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# Standing Together

Message from Chairperson

Year 2020-21 was probably the most challenging year for mankind because of the onset of COVID 19 pandemic. Within one year of detection of its first case, the infection reached to at least 85 million cases of infection across the world and caused at least 2 million deaths in spite drastic measures like complete lockdowns in most of the countries that brought the entire world to standstill. In the absence of proper treatment mechanism, the entire world was focusing on use of mask, hand sanitization, curtailing public gathering and people's movement to reduce the pace of spread but these proved inadequate and development of vaccines towards the end of the year, proved to be the only ray of hope.

India too was affected by the pandemic with more or less same intensity with at least 72 million people getting affected and at least 1 million dying because of it. We responded swiftly by closing schools and restricting public gathering and then imposing complete nation-wide lockdown towards the end of March 2020. For 45 days all social and economic activities except those related with emergency services were stopped and intensive efforts were made by the government to make the public health machinery capable of handling the pandemic. Even upon discontinuing the lockdown, several restrictions were continued because of which the first wave appeared to come under control towards the mid of the financial year. But towards the end of the financial year, we again witnessed the onset of second wave because of delta variant and by the end of March we could realize that it will be more severe.

While the pandemic was primarily a health issue, the restrictions imposed to curtail its spread had wide impact on all aspects of social as well as economic development. With economic activities getting closed, labourers became unemployed and others too faced severe economic losses because of which incidence of poverty increased drastically and food security too became a big challenge. Scenes of migrant workers walking down on roads during hot summers to reach to their native places because of becoming jobless and not getting food to eat for days together amidst lockdown are very hard to forget. Closure of schools and colleges for almost whole year affected education severely. While efforts were made to continue it through different means like online education or education through television or radio, their reach was extremely limited. In such situation, incidence of child labour and child marriages increased.

In the above-mentioned unprecedented situation, Prayatn team stood together with the community as well as the government. With the government, we stood together in the process of generating community awareness about the pandemic and ensuring abidance by the same to the guidelines issued by it from time to time. With the community, on the other hand, we stood together with immediate as well as long term relief processes. The Annual Report of the organization for the year 2020-21, details out how this was done and we hope that the readers will find it useful in understanding the situation as well as our response.

Hakim Manjhi

Chairperson

# Finding New Ways

Message from Secretary

In March 2020, a training of Prayatn's staff working in different locations, had been organized at our training center in Dhaulpur, Rajasthan, when we realized that situation of COVID 19 pandemic is becoming worse. We decided to wind up the 5 days long training within 3 days and asked the team members to go back to their locations. The decision proved appropriate because a few days later, complete nation-wide lockdown was imposed. The staff members were asked to work from home and complete works like reporting and documentation and maintain mobile based contact with the community members. Only Childline unit staff could move because government had ordered continuity of the emergency helpline.

For almost a fortnight, we were almost at rest but then we started knowing that people are facing difficulties because of the lockdown and subsequent curfews. They were struggling with supply of essential items like ration, daily use items etc. We, therefore, started exploring what we could do. Technology provided us a solution and we initiated online meetings with staff. The field staff were asked to collect as much mobile numbers of community members as possible and contact them to understand the gravity of the problems being faced by the community. Upon realizing that the problems are widespread, we contacted our donors and all of them agreed to support distribution of dry ration kit, hygiene kit and masks. Local staff contacted local administration and sought lockdown passes for providing the humanitarian support to the community members. The staff were oriented to follow COVID prevention norms including use of masks, social distancing, hand sanitization, etc. and educate community members as well in this process so that they themselves do not become transmitters of the pandemic. Dignity of the receiver was also kept in this process.

While immediate support could be provided through the above process, loss of livelihood emerged as the long-term problem for the labour class. Government allowed continuity of agricultural activities but most of the factories, construction sites, etc. were closed because of which migrant workers had become unemployed and started returning to their villages amidst uncertainty. In the village too, livelihood became difficult after sometime because most these labourers were landless. Again, the team discussed online and felt that they can be helped in getting job under MGNREGA as the scheme is still on. Community-based institutions including Village Development Committees and Self-Help groups were also encouraged to extend mutual support in the process. This was the real testing time for these institutions and, as you will see in subsequent report, these institutions played vital role in supporting the community during the unprecedented situation. When unlockdown and community contact became possible, extension of alternative livelihood support, as far as possible, was started.

Situation of children, especially loss of their education because of closure of schools, was not getting due attention from the community as well as administration as survival is considered more important than development. Absence of access to online education and poverty were making them vulnerable to child labour. So, as soon as unlockdown started, our Shiksha Mitras started teaching children in small groups of permitted size with whatever resources they had at their disposal. They, in this process, demonstrated that online education cannot replace offline education, it can prove to be a useful aid, that can make offline education more effective.

Idea of virtual monitoring visit also reflects how complex problems can be resolved and turned into opportunities if we think innovatively. Because of movement restrictions, representatives of national as well as international donors were unable to pay monitoring visits to the projects supported by them. Prayatn, in this situation, demonstrated the idea of facilitating virtual field visits in which social

media platforms usually used for conducting online meetings were used to connect the donor representatives with the community members while sitting at their respective locations. The idea received so much appreciation from the donor agencies and one of them (Karl Kubel Stiftung, Germany) asked us to train all their partners as well as other organizations in this process.

Success of the above efforts depended heavily upon the commitment displayed by our staff, the confidence in us bestowed by our funding partners as well as the trust rendered by the community. While presenting this report, we take the opportunity of thanking all of them and hope that together, the entire world will be able to overcome the pandemic and the life will get back from 'new normal' to normal' at the earliest.

Malay Kumar

Secretary

# Snapshot for 2020-21

## Our Vision and Mission

Prayatn visualises a just society wherein everyone has equal opportunity to grow, and is aware of and capable to critically analyze their own situation, and in this process realizing their potentials, equality & equity, freedom, dignity and human rights. PRAYATN's thrust is to build up community spirit in people who take charge of problems and issues affecting their lives and collectively strive towards achieving sustainable process of self-reliance and bringing about change in their lives.

In pursuit of this vision, we work to enable people facing inequality and injustice to help themselves. We aim to strengthen ties in local communities so that people can work together to bring about positive changes in their lives. We particularly encourage women to participate in this process, as they are the most marginalized, downtrodden and powerless social group in India. Prayatn gives them the opportunity to develop their decision-making skills and leadership capacity so that they can address the issues affecting their lives. Playing the role of catalysts, we help to implement sustainable development processes that will make communities self-sufficient in the long term.

## Our Objectives

- To facilitate the process of empowerment with special focus on the marginalized and disadvantaged sections of society, i.e., Women & Children
- To facilitate participation of local community in programme planning, implementation and evaluation.
- To mobilize social institutions and evolve people's organizations to address problems and issues affecting the socio-economic fabric of society.
- To foster leadership capacities at the grassroots level which will promote appropriate initiatives in the community
- To develop a system to disseminate information to create awareness and evolve a forum for policy interventions

## Our Core Strategies

- Enhancing local capacity to address developmental needs and ensure appropriate access to entitlements thereby developing community-based systems and mechanisms;
- To engage with institutions of accountability thereby developing operational partnership and collaboration to ensure access of partner communities to entitlements;
- To experiment and develop child and women centred development processes for broader replication;
- To develop experience-based knowledge management model thereby developing training programmes for sharing of knowledge with development workers, academician, government departments and development professionals.

## Our Approach

Prayatn has worked in charity, development as well as rights-based mode in past. Presently, the organization is working with **Model Development Approach** in which, we develop and demonstrate solution for resolving complex social issues by addressing all the dimensions of the problem at appropriate times. To ensure that the model is duly developed, documented and disseminated, we lay high emphasis upon defining the working planning, implementation and monitoring processes elaborately in written form, abiding by them in strict manner and reviewing them from time to time. We believe that if process of working is not right, the true change that we want to achieve will not

materialize. We are primarily a grassroots level implementation organization but play role resource organization undertake researches, documentation and publication assignments as per requirement.

## Our Thematic Areas of Intervention

- Women Empowerment
- Child Development
- Health and Nutrition
- Livelihood Development
- Strengthening Democratic Processes
- Natural Resource Management and Climate Change

## Our Legal Status

Prayatr is registered under the following legal obligations

1. Societies Registration Certificate
2. Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
3. Income Tax Act sections 12(AA) and 80G
4. Employees Provident Fund Act
5. Payment of Gratuities Act,
6. PAN and TAN
7. Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog
8. CSR portal of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India

## Our Overview for 2020-21

### Coverage

The organization covered 16 districts of 5 states (Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand) through its interventions at grassroots level benefitting total population of about **7 million people** directly or indirectly. Details of this coverage are as follows:

- |                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| • States                              | - 5       |
| • Districts                           | - 16      |
| • Blocks                              | - 42      |
| • Panchayats                          | - 1189    |
| • Villages                            | - 1321    |
| • Schools                             | - 529     |
| • Anganwadis (Full/mini)              | - 414     |
| • Health centers (CHC/PHC/Sub-center) | - 141     |
| • Households covered                  | - 84957   |
| • Population benefitted (approximate) | - 7030523 |

### Financial Overview for 2020-21

The overall financial turnover of the organization in terms of funds received during 2020-21 was about **Rs 11.81 crore** as per our audited income and expenditure statement. This included funds from various international and national development agencies, corporates as well as government departments.

### Human Resource Overview for 2020-21

The human resource strength which shouldered the progress of the organization during the year was 255 as on March 31, 2021. This included 165 full-time and 90 part-time staff.



## Projects Implemented during 2020-21

In 2020-21, we witnessed successful completion of 4 of our projects – Dusk to Dawn and Udaan projects in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan, Prabhat project in Baran district of Rajasthan and School Repair and Refurbishment Programme in Puri, Khordha and Kendrapada districts of Odisha. At the same time, we witnessed beginning of 3 new projects – Moving Ahead and Child Help Desk in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan and Sambal project in Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh. Brief of all projects implemented during the year is as follows:

S. No.	Name of Project	Location	Coverage	Funding Partner
1	Dusk to Dawn	Dhaulpur in Rajasthan	60 villages	KKS, BMZ and Bread for the World, Germany
2	Moving Ahead	Bharatpur, Dhaulpur, Karauli & Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan	45 villages and 4 districts	KKS and BMZ, Germany
3	Udaan	Dhaulpur, Rajasthan	All 171 Gram Panchayats in the district	Pathfinder International and IPE Global
4	District Childline	Dhaulpur, Rajasthan	Entire District	Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and Childline India Foundation
5	Improving literacy & numeracy skills of school children in primary and upper primary classes	Sapotara, Karauli, Rajasthan	All 175 government schools in the block	Plan India and NSE Foundation
6	Improving literacy & numeracy skills of school children in primary and upper primary classes	Mandrail, Karauli, Rajasthan	All 140 government schools in the block	Plan India and NSE Foundation
7	Making the block as Open Defecation-free Sustainable through School, AWC, Community-centered Wash Intervention	Sapotara, Karauli, Rajasthan	All 167 villages in the block	Plan India and NSE Foundation
8	Making the block as Open Defecation-free Sustainable through School, AWC, Community Centered Wash Intervention	Mandrail, Karauli, Rajasthan	All 123 villages in the block	Plan India and NSE Foundation
9	Prabhat project – Inclusive Quality Education for Sahariya Children	Shahabad, Baran, Rajasthan	30 villages	ORACLE and Charities Aid Foundation
10	Bajaj Health and Nutrition project	Shahabad, Baran, Rajasthan	50 villages	CRY and Bajaj Finserv

11	Bajaj Education and Child Protection project	Khandela, Sikar, Rajasthan	15 villages	CRY and Bajaj Finserv
12	Holistic Rural Development Programme	Rayagada, Odisha	15 villages	HDFC Bank
13	School Repair and Refurbishment programme	Puri, Khordha & Kendrapada, Odisha	11 government schools	HDFC Bank
14	Child Help Desk	Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Railway Station, Uttar Pradesh	1 railway station campus	Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and Childline India Foundation and Ministry for Railways
15	Child Help Desk	Dhaulpur Railway Station	1 railway station campus	Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and Childline India Foundation and Ministry for Railways
16	Sambal Project	Cholapur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	50 villages	Kindernothilfe, Germany

# Positive Against COVID

- Response of CBOs against the pandemic

At Prayatn, we develop community-based organizations of children, adolescent girls, women and adults in general across all the villages and slums wherever we work and strengthen them as a part of our core strategy to bring sustainable change in the life of people. In previous few years, we took them to further level and developed and strengthened their federations as well. Year 2020-21 was testing time for these CBOs not only because their meetings in proper manner had become difficult but also because every end of the community was in trouble.

## Responses of different CBOs during the pandemic

### Collectives of Adults:

Collectives of adults called Village Development Committees (also called Village Child Protection Committees in many other locations) have been developed as apex level community-based institutions at village level. Their objective is to address all developmental issues of the community. So, when COVID pandemic hit the community, they as well as their federations, played very vital role as summarized below:

1. When movement and meetings were restricted, they maintained contact with the community members through mobile phones, neighbourhood talk while following COVID guidelines and shared their plight with the organization.
2. Through similar processes, they helped in spreading awareness about COVID appropriate behaviour and guidelines being issued by the government from time to time as shared by organizational staff.
3. Identifying families who are in acute need of food and hygiene kit and cooperating with the organization in reaching out to them with the same
4. Identifying migrant labourers who returned from the other places because of loss of livelihood and ensuring that they are quarantined
5. Ensuring livelihood security of families of migrant workers as well as other poor people by helping them in applying for work under MGREGA scheme of the government which was on as well as involving them in local agriculture and other permitted works
6. Encouraging local youth to educate children in small groups when schools were closed following COVID guidelines so that loss in their education is minimized.

### Self Help Groups

One of the most important objectives of forming Self-help Groups is to enhance financial resilience of the individual and the community by promoting habit of saving among them. During lockdown and later too, the livelihood of many of the families had been lost because of which their income had reduced drastically. The Self-Help Groups helped such community members through steps like:

1. Distributing saving of the group within its members for survival support partially or entirely
2. Deferring/waiving off repayment schedule of members who have taken loan from the group without any penalty
3. Identifying beneficiaries for livelihood development support from organizational end

## Adolescent Girls Group

Role played by Adolescent Girls Group can be summarized as under:

1. Generating awareness about COVID pandemic among members of the groups and encouraging members to follow COVID appropriate behaviour
2. Raising age-group appropriate issues like non-availability of sanitary pads which were then resolved by the administration.
3. Maintaining vigilance over incidence of child marriage and encouraging the members to continue their studies

## Children's Collective

Role played by members of Children's Collective during COVID included:

1. Spreading awareness about COVID pandemic, especially, COVID appropriate behaviour like regular use of mask, handwashing, social distancing etc.
2. Motivating children for continuing education even when schools were closed
3. Maintaining vigilance over incidence of child labour and other child protection issues.
4. Spreading awareness about Childline for support in case of any emergency

## Highlights of Progress of Community based Institutions in 2020-21

- In 520 villages, community-based institutions have been formed and strengthened during the year at community level. Nearly 20,000 children, women, adolescents and men are members of these institutions.
- In addition to the above, children's collectives have been formed in 207 schools in which about 2277 children are members.
- Multiple community-based systems and mechanisms have been developed on different socio-economic issues and are being followed properly. These issues range from ensuring education and child protection of children to addressing maternal and child health issues and farm and non-farm-based livelihood development.
- 15 model Child Friendly Villages (described later), with well-defined and followed indicators and corresponding systems and mechanisms, have been developed in this process in Dhaulpur. 45 more are moving towards the same. In all 60 of them, no case of child marriage and child labour was witnessed in spite of the COVID pandemic and closure of schools.
- 15 villages in Rayagada have emerged as models of holistic development because of sincere abidance to the indigenously development systems and mechanisms by the Community based institutions.
- 15 villages in Baran have emerged as models for community-based management of malnutrition while 35 more are moving on the same track through development and abidance to indigenously developed systems and mechanisms.
- In 75 villages, village corpus has been formed to support welfare as well as advocacy initiatives by the community-based institutions.
- The community-based institutions identified 2726 issues related with village through processes like Child Led Indicator Development and Village Development Plan preparation and initiated planned action on the same. Nearly 42.5% of these issues have been resolved by the institutions while action on the remaining is in progress in spite of COVID related issues.

# Her Response, Her Family's Response

Women Empowerment helped families respond to pandemic with greater resilience

Women Empowerment has been one of the core thematic areas of working of Prayatn since its inception. We have addressed all aspects of women empowerment in this process including social empowerment, legal empowerment, political empowerment as well as economic empowerment. Over last few years, we have started using economic empowerment process as base for empowerment on other aspects and in the scenario, that was hit by COVID 19, this became more important as women acted as backbone on which the families could stand firm.

## Interventions on Women Empowerment in 2020-21

### Development and Strengthening of Women's Self-help Groups

Self Help Groups have proved to be very successful means for empowering women economically as well as socially. Governments at central as well as state level have, therefore, encouraged formation of SHGs by Anganwadi staff in every village. However, many of these SHGs are for namesake only. In the absence of proper guidance, many of them are not functioning properly or have become defunct. Prayatn team, during the year, tried to make such existing SHGs functional through regular guidance and handholding support. At the same time, it also developed new SHGs on its own and strengthened them as well. The process, as described in previous chapter, enabled SHGs to play very important role in supporting women in particular and community as a whole during the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Strengthening Women's Cooperative Society

In Dhaulpur, Rajasthan, to take the process of women empowerment further and make it self-sustaining, Prayatn encouraged women to develop a cooperative society in which all the members are women and they only govern its functioning. The cooperative society registered in the name of 'Kaila Devi Apna Ghar Mahila Sahakari Samiti' is involved in the process of saving, lending, repayment and then re-lending to other members. The existing members themselves decide about involving more members and beneficiaries of loan support and terms and conditions of repayment.

### The UDAAN Project

'UDAAN' was initiated by Prayatn in all 171 panchayats of Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan in partnership with Pathfinder International and IPE Global in 2019-20 and continued till July 2021. The initiative was aimed at promoting family planning to control fertility rate and empowering rural women in this process. The project required development of 75 local rural women as counsellors cum-social entrepreneurs called Udaan Sakhis whose role was to counsel newly married couples on different aspects of family planning and earn additional income in this process by selling related products like condoms, contraceptive pills, sanitary pads etc. of different suppliers and earning commission on them.

### Linkage of Women and Girls with Government Schemes

Central and State governments have initiated various schemes for supporting women and girls. These include Widow pension, Rajshree Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vandana Yojana, Janani Suraksha Yojana etc. but many women remain deprived of the same because of lack of awareness. Prayatn staff, across all its intervention areas ensured that eligible women are able to benefit under such schemes through awareness building and helping them in the process of application.

## Self-Confidence Group

Kausalya Devi is a poor woman who lives in Tala village which is located in Cholakpur block about 23 kilometers far from district headquarters Varanasi. She has three children – Brijesh (aged 16 years), Vishesh (aged 12 years) and Ruby (aged 8 years).

Kausalya's husband, Rakesh, (age- 40 years) suffers from Asthma because of which he is unable to support the family economically. With no assets like land for cultivation, and support under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act being uncertain, the family had to discontinue education of Brijesh after class VIII and engage him in labour work. Vishesh too was vulnerable towards child labour although he is studying in Class VII.

When Prayatin started working in the village under Samabal project with the support of Kindernothilfe (KNH), Germany, and tried to find out families with high vulnerability towards child labour, Kausalya's family was pointed out by local community.

The project staff reviewed the situation of the family thoroughly and decided to select Vishesh for sponsorship support. At the same time, when formation of Self Help Group was initiated in the village, Kausalya was called along with other women of the village and all of them were explained about the importance of the process. Kausalya was interested in joining the group but told that because of her situation, she is not in position to save anything. Upon exploring what livelihood option is possible for her, opening a petty shop within the village appeared to be most suitable for her. Upon knowing the details of the process like interest and repayment schedule, poor woman requested for an internal loan of Rs 2500 for purchasing initial material to sell. As soon as the collection of the group reached to the level, the group completed all the formalities, approved the loan and issued the amount to the woman. A pre-condition was imposed that Kausalya will not sell any tobacco products on her shop and will not engage Vishesh or Ruby into child labor.

Kausalya and her husband understood the conditions well and purchased daily use items like soaps, biscuits etc. only for her shop and started selling them. They started earning Rs 100 to 150 per day. As a result, while meeting their day-to-day expenses, they were able to save money for repaying the loan with due interest. Within 9 months, they could repay the entire amount and were able to overcome the miseries of lockdown as well.

Today, Kausalya and her husband are planning to double their income from the shop by increasing circulation of material by investing the money that they have saved in this process. They are happy as their tough days are over. Kausalya takes part in SHG meetings and saving money on the regular basis. She also motivates other women to take part in the process. Children, on the other hand, are happy because their education will not be discontinued. Support from the Self-Help Group has changed the life of the entire family and has enhanced its confidence. It has also increased confidence of other families on the process. In other words, the Self-Help Group has turned into Self Confidence Group.



## Achievements:

- 185 SHGs with total membership of 2135 were formed and continued to function in spite of the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Total 5845 meetings of SHGs were held during the year in spite of COVID pandemic in which total 61481 members took part.
- Cumulative saving of these SHGs at the end of the year rose to Rs 10,61,255 in spite of significant withdrawal by women member during the pandemic situation.
- Internal loaning that took place during the period was of about Rs 10,19,150
- 329 women got benefitted through livelihood development loan support ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 40,000 for income generation activities like goatery, poultry, fishery and petty shop development.
- Income of the beneficiaries has increased by average 25% because of the income generation support.
- 1009 women have been provided orientation about SHG management during the process.
- Sahariya tribe in Shahabad drafted a collective verdict on those who consume liquor and quarrel with the women of Majhari Colony. Initially, a fine of Rs 501/- will be imposed, and next Rs 1000/- and finally the case will be filed in the police station.

# Schools closed but Heart's Open

Ensuring child development and protection when COVID closed schools for children

Prayatn has been striving for development of models of child friendly villages in which all rights of children as defined under UNCRC are ensured. In this process, we try to strengthen community, schools as well as entire public child protection machinery. In the year in which children remained deprived of education because of closure of schools and economic condition of families became vulnerable because of losses in livelihood owing to COVID pandemic, this quest became very difficult. However, need based modifications and innovations in our working strategy helped in reducing the negative effect of the situation on children as described below.

## Brief of our Interventions related with Children in 2020-21

### Interventions focused upon Child Protection

#### Dusk to Dawn Project

The concept of Child Friendly Village, which has been mentioned above, has primarily been developed under the Dusk to Dawn project which was aimed at addressing the issue of child protection in general and child labour in particular in areas of Dhaulpur district where children were more vulnerable to the misery. The development and abidance to community-based systems and mechanisms for ensuring child development and child protection by community-based institutions in 60 villages, and activation of the entire child protection machinery from village and Panchayat level to District level were the most important highlights of the project. So, even when COVID pandemic paralyzed the world, these institutions tried to ensure that children do not fall prey to issues like child labour, child marriage and child abuse. As such, 15 model child friendly villages were developed in this process.

#### Moving Ahead project:

Dusk to Dawn project was a comprehensive project in which multiple components related with child protection including linkage of child labourers with quality education, alternative livelihood development for families that are dependent on child labour, community based institutional development and strengthening of public child protection machinery were addressed simultaneously. Seeing the success of the project, Prayatn and its funding partner Karl Kubel Stiftung, Germany, decided to take the initiative to its 3<sup>rd</sup> phase in which the scaling up of the same to divisional level was planned. This new expanded phase has been named as Moving Ahead project and has been initiated from September 2020 onwards. In this phase, at one end, the remaining 45 villages too will be turned in to model child friendly villages, on the other hand, child protection machinery across all the four districts of Bharatpur division – Dhaulpur, Bharatpur, Karauli and Sawai Madhopur, are being activated.

#### Sambal Project:

Sambal project too has been designed on the model of Dusk to Dawn project and is being implemented in 50 villages for Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh since January 2019 with the objective of ensuring child protection in these villages where prevalence of child marriage is high. It is a child sponsorship-based project but covers all aspects including education, livelihood development, community based institutional development and activation of Child Protection Machinery.

#### District Childline and Child Help Desks at Railway stations

Prayatn has been running Child Help Desk at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay (PDDU) Railway Station in Uttar Pradesh round the clock since 2016 and District Childline in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan since



2018. Both of these services are linked with toll free Childline number 1098 and are meant to provide emergency support to children found in need of care and protection under financial support of Ministry of Women and Child Development under its Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) through Childline India Foundation. In 2020-21, this partnership moved further with the initiation of Child Help Desk at Dhaulpur Railway station as well and recommendation of Prayatn by District Administration, Railway authorities and Child Welfare Committee for the same.

#### Bajaj Education and Child Protection Project

Education and Child Protection project has been initiated by Prayatn in 15 villages of Khandela block of Sikar district where too, child protection issues, particularly child labour and child marriage, are highly prevalent. Child and adolescent labour is generally found in brick kilns spread across the area and the project focuses children of brick kiln workers so that they do not fall prey to child labour. As part of the intervention, community-based institutions called Village level Child Protection Committees along with children's collectives called Bal Manches have been formed and are being strengthened at village level. At administrative level, on the other hand, efforts to sensitized and strengthen School Management Committees as well as Panchayat and Block level Child Protection Committees are also being made under the project.

#### Interventions focused on Education

##### Improving literacy & numeracy skills of school children in primary and upper primary classes:

To improve status of education in Karauli district, two projects were initiated with the above name in the Sapotara and Mandrail blocks of Karauli district. Both the projects were implemented in saturation mode covering 175 schools in Sapotara and 140 schools in Mandrail and were funded by Plan India and NSE Foundation. The projects, as the title suggests, were aimed at improving educational status of children studying in government schools through remedial education support, capacity building of school teachers, strengthening of School Management Committees and development and strengthening of children groups in schools. In 2020-21, when schools were closed, remedial education in small groups at community level following COVID prevention norms was important highlight of the project.

#### Prabhat Project

Prabhat Project is being implemented by Prayatn in Shahabad block of Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan since April 2017. The project is aimed at ensuring access of children of Sahariya tribe to good quality school education. In this process, it tries to build community awareness, capacity of School Management Committees as well as Government teachers. Here too, when schools were closed because of pandemic, tutoring support at community level was provided so as to ensure continuity of education of children.

#### Education component of Dusk to Dawn, Moving Ahead and Sambal project:

As mentioned earlier, linking out of school children with good quality education is one of the important components of all these projects. The child labourers identified in the villages have been encouraged to start their education again by educating them initially in a bridge school and then mainstreaming them. In the school too, several processes and activities were undertaken like regular visit by pedagogical experts to demonstrate child friendly teaching learning processes, strengthening preparation and follow-up of school development plans, bridge building between community and teachers through Teacher Community Interfaces, Teachers' Felicitation programme etc.

### Bajaj Education and Child Protection Project

The project, as mentioned earlier, is focused on eradicating child labour and quality education of children, which is very important so that they do not fail and drop out from education. To ensure that children acquire age and class appropriate academic competencies that were found lagging and resulted in disinterest of the child and the family towards continuing his/her education, remedial education support was provided at community level. Establishing a digital learning center at community level to make computer education accessible to children, was also a very important component of this process.

### Holistic Rural Development Programme (HRDP)

The Programme, as the aim suggests aims at rural development in holistic manner which includes different themes together. Education of children has been an important theme under which various initiatives have been undertaken. These include infrastructural development in several government schools, developing digital classrooms in them, developing libraries in them, etc. to make school environment child friendly and safe. It also included community awareness building and extending remedial education support at village level to academically lagging children and irregular children to prevent their drop-out. Capacity and motivation building of teachers and strengthening of School Management Committees was also an important component of the initiative which was begun in 15 villages of Rayagada district of Odisha in April 2018.

### School Repair and Refurbishment Programme (SRRP)

This project was undertaken in the back drop of devastation caused by FANI cyclone. A total of 11 government schools in Puri, Kendrapada and Khorda districts, which were ruined because of the cyclone were repaired and modernized under this initiative with the financial support of HDFC Bank. Besides completing civil work like repair and reconstruction of classrooms, WASH facilities, drinking water facilities, playgrounds, kitchens, libraries, science laboratories etc., digital infrastructure in the form of smart classes, computer labs etc. have also been developed.

### Pooja's Prayer

11-year-old tribal community girl Pooja Sahariya, is a resident of Majhari village of Kasab Nonera Gram Panchayat which is a part of Shahabad block in Baran district of Rajasthan. Her family is extremely poor and both her parents are required to work as daily wage workers. Both of them are illiterate and do not consider education of children particularly that of girls, important. Pooja has three younger siblings and in this situation, she is required to stay at home (their little hut) to take care of them. So, while she has been promoted to Class IV, she was not able to go to school regularly though she is interested. Closure of school because of COVID has made the situation worse because education through means like smartphone (online education), radio or television is not accessible to her.



*Pooja doing domestic work and taking care of younger siblings*

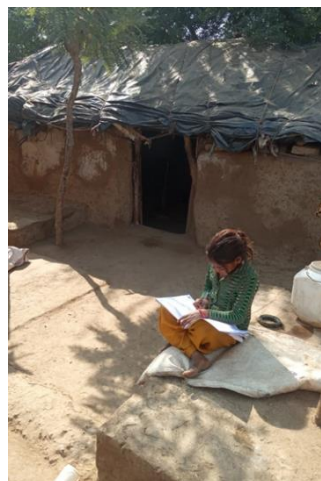
Prayatn has been working with Sahariya tribe for encouraging the education of its children since 2018 because the situation of all children in the community is same. As part of the process, several collectives of children as well as their parents were developed at village level to provide age-group appropriate platform to the community members and were strengthened through processes like regular meetings of the groups, trainings of their members, awareness campaigns etc. On the other hand, quality of school environment was being improved through capacity building of teachers, strengthening of SMCs and strengthening facilities like school libraries etc. To take this process further, Prayatn decided to appoint Bal Mitra Shikshak to demonstrate child friendly teaching learning practices to teachers to inspire them. But when schools remained closed and education of children started suffering, the organization decided to deploy these tutors to impart remedial education at community level following COVID prevention norms like teaching in groups of permitted size, maintaining social distance, etc. The Bal Mitra Shikshaks mixed online and offline education by showing online education content on his/her smartphone.

In Majhari, Mr. Sachin Pal was appointed as Bal Mitra Shikshak. During his interaction with Bal Manch members (Children's collective) and Village Child Protection Committee members, he came to know about the situation of Pooja. He, together with few VCPC members, went to Pooja's house and interacted with her parents. Because of their counselling, Pooja's parents allowed her to attend the remedial classes which were being organized at community level.



*Remedial Classes by Bal Mitra Shikshak at Majhari*

When Pooja started coming to the class, the activity based learning process, for which Bal Mitra Shikshaks had been imparted special training, attracted her and she started enjoying the process. In just three months' time, she has learned to read Hindi very fluently and trying hard for English. She has learnt mathematical calculations as well. She took part in extra-curricular activities like drawing, painting, singing, dancing etc. too with great



*Pooja studying with support of her parents*

enthusiasm. She became active member of Bal Manch as well and learnt about her rights and responsibilities. As such, she inspired other children too to come to the remedial classes and continue studying even when schools are closed. She feels that her prayer from the god has come true.

## Major Achievements

### Education

1. Education of 8303 rural children continued offline through community level tutoring in small groups in spite of closure of schools because of COVID. In spite of closure of the schools these children have witnessed 12 to 17% improvement in their academic skills and their regularity was about 70%.
2. Another 3480 children supported with linkage with government run online education programme during lockdown.
3. More than 1061 issues related with their rights have been identified by children themselves through the innovative process of Child Led Indicator Development and they are taking age-group appropriate action on the same.
4. 2841 members of School Management Committees have been oriented about their roles and responsibilities in the context of education and child protection.
5. In 225 schools, School Development Plans have been developed by the SMCs and the same are being pursued.
6. 91 government schools, including 11 schools damaged by FANI cyclone in Odisha, have been reconstructed, repaired and refurbished with child friendly and digital infrastructure benefitting about 20,000 children.
7. 30 children and adolescent completed duly certified computer course

### Child Protection:

1. 15177 children have learnt about their rights and developed capacity because of which they can lead other children as members of children's collective through their regular meetings and orientations across 480 villages and 207 schools.
2. They are leading the process of fulfilment of rights of about 1.5 lakh children in their village through age-group appropriate actions.
3. 935 children in need of care and protection were rescued and repatriated through childline services.
4. 38 children engaged in brick kiln and other occupations freed from child labour and linked with education.
5. 21 girls freed from the clutches of child trafficking.
6. Child Protection Committees of adults continued to function across 430 villages in spite of COVID and undertook various initiatives to ensure that no child in their village falls prey to child labour and child marriage.
7. Block and District level federations of collectives of children and Child Protection Committees formed and strengthened in 2 districts – Dhaulpur and Baran.
8. Child Protection machinery in Dhaulpur, because of Prayatn's pursuance, remained vigilant on protection of children even during lockdown and other COVID related restrictions.

# Not Just COVID

Attending other Health and Nutrition issues while combating COVID

COVID 19 pandemic was the most severe health disaster as far as last hundred years is concerned. In the absence of any treatment and delay in development of vaccination, minimizing its spread by generating community awareness on COVID appropriate behavior and strengthening of public health machinery. Since its process needed sometime and the pandemic was spreading faster than fire, different governments including India imposed severe restrictions like lockdowns. Such restrictions, helped in reducing the speed of spread to an extent, they created other severe problems like that of food security and nutrition. Also, other health issues got sidelined because entire public health machinery was falling short for addressing the pandemic alone. We tried to strike balance in this situation through following interventions during the year.

## Prayatn's Interventions of Health and Nutrition during 2020-21

### COVID related Awareness building and Relief Work

When government-imposed lockdown, people started facing food security crisis. Even the supplies of essential items like soaps, sanitary pads, etc. got affected. We, therefore, sought special permission from the local authorities and started distribution of dry ration kits including food grains, pulses, spices, cooking oil, biscuits etc. to the community members across all our projects. Hygiene and sanitization related material like soaps, handwashes, hand sanitizers, etc. were also distributed to community members and frontline workers who were at the forefront of the struggle but were not getting due attention because with limited resources, government was focusing on protection of doctors and establishing quarantine and care facilities like COVID Care centers first. Realizing that supply of sanitary pads too was getting affected and women and adolescent girls were facing problems because of the same, we include sanitary pads too in this process.

### Bajaj Health and Nutrition Project

Bajaj health and Nutrition project was focusing upon maternal and child health and nutrition for Sahariya tribe through community awareness building as well as strengthening of public health institutions like Anganwadis, Primary Health Center and Sub-centers, Community Health Centers and Malnutrition Treatment Centers. It was being implemented in 50 villages of Shahabad block of Baran district where incidence malnutrition and health and nutrition related issues is very high. The project took community-based malnutrition management together with institution-based malnutrition management so that the issue is addressed in more sustainable manner.

### Health and Nutrition as part of Holistic Rural Development

The project also had maternal and child health, and water and sanitation as its important components. For ensuring health, the project supported activities like conduction of health camps, Kitchen Garden development, campaign for community awareness on VHND, life skill training of adolescent girls etc. on the demand side. At the same time, it supported training of Anganwadi staff and repairing and refurbishment of Anganwadi centers to strengthen supply side.

### Udaan Project

UDAAN project was initiated in 2018-19 with the objective of promoting family planning and curtailing high fertility prevailing in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan. Family Planning is a very important means of ensuring maternal and child health, and, as detailed out earlier in the thematic chapter on women empowerment, it is proving to be an important means of socio-economic change as well. The initiative

also involved intensive engagement with the Health Department, thorough processes like joint monitoring visits to the facilities like Ujala clinics and health centers to ensure availability of good quality family planning services.

## Healthy Hopes Gain Weight

After relaxation of lockdown when movement of people was allowed by the government in limited manner, Prayath's Community Organizers started going to fields and interact with community. During one of such interactions in Sahariya basti of Mundiyyar village in Shahabad block of Baran district of Rajasthan on July 12, 2021, Child Protection Committee (CPC) member Pappu Lal told that Nikhil, one-year-old son of Pramod Sahariya, appears severely malnourished and quick action is required to save the child. He escorted Community Organizer Shreechand to the house of Pappu where upon weighing, the weight of the child was found to be only 6.8 kg. CPC members had been oriented about malnutrition among infants, its symptoms, cause, effects and how the same can be treated. So, Pappu, along with Shreechand explained the same to Pramod and tried to motivate him for sending the child to MTC center immediately. Pramod was hesitant because of lack of awareness as well as COVID 19 pandemic. But upon knowing that delay may be fatal and that government pays Rs 165 per day to compensate wage loss of the escort of the child till the child is discharged. Finally, the father agreed to take the child to the MTC in the subsequent week.

On July 12, the community organizer called ambulance to the village and the child was taken to MTC center located in Shahabad. At the center, status of malnutrition of the child was reviewed using MUAC tape and circumference of only 11.3 cm reflected that the child's condition is severe. Haemoglobin of the child was also checked and upon finding it low, the doctor at MTC referred the child to District Hospital in Baran which is about 70 km from Shahabad saying that the child requires blood for recovery and center does not have Blood Bank. The family was not willing to go to Shahabad saying that they do not have any money and pandemic has made the situation worse. However, after intensive counselling, they agreed to take the child.

In Baran MTC, the child was admitted and treated and a unit of blood was given to him. After 10 days, when the condition of the child improved and his weight became 7.4 kg, he was discharged. While discharging, the father was paid wage compensation of Rs 1650 as well. The community organizer guided the parents about proper way of nutrition so that the child does not fall into same trap again.

Upon following the guidance, the weight of the child further increased to 11.10 kg and now he was in normal grade. The parents are now very happy because they had lost hope that their child will be able to lead a healthy life. With the weight gain, their hopes have also soared.



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Child and family at MTC, Shahabad

## Achievements

### COVID Relief and Food Security

- 1460 families provided with dry ration kit of 15 days.
- 1070 families received food grain support from the government under National Food Security Scheme because of the efforts of Child Protection Committees.
- 1487 children received dry ration in place of midday meal when schools were closed because of the efforts of community-based institutions.
- 2979 adolescent girls were provided 17874 sanitary pads.
- 400 children in class 10 and 12 provided stationery kit to prepare for board exams.
- 53156 pieces of soaps distributed to community members.
- 1846 liquid handwashes and 289 hand sanitizers distributed to frontline public health workers like Anganwadi workers, ASHAs, ANMs, PRI members.
- 18,327 masks distributed to community members as well as health workers.
- 36 migrant labourers who had returned from other locations were quarantined because of vigilance by local community-based institutions in Baran.
- Dry ration distribution that was stopped for 4 months in 2 villages was restarted because of the efforts of community-based institutions.
- 30 children were benefitted when distribution of dry ration in place of hot cooked food was restored in a village in Shahabad because of pursuance by local community-based institutions. The distribution was ordered by the government because of closure of these Mawadi centres because of COVID but was discontinued by local Mawadi Tutors because of corrupt intentions.
- They also monitored distribution of nutritious food to 502 children.

### Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition

In the scenario when people were hesitating in availing health services because of fear getting infected because of COVID pandemic, following achievement level with Sahariya tribe reveal success of our work:

- Check-up and immunization of 832 pregnant women and 661 children has been ensured.
- 215 pregnant, 154 lactating women and 1593 children have received supplementary nutrition in the form of dry ration during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- 258 women were ensured benefit under Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana.
- 98.26% of pregnancies were registered with Anganwadis.
- 87% children and 72.16% pregnant women availed routine immunization.
- 82.43% pregnant women and 74.85% lactating mothers availed ANC and PNC services in timely manner.
- 86.74% deliveries were institutional and use of ambulance was as high as 84.53%.
- All of the 128 severely malnourished (SAM) children witnessed positive grade movement. While 92 (71.9%) children became moderately malnourished (MAM), 22 (28.1%) children became normal.
- 38% moderately malnourished children too became normal.
- 1135 households developed Kitchen gardens for ensuring domestic availability of fruits and vegetables that add nutritional values to food at negligible cost.
- 240 adolescent girls and boys imparted life skill training while 801 more girls benefitted through regular meeting of Adolescent Girls' Group.

### Anganwadi Strengthening

- 22 Anganwadis developed as models through infrastructural repairing and refurbishment as well as qualitative improvement in their services.
- 60 VHSNC members and 30 Anganwadi workers, ASHAs and ANMs trained about their roles and responsibilities.

### Seasonal Health related issues

- 225 households received mosquito nets from Gram Panchayat as part of malaria eradication programme of the government because of the efforts of Community based institutions.



# Water, Sanitation and COVID

Issues of Water and Sanitation were integral part of Prayatn's intervention on health and nutrition. However, over last few years, looking at the attention that the issue requires, we have started taking it as a separate thematic area on its own. Our interventions in this regard include those related with related infrastructure development as well bringing behavioral change in the community.

## Prayatn's Interventions on Water and Sanitation in 2020-21

### Making Sapotara and Mandrail blocks of Karauli district Open Defecation free

In Year 2020-21, Prayatn initiated two larger scale projects on Water and Sanitation one which covered Sapotara block while the other covered Mandrail block of Karauli district. Objectives of both the projects were to make the blocks Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainable. It is important to note the aspiring district had been declared ODF but sustainability of this status was a challenge. To aid this, the projects have been initiated in saturation mode under which all the 300 villages (167 in Sapotara and 123 in Mandrail) and 315 schools (175 in Sapotara and 140 in Mandrail) were covered. In schools, focus was upon developing WASH infrastructure through repair and retrofitting of toilets and handwashing facilities and making children and SMC members aware of importance of hygienic practices like using toilets and maintaining hygiene in them and developing School WASH committees of children for the purpose. At community level, focus was upon bringing behavior change in the community on similar aspects to mass awareness campaigns, household contact and strengthening of Village Water Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VWHSNCs). With outbreak of COVID pandemic, practices like proper way handwashing along with abidance to other norms were given more emphasis through handwashing demonstrations. Convergence with Swachh Bharat Mission and Jal Jeevan Mission of the Government of India were important components of this process.

### Holistic Rural Development Project:

Ensuring tribal people's access to safe drinking water and sanitation practices was also among the thematic areas that were deeply focused under the Holistic Rural Development Programme, which was implemented by Prayatn in 15 villages if Rayagada district of Odisha. Under this process while developing related rural infrastructure like repair of drinking water handpumps, installation of community overhead tank with RO system and Solar pumps (locally called Jal Minar), development of community bathrooms, etc. was heavily focused, development of community-based systems and mechanisms to manage the same and ensure their sustainability with the collection of user charges by committees formed by the community for the same was also focused equally. Capacity building of VWHNCs was important component of the same.

### Addressing WASH as cross-cutting issue:

Across all the interventions of Prayatn, preparation of Village development micro-plan preparation and follow-up by community-based institutions is a common practice. Almost everywhere, issues related drinking water and sanitation, emerge as high priority issues. The community-based institutions are encouraged to resolve these issues through their collective efforts using innovative processes like Government community interfaces.

## Representatives Realize Responsibility

Sikarra is a village located near sandstone mining areas of Dheemari Gram Panchayat of Badi block of Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan. In spite of being close to seasonal river Parwati, the government school in village was suffering from lack of safe drinking water facility for last several years. This was because of absence of any source of regular supply and storage tank at school level.

Since 2016, when Prayatn started working in the area and developed and strengthened community-based institutions like Child Protection Committee, Bal Manch and School Management Committees. In all their micro-planning processes including Child Led Indicator Development, School Development Plan preparation and Village Development Plan preparation, the issue emerged as topmost priority. The members of the community-based institutions, who had become aware of our democratic processes, submitted written proposals for resolving the issue on various platforms including 'Nyaay Aapke Dwaar Campaign' (on 22/05/2018), Government Community Interface (on 19/12/2018), Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat meetings, etc. but no action was taken by the administration. In 2019, delimitation of Gram Panchayats was undertaken by the state government and the village was made part of newly formed Gram Panchayat Dhannu ka Pura. Subsequently, when 1<sup>st</sup> wave of COVID came in control and Gram Panchayat Development Plan was prepared, the issue was again raised and discussed.

On February 3, 2021, a meeting of the members of CPC and SMC and Teachers was held and proposal for installing new drinking water handpump with submersible pump was prepared. The proposal was submitted to Gram Panchayat again and because of the persistent efforts, new handpump with the pump was ultimately installed.

The installation made life of children easier because now they don't need to rush to their homes for drinking water and miss classes.



## Achievements

1. Significant socio-economically vulnerable population has been benefitted with development of WASH related infrastructure development at community level in spite of pandemic.
  - a. About 2500 households gained easy access to drinking water because of development of 8 Jal Minars, with solar pumps and distribution taps and repair of 32 handpumps by the organization.

- b. Women and girls of 1000 households have been benefitted because of development of community bathrooms in 10 villages.
  - c. In 60 government schools, toilets have been repaired by the organization and handed over to SMC for management because of which more than 5000 school going children are getting benefitted.
- 2. Behavioural change in community
  - a. 10,009 households witnessed changes in WASH related habits like filtering drinking water before use, using ladle for drawing water from pot, regular handwashing, use of toilets, etc.
  - b. 2426 children have developed habit of using mask, handwashing with soap before meals and after going to toilet following 7 steps of the same and taking bath daily.
- 3. Strengthening of Community based institutions and service providers on aspects related with WASH:
  - a. School WASH committees of children formed in 202 schools and 3295 members of the same oriented about objective, importance and roles and responsibilities of the same. They are accordingly guiding other children.
  - b. 2992 SMC members oriented about their roles and responsibilities related to WASH at school level after which they are monitoring the same on regular basis.
  - c. 1922 members of VHNSC and 265 Anganwadi workers oriented about their roles and responsibilities under Swachh Bharat Mission. The trained members then reviewed the situation within their village and worked out plan to address the same.
- 4. Because of the efforts of community-based institutions following WASH related developments have been undertaken by the government:
  - a. In 41 villages drinking water related problem was resolved because of installation of new and repair of existing handpumps and drinking water tank by Gram Panchayats upon pursuance by local community-based institutions.
  - b. In 5 villages, new drainage system has been constructed while in 6 villages, the existing drainage systems and public water tanks have been cleaned.
  - c. In one village, public toilet has been constructed.
  - d. In 3 schools, drinking water hand pumps have been repaired.

# Life Support of Livelihood Support

Restrictions imposed by the central and state governments to control spread of COVID 19 resulted in severe economic losses to the major part of world population. Closure of factories, construction works, and most of other economic activities during lockdown resulted in an unprecedented reverse migration from cities to villages. But here too, the issue of livelihood haunted them because this inadequate livelihood only had pushed them to migrate to cities. The organization, in this situation, tried to provide maximum possible relief to them through livelihood development opportunities available under different projects as well as through linkage with corresponding schemes of the government. Both, farm as well as non-farm-based livelihood development opportunities were supported in this process:

## Prayatn's Interventions on Livelihood Development in 2020-21

### Holistic Rural Development Programme

Ultimate objective of the HRDP project in Rayagada Odisha is to eradicate poverty in tribal community. For this purpose, farm-based livelihood development was achieved through capacity building of farmers on modern and more productive techniques of agriculture, developing Agricultural Resource center at village level to support them in this process, developing clusters for rice and vegetable production, developing Farm Field schools, improving availability of water for irrigation with installation of lift irrigation system, organizing Buyer Seller Interface, etc. Non-farm-based livelihood development opportunities like goat rearing, pisciculture, poultry development and SHG development. The later also included skill development of youth on employable trades like tailoring, computer education, etc.

### Dusk to Dawn Project

Dusk to Dawn was aimed at eradicating child labour and ensuring Child Protection in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan. Since, the most important cause of child labour is poverty, providing alternative income source to the family that thrived on child's income was crucial. So, alternative livelihood development was provided under the project to families vulnerable to child labour. The support was provided through Self Help Groups and trades like buffalo rearing, goat rearing and petty shop keeping were supported in this process.

### Moving Ahead Project

The efforts made for livelihood development under the Dusk to Dawn project were continued in Moving Ahead project because we knew that COVID pandemic has resulted in sudden loss of livelihood increasing vulnerability of children to child labour and child trafficking manifold.

### Sambal project

In Sambal project too, same model was followed. So, SHGs of women have been developed and their capacities have been built to enhance economic resilience of the families.

### Convergence with Government Programmes and schemes.

During Lockdown, when we witnessed, reverse migration of migrant labourers to villages, we knew that providing ration kit and other immediate relief support for a few days but for long lasting solution, these workers need to be linked with some kind of livelihood. MGNREGA was the only source that was available to the landless and therefore, we, taking the local community-based institutions, together, made rigorous efforts to apply for job under the scheme. We also tried to link them with various social security schemes which were being run by the central and the state government.

# Hard labour to Smart Labour

Mr Sukru Kilaka lives in village Kampamaligaon with his mother and younger brother. For earning livelihood, he used to work in his maternal uncle's agricultural land in village Naukasili which is 2-3 kilometres from his hometown. His annual income was about Rs 35,000 to 40,000. Though this income was just sufficient to meet his family's basic needs, yet he was never at peace thinking how long would he be dependent on his uncle and continuing with financial constraints.

While visiting his family back in village Kampamaligaon in November 2018, Mr Sukru came across Mr Poorna and Ms Pooja of Prayatn Sanstha who were explaining the villagers about the organization and its work. Instantly, his love for social work instigated him to know more about the team's work. He was then asked to attend the VDC meeting going to be held for the formation of Village Development Committee. During the meeting, he expressed his desire to become a VDC member; and in fact, he was even selected as the secretary of the group.

Then there was no turning back! Mr Sukru started contributing to the organisational activities. In 2019, he received a training on Modern Agricultural Techniques, after which he wanted to practice agriculture in his own village but was puzzled as he did not own a land. After a month, he decided to take an acre of land on lease to cultivate, for which he received the material support from the organisation in the form of seeds and fertilizers. In addition, the agricultural tools, provided in the Agricultural Tool Bank by Prayatn, further made his efforts easier.

In the very first round of cultivation i.e., by March 2020, Mr Sukru could save 80,000 rupees after meeting all the expenses which was unbelievable for him; while he gained confidence that farming on leased land was a risk-free labour if done using proper agricultural technique. So he decided to cultivate the next round on 1.5 acres of leased land which proved to be a boon for him. By March 2021, he cultivated brinjal, tomato, bitter gourd, bottle gourd, pointed gourd and long bean, and reaped a grand saving of Rs 1,50,000 after spending on all the family needs. He judiciously invested this saving on a motor bike worth Rs 66,000 which he uses to sell his production in and around the village. He also opened a savings account for himself and his mother depositing the rest of the amount of Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively. At present, his younger brother and mother too are fully engaged in farming with him.

Mr Sukru has not just opted for 'hard labour' by choosing the agricultural work but also for 'smart labour' which is firstly by taking a risk to work on a leased land, secondly by applying all the modern tools and techniques, and thirdly, by ferrying the production in neighbouring villages and in markets every morning and evening which has earned him a good deal. He proudly says, "I am respected by the villagers because of what I have achieved today. And my success has inspired Mr Chintamani and Mr Seemadri of village Kotaguda, who are members of the block level federation, too started cultivating by taking land on lease. I think God has helped me by sending Prayatn Sanstha to work in our village. And I believe that those who work hard should never give up."



## Achievements

### Farm based Livelihood Development

- Because of Rice Production Cluster Development, 4685 quintal paddy harvested by 458 farmers in 314 acres of land with the market value of Rs 8646515/-. As a result, above 300 Farmers changed their cropping method from traditional method to SRI paddy cultivation in kharif season.
- Through Vegetable Cluster Development, 3863 quintal vegetable harvested by 287 farmers in 180 acres of land and earned of Rs 97,70,270/-
- 118 farmers trained through Farm Field School. The process also resulted in increasing income of 90 participating farmers by Rs 29,97,650.
- 15 village level Agricultural resource centers benefitted about 900 farmers by making modern and better equipment available to farmers at affordable rent. The committee for the community members developed for managing these centers mobilized rent collection of Rs 61972.
- 86 farmers have been benefitted with installation of 4 lift irrigation systems witnessed 30% increase in their family income.
- 16 women took loan from SHGs for their agricultural requirements like purchase of seeds etc.

### Non-farm-based livelihood Development

- Because of the financial support provided by the organization to SHG members, 262 families could initiate alternative income generation activities as detailed below and increase their income by at least 20%:
  - 113 SHG members could initiate rearing of goats
  - 70 SHG members-initiated poultry
  - 55 SHG members undertook buffalo rearing
  - 24 SHG women initiated petty shops and flour mills
- 08 Fishery Interest Groups formed with 80 members receiving direct benefit from the fishery development. In this new technique of composite fish culture was introduced in 08 ponds in 08 project villages.

### Linkage with government schemes

- 3538 migrant workers and other community members got job under MGNREGA
- 1199 community members started getting pension under National Social Security Scheme and other social security schemes.
- 36 labourers who got infected with silicosis while working in mines received compensation of Rs 1,00,000 each from Rajasthan government

# Sustainability during Emergency

Growing population requires more food, more water, more clothes to wear, more houses to live, more schools, more hospitals etc. As all of these come from natural resources and they are limited, pressure on the resources is increasing with population. Because of this, climate change is taking place which is a serious threat to life on earth. To prevent this and ensure sustainability of development, conservation of natural resources is necessary. At Prayatn, we therefore, lay high emphasis on conservation of natural resources. In particular, we focus upon, conservation of soil and water as sustainability of agriculture depends heavily upon it. As part of this process, we also promote organic farming. It is important to note here that even in the situation of emergency created by COVID pandemic, we did not dilute our attention from Natural Resource Management and Climate Change because we felt that we should not do so. Sustainability remains important even during emergency

## Prayatn's Interventions on NRM and Climate in 2020-21

### Soil and Water Conservation Activities as part of HRDP

Under Holistic Rural Development Programme being implemented in Rayagada in Odisha, strong emphasis on conservation of natural resources especially soil and water is being laid. This is being done through processes like construction/repair of water harvesting structures like ponds, check dams, loose boulder check dams, anicuts, land treatment, plantation, etc. Promotion of organic farming through capacity building of farmers on the same and support to them in the erection of compost pits, vermi-compost pits etc. is also a part of this process.

### Narsha's Nature friendly Development

Agricultural practice in mountain areas is predominantly subsistence and often results in declining and low productivity. Narsha Kandagori was such a marginal farmer who lives in the plateau of village Godakhilam of Rayagada district, Odisha, supporting a large family of 7 members: his wife, three children and parents. He was born in an extremely poor family; and though he wanted to study, he could not because of poverty and lack of school in his own village. His family was given 2 acres of land as a government grant. However, uneven mountainous terrain made the cultivation highly difficult; and in addition, the continuously flowing spring water eroded the soil leading to loss of fertile land and he had no way to use this water productively. In short, the availability of huge land and the year around supply of water were of no use for Narsha to pursue agricultural livelihood. So his family had to earn their living through hard daily labour, even after which financial crunch and food shortage used to be their lot.

In 2019, the intervention of Prayatn Sanstha under HRDP project led to the formation of Village Development Committee in village Godakhilam. Narsha and his wife started attending the meetings and gradually developed interest to solve the village problems. In one of the VDC meetings of year 2020, discussion about land treatment and pond renovation caught Narsha's attention, who immediately submitted a proposal to Prayatn through VDC. Within no time, the work of pond renovation started followed by land treatment which included levelling and treating soil with organic manure. The work started in the month of May 2020 and was completed by the first week of September 2020. The pond was constructed with two outlet canals for diverting the flow of excess water to agricultural lands.

Narsha now earns about Rs 60,000 per year through fish farming and engages in 3 cycles of crop cultivation throughout the year. Not only this, the pond renovated in this manner has many-fold benefits: firstly, it is replenishing the ground water; secondly, it is a constant supply of water for irrigation throughout the year; thirdly, it has become a double source of income i.e., through fish farming and crop cultivation. Moreover, 12 acres of farmland is being irrigated from the pond, thereby, supporting about 14 other farmers. Narsha is immensely grateful to Prayatn for the financial support and prompt guidance which has helped him and 14 other families to succeed in agriculture and alternative livelihood. Narsha says, “The intervention has not only taken away the drudgery of all 14 families but also has enhanced our standard of living, and has provided economic certainty and a purpose in life which inspires us to work for our heart’s content.



## Achievements

1. 4 new ponds have been dug while 7 existing ponds have been desilted and repaired, Because of these ponds, irrigation of 40 acres of land has become possible and pisciculture too has become possible. This has benefitted a total of 110 farmer families
2. Construction of 1 check dam and renovation of 2 check dams has resulted in conserving water; because of this around 55 acres of land can now be irrigated benefitting about 70 farmers.
3. 419 acres of wasteland has been converted into cultivable land because of land treatment which included levelling and bunding. 379 famers have been benefitted through this process.
4. 65 acres of land has become cultivable because of erection of 50 loose boulder check dams. This has benefitted 69 farmers.



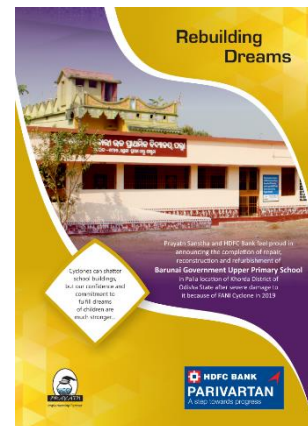
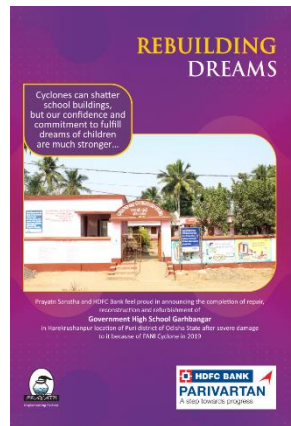
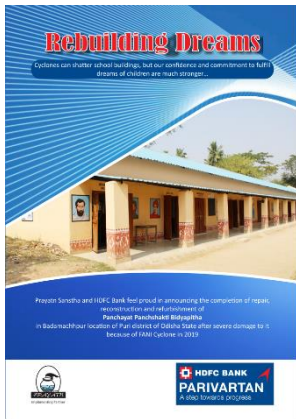
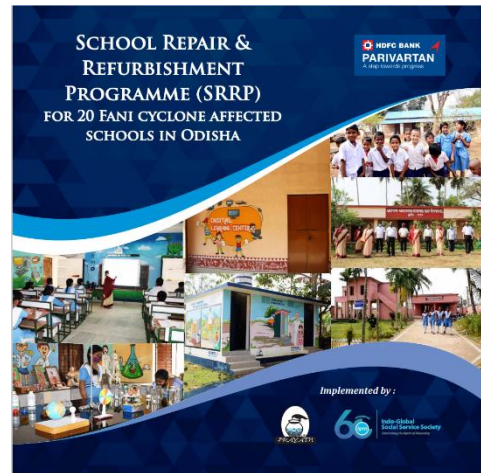
# Research, Documentation and Publication

Praytn has internal Research, Documentation and Publication Cell which coordinates various researches, studies being undertaken by the organization as well as documentation and publication work being done by the organization.

## Major RDP Assignments undertaken in 2020-21

### Coffee Table Book, flyers and Videos of SRRP

The appreciation received by the repair and refurbishment work undertaken by Praytn in 11 government schools in Puri, Kendrapada and Khordha districts from community, school administration and Odisha Government inspired Praytn and its funding partner HDFC bank to photo-document change brought in school infrastructure in the form of individual school wise brochures under the name of rebuilding dreams. A short video documentary was also prepared for all schools together. Seeing the quality of our publication work, HDFC bank requested us to develop a coffee table book in which similar work of Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) was also included.



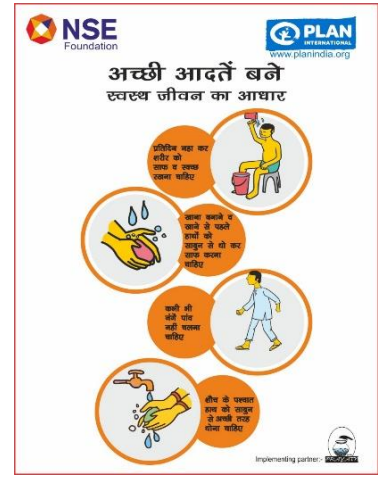
## COVID related IEC material

We also developed and printed various COVID related IEC material that helped in generating community awareness on COVID appropriate behaviour as illustrated below:



## IEC Material on WASH

To generate community awareness on different aspects related with drinking, water and sanitation like healthy habits, use of toilets, prevention and care during diarrhoea, etc. Prayathn developed and printed a set of posters and pamphlets which were used during its awareness campaign in Karauli. These were developed with the technical and financial support of Plan India and NSE Foundation.



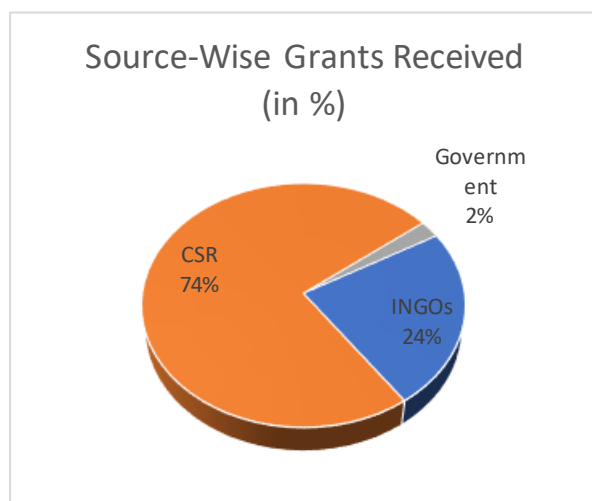
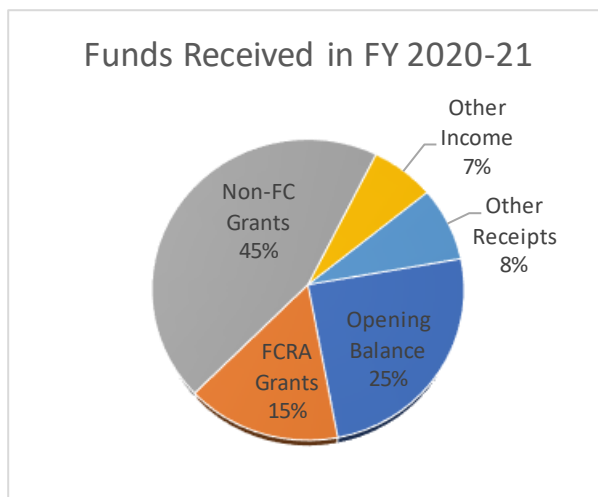
# Financial Health Amidst COVID

Following figures give a glimpse of the financial health of the organization. Consolidated Audit report of the same has been provided later in this chapter.

## Fund Received during FY 2020-21

Total funds received by the organization during Financial Year 2020-21 amounted to **Rs 11.81 crore**. Broad break-up of the fund received is as shown below and reflects that 60% of our funds are received in the form of grants out of 75% of which is from Non-FC sources while 25% is from FC sources.

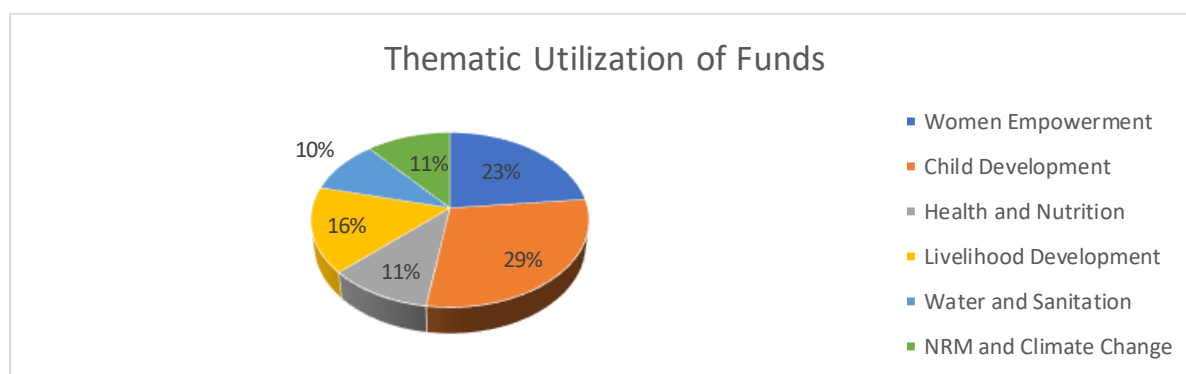
If we analyze grants received on the basis of type of source, we find that contribution by Corporates as part of their corporate social



responsibility has become the largest source of funds in last few years. While some of them like HDFC Bank fund us directly, funds from other corporates like Oracle, Bajaj Finserv, NSE Foundation etc. are channelized via larger development organizations like Charities Aid Foundation, CRY or Plan India. INGOs like Karl Kubel Stiftung, Kindernothilfe, Pathfinder International form the next major source of funds. A small but significant portion of our grants has been received from Central Government of India.

## Thematic Utilization of Funds

Following graph reveals thematic utilization of funds. It shows that largest portion of our funds are being used for child development and women empowerment. They jointly account for about 52% of our total fund utilization. Livelihood Development, NRM and Climate Change, Health and Nutrition and Water and Sanitation utilize 10 to 16% of our funds.



# Audited Financial Statement for 2020-21 (Consolidated)

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### BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2021 (CONSOLIDATED)

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT ( Rs. )		ASSETS	AMOUNT ( Rs. )	
<b>Capital Funds</b>			<b>Fixed Assets :</b>		
<b>Society Fund :</b>			(As Per Annexure-A)		2,08,10,518.00
Opening Balance	2,63,56,876.82		<b>Current Assets, Loans &amp; Advances</b>		
Add: Surplus For the Year	76,87,086.24	3,40,43,963.06	Grant Receivable		13,91,883.51
<b>Equipment Fund :</b>			(As Per Annexure-B)		
Opening Balance	33,43,428.00		Loans & Advances		22,82,344.00
Add : Capital Grant	4,94,000.00		(As Per Annexure-C)		
Less: Capital Grant Refund			Fixed Deposit at Bank		1,17,31,916.00
Less: Depreciation	5,01,810.00	33,35,618.00	(As Per Annexure- D)		
<b>Gratuity Fund</b>		20,48,812.00	Security Deposit		10,100.00
<b>Building Fund</b>		31,48,557.00	Gratuity Deposit with LIC		20,48,812.00
<b>STEP Fee Reserve</b>		35,800.00	TDS Receivable		1,90,749.50
<b>Revolving Fund</b>		15,86,316.00	TCS Receivable		11,941.00
<b>Secured Loans</b>			Cash at Bank		2,31,74,068.27
(As Per Annexure- F)		6,09,535.12	(As Per Annexure- E)		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			Cash in Hand		36,453.00
<b>Security Fund :</b>					
Opening Balance	9,93,321.00				
Add: Additions	5,37,179.00				
Less: Repayment	3,97,979.00	11,32,521.00			
Unspent Grant					
(As Per Annexure- G)		1,12,26,777.85			
Sundry Creditors					
(As Per Annexure- H)		39,93,343.25			
Duties & Taxes					
(As Per Annexure- I)		3,18,755.00			
<b>Expenses Payable:</b>					
Salary & Honorarium	1,60,967.00				
Travel	47,820.00	2,08,787.00			
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,16,88,785.28</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>6,16,88,785.28</b>

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(CA. RAVI GUPTA)  
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For PRAYATN SANSTHA

  
(FINANCE MANAGER)



  
(SECRETARY)

Place: Jaipur  
Date: 17th December, 2021

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01- 04-2020 TO 31 - 03 -2021 (CONSOLIDATED)

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT ( Rs. )		INCOME	AMOUNT ( Rs. )	
<b>Project Expenses (FCRA):</b>			<b>Grant in Aid :</b>		
Combating Child labour and ensuring Child Protection in Rajasthan By Karl Kübel Stiftuing	46,12,477.04		Udaan Dholpur by Pathfinder	13,50,261.00	
Dusk to Dawn - Combating Child labour in Mining in Dholpur By Karl Kubel Stiftuing	37,71,264.40		Dusk to Dawn - Combating Child labour in Mining in Dholpur By Karl Kübel Stiftuing	65,53,500.00	
Prabhat- An Inclusive Quality Education Project for Sahariya Children by Charities Aid Foundation India	35,01,232.74		Dusk to Dawn - Combating Child labour in Mining in Dholpur By Karl Kübel Stiftuing	23,62,516.52	
Udaan Dholpur by Pathfinder	8,38,745.48		Prabhat- An inclusive Quality Education for Sahariya Children by Charities Aid Foundation India	35,00,000.00	
Sambal Supported by Kindermothilfe e.V (KNH)	36,33,589.36	1,63,57,309.02	Sambal Supported by Kindermothilfe e.V (KNH)	45,41,181.00	
<b>Project Expenses:</b>			Health and Nutrition Project Supported by Child Right and You	31,63,045.00	
Dusk to Dawn - Combating Child labour in Mining in Dholpur By Karl Kübel Stiftuing	1,25,000.00		Integrated child protection scheme from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	9,73,514.00	
Integrated child protection scheme from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	16,70,911.70		Holistic Rural Development Progr Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	2,75,60,807.75	
Health and Nutrition Project Supported by Child Right and You	29,57,176.00		Integrated child protection scheme from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	6,14,754.00	
Integrated child protection scheme from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	10,48,899.00		Education and Child Protection Supported by Child Right and You	16,99,005.00	
Holistic Rural Development Programme Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	2,98,14,001.63		Swachat Bharat Abhiyan from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	18,194.00	
School Repair and Refurbishment Programme (SRRP ) for Fani cyclone affected School in Odisha Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	1,17,63,574.00		Open Defecation Free and Eucation Project at Sapotra Block of Karouli Supported by Plan India	95,20,699.00	
Integrated child protection scheme from Ministry of Women & Children Development, Govt of India,by Childline India Foundation Mumbai	3,13,955.00		Health and Nutrition Project Supported by Palm India	7,02,000.00	
Education and Child Protection Supported by Child Right and You	14,41,885.00		Covid 19 supported by CRY	15,94,081.00	

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Open Defecation Free and Education Project at Mandrail Block of Karouli Supported by Plan India	38,55,333.00		Open Defecation Free and Education Project at Mandrail of Karouli Supported by Plan India	71,53,573.00	
Open Defecation Free and Education Project at Sapotra Block of Karouli Supported by Plan India	95,75,363.88		Add: Unspent Grant 19-20	7,13,07,131.27	
Health and Nutrition Project Supported by Palm India	10,03,404.00		Less: Grant Receivable 19-20	2,10,24,094.09	
Covid 19 supported by CRY	15,93,096.00	6,51,62,599.21	Less: Unspent Grant 20-21	5,08,161.95	
<b>Administrative Expenses :</b>			Add: Grant Receivable 20-21	13,91,883.51	
Administrative Expenses	21,879.00		Less: Capital Grant 20-21	4,94,000.00	
Bank Charges	13,476.36		Less: Refund of Grant 20-21	60,155.00	8,14,34,014.07
Computer Maintenance Expenses	63,815.00		<b>Others Income</b>		
Crash Course Fee	5,000.00		NGO Management Cost	31,53,704.00	
Expenses at Sapotra (Toilet Const.)	3,60,999.00		Institutional Charges	30,66,826.00	
Insurance Expenses	96,652.00		Interest on Saving a/c	13,45,198.60	
Honorarium	75,570.00		Interest on FDR	4,67,559.10	
Interest on TDS	2,361.00		Interest on TDS	1,574.00	80,34,861.70
Interest on Security	41,146.00		Local Contribution (D2D)	1,25,000.00	
Interest on Vehicle Loan	64,092.24		Local Contribution (Irrigation)	2,00,000.00	3,25,000.00
Life Skill Training Expenses	10,000.00		Profit on Sale of Land		38,11,390.00
Mess Expenses	2,96,555.00				
Office & Guest House Rent	2,37,756.00				
Office Expenses	5,26,591.70				
Promotion of Irrigation Facilities	1,76,255.00				
Remedial Classes	22,500.00				
Salary & Allowances	12,28,752.00				
Travel & Conveyance Expenses	7,61,577.00	40,41,666.30			
Webinar Expenses	36,689.00				
Depreciation		3,56,605.00			
Surplus Transfer to Society Fund		76,87,086.24			
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,36,05,265.77</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>9,36,05,265.77</b>

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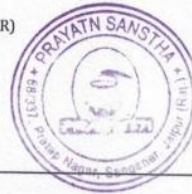


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### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01- 04-2020 TO 31 - 03 -2021 (CONSOLIDATED)

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT ( Rs. )		PAYMENTS	AMOUNT ( Rs. )	
<b>Opening Balance :</b>			<b>Project Expenses (FCRA):</b>		
Project Advance	33,295.00		Combating Child labour and ensuring		
Bank Balance	2,92,55,100.84		Child Protection in Rajasthan		
Cash in hand	22,939.00	2,93,11,334.84	By Karl Kübel Stiftung	49,93,627.04	
<b>Grant Received (FCRA):</b>			Dusk to Dawn - Combating		
Udaan Dholpur			Child labour in Mining in Dholpur		
by Pathfinder	13,50,261.00		By Karl Kubel Stiftung	37,71,264.40	
Combating Child labour and ensuring			Prabhat- An Inclusive Quality Education		
child Protection in Rajasthan			Project for Sahariya Children		
By Karl Kübel Stiftung	65,53,500.00		by Charities Aid Foundation India	3501232.74	
Dusk to Dawn - Combating			Udaan Dholpur		
Child labour in Mining in Dholpur			by Pathfinder	8,38,745.48	
By Karl Kübel Stiftung	23,62,516.52		Sambal Supported by		
Prabhat- An Inclusive Quality			Kindernothilfe e.V (KNH)	36,33,589.36	1,67,38,459.02
Education for Sahariya Children			<b>Project Expenses :</b>		
by Charities Aid Foundation India	35,00,000.00		Dusk to Dawn - Combating		
Sambal Supported by			Child labour in Mining in Dholpur		
Kindernothilfe e.V (KNH)	45,41,181.00	1,83,07,458.52	By Karl Kübel Stiftung	1,25,000.00	
<b>Grant Received:</b>			Integrated child protection scheme		
Health and Nutrition Project			from Ministry of Women &		
Supported by Child Right and You	31,63,045.00		Children Development,		
Integrated child protection scheme			Govt of India,by Childline		
from Ministry of Women &			India Foundation Mumbai	16,70,911.70	
Children Development,			Health and Nutrition Project		
Govt of India,by Childline			Supported by Child Right and You	30,47,176.00	
India Foundation Mumbai	9,73,514.00		Integrated child protection scheme		
Holistic Rural Development Progr			from Ministry of Women &		
Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	2,75,60,807.75		Children Development,		
Integrated child protection scheme			Govt of India,by Childline		
from Ministry of Women &			India Foundation Mumbai	10,48,899.00	
Children Development,			Holistic Rural Development Programme		
Govt of India,by Childline			Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	2,98,14,001.63	
India Foundation Mumbai	6,14,754.00		School Repair and Refurbishment		
Swachat Bharat Abhiyan			Programme (SRRP ) for Fani cyclone		
from Ministry of Women &			affected School in Odisha		
Children Development,			Supported by HDFC Bank Ltd CSR	1,17,63,574.00	
Govt of India,by Childline			Integrated child protection scheme		
India Foundation Mumbai	18,194.00		from Ministry of Women &		
Education and Child Protection			Children Development,		
Supported by Child Right and You	16,99,005.00		Govt of India,by Childline		
Open Defecation Free and Eucation			India Foundation Mumbai	3,36,805.00	
Project at Sapotra Block			Education and Child Protection		
of Karouli Supported by Plan India	95,20,699.00		Supported by Child Right and You	14,41,885.00	




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Covid 19 supported by CRY	15,94,081.00		Open Defecation Free and Education Project at Sapotra Block of Karouli Supported by Plan India	95,75,363.88	
Open Defecation Free and Education Project at Mandrail of Karouli Supported by Plan India	71,53,573.00	5,29,99,672.75	Health and Nutrition Project Supported by Palm India	10,03,404.00	
<b>Other Income:</b>			Covid 19 supported by CRY	15,93,096.00	6,52,75,449.21
NGO Management Cost	31,53,704.00		<b>Administrative Expenses :</b>		
Institutional Charges	30,66,826.00		Administrative Expenses	21,879.00	
Interest on Saving a/c	13,45,198.60	80,33,287.70	Bank Charges	11,873.70	
Interest on FDR	4,67,559.10		Bank Charges	1,602.66	
<b>Other Receipts:</b>			Computer Maintenance Expenses	63,815.00	
Local Contribution (D2D)	1,25,000.00		Crash Course Fee	5,000.00	
Security Fund Received	1,39,200.00		Expenses at Sapotra (Toilet Const.)	3,60,999.00	
Sundry Creditors	40,46,941.25		Honorarium	75,570.00	
IT Refund	24,170.00		Insurance Expenses	96,652.00	
Sale of Land	44,00,000.00	94,56,469.25	Interest on Security	41,146.00	
Promotion of Irrigation Facilities	2,00,000.00		Interest on TDS	2,361.00	
Loan & Advances	5,21,158.00		Interest on Vehicle Loan	64,092.24	
			Life Skill Training	10,000.00	
			Mess Expenses	2,96,555.00	
			Office & Guest House Rent	2,37,756.00	
			Office Expenses	5,26,591.70	
			Promotion of Irrigation Facilities	1,76,255.00	
			Remedial Classes	22,500.00	
			Salary & Allowances	10,67,785.00	
			Travel & Conveyance Expenses	7,13,757.00	
			Webinar Expenses	36,689.00	38,32,879.30
			<b>Others :</b>		
			Fixed Assest Purchased	2,78,270.00	
			Building Construction Work	5,22,681.00	
			Fixed Deposit with PNB	77,80,514.50	
			Duties & Taxes	1,83,378.00	
			Vehicle Loan Repayment	1,86,576.76	
			Grant Refund	60,155.00	90,11,575.26
			<b>Closing Balance :</b>		
			Project Advance	39,339.00	
			Cash in hand	36,453.00	
			Bank Balance	2,31,74,068.27	2,32,49,860.27
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,81,08,223.06</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,81,08,223.06</b>

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# Benefactors who stood with Us

Following international and national organizations funded our work during 2020-21. We are highly grateful to them and expect their continued support in future as well.



We also acknowledge support of our following benefactors who have partnered with us in past and have contributed in progress of Prayatn towards its vision and mission



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# Hand-in-hand with the Government

At Prayatn, we believe that civil society organizations need to act as helping hands to the government because government alone cannot reach out to every extreme of the society. In extra-ordinary situations, like the one created by the COVID pandemic, we need to travel extra-miles for this purpose. We have mentioned this in different thematic chapters but would like to summarize the same here for its better understanding.

## Major Engagements of Prayatn with the Government during 2020-21

### Continuing Childline Services with Ministry of Women and Child Development funds

Playing role of Collab organization while running emergency services of Childline has been one of the key operational engagements of Prayatn in which Government funds are involved. As detailed out earlier in this report, Prayatn is running a District Childline and two Child Help Desks at Railway Stations which are funded by Ministry of Women and Child Development via Childline India Foundation. The process requires close engagement with Ministry of Railways as well as entire Public Child Protection Machinery from District to local level.

### Engagement with Child Protection Machinery in Bharatpur division of Rajasthan

This is being done as a part of Moving Ahead project which has been described earlier. Keeping the success of our engagement with Child Protection Machinery in Dhaulpur district of Rajasthan, we have moved a step ahead and are now engaging with similar machinery in three or more neighbouring districts so that entire division is developed as a model for child protection. This process includes capacity building of bodies ranging from Panchayat and Block level Child Protection Committees at local level to sensitization, strengthening and regular engagement support to district level bodies like District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board, Special Juvenile Police Unit, Ant-Human Trafficking Unit, District level Task Force against Child Labour etc. We look forward to take this process to further level in strategic manner so that entire state becomes child labour free and child rights inclusive.

### Support to Public Health Machinery

While describing our efforts on issue of health, we have explained that we extended short term as well as long infrastructural development support to grassroot level public health institutions like Anganwadis, Public Health Sub-centers, Public Health Centers, Community Health Centers and Malnutrition Treatment Centers. This, in short run, included providing them personal protection equipment for combating COVID pandemic, while in longer run, it included physical infrastructural development of these centers to make them safe, attractive and better equipped to deliver their services in qualitative manner. Capacity building of public health workers has also been an integral part of this process. Certain centers have come out as models because of this support. It is important to note even when lock down was imposed, we voluntarily approached to the local administration to extend support from our end and put all the resources that were available with us or were mobilized from our donors at their disposal so that better use of the same is made in well-coordinated manner.

### Supporting Education Department

This year schools were closed for children for almost entire year and Education Department was struggling hard to reach out to children through technological means. We coordinated with the Education Department so that the online education content is shared with us and we shared the same

with our local Shiksha Mitras who were reaching out to children directly in small groups following COVID guidelines. So, significant part of children, who had no access to smartphones, televisions or radios were also reached out in regular manner. Infrastructural development support to government schools to make their campuses child friendly, modern and safe was another significant type of engagement that we made with education department in multiple states.

### Engagement with Agricultural, Rural Development and other Departments

While working on the issue of livelihood development, we engaged closely with institutions like Krishi Vigyan Kendra so that their expertise is made accessible to the farmers. We took farmers to them for training and exposure. We also used measures like Government Community Interfaces that brought public servants, particularly those related with Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, close to the community. Because of such processes these public servants were able to extend reach of government programs to the communities which are most needy.

# Our Heads and Hands

## Executive Committee members

Prayatn is registered under the Societies Registration Society. As such, it has a general body consisting of 15 members. This body has elected an executive committee whose members are as follows:

1. Mr. Narendra Kumar, Chair Person, IPAC, New Delhi
2. Ms. Rajvinder Kaur, Vice- Chair Person, PACE, Lucknow
3. Mr. Malay Kumar, Secretary, Jaipur, Rajasthan
4. Mr. Shyaji Ram Tanwar, Treasurer, Jaipur, Rajasthan
5. Ms. Kavita Sharma, Member, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
6. Ms. Tahira Bano, Member, Jaipur, Rajasthan
7. Mr. Surender Verma, Member, Jaipur, Rajasthan

## Prayatn Staff

The total human resource serving Prayatn as on March 31, 2021 was 255 out of which 155 (60.78%) were males while 100 (39.22%) were females. Out of the total, the association of 165 team members was full-time while 90 persons, who primarily included Shiksha Mitras, spent part of their time with us.

The major chunk of staff strength includes Community Organizers and Shiksha Mitras who work at grassroot level. They are generally graduates from the same community. They are guided by Assistant Project Officers/Block Coordinators, Project Officers, Thematic Experts, Field Office in-charges and Programme Director who are post graduates in related themes and/or have ample experience of the sector. Finance and administration related work is led by Finance Managers and they are supported by Accounts Officers, Administrators, Office Assistants, Drivers, Mess Cooks, etc. All of them work under the guidance of Chief Executive who is the Secretary in the Executive Committee.

Following table gives brief profile of our key staff members:

Name & Designation	Qualification	Experience	Association with Prayatn
Mr. Malay Kumar, Secretary cum Chief Executive	PGDRD, XISS – Ranchi	24 years of experience in development sector on issues like Child right and protection, Women’s right, Health, Good governance, Institution development and Networking, NRM, and Convergence	Founder member
Mr. Yogesh Jain, Program Manager	PGDRM, IIRM – Jaipur	15 years of experience in development sector on issues like Women and Child Rights, Research and Documentation, Networking and Advocacy, training and capacity building, vocational education and publication	Since September, 2005
Mr. Rampal Mali, Finance Manager	B. Com	22 years of experience in development sector on Accounts and Finance	Since April, 2008
Mr. Ramprasad Jangid, Monitoring Officer	B. A	40 years of experience in development sector on issues like Community organization building, Child right, Health and nutrition, livelihood	Since Prayatn’s inception

		development, Capacity building, Programme Monitoring, Documentation and Publication	
Mr. Ram Khiladi Poswal, Project officer and Member – Resource cell	M.A.	21 years of experience in development sector on issues like Community organization building, Child Rights, Health and nutrition, Inclusive quality education, livelihood development, education and Capacity building. Member of state level resource group constituted by Save the Children and UNICEF on Child Protection	Since January, 2002
Mr. Shiv Narayan Tiwari, Project Officer and Agriculture Expert	B.Sc. (Agriculture)	24 years of experience in development sector on issues like Community organization building, livelihood development, Training and Capacity building.	Since June, 2017
Mrs. Rajani Jain, Livelihood and Gender Expert	B.A.	18 years of experience in development sector on issues like women’s right, good governance, Health, networking and advocacy, Training and Capacity building, livelihood development, Research and documentation	Since September, 2003
Mr. Uday Upadhyay, Senior Project Manager	MBA	25 years of experience in corporate and development sector on aspects like rural development, agricultural marketing, social marketing, management, etc.	Since June 2020
Mr. Sundar Singh, Team Leader	M.A.	10 years of experience in development sector like community mobilization, child rights, women rights, child protection	Since September, 2010
Mr. Sonu Gaur, Education Expert	B.A. & B.Ed.	8 years of experience in development sector like community mobilization, child rights, women rights, child education, child protection	Since June, 2012
Mr. Manoj Suwalkya, Accounts Officer	M.Com.	7 years of experience in development sector on accounts and administration	Since January, 2014
Mr. Purna Mohapatra, Project Officer	M.S.W.	5 years of experience in development sector like health, education, community based institutional development, holistic development, etc.	Since June 2017
Mr. Midhun Kurien, Project Officer	M.A., B.Ed	7 years of experience in Development sector on issue of education	Since August 2020
Mrs. Leenu Thomas, Documentation Officer	B.Sc (Biotech.), Diploma in Counselling	5 years of experience in development sector especially in education, documentation, etc.	Since September 2020
Mrs. Reena Tyagi, Team Leader	B.A, GNM	11 years of experience in development sector on issues related child development, women empowerment, community based institutional development, health, convergence, etc.	Since April 2010
Mr. Sarnaam Singh, Team Leader	M.A., B.Ed	5 years of experience in development sector on issues like education, child protection, community based institutional development, etc.	Since January 2017
Mr. Hemraj Mehta, Assistant Project Officer	M.A. (Sociology)	7 years long experience in development sector on issues like food security, health, nutrition, child development, women empowerment, etc.	Since December 2013

# Looking Ahead in 2021-22

After a year that was heavily paralyzed by unprecedented situation of pandemic, 2021-22 is bringing hope as vaccinations for COVID 19 have been developed in many countries including India at least for adults. But getting the entire population vaccinated itself is a herculean task that will take its own time because multiple doses are required and our capacities of manufacturing and supply are limited. Before this, we may have to face several waves. We are already seeing that 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the pandemic has already started creating havoc and our public health machinery, in spite of intensive efforts of the government, is not proving adequate. Beds, oxygen supply, medicines, blood, etc. are falling short while number of patients are increasing at record breaking pace. Remote rural areas, which were not much affected by 1<sup>st</sup> wave, are also seeing high number of cases in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave.

In this situation, we, as civil society organization, will have to go beyond awareness generation and ration and hygiene kit distribution and focus on treatment and care of patients. For this we will have to equip public health centers and frontline workers with equipment and personal protection kits. At the same time, we will have to help community with correct information about COVID care and treatment facilities so that they are able to seek services from them in timely manner.

While addressing emergency situation arising out of the pandemic, we will have to continue our efforts to resolve long term problems like loss of livelihood of adults and education of children. Innovations that were found useful like tutoring children in small groups following COVID guidelines need to be continued.

Amidst the above-mentioned challenges, we look forward to fresh opportunities of expanding our work that are likely to open during the new financial year. Looking at the success of the Holistic Rural Development Programme in Rayagada, HDFC Bank has expressed interest in supporting its expansion to Puri district as well as another block in Rayagada. On the other hand, Bread for the World, which was one of our funding partners for Dusk to Dawn project has expressed interest in our proposal to address malnutrition among tribal children through livelihood development.

We hope that such continued trust being bestowed upon us by our funding partners will help us in continuing our efforts for bringing various communities out of the problems that are being faced by them because of the pandemic.

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