

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES



2018-2019

The Society for Agriculture Health Environment Literacy Innovations (SAHELI)

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1. Introduction

SAHELI completed in this year 15 years of existence as an organization of poor rural and tribal women and 11 years as a registered charity, registered under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860. The organization was registration with the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010. This registration was renewed till 2020. It has exemption under sections 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act. It holds a PAN card.

2. Organisational Affairs

The Governing Body of SAHELI met twice this year and 11 members were present in these meetings. The annual meeting of the General Body held once in this year and it was attended by 10 members. The year under report witnessed the change in the leadership of SAHELI. The annual meeting of the General Body elected n members of the Governing Body.

Given below is the list of the newly elected members of the Governing Body.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Ms. Dalia Antony	President
2	Mrs.Minati Ghosal	Vice-President
3	Mrs. Sonali Sahu	Secretary
4	Mrs. Malati Hansdha	Joint-Secretary
5	Mr. Shaju V. Joseph	Treasurer
6	Mrs.Champa Kisku	Member

The change in the members of the Governing Board was intimated to the Inspector General of Registration for Odisha and to the Ministry of Home Affairs as mandatory statutory compliance. The organization got enrolled in Niti Ayog and got registered for professional tax payment.

3. Projects Under Implementation

The organization was implementing two projects. One for preventing child marriages and gender based violence. This project continued to get support from MISEREOR Germany. This project operated in nearly 50 villages. This project was due for extension and the application for the same was submitted by the organization. The organization got the extension project sanctioned from July 2018 to June 2021. It continued to get the support of SPDK, the Netherlands to run a project to extend educational facilities for tribal girls. The project gave support to 27 tribal girls. Enquiries have been sent to various government and non-governmental organisations.

4. Major Achievements

Presented below is an overview of the achievement of the organization during the year under report. Major Achievements of the organization are presented under two broader heads, viz. immediate

results and overall results of all activities.

4.1. Immediate Results of the Activities Undertaken

1. Promoting and Strengthening Community Based Mechanisms

The project put good amount of efforts in strengthening and activating community based mechanisms or arrangements to ensure community responses to early marriages and gender based violence.

1.1.Women's Forum (WF)

The WF had been formed in the 2015 and it continued to function during the period under report. The number of members in the leadership remained to be 12. No meetings of the WF were held during the period under report.

1.2.Village Vigilance Council (VVC)

The organization promoted VVC as community responses to child marriage and gender based violence with a mandate to intervene in such situation to prevent the same. There had been 20 VVCs in the year under report. With the formation of new three VVCs, there were 23 VVC with 254 members worked in the end of the period under report. These VVCs met 40 times attended by 610 members.

1.3.Youth Club (YC)

The year under report started working with 10 YCs having 154 members. Eight new YCs with 110 members were created during the year under report. Thus there were 18 YCs with 264 members when the period under report ended. Seventeen meetings of YCs were held and 199 young men attended these meetings.

1.4.Adolescent Girls' Group (AGG)

The organisation started with 43 AGGs having 489 members and two AGGs with 29 members were newly formed. Thus, when the period under report ended, there were 45 AGGs with 528 members. AGGs met 189 times and these meetings were attended by 1313 adolescent girls.

1.5.Adolescent Boy's Group (ABG)

The promotion of ABG has newly been taken up considering the criticality of engagement with adolescent boys for influencing gender roles and concepts and to shape their masculinity. The organisation started forming the ABGs and so far created 21 ABGs with 261 members. No meetings of ABGs were held during the period under report

1.6.Self-Help Group (SHG)

There had been 112 SHGs having 1210 members and 28 new groups with 291 members were newly promoted making the total number of SHGs 140 with total 1501 members. These groups held 522

meetings attended by 4527 members.

2. Awareness Generation

2.1.RCH Discussions

The organization conducted 83 sessions of discussion on RCH. These sessions were attended by 1703 women, 74 men, 372 adolescent girls and 30 adolescent boys. Altogether 2179 persons were reached with messages on RCH.

2.2.GBV Discussion

It held 83 sessions of discussion on GBV. These sessions were attended by 1712 women, 60 men, 371 adolescent girls and 62 adolescent boys. Altogether 2205 persons were reached with messages on GBV.

2.3.Mid-media Activities

As part of public awareness generation, 40 mid-media cultural programmes were held and the same were viewed by 3724 persons. Themes of public interest including RCH GBV etc. were presented in the mode of street plays

2.4.Home Visits

As a part of one-to-one sensitization and to prevent both early marriage and gender-based violence as well as to promote education and health in general, especially of the adolescent girls, the field staff visited 287 homes. They visited all community based organization for motivating them.

4.2.Net Results of All Activities

1. Gender based violence

SAHELI intervened through VVC, WF, SHG, YC, ABG and AGG in 66 of the 214 instances of reported gender-based violence. Eighteen out of the 214 reported instances of gender-based violence were successfully prevented or dealt with

2. Early marriages (mainly of Adivasi girls below the age of 18)

The organisation intervened in 209 instances of early marriage of Adivasi girls and 50 of these were successful because no marriage among these was reported. Community based mechanisms got involved in 55 cases of the 209 reported instances.

3. Access to sexual and reproductive health services

Three hundred women and girls got connected with local or state health care providers and 200 out of these 300 women and girls reported to government health care system and got enrolled to government schemes for RCH.

4. Rapport with other stakeholders

The rapport already established by the organization with the Police, the DSWO (ICDS), the ICPS (DCPO), local governments, local educational institutions and rural media CDPO continued with more active collaboration with all.

5. Recognition by the local population

The organisation continued to enjoy a very high level of recognition by local population. People rightly identify SAHELI as the defender and protector of the rights of women and girls.

6. Staff Positions

There were 12 full-time paid staff members for SAHELI during the year under report. When the Project Coordinator left and when no suitable hand was found in the interview held, the President with the permission of the Governing Body worked as the Project Coordinator. Staff meetings were held once in a month on regular basis. Staff meetings reviewed the performance of the organization. The organization experienced very great difficulty in getting suitable hands to the senior positions like Project Coordinator and Assistant Project Coordinator. If identified some one at all, it would be difficult to retain them because the location is remote and underdeveloped where future prospects for such hands are very much limited.

7. Summary of Finances

The organization operates separate bank account for foreign funds. The bank account receiving foreign funds was changed from Bachuripal branch of the Bank of India to Kamardiha branch of Canara Bank considering the convenience of transactions. The change of bank account was intimated to the Ministry of Home Affairs as mandated by the FCRA. Payments for all activities including organizational governance. The closing balance for the financial year 2018 – 2019 was Rs. 7,10,248.62 from all bank accounts. The overall accounts were audited by M/s. A C Behera & Co. and the project accounts were audited by M/s. S. Sahoo & Co.

8. Future Directions

The organization emerged as an organization for defending the interests of women and girls, especially women and girls among tribal population. It was focusing on gender based violence and child marriages during the last few years. The ideas for further strengthening its involvement in this sector was pursued by the organization. Keeping this in view, application to MISEREOR to extend the ongoing project was submitted and the same is under consideration. The application submitted to Paul Hamlyn Foundation for gender equity is under process. The organization is in lookout for agencies interested to support projects in livelihood for poor women, encouraging education of tribal girls and promoting gender equity.

9. Acknowledgement

SAHELI acknowledges the financial support received from MISEREOR, Germany and SPDK, the Netherlands. The services rendered by Ms./ A C Behera & Co in auditing the overall accounts of the organisation and M.s/S.Sahoo & Co in auditing project accounts are worth mentioning. All officers of the banks, ICDS, ICPS, Police, education department and CD Blocks whole-heartedly cooperated

with SAHELI. Leaders of Gram Panchayats and local media persons too supported all activities of the organization. SAHELI places in record its deep-felt gratitude to all those who supported during the year under report.

10. Conclusion

It gives immense pleasure to present this report. With due gratitude to all who associate with SAHELI, this report is presented for consideration of all members of the General Body for discussion and adoption

**Basta,
20/06/2019**

**Mrs. Sonali Sahu,
Secretary, SAHELI**

Presented, discussed and adopted in the annual meeting of the General Body held on 22/06/ 2019.

**Basta,
22/06/2019**

**Ms. Dalia Antony,
President, SAHELI**