

MANTHAN

(An organization committed for Development of the Youths)

Annual Report 2014-15



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Forward

MANTHAN has stepped the 9th year with a noble mission of development of the poverty stricken people of its target area. On behalf of our organization, we are happy to present our Annual Report for the year 2014-15. This year, MANTHAN has completed 9 years since its registration and dedicated for the development of the rural and poor people of the Dhanbad, Giridih and Bokaro district of Jharkhand as its commend area.

The organization is a people's organization that is constantly working towards empowerment of the needy, poor people of its target area through various community mobilization activities, empowerment of women, adolescents and underprivileged people with special focus on HIV/AIDS right from the beginning. MANTHAN believes that, poverty eradication and development is possible only when people come together in a group and decide to work together. The environment provides the frameworks as well as the agenda, which draws people together lead them to work together and awakens their creative potentials.

MANTHAN followed Participatory development activates can leads an improvement in the economic condition of the people and also creates an environment for community development as a whole and development of the families within the community through empowering them forming and supporting community based organizations to foster their own development.

Right from the beginning or organization faced numerous challenges in rolling out the initiatives that did not prohibit us from our commitments towards the development of the vulnerable community comprising of children, women and poor in our target areas. We are constant in touch with the people throughout the year and the days to support for their own development initiatives towards an improved quality of life.

On behalf of our organization, I would take this opportunity to express our gratitude and acknowledgement to the people and the families of our target area, Government Departments, District Administration, our Donors, Organization members, Volunteers and our well wishers, who have actively participated in all planned activities for the benefit of the target area people throughout the year. Our sincere thanks and regards to all who supported us at any means.

*Biplab Mahato
Secretary*

MANTHAN AT A GLANCE

Backdrop:

The organization MANTHAN is a registered organization, organized by a group of youths under the leadership of a Professional Social Worker committed for the development of the people of the rural area outskirts of Dhanbad district of Jharkhand. The organization is determined to lift the life of downtrodden people of Dhanbad, Giridih and Bokaro district. Health and Education is the major areas of intervention in the community since its beginning. Initially MANTHAN started working in Block of Govindpur, Baghmara and Tundi with PTGs, Tribal's, Minority and other Community who are vulnerable, deprived and required external assistance.

The Staff of the organization are involved in imparting training as volunteers who are constantly giving their honorary services to MANTHAN since its inception. These are three small-scale industries with whom MANTHAN is associated to impart training to the employees basically on computer. Social workers and volunteers who are giving their service are graduates and imparting training as per their experience and expertise. Computer Training, Environment Awareness, Statistical survey, School Management Committee survey, Health Camp, Tree plantation, Beautician training, Youth Development Center (YDC), MGNREGA workshop etc. has been organized. Since last three years major activities implemented on HIV/AIDS program supported by Jharkhand AIDS Control Society (JASCS) on various groups i.e. MSM, FSW, and HIJRAs in Dhanbad District along with other activities for the development of its target area people.

Vision:

Foster a productive, self-dependent, peaceful and integrated society irrespective of religion, caste, colour and sex.

Mission:

Our mission is Livelihood, Health and Education development of the rural communities through awareness, Empowerment and self-reliance

Objectives:

- *To promote livelihood through organization various vocational skill training*
- *To awareness on various health issue and AIDS as a priority problem in the area*
- *To organize school, coaching and alternative education centers for promotion of education*
- *To empower women and foster child rights*
- *To promote environment and plantation*
- *To initiate several activities for Youth development*
- *To mobilize various resources from Govt. Departments and other agencies to achieve the objectives*

Legal Status:

- *MANTHAN is a Registered Society, Reg. No-70, registered on 15th May 2006 under society registration Act 21, 1860 from Ranchi, Jharkhand*
Registered in www.ngo.india.gov.in in the unique id MANTHANDHANBAD
- *PAN No. AABTM9904A*
- *Registered under I.T., 12AA registration no. CIT/DHN/Tech/12A-05/2012-13/2151-53.*
- *Registered under FCRA, Govt. of India, No. 337690015 dated 05.12.2013*
- *TAN No. RCHM02946G*

Thrust Area:

- *Educational promotion*
- *Health development*
- *Ensure Food security*

Strategies:

- *Community meetings and camps*
- *Organize workshop and seminars*
- *Linkage with Govt. Departments*
- *Involve children, youth and women*
- *Organize Counseling centers*
- *Direct implementation of programs*
- *Networking with other grassroots NGOs.*
- *Organize BCC Campaign through Nukad Natak*
- *Audio-visual show*

Target Area:

- *Dhanbad District*
- *Giridih District*
- *Bokaro District*

Network Member:

- *Stop TB program*
- *All India Networks of NGOs*
- *Jharkhand Education Forum*
- *JSACS TI Partners*
- *SAATHII TISs Plus,*

- *Youth 'Mentar Club Of N.Y.K.' Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India*



Activities during the Year 2014-15

1. MGNREGA Workshop:

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act/Scheme aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. To enhance knowledge of the rural people, we have organized village level MGNREGA workshop & a Rally in the villages. In this program villagers were aware about MGNREGA Act and its various benefit provisions of the below poverty line families.

2. Sports Program:

Our organization has organized Sports with the school and community children during the year. Several sports events have been organized. Total 700 children were participated the program. Prizes given to the children secured Ist, IInd and IIIrd position. All the participating children provided nutritious Tiffin packet.

3. Cultural Program:

This year also our organization as organized Cultural program with the Children, Youths and women. Song, Debate, Nitra-Natya etc. performed by them. Chhou dance the popular local folk dance performed by the local artists. This was unique. About 500 people all together were participated the program. The children, youth and the parents enjoyed the program.

4. Computer Training:

Computer is an essential part in today's life. Though computer is not exactly new today but in rural India still compute is new to most of the people even to the high school and college going students. Computer and computer education is the part and parcel of of today's life for any students in any field. Computer education now has already taken a momentum in urban areas but it is still very poor in rural areas. But all the people should learn computer today especially the youths for employment and self-employment. In our nearby areas there is no scope for learning computer for the youths in general and children. Computer training services are where a student learns by executing special training programs on a computer relating to their occupation. Computer training is especially effective for training people to use computer applications because the program can be integrated with the applications so that students can practice using the application as they learn. Computer training courses require careful review before selecting the right persons for the training. A computer training course is not as simple as it may seem. Besides the usual system requirements for compatibility, computer training software requires consideration beyond that of the system. To achieve the above objectives, we have organized Training to the youths on 'Computer' is one of our regular activities. During the year, 70 youths trained on computer.

5. Medical Camp:

This we have been organized 6 Health camps Organized in the rural areas is our regular activities since beginning. Each year we have organized several health camps on Mother and Child Care, Nutrition, RCH, Malaria etc. Doctors, Health and Nutrition specialist from the district head quarter came and attend the camps as resource persons. 362 women and adolescents all together were participated and benefited from those camps. Various health related issues has been discussed by the experts.

6. Observance World AIDS Day:

To combat the spread of HIV/AIDS our organization organized camps with the Youths (male) in the area to inform regarding the disease and how to be safe from this disease. This year we have observed World AIDS Day on 1 December 2014. The youth were participated in the rally with plucked, festoons and symbols. 350 youths were participated the program and a rally has been organized to aware the general people in the area.

7. Plantation:

Pollutions is one of the biggest threat to the globe as on today. Global warming is the burning issue today so far the increasing environment pollution is concerned. The Global community along with the developing countries is very much concern on the issue. The situation needs to be addressed seriously. Environment awareness among the school children, youths, women and general people especially for the rural need to be develop. Reduction of pollution and promote the environment, tree plantation is the only way. Plantation of Trees is also one of our regular activities in each rainy session. We have been planted trees in road side, within the school campus and Govt. lands to promote local environment. This year we have planted 300 trees in our area as a part of local action on a global issue. The children and the youths enthusiastically were participated the program.

8. Awareness program:

MANTHAN has been organized a program with the youths against social problems like anti-dowry, female feticide, early marriage, anti-alcohol etc. supported by N.Y.K., Dhanbad. 120 youths attended the program and learn on those issues. The youths learn various social issues effect the youths today and they will aware on those issues to reduce in their own areas and villages.

9. Youth Development Program:

In India, about 65% populations are under youth age right from 18 to 45 years. Those youths need to be promote, involve and motivate in a constructive and creative manner so that, they involve as an productive citizen in the country. To achieve the above objective, we have been organized several youth development program such as Carrier Counseling, Job exam information and other Higher Education and Employment information.

10. School Management Committee Survey:

We have done a survey of School Management Committee to strengthen the Right to Education Act, supported by LEADS, Ranchi. This report has been submitted to LEADS. This report shows us the status of School Management Committee.

11. School:

Our organization has been running one school for children in which 662 children has been studying from Nursery to Class-X. Joyful and innovative learning has been given to the children. The parents are very happy to send their children in our school.



12. Fight Against HIV:

All we know that HIV is one of the biggest threat to Human Civilization. WHO estimates that during the first decade of the HIV/AIDS pandemic there were about 500000 cases of AIDS in women and children, most of which have been unrecognized. During the 1990s, WHO estimates that the pandemic will kill an additional 3 million or more women and children worldwide. HIV infection among heterosexual populations has been increasing throughout the world during the 1980s. AIDS has become the leading cause of death for women aged 20-40 in major cities in the Americas, Western Europe, and sub-Saharan Africa. In these cities, infant and child mortality could be as much as 30% greater than what would otherwise have been expected. During the near future, not only can hundreds of thousands of paediatric AIDS cases be expected, but also more than a million uninfected children will be orphaned because their HIV-infected mothers and fathers will have died from AIDS. HIV/AIDS was first discovered among self-identified young gay-men in the USA, and throughout the course of the global epidemic, consistently high levels of HIV/AIDS infection due to unsafe sex. Several strategies have been thought off and implemented to combat HIV/AIDS spread globally i.e. Awareness creation through behavior change communication, Counseling, Condom promotion, Integrated Counseling and Testing (ICT), Peer education & motivation, Counseling of the target group & their communities as a part of preventive measures and so on. As far as Care and Support strategies are concerned i.e. Community awareness regarding myth and stigma, Referral for HIV testing and antiretroviral treatment (ART), Building ownership of the issues through community mobilization, Creating an enabling environment in the area is much required.

In India, the HIV epidemic spreads alongside a complex intersection of social and societal issues as difficult to resolve as the disease. Anyone effected with HIV status is serious vulnerable in today's society. To know detail about HIV we have to know its meaning, how is spreads? How to combat its spread? HIV stands for 'human immunodeficiency virus': 'human' because the virus causes disease only in people; 'immunodeficiency' because the immune system, which normally protects a person from disease, becomes weak; 'virus' because like all virus, HIV is a small organism that infects living things and uses them to make copies of itself. HIV causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). AIDS is a group of diseases that occur when a person's immune system is damaged by HIV.

In Dhanbad area of Jharkhand state, where thousands of young people came for job in coal mines, small factories, shops and establishment and as construction worker are the biggest threat of HIV infection. Our organizational has been taken a massive intervention for awareness creation supported by JASSCS and SAATHII.

12.1. Targeted Intervention Project (MSM):

In Jharkhand, the Dhanbad district is a high risk areas for HIV infection is the hidden and open sex sites in Colliery areas, G.T. Road side Dhabas/Hotels and due to flouting sex workers (FSW) from nearby Asansol area of West Bengal. There are huge migrant labourers reside in the area involved with several manual jobs are severally vulnerable and risk prone to HIV. So we have started the HIV awareness supported by JSACS. Several initiatives has been undertaken to halt the disease in the area. HIV can only be move through sex, blood, dirty needles or other instruments and from a mother to a child. Worldwide, more than three out of four people with

HIV became infected from having heterosexual sex (sex between men and women). But in some countries the majority of people with HIV are drug injectors and men who have had sex with men (MSM). In our target area, there is huge number of such cases found till now which our organization has been trying identify and given proper guidance.

The organization implemented the TI program in Dhanbad district, Jharkhand. The objective of TI project is to prevent STDs/HIV/AIDS transmission by awareness, education, information, counseling, advanced counseling and clinical services in the target area year, to promoter safer behavior of the community particularly the high risk behavioral groups and increasing the awareness of STD/HIV/AIDS among the women like FSWs and community residing beside them and to stress and importance of quality of STD care by increasing their health seeking behavior. Changing flash myths and misconception is high in the area, and the attitudinal change of high risk behavior groups as well as other community people influence by this people.

12.2. Targeted Intervention Project (FSW):

In the target area, it has been experienced that, there is link between Migration and Multiple sexual partners and which leads to high rate of HIV transmission in the area. Migrants are bridge populations for HIV transmission from urban to rural areas and between high-risk and low-risk groups. Long working hours, isolation from their family and movement between areas may increase the likelihood that an individual will become involved in casual sexual relationships, which in turn may increase the risk of HIV transmission. Majority of the male population live alone in groups without family members and as there area disguised sex workers and prostitutions nearby, the problem is number of sex affected persons increased day by day.

To combat spread of HIV/AIDS through Female Sex Workers, our organization has been trying to identify those FSWs in the area as well as came from outside and aware them on the issues under TI FSW intervention program supported by JSACS.

13. Pehchan Project (TI Plus):

MANTHAN has been running the Target intervention projects awareness of HIV/AIDS among the MSM & FSW sponsored by JSACS and Pehchan (MTH) Project sponsored by SAATHII in Dhanbad District. MSM TI project works with only 518 populations of MSM groups, 752 population of FSW group & 2000 above MTH (MSM, TG, HIJRA) groups in Dhanbad district. TI follows all activities which has assigned by JSACS. The current year strategies of MANTHAN working with JSACS & SAATHII partners are to implement the TI & Pehchan project's community residing in Dhanbad district, Jharkhand. Our Strategies will be to promote awareness generation among the high risk behavior groups about various aspects for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, behavior change communication, promotion of condoms usage for safer sex i.e. enabling environment, and fighting against HIV/AIDS. MANTHAN has expertise and well experience in the field of HIV/AIDS. It is familiar with various aspect of this deadly disease. The organization has capability to implement of TI project with effective and better output in the proposed project area during the year. This major intervention program has been supported by SAATHII from Kolkata office.

14. MANTHAN Board members and Staff attended training/workshop/seminar:

- *Finance Refresher training for AFO (Admin & Finance Officer) in Kolkata Dec-14 organize By SAATHII this training good things of run by Pehchan project.*
- *Additional Counselor training for Add. Counselor in Kolkata organize by SAATHII Dec-14 this training is discus in what is counseling, definitions of counseling, purpose of counseling, AIMS of counseling, core condition in counseling , of the Topic*
- *National level PH event on 207 against 377 to Delhi.*
- *Two days (residential) Induction training program scheduled to be organized by STRC Jharkhand on 13th & 14th February-2015 at Ranchi in consultation with Jharkhand SACS for Program Manager Counselors & M&E of the Representative TIs.*
- *The organization participate for SMC (School Management Comity) Mahasammelan & Annual Stock taking in Jharkhand organized by Leads Ranchi in supported with Jharkhand education Council, Ranchi.*

Supporting Agency:

- *JSACS (Jharkhand State AIDS Control society)*
- *SAATHII, Kolkata office*
- *LEADS, Ranchi*
- *Government of Jharkhand*

