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EVERY CHILD

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Jago Foundation

Jago Foundation is a child development organization registered in 1997 has been working with underprivileged children, youth and families from the most remote, extremely backward and hard-to-reach areas, with a vision to build **“free children in rural Jharkhand from exploitation, so that they can be happy, receive education and live in a safe environment”**.

Initially focused on Giridih, Jago Foundation expanded to neighboring districts based on emerging needs and resources. Today, the organization works across four districts in Jharkhand, empowering underprivileged children, youth, and communities. With a strong focus on child rights and access to quality education, Jago Foundation aims to create safe and nurturing environments for children.

Over the years, the organization has impacted more than 1,25,000 individuals including children in 235 villages. More than 13,000 children and adolescent girls have been enrolled in schools and Anganwadi centers, 30 villages have been reached up to the level of free from children involved in labor, and 40 villages are now child marriage-free, with the minimum age of marriage for girls set at 18.

To improve families' economic conditions, Jago Foundation provides skills training, IGA support, and market linkages. Over 3,000 women have received skills training, and 804 women have successfully started their own businesses through IGA support, fostering economic independence and community upliftment. Jago Foundation continues to evolve, guided by experiential learning and its commitment to social reform. Through experiential learning, the organization continues to adapt, strengthening itself and contributing to sustainable social reform in the region.

Mission

Children grow up in safe, happy and nurturing community.
Children in rural Jharkhand to be freed from exploitation, enjoy playing and receive education.
Youth learn attitudes and appropriate skills to find livelihood and lead better lives

Vision

To shape an equitable society through the education and agency building of marginalized communities.



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Our impact on SDG Goals



Empowering families to rise above poverty through education and livelihood support



From sanitary pad banks to nutrition days—healthier futures are cultivated



Enabling children to stay in school and achieve their dreams



Empowering girls to break societal norms and lead change.



Vocational training opens doors to dignified livelihoods



Agroforestry and afforestation nurture a greener tomorrow.



Children's parliaments amplify voices for justice and change

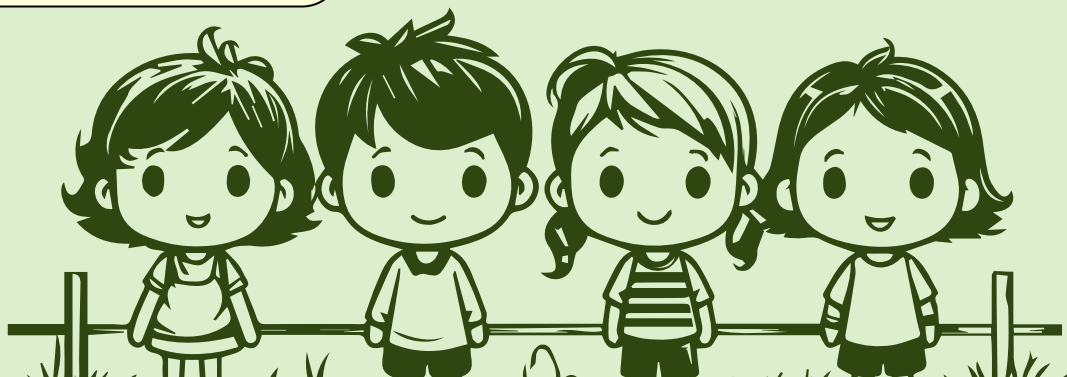


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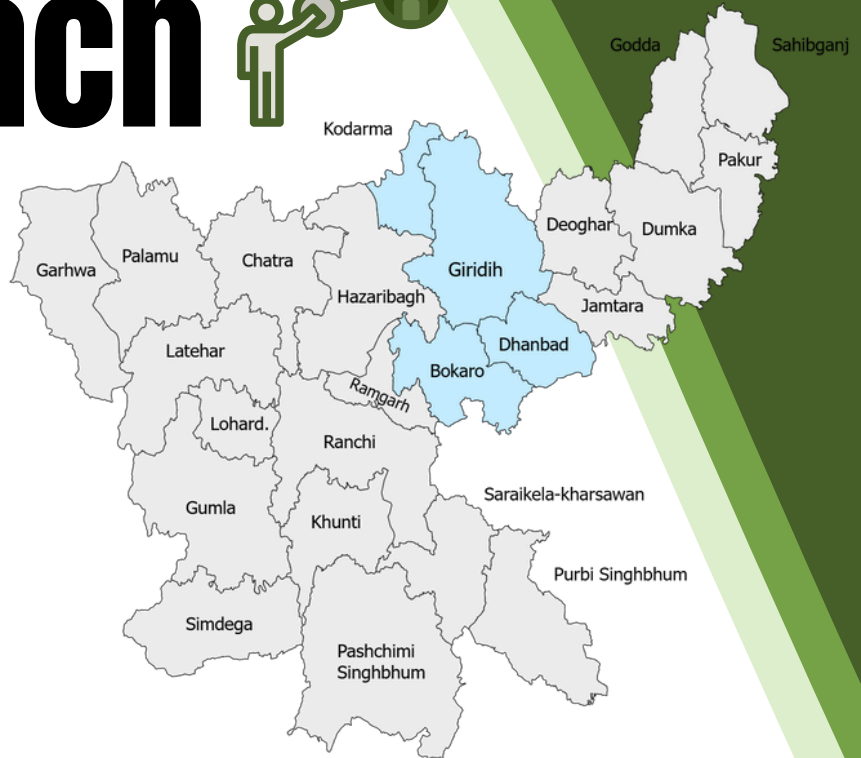
Our Reach



4
Districts

15
Blocks

719
Village



Our Area of Intervention



Education

Empowering children to stay in school and achieve their dreams



Child Protection

Tackling child labor, marriage, trafficking, and abuse while amplifying children's voices for a safer future



Health & Nutrition

Ensuring better access to nutrition, immunization, and healthcare



Livelihood

Families gained access to a revolving fund, empowering them to invest in new livelihoods



Women Empowerment

Empowering women with economic, legal, and educational support for a brighter, inclusive future



Environment and Climate resistance

Fighting against the Environment through agroforestry,plantation,waste management

Message from the Secretary,

I am delighted to present the Annual Activity Report of Jago Foundation for the year 2023-2024. This report highlights our initiatives, successes, collaborations, and learning experiences, showcasing the positive impact we have made in Giridih and neighboring districts of Jharkhand. Guided by a holistic approach, we focused on key thematic areas: Education, Child Protection, Health & Nutrition, Livelihood, Women Empowerment, and Environmental Sustainability. This year, we strengthened our efforts in enhancing school enrolment, retention, and attendance, while also significantly reducing dropout rates in both schools and Anganwadi centers. Through consistent engagement with School Management Committees (SMCs), Mata Samitis, teachers, and Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), we ensured better learning outcomes, the safeguarding of child rights, and the overall well-being of children. We placed special emphasis on promoting girls' education, which has been instrumental in improving the future prospects of many adolescent girls in our project areas.

Our initiatives also focused on empowering women through skill training, livelihood promotion, life skills development, and raising awareness about women's rights. By linking women with government welfare schemes, we enabled them to access resources that improve their financial security and social standing. The formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) further supported women in building their capacities and becoming agents of change within their communities.

In collaboration with Village Level Child Protection Committees (VCPCs), we continued to advocate for child protection, addressing critical issues like child labor, child marriage, and child trafficking. Our community sensitization efforts included street plays, face-to-face interactions, and awareness programs on topics such as health, hygiene, child safeguarding, and occupational safety. The sanitary pad bank initiative, led by adolescent girls, was another key highlight, improving access to menstrual hygiene products and promoting dignity and awareness among girls and women.

Environmental sustainability remained a vital part of our mission. We promoted afforestation, waste management, and water harvesting while also adopting cleaner energy solutions. The establishment of biogas plants under the GOBARDHAN scheme not only contributed to cleaner energy but also benefited local families by reducing dependence on traditional fuels.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Governing Board Members and Advisory Committee Members for their continued guidance and support in driving our mission forward. I also express my sincere appreciation to every team member of Jago Foundation for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to serving marginalized communities.

My deepest thanks go out to our Community Volunteers, Resource Persons, and Leaders for their active participation, goodwill, and dedication to creating sustainable change. Your support has been instrumental in ensuring the success of our initiatives.

I am truly grateful to all our donors, partners, government departments, non-governmental organizations, and well-wishers. Your trust, collaboration, and generosity have enabled us to expand our reach and impact, making a tangible difference in the lives of children, women, and vulnerable communities. Without your valuable support, our journey would not have been possible.

As we move forward, Jago Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to creating a more just, equitable, and empowered society. We look forward to your continued support and partnership as we strive to achieve even greater milestones together.

With gratitude and best wishes,
Baidyanath
Secretary, Jago Foundation





Story of the Year

" Triumphs of Educational Support in Remote Areas"

" Can dreams overcome challenges? Yes, they certainly can, as evidenced by the inspiring story of Kritika from a remote village in Giridih district's Tisri block, Jharkhand. In the Matriculation Annual Examination 2023, Kritika topped the district with an impressive 97.2% and secured the fifth rank in the state. She aspires to pursue higher studies in science and dreams of clearing the UPSC examination.

Opportunities and timely support can indeed create miracles. Kritika believes her life changed after joining the Savitribai Phule Kishori Group in Chandouri, established by the Jago Foundation with the support of CRY. Raised in a remote village near abandoned mica mines, Kritika and her family of seven have faced persistent hardships. While she always had a deep interest in academics, adverse family conditions often kept her from dedicating time to her studies.

The lockdown further worsened their situation. Her family struggled to make ends meet, and education was no longer a priority. Just when all seemed lost, the Jago Foundation extended a helping hand and provided much-needed moral support.

Special classes at the Bridge School Centre helped Kritika recover from her learning losses. At the Children and Adolescent Resource Centre (CARC), she attended free coaching sessions. As the matriculation exams approached, she received exam guides and extensive support from her teachers. Smiling, Kritika shares, "I could not have achieved this without the guidance and support of my teachers at CARC."

Suman Kumari from the neighboring village of Modibigha is equally grateful to the Jago Foundation for convincing her parents to let her continue her education. During the pandemic, Suman worked alongside her siblings collecting mica scraps. Joining the Kishori Group in her village opened new doors for her. It was here that she realized the critical importance of education for a successful future. Looking back on her journey, Suman appreciates the value of the support she received from her community and the foundation.

"I received free tuition support at CARC, an exam guide to prepare for the board exams, and regular mentoring that helped me tremendously," says Suman. She also attended a one-day workshop on exam preparation organized by the Jago Foundation, which she found immensely beneficial. Suman scored an impressive 82.2% in her matriculation exams and now aspires to become a lawyer.

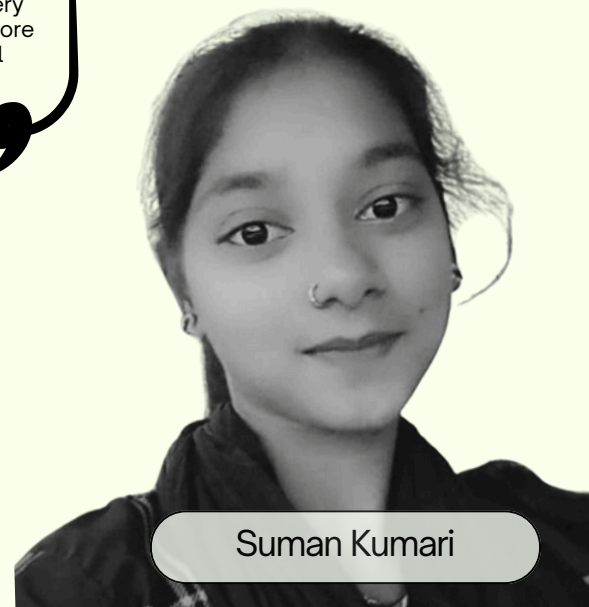
These stories of Kritika and Suman demonstrate the transformative power of educational support in overcoming barriers and achieving dreams. With the unwavering efforts of the Jago Foundation and the resilience of these young girls, a brighter future is not just a dream but a reality."

Through the support of CARC and JAGO, I've discovered the transformative power of education. It's not just about passing exams but breaking free from poverty and inspiring others to dream big. I'm grateful for every opportunity and committed to helping more children like me realize their potential

---Suman



Kritika Kumari



Suman Kumari

Our Programme

A group of children are sitting on a concrete floor, engaged in a learning activity. They are using colorful plastic letter tiles to form words. The central child, a young boy in a white shirt and blue shorts, is focused on placing a blue letter 'P'. Other children around him are also working with the tiles, some having already formed words like 'KUMAR' and 'SAGAR'. The tiles are in various colors: red, green, yellow, blue, and purple.

Through home-based ECE, children acquire knowledge using TLMs developed at low or no cost.

Ensuring the Rights and Well-being of Children

Early Education through Home-Based ECE: In 22 villages of the mica mining area where Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) were unavailable, Home-Based Early Childhood Education (ECE) was initiated to ensure learning for children under five. Community members were trained in ECE, with project staff and Bal Manch children providing support. During the 2023-24 session, 288 family members were trained, benefiting 338 children. All necessary facilities, including Teaching Learning Materials (TLM), were provided to create an engaging and supportive home-based learning environment.



Home Based ECE

Forming and Empowering Children and Youth Person (CYP): Children and Youth Person groups were formed and trained on critical issues like child trafficking, child marriage, child labor, and gender-based violence. 122 adolescent girls were empowered through kabaddi training. These girls, who once faced restrictive social norms, demonstrated leadership and skill by playing in matches from village to state level, challenging traditional norms and showcasing the power of sports as a tool for empowerment.

Establishing Mobile Libraries: 22 mobile libraries were established across villages, offering over 50 types of books with a total of 700 books available. The primary objective of the mobile library was to inspire and motivate children to develop a love for reading, encouraging them to engage with books beyond their course materials and prepare for competitive exams. A total of 356 children benefited from the mobile library, gaining access to a wide range of resources that supported both their academic and personal growth.

Forming Bal Manch in Mica Mining Area: 22 Bal Manch groups were formed in the mica mining area with 804 members, along with 3 cluster-level Bal Manch (133 members) and 1 district-level Bal Manch (65 members, drawn from the 804). These members received training on leadership skills, gender equality, addiction, and social issues. Empowered by this training, they identified and raised 11 critical village-level issues with PRIs and block-level government officials through formal applications. District-level Bal Manch members also participated in workshops at the block, district, and state levels, playing a key role in advocating for local issues and taking leadership in community development.

Forming children's and adolescent's groups: 2,920 children actively participated in creating awareness on child rights, health, nutrition, and education. These children carried important messages to their communities, helping prevent cases of child labor, child abuse, child exploitation, and child marriage. Additionally, the children's clubs took the initiative in various development activities within their villages, contributing to the overall well-being and empowerment of children in the community.

Providing free tuition support to the vulnerable children- we provided free tuition support to vulnerable children, ensuring they have access to quality education without financial barriers. This initiative empowers young minds, breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering a brighter future.



Free Tutuion

Life Skills Training for Adolescents: Life skills training programs were conducted for adolescent boys and girls, focusing on enhancing well-being, critical thinking, positive thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, emotional intelligence, communication skills, resilience, stress management, self-confidence, and leadership. These sessions empowered adolescents to navigate challenges effectively and achieve personal and professional growth.

Child participation creating an environment where children's voices are heard and considered.

Safety and protection: Focused interventions addressed issues like child marriage, child labor, child trafficking, cyberbullying, and abuse. Awareness campaigns and protective measures were implemented to safeguard children from exploitation and harm.



Awareness Drive on Campaigns "Stop Child Labour"

Vocational Training:

This initiative represents a comprehensive approach to vocational training, targeting vulnerable adolescent girls in the community. It includes a variety of programs such as computer training, beautician training, and tailoring. Each of these programs is meticulously designed to empower these young girls by equipping them with essential skills that can pave the way for alternative means of livelihood.

By providing such training, the initiative aims to create opportunities for these girls, enabling them to gain financial independence and self-sufficiency. This empowerment is crucial in preventing them from being forced into child labor, which often robs them of their childhood and potential. Through the acquisition of practical skills, the participants can envision a future where they can support themselves and contribute positively to their families and communities.

Furthermore, the initiative goes beyond mere skill acquisition; it fosters confidence and self-esteem among the girls, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and aspirations. By focusing on their development and well-being, the program not only addresses immediate economic needs but also promotes long-term growth and stability within the community. In doing so, it helps break the cycle of poverty and opens up a world of possibilities for the next generation.



Enhancing Enrollment, Retention, Attendance, and Reducing Dropouts in Schools and Anganwadis:

To address the challenges of enrollment, retention, attendance, and dropouts in schools and Anganwadis, a comprehensive strategy was implemented, emphasizing awareness, collaboration, and capacity building. Door-to-door campaigns, community meetings, and parental engagement sessions were conducted to underscore the importance of education and regular attendance. Collaborative efforts included activating and involving government committees and stakeholders to tackle barriers to education and strengthen monitoring mechanisms



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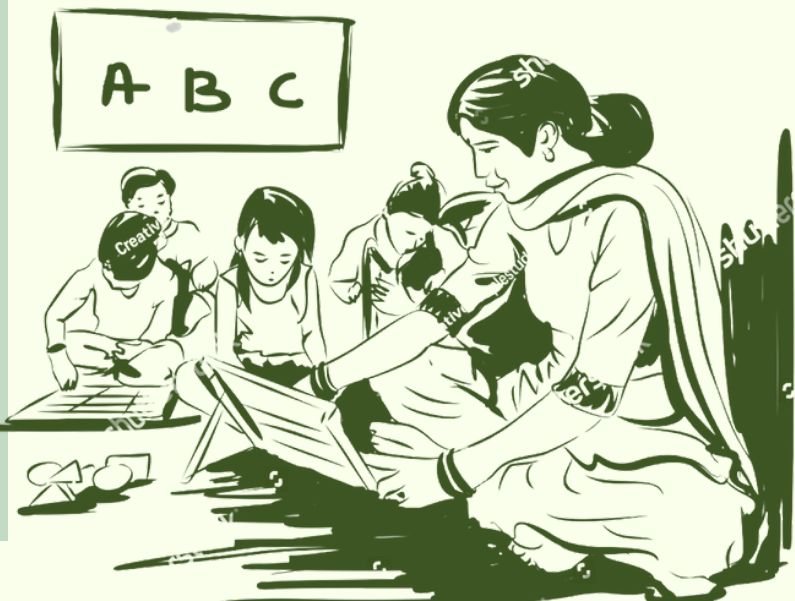
Training of Mata Samiti Members: Mata Samiti members received specialized training to ensure the effective delivery of all six services at the Anganwadi level. The training empowered them to play a pivotal role in monitoring and supporting the functioning of Anganwadis, thereby improving enrollment, retention, and the overall well-being of children.

Training Anganwadi Workers (AWWs): Ten training sessions were conducted, benefiting 36 Anganwadi workers. The sessions focused on the effective use of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) and techniques for creating joyful learning environments. These trainings aimed at improving the quality of early childhood education by equipping Anganwadi workers with practical skills to foster engaging, interactive, and child-friendly learning experiences. This initiative contributed to enhancing children's cognitive development and preparedness for formal schooling.



Capacity Building of Mata Samiti

Capacity Building of School Management Committee (SMC) Members: 27 capacity-building sessions were organized, engaging 1,168 SMC members to enhance their understanding of their roles and responsibilities in improving school performance. These sessions focused on equipping SMC members with the knowledge and skills needed to actively support enrollment, retention, and overall school development. The training covered key aspects such as their role in monitoring school functioning, improving infrastructure, ensuring regular attendance, and fostering a child-friendly learning environment. As a result of these efforts, 354 children were newly enrolled in school, 373 irregular children were regularized, and 983 children received support in opening bank accounts and accessing scholarships, thereby improving their educational continuity and financial inclusion. This initiative played a vital role in strengthening community ownership and participation in school governance while ensuring better educational outcomes for children



Upgrading School and Aanganwadi Infrastructure: Comprehensive upgrades were undertaken to improve the infrastructure of schools and Aanganwadis, creating a conducive and joyful learning environment. These upgrades included retrofitting classrooms, enhancing learning spaces with Bala Arts (Building as Learning Aid), and ensuring the physical infrastructure promotes child-friendly engagement. Schools and Aanganwadis were modeled with innovative designs and vibrant aesthetics to foster a joyful environment for children

Improving WASH Facilities: The program also prioritized upgrading water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities in schools and Aanganwadis. Handwashing stations, drinking water facilities, and gender-segregated toilets were established or refurbished to promote hygiene and ensure a healthy learning environment for children

Enhancing Teacher Pedagogy: Focused efforts were made to improve the quality of teaching through capacity-building workshops and training for teachers. These sessions emphasized child-centered pedagogy, inclusive classroom practices, and innovative teaching techniques to make learning engaging and effective for students



Capacity Building of School Management Committee

Enhancing Parental Participation in Parent-Teacher Meetings: Efforts were made to increase parental involvement by organizing regular Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs). These meetings provided an open platform for discussions about children's academic performance, attendance, and overall development. Enhanced participation fostered stronger collaboration between parents and teachers, leading to improved attendance and better support for children's education at home.

"Improving the school infrastructure through BALA Art and providing training on the effective use of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLM) has been extremely beneficial. It has created a vibrant, engaging learning environment and made teaching more interactive, helping children grasp concepts more easily."

*Chandan Kumar
Head Master, UMS Manjhaladih*

Formation and Strengthening of Migrant Forum

Establishing clubs for migrant laborers to promote awareness about safe migration, facilitate registration in labor offices, and disseminate information on government schemes for migrant labor. Through regular meetings and training sessions, individuals were educated, resulting in heightened awareness and enhanced participation in the registration process at labor offices.

Particular	No.
Migrant Forum formed	10
Members taught on safe migration	220
Labor card registration done	495
Migrant labor linked with Govt. schemes	2270

Empowering Women through Skill Training and Livelihood Support:

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were formed and empowered at the village level through targeted skill training, life skills development, and support for income-generating activities. Women were linked to government schemes and provided with investment support for additional livelihood opportunities, along with occupational hazard-free mica kits to ensure safe working conditions. This initiative follows a community-led socio-economic empowerment model, where families repay loans with a minimal service charge, enabling the revolving fund to support other families. SHG women also received comprehensive training on livelihoods and were sensitized to the importance of children's education, protection, and health. These efforts aim to enhance women's socio-economic status while fostering a supportive environment for child well-being and development.



Financial Literacy

Particular	Coverage
Families who increased their income through additional livelihood	1099
Families newly supported with additional livelihood in 2023	122
Family supported with revolving fund	42
Families access livelihood skill training/building	270
SHG Members access livelihood training	180

Legal Awareness programme

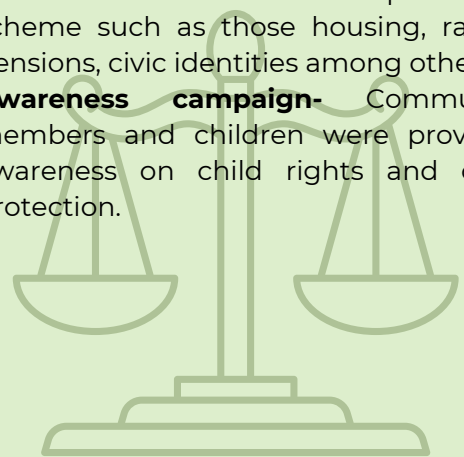


Legal Awareness

conducted legal awareness among villagers on child rights, child protection, land rights, social justice, tribal act etc.

Activity includes:

- **Access to social security and protection scheme** linkage families with social welfare and social protection scheme such as those housing, ration, pensions, civic identities among others.
- **Awareness campaign-** Community members and children were provided awareness on child rights and child protection.



Promotion and establishment of kitchen garden at community level



The initiative aimed to safeguard children from malnutrition while encouraging the inclusion of tricolor foods in their diets. Awareness campaigns were conducted to educate people about setting up kitchen gardens at both community and Anganwadi center levels. 305 families were provided with seeds to cultivate their kitchen gardens.

305 families were provided with seeds
927 children benefited from the produce of these gardens.



Kitchen Garden

Strengthening Child Protection Institutions



VLCPC

Collaborating with, training, and offering support to existing government and legal institutions for child protection has been key in driving systematic change. A total of 23 training sessions were organized, benefiting 146 members, focusing on their roles and responsibilities, capacity building, and child safeguarding. As a result of these efforts, 247 children were enrolled in schools and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), and 27 disabled or orphaned children were linked with relevant government schemes, ensuring their access to essential services and support.

Particular	Numbers
Training sessions organized	23
Members benefited from training	146
Children enrolled in schools/AWCs	247
Disabled/orphaned children linked with schemes	27

Surakshit Bachpan, Surakshit Bharat



Ensuring Girl Child Education

To promote girl child education, awareness campaigns were organized focusing on its importance. These campaigns included community meetings, street plays, and wall writings to sensitize the community. Additionally, efforts were made to improve WASH facilities in schools to create a supportive environment for girls.

One of the major challenges in the mica region is the long distance between villages and schools, which often leads to high dropout rates among girls. To address this issue, bicycles were provided to ensure easy and safe access to education, significantly increasing enrollment and regular attendance. In 2023, 64 girls received bicycles, 561 girls were supported with study materials, and 193 girls were newly enrolled in schools. These initiatives have contributed to empowering girls through education and building a brighter future for them.



"To educate girls is to reduce poverty"
-Kofi Annan

Formed and Strengthened Children's Parliament

Efforts to enhance child participation led to the establishment of 63 Bal Sansad (Children's Parliaments) at the school level, with 2,520 members. These parliaments provided a platform for children to actively engage in school operations, fostering leadership skills and empowering them to voice their opinions on matters affecting their education and well-being. Training sessions were conducted to further enhance their leadership abilities and understanding of their roles and responsibilities. This initiative has significantly contributed to building confidence, promoting a sense of responsibility, and encouraging active involvement in shaping their educational environment.



Meeting with Children Parliament

63 Bal Sansad formed

2520 Members in total

Community sensitization

Community sensitization efforts focused on raising awareness about the harmful effects of child marriage, child labor, child trafficking, and child migration, while emphasizing the importance of fostering a more inclusive society. Awareness campaigns were conducted through various channels, including Nukkad Natak (street plays), community meetings, and face-to-face interactions, covering topics such as the significance of education, the importance of girl child education, child safeguarding, health, hygiene, occupational safety, the benefits of institutional delivery, birth registration, and immunization. In the mica mining area, laborers received specialized safety training, and 120 workers were provided with Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) kits, along with training on their proper use to ensure their well-being and safety while working. These efforts have played a crucial role in transforming community attitudes and promoting positive change.



community meeting

Access to social security

Facilitating the connection of families with social welfare and protection schemes, including those related to housing, ration card, pensions, and civic identities. In 2023, a total of 1,562 families were successfully linked with social welfare schemes, while 724 families were connected with social protection schemes.



community meeting



Environment

Initiatives in environmental sustainability focused on promoting waste management, afforestation, vermicomposting, tree plantation, and water harvesting practices. Two biogas plants were established in two panchayats under the GOBARDHAN scheme, contributing to cleaner energy and waste utilization. From the GOBARDHAN scheme, 0 cubic meters of gas were generated, and 10 families (5 from each panchayat) benefitted from the clean energy)

Training sessions on effective waste management were conducted in two urban wards, empowering communities to adopt eco-friendly practices. These efforts aimed to foster a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainable living.

Health and Nutrition

In 2023-24, our health and nutrition initiatives focused on addressing malnutrition and anemia among adolescent girls, improving antenatal and postnatal care (ANC & PNC), and strengthening service delivery mechanisms in Community Health Centers (CHCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), and Malnutrition Treatment Centers (MTCs).

We promoted growth monitoring for children and ran "Didi Kitchens" to enhance community nutrition. These kitchens provided nutritious meals while raising awareness about healthy eating practices. Additionally, monthly Nutrition Day sessions were organized with pregnant and lactating mothers, focusing on the importance of immunization, proper nutrition, and breastfeeding for children.

Through these efforts in 2023-24, we aimed to improve maternal and child health outcomes, ensure better access to essential health services, and foster community-wide awareness of healthy practices.

- **Sanitary Pad Bank for Adolescent Girls:** In 2023-24, we successfully opened sanitary pad banks in two locations within the project area, operated by adolescent collective girls. These banks not only provide sanitary pads to girls and women in need but also serve as platforms for educating them about menstrual hygiene and the importance of safe and sustainable waste disposal practices. This initiative has played a crucial role in promoting hygiene, awareness, and dignity among girls and women in the community. A total of 1,394 girls and women have benefited from this program, ensuring greater access to menstrual hygiene products and supporting their overall well-being
- **Promoting Institutional Delivery Practices & Providing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Benefits:** To improve maternal and child health through education and awareness, we focused on promoting institutional deliveries to ensure safer childbirth. Efforts were made to encourage expecting mothers to opt for hospital deliveries to reduce the risks associated with home births. Furthermore, we supported eligible women by providing access to the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) benefits, ensuring that pregnant and lactating women received the financial assistance they were entitled to for better healthcare during pregnancy and post-delivery. This initiative has contributed to improving maternal health outcomes in the project area.



**Monthly Nutrition Day Sessions- 60
People sensitized on immunization
and nutrition- 1276**

Baccho se Dosti-

The Baccho Se Dosti campaign was organized to foster connections between children from adolescent collectives and key officials, including the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Superintendent of Police (SP), District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC), Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), police personnel, Block Development Officers (BDO), PRI members, media professionals, and community members. The campaign aimed to build friendships and trust, enabling children to seek support in addressing critical issues such as child labor, child marriage, and other challenges affecting their well-being. During the interactions, officials pledged their ongoing support and commitment to protect children and ensure their rights.



Visit on the Occasion of Children's Day

This initiative strengthened collaboration among stakeholders and highlighted the shared responsibility for preventing harmful practices impacting children.

12712 Children & adults educated on child rights

1295 Children received various training such as child protection mechanism

968 Children access educational services

434 Children related cases resolved through Childline project

350 Children accessed digital education

338 Children benefited from Home based activity centre (ECE)

249 Children rescued from child labor

229 Children supported with study material

105 Children directly saved from exploitation

64 Children given bicycle action mechanism

64 Children prevented from child marriage and re-enrolled in school

48 Children linked with Sponsorship schemes

60 Youth received vocational training

Our Impact

1369 Families linked to social welfare scheme

523 Families linked to social protection scheme

42 Families newly supported through revolving fund in 2023-24

122 Families newly IGA supported

106 Families saw an increase in income 2023

120 Safety kit provided to mica labor

15 Aanganwadi centers Modeled

16 School Modeled

22 Mobile Library established in village

496 Tree planted

10 Migrant Forum formed for migrant labor

150 Families received livelihood training for extend the livelihood

450 Homestead Nutrition gardens established

288 Family received Homebased ECE training

73 School Management Committee strengthen

45 Village level child protection committee strengthen

"Nurturing Change, Amplifying Impact"

BEST 2023 PRACTICE

Establishment of Sanitary Pad Banks

Jago Foundation has launched two sanitary pad banks in its intervention areas, managed by the adolescent girls' groups in the villages. These banks serve as an important initiative to promote menstrual health and hygiene in rural areas. Through these banks, the adolescent girls provide sanitary pads to girls and women in the village and surrounding areas, educating them about their proper usage and disposal methods.

The girls of the group are not only distributing the pads but are also selling them, generating income from the sales. The funds earned are reinvested to purchase more sanitary pads from the market, ensuring the sustainability of the initiative. Additionally, these girls have successfully raised awareness among the women and girls in their villages and nearby communities, encouraging them to adopt the use of sanitary pads.

This initiative has proven to be highly impactful, as it has contributed to better menstrual hygiene practices, helping women and girls avoid reproductive health issues. Furthermore, the adolescent girls have taken the lead in openly discussing menstruation and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) within their communities, breaking taboos and fostering healthier attitudes. The sanitary pad bank is not only addressing a critical health need but also empowering young girls to take leadership roles within their communities. This practice is a remarkable example of how community-driven initiatives can make a significant impact on women's health and well-being.



BEST *2023* PRACTICE

Empowering children as change agents

has been a key initiative of our organization through the formation of Bal Manch (Children's Collectives). These groups focus on developing leadership, advocacy, and social skills in children, with training in leadership, gender equality, addiction prevention, child safeguarding, and social issues. As advocates, these children have engaged with local authorities to address critical concerns like child rights, education, and gender-based violence, bringing significant changes in their communities.

A notable success was their advocacy for higher education in villages like Hathiyagarh and Palma, where schooling ended at Class 5. Their efforts led to the enrollment of 44 children in Class 6, marking a milestone in improving educational access. Beyond advocacy, Bal Manch members serve as role models, inspiring younger children to value education and take on social responsibilities, creating a cycle of empowerment.

Key issues like child marriage, labor, and exploitation have been addressed, with the children raising awareness and influencing community attitudes. Their efforts have helped shift perspectives on gender equality and child safeguarding, fostering a more responsive and inclusive environment. The Bal Manch initiative has not only tackled immediate challenges but has also nurtured a generation of leaders committed to creating lasting change.





Defying Tradition: Pallavi Kumari's Journey to Empowerment

Pallavi Kumari, a 15-year-old girl from Dhanaydih village in Giridih district, faced a life-changing decision when her parents decided to marry her off at the age of 14. Coming from a community where child marriage is a common practice, Pallavi found herself caught between societal expectations and her aspirations for education.

Pallavi had been an active member of the adolescent collective initiated by Jago Foundation, where she gained valuable knowledge about child rights, the legal age of marriage, and the detrimental effects of child marriage. These lessons equipped her with the confidence to resist the pressure to marry.

When Pallavi's parents planned her marriage, she attempted to convince them of the negative consequences, but they were determined. The situation became more challenging when her father prohibited her from attending school on the day the boy's family was scheduled to finalize the marriage. However, armed with the knowledge and courage she gained through the collective, Pallavi confronted the boy's father directly. She clearly stated her age and informed him about the legal repercussions of child marriage, including reporting the matter to the Block Development Officer and Childline at 1098. Her assertiveness forced the boy's family to leave, preventing the marriage from taking place.



Pallavi successfully thwarted the marriage and continued her education. Now studying in Class 9, she has set her sights on becoming an administrative officer, such as a Block Development Officer (BDO) or District Commissioner (DC), to help other girls in similar situations. What's more, Pallavi's parents, who initially opposed her ambitions, have now become her strongest supporters.

Pallavi's journey demonstrates the power of awareness and self-empowerment in overcoming societal pressures, empowering young girls to pursue their dreams.

"I am thankful to Jago Foundation for making me part of the adolescent collective. I learned about my rights and the legal age of marriage, which gave me the strength to stand up for myself. Now, my parents support my dreams, and I aim to become an officer to help other girls like me."

— Pallavi Kumari



Weaving a New Dream: Empowering Women Through Education and Skill Development

In a remote village in Jharkhand's Giridih district, 19-year-old Mehendi Kumari begins her day with determination. A history major and aspiring government servant, Mehendi juggles household chores, college classes, and preparation for competitive exams. Yet, the highlight of her day is the two hours she spends teaching embroidery and sewing to the women in her village.

The initiative, a three-month course launched by Jago Foundation in collaboration with CRY, was driven by the aspirations of local women to learn new skills. Recognizing the lack of accessible programs in the area, Jago Foundation provided sewing machines and partnered with the community to establish a training center in the village. Mehendi, who had completed a similar course, eagerly stepped into the role of trainer.

"It's heartwarming to see women embrace learning and step beyond traditional roles," says Mehendi. Her teaching sessions include stitching, cutting, measurements, and alterations, while also empowering women to use these skills for financial independence. In partnership with Jago Foundation, the women have been connected to a local retail store, enabling them to fulfill orders and earn a livelihood.

For Mehendi, the greatest fulfillment comes from witnessing the transformation in these women. Having grown up in a traditional family, she faced significant challenges in pursuing higher education and resisting early marriage proposals. Her involvement with the Ekta Kishori Group, an adolescent collective formed by Jago Foundation and CRY, was a turning point. It shaped her into a confident young woman, aware of her rights and the importance of education.

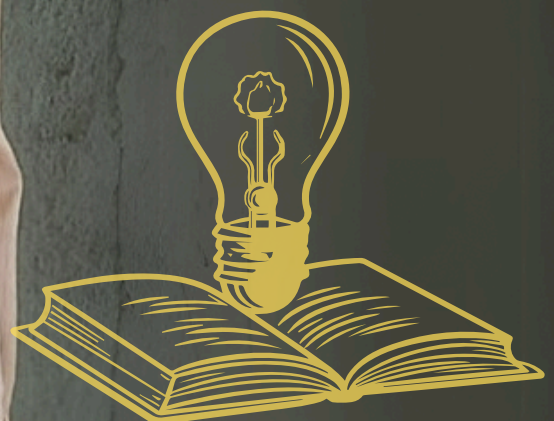
Her leadership has left a lasting impact on the community. Over the past two years, there have been no instances of child marriage in the village, and efforts to combat child labor have significantly reduced the number of children working in hazardous conditions. Mehendi continues to inspire young girls as a role model, demonstrating the transformative power of education and self-reliance.

"While immediate needs may push families toward child labor or early marriage, education is the key to breaking this cycle," explains Mehendi. "It enables children to build a brighter future and achieve their dreams."

Sarojit, a representative of Jago Foundation, praises Mehendi's leadership: "She exemplifies the impact of education on individual lives and community transformation. Through campaigns like Pooari Padhai, Desh Ki Bhalai (Complete Education for National Progress), we are committed to empowering adolescent girls and inspiring families to prioritize education."

The dropout rate for girls at the secondary level in Jharkhand is now lower than the national average, reflecting the growing determination of girls like Mehendi to pursue higher education.

Mehendi's story is a testament to resilience, education, and the power of community support. Her dream is for every girl in her village to complete her education and achieve independence. Through her efforts, Mehendi is not just teaching embroidery; she is weaving a future of empowerment and self-reliance for her community.



Empowering Dreams: The Inspiring Journey of Preeti Sharma

In the quaint village of Duliakaram, nestled in the scenic beauty of Giridih, unfolds an inspiring tale of resilience and triumph centered on Preeti Sharma. At just 7 years old, Preeti faced the profound loss of her parents, who succumbed to AIDS, leaving her and her elder brother orphaned. Despite this tragedy, her grandparents' loving care provided a semblance of stability, though her spirit bore the heavy weight of grief.

Preeti sought solace in school, yet loneliness clouded her early academic journey. Struggling with studies and reluctant to form connections, she seemed destined for a life overshadowed by loss. However, her life took a transformative turn when she joined an adolescent group, a collaborative effort by the Jago Foundation. Initially hesitant, Preeti gradually embraced the group's supportive environment, guided by compassionate mentors who nurtured her potential.

Through sustained counseling and encouragement, Preeti's confidence grew, and she rose to become the president of the adolescent group, inspiring her peers with her courage and leadership. Recognizing her academic potential, the organization provided her with remedial support and essential study materials. Under the guidance of dedicated project staff and a CARC teacher, Preeti's determination culminated in a remarkable achievement: she scored an impressive 77% in her matriculation examination.

Her success brought immense pride to her grandparents, filling their home with hope for a brighter future. Undeterred by challenges, Preeti now dreams of pursuing science in her intermediate studies, with the ultimate goal of serving her nation as a police inspector.

To support her aspirations, the Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana played a pivotal role, alleviating financial constraints and enabling her to acquire necessary study materials. This support bolstered her resolve and empowered her to focus on her educational journey.

Preeti's story is a testament to the power of resilience, community support, and determination. It stands as a beacon of hope, inspiring others to rise above adversity and chase their dreams. In her pursuit of excellence, Preeti embodies the spirit of transformation and perseverance, lighting the path for future generations to believe in the possibility of a brighter tomorrow.



From Dropout to Community Leader: The Inspiring Journey of Devanand Gandhi

Devanand Gandhi, a resident of his village, was once a student who barely attended school, just like many of his peers. Most children in his village were involved in work like cutting wood, grazing cattle, or other labor tasks, which kept them away from school. However, after joining Jago Foundation in seventh grade, Dev Anand became an active participant in the foundation's efforts to connect children in his village with education.

In 2018, Devanand joined the Bal Manch (Children's Collective) under the guidance of Jago Foundation. Initially, he struggled with regular school attendance, but with the support of education kits and the mobile library provided by the foundation, he started attending school regularly. As his engagement in Bal Manch meetings and training grew, so did his leadership skills.

Devanand took it upon himself to encourage more than 150 children in his village to enroll in school and attend regularly. He played a pivotal role in stopping child labor for 71 children and preventing child marriages for 17 others. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he educated his community on safety measures like wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining social distancing.

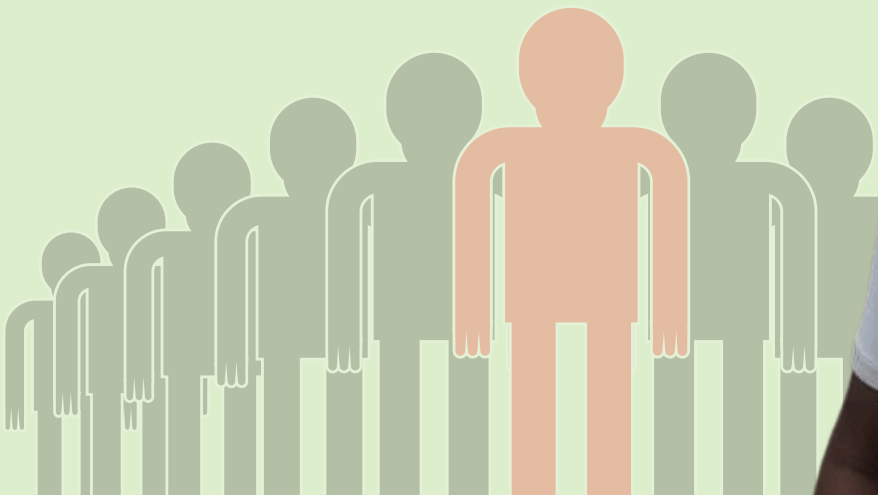
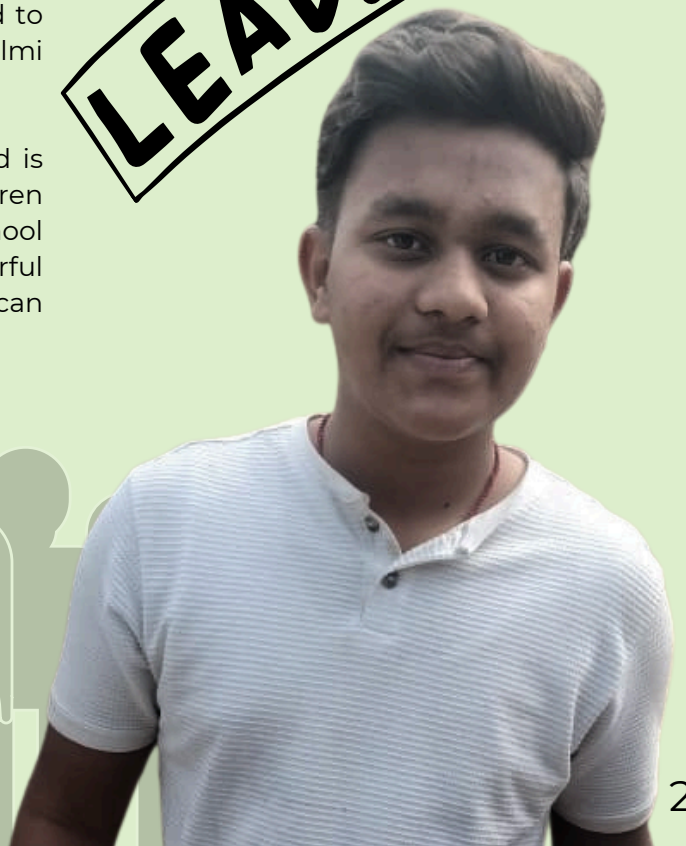
Devanand's dedication earned him the position of president in his Bal Manch, and he actively worked to strengthen the group. He helped with community issues, from securing pensions for disabled children to ensuring better school facilities, and even advocated for clean drinking water.

His role in the mobile library program helped spread awareness about the importance of reading, and he also played a significant part in helping migrant children return to school. Dev Anand's leadership and commitment led to his selection as a member of the district-level Walmi (Children's Protection Committee).

Today, Devanand has passed his 12th grade exams and is continuing his education while empowering other children in his community. His journey from a regular school dropout to a community leader stands as a powerful example of how education and empowerment can transform lives.



LEADER





"Jago Foundation's work in Giridih district is truly commendable. Their efforts to increase school enrollments, ensure regular attendance, and reduce dropout rates at both Anganwadi and school levels are highly impactful.

The Foundation's initiatives, such as training teachers and Anganwadi workers to teach children in a joyful and engaging manner, providing WASH facilities for adolescent girls, and developing teaching-learning materials (TLMs) using low-cost and no-cost items with community support, are remarkable and highly beneficial.

Having closely observed their work, I can confidently say that Jago Foundation's dedication to children's education and overall development is inspiring and exemplary. Their contributions to the fields of education and community development are truly praiseworthy."

- Rameshwar Mahto, Mukhiya

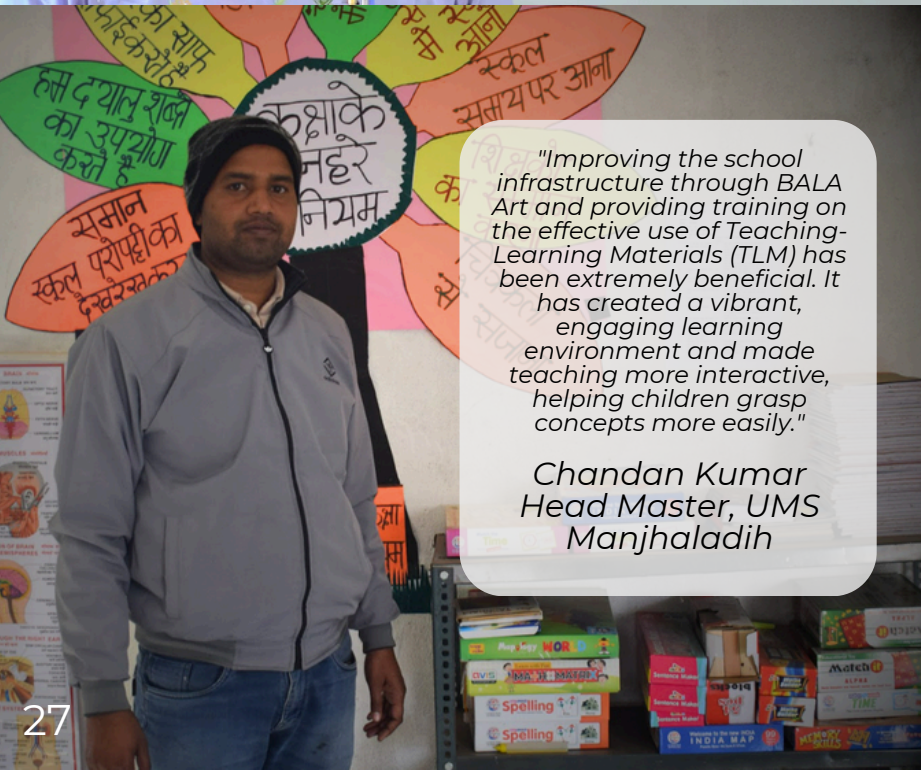


Jago Foundation's dedicated efforts in addressing child protection issues through awareness campaigns and linking communities to government schemes are commendable. With the joint efforts of the District Child Protection Unit, Giridih, they have significantly contributed to creating a safer environment for children by empowering families and communities to take proactive measures. Their collaboration with local stakeholders exemplifies their commitment to child welfare."

- Jeetu Kumar, District child Protection Officer



TESTIMONIALS



"Improving the school infrastructure through BALA Art and providing training on the effective use of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLM) has been extremely beneficial. It has created a vibrant, engaging learning environment and made teaching more interactive, helping children grasp concepts more easily."

Chandan Kumar
Head Master, UMS
Manjhaladih



"The Sanitary Pad Bank initiative by Jago Foundation is an excellent program. It has not only made sanitary pads easily accessible at the village level but also played a crucial role in educating girls and women about menstruation, health, and hygiene, fostering a healthier and more informed community."

Asha Devi, Mukhiya, Chandouri
Panchayat

Members of governing body

Name	Gender	Designation
Rupmuni Kumari	F	President
Baidyanath Mahto	M	Secretary
Sarojit Kumar	M	Treasurer
Raju Mahto	M	Member
Gendo Prasad Verma	M	Member
Renu Gupta	F	Member
Ajynti Devi	F	Member



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Financials

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Regd. Office:- At-Dhanaydih, PO-Senadoni, Dist-Giridih, Jharkhand-815316			
Working Office:- At-Shitalpur, PO-Sirsia, Dist-Giridih, Jharkhand-815302			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 st MARCH, 2024			
	SCHEDULE	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
SOURCES OF FUND			
I.FUND BALANCES:			
a. General Fund	[01]	(3,35,199.80)	(3,26,538.12)
b. Project Fund	[02]	10,66,825.38	6,48,295.36
c. Asset Fund	[03]	9,83,764.95	9,42,029.95
II.LOAN FUNDS:			
a. Secured Loans			
b. Unsecured Loans			
TOTAL	[I + II]	17,15,390.53	12,63,787.19
APPLICATION OF FUND			
I.FIXED ASSETS			
Gross Block	[04]	9,42,029.95	10,75,335.95
Add: Purchase during the year		1,90,000.00	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		1,48,265.00	1,33,306.00
Net Block		9,83,764.95	9,42,029.95
II. INVESTMENT		1,00,000.00	
III.CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:			
a. Loans & Advance	[05]	4,43,695.00	4,16,598.00
b. Grant Receivable	[06]	11,64,225.20	18,26,337.13
c. Cash & Bank Balance	[07]	16,53,855.81	5,72,341.11
	A	32,61,776.01	28,15,276.24
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:			
a. Current Liabilities	[08]	26,30,151.00	24,93,519.00
b. Advance Income	B	26,30,151.00	24,93,519.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	[A - B]	6,31,625.58	3,21,757.24
TOTAL	[I+II+III]	17,15,390.53	12,63,787.19

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts

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Chartered Accountants

[CA (Dr.) Subhajit Sahoo, FCA, LLB]
Partner
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Firm No. 322952E



For:
JAGO FOUNDATION

Baidyanath
SECRETARY



Place: New Delhi
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024			
	SCHEDULE	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
<u>INCOME</u>			
Grant In Aid	[09]	1,73,31,353.07	1,23,30,363.02
Donation		55,000.00	30,000.00
Other Income	[10]	-	46,220.00
Interest Income	[11]	20,053.00	13,918.00
MemberShip Fee		-	-
TOTAL		1,74,06,406.07	1,24,20,501.02
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Project Related Expenses			
<u>RELIEF TO THE POOR</u>			
Indian Fund			
Childline	[12]	5,13,296.00	12,46,858.00
Childline ECM	[29]	87,033.00	77,695.00
Ajim Prem Jee Foundation	[13]	-	-
PHD Expenses	[33]	19,91,121.00	-
ECS Expenses	[34]	70,055.00	-
JSLPS Expenses	[24]	1,32,000.00	-
DSW Expenses	[32]	36,460.00	7,14,131.00
NABARD Expenses	[35]	2,54,708.13	1,22,000.00
Foreign Fund			
Study on Situation Livelihood	[14]	-	-
SASAKAWA Expenses	[15]	-	-
GGF Expenses	[16]	-	-
BAT	[17]	2,96,990.00	2,77,413.40
REBUILD INDIA FUND	[18]	10,27,805.00	-
ILO	[20]	26,06,742.65	26,60,059.00
<u>EDUCATION</u>			
Indian Fund			
Child Right and Awareness Programme	[21]	12,71,439.72	15,22,521.90
Campaign for Right to Education	[22]	-	-
Samvidhan LIVE! Be Jagrik	[23]	-	-
Other Programme & Admin Expenses	[24]	76,162.68	3,55,471.74
Foreign Fund			
Child Right and You	[25]	27,26,979.14	22,89,256.00
Terre des hommes (TDH)	[27]	58,98,188.41	41,83,616.42
CESAM (RMI)	[28]	-	91,496.00
Reimbursable Expenses for MFP Project	[30]	7,557.00	-
General Fund Expenditure	[04]	-	-
<u>MEDICAL RELIEF</u>			
Foreign Fund			
Improving the nutritional, health and hygiene status of Adivasi women and children	[28]	-	-
Capital Expenditure			
Depreciation		1,48,265.00	1,33,306.00
Less: Transferred to Asset Fund		1,48,265.00	1,33,306.00
TOTAL		1,69,96,537.73	1,35,40,518.46
III EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	[I - II]	4,09,868.34	(11,20,017.44)
Transferred to General Fund		(8,661.68)	(2,65,333.74)
Transferred to Project Fund		4,18,530.02	(8,54,683.70)

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Legal Status

Registered under Indian Trust Act 1882
R. No. 5599/IV-36

Date of registration: 02nd September 1997

Registered under Section 23(1) of the Foreign Contribution
(Regulation) Act, 1976

Registration No.: 337730003

Date of registration: 21st March 2003

Income Tax Registration (exemption of tax on donations)
Registered under section 12AA of IT Act. 1961

Registration No. CIT/DHN-N/TECH/12A-32/2005-06/1389-91
Date of registration: 27th June 2005

PAN: AAATJ4771D

TAN: RCHJ00942E

80G: AAATJ4771D22PT01

CSR1: CSR00032230

NITI Ayog (National Institution for
Transforming India, Commission)

UID- JH/2016/0104111

Date of registration: 22nd September 2016

For foreign Donation

Designated FCRA Bank Account
(Foreign
donations)

State Bank of India (SBI Bank)
Branch: New Delhi Main Branch
(New Delhi)

FCRA Division, 11, Parliament street
New Delhi - 110001

A/c No. 40088997413

IFSC: SBIN0000691,

SWIFT: SBININBB104

For Domestic Donation

Domestic Account:-

Jago Foundation

Bank of Baroda

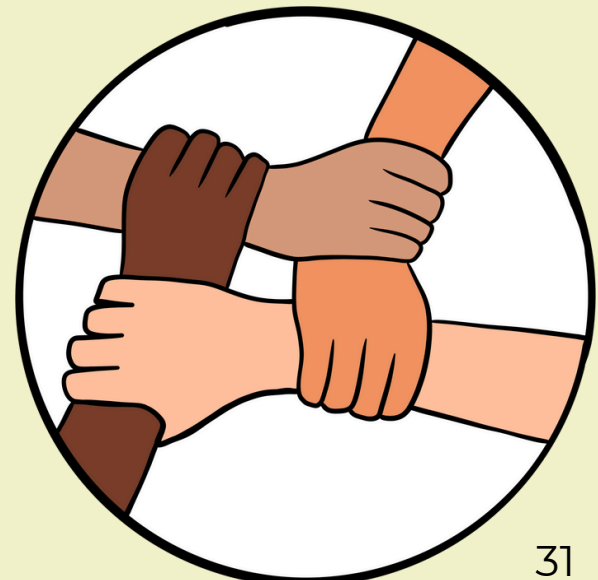
Branch: Raja Bungalow, Giridih

A/c No: 62910100009733

IFSC: BARBOVJGIRI

Our Networks: -

- Jharkhand Anti Trafficking Network (JATN), Ranchi
- ComMutiny-The Youth Collective
- Pravah
- The Advocacy & Accountability Collaborative (TAAC) Hub, Ranchi
- Global Mica Committee (GMC), India
- Girls not brides (GNB) Jharkhand and Asia
- Campaign Against Child Labor (CACL), Jharkhand
- Alliance for Immunization and Health (AIH), India
- ECF Network of CSOs working on boy's gender equality
- SRHR (Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights Alliance)
- WRA (The White Ribbon Alliance), Jharkhand- 'Safe Motherhood'
- AMAN, India. Network for Gender Equity.
- Jharkhand Forces
- SDNN Campaign Giridih, Jharkhand.
- Task Force, Jharkhand- Network focuses on Child Protection



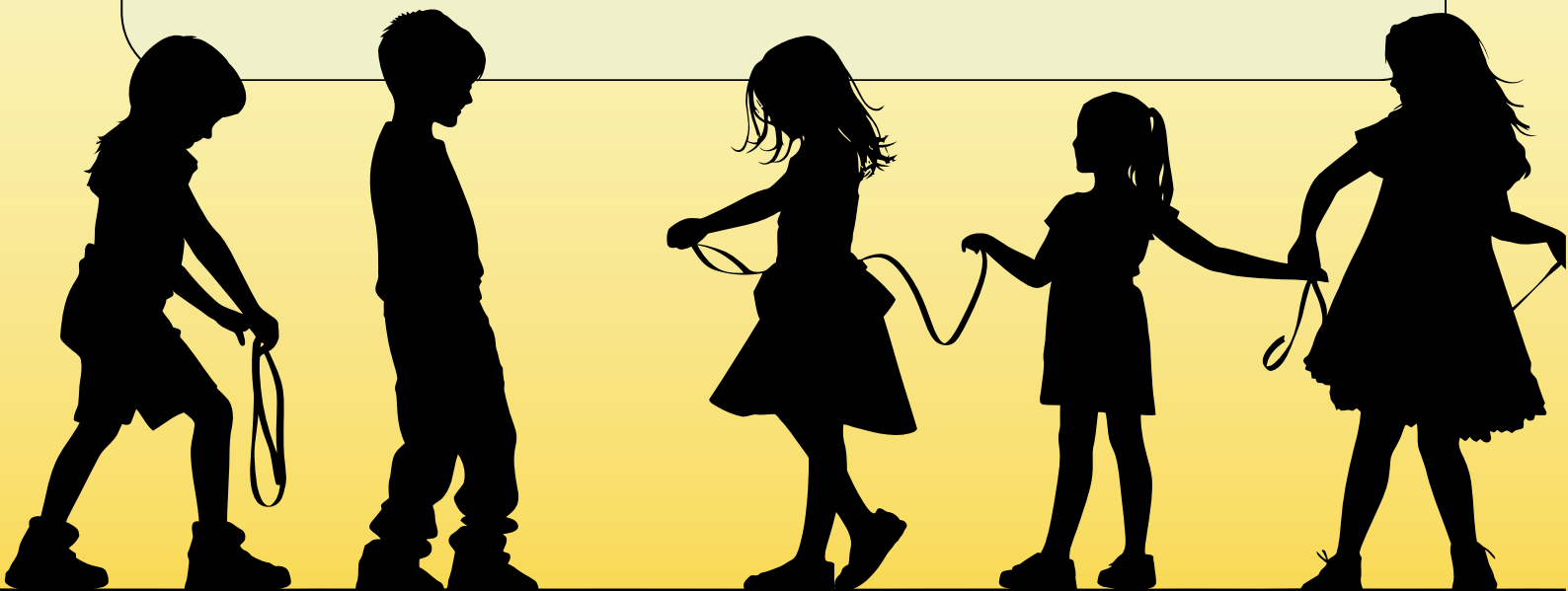
"Unity is strength... when there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things can be achieved."
– Mattie Stepanek



Our Team

Join us in our plans ahead to:

- Expand our services to 25 more villages in the mica mining area, enrolling 5,000+ children to school.
- Help 3,500+ girls in Giridih complete at least 1 years of schooling.
- Provide livelihood support to 500 more families.
- Support colonies of leprosy affected people in Dhanbad, Bokaro, Ramgarh and Jamtara.
- Extend our work to the entire district of Giridih to prevent child labour and child marriage, which has increased after pandemic



Our Partners



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"A small act of kindness can create a huge impact. Your donation today could change a Child's life forever."

Will you help?

