ABOUT ASTHA MAHILA EVAM BAL VIKAS SANSTHAN

AMEBVS is a social development organisation that has been working in the field since 2007. It was registered under society Act 1860 Sec 21 in 2014. ASTHA is a non-profit organisation helping victims and survivors of sex trafficking, human trafficking, domestic servitude, and child abuse in Uttar Pradesh and at the Indo-Nepal border by researching, analysing, addressing, and then implementing ideas. The genesis of the organisation was for policy advocacy for each and every individual’s rights in society. The working area of the organisation is Varanasi, Jaunpur, Mirzapur, and the Indo-Nepal Border. As the organization’s aim is to fight against modern slavery with different tools of research, and according to the facts of the study, the Organisation coordinates with different levels of government officials and frontline workers, various developmental programs are organised. AMBVS established itself as a unique, credible and pioneering organisation in the field of Rights & Justice for poor & downtrodden marginalised (Dalit) people, children and women, through social advocacy, emerged as a new generation NGO aiming to be self-reliant.

VISION:
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MISSION:
To increase awareness amongst community on child rights law in order to increase reporting of child rights violations so that children can get access to justice. To sensitize law enforcement agencies on child centric legislations so that they ensure effective implementation of child centric legislations. To map child centric schemes and identify beneficiaries amongst Community and link them with social protection schemes in order to robust them economically. To increase the public awareness and prevention of modern slavery by research tools and through laws. To support victims and survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence, and work collaboratively with various organizations, government officials and society. To empower the people, especially the underprivileged sections of society – the Mushahar/ Dalits, Women, and Children through the process of capacity building, forming self-managed organizations and collective actions which would catalyze socio-economic-political growth, self-reliance, justice, dignity, and gender just society for all.
OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- To increase the livelihood opportunities among the deprived, small and marginalized sections of the community through income generation programs.
- To enhance the capacity of socially excluded communities & the people in the area so that they can demand & access the entitlements meant for them.
- To make service providers more responsive & more accountable to socially excluded groups.
- To promote Dalit / Musahars women’s leadership to address the issue of social justice.
- To generate awareness in the community on the health of Women and Children and on the prevention and cure of Life-threatening waterborne diseases spread through the Mosquitoes like Encephalitis.
- Create a public understanding of the situation of Dalits / Musahars and their right to equality.
- To promote quality education among marginalized children.
- To promote quality education and child rights among marginalized children.
- To facilitate access to basic education to children of school age.
- To maintain/improve the overall physical and mental health of children.
- To provide extracurricular activities in order to build the social skills of children.
- To enhance the access of the community to the welfare schemes of the Government.
- To work for dignity, equality, and ensuring their access to resources.
- To eradicate untouchability, social discrimination, and caste-based atrocities, with a special focus on Dalit / Musahars women.
- To create mass awareness in the community for abolishing discrimination due to Gender.
- To create awareness in the community on various important legal aspects.
Field-based intervention works as a link between policy and program. ASTHA MAHILA EVAM BAL VIKAS SANSTHAN, a development organisation that has been working in the field for the last 16 years, involving voices from the field. AMBVS is helping survivors of sex trafficking, human trafficking, domestic servitude, and child abuse in Uttar Pradesh and at the Indo-Nepal border by researching, analysing, addressing, and then implementing ideas. Our mission is to fight against modern slavery with different tools of research, and according to the facts of the study, AMBVS established itself as a unique, credible and pioneering organisation in the field of Rights & Justice for poor & downtrodden marginalised (Dalit) people, Children and women through social advocacy, emerged as a new generation NGO aiming to be self-reliant.

It’s an immense pleasure to me that the 2022-2023 Year’s Annual Report of ASTHA MAHILA EVAM BAL VIKAS SANSTHAN (AMEBVS) is being presented. During the last year, we worked on different segments of societal empowerment. On our Endeavour We got the full support of our donors, volunteers as well as the community. We are thankful to all. We believe in innovations, and this strategy of development adopted by us has been fruitful. Different CBOs are successfully working for the community development in our project intervention areas. Baal Sansad, adolescent groups and different types of SHGs are contributing to societal empowerment. During the year, a great project of the “SURKSHIT JIVAN PROGRAM JAUNPUR District’ supported by the CHILD RIGHT CENTER (CNLU), PATNA, UNICEF, BACHPAN BACHAO AANDOLAN, NRLM program was phased out successfully. The Credit goes to the team members, including its Team Leader, Project Coordinators and Block Resource persons.

Finally, I thank all the governing body members for their cooperation and the staff, volunteers and front line workers for their relentless efforts. I wish for a bright future for this organization. I would also like to extend my thanks to my staff - high on energy, optimism and dedication, and members of the AMEBVS body whose efforts and support makes the activities take place effectively. We are a people of passion, daring, tenacity and optimism. We will continue to enrich lives and strengthen our communities.

With this we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our mentors, supporter and donor for their guidance to realize our dreams.

MR. SANTOSH KR. PANDEY
DIRECTOR
AMEBVS
GEOPGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AREA

JAUNPUR
(5 BLOCKS, 40 GRAM PANCHAYATS, 160 VILLAGES WITH 8000 HOUSEHOLDS)

SONBHADRA
(3 BLOCKS, 50 GRAM PANCHAYATS, 280 VILLAGES WITH 2830 HOUSEHOLDS)

VARANASI
(2 BLOCKS, 25 GRAM PANCHAYATS, 120 VILLAGES WITH 6000 HOUSEHOLDS)
MAJOR ADVOCACIES

'SELF HELP GROUP AWARENESS PROGRAMS DONE IN THE INTERVENTION AREAS.

SELF HELP GROUP LIVELIHOOD BRAINSTORM PROGRAM.

ORGANIZED GRAM SANGATHAN ELECTION.

ORGANIZED CLUSTER LEVEL FEDERATION INAUGURATION.

TEENAGERS POWER GROUP PROGRAM.

adolescent vocational training program at the adolescent training centers in the community.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT (INCOME EARNING PROGRAM, LIVELIHOOD)

bhiksha (alms) free kashi campaign awareness program.

child marriage free campaigns in the intervention areas.

anti-human trafficking program done in the communities.
CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOL SYSTEM AWARENESS GENERATION. ALSO SURVEYED ON ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM. AND STRENGTHENING EDUCATION, HEALTH, LIVELIHOOD AND CHILD PROTECTION.

CHILDREN GOT QUALITY EDUCATION AND THE PROVISION AND FACILITIES OF SCHOOL PROVIDED TO 100% REGISTERED CHILDREN VILLAGES.

ADOLESCENT GIRLS RECEIVED HEALTH EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILL TRAINING AND MAINSTREAMED TO VILLAGE ADOLESCENT CLUB ARE ACTIVE IN THE PROJECT AREA ON THE ISSUES OF GIRLS AND WOMEN.

FOR ENSURING 100% BIRTH REGISTRATION WE ACTIVATED ICDS CENTRE THROUGH SHGS & HRDC & 100% CHILDREN ENROLLED IN ICDS & THEY ARE GETTING NUTRITIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES MORE THAN 60% CHILDREN ARE GETTING FULLY HEALTH SERVICE.

FOR EMPOWERMENT OF THE WOMEN, FORMED SELF HELP GROUP. THE MEMBER OF SELF HELP GROUP WERE TRAINED ON WOMEN RIGHTS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INCOME GENERATION PROGRAMME.

INDIVIDUALS GOT REGISTERED WITH MSME DEPARTMENT WITH HELP OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION.
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

186 CBOs direct linked with 5938 women members

48 HRDCs are in full action in most of the targeted village

25 Youth groups linked with 624 youth directly

30 Bal Manch linked with 2084 children

27 SHGs, linked with 565 women

56 Kishori Group, linked with Kishori 1250
In order to promote the employment of women, the organization Astha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan started mushroom cultivation in a group of women in Dobhi block of Jaunpur district, in which women have taken training in mushroom cultivation and are preparing for its production.

IASTHA SANSTHAN, a Women and Child Development Institute, in Barai Musahar Basti, gathered women from almost 50 families of the entire village and held a meeting on the issue that no girl child should get married in their community, mainly the education of girls and their skills. Focusing on child marriage is a crime, and whoever commits the crime, both parties are punished. In the last 1 year, ASTHA Sansthan has intervened in 11 child marriages from the Musahar community.

A workshop was organized in the commissioner's auditorium of Varanasi district, in which the anti-drug campaign "Ek Yuddh Nashe Virudh" program was organized.
a meeting of the village organization was held under the leadership of Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, in which the women of the group took a step forward to bring the unit formed at the village level to a bigger organization. The women discussed among themselves and selected the office bearers of their village organization to lead the team.

Meeting to make Varanasi (Kashi) free of beggary, in which meeting of State Child Protection Commission with NGO, some news of upcoming plan through newspapers.

Every two weeks, Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan organizes a meeting with women members of the Musahar community working on brick kilns. Venue of the event, Mathia Musahar Basti Bloc Dobhi Kerakat Jaunpur. Women members work at brick kilns far away from their families, but they have so much dedication and responsibility towards their work that they are present on time for the meeting with the organization. They were also told about govt. schemes and are being benefited by connecting with many schemes. Women have completely put an end to devilish practices like child marriage in their communities.
National Girl Child Day was celebrated at Barai Musahar Basti Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh by the Astha Mahila Bal Vikash Sansthan. Mrs. Antim Banawasi Ji, one of the organization's active members, was responsible for changing girls' lives in her community. They will be self-employed by training in sewing and other work as per their interest.

Sitting with the friends of the women's group of the self-help group, the election process of the village organization was completed by the group of their village organization friends, through the organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, there was a deep discussion on what kind of employment would be there to make women self-reliant. Full cooperation of Gaya National Rural Livelihood Mission, through which the group continues to get full benefits from time to time by the bank. Two capacity building training was also done by the women, everyone's development has also been focused on this.

Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, Jaunpur, is one of the efforts of the women working on the brick kilns to make their own employment through their group, in which they will be provided training on behalf of the organization and with the help of the National Rural Livelihood Mission, their group will be provided with a bank. Will be linked to the facilities of the community, in this sequence, their skills and their skills were discussed, how these women can be made self-reliant, their lives also changed by connecting them with training like tailoring. These women of the Musahar community are very hardworking and The organization is diligent by coming to their colony, efforts are being made to connect them with the schemes of self-reliant India. Women also told that they want to do their own business, We will also start our own product for our livelihood through the group.
We at Astha mahila evam bal vikash sansthan india are excited to share our year end update On one village named Barai mushar basti achievements .This past year has been filled with challenges and opportunities.

Clothes were distributed to children by ASTHA Block Development Officer and Village Head, participated in distribution, in bitter cold, a wave of enthusiasm ran in the lives of the children, the children said, we will wear new clothes. Clothes were distributed to more than fifty children of the Mushar community, Sarita Devi, president of the village organization and Mr. Santosh, the associate of the organization were also present in the program.

A Stakeholders consultation was organised by NACG EVAC on 07 January 2023 in Lucknow, total 25 CSO, 12 children participated along with 3 State level government officials. National Action & Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India (NACG-EVAC India) is a country-level civil society forum of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC), an apex body of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), with a vision that all children irrespective of gender, throughout South Asia enjoy their right to an environment free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect & discrimination. Mr Rijwan from the Labour department emphasised that the department will soon roll out its state action plan, and urged NACG.
Youth for sustainable development goals - state level consultation on health nutrition & food security organize by terre des hommes & Pace Lucknow

On the occasion of Sushashan Diwas, in collaboration with the women of Biribari village of National Rural Livelihood Mission, Jaunpur Dobhi, the women of Aastha Mahila and Bal Vikas Sansthan set up a stall and started a campaign against gender-based violence.

OA meeting of the Committee Against Child Labor was held at Hotel Sarnath, Varanasi on 20 December 2022, in which people from different organizations participated. Santosh Kumar from the Aastha Mahila evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, Rizvana Parvin from the Unicef, and many more. Such type of incentive is very important because in the present phase without collective work we can’t eradicate child labor from the society of India. Survivor leader Birender ji also connected more talk on advocacy and strategy, all people shared their experience again CACL i.e. Committee strategy India experience society work child labor human trafficking awareness CACL.
Asthा works to ensure basic rights of vulnerable groups in Indian society, children, women, dalits and tribes and to create a human right culture based on democratic values.

"if you feel happy, share it with others and the happiness will increase. If you have pain in your heart, share it with others, and the pain will decrease"

By continuously meeting with the youth of the forest community, they will have to move forward with a new energy and new thinking to change the traditional things in their lives from generation to generation. According to their qualification, getting more youths employed at the local level in different works, so that they do not get exploited in any way, first of all getting their labor cards made by the organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, along with MNREGA and other different schemes. Along with connecting with local work such as car mechanic, carpenter, wiring, wall painting in the garage, modern organic farming, etc., along with many other mediums, their life skills training is also done. Migration from some such villages Also stayed and he got work in his local village and town, now he is in his family, in this sequence, the organization is constantly working to give a different identity to these youths by associating with them.

To mark World Day Against Trafficking in Person, Astha Mahila Bal Vikash Sansthan held a meeting with residents of the Jaunpur district in Uttar Pradesh, India. The Director of this organisation explains Human Trafficking and its different dimensions, changing daily as society changes. As a result of their discussions, the village’s critical members can take action against slavery, sex trafficking, and skin grafting.
With the help of National Rural Livelihood Mission Jaunpur and Social Organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan – Under the new Chetna-Pahal Parivartan program, community-based nation-wide campaign against gender discrimination, mainly gender training was given to the women of Sakhi group. Gaya in which group Sakhi of Dobhi block Jaunpur participated in the training mainly on social evils like women violence, sexual violence, domestic violence, women discrimination. Women also highlighted the social evils. We have made a different identity, we will make our own place, the change in social discrimination has also been positive. This program was completed under the chairmanship of Block Development Officer, along with certificates were also distributed to women.

Encouraging their talent among children, children who could never go to school, today they participate in activities like dress as well as all other sports, teenage girls have also got information about health and cleanliness, so that they take care of themselves. The library model in the school is also helping a lot for the children. It should be ensured that the organization organizes parent-teacher meetings to make them aware by joining the school management committee from time to time.
A training program of Bal Mitra Vidyalaya system and field visits. High level of activism in schools, children’s leadership of Bal Sansad and Meena Manch was seen, children’s active contribution, interesting and enjoyable education, positive change in the program with the help of UNICEF.

On the auspicious occasion of Children’s Day on 14th November, Aastha Mahila and Bal Vikas Sansthan got an opportunity to participate in the children’s fair of the upgraded middle school, Daulachak block, Giriyak district, Nalanda, Bihar. The children prepared different types of dishes from the stall made by the school and the children were rewarded by the school.
The income generation program is being promoted by the organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan by continuously training the women of the group through modern technology to make clay pots. Electric chalk was also distributed to the women of the group with the help of Khadbi Gramodyog.

Women from the SHG’s group began a campaign to end child labor during world day against child labour. Even in their village, the institution informed them that child labor is a crime, and the institution also made them aware of the basic rights of every child.
A Training workshop on the issue of Cross Border Trafficking between India and Nepal was organized by Astha Mahila Bal Vikash Sansthan at Muzaffarpur Head Quarter with officers of the Border Security Force (BSF) of Bihar. Various forms of trafficking and mode of Operandi from the Cross Border were discussed. This is the first phase of the workshop to make awareness among the SSB officers about cross-border trafficking.

Asthma Mahila Bal Vikash Sansthan organized a meeting with the Mata Samiti of Parshupur village today, in which Meenu ji discussed nutrition issues related to children ages 0 to 6 months and 6 to 14 years. The villagers learned about complete nutrition for mothers, the benefits of an Anganwadi centre scheme, and the Kanya Sumangala scheme.
The height of hard work that labour is doing by holding 14 bricks on his head at a 40-degree temperature. Typically the weight of one brick is to be 3 to 4 kg. Now imagine how and why they are doing it. Astha interviewed one labour, and by listening to his story, I was surprised; in one line, I want to explain his pain that "Empty Stomach doesn’t feel the heat and weight".

Asthha has started an awareness campaign for such labours by linking them to different government schemes and connecting to the various systems for their family members.

Asthha Foundation wish all the hardworking and honourable laborers a Happy International Labour Day 2022. Thank you for your hard work every day. The hardworking labourers and people who work for the betterment of our society do not deserve recognition just on one day. They should be honored every day.

The Astha Foundation supports families engaged in such hard work. This image says it all.
Astha Foundation is supporting in preparing a SoP on child labour, child trafficking and child migration in state of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Three layers of discussion i.e at CSOs level, State stakeholders and at community level was completed with all stakeholders in Uttar Pradesh.

On the Occasion of 26th January, Republic Day, women's of self-help groups who have brought so much change in their lives, who never set foot outside the doors of their houses, today she talks directly to the departmental officers of the district and the state. Today, on the occasion of Republic Day, Mrs. Mala ji said that now we are not identified with anyone's daughter, anyone's wife, or anyone's sister, but I have my own identity and now my family is known by my identity. Told successful stories, she said that earlier we used to hide our shortcomings due to social public shame, today we actively participate in every program, today our number is in thousands, a cluster level union of about 300 sisters has been formed from our village, the organization Faith Women and Child Development. In the program, the women of the group hoisted the flag of their success, like the tricolor flag, our group will also kiss the heights of heights.
The social organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, works on providing financial strength to women. A woman named Manju Devi, who belonged to a Dalit family, was spending her life as a labourer in the houses of rich families of her surroundings and she used to get some money from there. Her main responsibility was to take care of her family due to which she had forgotten her dream. ASTHA Team is working together with the National Rural Livelihood Mission to provide employment opportunities in 15 villages of Cholapur Block, District Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. After identifying Manju ji, she got an employment opportunity according to her needs and interest and after training she was provided raw materials and started working. Manju Devi is making sweet boxes; and now this is mainly her employment. It is not appropriate to work as a domestic servant at someone’s house for a lifetime. Nowadays, Manju ji is independent and takes care of her family along with all her work. She makes 100 to 150 rupees per day by making sweet boxes. Manju ji not only earns herself but she also encourages other women to work. She is also a good trainer of the organization. By giving training to those women who are suffering, Manju ji has started the business of making sweet boxes many other women in 6 groups are working so far. The sweet boxes made by all these women are also marketed. Manju ji has a dream and she wants to set up a factory. Our organization wants to give employment opportunities to a total of 120 women.
"IT IS HIGH TIME WE PRIORITISE WATER AND WORK EFFECTIVELY TO DRIFT AWAY FROM BECOMING A WATER SCARCE NATION."

Villages in India are facing an acute shortage of water for households and agriculture activities. Rural villagers have insufficient access to purified drinking water due to impacts of low income, technical solutions, community internal management, water contamination from agricultural chemicals, industries, and waste disposal.

With the pandemic the demand for water is growing as hand washing and bathing frequently has become one of the major precautionary measures. Thus, Mushahar community of our intervention area was facing problem due to shortage of water supply.

After tireless efforts with the help of the organization and the community, water pipeline was laid by Jal Nigam in Barai Musahar Basti and taps were also installed. Now the community is not facing problem with water, as well as this community is able to take care of their food and hygiene properly. And Mushahar Community is Thanking ASTHA Sansthan for making it possible for them.
SUCCESS STORY

"I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER — LINKED, INFORMED AND EDUCATED — CAN BRING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO THIS FORSAKEN PLANET."

This is the story of Rajpati Devi and her children, earlier they used to work in brick kilns, now they have their own employment, with the help of the organization Aastha Mahila Evam Bal Vikas Sansthan, by leasing the farm to them and cultivating flowers in it, their whole family is blessed with flower cultivation employment and making flower garlands, along with this, by the support of ASTHA Sansthan they recieved benifits of various government schemes such as ration card, hand pump and labor card, now they are earning good income every month, At the same time, their living became easier and this family is now happy. Also for future they are planning to do farming by taking their own farm.
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