A dignified way of life for Baijutola –
OPEN DEFECATION FREE

Namami Gange Project is an ambitious Union Government Project which integrates the efforts to clean and protect the Ganga river in a comprehensive manner. The area of operation of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) shall be the Ganga River Basin, including the states through which Ganga flows and Bhagalpur as one of those Districts. One of the components of National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in convergence with SBA is also to avoid unpolluted flow of waste into the Ganga basin thereby making blocks/villages that are near to the Ganga basin open defecation free. Going by the objectives of NGRBA and SBA, AIPAD team plans to aggressively work on those blocks which fall

Construction of toilets in Baijutola, Shyampur panchayat

under the regions of Ganga basin. A survey was done by our team in Baijutola in Shyampur panchayat in Kahalgaon block where it was identified that more than 151 households were without toilets. Our team discussed this issue with the Mukhiya of Shyampur, Mr. Sunil Paswan and he took this issue

News Feed

Bihar Government's Seven Promises: Nitish Kumar, chief minister of Bihar, declared the setting up of Bihar Vikas Mission to the government for the implementation of 7 Nishchay or seven electoral promises. The chief minister has set a special team which will help the government in the implementation of the scheme or 7- nishchay. Here is the description of the agendas or the sectors in which this mission will work:

- Road connectivity and solid drainage system
- Continuous electricity
- Clean drinking water and sanitation
- Toilet in every home
- Youth employment and skill development
- Better access to higher education
- Women empowerment through reservation

Swasthya Slate Pilot: A comparison of intervention & control Panchayats-September 2015 to December 2016

Reproductive and Child Health	Intervention Panchayats			Control Panchayats		
	Kasba Kherahi	Amba	Jagariya	Belthu	Dindayalpur	Saroni
Total population	10699	9558	10519	8480	7221	7456
Pregnant women registered for ANC	398	410	487	442	245	218
Pregnant women received 3 ANC check ups	159	338	312	335	168	128
Urine-Protein	522	549	625	0	0	0
Haemoglobin	453	527	543	354	226	170
Sugar	606	748	731	0	0	0
HIV	328	333	405	0	0	0
Hepatitis-B	327	333	405	0	0	0
Pregnancy test	316	303	355	0	0	0
Syphilis	329	333	400	0	0	0
Malaria	359	333	400	0	0	0
Blood group	375	386	445	0	0	0

very seriously. It was a collaborative decision to construct toilets in Baijutola to make it ODF.

Therefore, the objective of transforming Baijutola into an ODF village was achieved by using Behavior Change Communication (BCC) and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach. (BCC) is a process of working with individuals, communities and societies to develop communication strategies to promote positive behaviours while Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) is an innovative methodology for mobilizing communities to completely eliminate open defecation (OD). Regular meetings were done with the community to explain the health hazards of defecating in open and the social concerns that it has, especially for women. Door to door visits were done by

our team members to remove taboos against usage of toilets and an effort was made to bring a change in their thinking that will directly affect their sanitation habits. PRI members were also involved in community meetings and they also pushed the community for construction and usage of toilets. Regular follow up was maintained by AIPAD team members and gram panchayat leaders in dissuading

villagers from defecating in open and explaining the importance of sanitation and hygiene.

In this duration,151 toilets were constructed thereby making Baijutola as one of first Open Defecation-Free (ODF) village in the block under Swachh Bharat Mission. Similar initiative is taking place in other blocks as well and we hope to achieve the objective of making more villages ODF soon.

Protsahan Diwas; An appreciation for villages achieving universalization

AIPAD has been aggressively involved in universalization of the various social security schemes among the selected five blocks. To make it universalized, AIPAD team has worked effectively with the panchayat heads and ward members and mo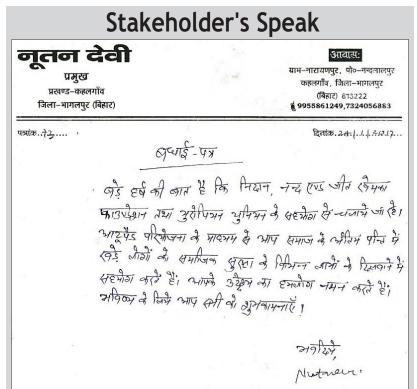tivated them to reach out to the unreached. Protsahan Diwas has been conceptualized by AIPAD as an effort to identify and appreciate those panchayats and panchayat heads that have achieved 90 percent of coverage under various social

security schemes. 90 percent coverage is considered keeping in mind the 10 percent floating population in the form of new beneficiaries being constantly added and identified for schemes like Kabir Antyesthi, Shatabdi Yojna and pension schemes etc. AIPAD team identified such panchayats and felicitated their representatives by celebrating Protsahan Diwas. Also, other panchayat representatives are

Stakeholder's Speak

Our Project Coordinator along with Mukhiya and Pramukh, Kahalgaon

inspired and motivated to do similar good work.

Protashaan Diwas was celebrated in Kahalgaon block at the block office on 28th December 2016, where Mukhiya of Shyampur, Mr. Sunil Paswan and Mukhiya of Ekchari Panchayat, Mrs. Indra Devi were felicitated by the Pramukh of Kahalgaon, Mrs. Nutan Devi.

Both newly elected Mukhiyas have done a significant amount of work in the universalization of social security schemes. They have been organising multiple Aam Sabha meetings across their panchayats. The demands under various schemes like Indira Awas, road, electricity, old age pension, widow pension, disability pension, quality education, gas connection under Ujjwala Yojna,

toilet construction etc. are being identified. Initially, our Front Line Workers (FLW) used to help in identifying and registering the names of the beneficiaries attending the Aam Sabha meetings, but recently, Mukhiya has hired a full time person (similar profile as our FLW) for doing the relevant work of identifying the beneficiaries. They are informed about the various necessary documents required for availing the schemes and are further helped in case of missing documents. A constant follow up is maintained with the beneficiaries through phone calls to find out whether benefits have been duly received.

The table depicts the success scenario of important demands of the people in two Panchayats:

S.S Scheme	Grand Total
(Kabir Antyeshti Yojna) Social Security	2
(Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojna) Social Security	12
(Old Age Pension) Social Security	111
(Rastriya Pariwarik Labhyojna) Social Security	3
(Schemes for Disabled) Social Security	19
(Widow Pension) Social Security	33
Grand Total	180

S.S Scheme	Grand Total
(Kabir Antyeshti Yojna) Social Security	6
(Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojna) Social Security	13
(Old Age Pension) Social Security	128
(Rastriya Pariwarik Labhyojna) Social Security	3
(Schemes for Disabled) Social Security	47
(Widow Pension) Social Security	27
Grand Total	224

Kahalgaon masons trained in
affordable toilet construction technique

India has an open defecation(OD) rate of 60% – four times the global rate and Bihar alone taking it to 82.4 percent. It is well documented that OD leads to transmission of diseases and produces adverse health outcomes for nearby populations, especially children. One of the key priorities of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) is to end open defecation by 2019. Going by the objectives of SBA, training was organized by AIPAD for local masons on construction of affordable cost toilet model. The idea behind this training was to identify the local masons in the blocks and train them for

constructing low cost toilets in their regions, keeping in mind the entitled amount for toilet construction under SBA which is Rs. 10,000 for APL and Rs. 12,000 for BPL. This sustainable community based approach means delivering services at a price that the community can afford and is willingly to pay for.

A training of 25 local masons, PRI members and some turnkey solution providers was organized in Baijutola village of Shyampur Panchayat, Kahalgaon on 29th December 2016. The training was given by AIPAD's resource person Mr. Krishan Murari. The training of these 25 local masons will

Masons being trained

impact a population of around 6 panchayats and approximately 90,000 families. AIPAD plans to conduct similar training in other blocks as well so as to increase the construction of toilets and its usage. AIPAD is also developing 3 comprehensive modules which can be used to train the key stakeholders involved in the project viz., turnkey solution providers, PRI members and masons.

AIPAD Through The Lens

Sanitation Campaign in P.S Dohradih, Dindyalpur Panchayat, Shahkund Block
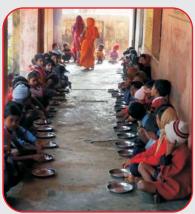

Followed by mid day meal

Bicycles given to girls in 9th & 10th standard under Mukhya Mantri Balika Cycle Yojna Modnarayan School, Amba Panchayat, Shahkund

SMC Meeting at P.S. Dohradih Dindyalpur Panchayat, Shahkund Block

Student bank account being opened for direct benefit transfer of scholarship / uniform amount Modnarayan School, Amba Panchayat, Shahkund

We apologize for any errors or omissions