrastructure under the provision of forest right act. An exercise about the filling of A, B & C form was taken up in the meeting for capability of application by the people.

16 **Gender Sensitization Programme:**

During this reporting period the organization has organized gender sensitization programme in 08 villages. In those meeting the gender expert has explain about the discrimination of boys and girls children by the parents and the deprivation education, property and social status of girl children. The describe how the people are not desiring girl child and interested for abortion which is observe from IMR.

17 **STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME.**

Two nos. of staff development training programmes for office staff & four nos. of meeting on quarterly basis have been conducted by the Baitarani consisting with all its General Body and 1 RP have joined in those meetings. The meetings are conducted with a view of development of Baitarani and how to improve the capacity of its staff to handle different projects and also serve for destitute women, poor and backward people.

18 **AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE PROGRAMME.**

Agriculture is the main occupation of the rural people of Orissa. For the development of agriculture, BAITARANI organized a programme at Baliposi village in Sadar Block of Keonjhar district. Under this program 47 BPL beneficiary farmers were imparted skill training on SRI method. The organization also distributed low cost agricultural equipments to the beneficiaries. During the year under report BAITARANI has conducted the horticulture activities in 38 SHGs and every member was provided a vegetable kit at free of cost.