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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



LAHANTI has completed 14 golden years of its work. It has been possible with the dedicated service of the team members. During this long journey of 14 years we have handled different projects. We got the opportunity to serve different vulnerable sections including tribal rural poor, underprivileged community, women, children and youths. We are fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced team. The hard work of the team members has made LAHANTI's vision and mission a reality. Moreover, the donor agencies, partner/networking organizations provided backup support to Lahanti without whom this long journey would not have been possible.

Their financial support and guidance has helped the LAHANTI family to move forward towards achieving the goals and objectives. In addition, the administrative officers supported the working team members in empowering the vulnerable and marginalized sections of the community. SHG Leaders, community leaders collaborated with the team in achieving the objective.

We are grateful to all the donor agencies, partner organizations, administrative officials and the LAHANTI team - our colleagues, project coordinators, documentation team, office associates, volunteers for their valuable support in LAHANTI's journey of progress.

As LAHANTI enters the 15th year of journey we hope to brighten the lives of vulnerable people through the support of donor agencies, partner/networking organizations, administration and team members.

Thanking you all.

Shitoli Hansda

President

LAHANTI

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY



It is my pleasure to share the 14th annual report of 2021-2022 with all of you as the Secretary of LAHANTI. I am privileged to share the work done by LAHANTI, with the help of our devoted team members. LAHANTI is basically working in tribal areas among tribal people, especially with vulnerable people in the communities to draw a smile on their faces. I feel extremely happy to let everyone know that LAHANTI entered its 15th year of inception, which may be considered as 'adolescent' age. One has to be very careful in looking after the creation in this age group.

Your valuable suggestions and guidance at every moment and on each step insist our team to do hard work in perfect way to achieve the goal of holistic development of community. Your suggestions and cooperation is incomprehensible, because without your guidance we could not succeed to achieve our goal. Without your cooperation it was very tough to achieve our goal and serve people towards their empowerment.

I would like to share with full joy that we have been learning through our mistakes, experiences and practices which helped us to enhance our skill and helping us in moving forward in proper track. In this long journey of 14 years we become hopeful and strong which are helping us to develop strategy for future properly. Our motto is development of community in all aspects i.e. Nutrition, Health & Hygiene, Education, livelihood, etc. Our team having empathy with community and feel their problems by heart which help them to formulate the strategy for their developmental goal. Our team is approaching with full devotion and strength for their holistic development. They are proceeding forward in way of making strong and healthy democracy by creating harmony among the society, which may help to reach near vulnerable and marginalized people. We are moving forward by making coordination, collaboration & making good relation with local government officials of all departments and panchayats to achieve our objectives and goal. For these we are getting support from various donor agencies, Govt. departments, networks, and our team. And it became possible only due to hard work, devotion, transparency and honesty of our team.

We are successfully moving forward towards our goal in perfect way with the help of your financial, social, mental and psychological support. I thank to our team members for their hard work and devotion. I also thank to all our donor agencies, supporters, friends and well-wishers who are always providing their support to achieve our goal. I respect your faith on us and I promise to keep your faith.

I again thank to our donors, supporting organizations, our colleagues, village level workers, supervisors, administrative officers, documentation officers, project coordinators for their hearty support.

Thanking you all

Bitiya Murmu

Secretary

LAHANTI

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It gives immense joy to be with our people after the most difficult time of the Covid-19 Pandemic that has shaken the whole world. It was very painful experience to distance ourselves from our love ones. Hopefully we will continue to be able to serve our people in the best possible way.

I feel fortunate to be part of this ‘young’ and dynamic organization called LAHANTI. I congratulate all the board members to bring up this organization to the ‘adolescent’ age. This shows the dedication of the energetic board and the vibrant working team. As LAHANTI is entering the 15th year, I extend my best wishes to everyone contributing to this organization to pave its way on a daily basis.

We are very excited to begin our new Jharkhand Lahanti Project, a one to one sponsorship program, to serve poorest and the marginalized families of this area. We feel extremely grateful to UNBOUND to partner with LAHANTI to materialize this great service to the most needy families. We are indeed grateful to the Secretary of Lahanti, Ms. Bitiya Murmu, who has provided the needed guidance and support to begin the Jharkhand Lahanti Project.

The Jharkhand Lahanti Project caters to about 3000 beneficiaries in the interior areas of Sahibganj, Pakur, Dumka, Jamtara, Deoghar and Giridih districts. I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to serve the families and also to have a very talented and committed team of staff. I can feel in everyone the same zeal to work for the cause.

I thank the almighty God and grateful to the Unbound team especially Mr. Dan pearson, Ms. Pritha Hariharan, Ms. Amanda Heter, MsMalouNavio, Mr. Rey Sampaga and all the Unbound team who have supported us to initiate this program. I am equally grateful to the Lahanti board especially the Chief functionary Ms. Bitiya Murmu and all the staff members. Let us keep the spirit and passion alive to serve the poor and the downtrodden.

Thank you,

Vincent Murmu

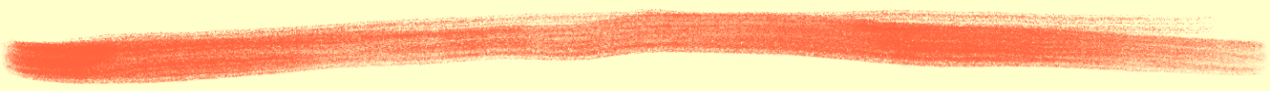
Executive Director

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We thank to our all well-wishers, colleagues, friends, Board members, government official for their active support and valuable suggestions for good shake of organization. Due to their proper advice and guidance organization has completed 14 successful years and we are able to put our 14th Annual Report before you. I specially thanks to our donors who have supported us to serve the deprived people who are spending their life under privilege and during COVID pandemic we were able to save many lives by providing them food, clothes and other necessary materials for their lives. I thank partner/networking organizations who supported us in reaching out to the needy ones and serving them. By their regular support and devotion of team members we can reach to them and could help. I thank UNBOUND for supporting LAHANTI in serving deprived families of Santhal Pargana. I present my gratitude to the sponsors for supporting 3000 sponsored children and reaching out to approximately 1 lac people. I am thankful to the coordination team of UNBOUND who have been working hard for serving the project beneficiaries. I thank funding agency British Asian Trust (BAT) for supporting LAHANTI in creating awareness on safe migration among migrant labors. I thank partner organization JATN who is working in networking with LAHANTI towards inculcating safe migration among class of migrant laborers and in combating human trafficking. I thank My Choice Foundation, Hyderabad for partnering with LAHANTI with the aim to prevent child trafficking by creating awareness on trafficking among children and their parents. I also thank Indian Social Institute, New Delhi for working in partnership with LAHANTI in the project Lok Manch that aims to empower community leaders in facilitating improved access to entitlements and rights among marginalized section of the society. I am also thankful to our devoted, honest and hardworking team members who empathized themselves with community and are serving them becoming as their family member. I thank to PRI members, CBOs, teachers, government officials for their support and suggestions to our team members in project area.

Secretary

Lahanti

Vision

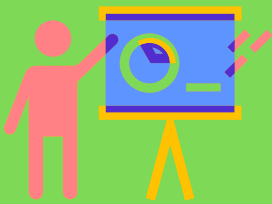
To build a society on the basis of equality and gender justice, rising above caste, class, creed and religion, where underprivileged communities, women and children are in the mainstream of development.

Mission



Organize women and children in order to bring social change by socio-economic & cultural empowerment and gender justice.

Objectives



- To promote existing human, natural and economic resources in rural reconstruction and social reform to make people's lives happier.
- To promote initiatives such as agriculture development.
- Promotion of small and cottage industries at village level to strengthen economic development.
- To create awareness about fundamental rights such as (equality, freedom against exploitation, freedom of religion, education and culture) and tribal women rights.
- To disseminate relevant information along with research and documentation to improve and maintain the development process.
- To motivate people for adopting safe migration measures to avoid exploitation under of trafficking of women and children.
- Promoting sustainable and quality education, giving priority to girls.
- To enhance traditional culture of tribal society.
- To create awareness and easy access to govt. schemes among tribes living in forest.

Strategy

Lahanti has an established strategy of organizing women and children of the area under the norms of Self-Help-Groups-SHG, as entry point prior to take up any activity.

Participation of the community at every level, right from planning to implementation, is ensured so that the community might have a feeling of ownership towards assets.

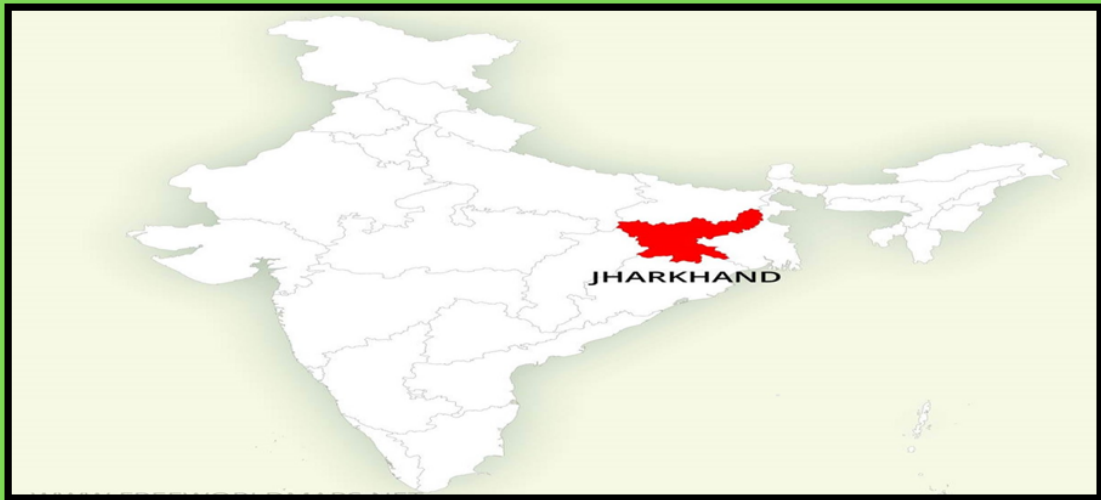
Profile of LAHANTI

Name of the organization	LAHANTI (way to progress...)
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1	SitoliHansdak D/o. late LodgaHansdak	Vill.Raniganj,Ps+post-Jamtara,Dist- Jamtara Jharkhand	35	President	Social work	Graduate
2	BitiyaMurmu D/o. Late Robin Murmu	Vill. Ero.post - Kolha ,ps-Kathikund , DistDumka, Jharkhand	42	Secretary	Social work	Graduate
3	PutulHembrom D/o. Late ChandrayHembrom	Vill.Grant State ,Ialpokhra ,post +DistDumka , Jharkhand	30	Treasurer	Social work	Intermediate
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INTERVENTION AREA



Jharkhand in India



Districts of Jharkhand

INTRODUCTION

Bitiya Murmu, the founder of LAHANTI, after working for more than one and a half decades in social sector with various renowned voluntary organizations and acquiring adequate experience took a pledge to take the society towards progress. To build a society in which women are connected with the mainstream of development and are aware of their rights. Bringing society into the mainstream of development by strengthening the education of children. Its Mission is to organize women and children in order to bring social change by socio-economic empowerment. The tribes of India's tribal-dominated Jharkhand are backward. In which the situation of tribal women, especially in the social, economic, educational and cultural sectors, is neglected. They are being discriminated on the basis of gender in society and in many ways women also are victims of superstitions. The Lahanti organization was formed in view of this, which can bring awareness among the women and add to the mainstream of development.

The director of the organization started this campaign from Kathikund block of Dumka. Today Lahanti is operating in 6 districts of Jharkhand in the sectors of education, Ayurveda, safe migration, gram sabha strengthening and public awareness on women rights. Board of Lahanti has decided that we should reach the last person of the society. And there is a need to engage the community to plan the scale of their development together.

CHILD RIGHTS

Lahanti is promoting the **Right to Education** among poor children through the Sponsorship Programme running under Jharkhand Lahanti Project , a unit of LAHANTI, Jharkhand. We are working to bring sponsored families of marginalized section to the main streams of life through education and other capacity building activities. We place a high value on the education of the sponsored children. Sponsored children are provided with education stipend from initial stage to till he/she is studying. On a monthly basis, the benefit is transferred to the child's account. All the sponsored children have a joint account with their mother. Children spend the benefit to pay their educational and other expenses.

In order to help the sponsored family, achieve their goals, Career guidance seminars were organized for the sponsored children. These career guidance seminars were organized in 3 stages:

Stage 1 – Students in grades VII to X ;

Stage 2 – Students who have completed 10th and 12th grades;

Stage 3 – Children who are pursuing a graduate & post-graduate degree. In the seminars recommendations were given on goal setting, career planning and personality development. A list of upcoming exams was also shared, as well as other advices were given for cracking exams.

Many young students are not able to continue their higher studies and trainings due to financial constraints. Lahanti is also encouraging such young students in pursuing higher education and job oriented trainings through sponsorship aid. Several sponsored youngsters are pursuing their education in the fields of nursing, teaching, and engineering. And also amongst those sponsored youngsters many have found job.

The students pursuing higher studies are also provided with service scholarship. The students pursuing studies in various streams like B.Pharma, B.Ed. , TTC , Civil Engineering , PTT,Polytechnic, ITI, D.El.Ed. have been selected to avail service scholarship. Service scholarship beneficiaries are the students who are ready to provide social services to the community of their choice area voluntarily for minimum 200 hours in a month by following the core value of organization.



ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2973 children are direct beneficiaries of education stipend
- 96 students got career counselling.
- 22 students have also been accommodated for pursuing degrees in Engineering, Nursing, Teaching, and Post-Graduation in Science education in 2021-2022.
- 41 students have been supported for higher education in different streams.

Parents' Meeting:

We are organizing parents' meeting for awareness and to take feedback. 1011 parents participated in six meetings at different places under banner of sub projects TGR, ITI, MKA, JBL, TAN & SUS Where we discussed on-

- Awareness building on the importance of education for their children and how they should take care of them.
- Requirement for sponsorship.
- Submission of utilization certificate of amount provided for education purpose.



Success story

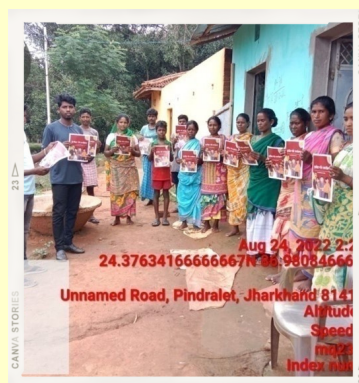
Margret Mary Kisku is daughter of John Kisku, a farmer and Regina Hembrom, a stay-at-home mom. Her younger brother is studying in school. She has availed Sponsorship benefit under Jharkhand Lahanti Project since December 2001 till March 2022. Sponsorship scheme helped Margret to finish her nursing studies. After completing nursing course she is employed as a nurse in a hospital. She feels herself fortunate enough to have the opportunity to get the benefit of sponsorship scheme. She admits that “Her family financial situation was dire as her father was the lone breadwinner. So it was difficult to satisfy daily needs and manage to pay for both children’s education. The sponsorship scheme made it happen that she pursued her desire and landed the job of her dreams. Through sponsorship programme her mother learnt a lot. Her mother is now more self assured and capable of handling the tasks and problems. “

Counter trafficking and child abuse:

Lahanti is working for preventing trafficking of children residing in the remote areas of Dumka district. Safe Village Programme Campaign are organized in target villages to aware parents, children and community about child trafficking. Village level Local Vigilance Committee having Gram Mitra, Rakshak and Nodal teacher as members are constituted in every target village to put check on trafficking of vulnerable age groups. Helpline Numbers like Red Alert Helpline Number 1800 419 8588 and CHILDLINE Helpline Number 1098 have been circulated among community in the target areas. Village level SVP campaigns have been conducted to sensitize villagers and school level SVP campaigns have been conducted to sensitize students in Dumka district. Village level Meetings were also held with the community to aware people about Right to Education Act , 2009 to inculcate the habit of sending their children to schools. Awareness campaigns on RTE, 2009 were also conducted at schools with the view to increase the number of students attending the classes. Series of meetings and awareness campaigns were also conducted to prevent child marriages in villages. The negative impacts of early childhood marriages were discussed in the meeting.

Achievements:

- 12 village level SVP campaigns have been organised and 480 villagers have been sensitised through campaigns.
- 6 school level SVP campaigns have been organised with the help of Childline India Foundation and 190 students have been sensitised through campaigns.
- Children below the age of 14 years are educated to protect themselves from trafficking.



CASE STUDY

Jai Baski (name changed) son of Lily Marandi (name changed) is 17 years old. He lives in Kathikund Block of Dumka District with his parents. He was studying in 8th standard and he was a regular student. After returning from school he used to help his parents in house core works. A village broker convinced Jai Baski to to go Banglore to work as a labour in a construction work and earn money. Jai went with the broker to Banglore without informing his parents. He didn't even complete his studies. While working in Banglore he was ill treated by the contractor and was not even paid the total wage amount. For this reason Jai returned to his village. Following the incident we arranged a meeting with the community and Jai's parents. The broker who took Jai to Banglore was also called in the meeting . In the meeting the broker paid the total wage amount to Jai's parents due to the pressure of community. The villagers warned the broker not to take children from village to work as child labor. The villagers also decided that they will not engage their children as labor and they will educate them.



Women Empowerment

Collectivization Of Women:

Lahanti facilitated women from marginalised communities to form Self Help Groups. We established and nurtured these community based units of transformation in Kathikund Block of Dumka District. Lahanti supported these SHGs in various aspects such as advocacy on gender justice, violence against women , access to various rights and entitlements.

Achievements:

- Lahanti Organised Women into 140 SHGs and approximately 1400 women joined as members of SHGs.
- 167 SHG members benefited with Pension schemes.
- Out of 7 cases of domestic violence reported to SHGs 3 cases has been solved with the intervention of Lahanti and SHG.

Success story

Shila (changed name) aged 27 years is resident of Barai village of Dumka district. She passed class Xth and got married at the of 19 years to Mangal Soren (changed name) of Amjhari village of Dumka district. Even after five years of their marriage they had no child. Shila was unable to conceive , for that reason villagers used to abuse her. And also her husband and in-laws were physically and mentally abusing her . She was forced to leave the house. Shila is member of SHG formed by our organization. During the SHG meeting Shila shared the incident of domestic violence happened with her. With the support of Gram Pradhan and PRI we arranged meeting with Shila's husband and his family. We made them understand that both wife and husband should contact doctor for treatment to get the cure of sterility. We told her husband to take her back to home otherwise legal action may be taken against him. As a result her husband took her to home. Both husband and wife are taking treatment from doctor. Shila has joined Pradan NGO , where she is working with village level SHG. She is earning 7000/- per month. She is happily living with her family.

Safe Mobilty of women:

Poor women residing in rural areas are migrating in search of employment and are working as domestic workers, daily wage laborers in brick kiln, road construction . Lahanti in networking with JATN is working in Kathikund Block of Dumka District to promote safe migration and Right to Mobility among women. Awareness creation regarding rights and entitlements has been done among migrant women. Migrant women have been organised into migrant Forums. Details of migrant such as date of migration , place, wages paid, mode of payment , details of agent are recorded in the register of migrant Forum so as to ensure the safe migration of these migrants. Awareness creation among women regarding various government entitlements such as pension schemes- widow pension, old age pension , disability pension has been done.



Achievements:

- 10 migrant forums are formed in 10 villages of Kathikund block and 148 female members have joined the forum.
- Regular Monthly meetings are held with migrant forums.
- Panchayat level trainings and Block level trainings have been organised with migrant forums.
- Members of migrant forums have been enrolled with e-Shram card .

Change that inspires us

Lily is a resident of Kathikund block of Dumka district. Lily and her husband are daily wage earners. They have 2 children. Parents understood the importance of education, due to this they are committed to provide good education to their children. They decided to do hard work to provide good education to their children. To make their dream come true, they migrated to Delhi. They started their struggle under the guidance of Lahanti. From the organization's constant guidance and inspiration they were feeling safe and continued their work. Through the organization's support they were saved from getting trapped by agents. The institution guided the relatives residing in Dumka in paying the education fee of the children, with the money sent by the parents from Delhi. Currently, Lily's elder son is studying in 12th standard and younger son is studying in 10th standard. After working for 2 years in Delhi, she realized that her children are growing up, so there is a need to stay with them and guide them. So the parents decided to return to their village. Lily came back to Dumka and sold her bull and with that money they bought land in the village and built their house. They are working as daily wage laborers in Dumka and are supporting their children education.

Lily very eagerly told that "It was because of Lahanti's support that she felt safe, living in Delhi. A commendable step was taken by the organization for her children as well. She says that there are many such families who could not get support from anywhere and their family was torn apart. But today her family is happy and prospering day by day.

Advocacy

Encouraging safe migration and right to mobility

Jharkhand is a major source of migrant working population for different states of the country. In absence of robust irrigation infrastructure, state is still being predominantly a mono-cropped area. In addition to this, lack of basic industrial base, people are left without work in almost six months in a year. To combat this seasonal unemployment and creating an income safety net, the people of

Jharkhand have adapted migration as a strategy to smoothen their source of income in the lean period of the year. But their migration is unsafe because of-

1. They are unskilled worker.
2. Generally they go through brokers who are unknown by the community
3. Adolescent girls and youths are trapped and are sold by the brokers for domestic work where they exploited too much. .
4. Some adolescent girls are forced to prostitution.
5. Some having no contacts with their families for a long time and having no trace.
6. They are not enrolled anywhere, so, difficult to track.

However, unsafe migration increases the risks of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. So, Lahanti in partnership of JATN with the objective to ensure safe migration and right to mobility is working in Dumka district covering 10 villages of Kadma Panchayat of Kathikund Block.

Activities and Outcomes:

For encouraging safe migration we are doing the following activities:-

Awareness among community: We are campaigning among community to aware them for risks of unsafe migration and why safe migration is good for them. series of meetings are being organized with SHGs, Kishori Groups and community people to build awareness about ill effects of unsafe migration and inform about precautionary measures to be taken before migration for labor.

Meeting with CBOs and PRI: We are doing meetings with CBOs and PRIs to encourage and ensure safe migration by keeping data of the migrants and through whom they are migrating. They are also encouraged to gather full information of brokers through which migrants are going to other states or cities.

Formation of Migrant Forum: Migrant Forum has also been constituted within the community. Migrant Forum has to maintain register that will record the details of migrants and details of place of work. Through awareness building community people are encouraged to gather detailed information on place of work, wages to be paid, mode of payment (Cash/ Account payment), and facilities for women worker before migrating for work.



Awareness building on Government schemes: awareness building on govt. schemes for registered labors and providing hand holding support to get the benefit of labor oriented govt. schemes which help in reduce number of migrants. By organizing village/ block/ panchayat level workshops community people are informed about labor centered govt. schemes and are encouraged to get registered in labor department. Organisation also provides hand holding support to the migrants to take the benefit of Government schemes.

Achievements:

- 10 Migrant Forum have been formed at village level having 272 members, of which 124 are male and 148 are female.
- 120 villagers have enrolled themselves for e-Shram card .
- 2 Panchayat Level trainings have been conducted with villagers, PRI members, Traditional and Relegious leaders and Gram Pradhan.
- 1 Block Level training have been conducted with block and panchayat level officials like Mahila Prasar Padadhikari and Panchayat Secretary.

Change that inspires us

Dead Body can be received by family

Varun Hansda (Name changed) a resident of Kathikund block of Dumka district through the contact of labor contractor went to Sikkim to earn for his family. He was working as daily wage labor in a road construction work under the construction company. Unfortunately he died due to severe accident. But the contractor refused victim's family to send the dead body back to the village and asked the family to take the dead body at their expenses. Following the we intervened into the matter and we came to know that victim was issued e-shram card, Adhar card and Voter card. We produced those official documents before labor officer Dumka and requested to take action to bring victim's dead body back to the village. Labor commissioner ordered the company over phone to immediately send the victim's dead body to the village on company's expenses.

Following the order, the company sent the dead body the next day. Immediately the family was paid Rs.10,000/- by the Labor Department to conduct funeral rites. The insurance amount of approximately Rs. 3,33,000/- was also paid to the family by the Labor department. The aid given by the Labor department to the family helped the family members to overcome the situation.

Victim's family and the community expressed their gratitude towards Lahanti for the intervention into the matter and for supporting the family to deal with the situation.

Enhancing improved access to Govt. entitlements

Lahanti through right based programme “ Lok Manch” is working towards empowering community leaders for enhancing improved access to the rights and entitlements among the marginalized. We are equipping community leaders so that together with village stakeholders they will facilitate effective implementation of people's rights and entitlements like National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other government schemes in rural areas bringing transformation in the lives of the marginalized. During its operational period from year 2016 to 2021 Lahanti intervened in 03 panchayats namely Kadma, Astajora and Pandanpahari of Kathikund Block of Dumka District and 60 community leaders volunteered in reaching out to nearly 3000 families . community leaders at the remote village are now able to provide information about constitutional, legal and various welfare schemes to the community. Community leaders are volunteering in making the entitlements easily accessible to the marginalized community. Community leaders also volunteered in providing training on leadership capacity development to the community. Through the leadership support of community leaders marginalized people have become self reliant to avail the entitlements. Since intervention



Achievements

Through right based advocacy approach we have been able to create notable impact on marginalized communities, highlights are as follows :-

Schemes	No. Of Beneficiaries	Schemes	No. Of Beneficiaries
Samagra Pension Yojana	605	Organic Fertilizer	40
Health Campaign	45	PM Awas	44
Govt. Schemes	37	Job Card	94
MGNREGA Act	48	Birth Certificate	17
Pradhanmantri Vandana Yojana	90	Gas Connection	25
Van Adhikar	62	Toilet	30
Krishi Ashirvad Yojana	58	Ashirvad Yojana	69

Old Age Pension	49	PCC Road	14
MatritvaLabh	8	New Chabutra	9
Widow Pension	31	New Drainage	10
New Ration Card	7	Check Dam	2
New Pond	3	New Bridge	2
Hand Pump	14		

Livelihood

To promote women in the field of livelihood, Lahanti is creating awareness among women working in different livelihood sectors. The women of rural areas are dependent on agriculture, bamboo craft making, poultry, goatry, piggery, fisheries, sale of forest produce etc. to earn their livelihood. The organization create awareness among women farmers to practice advanced farming. Women are encouraged for doing organic farming, so that the use of chemical fertilizers, medicines etc. can be reduced. Women associated with bamboo craft making have been given training in bamboo craft making by the organization. After training these women are making good quality bamboo crafts, which are in demand in the market. Rural women do animal husbandry - poultry, goatry, piggery, fisheries to meet the domestic needs. These women are encouraged by the organization to take up animal husbandry as occupation to earn their livelihood. Rural women are encouraged to join various government schemes like MNREGA, pension scheme to earn livelihood. Organisation do advocacy with the concerned government department and various stakeholders , so that rural women can take the benefit of govt. schemes. With the support of the organization, many women are taking advantage of MNREGA, pension scheme.

For the skill enhancement of rural youth, organization has enrolled rural youths to the skill development training schemes of the government like DDUGKY. With the support of Lahanti, a large number of rural youth are benefiting with skill development schemes of the government.

Health

The health of the rural population is a major source of concern. Many hurdles to healthcare access can exist in rural areas, contributing to health inequities. Rural communities have higher incidence of chronic illness and poor overall health due to two factors i.e. lack of access to health care and lack of knowledge and awareness.

Lahanti through Jharkhand Lahanti Project planned to provide health care services to the community. We organized two free health checkup camps for the community in Dumka and Giridih Zones . During the health camps beneficiaries were examined by a team of health professionals.

Outcome

- 4 days Free health check-up camp in Dumka Zone
- 2 days Free health check-up camp in Giridih Zone
- 349 beneficiaries were examined
- 76% of the beneficiaries were healthy



Covid Impact:

During the pandemic, situation of these deprived people became worse, because each one had lost their job. The people of the locality are low-income people who rely entirely on agriculture for livelihood or work as daily wagers to make ends meet. But having only small pieces of land and product is not sufficient to fulfill the necessity of their families and have to work as daily wages. But during the COVID pandemic, the majority of families' experienced financial hardship because no work was found during the period. Migrants who migrated for livelihood returned to the villages and now they had no job to earn. They were trapped by the money lenders

who were providing money at high rate of interest. Unbound granted a special fund called the “COVID-19 responses relief fund” to assist those families who have heavily impacted by the crisis including health and economic impact.

The following factors were used to identify the families:

- Financial status of family
- Health issues
- Food crisis
- Loss of job
- Medical treatments

Findings-

- Total 1036 Households were identified in our project area in 6 districts.
- We provided them financial support and transferred the amount in their account.
- They spent the amount as per their need.



Support to Elders:

The old age persons who are neglected by family or having no member to support them at old age are helpless and need immediate support to survive.

- 7 old people were identified, among them 6 are female and 1 male.
- Lahanti provide them financial support to spend life with dignity.
- Now they are spending life with dignity and blessing the field staffs of Lahanti.



Staff Orientation Training

A capacity building training was organized to enhance the capacity of staffs where they learnt on-

- Communication skill with community, key persons and officials.
- Project work planning, implementation and evaluation.
- Need assessment of community and its prioritization.
- Overcome the challenges.
- Documentation and reporting.

Now they are performing as per organization's and project's need properly.



Celebration of Events at Lahanti

Lahanti celebrates National and International days in it's Project area or Office time to time to aware community. Each National and International days have different subjects to aware people.

International Women's Day:

Lahanti organized International Women's Day on March 8 at various places. Some far distant areas chose to celebrate the event in their own locality to involve local community whereas, Lahanti celebrated at a central location that was convenient for everyone. All of the decisions to contribute, arrange, and celebrate the event were made by the mothers their selves. Female official was invited as the principal guest to all of the subprojects who gave motivational speech and informed them about the government's entire program aimed at empowering women. They put on a variety of cultural and educational shows. They had a lot of fun and excitement on this special day. DLSA secretary, Bishvanath Bhagat, Advocate Punam Tiwari, Anil Jha were guest and 1000 women were participants.



International Mothers' day celebration

It is generally celebrated on second Sunday of May every year. Lahanti celebrated this year on 9th May 2021. Local community participated in the event and enjoyed. On the day following messages were given –

- Role of mothers in child care.
- Role of mothers in building a good and healthy society.
- How mother should take proper care of a child.



Republic day & Independence Day

Lahanti with its staff and volunteers love our country and respect the law of India. So, we celebrate Independence and Republic day with all Indian. On the day we organize several cultural programs involving local people.



Annual Gatherings

Being all staff and volunteers work in different places, they cannot meet each other. So, we gather once in a year to meet and interact.



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