



Annual Report 2022-23



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Secretary's message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the year 2022-2023, Kosi Seva Sadan stands proud of its relentless dedication to community upliftment and resilience. Our collective efforts in child protection, women's empowerment, and disaster management have significantly impacted the lives of many in the Saharsa district and beyond.

With the steadfast support from partners like BfdW, Germany, CHILDINE India Foundation, Ministry of Women and Child Development and our tireless team, we have navigated through challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that our communities receive essential support and guidance. Our initiatives in herbal gardening, goat rearing, and DRR training have empowered local populations, fostering self-reliance and sustainable development.

Together, we will continue to strive for a more inclusive and resilient society. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission.

Warm regards,

Rajendra Bhai

Secretary, Kosi Seva Sadan

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic was swift and effective, providing essential support and guidance to those in need. We distributed readymade food packets, protective gear, and grocery food packets to affected families, ensuring their well-being during these challenging times.

About Us

Kosi Seva Sadan (KSS) is a not-for-profit organization established in the year 1981 by the inspiration of renowned activist and freedom fighter late Shri Jay Prakash Narayan. Later, social activist, late Shri Prem Bhai of the Sarvodaya Movement helped Kosi Seva Sadan flourish under his dynamic leadership and provided momentum to KSS by initiating need-based programs for the true development of the poor and vulnerable section of the society.



Legal Status

- Registered under the **Society Registration Act, 1860**. Reg. No. **272** dated **22.10.1981**.
- Registered under the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976**. Reg. No. **031200003** dated **02.12.1985**.
- Registered under **Section 12 (A)** of Income Tax Act 1961. Reg. No. **12A/45/2010-11/ 7459-61** dated **21.02.2011**.
- Registered under **Section 80 (G)** of Income Tax Act 1961. Reg. No. **80G/33/2010-11/ 7462-64** dated **21.02.2011**.
- PAN **AAATK3803F**.
- TAN **PTNK01977D**.

Our Vision

KSS visualize an egalitarian society where the poor, oppressed and underprivileged people get every proper opportunity to utilize their inherent productive potential in shaping a developed and progressive society.

Our Mission

KSS mission is to facilitate the process of holistic development of society based on equality, justice and sustainability.

Our Values

Integrity

Collaboration

Empowerment

Innovation

Inclusivity

Objectives

1. To provide social, educational and economic empowerment to women and children.
2. To make people aware of their rights, duties and initiatives meant for their overall development.
3. To promote a safer environment for the future generation through positive behaviour change for sustainable development.
4. To improve the precarious state of the villages in Bihar through improves agricultural practices, health and nutrition, proper education, environmental conservation etc.
5. To improve community health emphasizing on women and child health.
6. To promote innovative agriculture and irrigation practices.
7. To bring out the use of Traditional Health System.
8. To safeguard the rights of the child and wellbeing of the children in needs.
9. To preserve and protect the environment and propagate climate change and DRR for sustainable development for maintaining ecological balances.
10. To promote educational mainstreaming of the poor and vulnerable children.
11. To provide vocational training and enhance livelihood potentials of women and men, unemployed youth and differently abled people and any other vulnerable sections.
12. To network and collaborate with the likeminded associations, non-governmental and governmental organizations and international organizations in pursuance of the aims and objectives of the society.

Human Resources

Kosi Seva Sadan (KSS) prides itself on a dedicated team that combines both professional expertise and volunteer passion. This dynamic team forms the backbone of KSS's operations, propelling its initiatives forward with unwavering commitment and purpose.

KSS currently have 15 full-time staff members whose expertise spans a variety of domains, including project management, administration, finance, and program implementation. These professionals bring a wealth of experience and specialized knowledge to their roles, ensuring that KSS executes its projects with efficiency and effectiveness

Issue of Intervention



**DRR & Climate
Change**



Education



Agriculture



Livelihood



**Women
Empowerment**



Health



**Water &
Sanitation**



**Environment &
Clean Energy**



**Networking &
Advocacy**



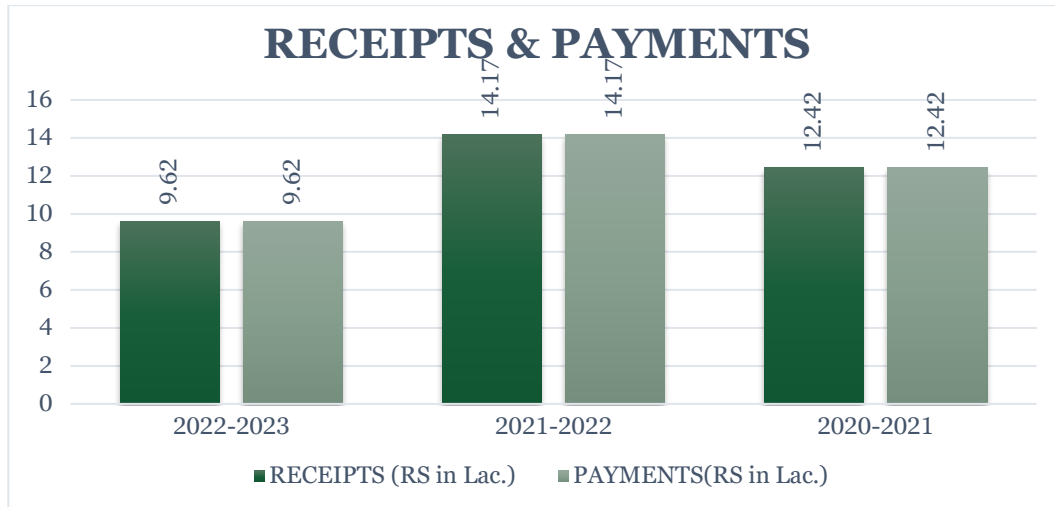
**Child Rights &
Development**

Geographical Areas

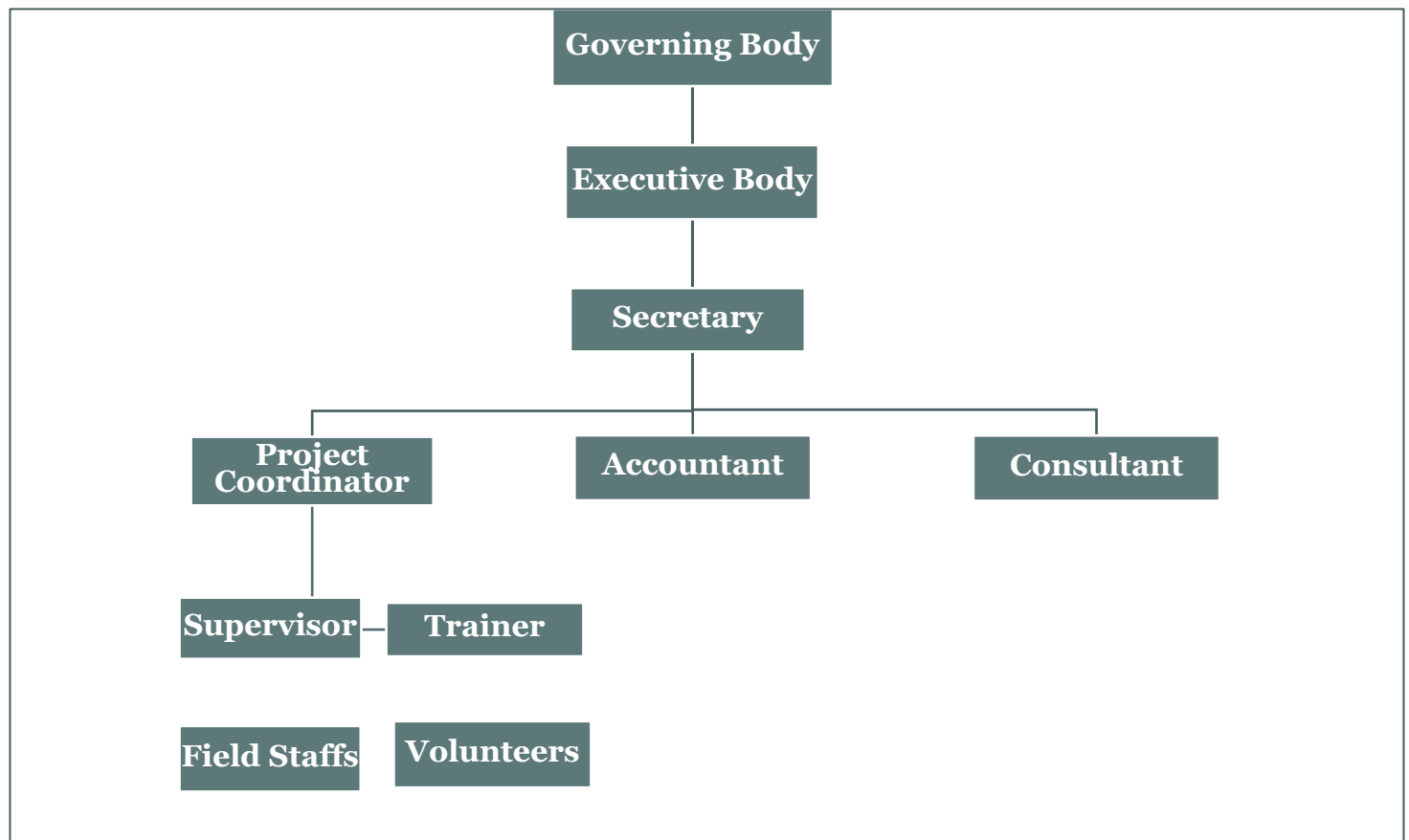
As of now, Kosi Seva Sadan is only operational in Saharsa District covering two sub-divisions and 200 villages Saharsa District of Bihar but our indirect intervention is spread among five districts of Kosi Sub-Division i.e. Saharsa, Supaul, Madhepura, Khagaria and Madhubani.



Receipt & Payment



Governance



What we do

KSS believes in community-based approach through which it prepares need-based project by ensuring community share and involvement. The responsibilities of community groups and organization are laid down prior to the implementation of the project activities. KSS thus formed the CBOs, Self Help Group and Mahila Kisan Club just to bring and inspire the rural individual particularly the women to get benefitted with this for their respective community. With the local participation of rural women in every field, Kosi Seva Sadan stimulates for recognition of grassroots women as decision makers and nurtures women in their active roles as farmers, community leaders and stakeholders.

KSS also focuses on eradication of child labour. It's been the main motive of organisation to protect the rights of the children and also the children in need. We initiate certain measures of creating awareness among employers and parents regarding the evils of child labour. Our efforts have been made to the Government in elimination of child labour. Thus we encouraged to become partners in elimination of child labour along with Government. The interventions of Kosi Seva Sadan are in the areas of counseling awareness, creating social mobilization, encouraging community participation, rescuing children from work, providing vocational training, enrolling children in schools and ensuring their retention by minimizing dropouts, monitoring the functioning of schools, bringing.

Every year, Kosi Seva Sadan (KSS) supports individuals affected by annual floods or flash floods by providing necessary aid. KSS's innovative development results from its sustained efforts and partnerships with community organizations, village and cluster-level groups, central and state governments, PRIs, NGOs, and CSOs. These collaborations foster positive societal change and strengthen communities through sustainable development techniques.

KSS's community-driven approach empowers and supports Dalit, Mahadalit, and excluded communities, helping them achieve sustainable livelihoods and develop leadership skills to access their rights and entitlements for a dignified life.

Kosi Seva Sadan (KSS) has a dedicated team of 15 full-time staff, 14 part-time staff, and 60 volunteers who work with sincerity and commitment to achieve the organization's goals. The organization is managed by a Governing Body, which includes an executive body and the secretary's consent, ensuring efficient and systematic operations.

KSS holds a special General Body meeting with a seven-day notice and the Governing Body meets quarterly to plan future activities. In emergencies, the Secretary, with the help of volunteers and staff, decides and implements necessary strategies.

Highlights of 2022-2023

Enhancing Flood Resilience: Disaster Preparedness and Response Initiatives

Kosi Seva Sadan has been actively implementing disaster preparedness and response initiatives to build flood resilience in the Mahishi block, Saharsa district. Bihar's topography, marked by perennial and non-perennial rivers originating from Nepal, carries high sediment loads that cause severe floods, especially during the monsoon season when river flows can increase up to 50 times. According to the Bihar



Government's Flood Management Information Systems Cell, floods in Bihar can be categorized into four types: Class I (Flash floods), Class II (River floods), Class III (Drainage congestion in river confluence), and Class IV (Permanent waterlogged areas). With 73.63% of North Bihar prone to floods and 28 out of 38 districts affected, including the worst-hit 15 districts, KSS focuses on comprehensive flood resilience strategies. These include training disaster committee members, youth, and cadres on pre, during, and post-disaster preparedness, developing Village DRR Plans, and enhancing community capacity through traditional flood coping mechanisms. By forging partnerships with government entities and stakeholders, KSS ensures comprehensive support for flood-affected communities. The past experience of KSS includes leading and supporting project implementation teams, building partnerships, and delivering rehabilitation and emergency relief programs, especially highlighted during the 2008 Kosi floods, which impacted over 500,000 farmers and devastated farmlands and crops.

Impact Generated:

- Trained over 500 community members in disaster preparedness.
- Established well-coordinated disaster response teams.
- Increased community-wide awareness of flood risks and safety measures.
- Strengthened flood-resistant infrastructure and provided essential resources.

Empowering Communities through Goat Distribution: A Sustainable Approach

We continue to advance community livelihoods through its innovative Revolving '**Aajivika Model**' program. This year, we expanded our initiative by distributing 13 baby goats to new beneficiaries in targeted villages. This program builds on the success of previous distributions, where families have effectively utilized goats to enhance their economic stability and improve their quality of life.

The program operates on a sustainable model where families who received goats previously are now passing on the offspring to other deserving households. This cycle not only supports immediate livelihood needs but also ensures long-term sustainability by multiplying the impact across multiple families. Each goat provides valuable resources such as milk and cash on selling, contributing to nutritional security, especially in resource-constrained rural areas. KSS remains committed to empowering communities through practical interventions that foster self-sufficiency and improve overall well-being. The Revolving Cycle of Livelihood Promotion exemplifies our dedication to creating lasting positive change in the lives of those we serve.



Revitalizing Traditional Health Practices among rural communities

Our initiative has imparted a robust measure to promote the adoption of traditional health practices among the communities we serve. Recognizing the immense value and effectiveness of time-honored methods, our aim is to blend these practices with modern healthcare to enhance the overall well-being of individuals. The campaign focuses on educating community members about the benefits of traditional remedies, herbal treatments, and natural wellness techniques that have been passed down through generations.

Through a series of workshops, seminars, and hands-on training sessions, we have reached out to thousands of individuals, imparting knowledge about the use of locally available herbs and plants. Our efforts are geared towards empowering individuals to take charge of their health using resources readily available in their environment. These educational initiatives are supplemented with the distribution of herbal plants to households, ensuring that families have access to these natural remedies.

Empowering Women, Inspiring Leadership: Women's Day Workshop

Kosi Seva Sadan organized a dynamic Women's Empowerment and Women's Day Workshop with the theme "परिवर्तन की ज्योति, नेतृत्व की प्रेरणा"). The workshop aimed to foster a culture of gender equality, empowering women to achieve their full potential and become leaders in their communities. It included sessions on economic empowerment, education, leadership development, health, and advocacy against violence.



The event provided practical training on financial independence, skill enhancement, and leadership, enabling participants to take charge of their lives and contribute meaningfully to society. Women Leaders from Jeevika Mahishi provided valuable input to rural women, empowering them to make a significant change in the Society. Health awareness sessions promoted reproductive health and well-being, while discussions on ending violence equipped women with the knowledge and resources to live free from fear and violence.

Impact Generated:

- Over 150 women received entrepreneurship and financial management training, boosting economic independence.
- Skill development programs benefited 200 women, enhancing their knowledge and abilities.
- 75 women were inspired to take on leadership roles within their communities.
- Health awareness sessions improved reproductive health understanding for 300 women.

Sustaining Community Impact: Post-Project Engagement with CBOs

After the successful completion of our recent project "**Inclusive Development Through Capacity Building and Sustainable Livelihood**" supported by BfdW, Germany, Kosi Seva Sadan focused on sustaining the impact through active engagement with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). The program aimed to ensure the continuity of the benefits delivered during the project and to further empower CBOs to play a vital role in community development.



Post-project, we organized a series of workshops and meetings with CBOs to review project outcomes and strategize future actions. These engagements provided a platform for CBOs to discuss their experiences, share insights, and address challenges faced during the project. We facilitated capacity-building sessions to enhance their skills in project management, resource mobilization, and community mobilization.

Key Activities

Capacity Building

Strategic Planning

Resource Sharing

Feedback Collection



This post-project engagement ensures that the gains from the project continue to benefit the community and that CBOs remain active and effective in their roles. The collaboration fosters a lasting impact, enabling CBOs to drive continued progress and development in their areas.

CHILDLINE 1098

Kosi Seva Sadan has been actively implementing the CHILDLINE project since 2011, in collaboration with the Childline India Foundation, Mumbai, under the aegis of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. CHILDLINE is a 24-hour, toll-free phone outreach service (CHILDLINE number 1098) dedicated to children in need of care and protection. This national helpline provides crucial support to children who are victims of trafficking, abandoned by parents, missing, runaway, or victims of substance abuse, ensuring they receive immediate rescue and assistance.

We are active in the blocks of Mahishi, Sattar Katiya, and Nauhatta in the Saharsa district of Bihar, Kosi Seva Sadan implements this project with a holistic approach. We provide a comprehensive range of services including medical care, Nutrition, shelter, restoration, rescue, rehabilitation, and education to marginalized children. Our team is dedicated to responding promptly to every call, ensuring that no child is left unheard or unsupported. Through the CHILDLINE project, Kosi Seva Sadan has made a significant impact on the lives of countless children, offering them a lifeline and a chance for a better future. Our continuous efforts to protect and empower children reflect our unwavering commitment to child welfare and development. We remain dedicated to creating a safer and more supportive environment for every child in need, ensuring they have the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive.

CHILDLINE se Dosti Program



CHILDLINE SE DOSTI is a dynamic, weeklong national campaign designed to raise awareness about the CHILDLINE 1098 helpline and foster community support for child protection. This campaign is an essential initiative, aiming to educate the public, especially children, about the services offered by CHILDLINE and the importance of safeguarding children's rights.

During the CHILDLINE SE DOSTI campaign, a series of interactive awareness sessions were meticulously planned and executed in over 50 schools across the targeted blocks of the Saharsa district. These sessions were crafted to engage students in a meaningful and memorable way. Through role-playing activities, students were placed in scenarios where they had to navigate situations involving child protection issues, helping them understand the practical application of the 1098 helpline.

Quizzes were another crucial component of these sessions. These quizzes were not only educational but also fun, making learning about child protection an enjoyable experience. The quizzes tested the students' knowledge of the CHILDLINE service, the situations in which it should be used, and the proper procedures for contacting the helpline. This interactive method ensured that the information was retained more effectively.

Open House Program

The Open House Program, implemented by Kosi Seva Sadan under the CHILDLINE initiative, serves as an open forum for children to address conflicts, assess, review, and evaluate the services provided by CHILDLINE. Held once a month on a fixed day, this

program allows children to voice their concerns and collaborate with the CHILDLINE team to identify solutions to their problems. The primary focus is on issues raised by children, ensuring they have a platform to be heard and their issues addressed promptly.

During the Open House sessions, children frequently raised issues related to the connectivity of the 1098 helpline. Many reported difficulties in connecting calls, with some experiencing problems such as inaudible responses or blank rings. In certain areas, the 1098 call is metered and not free, adding to the challenges faced by children in distress. Additionally, children have expressed dissatisfaction with the response of some team members, citing rudeness or delays in reaching out to them during emergencies. The Open



House Program has proven to be a vital component of the CHILDLINE project, ensuring that the voices of children are heard and their issues are addressed with urgency and empathy. By providing this open forum, We continues to enhance its support for children in need, fostering a safer and more responsive environment for their protection and well-being.

Awareness Program

KSS, with support from CHILDLINE India Foundation, conducted Awareness Program across various locations, aiming to educate and empower communities about the crucial services provided by CHILDLINE 1098. This program was designed to enhance the visibility and accessibility of the CHILDLINE helpline, ensuring that children in need and their caretakers are aware of how to utilize this vital resource. The activities spanned educational institutions, community gatherings, and media platforms, making a significant impact across the target areas.

Educational Outreach in Schools:

The program included interactive awareness sessions in over 62 schools within the targeted locations in Saharsa district. These sessions engaged students through role-playing, quizzes, and storytelling, illustrating the importance and proper use of the 1098 helpline. Educational materials such as brochures and flyers were distributed, providing detailed information on when and how to use the CHILDLINE service. This

outreach aimed to empower children with the knowledge and confidence to seek help when needed.

Community Awareness Initiatives:

Community rallies and meetings were organized in multiple villages, targeting parents, guardians, and community leaders. Information about the 1098 helpline was broadcasted using loudspeakers during local festivals and public events, reaching a wider audience. Information booths were set up in marketplaces and other public gatherings to provide detailed explanations and answer queries about CHILDLINE services. These initiatives fostered a sense of community involvement and responsibility towards child protection.

Workshops and Capacity Building:

Workshops were facilitated for teachers, volunteers, and community workers on child protection laws and the critical role of the CHILDLINE helpline. Training sessions focused on recognizing signs of child abuse and neglect, and the appropriate steps to take when such cases are identified. These workshops aimed to create a network of trained community members who can act as first responders in child protection emergencies, ensuring timely and effective intervention.



Financial:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

RECEIPTS		Rs.....P.	PAYMENTS		Rs.....P.
Opening Balances			Project Expenses		
Cash In Hand			A. Child Line India Foundation Project		
General Section	3,144.00		1 Honorarium	3,78,000.00	
In Saving Bank Account With			2 Client Related Expenses	75,000.00	
FCRA			3 Administrative Expenses	75,000.00	
S.B.I, New Delhi			4 District Level Facilitation Cost	75,000.00	6,03,000.00
Account No. :0000040106681979	186.00		B. Own Activities		
S.B.I, Bariyahi Bazar, Saharsa			1 Awareness - Climate Change & DRR	14,105.00	
Account No. :31414099679			2 Women Empower & Women Day Expenses	7,028.00	21,133.00
General Section			C. Administrative & Other Expenses		
1 Account No. 31160577971	1,846.00		1 Travelling Expenses	11,187.00	
2 Account No. 31184430476	5,000.00	7,032.00	2 Contingency Expenses	1,701.50	
			3 Stationery/Phone/Fax/Mobile Expenses	4,910.00	
Grant			4 Vehicle Maintenance	8,000.00	25,798.50
From Childline India Foundation Trust, Mumbai		5,93,000.00	D. Loan & Expenses Payable - Refund		
Donation & Subscription		56,711.00	1 Loan	81,300.00	
Interest from Bank			2 Expenses Payable	2,20,200.00	3,01,500.00
1 FCRA	124.98		E. Closing Balance		
2 General Section	1,243.00	1,367.98	Cash In Hand		
Loan & Expenses Payable			General Section	5,212.00	
In anticipation of Grant from Childline			In Saving Bank Account With		
Foundation, Mumbai			SBI, New Delhi		
1 Loan	81,300.00		Account No. 0000040106681979 - FCRA	-	
2 Expenses Payable	2,20,200.00	3,01,500.00	SBI, Bariyahi Bazar, Saharsa		
			Account No. 31414099679-FCRA	310.98	
TOTAL	Rs.	9,62,754.98	General Section		
			1 Account No. 31160577971	800.50	
			2 Account No. 31184430476	5,000.00	6,111.48
			TOTAL	Rs.	9,62,754.98

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