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BALASORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

VISION

We envisage a transformed society where love, peace and justice prevail

MISSION

We undertake the mandate of promoting, facilitating and enabling sustainable human development of all, especially the poor and the marginalised by fighting poverty, diseases, enhancing quality education, ensuring livelihood, food security and addressing emergencies.



Balasore Social Service Society is the social service wing of Balasore Diocese. It primarily works in the four districts of Odisha, namely; Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak.

Between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, it has touched the lives of 54,000 people in 12,400 households across these four districts.



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Message from the PRESIDENT

Balasure Social Service Society has marched ahead touching the lives of thousands especially in the Districts of Balasure, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj in the year 2021 with dedication and love even in the midst of the most tumultuous time that the world has seen in over a century.

With gratitude to God, I am glad to present the annual report of BSSS 2021 and pray for God's blessings on all those who are part of BSSS.

I'm deeply proud of BSSS, the social wing of the Diocese of Balasure, for the way they worked together to support our communities throughout the year and took immediate measures to keep our people safe and protect their health during the pandemic. When the movement was restricted the people were guided through telephonic conversation and monitored agricultural activities. The most significant of them all is bringing education to the children in the periphery when they were deprived of Education. The tuition centers across 4 districts among the tribal community were the only alternative means of education. This will go a long way to protect children from early marriage and child labour. When the migrants returned back to their villages BSSS

provided them with skills through their skill development programs. Hundreds of youth are self-employed and are earning their

lively hood.

For me, it is a matter of pride to see the commitment and dedication that the BSSS team displayed during this year to serve our people. I am extremely grateful to them, our Governing Body Members, funding agencies, Government officials, our partners, and all our well-wishers, who have supported us with their trust and guidance through this most challenging year and look forward to the collaboration in the coming years towards building a strong, healthy and just society.

Wishing you all the best.

Fr. Isaac Puthenangady
Administrator, Diocese of Balasure

Message from the DIRECTOR



The year gone by was one of the most difficult and challenging ones that many of us have faced, and it has impacted our lives in unforeseen ways. The COVID-19 pandemic has cast a shadow of uncertainty and anxiety all over the world, affecting people across all social strata. Despite all the pain and suffering, the unbreakable human spirit shines through in the large and small acts of kindness, empathy and compassion. Through these difficult times, the relentless effort and determination of all the frontline health and social workers have stood out as a beacon of hope for humanity, and I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to the BSSS family who worked relentlessly together with the government officials to safeguard the lives of people.

We have cooperated with the government and extended our solidarity by volunteering and helping a large number of people with food, personal protective equipment and covid prevention awareness. While we have emerged stronger and bolder from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are acutely aware that the pandemic has widened socioeconomic inequities. Our responsibility towards our communities has increased manifold.

While serving the humanity affected by the pandemic, BSSS continued caring for the marginal farmers through Farmers Clubs and Women Self Help Groups to ensure food security. The improved agricultural practices, resilient agriculture and livelihood, integrated farming system, organic and eco friendly agriculture, promotion of cash crops and

pulses, etc. were emphasized for agricultural productivity. BSSS fostered capabilities of women in all sectors at all times specifically

illuminated their lives through various capacity building programs and income generation activities to strengthen their self-reliance and to live with dignity.

Education to the tribal students who were deprived of the online class facilities was a noble effort of the time. BSSS imparted education through 43 village-based tuition centers for more than 600 children while following covid appropriate behaviour. Safeguarding the rights of children and providing protection against all abuses in the District of Mayurbhanj in 5 panchayats and 80 villages the Child Protection Committees and Adolescent Girls Groups together with the District Administration have created ripples in the villages and a good number of children are being rescued or rehabilitated.

We are glad that we could reach out to more than 54,000 people in 12,400 households in the year 2020-2021, spreading the fragrance of progress and confidence in them thus joining in the humanitarian endeavour to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where the Earth will be a beautiful home for us and the generations to come.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Lijo George', set against a dark blue background.

Fr. Lijo George
Director



Message from the ASST. DIRECTOR

The great universal saying of the time goes this way "Service to humankind is service to God".

Balasure Social Service Society has been continually rendering service to all sections of the society irrespective of caste, creed religion and gender around the clock. BSSS has not left a stone unturned to ensure a dignified life for the most vulnerable in all its interventions. I am glad to pen down some of my experiences of working with Balasure Social Service Society over the past three years. BSSS being the social wing of the Catholic Diocese of Balasure plays a major role in the four districts of Balasure, Bhadrak, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj in developmental works such as agriculture, food security, health, disaster management, education and protection rights. BSSS is known for handling crisis situations tactfully may it be disaster management or pandemic Covid -19. BSSS volunteers are like the wise virgins ready with the extra oil for the journey to tackle any situation in collaboration with Govt. authorities and the line department. The service rendered during the COVID and the lockdown by BSSS staff is praiseworthy. The dedication towards society

and its people inspired me a lot. BSSS set aside all its regular activities and responded to the

call of the government to help out people who were affected by the COVID and the sudden lockdown. BSSS provided meals to the street dwellers, dry food to the slum dwellers and other poor people, took care of the youth with skill development and protected all those ignorant with hygiene kits and educated them on COVID and its appropriate behavior.

I congratulate all BSSS family members for their great contribution to the growth and development of the society and thank funding agencies, natural partners and govt. line department for their financial support, help and contribution. I finally wish all the very best to BSSS staff for their future endeavors.



Fr. Eric Soreng
Asst. Director

Driven to Create Humane Sustainable & Secure FUTURE FOR ALL



BSSS envisages a strong, healthy and just society by meeting the diverse needs of all people in existing and future communities, promoting personal wellbeing, social cohesion and inclusion, and creating equal opportunity. This has been the heart of all the programs of BSSS like Sustainable transformation of Tribals through Empowerment, Education and Economic Reforms, (STEER), Social Welfare through Agriculture and Allied Development (SWAAD), Sustainable and Participatory Rural Empowerment through Agri-based livelihood Development (SPREAD), build Resilient Communities in the Flood plains of Brahmaputra and Mahanadi Delta Assam and Odisha (MAHANADI), Development of Real Empowerment through Agricultural Mission (DREAM) Mainstreaming the low performing Tribal Students through Bridge up Center (BuC), Surakya; A joint venture to safeguard the Right and dignity of the children of Mayurbhanj, with the support of the National and International Organization and the grassroots level Community-Based Organisations (CBOs).

Educating the children For an Enlightened Society

BSSS with an aim to prevent high dropout rates and underachievement among the less privileged pursued Children in their early years. It was observed that the weak foundation led to a lack of interest among the teenagers and uneducated parents found it comfortable to have their children given in marriage or push them to child labor to gain extra income for the family. Educating the parents and children on the importance of education was a paramount need of the time.



Education Resource Centers & Bridge up Centres (BuC)

The purpose of ERCs and BuC is to provide free tuitions through the method of Joyful teaching for the students from class 1 to 5 after-school and unsupervised hours to reduce primary dropouts, to develop themselves in academics and extracurricular activities and excel in studies in a safe environment.



The centers have provided training to 746 parents on the importance and right to education and the parent's role in the education of the children.



During COVID-19 when schools are closed the BuCs were the only alternative learning facility for our children. The BuCs has saved the children from child marriages, child labour and drop outs in our village specially during the lockdown. Mr. Kanhu Hembrom, Sarpanch, Madhapur

There are 43 Village centers across Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar with 776 children and are managed by Education Committees whose members are parents of the children and the animators. The centers are well equipped with all the teaching materials.

385 out of 663 students have increased their sense of creative learning to improve their standard of studies and they are in a position to compete with other general students Mr. Silu Saha



Distribution of Basic Educational Materials and Hygiene Kits to all Children of the Centres



Every student is provided with the materials like bags, exercise books, stationery, water bottles and umbrella which enables a student to come to the class and do their homework, and are encouraged to learn and thrive. To follow the Covid protocol issued by the government the children were provided with hygiene kits containing masks and soaps.

Children's Club

The Children's Club added new thrust to the lives of the children in 3 districts of Odisha. The children look forward to participating in the weekly meetings and taking an active part in all activities. The children are imparted knowledge on their rights and they come up with plans to execute their demands to protect their rights. There are 48 children's clubs with more than 750 members.



Children's Parliament

The Children's Parliament in different villages are equipped with skills and knowledge about their rights, health, and education and prepared to contribute to the decision-making process of the administrative system as they are provided with opportunities to carry out their duties as different departments headed by little 'ministers' in their own villages and panchayats. They take up minor issues of the villages and work to remedy them like reaching out to the old people with supports, providing masks to the poor and submission of requests to the panchayat to deal with selected public grievances. The members of the children's parliament are vigilant and raise their voices when their rights are hampered.



Children's Fair

Children's fair improves capabilities, develops leadership and the ability to work well with others in a group. Children's fair were conducted cluster-wise at different panchayats keeping the covid protocols. The student received a golden opportunity to exchange their views and show their expertise. Exhibition of their TLM and competitions of various types were held on the day. At the end of the day, all the events were marked and prizes were distributed.



General Health Check-up Camp for Children in Clusters

Children from all these centers gathered cluster-wise in 8 places for a general health check-up. 580 children availed the opportunity and the anemic and malnourished children's parents were advised to provide nutritious food.



The Education Committee (EC) influence the School Monitoring Committee of the village schools and one of the EC procured Rs. 3 lakh from the district administration for the boundary of Rakhinisahi UP school.

Community's Own Intervention

When the neighbouring parents realized that the children of ERC are being educated and kept occupied during the Covid 19 lockdown, they gathered together and organized tuition classes for 78 higher class children of their village.



Children's CBOs at a Glance

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Case Stories



Name: Tulasi Hansdah
D/O: Daman Hansdah
Rasinagar BuC, Tadki.
Kuliana MBJ.
Class : 5. Age: 13

Due to my family negligence I was unable to study . When BSSS Started BuC I was enrolled and I continued my studies . It is the BuC teacher Sankar Sir and E.C Member Suman Hansdah Helped me to Emroll my name in the school and now I am studying in the school. Thanks to BSSS.



Name: Tapas Soren
S/O: John Soren
Jibanjyoti BuC, Narayanpur.
Jaleswar. Balasore
Class : 4. Age: 9

My father is a TB patient. So our economical condition is very bad . There is no other source of income for our family . Hence I was unable to study. But, BSSS provided me a great opportunity to study and now I have improved my studies a lot. I am sincerely grateful to BSSS



Name: Bikas Soren
S/O: Philip Soren
Jibanjyoti BuC, Narayanpur.
Jaleswar. Balasore
Class : 4. Age: 10

After the death of my father, my mother found it difficult to educate and look after all 5 of us. BuC had just started in our village around that time. Since all were enrolling and I was eligible my mother enrolled me. I started doing well in my studies and my performance in school improved. I have developed the interest to study further and I am thankful to BSSS for this opportunity.

Sustainable Agriculture to Eradicate Poverty and Hunger

BSSS launched different livelihood and agricultural programs and training for the small and medium farmers to eradicate poverty and hunger in all its forms and provide the people with the basic needs of food, shelter, healthcare, education, security and equal opportunities to excel in the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak and Mayurbhanj.



Integrated Farming System

BSSS with an attempt to increase farmers income trained the farmers on integrating crop husbandry with allied enterprises. Initially few models were created and the people adapted it as benefitting way of agriculture and incorporated components like agriculture, horticulture, cash crops, vegetable, pulses, fish, livestock and other off-farm activities of livelihood options with income around the year. Making Organic compost by recycling the waste from the farm is an integral part of the IFS. Through the Programs of STEER, SWAAD and SPREAD farmers were trained and the success stories of the farmers tell volumes of the success of IFS in raising the profits of the farmers.

Total Households	No. People practiced IFS with and impact farmers	Income Raise
5,913	1,781	40%



Cash Crops

To provide sustainable income for the farmers and to help them to save and invest in more productive farms cash crops were introduced. SHGs and FCs invested as a group and the profit was shared. The unused land laying vacant was brought under cultivation. Ginger, turmeric and oil seeds are the main cash crops that gained popularity among people.



Cash crop /pulses	No. of farmers adapted	Income Raise
Ginger, Turmeric, Arum, Ground Nut, Pulses, Maize, Millet	1,781	40%



Introduction of Rabi Crops



BSSS to provide employment and raise the economy of the people introduced Rabi crop cultivation wherever possible after studying the type of the soil. Farmers mostly cultivated one crop and remained unemployed the rest of the year. This led to poverty and migration. The introduction of varieties of pulses and cereals increased the income of the farmers. People were trained on rabi plantations and people adapted to the methods introduced.

Case Story

The situation in our village has changed, says Barial Baskey from Sorisopal with the intervention of BSSS. Most of us sat idle in the dry season having nothing to do in the field as we used to cultivate only one crop and left the cattle to graze in the fields. Today we hardly find any land vacant and a carpet of greenery is covered everywhere especially in the Rabi season. BSSS trained us to use the land with available water resources. After discussing it in the farmers Club first we tried with a patch of land with one or two varieties of pulses along with the paddy. The community decided to keep the animals far from the cultivated land. Now, most of the farmers cultivate Rabi crops with varieties of vegetables, pulses, oils seeds and paddy. Now we have work, food and money in our hands.

Rabi crop	Acres of land brought under Rabi cultivation	No. of farmers adopted	Increase of income
Vegetables, Paddy, Pulses Oil seeds	628	919	25%



Pulses & Cereals



Pulses and cereals are a source of protein and other nutrients and provide nutritional security. But the farmers have no experience of cultivating pulses and cereals. Various training programs were conducted to educate on the importance of pulses and cereals for human growth and to eradicate malnutrition. Training and quality seed support were given to the farmers to cultivate cereals and pulses. The people who had left the land vacant after the Kharif crop and the land which was lying vacant was brought under cultivation.

Livestock & Care



Livestock farming generates additional income for farmers, especially in the arid seasons when income from agriculture is often poor or uncertain. The farmers were provided piglings, chicks and goats and necessary training on Livestock care. The line departments organize vaccination for the livestock and the FC members arrange for the vaccination drive in their respective villages.

Case Story

Ray of Hope

It is our tradition to offer pigs to the deity during SAHARAI PUJA (a local tradition) held at the time of KALI PUJA and only black pigs are preferred. On Makar Sankranti a festival in the honor of Lord Sun, the tribal families, prepare delicacies of pork. Hence there is a great demand for pigs. Besides a pig can litter 2 times a year and 15-20 piglets can be produced. A piglet can be sold Rs. 2,500-3,000/-. Hence the group members decided to adopt pig rearing as an income generation trade. We approached BSSS for providing 5 piglets (4 Female and one male). We constructed a pigsty from our contribution. We have divided responsibilities among ourselves to take care of our piglets. Our piglets are 4 months old now. We are waiting for another 8 months to get new piglets.

Dulari Marndi, Leader,
Maa Laxmi SHG, Badapalasia



Income Generating Products

BSSS facilitated IGP intending to increase livelihood opportunities of the people during the lean months after the end of the agricultural season and for the landless people. Training at different levels were conducted on the importance of IGP and marketing.



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TYPE OF IGP	NO. OF SHG	% OF THE INCOME RAISED
Phenyl	2	20
Packaging of Turmeric	2	35
Mushroom	11	30
Sobei Rope	15	60
Piggery	15	50
Mohua flower	1	30
Sal leaves	3	70
Goat rearing	13	40
Incence stick	1	15
Pickle making	5	10
Grocery shop	2	20
Puffed rice packing	1	30
Vegetable Nursery	4	30
Chicks Rearing	19	60
Vermin Composting	1	40
Pisciculture	8	40

Case Stories

Marching towards freedom and self reliance



We the ten women of Balebaha SHG were on the verge of extinction without much activity. It was BSSS that revived us and journeyed with us to be where we are today. We were introduced to various Income Generating Activities. In the end, we selected mushroom cultivation and we were provided further training and supported with mushroom seeds and other necessary ingredients. We earned a profit of Rs. 15,000.00. Later in the period of the COVID-19 crisis, we couldn't do anything owing to the non-availability of mushroom seeds and restriction of movement. BSSS then supported us with goats for rearing and generating income. We were provided with 25 female goats with training on the care and management of goats. We took proper care of them and goats multiplied. We have earned rupees 21 thousand and have 24 goats. Today we can stand on our legs and we are self-reliant.

We are grateful to BSSS and the funding agency MANOS UNIDAS.

Balebaha SHG members



Farm Mechanization

BSSS, to help the farmers with the timely operation of agricultural activities leading to increase in production and productivity and efficient utilization of agricultural inputs and reduces the cost of production encourages the farmers to adopt improved farm machinery & equipment by providing them. Clusters of Farmers club has a machinery hub and equipment is made available for the farmers on a minimum use fee which is collected in the FC fund and is used for the maintenance of the equipment



No of Fcs	No of HUBs	Farm Hub Equipments	Quantity	Name of the block /Gram Panchayat
13	1	Pump set	2	Rasgovindpur
		Sprayers	5	
		Weeders	5	
11	1	Single row seed driller	1	Sorishapal
		Five row seed Driller	1	
		Seed driller	1	
		Peddler	1	
		MB Plough	5	
		Pump set (Small)	1	
		Manual Weeder	3	
		Sprayers	2	
		5 HP pumps	1	
		Paddy Thresher	2	
		Delivery pipes	2	
		Drum Seed	1	
11	1	Single row seed driller	1	Bramhangaon
		Five row seed driller	1	
		Seed driller	1	
		Puddler	1	
		MB Plough	5	
		Pump set (Small)	1	
		Manual Weeder	3	
		Sprayers	2	
		5 HP pumpset	2	
		Paddy Thresher	2	
		Delivery pipes	4	
		Drum Seeder	1	



No of Fcs	No of HUBs	Farm Hub Equipments	Quantity	Name of the block /Gram Panchayat
13	1	Seed driller	1	Chakidi
		Pump set (Small)	1	
		Manual Weeder	3	
		Sprayers	2	
		5 HP pumpset	1	
		Paddy Thresher	2	
		Delivery pipes	2	
16	16	Diesel pump set	16	Saragchida
		Sprayers	16	
		Threshers	16	
		Weeders	18	
		Power tiller	1	

Climate Smart Agriculture

BSSS aims to increase productivity to ensure food security of all and enhance resilience and reduce climate risk. To achieve this goal, trainings on various topics is conducted at all levels. Farmers are being educated on no-tillage farming to retain the soil erosion and few of the farmers have shown willingness to adopt no-tillage farming on an experimental basis. Farmers who were burning the crop residue have been educated on the Green Gas effect and most of the farmers have pledged to do away with the practice. They were also educated and encouraged to use more bio compost and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers to sustain the soil health and protect the environment. Few of the farmers have produced paddy using only bio compost.



Most of the farmers are enrolled with KVK and are receiving agro-advisories on weather, paddy crop cultivation, pest and disease management and nutrient management in the crops and vegetable cultivation and have benefitted from it.

Case Story

Organic farming is nature friendly

Just at the entrance point of Ghuntubani village, a farm with a man working attracts the eyes of every passerby. He is Ballav Nayak, (45). Earlier he was running a small grocery shop and found it not worth spending his time as it did not fetch him enough income. He decided to work on the farm that he newly got possessions of. He got an opportunity to visit IFS at Baghuashol. He was very much impressed by the farming techniques. He wanted to implement organic compost mainly vermin compost and Nadep pits. He also sought guidance from the experts.



He then started his farming using more organic manure and less chemical fertilizer. Now he is a lead farmer and a Local resource Person for organic farming.

Promotion of Organic Composting



BSSS promotes an eco-friendly approach in all its ventures. Organic compost has a far-reaching effect on the soil. It protects soil health and increases the fertility of the soil. It also protects the environment against pollution. The produce provides health and wellness to the consumer. Vermin compost pits, Azolla, Nadep, Mati handi compost (earthen pot bio compost) are the four popular organic fertilizers that are in use and farmers have training on the process of preparation, storage and its use.



Vermin Compost		Azolla Pits		NADEF		Matihandi compost		Reduction of chemical fertilizers
No. of Pits	Quantity	No. of Pits	Quantity	No. of Pits	Quantity	No. of Pits	Quantity	
35	67 Q	17	2.50 Q	1,790	118 Q	20	400L	30%

Case Story

I got a chance in the exposure visit to Kuradiha Farm of Badasahi Block of Mayurbhanj. Along with the team, I could observe different types of models like off-farm & on-farm cultivation, Horticulture, Dairy, fish cultivation, Floriculture, Vermin composting, goat rearing, cash crop cultivation, organic farming, vegetable cultivation, intercropping, etc.



On returning from the exposure visit, I shared my experience among our SHG members. We were very much impressed by the way vermin composting was done. As we have home wastes, cow dung, green leaves, we preferred to go with vermin composting than polluting the environment. We approached BSSS in this regard. After getting cement rings we set up 5 vermin compost pits and put required wastes and vermin. In the process, we have collected 67 kgs till now and sold 20 kgs @ 20 and got Rs 400/- as our first income. We have preserved a balance of 47 kgs for our group mode vegetable cultivation.

This vermin composting has united us to save the environment

Minu Chapayar, President, Biridihi SHG

Water Conservation Structures



BSSS, to protect the crop from washing away with the flood and to recharge the groundwater in the agricultural land educated people on constructing water structures. The farmers understood the concept and built up water structures and repaired a few which were abandoned. The water is being used in the dry season and large areas of land is brought under cultivation. This has helped to save the crops and cultivate rabi crops.

No. of Models Created	No of the farmers benefitted	Acres of land brought under cultivation
122	338	88

Case Story

“The low-cost water conservation model helped me to stand on my feet.”

- Mr. Sale Hembram

The village Amdapani is situated at the valley of the hill Similipal and is 40 km away from block headquarter Bangiriposhi. The village has 28 households and most of them are marginal farmers having not more than 5 acres of land per household. Cultivation is their main source of livelihood. Besides cultivation they also collect forest produces like sal leaves, Mahua, firewoods, Resin, honey, etc. But earning from these was only enough hand to mouth. In the dry season, many of them migrated to the other states in search of green pasture. Mr. Sale Hembram was not willing to part from his land and family. So he ventured into something different than the others.



In the 3rd year of 1st phase intervention of the project, he came across one low-cost water conservation model promoted by BSSS at a nearby village and its utility. So, he placed his request to the FC of Amdapani village for one such structure for his 1.4 acres of land situated at the valley of the hill. His request was approved and the project had supported him with a gully control measure. Through these low-cost water conservation measures, he controlled the flash flood water and saved his land as well as the crop from being affected. Earlier the land which produced him 5 to 7 quintals of paddy now yielded 16 to 18 quintals of paddy. His joy had no bound and he was motivated to cultivate his other land of 2 acres which was lying vacant. Now he is harvesting 57 quintals of paddy per year. He earned Rs. 24000.00 by selling the surplus paddy.

He is grateful to BSSS and to Manos Unidas for the support which gave him food security.

Sustainable and Improved Agricultural Practices

BSSS empowers farmers to use the improved agricultural practices to increase productivity and these practices are climate-friendly. Increased productivity will create food sufficiency and eradication of poverty. It will increase employment and decrease unsafe migration. These methods and techniques have given farmers a chance to increase production and maintain their farm's long-term sustainability. The farmers are trained on these methods, accompanied by qualified agriculturists and monitored on regular basis.



Soil Testing



Summer Ploughing



Seed Treatment



Seedbed preparation



**Nursery bed and seed
& seedling treatment**



Land preparation



Line transplantation



INM & IPM



Weed management



Crop cutting



Post harvest management

Case Story

We are the designers of our destiny



After the initial training on Improved Agricultural Practices (land preparation, seed selection, treatment of seeds, line transplantation, INM, IPM and post-harvest management), cash crop cultivation, pulses cultivation, vegetable cultivation and preparing compost manure ten of us from the Jeeban Jyoti SHG took up mushroom cultivation and goat rearing with the support of the project to generate additional income for our families. We earned Rs. 1100.00 initially from mushroom cultivation. We got an opportunity to be trained by KVK for raising the nursery and solve the problem of the unavailability of the seeds at the right time. We

raised seedlings like Brinjal, Tomato, Cabbage, cauliflower, Turnip, Chili, Papaya and Drumsticks and supplied the seedlings for 11 acres of vegetable demonstration patches of 3-gram panchayats i.e. Chakidi, Brahmangaon and Sarishopal.

We implemented improved cropping practices and one acre of land produces 14 to 18 quintals in the place of 6 to 8 quintals of paddy. We are happy that our collective efforts are bearing fruit and can lead a dignified life. We are thankful to BSSS and the funding agency MANOS UNIDAS.

Exposure Visits to Gain Knowledge

BSSS organized exposure programs for the farmers and SHGs to other regions to learn from the farmers there, and allow them to view practical examples of successful integration of sustainable practices in farming communities like their own.



No. of the farmers visited	Name of the places	Gained knowledge on
21 FCs 30 SHGs	Bhugadakata farm, KVK, Baripada, KVK, Bhadrak, KVKJoshiipur, Kuradhia farm	IFS, horticulture, floriculture, dairy, livestock, organic farming, cash crop cultivation, intercropping, nursery raising, quality paddy seed production

Backyard Vegetable Garden

BSSS to ensure food security for the family and to make nutritious vegetables available for consumption encouraged the farmers to grow vegetables in their backyard. This activity helped 979 farmers in eradicating malnutrition and to earn income when there was a surplus.





Input Support

BSSS provided input support in the form of training and quality seeds at the proper time. Quality seeds were inaccessible to the farmers as they are in the periphery and had no knowledge of preserving quality seeds for future use. The farmers were provided varieties of paddy seeds, vegetable seeds, cereals and pulses for the Kharif and Rabi season. Besides piglings, equipment and borewell for irrigation purposes were provided to the farmers.



Season	Type of seeds	Quantity	No. of individual farmers	No. of SHGs/ FC
Rabi	Green gram	380 Kg	125	
	Mustard seed	308 Kg	201	
	Wheat	246 Kg	69	
	Blackgram	320 Kg	39	
	Bengal gram	420 Kg	101	
	Paddy	9,962 Kg	342	
	Vegetables	2,244 Pkt	73	2
	Horse gram	450 Kg	75	
Kharif	Paddy	11,230 Kg	648	
	Vegetable	810 Pkt	157	1
Cash Crop	Ginger	700 Kg	266	3
	Turmeric	700 Kg	77	4
IGP	Piglings	32		10
	Sabai grass	44.5 Qtl		9
Irrigation	Borewells	7	58	6
Hub machinery	Power tiller & other	2	84	2

Seed Village

BSSS familiarized the farmer with the seed village program to ensure timely availability of quality paddy seeds at the right time, to support the farmers with quality seeds and to create self-reliance and self-dependent on seed production and distribution. Training programs were conducted at the community level in different places. Selection of the village, patch and farmers was done by the experts after careful consideration.



Name of the Seed villages	Farmers involved	Acres of land	Quality seeds collected
Bhagirathipur	2	2	32Q
Bautia	5	3.5	62Q
Dhadipani	6	6.5	104Q
Kanchhinda	7	6	96Q
Bholbeda	4	3.5	57Q
Ghuntutani	6	4.5	73Q

Farmers' Fair



The farmers' Fair was organized at Biripal village of Khuntapal Gram Panchayat, in the district of Mayurbhanj to provide opportunities for the farmers to share their experiences with the gathering and improve their knowledge by “Seeing is believing” principle by visiting the different stalls, listening to the success stories of the fellow farmers, and the inputs by the agriculture specialists.



The Chief District Agriculture Officer, Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Head Scientist cum-coordinator of Krusi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Samakhunta, Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Village Agriculture Worker (VAW) of Khuntapal, Rasgobindpur, Child helpline coordinator of the district, Business Technology Manager (BTM) of the Block, Sarpanch of the panchayat, and Panchayat Samiti member were some of the dignitaries who shared the dias to address the gathered farmers on various topics. The various stalls of agro-exhibitions like high yielding Paddy seeds,

traditional way of seed storage methods, creative crop models like IFS model, well-managed field sites, SHG products, Pig rearing, hub machinery equipment and farmers -scientists interactions made the day a special one for the farmers. The day was concluded with the cultural program organized by all community-based organizations.

Formation & Strengthening of Community Based Organizations

BSSS implements all its programs in and through the Community based organization. They form the backbone of all the activities for their sustainability. The people of the village are organized and become part of the decision-making process which makes them responsible for every activity that is carried out in the village. Frequently capacity building programs are conducted to strengthen the SHGs, FCs, Federations and all other CBOs with whom BSSS works closely. Thus people are united and they solve together their issues.

Farmers' Club

Farmers of each village come together to form a Farmers club for the socio-economic growth of the

village. There are no restrictions on gender or caste of any sort. The FC is managed by a president, secretary and treasurer. They come together once a month and discuss their issues. They are encouraged for saving and are trained in improved agricultural practices, leadership and

bookkeeping. They also build up good rapport and linkage with the administration and the allied department and get the benefits of various government schemes.



Name of the GP	No of FCs
Khuntapal	13
Brahmangaon	22
Chakidi	13
Sorisopal	11
Barsar	6
Tiadisahi	5
Saragchhida	17

Self Help Group



Name of the GP	No of SHGs
Khuntapal	29
Brahmangaon	25
Chakidi	13
Sorisopal	12
Barsar	3
Tiadisahi	3
Saragchhida	21
Keutunimari	16
Betna	5

BSSS is focused on the integral development of women in all sectors. SHGs at the grassroots level were encouraged to work for the welfare of themselves, their family and society. They are given ample opportunities to earn their livelihood by providing input support whenever needed. The dormant SHGs were revived and regularized.

Case Story

New hope to live and a new opportunity to dream high

Mohanpur is a small village having 30 households and inhabited by tribal and Mahali (the bamboo workers) communities. Being poor and want of resources for developing, they never thought of a life beyond their village. But a group of women of the community had come together and formed an SHG called Kitajhari. Ms. Mandodari Murmu is one of the members whose family is involved in agriculture found it difficult to run the family from the earnings as they cultivated only Kharif crop. After the intervention of project SPREAD their group was adopted for economic development. The project staff sat with them and held a series of discussions to assess their problem, needs, capacities existing with them and finally to help them find out a suitable venture for themselves. Accordingly in the year 2019, the group member had been supported with goats (2 each per member) to rear along with orientation on care and management of livestock. Smt. Mandodari took the 2 female goats and started taking care of them as per the orientation provided. Within 2 years she got 4 kids and now these kids have grown up. Within another 2-3 months the kids can

be sold out and is expecting to receive a good amount. She is thankful to the organization and Manos Unidas for the support as this is going to lessen her struggle for a decent living.



Farmers' Federation

The farmers' clubs together form a farmers federation at the panchayat level and it influences the decision-making process of the Panchayat. BSSS encourages the members to take an active part in the meetings of the gram panchayat and make the sarpanch responsible for the welfare of the community. The schemes of the government are easily accessed and people are notified about the same.



Name of the GP	No of FFs
Khuntapal	1
Brahmangaon	1
Saragchhida	1

Farmers Producer Company

Farmers Federations (FF) were formed in the year 2018 in Keutunimari and Betna Gram Panchayats of Kuliana block of Mayurbhanj district. The purpose behind forming such organizations was to continue the best practices received from the project intervention after the withdrawal of the project as well as to serve the interest of the farmer families of the area through adopting a business plan. At the time of the formation of FF there were 103 members from 11 Farmers Clubs (FC). The names of the FF were (1) Gosthi Unnayan Krushak Mahasangha, Keutunimari and (2) Anchalika Gosthi Unnayan Krushak Mahasangha, Betna.

Later to get support from the government to develop and to carry out their business development plan, the Gosthi Unnayan Krushak Mahasangha, Keutunimari was registered under Company's Act

in the name of Marangburu Farmer producer company LTD, Keutunimari. At present, there are 330 members from 35 Farmers Clubs. They started a business of procuring paddy seeds for the area farmers and accordingly they had procured paddy seeds for 448 farmers last year.

Right now, the FPO has Rs. 580,000.00 in their account and in the process of applying to become the Implementing Agency for paddy processing unit under Ministry of micro small and medium enterprises, the government of India.



<i>Name of the GP</i>	<i>No of FPO</i>
<i>Keutunimari</i>	<i>Marang Buru Farmers Producers Company Private Ltd.</i>
<i>Betna</i>	<i>Anchalika Gosthi Unnayana Farmers Producers Company Ltd.</i>

Plantation Drive to Protect the Forest

As part of the BSSS intervention towards protecting nature and keeping the environment sustainable and secure, it began a plantation drive in the panchayat of Saragachhida where 215 farmers from 16 villages have planted 4461 bamboo seedlings in 45 acres of land. Apart from the bamboo plantation by which the farmers will have a considerable income after a few years, BSSS also has promoted hundreds of fruit-bearing trees in all its operational areas in different districts as part of plantation drive and integrated farming systems. It also promotes plantation through different programs in the villages and schools by giving saplings as a gift to the guests and prizes to the winners.



Major Govt. Linkages of 2020-21

BSSS envisaged that the integral development of the people and sustainability of the program is possible only if farmers are educated about their rights and access government schemes for their welfare. Hence people were familiarized with the government officials and departments and the schemes and their procedures. All the CBO's concerning sustainable agriculture and livelihood are connected to KVK, NABARD, Agricultural department, Odisha Lift Irrigation department and other line departments and are benefiting from their services.



Department	Type of support received	Quantity received	No of beneficiary	Economic benefit in value/Rs	Training support received
KVK Bhadrak			10		1
KVK Baripada	Chicks	856	16 SHGS	59,920	
	Veg. Seedlings	2,350	11 SHGS	5,000	
			39 SHGS		3
Agricultural Dept	IEC	200	200		
	Oil Seeds	1,000	14		
	Pesticides	400	20		
	Green Gram Seeds	500	25		
	Mo Upkari Bagicha	342	342	3,078,000	
	Weeder	18	17	5,400	
Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation	Borewells	3	36		
Horticulture	Mango Trees	1,500	150		
	Vegetable Seeds	200Pkts	180		
OUAT, BBSR	Training		3 FC		1

COVID 19

First Wave



As COVID-19 disrupted lives, BSSS engaged all its resources to fight the pandemic and support people.



Dry Ration Kit

BSSS ensured that daily wagers, migrant labourers and others who are on the move and street dwellers receive food during these testing times. BSSS reached out to more than 7450 families of 18 panchyats in 4 districts with dry food and hygiene kits (rice, dal, onion, potato, oil, soap) and masks for all the family members.

Market Supervision

BSSS also was entrusted by the emergency department of Balasore to supervise four crowded markets in maintaining the social distancing and checking the rate chart of the different commodities from early morning 5 am to noon.



Railway Station Volunteering at the Arrival of Special Shramik Train

Extending the collaboration to the District administration, BSSS Covid warriors monitored Balasore Railway Station at the arrival of the special shramik trains with the migrant returnees at wee hours along with the district administration



Dialysis Patients

BSSS reached out to the 11 dialysis patients, with 147 free dialyses over two months who were severely affected by the lockdown as they had to go to the hospital every second day for dialysis (for Chronic Kidney Disease). As the public transport was off the road and there was no other way to commute they had to hire the vehicles for to and fro to hospital. Normally these dialysis patients are depended on their family members for their medical expenses. With no job and money during the lockdown, many of the renal patients were facing inconvenience.



Monitoring the Containment Zones

BSSS Covid warriors volunteered in monitoring the Containment Zones of Balasore and delivered the essential materials and dry food kits to the families, under the supervision of the Govt. officials.

Mattresses to the Nari Sangha, Women's Rehabilitation Center

BSSS positively responded, to the request of the Emergency Department and provided dry food kits, mattresses to the Nari Sanga, women's rehabilitation Center and masks to hundreds of people.



Special Hygiene Kits

Special Hygiene Kits were provided to 2,072 families, which contained - buckets, washing soaps, bathing soaps, masks, aqua tablets, women sanitary clothes and baby sanitary cloths along with dry food kits.



Maggi Packets & Baby Clothes

These were given collaboration with the District Administration, BSSS supported Maggi packets and baby clothes to hundreds of families with infants.



Special Assistance to Widows and Differently-abled

BSSS supported 50 families of widows and differently-abled, from the slums of Balasore and nearby villages, for 6 consecutive months with a dry food kit, that contained sufficient food for a month and hygiene kit materials for the whole family



Dignity Kits to 150 Families

BSSS provided dignity kits (non food items) to 150 families of Balasore slums with the support of the District Emergency Department. There were kits for men and women each containing outer and inner garments, toilet articles, bucket and mug sufficient for one person to manage during the lock down.



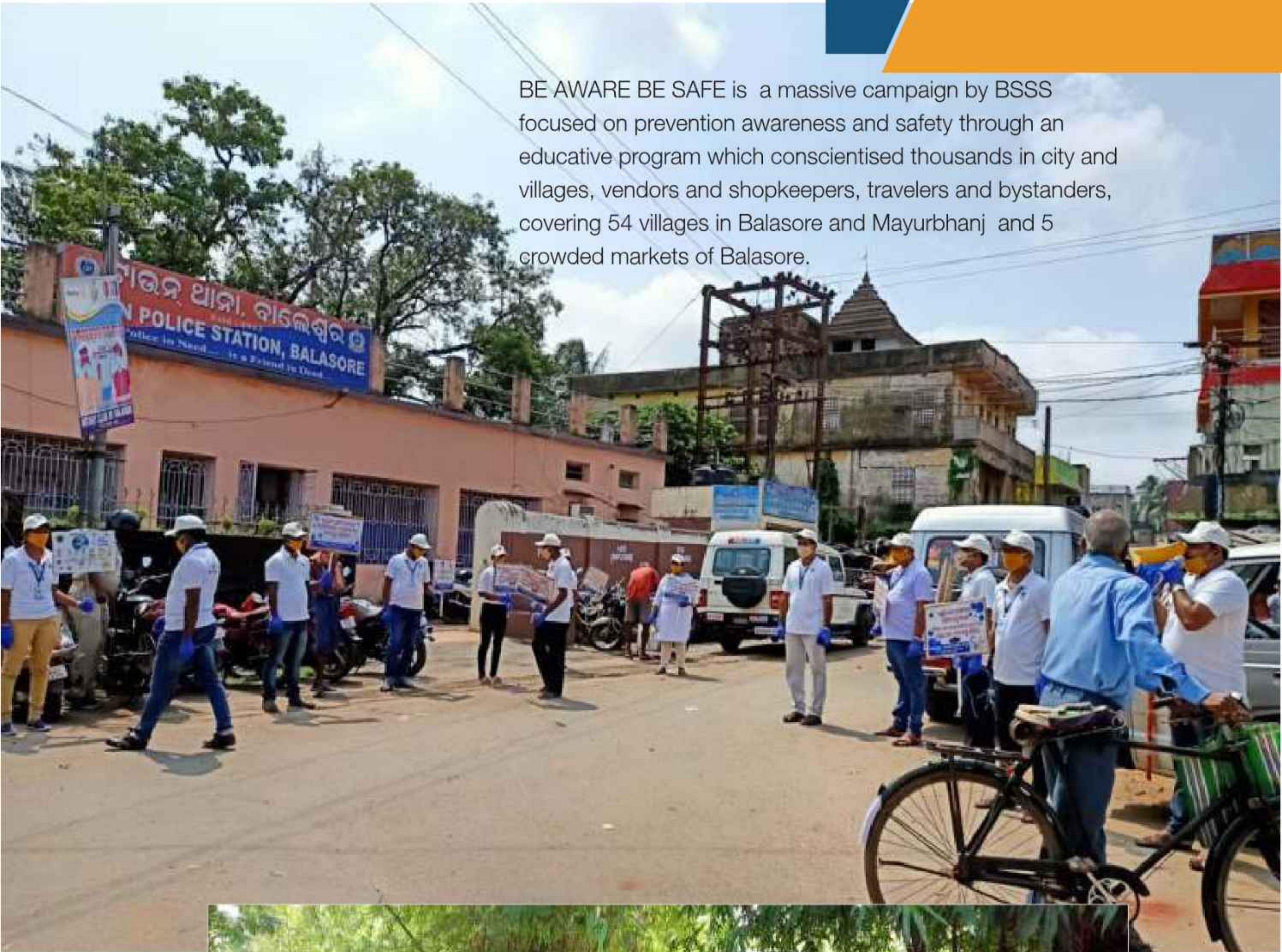
Reaching Out to the Children

BSSS reached out to 640 tribal students, with hygiene kits and dry food kits, vegetable seeds for the nutritious garden along with an awareness program. They, who are deprived of the online classes during the lockdown, are given special education through 43 village-based tuition centers. BSSS also facilitated General Health check-up for the children in many centers and provided them with the necessary medicines.



Prevention & Awareness

BE AWARE BE SAFE is a massive campaign by BSSS focused on prevention awareness and safety through an educative program which conscientised thousands in city and villages, vendors and shopkeepers, travelers and bystanders, covering 54 villages in Balasore and Mayurbhanj and 5 crowded markets of Balasore.



Skill Development Program for the Migrant Returnee and Unemployed

BSSS sensed the situation of the migrant returnees and the unskilled who lost their jobs during the lockdown and provided opportunities for the young to develop themselves.



Tailoring

Tailoring was held in 5 centers with 68 trainees for six months and along with their skill, Motivational sessions, the skill acquired to be economically independent helped the trainees to boost their confidence. At the end of the training, a certificate of course completion was given to each trainee. Most of the trainees are earning their livelihood and have not returned to another state for work.



Name of Center	No. of Trainees
Gopalgaon Tal Sahi Center	17
Ghatiduba Center	18
Raghunathpur Center	13
Bholbeda Center	14
Nagrashol Center	16

A total of 57 youths were trained in Driving electrician and automobile repairing.



DRIVING

The students those who were enrolled for driving were sent to Little flower ITI Baripada and Soro for a month. Assistance was extended to obtain a Driving license. Most of them are earning their livelihood.

Beautician Course

BSSS offered beautician courses to the 17 homemakers and adolescent women who lost their jobs or migrant returnees of Balasore. One month intensive course made the trainees earn their livelihood. The trainees were provided with the necessary materials needed. Deserving were also provided with handholding support. All of them have completed the training successfully and were given a certificate of course completion at the end. Most of them are connected to the beauty parlor of the locality. And few of them have begun their own small beauty parlors in their homes.



Electrician

The student remained in the residential ITI at Soro and Baripada for 3 months and learned their skills. Most of those who attended the course were given handholding support and are earning their livelihood.



Automobile

Little Flower ITI, Baripada trained the student in Automobile repairing skills. At the end of the course, the students showed signs of confidence in repairing the vehicles. Most of the students were given handholding support and most of them are earning their livelihood



Basic Computer Course

BSSS conducted basic Computer Course for the students of Balasore who were unable to access computer education from IT Institution due to lack of opportunities and financial hurdles.



At the end of the training, certificate was issued for all the trades

Trade	No. of Trainees	Center
<i>Driving</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Little Flower ITI, Baripada Little Flower ITI, Soro</i>
<i>Electrician</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Little Flower ITI, Baripada Little Flower ITI, Soro</i>
<i>Automobile</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Little Flower ITI, Baripada</i>
<i>Basic Computer Course</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>BSSS, Balasore</i>
<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>5 centers</i>
<i>Beautician</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>BSSS, Balasore</i>

Children's Rights & Gender Equality



BSSS aims at gender equality in all its implementations and works intensively to develop and uphold standards and create an environment in which every woman and girl can exercise her human rights and live up to her full potential.

SURAKHYA is a program launched by BSSS, exclusively to uphold the rights of children and make the family, society and the administration responsible for ensuring those rights of children.

The baseline survey conducted in the project area of blocks of Kuliana and Bangriposi of Mayurbhanj District confirmed that only 13% of the population of the 80 villages had knowledge of children's rights. Hence educative training programs were conducted extensively and various committees were formed of the children, parents, and including all with the administration.



Committee	No. of Committees	Members	Objective
CCPC	80	890	To empower the people of the village to protect the rights of children
AGG	80	910	To empower the adolescent girls to stand up for their rights

Case Story



The village Amdapani is one of the 45 operational villages of project Surakhya under Bangiriposi block of district Mayurbhanj. The 34 households in the tribal village still get their daughters married to anyone who comes forward and has a plot of land, when they reach puberty. There are different methods of marriage prevalent among these indigenous people and elopement is one of them. A minor boy and a girl were rescued who eloped on the twenty-eighth of January 2021. Both of them are dropouts and eloped and remained in the house of their relatives for 3 days.

When the animators heard about it they rescued them and a meeting was organized

between both the families. The meeting was also attended by the Anganwadi teacher, ASHA Karmi, village community chief (Majhi baba), ward member and the animators. The animators explained the purpose of the meeting and the reason to rescue the boy and the girl. The prohibition of child marriage and the need for education was explained to the people assembled. After the deliberate discussions, the boy and the girl decided to remain separate in their own houses until they reach the prescribed age for marriage i.e. 18 years for a girl and 21 years for a boy.

Empowering Children to Ensure Their Rights to Survival, Protection, Development & Participation

BSSS believes that the children themselves are the catalyst of change and the best advocates and influencers for promoting child rights in their communities and government system. Hence awareness programs on children's rights were conducted for the children and the people of the village. Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) is exclusively for all girls and they are constantly guided and empowered to stand for the rights of children.

AGG and CCPC provide children with a platform to discuss child rights and development issues and local solutions. These organizations are active and have successfully stopped 8 child marriages, 7 child labour and unsafe trafficking.



Case Story

Sunil (Name changed), a student of class-IX aged about 16 years from Rengalbeda, lost his father and wanted to do something to help his mother as schools were closed due to COVID- As he was thinking about it he came across an agent who had come to the village to hire people to work at the construction site. Sunil reached Pune after a couple of days against the wish of his mother. When there was no communication from the son she sought help from the animators of the Surakhya. The agent who took the child was traced and requested him to bring back the child who is a minor or a case would be made up against him for trafficking children for labour.

On January 14th, 2021 the boy returned to his home and rejoined his mother. The boy is resolved to continue his study and remain with his mother.

Community Child Protection Committee (CCPC)



Community is the cradle where the child's rights are nurtured. Sensitizing the community members on the ill effects of child labour, child marriage through awareness programs and making the people responsible for the education and well-being of the children Community Child Protection Committee are formed which are constantly monitored and guided and have become vigilant in the villages to protect the children from the abuse.

Case Story

Girls were saved from physical torture

Namsi Kala, aged 7 years and Nanika Kala, aged 4 years are born in an economically poor and broken family in Salghati, Brahmangaon Panchayat of Bangiriposi block of district Mayurbhanj. These children were living with their drunkard father who cared nothing for the girls rather he tortured them without giving any food to eat. They were at the mercy of the neighbours for food, clothing and protection. The Surakya team rescued these children with the help of the community leaders and the matter is settled with their father.



With the help of the CCPC, AGG and the district administration following cases have been identified and necessary action has been taken

Types of Cases	No. of Cases Identified	Existing status of the cases		
		Resolved	In Progress	Yet to intervene
Child Labour	12	7	4	1
Orphan	2	0	2	0
Child Marriage	11	8	3	0
Physical Torture	2	2	0	0
Drop out	81	30	49	2
TOTAL	108	44	59	5

Case Story

A Young Boy Tries to Get Marry an Adolescent Girl Forcefully by Putting Sindur

Jhansi (name changed) is 12 years old, an adolescent tribal girl studying in Class V from Jarkani village, Chakidi GP in Bangiriposi Block in the district of Mayurbhanj and a member of AGG. On 25-06-2021 while AGG meeting was going on a drunkard man of 22 years old appeared and forcefully applied vermilion (a sign of getting married) to Jhansi in front of AWW and Ward Member and all the

AGG members. A meeting was held to resolve the matter with all the stakeholders and a fine was imposed on the accuser with a warning not to bother the child in anyway. Nevertheless, on 5th July 2021, the man threatened the girl and her parents. The man was handed over to the police and the girl to a hostel for her studies.

Linkage and Rapport with the Office Bearers

To prioritize Children's rights at all levels mainly at the policy implementation by the government officials, and making them involved in the life of people and saving the children from abuse and exploitation is of paramount importance. BSSS works hand in hand with District Child Protection office, Labour Office, Child Welfare Committee of the district and all the respective Child Development Project officers of the area. Besides all the educational institutions mostly within its operational gram panchayats and nearby areas are connected with the program for advocating children's rights.



Capacity Building of Duty Bearers for Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons

BSSS accepted the request of Prajwala, a pioneering anti-trafficking organization to be state implementing partner for Odisha to execute training workshops to build the capacity of duty bearers mainly the Judicial Officers, Prosecuting officers, Labour Officers, Child Welfare Committee and Civil Society Organization for preventing and combating human trafficking. All the training programs were held via the Zoom Virtual Platform.

The handbooks for duty-bearers which were developed by Prajwala and International Justice Mission (IJM) were released by Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal on Wednesday, 24th of February 2021 at a special event organized at the Raj Bhawan.





The event was graced by, David Moyer, Public Affairs Officer at U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, Dr. Sunitha Krishnan Padmashre awardee, Co-Founder, Chief functionary of Prajwala, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder KIIT and KISS and MP, Kandhamal, Sashikanta Mishra, OSJS, Principal Secretary, Taraprasad Ratha, Prosecutions Director, Rajesh Dash, Member-Secretary, State Court Management System Melita Fernandes, Associate Director, Government Relations, International Justice Mission and Fr. Lijo George Director, BSSS. On the same day, a meeting was organized by Prajwala with IJM and BSSS project team to discuss the future course of action.

Few competent persons for master trainers were selected mostly from the legal fraternity. And the workshop for the master trainers was held on 20th and 21st of March from 9 am to 5.30 PM. The training was attended by Retd. Justice A.S Naidu, Orissa High Court, Retired Justice M.M. Das, Orissa High Court, Mr. Bhagirathi Barik, Retired District Judge and current CWC Chairman, Balasore, Mr. Surya Prasad Misra, Ex Advocate General, Orissa High Court, Mr. Sandeep Awasthy, Ex. Public Prosecutor and senior lawyer, Adv. Sevati Soren, Practising Advocate at the High Court of Orissa, Dr. AB Ota, Director-cum-Special Secretary SCSTRTI, Mr. P. K Mahapatra, Asst. Labour Commissioner, Jajpur, Odisha, Amit Kumar Nayak, Lead, Central Government Partnership IJM Delhi, and Sunemiya Nanda IJM Kolkata Lead, Aftercare.



Let the Woman Rise



BSSS considers that if a woman is empowered a family is saved and thus whole society is transformed towards development. Educating the women to stand up for their rights, encouraging the habit of making small savings, teaching different trades and making them the decision-makers of their village and panchayat are incorporated into the programs of BSSS.

'It is a moment of pride to see women outnumbering men in the decision-making meetings of the community and women as presidents of the FCs and SHGs doing more quality work than their counterparts. Mr. Rout, Coordinator

Self Help Group - A Way to Empowerment



SHGs are part and parcel of every program that is implemented by BSSS. Every village is encouraged to form a WSHG where all the women fold of the village come together to discuss their issues and stand up for their rights. The dying SHGs are strengthened and revived. BSSS has the credit of forming/ strengthening 130 SHGs which are imparted with training on leadership skills, bookkeeping, health and hygiene, care of the children, and participation in the decision-making process of the village and family. At present BSSS is working actively with 106 SHG groups.

Case Story | Unity is Our Strength

We the TEN members of Nagrashol village have formed Jubakaly an SHG for the last 5 years. Each month we have been saving Rs 100/- towards our monthly savings. But it was difficult for some of the members to deposit it regularly. Some of our members borrowed it from others or did something to collect that money. After much discussion and deliberation, the group came up with different suggestions. One of the suggestions was to adopt Sabai rope making in a group mode. We discussed this in our group and took up this matter with BSSS to support us with raw material in the beginning and with the processing machine. BSSS agreed to extend the help

and provided raw material as well as 3 processing hand moving machines GHAGRI. We processed the ropes and sold them at a high price with 70% profit. We got Rs 58,000/- as profit within 4 months. Now we are capable enough to continue the activity in the coming days. It was only possible because we were united and had strong will power to work together. Thanks to BSSS.

Laxmi Singh, President, Jubakalyan SHG.



Created Livelihood Opportunities for Rural Poor Women

BSSS believed the development of society is possible if only womenfolk are united and make a living. Therefore BSSS nurtured women's entrepreneurship and extended all the assistance in the form of training on IGP, Government Schemes for women groups, leadership, bookkeeping and raw materials. The women were encouraged to take up IGP and were always accompanied by experts to monitor their activities. At present, 41 Women SHGs are making a good profit out of their income generation activities with the support of BSSS and established strong linkage with OLM, Mission Shakti and KVK. They have increased their income by 50 to 70 % by different kinds of activities like phenyl and detergent preparation, incense stick, mushroom, turmeric powder, Sabai grass ropes, plates with sal leaves, livestock and group cultivation.



Enhancing Skills of Adolescent / Homemaker Women



BSSS with a view of providing job security established tailoring centers exclusively for women and adolescent girls in 2 places where tribals and other economically weaker sections of people inhabit. The centers function throughout the year and are staffed with efficient trainers and monitored by an animator. The training period lasts for 3 months and a batch of 20 people are trained in every batch and certificates are distributed. They are also taught the market tactics and most of them are earning their livelihood.

Name of Center	Trained in the year 2020-2021
Sarat	32
Rasgovindpur	47

Sanitation Literacy Campaign 2020: A NABARD Initiative



BSSS in collaboration with NABARD, Balasore organized on 13th January -2021, a Sanitation Literacy Campaign an offshoot program of WASH, at Cyclone shelter of Ranasahi GP under Balasore Sadar Block and 102 SHG mothers participated. The participants were educated on the need for good hygiene and sanitation, both at the community and individual level

has been necessitated due to the present COVID 19 situation. IEC material was distributed to the participant and a survey on the defecation system and facility available for the people was conducted.

Grass Root Level Training Program: A NABARD Initiative



BSSS in partnership with NABARD facilitated “Grass-Root Level Training Program (GRLTP)” to engage women in income generation activities and encourage them to form and strengthen a platform for influencing NABARD and other financial institutions of their choice on 2nd December - 2020 for WSHGs at Ranasahi of Balasore Sadar block. Mr. Tapas Ranjan Pradhan, DDM-NABARD, Balasore exhorted the women to make use of the opportunities for their socio-economic development through NABARD.



Disaster Response

Super cyclone Amphan, brushed past Odisha's coast on 20th May 2020. BSSS, known for its quick responses to mitigate the effect of natural disasters carried out activities like early warnings to the people in the coastal area, mobilization and distribution of relief materials, supporting local governments with the communities affected by disasters, and rapid need assessment.

Relief Material

A package of Special Hygiene kits for women was provided to 500 selected families of 3 Panchayats of Bhogarai block of Balasore, who were affected by the cyclonic storm 'Amphan'. 300 most vulnerable families from them were supported with an unconditional cash transfer of Rs. 5,800 each, to cope up with the crisis in collaboration with Caritas India.



Promoting Resilient Livelihood Practices & Up-Scaling Innovative Livelihood measures



In the district of Bhadrak, Thihidi block is often affected by floods and cyclones. The people were trained on resilient livelihood practices and a considerable number of farmers adapted to crops resilient to flood especially by practicing a stress-tolerant variety of seeds with its proper management. The people who are living in the coastal areas where the tidal waves often destroy the crops were trained on vegetable cultivation on raised platforms and of them, 290 farmers have increased their yield by 25%.

Weather-based Agro-Advisories & Agriculture Contingency Plan

Training programs were conducted to make the farmers aware of the impact of weather and climate on crop cultivation. They were introduced to the process of receiving weather-based agro-advisories from KVK and all the farmers receive information on their mobiles. The information thus received is

displayed in public places by the Farmers' Club on the Public display board. They also developed Agriculture Contingency Plan, for all 11 villages based upon the identified disasters and their impact on crops.



Formation of Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC) & Task Force



The target people are sensitized to the need of mitigating disaster risks collectively and to form committees to manage the disaster-related issues effectively by implementing DRR in development planning. BSSS trained and helped people of 100 villages on VDMC and a plan (VDMP) was made for each village and a booklet was prepared and handed over to the respective authorities. The task force is further trained on skills for search and rescue along with first Aid to carry out their responsibilities effectively and immediately during disasters to save any casualties.

Village Level Exercise on Disaster Planning & Preparedness



Renovation of the canals, construction of houses in the raised platform, construction of the bridge, shifting vulnerable families to places of safety, Family Survival Kits (FSK), cultivation of flood-tolerant rice variety are a few of the success stories or the results of the Disaster mitigation plan prepared by the community.

Information, Education & Communication (IEC) materials

IEC materials are used to educate the public on various issues. BSSS has prepared effective IEC materials on agriculture, health, Disaster management, children's right, human trafficking and COVID-19 and used them during the training programs and input sessions. Posters, flyers, leaflets, brochures and booklets are circulated as a means of promoting desired & positive behaviors in the community.



Special Programs

BSSS Day - 'Be Aware Be Safe'

Balasure Social Service Society (BSSS), has St. Teresa of Kolkata, as its patron saint, and all their activities are inspired by her life. Hence on 5th September BSSS celebrates its annual day. Every year BSSS has different ways of commemorating this special day. This year the annual day was marked with the launching of a massive awareness program on Covid 19 as the whole world was under the pangs of a pandemic. The district administration had requested BSSS to disperse the right information to the people in the village and towns and dispel the rumors which were spread around and teach them Covid -19 appropriate behavior.



Fr. Isaac Puthenangady, President of BSSS released the IEC material prepared for the purpose and flagged off the rally of bikes, scooters and vehicles with a Public Announcement system, posters and banners. Every shop and bystanders and the people without masks were stopped and instructed and IEC material was handed over. This campaign was instrumental in reaching out to the people of towns and villages of Balasure and Mayurbhanj.

'Sharing to Care' / a campaign on feeding the Street Dwellers

BSSS inspired by one of the key strategic pillars of its esteemed partner Caritas India volunteerism and sharing communities had begun this campaign of feeding the hungry from the street. The campaign which started feeding the hungry once a week with the generous help of the people around, but with the COVID- 19 and the shutdown the street dwellers had no food at all and BSSS took a daring step to feed the hungry everyday. Since then the campaign has continued to date and there is no shortage of funds and materials. A meal containing puris and



Special Programs

potato curry or rice and mixed vegetable, or sometimes the donors on their special day request to feed them with a non-vegetarian meal and it is done.

A donation box is placed at the entrance gate of the BSSS. It is surprising and overwhelming to see one of the beggars like the widow's mite put in something everyday into it. This program is very dear to BSSS and has gained appreciation from all quarters.

Mosquito Net Distribution to 100 Families



Mockdrill Exercise on National Disaster Management Day by NDRF



Special Programs



BSSS Staff Meeting



Team SPREAD



Team STEER



Team BUC-Teachers



Team Surakya



Team SWAAD

Special Programs



Light up the Flame 2020 - A Campaign Against Hunger



Picnic



Lenten Campaign



International Girl Child Day



Justice for Manisha



Women's Day



Christmas

Team Prajwala



Prajwala - State level Training Coordinators



Prajwala - State level Monitoring Coordinator

Farewell & Welcome



BSSS bids farewell to Fr. Eric Soreng, Asst. Director

BSSS had the great pleasure to have Fr. Eric Soreng who is known for his friendliness, dedication and simplicity for three years as Asst. director. He joined BSSS family in June 2018. BSSS is indebted to Fr. Eric for the committed service rendered for the integral development of the people it serves. His availability at all times will go down in the history of BSSS as a remarkable one.

BSSS bid him farewell on June 9th 2020 BSSS expresses its gratitude and extends all the best wishes in his future ministry.



Fr. Cherian Kizhikandayil, the new Asst. Director was welcomed to BSSS family on the same day and wished him all the best.

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BALASORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY
AT- V.N. Marg, Po/ Dist.- Balasore, Orissa, India.
Name of the Accounts :- Consolidated A/C [Local & Foreign]
Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
relating to the F.Y. 2020 - 2021

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
To Opening Balance			By Expenses for Projects (Foreign A/C)		
Cash in Hand	59,802.59	59,802.59	" Social Development Exp.	46,37,047.79	
Cash at Banks			" Educational Development exp.	27,55,422.51	
Vijaya Bank A/C No.4228	59,31,564.13		" Economic Development Exp.	1,47,76,945.50	
Vijaya Bank A/C No.9896	75,38,310.07	84,69,874.20	" Bank charges/Salary/Admn	1,25,717.54	2,22,95,133.34
To Voluntary contributions(Foreign A/c)			By Other Expenses		
" SAC & Wlde Ganzan, The Netherland	15,90,296.25		By IIRI DoA Project Expenses		8,24,480.00
" Assoc Namaskar France	3,67,003.00		By Office Level Admn. Exp(
" Manos Unidas, Spain	69,56,168.00		Printing/Stationery/Consumables etc)	20,796.00	
" FDNF, Switzerland	30,55,831.00		By Audit Fees	52,600.00	
" Secours Catholique,France	93,54,377.50		By Bank Charges	97.30	
" Caritas India	12,76,181.00		By Dry Food Kit Support - Covid-19 (Caritas India)	1,00,000.00	
" Stching Actie Calcutta, The Netherlands	3,00,000.00		By Income Tax Rectification Charges	8,850.00	
" Catholic Relief Services, USA	45,414.66		By Office Conveyance(Travel/Vehicle Insurance)	69,471.00	
" Hilfswerk, Switzerland	12,20,195.00		By Literacy Campaign 2020 -Nabard	3,840.00	
" Secours Catholique,France	8,06,044.00		By BSSS Annual Report Printing Cost	35,958.00	
" Misereor, Germany	5,80,128.75	2,55,51,638.96	By Small Outlet Construction exp.	2,50,000.00	
" Local Contribution through Projects			By GRITP Training programme Exp.(Nabard Support)	15,800.00	
To Fixed Deposit Maturity		6,86,008.00	By BSSS Annual Report Preparation Cost	12,000.00	
" Interest on Fixed Deposit		10,45,652.00	By Village Disaster Management Programme(BPL)	52,000.00	
To Received Under 80 Donations		38,004.00	By BSSS Gardening Exp.	2,440.00	
To Received as Local Donations/Grants/Funds		6,40,000.00	By BSSS Electricity Bill Exp.	39,413.00	
			By IEC Materials Printing Cost	15,147.00	
			By Repair & Maintenance Exp.	66,272.80	
			By Staff Uniform Cost	9,750.00	



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* From Well Wisher/Institutions/Donors	9,47,550.00			By Purchase of Fans	7,050.00	
* Caritas India, Delhi	1,00,000.00			By Purchase of Inverter Battery	57,000.00	
* Catholic Health Association of India(CHAI)	54,000.00			By Laptop Purchase under Instrution Edutech Services	1,77,000.00	
* NABARD, Bhubaneswar	18,340.00			By Motor Bike Purchase	1,08,187.00	
To Local Donations from Well Wishers for Sharing to Care Campaign Programme	2,06,799.00	13,26,689.00		By Purchase of V-Guard UPS	5,300.00	
To Received from Caritas India, New Delhi			1,00,000.00	By Advance to Electricity Department (BED-NESCO)	50,000.00	
* Caritas India, Delhi (Covid-19 Expenses)			95,734.00	By Staff Salary Exp.	1,44,000.00	13,02,972.10
* Caritas India, Delhi (Reimbursement)			2,190.00	By Sharing to Care Campaign Exp		
By Income Tax Refund (Interest)				* Food Exp.	1,36,200.00	
				* Fuel Exp.	3,200.00	
				* Mobile Recharge & Sim Exp.	250.00	
				* Bank Charges	271.80	
				* Donation Box Colouring Exp.	500.00	
				* Food Box Colouring	470.00	
				* Mosquito Net Exp.	11,500.00	1,52,391.80
To Bank Interest						
Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.78290100006783	2,67,286.00			By Covid-19 Relief Support Exp.		
Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.78290100009807	77,845.00			* Buta Dal Exp.	11,700.00	
Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.78290100003531	799.00			* Onion Exp.	4,500.00	
				* Potato Exp.	15,300.00	
				* Refined Oil Exp.	16,020.00	
				* Rice Exp.	46,800.00	
				By Packing Materials Exp(Food)	4,300.00	
				By Local Transportation Exp.	4,300.00	1,02,920.00
				By Closing Balance		
				Cash in hand	55,791.29	55,791.29
				Cash at Banks		
				Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.6783	1,12,12,909.25	
				Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.9807	23,58,278.77	
				Bank of Baroda- BankA/Cno.3531	56,646.20	
				State Bank of India A/c No. 0691	1,36,27,834.22	
				TOTAL	3,83,61,522.75	3,83,61,522.75



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Audit Report

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the books and accounts of BSSS, Balasore, maintained and are in agreement there with.

We have obtained all the information's and explanations which were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by the administrative office of the aforesaid organization and visited by us so far appears from an examination of accounts and proper adequate documents for the purpose of our Audit.

In our opinion and the information's given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:-
in case of Receipts and Payments account till 31.03.2021

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KOLKATA - 700001

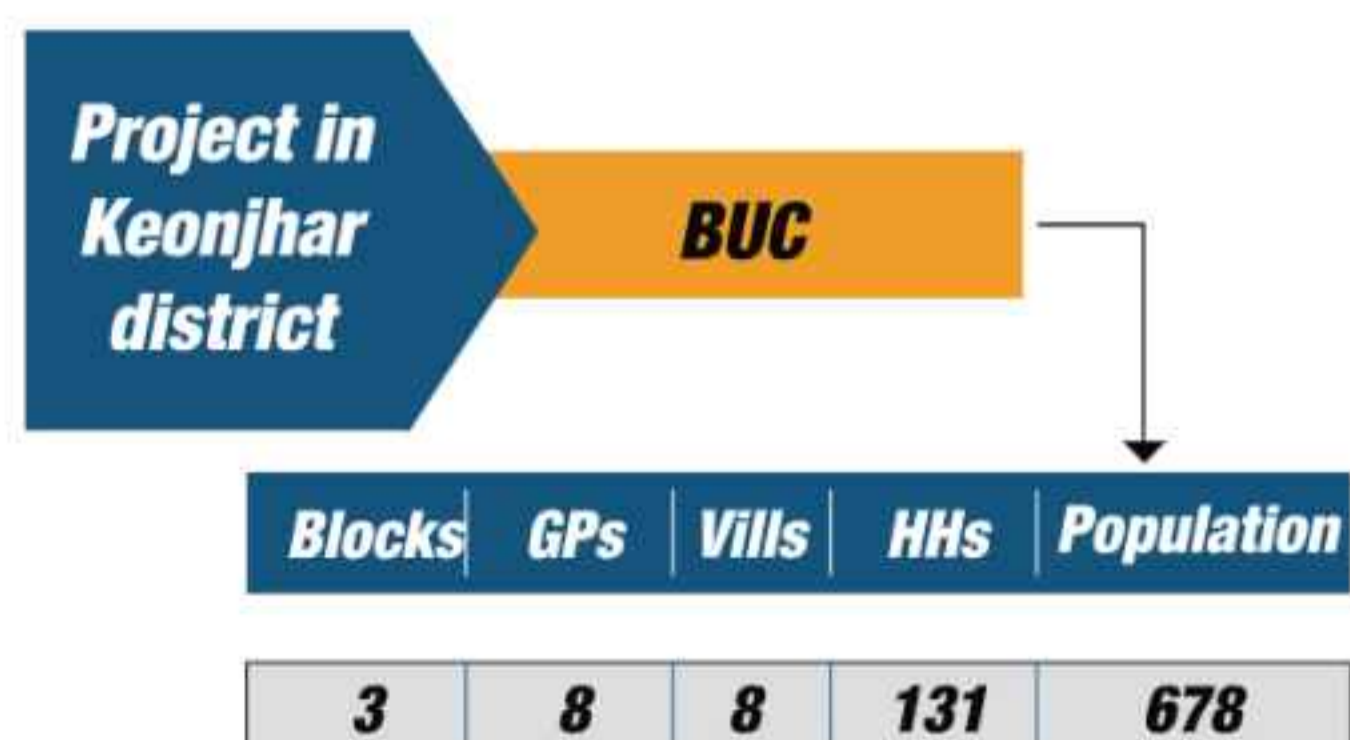
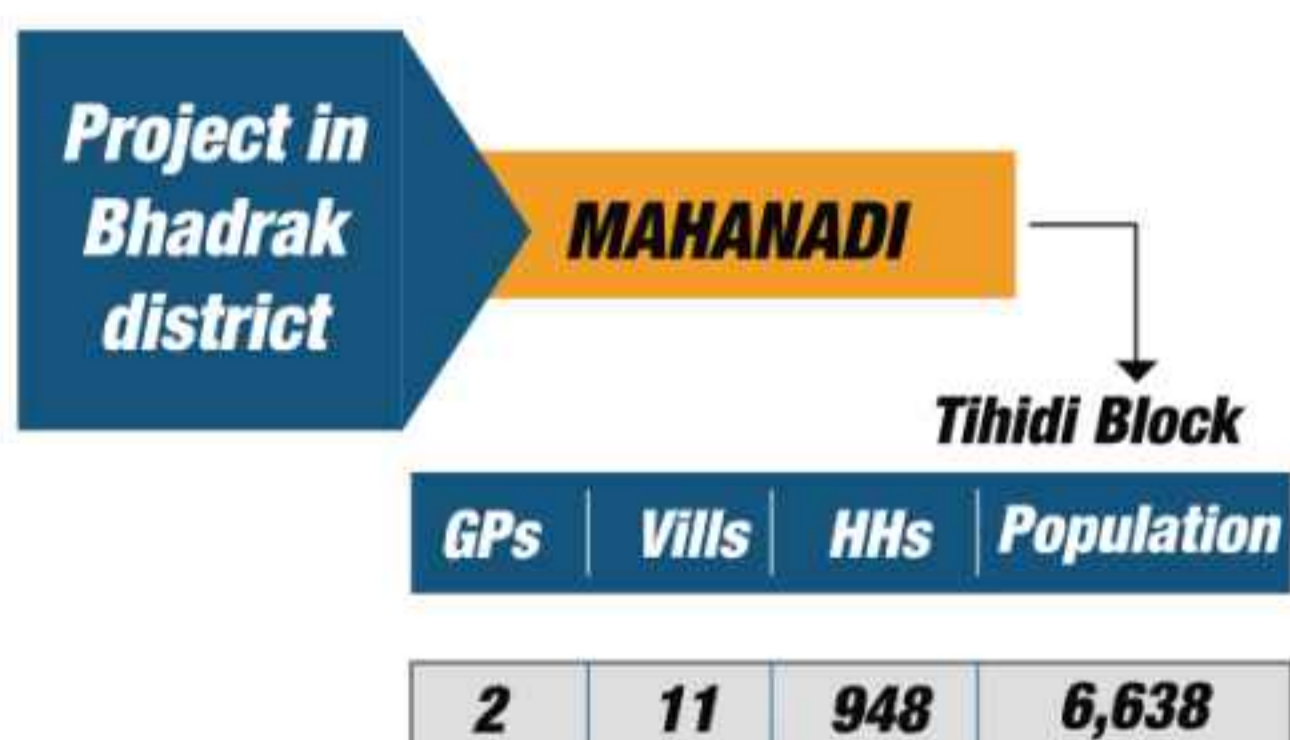
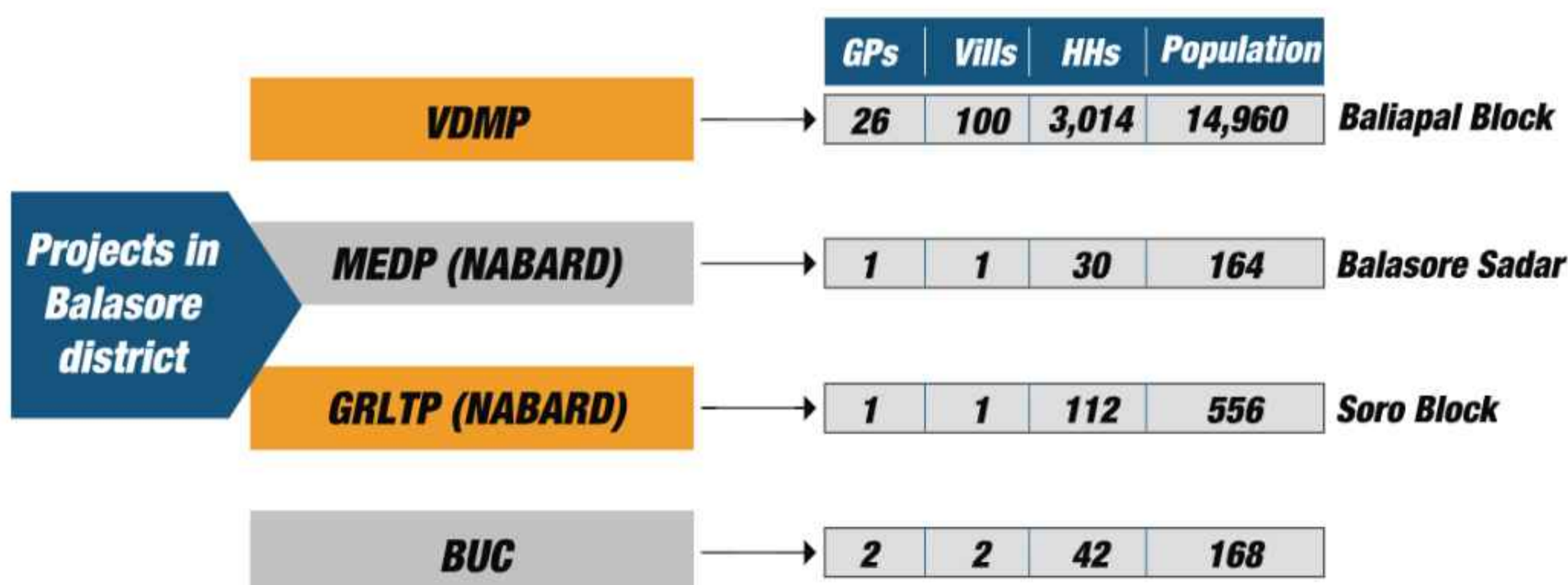
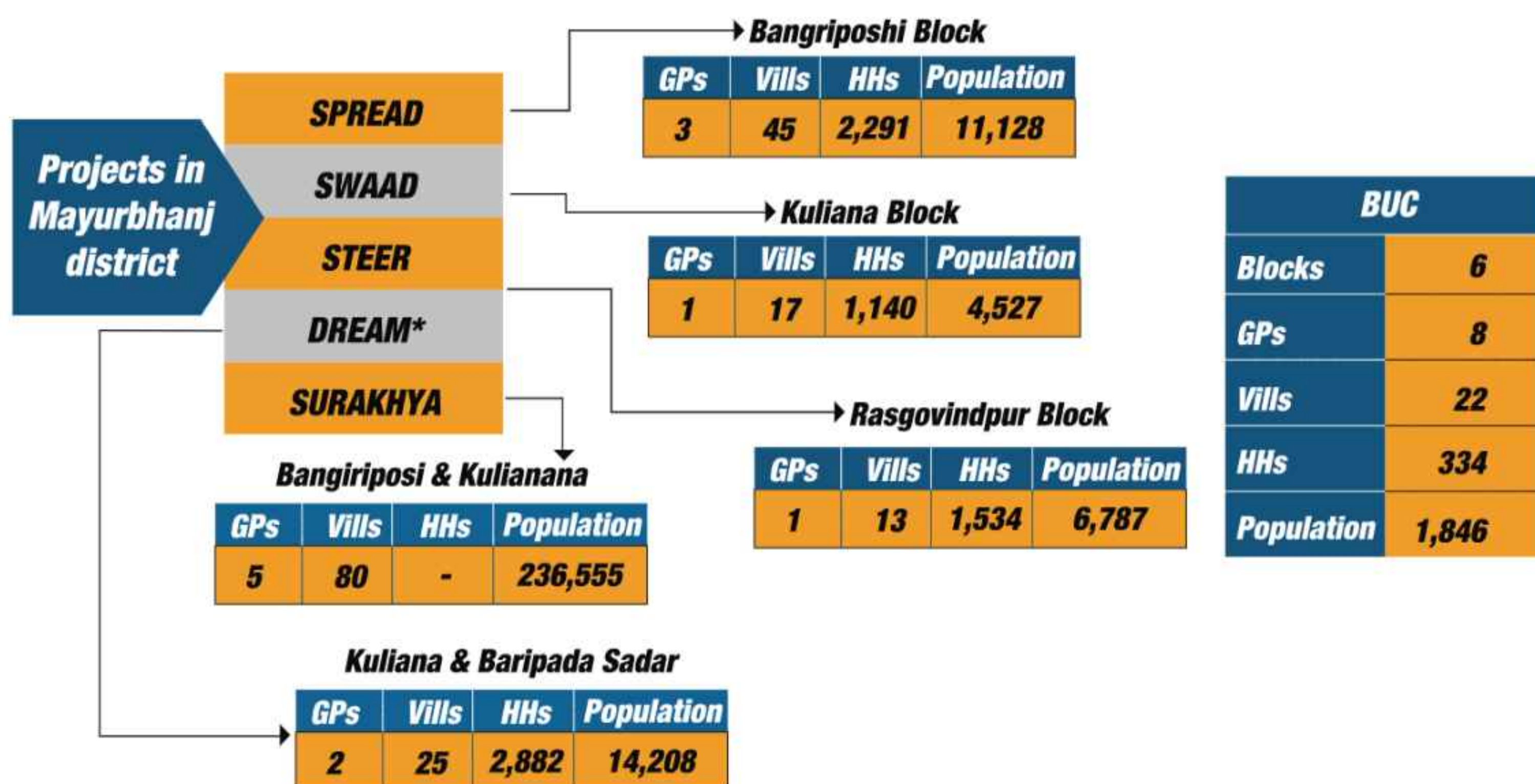
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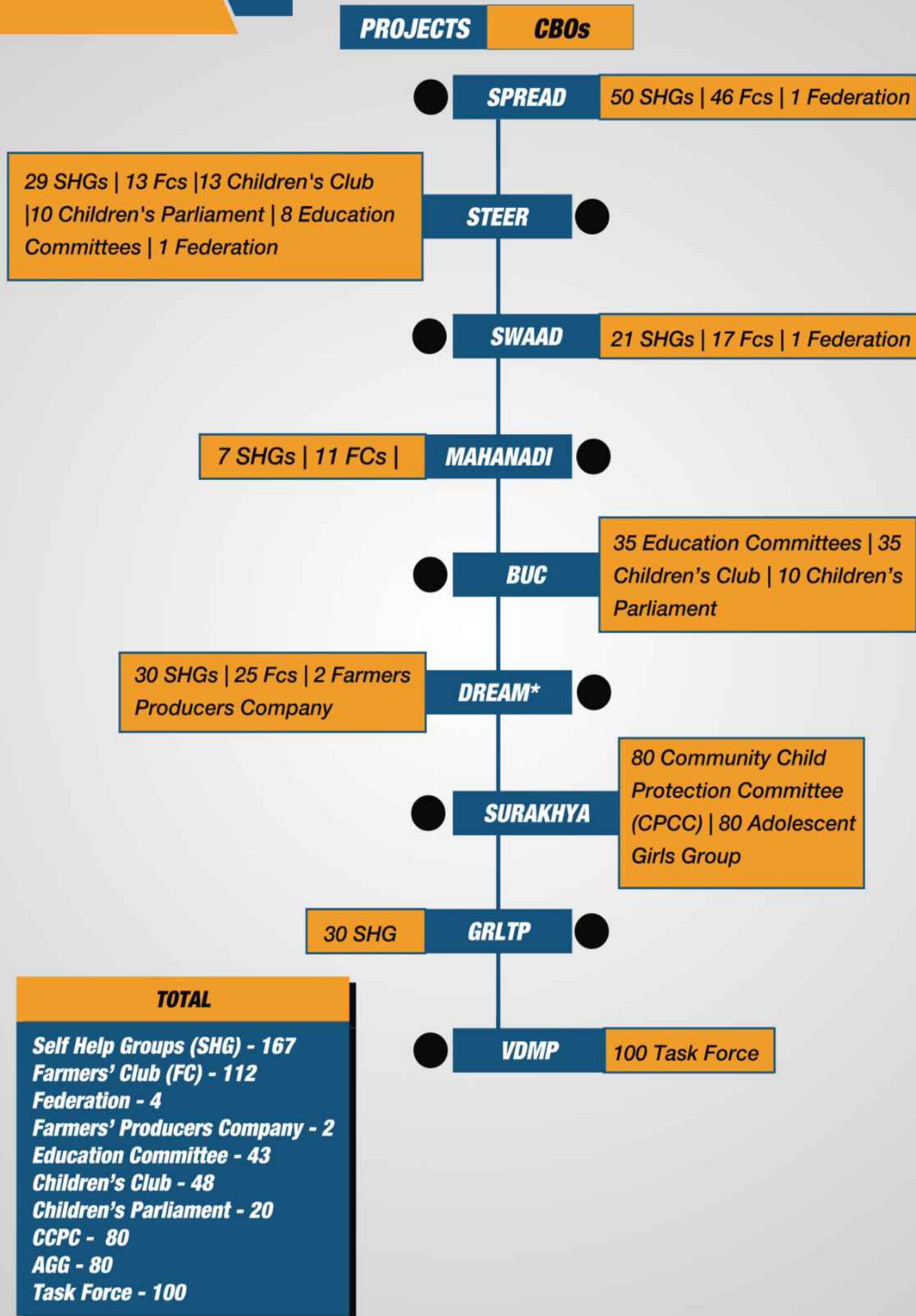
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BSSS at a Glance



Projects and CBOs



Governing Board **Members**



Fr. Isaac Puthenangady



Fr. Jose Aresseril



Fr. Paul Koonamparampath



Sr. Vinita CMC



Fr. Lijo George



Fr. Eric Soreng



Mrs. Mita Mohanty

BSSS Family - Our Staff

1. **Chakradhar Rout**
2. **Dinesh Kumar Giri**
3. **Satyaranjan Mohapatra**
4. **Sangram Murmu**
5. **Anirudha Patra**
6. **Chandrasekhar Panda**
7. **Sambid Kumar Giri**
8. **Binsen Joseph**
9. **Surendra Singh**
10. **Sunita Singh**
11. **Lulu Soren**
12. **Rajiv Giri**
13. **Joy Behera**
14. **Sr. Clara D'Souza**
15. **Bijay Digal**
16. **Silu Saha**
17. **Binita Singh**
18. **Juli Gomes**
19. **Hrusikesh Mohanty**
20. **Jayasmita Das**
21. **Suprava Das**
22. **41 Animators**
23. **43 Education instructors**
24. **140 volunteers**

Appeal for Support

BSSS is a non-profitable organization that continues to render its services with passion in society through financial support of individual donors, national & international organizations that shares a common mission of working for the marginalized. Without their support we would have not been able to transform the lives of thousands of people and enable them with the decent living conditions.

To remain committed & keep continued its services to community; BSSS seeks the help of people like you. You too can bring smile to the little faces of the vulnerable children, empower the women, reduce the food insecurity in the region and above all prepare the community for natural calamities. We assure you your little actions, in whatever form will be taken note of and appreciated. BSSS promises to account your smallest of the donations and utilize it positively for the improvement of the lives of the poor. You can send your donations infavour of "Balasore Social Service Society" through cheque or demand draft at this address:

Balasore Social Service Society,

Vivekananda Marg, Balasore 756001,

Phone:++ 91 - 6782 296540 | Email: talk2bsss@gmail.com | Web address: www.bsssodisha .org

All your donations would be exempted from Income Tax under 80G.

Our Donors



Heartfelt gratitude to all our well wishers who donated generously for a meaningful intervention in the four districts of Odisha during the year 2020 to 2021



COVID AWARENESS



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