



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear All,

I am pleased to share the Annual Report of Lahanti for the year 2022-2023. This year has been a period of various accomplishments in diversified sectors.

The journey in the last 15 years has been exciting with plenty of ups and downs, with learning and challenges, that we took as part of a dynamic movement to empower women - led community institutions and economic security. Each of the previous years has been highly inspiring and Lahanti as an organisation has learned tremendously from the communities and our partners.

We had to achieve all the desired outcomes set as part of the program in previous year and Lahanti team has been able to proactively worked to achieve the outcome in the year 2022-2023. Various programs of Lahanti have been able to develop specific models such as actively engaging in schools , colleges , career counselling of students, capacity building , awareness programs and advocacy. Our approach has always been a holistic development of deprived communities of their rights and basic needs. These models are being scaled up in Dumka and Giridih district in Jharkhand.

Through different programmes we are contributing to our mission to ensure that women, children and adolescents achieve their rights to health , nutrition, education, protection and participation by making duty bearers and communities responsive to their well - being. Our major focus is to strengthen government programmes and strategies. Lahanti has developed core competencies in convergence and integration of services and programs for the most vulnerable section of the society , to ensure their better developmental outcomes. It is a matter of great satisfaction for the entire team that we achieved what we strived for . This report manifests the action and result of the team Lahanti.

Thanking you all.

Shitoli Hansda
President
Lahanti

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



Dear Friends,

I am thankful to the members of the management board for their guidance and support . I sincerely extend my whole hearted thanks to all the funders and the partner NGOs of Lahanti to make our programs successful .Year 2022 was one of the most important year in Lahanti's history with strong operational performance and achievements.

Organisations most precious resources are its beneficiaries and the major challenges is how to ensure that all beneficiaries have access to the necessities of life such as education, health and dignified livelihoods. Underprivileged community and destitute sector is wasted when a child is not able to learn in school, when a mother loses her child due to lack of adequate health facilities & benefits of Govt. Schemes , and when young people don't have meaningful job because of lack of skill & education.

Lahanti is working with a range of partners, including various government bodies in santhal pargana and chotanagpur region. Organisation started a campaign for the development of deprived communities. As well as enhance traditional culture of tribal society.

Organisation is focusing on women, children, youth , deprived communities, strengthening PRIs, and traditional leaders,adolescents,migrant labourers. We are creating awareness about their rights and responsibilities among these vulnerable sections.

Organisation is creating an awareness program among deprived communities engaged in different livelihood sectors . These communities are doing all the livelihood activities in traditional ways , due to which they are not getting the right price of their products, this is the reason their economic condition is not enhancing and their is no change in their life style. Lahanti is making them aware and also providing skill training on advanced technology such as bamboo work, animal husbandry, Poultry farming, agriculture, food processing , mushroom cultivation . we encourage them to upgrade their things/items according to the demand of the market and make them salable in the market at a reasonable price.

Organisation has been empowered around 30 PRIs , 130 traditional leaders and 120 youth leaders of Kathikund block. They will prove to be very helpful in the development of the village by getting knowledge.

Lahanti is promoting the Right to Education among poor children through the sponsorship programme.

As we look back at the past years, we are grateful to you, our supporters who have made so much possible for the people we serve. Our people and our board colleagues are passionate advocates for putting our shoulder to the wheel to enable all needy people, regardless of their circumstances, to have the best possible access to basic necessities and quality of life. We look forward to a future where community is defined by harnessing its immense resources and opportunities and not by its limitations.

Thanking you all.

Bitiya Murmu
Secretary
Lahanti

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Each child has a dream and so also their parents for their children. The dream is to become someone and to be successful. We as mentors have the utmost responsibility to enhance their skills and bring out their best potentialities through education. I was so pleased to see our beneficiaries coming out with flying colours in the Matriculation, Intermediate and other exams. The Jharkhand Lahanti Project has been following up each beneficiary and monitoring their education and other overall wellbeing. We are grateful to their sponsors who have supported them that they are able to go to good school for education.

The new initiatives of Unbound through Jharkhand Lahanti Project like Poverty Stoplight survey and video message will make the program more effective. The video messages have transformed the correspondence with the sponsors to different level. The sponsors can see and hear their sponsored friends through the video messages. We can track year by year development of a beneficiary family through the Poverty Stoplight surveys where the families themselves participate in their own growth and development. The Animators and the Zonal office team are doing great works to lead the families for their transformation.

We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to work for the neediest families for the consecutive second year. We are extremely grateful to Unbound to support the efforts of Jharkhand Lahanti Project to cater to these 3000 beneficiaries of Jharkhand state. We thank the Unbound Kansas team especially Mr. Scott Washerman – President and CEO, Mr. Dan Pearson, Ms Pritha Hariharan, Ms Malou Navio, Ms Amy Smith, Mr. Rey Sampaga and all the other Unbound team who have supported us in this initiative. I am grateful to the Chief Functionary of Lahanti Ms Bitiya Murmu and all Board members for their support. I am equally grateful to my Jharkhand Lahanti Project team for their tireless services to the families. Let the Almighty bless our efforts to uplift the poor and the downtrodden in Jharkhand state.

Vincent Murmu
Executive Director

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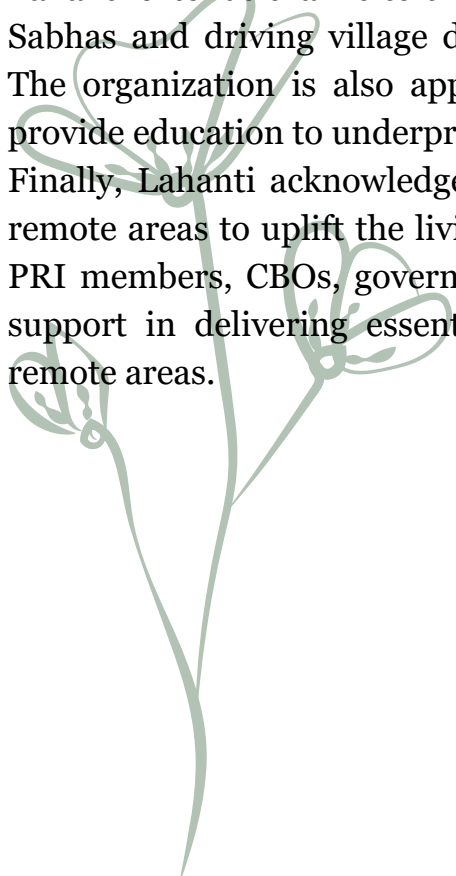
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Lahanti extends its heartfelt gratitude to its board members, colleagues, and government officials who have been instrumental in guiding and supporting the organization's mission of sustainable development for marginalized communities over the past 15 years. Their unwavering cooperation and guidance have been invaluable during the organization's journey, marked by both challenges and achievements.

Special appreciation goes to the British Asian Trust (BAT) for their financial assistance, enabling Lahanti to raise awareness about safe migration among rural migrant laborers. The organization is also indebted to its networking partner, JATN, for their guidance and collaboration in empowering rural migrant laborers and combating human trafficking. Furthermore, Lahanti expresses deep gratitude to MyChoice Foundation, Hyderabad, for their partnership, which aids in raising awareness among children and their parents to prevent child trafficking. The organization acknowledges the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, for their cooperation, which contributes to instilling leadership qualities in village-level community leaders, empowering them to initiate sustainable rural development projects.

Lahanti extends thanks to the APPI Foundation for their partnership in empowering Gram Sabhas and driving village development through the implementation of various schemes. The organization is also appreciative of UNBOUND's support, which enables Lahanti to provide education to underprivileged children through a sponsorship program. Finally, Lahanti acknowledges the dedication of its staff members, who tirelessly work in remote areas to uplift the living standards of needy families. The organization is grateful to PRI members, CBOs, government officials, and the community itself for their unwavering support in delivering essential services and contributing to the overall development of remote areas.





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



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



- 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 make aware about fundamental rights such as (equality, freedom, against exploitation, freedom of religion, education and cultural) and tribal women rights.
- To disseminate relevant information along with research and documentation to improve and maintain the development.
- 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.
- Organize women and children in order to bring social change by socio-economic & cultural empowerment and gender justice.
- Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere.
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition.
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being of all age group.
- Ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education.
- To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable 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.



Lahanti has its strategic intervention to reach and cover women and children by forming and exaggerating community based organisations and to get involved with them on activities or their concerns as its entry point.

Similarly, our strategy lies with the belief as to ensure ownership of the community in all intervention point, whether be planning, execution or its end use assessment.

Lahanti majorly covers the following universal SDG areas, through its programs:

- Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere
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- To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development; provide access to justice for all



At a Glance

Name of the organization	LAHANTI
Year of establishment	2006 in Jharkhand
Address of Registered Office:	Dudhani (Kuruwa) Raghunathganj , Dumka, Jharkhand 814101
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Name and designation of the Chief functionary	Ms. BITIYA MURMU, Secretary



Legal status of Lahanti

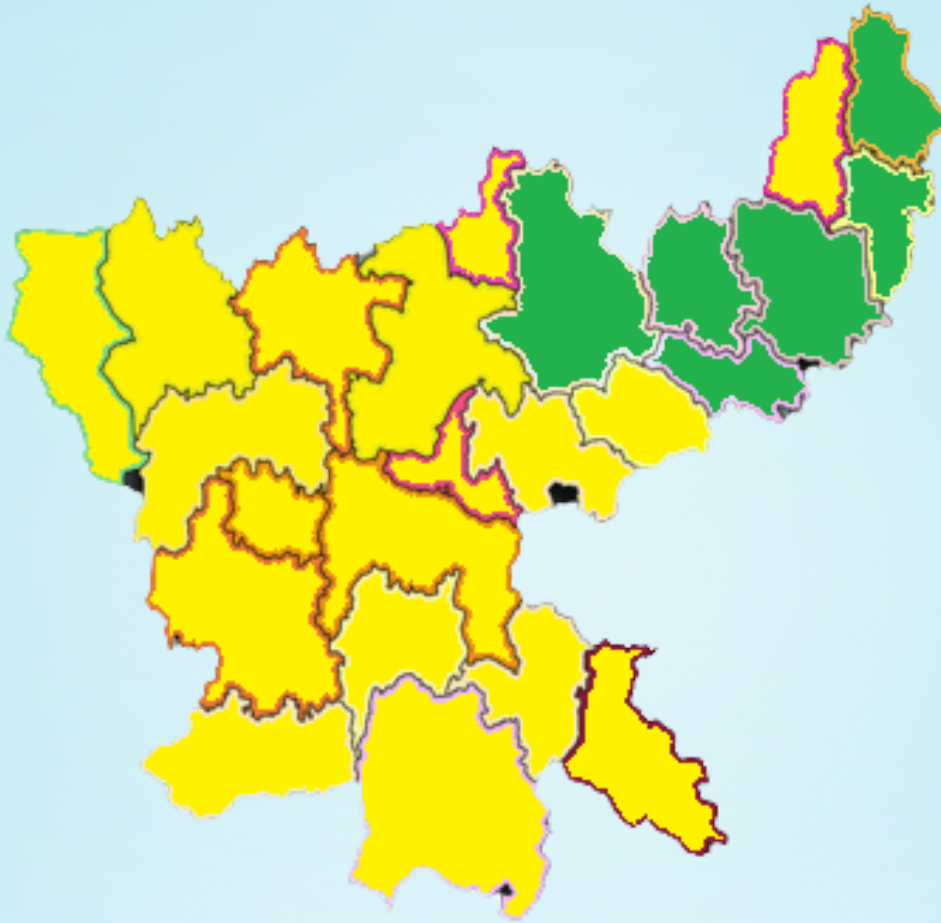
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12A	AAATL6530EE20197, From 2022-23 to 2026-2027
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Board Of Trustee

Sl.	Name	Address	Designation	Occupation	Qualification
1	Sitoli Hansdak	Vill- Asanbani, PO- Baratanr, Dist- Deoghar, Jharkhand 815357	President	Social Work	Graduate
2	Bitiya Murmu	Dudhani, Kurwa Dumka, Jharkhand 814101	Secretary	Social Work	Graduate
3	Putul Hembrom	Vill. Grant estate , Lalpokhra, Post+Dist. Dumka, Jharkhand 814101	Treasurer	Social Work	Intermediate
4	Lolisini Murmu	Vill. Bartoli ,Post- Gando, PS- Muffasil Dumka ,Dist- Dumka , Jharkhand	Member	Social Work	Graduate
5	Shanti Soren	Vill. Godrosol, Post- Sagberiya, P.S - Maheshpur, Dist. - Pakur, Jharkhand	Member	Social Work	Matriculation
6	Chandmuni Marandi	Vill. Karharbil, P.O - Shivpahar, Dumka, Jharkhand	Member	Social Work	Matriculation
7	Regina Tudu	Vill-Kurwa, Dudhani, Dumka, Jharkhand	Member	Social Work	Intermediate

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Districts where LAHANTI is working currently



Map of Jharkhand

6
Districts

40
Blocks

460
Panchayats

975
Villages

15000+
Household

About Us

Lahanti is a Non - Governmental organisation registered in 2006. For the past one & half decades , Lahanti has been working as a grass root NGO in the Santhal Pargana region and Chotanagpur region of Jharkhand. Lahanti sees its role as a facilitator in fostering partnership between people & government .We partner with national , international donors ,grassroot organisations & networks .The director of the organisation started the campaign from kathikund block of Dumka.

Our Thematic Areas are Livelihood for income generation,improving community Health ,augmenting Education,awareness of Child & women Rights, Environment Promotion , mobilising communities to access various government schemes & increase access to quality basic services , safe migration,Ayurveda , cultural sectors, strengthening of women's organisations & awareness on Self- Governance.

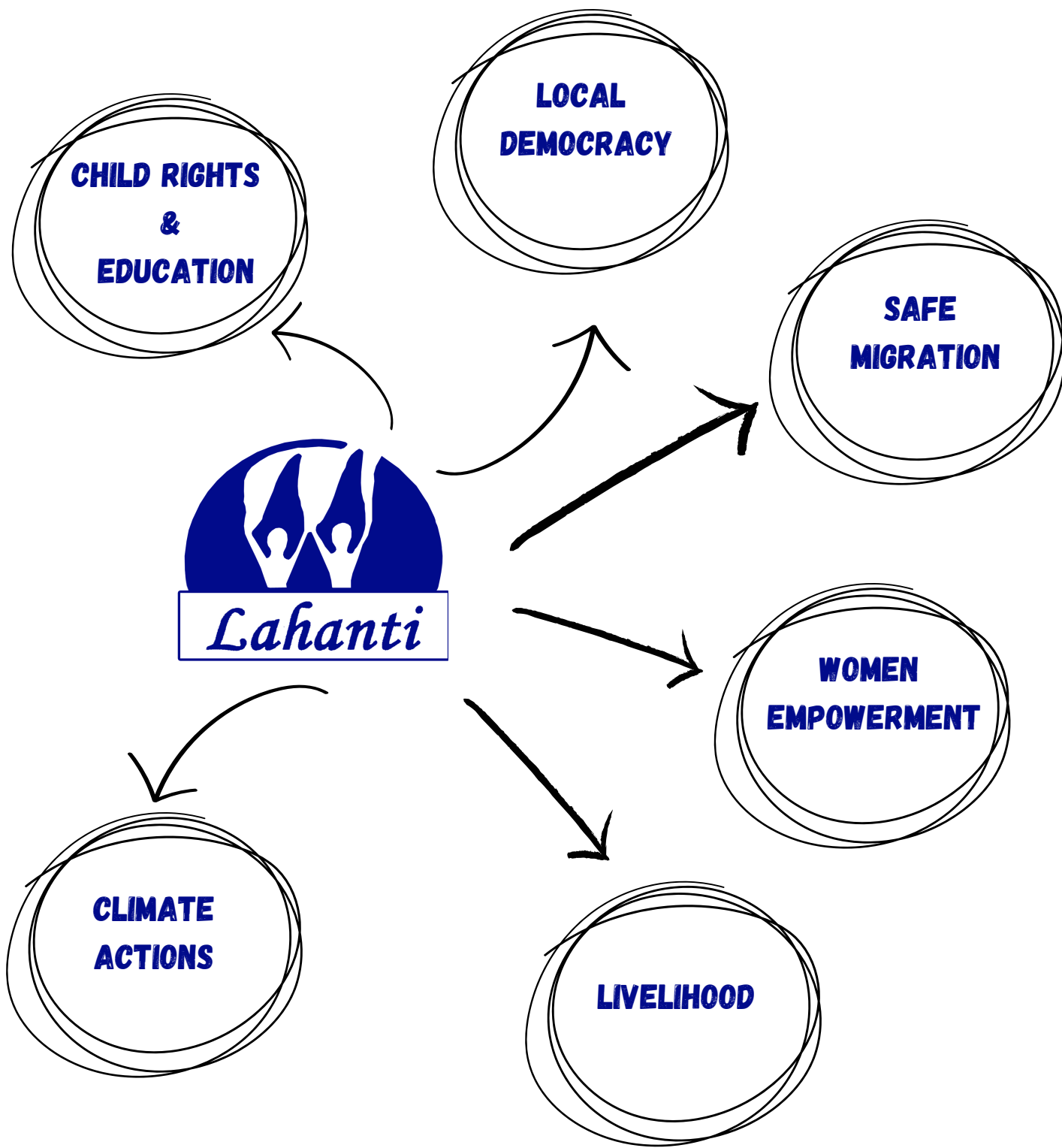
To work in all these areas, the organisation has strengthened the Self Help Group, Panchayat representatives, traditional leaders, youth cadres, adolescent groups and Gram Sabha members through capacity building and empowerment.

Due to the unique initiatives of the organisation, reduction in domestic violence, reduction in human trafficking, adolescent girls becoming health conscious, taking benefits of government schemes, awareness towards gender justice and vocalising their views in Gram Sabha, all these Changes are being seen among the villagers, the villagers are benefiting from this. This is a great achievement of the organisation.

Some events are organized by the organization to bring change in the society. Like Republic Day and Independence Day, world environment day, International Women'S Day and Traditional Cultural Program so that the villagers become aware of their rights and duties. And, they also stay connected to their culture.



Themes



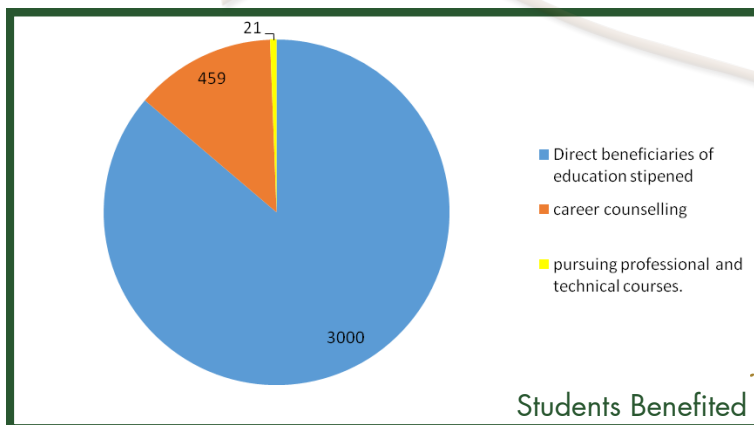
Child Rights & Education

The objective of Lahanti is to spread awareness among the children and their parents so that the life of the children can be safe and the rate of violence and exploitation happening with the children can be decreased. Also children can get quality education.

The organization provides assistance to children to get quality education through sponsorship program for their bright future. It also provides career guidance to children above 7th class. To ensure that children do not have to go through mental stress before or during the examination, workshop was organized by the organization in which children were advised to keep themselves comfortable during the challenging times. So that children can become eligible to come out of challenging times.

Career guidance workshop

Every year career guidance workshops are organized at Jharkhand Lahanti Project. In 2022-2023 we organized a career guidance workshop in three categories. The categories were for grade 7 & 8 (Matriculated and Intermediate students. The workshops were designed to help participants explore and identify career paths that match their skills and interests. The workshops included a series of activities, such as self-assessment tests, personality test and fun activities. After the workshops, participants had a better understanding of the job market and the skills needed to be successful in their chosen career paths.



Parents Meeting & Cluster Meetings

Every month Lahanti Conduct Parents meeting and cluster meeting with sponsored families. The purpose of the parents meeting is to informing all the sponsored families regarding the requirement of the current month. And the goal of the cluster meeting is to complete all of the project's requirements from the sponsored family related to all departments. The purpose of the meeting is not limited to the fulfilment of the projects requirements but also guiding and empowering all sponsored mother. Attendance of each sponsored mother is compulsory in the meeting.



Encouraging Toppers

In addition, toppers of matriculated and intermediate students receive a token of appreciation for their academic performance. This token of appreciation is usually a scholarship or monetary reward. It is a way to motivate students to do their best in their studies and to reward them for their hard work.



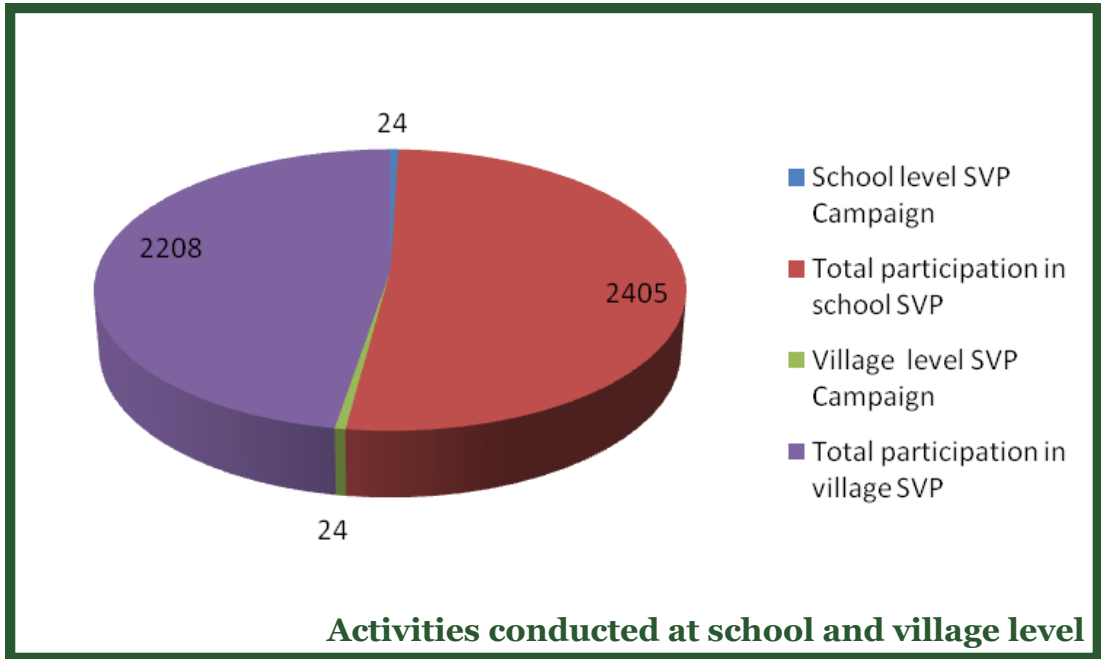
CHILD PROTECTION

Lahanti is working to prevent child trafficking and child abuse in the rural areas of Dumka district. Awareness campaigns have been organized by conducting a series of village and school level SVP programmes and village level meetings in which villagers have been made aware about the laws against child trafficking and child abuse. Through awareness campaign, villagers are made aware about RTE and ill effects of child marriage. Village level local vigilance committee in each operational village have been formed to prevent child trafficking, whose members are Gram Mitra, Rakshak, Nodal Teacher and community leaders. Villagers have also been informed about Red Alert Helpline No. 1800 419 8588 and Childline Helpline No. 1098, so that using these numbers, children suffering from exploitation can get help in getting rid of exploitation.

Lahanti also holds regular meetings with the parents and teachers of the children, so that the parents can keep their children safe and the teachers keep making the children aware and the chain of awareness does not break and the lives of the children remain safe. Regular meetings are held with the adolescent girls by the organization in which they are made aware of their rights and health. So that adolescent girls can become aware and escape from the clutches of human trafficking and live a healthy life.

The objective for which Lahanti is working has been successful to a great extent. The migration rate of children aged 13-18 years has decreased. There has been an awareness among children about good touch and bad touch. There has been a decline in the figures of children in contact with unknown persons. Parents of children are becoming aware of RTE and are continuously trying to send their children to school. Its effect is visible in the increase in the education rate of children.

Achievements



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School level SVP campaign

2405+

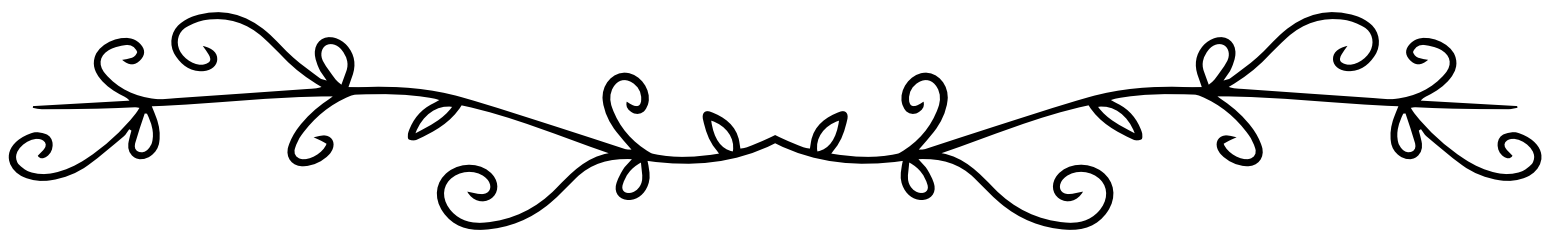
Total no. of Participation

24

Village level SVP Campaign

2208+

Total no. of participation



Case Story

Munni Marandi: A Beacon of Hope for Girls' Education and Early Marriage Prevention

Munni Marandi is 14 years old. She is a resident of Village Mirzatola Panchayat Kadikaraiyya District Dumka Jharkhand. Munni lives with her parents and is a ninth grade student in the village school. Through village level and school level SVP program in Mirzatola village, children and their parents were made aware about Right to Education Act and the ill effects of early childhood marriage. A good impact of the SVP program was seen.

Munni Marandi goes to school regularly and wants to stand on her own feet. But her parents wanted to get their daughter married at an early age of 14 years. When Munni came to know about this, she opposed the marriage. She told her parents that this is the age for her to read and write and she will not marry at such a young age. She told her parents about the ill effects of early childhood marriage while narrating what she learned in the SVP program organized in her school. She also said that if there is an attempt to forcibly marry someone before the right age, then there is also a helpline number on which one can call and get help to stop the marriage. After listening to Munni, her parents understood that this is not the right age for their daughter to get married. And they gave up the idea of getting her married before the right age. Presently Munni continues her studies and her parents also support their daughter in getting education



Local Democracy

The basic objective of Lahanti is to ensure people's participation under the village self governance campaign. To make these campaigns successful, people are being made aware through different types of meetings, awareness program and street plays.

Strengthening Gram Sabha

Lahanti is dedicated to encouraging community engagement through the Gram Sabha platform, facilitating discussions on local governance, development, and the creation of tailored village plans, which are then submitted for approval through the Gram Sabha. The organization has played a pivotal role in raising awareness about the Gram Sabha's responsibilities and significance in 111 villages of the Kathikund block. Initially, villagers did not fully grasp the Gram Sabha's importance, but over time, they began actively participating, voicing their concerns on issues like access to clean water and government schemes, including old age pensions, widow pensions, and PDS benefits. These concerns were brought to the Gram Sabha, and steps were taken to address them.

With the ongoing engagement and vocal participation in the Gram Sabha, many government schemes' benefits were realized. The Gram Sabha has gained empowerment, with the organization's efforts focused on enlightening villagers about the Gram Sabha's role as the nucleus of democratic power and activity within the village. Underlying this concept is the philosophy that villagers should collectively deliberate on village matters and make decisions as a community. Today, all Panchayat decisions are subject to approval by the Gram Sabha, underlining its pivotal role in the governance structure.



Community Meeting

Every month Lahanti does community meeting at village level in 6 panchayats of Kathikund block to bring people together, meet, plan and act. The purpose of Community meeting is educating communities, answering questions, discussion on issues of village and their solutions, information sharing regarding schemes and entitlements, decision making, awareness building regarding their rights.

Women collective/ SHG meeting

Lahanti is working towards empowering women so that they can fight for their rights and take advantage of government schemes and become self-reliant to lead towards self-reliance.

The women collective meetings are conducted in villages and we share our views with them regarding safe migration, women rights, human trafficking, child marriage. The laws related to safe migration and precautions to be taken for safe migration are also discussed in the meetings. The village women are now understanding about their rights to move one place to another and also they are coming forward to take the Govt. facilities available in the area.

Mahila Sabha meeting is being encouraged before the Gram Sabha. In the Mahila Sabha meeting, women discuss the problems they face in their daily life like water problem, electricity problem, problem of toilet and community bathroom, problem of street light etc. And they raise their problems in the Gram Sabha and also try to get their solutions.



A total of 120 meetings were conducted involving Self-Help Groups (SHGs), with active participation from 1,087 women.

Empowering Community Leaders

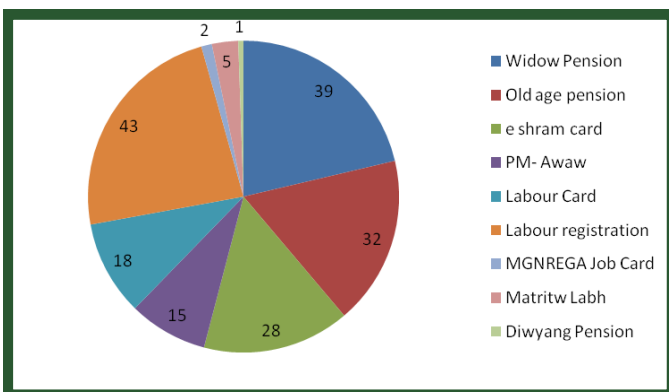
Policies and laws have been implemented to connect marginalized communities to the mainstream, as well as many schemes are being run by the government, but due to lack of awareness among marginalized communities, they do not take advantage of these benefits. Lahanti is working to reduce this gap of backwardness by creating a platform of community leaders to empower them to work towards implementation of existing policies and laws and better access to government rights. Lahanti is working with 1 CCFFs comprising of 60 community leaders from 3 Panchayat of Kathikund block of Dumka district. A series of capacity building trainings was given to community leaders like traditional leaders, PRI members and youth cadre of panchayat on the rights of the marginalized community and government schemes and the process of accessing these benefits. These community leaders also provide support to the local community to access their rights and government entitlements. The community leaders are now holding meetings with the community people, in which they inform them about their rights and government schemes. Community leaders are also taking initiative to solve the issues at their level, be it individual or community.

Lahanti took a purpose to ensure the proper access of rights and government entitlements among the marginalized community. And, to create a pool of leadership from among the community itself so that they will lead and take initiative in bringing the marginalized community to the main stream.

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Training

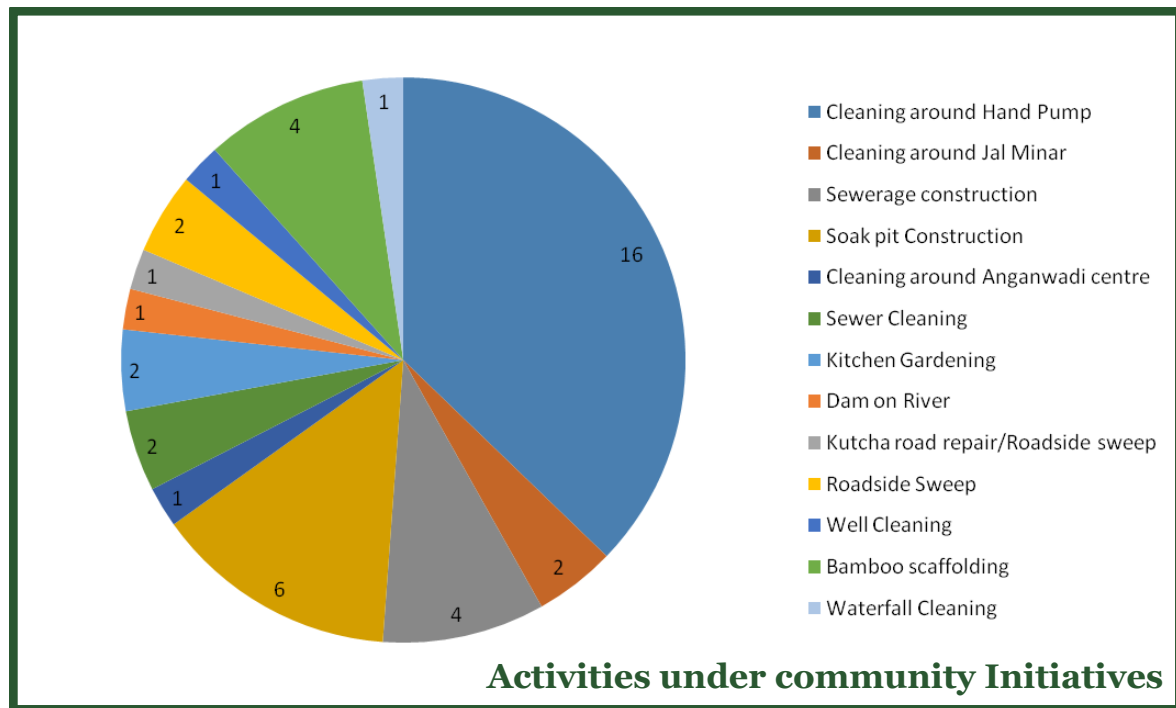
240
Community Leaders
Trained

23
Impact Villages



Govt. Benefits availed by SHG members





Achievements

In Kathikund Block, the practice of Gram Sabha has been successfully initiated in 50 villages, empowering community members to assert their rights and entitlements through this platform. These Gram Sabhas have taken a proactive approach by forming dedicated committees to address various local issues and concerns. The active participation of villagers in these Gram Sabhas reflects a growing awareness of democratic processes and their willingness to actively engage in community development. The formation of committees signifies a structured approach to addressing community needs, showcasing the effectiveness of the Gram Sabha as a platform for collective decision-making and governance. Overall, the progress in these 50 villages highlights the positive impact of Gram Sabha implementation on local empowerment and inclusive development.

In a collective effort to enhance their village's development, villagers convened a Gram Sabha meeting and made significant decisions. These decisions included the construction of a Dari (community gathering space), road maintenance, well cleaning, hand pump repair, and the promotion of kitchen gardening. These initiatives exemplify community-driven efforts aimed at improving local infrastructure and overall well-being. They underscore the proactive role of the Gram Sabha as a platform for discussing and implementing essential community projects. These endeavors reflect the dedication of villagers to foster positive change within their community.

- **Orientation of Traditional Leader- 120**
- **Training of PRIs- 30**
- **Capacity building of Community Leaders- 57**
- **Dry Ration Support- 333 families**
- **Social Security Scheme linkage through Gram Sabha- 315+**
- **Support in formation of Gram Sabha Secretariat- 50 village**

Case Story

Community Initiative Reshapes Rural Living: Majhidiha's Water Journey

In Majhidiha, a rural village near Dumka's Kathikund block, basic amenities like clean drinking water were scarce despite its proximity to the block office. Villagers had long struggled for this essential need, even after appeals to the Panchayat head went unanswered. Community leaders, Benison Murmu and Baby Hansda, brought this issue to the forefront during a Jan Adhikar Manch monthly meeting. With participation from various community leaders, ESP workers Binay Soren and Shantilata Murmu, and concerned villagers, a solution was sought.

Villagers disclosed the existence of a well in the village, though its water wasn't suitable for drinking. In response, Jan Adhikar Manch suggested a temporary fix: mutual cooperation to clean the well. Simultaneously, an application for a new hand pump was submitted to the Block Development Officer.

Villagers diligently cleaned the well while awaiting the installation of the new hand pump. Thanks to the swift action of the BDO, the hand pump was installed, completely resolving the water problem. This success was a testament to community unity and the support of Jan Adhikar Manch, earning the gratitude of the villagers for securing clean drinking water.



Women Empowerment

Kishori Group Meetings

Lahanti is working to inculcate leadership quality in Kishori groups so that they can act as change agents in solving community issues. Along with this, the work is being done to make the adolescent girls aware about their rights and government rights so that there can be a positive change in their lives.

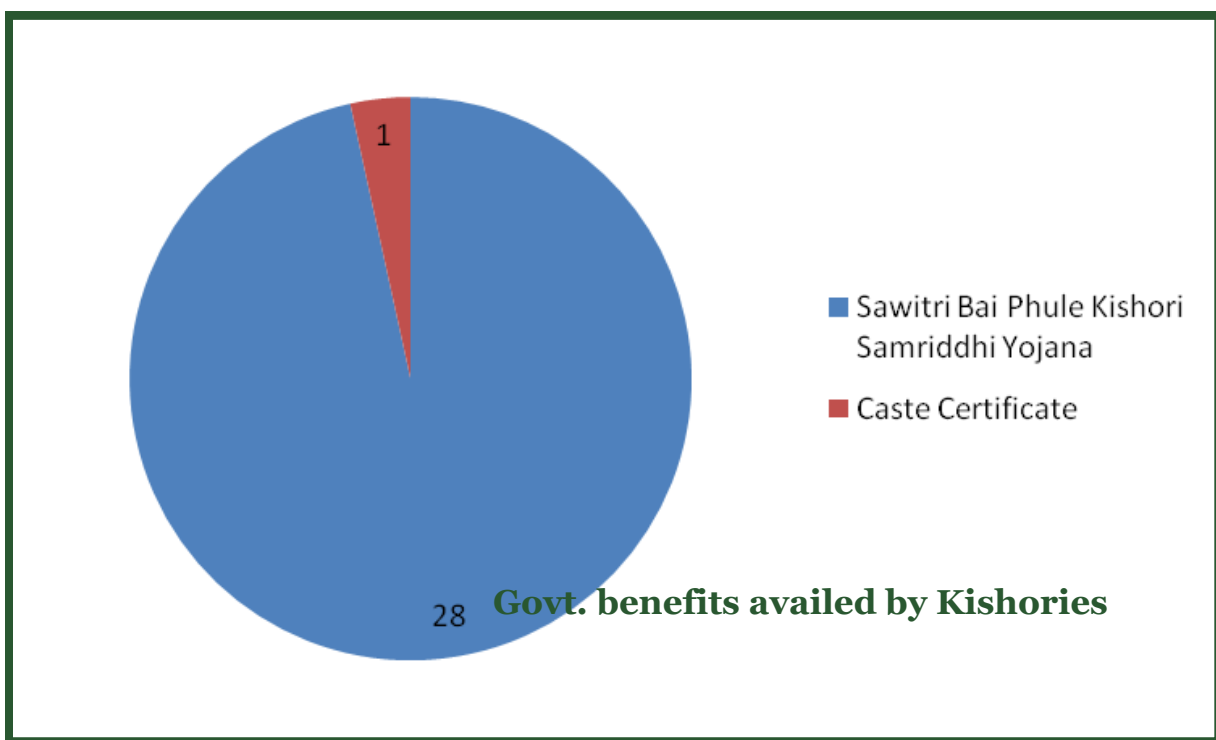
Lahanti does regularly meeting with adolescent girls to make them aware of their rights, health, human trafficking, education, coming in contact with unknown person, gender equality. Due to this awareness, positive effects are being seen in adolescent girls. Changing attitudes are being seen among adolescent girls. The figures of human trafficking have decreased. The education rate of adolescent girls has increased. Adolescent girls have become conscious about their health. The figures of human trafficking have decreased. The education rate of adolescent girls has increased. Adolescent girls have become conscious about their health. Also, the enrollment of adolescent girls in govt. Schemes has increased.



Total no. of 32 meetings held with Kishories in which 129 kishories participated.



Meeting with adolescent girls



Govt. benefits availed by Kishories

28 Savitri Bai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana
1 Caste Certificate

Case Story

Lahanti's Intervention in Accessing Educational Benefits

Munni Marandi's life took a challenging turn when she gave birth to a baby girl with a disability a year into her marriage with Ishwar Hembram. Ishwar's disappointment led him to abandon Munni and their daughter in Telbula village, leaving them dependent on Munni's family for support, causing her immense worry.

Munni, an active member of a local self-help group, found solace and support during the group's monthly meetings, where Lahanti workers were present. Here, she shared the domestic violence she endured. The group rallied around her, advising her to file a domestic violence complaint with the Child Development Project Officer in Shikaripada.

Taking this courageous step, Munni lodged the complaint, prompting the Child Development Project Officer to intervene and facilitate dialogue between both parties. Through this intervention, Ishwar acknowledged his mistake and agreed to welcome back his wife and daughter.

Today, Munni and her daughter reside with Ishwar's family in Daldali village. Their daughter is now enrolled in a CIF school, supported by a government scholarship, and holds a government-issued disability certificate. Additionally, she receives a monthly pension of Rs 1,000 under the Vivekananda Pension Yojana, designed to support disabled individuals. This story is a testament to Munni's resilience and the power of community and intervention in rebuilding lives.

Mahila Sabha

Lahanti provides an opportunity to SHGs to conduct Mahila sabha before gram sabha , which is a women's forum, in which all the adult women of the village are members and holds meetings .. In the Mahila Sabha meeting, women discuss the problems they face in their daily life like water problem, electricity problem, problem of toilet and community bathroom, problem of street light etc. And they raise their problems in the Gram Sabha and also try to get their solutions. Lahanti ensures that there is full participation of women in the Mahila Sabha so that the proposals brought by them can be discussed in the meetings. Women should include their issues and only then pass them.

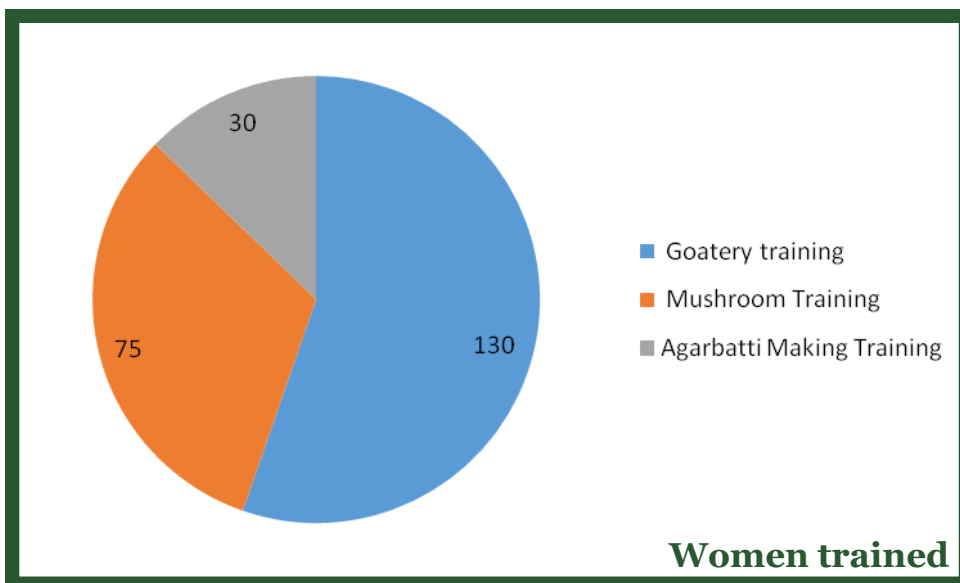


Livelihood

The objective of the sustainable livelihood program is to reduce poverty and inequality by generating employment among poor households, so that after getting employment, the problem of migration for employment can be reduced to a great extent. To create self reliance among the economically weaker section of the community and develop the lifestyle of the vulnerable section and make them self sufficient.

Lahanti has provided a great opportunity for income - generating activities and livelihood through the implementation of the sustainable livelihood program. Organisation is creating an environment through positive economic development of women to enable them to realise their full potential. Efforts are being made to ensure sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable households and to attain economic stability.

Lahanti provides technical support and helps to link them to the market. The activity mainly includes food processing, goatery, agriculture, Agarbatti Making & mushroom cultivation. Women are also practising poultry farming & pig farming.



Participants

Goatery Training **130**

Mushroom Training **75**

Agarbati making Training **30**

Case Story

Lukhikundi's Transformation: Lahanti Empowers Women in Food Processing and Livestock Farming

In Lukhikundi village, situated in Dumka district, a remarkable transformation unfolded with the unwavering support of Lahanti. The driving force behind this change was the initiation of food processing businesses, goat farming, and pig farming, all led by women's self-help groups (SHG).

With Lahanti's intervention, women in the village came together to harness their potential and tap into new opportunities. These enterprising women ventured into food processing, leveraging local resources and traditional recipes to create marketable products.

Simultaneously, Lahanti provided guidance and resources for goat farming and pig farming, enabling these women to diversify their income streams. Through proper training and assistance, the women gained the necessary skills to manage these endeavors successfully.

Today, Lukhikundi village stands as a testament to women's empowerment and community development. The women-led food processing businesses have not only boosted their economic status but have also contributed to the local economy. The added income from goat farming and pig farming has further improved livelihoods, fostering a sense of self-reliance and financial independence among the women.

Lahanti's commitment to uplifting communities and promoting sustainable practices has catalyzed this positive change, demonstrating the immense potential that exists within rural areas when provided with the right support and opportunities. Lukhikundi serves as an inspiring example of what can be achieved when women are empowered and communities are mobilized for progress.



Women in Livelihood

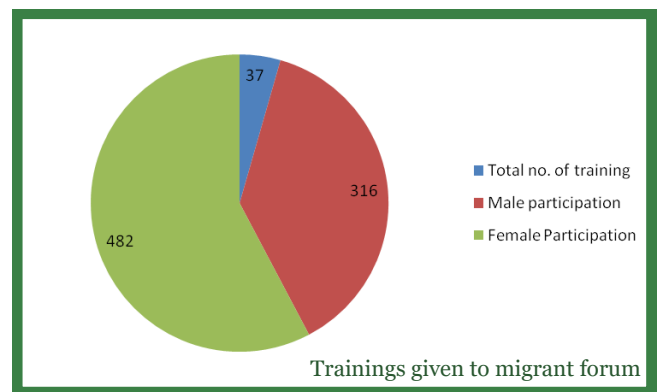
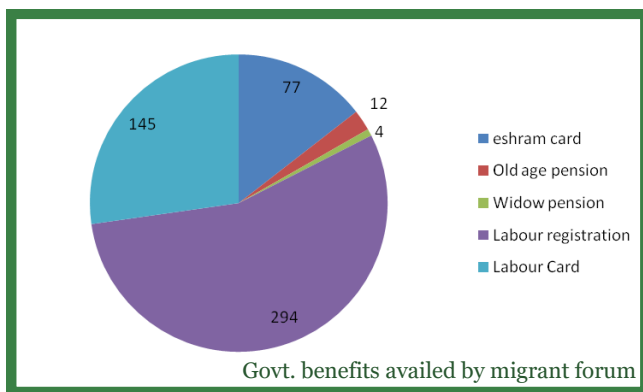
Safe Migration

Lahanti to promote safe migration and secure mobility, is working with state level network “Jharkhand Anti –trafficking Network”. Lahanti gender and inclusive rights approach aims to popularise the concept of safe mobility, security and protection of migrants among various govt. and non-govt. stakeholders to practise the same for the community to counter trafficking. Lahanti is committed to educate and safeguard the uninformed, unaware, uneducated and marginalised sections from unsafe migrations. Lahanti also intends to associate them with government schemes and benefits.



A total of 120 meetings were conducted with migrant forums, with participation from 426 males and 842 females.

To promote safe migration, migrant forums have been established in all 10 villages of Panchayat Kadma, totaling 10 forums with 761 members. Among these members, 301 are females, and 460 are males. Our primary goal is to ensure that all migrant laborers practice safe migration and access government entitlements. We have conducted a series of training sessions, workshops, and awareness campaigns to educate individuals about safe migration. At the Panchayat level, there is a dedicated migrant forum that collaborates with PRI representatives. Furthermore, there are migrant forums at both the block and district levels that engage in advocacy efforts with the administration. To facilitate information dissemination, an information center operates at the Kathikund project office, receiving visits from 66 individuals in the year 2022-2023.



Type of Training	No of Trainings	Male Participants	Female Participants	Total Participants
District Level	2	35	49	84
Block Level	2	30	28	58
Panchayat Level	3	60	53	113
Village Level	37	316	582	898

Trainings	
Village level Training	37
Panchayat level Training	03
Block level Training	02
District level Training	02

Case Story

Vinod Tudu's Journey: Advocating for Fair Wages in Migrant Labor

Vinod Tudu, the son of Chhotu Tudu, hails from the remote Karanpura village within the Kadma Panchayat of Dumka district. This village, merely 30 kilometers from the district office and 10 kilometers from the block office, presents a stark contrast of underdevelopment despite its proximity. Its residents heavily rely on rainfed agriculture, given the absence of alternative employment opportunities. Consequently, they practice farming for half the year and migrate to other states and cities in pursuit of livelihood for the remaining months.

At the age of 20, Vinod Tudu found himself eager to migrate for employment due to his family's impoverished condition. A village broker informed him about a job opportunity in Kashmir, promising six months of work with a wage of Rs. 55,000, inclusive of food and medical benefits. Vinod and some peers ventured to Kashmir, where they encountered no significant issues during their employment. However, as the harsh Kashmiri winter approached, they decided to return home. Upon their return, the employer only paid them Rs. 50,000, falling short of the promised amount. Despite visiting the employer's residence, they could not resolve the issue directly. Vinod Tudu and his fellow laborers decided to bring their grievance to the Migrant Forum's attention. The Migrant Forum, in collaboration with a Lahanti worker, the Mukhiya, and Gram Pradhan, organized a special meeting that included Vinod Tudu and his colleagues, as well as the employer.

In this meeting, with the village's dignitaries as witnesses, the employer was urged to fulfill his commitment and pay the outstanding wage amount to Vinod Tudu and his fellow laborers. As a result, the employer complied, ensuring that justice prevailed, and the laborers received their rightfully earned wages. This story underscores the vital role of the Migrant Forum and Lahanti in advocating for the fair treatment of migrant laborers.



Training of migrant forum



Awareness campaign in Shrawani mela

Climate Actions

Lahanti has taken several steps in climate action. This includes tree planting, forest preservation, and raising community awareness on the issues of reforestation and afforestation. Lahanti is actively developing and implementing strategies to adapt to changing climate conditions and mitigate their impacts.

Lahanti's commitment to climate action is seamlessly integrated into its ongoing programs. The organization's daily efforts span a wide spectrum of activities aimed at mitigating and adapting to climate change. These efforts encompass ecosystem conservation, capacity building, community engagement, awareness, and education.

In the realm of ecosystem conservation, Lahanti focuses on safeguarding natural habitats and biodiversity. This includes activities such as afforestation, reforestation, and the preservation of critical ecosystems. By doing so, Lahanti not only contributes to carbon sequestration but also helps maintain ecological balance.

Capacity building is another core component of Lahanti's climate action strategy. The organization empowers individuals and communities with knowledge and skills to tackle climate challenges effectively. This involves training programs, workshops, and knowledge sharing on sustainable practices.

Community engagement lies at the heart of Lahanti's approach. The organization collaborates closely with local communities, involving them in climate-related projects and decision-making processes. This ensures that climate actions are context-specific and community-driven.

Awareness and education play a pivotal role in Lahanti's efforts. The organization conducts regular awareness campaigns, workshops, and educational programs to inform people about climate change, its impacts, and the importance of sustainable practices. This helps foster a culture of environmental responsibility within communities.

Lahanti's commitment to climate action is not a standalone endeavor but an integral part of its daily operations. By addressing these critical aspects, the organization strives to create a more resilient and sustainable future while actively contributing to global climate goals.

Lahanti has also mapped out the forest area of 110 villages of Kathikund block of Dumka.



Special Programs

Annual Health Checkup

Annual health checkups are conducted at the zone level to check the health status of sponsored children. The health checkups help detect any underlying health issues in the children and ensure they receive prompt medical attention. The checkups also provide an opportunity to understand the health needs of the community and develop appropriate strategies to address them.



**Health Checkup Camp
at Giridih Zone**

**Health Checkup Camp
at Dumka Zone**



Participants:

Giridih Zone- 121

Dumka Zone- 74

Alleviating Drought: Lahanti's Relief Efforts in Jharkhand

Jharkhand is grappling with a severe drought, particularly affecting the Santhal Parganas region, where communities rely on rainwater for their livelihoods. Lahanti, in November 2022, identified and assisted 1,500 needy individuals in 111 villages across the Kathikund Block. Their mission was to combat hunger and prevent starvation in these drought-prone areas, ensuring that vulnerable communities did not go hungry.

Lahanti's efforts spanned six Panchayats in the Kathikund Block, making a significant impact on alleviating hunger and dire conditions caused by the drought.



Distribution of drought relief kit

Home Visits

Home visits for each sponsored family are conducted annually. The family's economic condition is monitored and their eligibility to continue in the sponsorship program is measured through the home visit. The visit also provides an opportunity to build relationships with the family, assess their needs, and ensure that the sponsor's support is helping the family to improve their lives. The visit also provides an opportunity to check that the family is using the funds appropriately.



Home Visit

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS****1**
NO
POVERTY

Eliminate poverty in every aspect, ensuring rights, entitlements, and livelihood training for our communities. Through programs like MGNREGA, promoting safe migration, and providing pensions, among others help communities to mitigate poverty.

2
ZERO
HUNGER

Fostering awareness within rural communities to enhance their access to Government Services, including initiatives such as drought relief, distributing ration to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG), extending monetary support to 1400 families with a ration worth 10,000 rupees, promoting kitchen gardening, and undertaking activities to combat hunger and achieve zero hunger goals.

3
GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING

Conducting health checkup camps and raising awareness about fundamental hygiene practices in villages to mitigate seasonal diseases, ultimately promoting good health and overall well-being.

4
QUALITY
EDUCATION

Lahanti's sponsorship program primarily aims to enhance educational opportunities for vulnerable families. Through our School-Village program, we educate students about trafficking and creating a safe environment. Additionally, we are committed to providing education for individuals of all ages.

5
GENDER
EQUALITY

Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment involves raising awareness among parents about equal educational opportunities for both girls and boys. We also strive to strengthen community-level institutions to ensure equal opportunities for safe migration and to address the concerns of both males and females. Our initiatives, such as Mahila Sabha, empower women to voice their concerns and aspirations.

6
CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION

Encourage community-level initiatives involving natural resource management, such as ponds, Jharia, and canals, to improve access to clean water and sanitation in the most remote villages.

8
DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH

Economic growth is fostered through Self-Help Group (SHG) initiatives, aimed at reducing the unemployment rate, especially among young people, and enhancing access to financial services and benefits. Additionally, harnessing non-timber forest products (NTFP) holds promise for the well-being of forest-dwelling villagers.

10
REDUCED
INEQUALITIES

Our primary areas of focus are addressing racial and ethnic inequality, promoting fair income distribution through policy implementation, enhancing social safety net programs for vulnerable populations, and advancing women's rights, economic empowerment, and participation in decision-making. Through these efforts, we are committed to reducing inequality.

11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES

Lahanti is dedicated to capacity building within tribal communities by providing essential training and resources. We actively engage in disaster risk reduction initiatives like in drought, equipping community members with the knowledge and skills to prepare for and respond to natural calamities effectively. Lahanti aims to empower tribal communities, fostering resilience and enhancing their overall quality of life while preserving their unique cultural heritage.

12
RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION

Harnessing local natural resources at the grassroots level to drive economic and social development is exemplified by a community-led initiative in a rural village. Here, villagers collectively manage their forest resources, such as sustainable timber harvesting and non-timber forest products, to generate income, create jobs, and improve overall well-being. This grassroots effort empowers the community, demonstrating how wise resource management can fuel local development.

13
CLIMATE
ACTION

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15
LIFE
ON LAND

Lahanti is actively engaged in addressing issues related to biodiversity, forests, and desertification through the implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA). This legislation recognizes the rights of forest-dwelling communities, encouraging their active participation in biodiversity conservation while simultaneously fostering a balanced approach that promotes both conservation and sustainable livelihoods. This holistic approach is at the core of Lahanti's environmental stewardship efforts.

16
PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

To strengthen institutions, Lahanti actively participates in local organizations such as Gram Sabha and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Furthermore, when it comes to matters of justice, Lahanti focuses on ensuring access to fundamental rights and addressing issues related to child labor, equality, and more.

17
PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS

Partnership with different stakeholders make the implementation carry forward the program smoothly in the communities as they provide support, resources, and collaboration. It includes, Government agencies, NGOs, Local institutions, PRIs, donors, media etc.

Special Celebrations

Republic Day & Independence Day

Republic Day and Independence Day were celebrated with profound pride and respect at various Lahanti locations, including the Head Office, Kathikund Block Office, JLP Project Office, and Kusumdih Village in Dumka. The ceremony commenced with the unfurling of the tricolour flag by Lahanti's Secretary at the Head Office and Kathikund Block Office. Meanwhile, Project Coordinator Mr. Vincent Murmu hoisted the flag at the JLP Project Office, where Lahanti staff and local residents united to sing the national anthem.

The day featured an array of cultural programs, engaging both the local community and Lahanti staff. Following the flag hoisting ceremony, Lahanti's Secretary shared poignant insights into the sacrifices made by our valiant heroes, emphasizing our responsibility to uphold their legacy and honor our nation. This was a heartfelt tribute to our freedom fighters.



Annual Gathering

Lahanti marked its Annual Gathering on December 20, 2022 in Dumka. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Fr. John as the Chief Guest. Additionally, the organization's Secretary and other Board members attended the function, making it a truly significant occasion. Lahanti's dedicated staff members were cordially invited to partake in the festivities.

The program commenced with a symbolic lighting of the lamp, a cherished tradition symbolizing enlightenment and unity. This ceremonial act was performed jointly by the Chief Guest, Fr. John Felix, and Lahanti's Secretary, Bitiya Murmu, signifying the organization's commitment to illuminating the path of progress and community empowerment.

The event commenced with a spirited welcome song, performed enthusiastically by Lahanti's dedicated staff. The Lahanti team continued to entertain the audience with songs and various cultural performances.

The presence and words of Fr. John Felix left a profound impact, inspiring and enlightening both staff and guests. His address extended to all, acknowledging and applauding the relentless efforts of the staff. It was underlined that Lahanti's continued progress is a testament to the collective commitment and hard work of everyone involved.

Subsequently, Bitiya Murmu, the Secretary of Lahanti, extended her gratitude and encouragement to all staff members for their invaluable contributions to the organization. She recounted the organization's journey from its inception to its present state, emphasizing the progressive strides being made thanks to the collective efforts of all involved.



World Environment Day

World Environment Day on June 5, 2023, was commemorated with distinguished guests in attendance. Zila Parishad Joyce Besra graced the event as the Chief Guest, joined by Bitiya Murmu, Secretary of Lahanti, Avijit Karmkar, Project Coordinator, Mukhiyas from two panchayats, several PRI Members, Lahanti staff, and local villagers.

A symbolic tree planting ceremony took place, with Zila Parishad and Lahanti's Secretary jointly planting a tree. During the event, Zila Parishad emphasized the crucial need to protect the Earth and preserve our environment, urging investment in planting trees for the benefit of future generations. Bitiya Murmu, Secretary of Lahanti, underscored the significance of the day as an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental conservation. She stressed that individual efforts play a pivotal role in safeguarding and nurturing the environment.



Environment Day Celebration

International Mothers' Day

Mother's Day is observed annually on the second Sunday of May, and this year, Lahanti celebrated it on May 14, 2023. The local community enthusiastically participated in the event and relished the occasion. On this special day, the Secretary of Lahanti shared heartfelt sentiments, emphasizing that the benevolence of a mother is immeasurable. Mothers embody sacrifice and selflessness, and their presence is akin to heaven on earth. Motherhood serves as a remedy for all pains and tribulations, with mothers always ensuring to feed their children, even when they themselves are hungry. There is no substitute for a mother's love and care.



Secretary addressing in Mothers' Day

International Women's Day

In commemoration of womanhood, Lahanti marked International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the Indoor Stadium in Dumka. The event aimed to raise awareness among women about their rights and empowerment. The District Collector (DC) graced the occasion as the chief guest. Approximately 1000 women, including those from various NGOs and those affiliated with Lahanti, actively participated in this significant event.

The chief guest delivered an impactful speech, emphasizing the importance of gender equality, the vital roles women play in society, and the necessity for equal rights for women. Bitiya Murmu, Secretary of Lahanti, shed light on various issues women face, including discrimination at home and in the workplace. She also shared inspiring stories of remarkable women and their significant contributions to shaping India. Bitiya Murmu passionately discussed women's rights, making the event an energetic and enlightening occasion.



**Inauguration of
Program**



**Glimpse of Women's
Day Celebration**

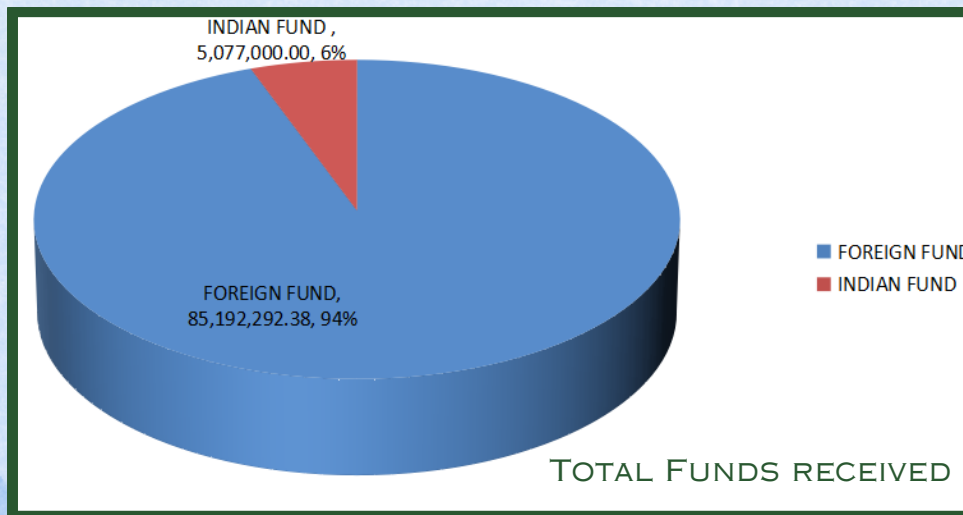
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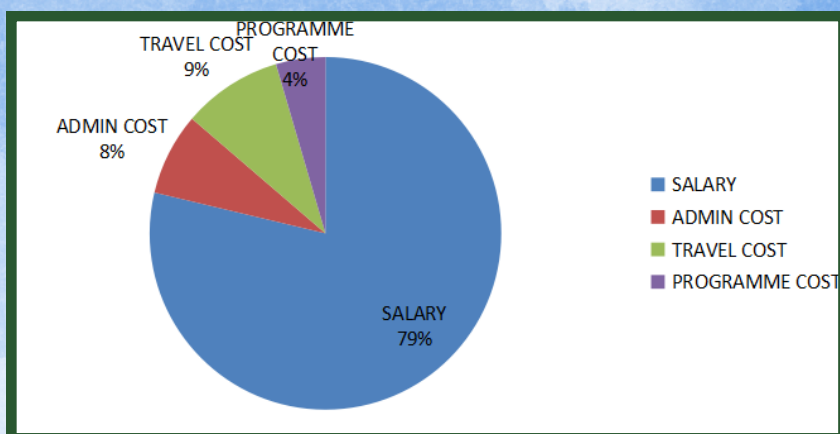
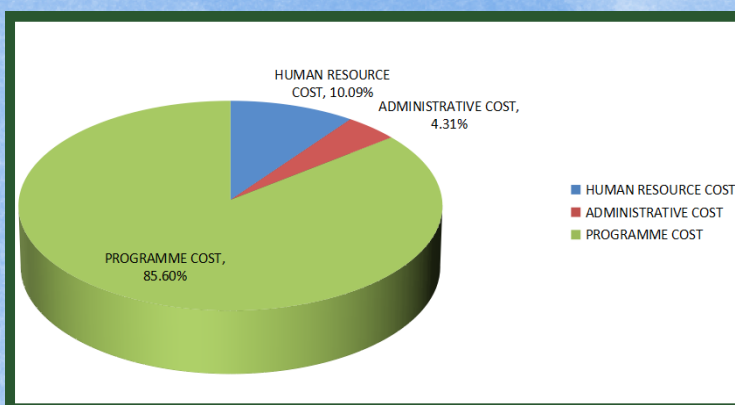
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