



DEHAT Developmental Association for Human Advancement

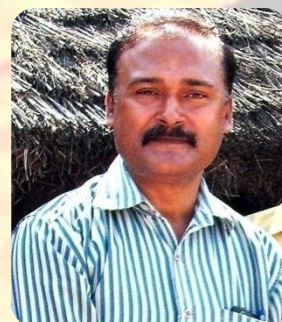
Annual Report 2011-2012

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Foreword

The Annual Report for the Action Year 2011-12 is another stepping stone towards the achievement of the goal for a just, empowered & egalitarian society, especially the women and children section. I am pleased and honored on the occasion of publishing the 12th Annual Report 2011-12 of our organization - **Developmental Association for Human Advancement-'DEHAT'**.



DEHAT believes that sustainable development can only take place when the rural masses are mobilized to take active part in their own development. DEHAT also firmly believes that no society can hope for sustainable development unless its children are assured of their survival, protection and participation in the development process.

When we came into being, we were entirely unaware from the word NGO, but we had a motto to transform the picture of under privileged and deprived people into an improved and sagacious society. We were motivated for social work after seeing the badly harassed residents of Forest Villages of Bahraich, U.P. As the proofs reveal, they were accommodated by the Forest Department for the purpose of labour work in the interest of the department as 'Begari'. They were allowed to live on forest land and grow the food-grains for survival, but they were deprived of having right to construct a concrete house and sale or purchase of their land. Their children were specially affected from the situation. Contrary to all the basic rights offered by the Constitution of Sovereign India, they were not even allowed to live like a human being and enjoy the facilities available in the environment. They were being treated as fourth grade citizen in their own land. Majority of the children were in capture of malnutrition and out-of school. The villagers could not apply for any Government job because they were not from Revenue village.

The regular monitoring of our work is strengthening the project work in the field. I am keenly observing all the activities for betterment of our work to reach our Vision. During the year we have got opportunity to get partnerships with two prestigious donors for our two dream projects i.e. Child Rights Project (CRP) at Ghorawal Block in Sonbhadra District sponsored by Unicef, FASAL Project at Mihinpurwa of Bahraich District supported by SDTT, Mumbai.

Our achievements & progress rest on the level of commitment and dedication exhibited by activists and community volunteers who work with consistently for attainment of set goals and targets. We've got the CID VEERTA AWARD for demonstrating an exemplary act of Social Bravery. We acknowledge with thanks and gratitude the valuable contribution of our donor agencies, support organizations, our bankers, and our social activists and last but not the least our target groups. We also expect their support and cooperation to strive in this field in our future development.

Dr. Jitendra Chaturvedi

Chief Executive

About Us

Developmental Association for Human Advancement-DEHAT is a Non-Governmental organization implementing rural development programmes in the state of Uttar Pradesh in Bahraich, Shrawasti and Sonbhadra. DEHAT started its activities informally in 1989-90 through a school opened for 'Tharu' Tribals and forest village children but was formally registered in August-2000.

VISION

A child centered society in which all children enjoy their rights and lead fulfilling lives.

DEHAT believes that sustainable development can only take place when the rural masses are mobilized to take active part in their own development. DEHAT also firmly believes that no society can hope for sustainable development unless its children are assured of their survival, protection and participation in the development process. Children thus remain the nucleus of the work of the organization and understanding that the child is affected first and foremost by his immediate family and neighborhood situation, DEHAT is involved in a multitude

of community organization and development activities besides advocacy, awareness and rights struggle. Its interventions at policy making and influencing government are driven in the interests of the children particularly those coming from marginalized and oppressed sections of the society.

We started our work since far before inception of association. In beginning some enthusiastic youth from these undeveloped areas were united and we formed a group for social change and intensive awareness movement about the rights to these forest villagers. After that 'DEHAT' has risen due to its honest policy of working with full of positive attitude.

The organization has been actively working in 200 villages of Ghorawal block, 10-10 villages in Babhani, Duddhi and Myorepur in Sonbhadra district. 36 Villages of Jamunaha Block of Shrawasti. We are also working with child line in Bahraich. The villages DEHAT works in are principally tribal and consist of poor peasants. The area is one of the most backward and neglected areas of the state of UP.

Approach

'Dehat' has always used the motto of 'to empower deprived people to be what they want to be and do what they want to do for realizing their rights. Therefore, 'Dehat' adopted its attention on this thought from the beginning to develop self consciousness and leadership quality in the target communities. 'Dehat' has adopted 'Right based approach' in implementing all the activities at grass root level. We never lead but aware and promote people's leadership to solve their problems.

MISSION

To empower the deprived and underprivileged sections of the society and to ensure basic rights of the children.

Projects 2011 - 2012



S.N.	Name of the projects	Support	Area of Intervention
1.	FASAL Project	SDTT-Mumbai	12 villages in Mihinpurwa Block of Bahraich district (UP).
2.	Child Rights Project	UNICEF-Lucknow	200 villages in Ghorwal Block of Sonebhadra district (UP).
3.	Uttar Pradesh Forest Management Poverty Alleviation (UPFMPA) Project	JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY-JICA	Duddhi, Babhani blocks of Sonebhadra district (UP) .
4.	Comprehensive Health and Nutrition Intervention (CHNI) Project	UNICEF-Lucknow	Duddhi, Myorepur and Babhani Blocks of Sonebhadra, Jamunaha Block of Shrawasti and Payagpur, Chittaura and Mihinpurwa Blocks of Bahraich District (UP).
5.	(Azadi Project)Child Rights Project	CRY, New Delhi	7 Villages in Mihinpurwa Block of Bahraich district (UP).
6.	SRI Method Wheat Sowing Project	TMN-Lucknow	6 Villages in Jamunaha of Shrawasti district (UP).
7.	Child line project	CLIF-Mumbai	Entire Bahraich District of (UP)
8.	Rural Girl Child Education Project	IIMPACT, Gurgaon, HARYANA	36 villages in Jamunaha Block of Shrawasti district (UP).

Achievements 2010 - 2011

Awards

- ✚ Won **"India NGO Award-2010"** given by 'The Rockefeller Foundation-UK and The Resource Alliance-UK'.
- ✚ Shortlisted at international level among 5 NGOs namely-Water Aid-UK, Ashi Naga-Japan, Head Strong-Ireland, Living Earth-Uganda and DEHAT from India for **"Global Awards-2011"** given by The Resource Alliance-UK.
- ✚ Won **"CID Veerta Award on Social Bravery-2012"** given by 'SONY Entertainment Television'.

New Initiatives

- ✚ Started FASAL (new Partnership) project in Bahraich with support of SDTT-Mumbai.
- ✚ Started Child Rights Project in 200 villages of Ghorawal Block of Sonbhadra with support of UNICEF-Lucknow.
- ✚ Started SRI Vidhi Project in Jamunaha Block of Shrawasti District with support of TMN-Lucknow.

Community based interventions

- ✚ Stopped 17 girl child marriages through motivating parents in Jamunaha block of Shrawasti district.
- ✚ Removed and main streamed 42 child labors and repatriation of 462 missing children under CHILDLINE Project.
- ✚ 134 ICDS centers made functional in 7 blocks of Bahraich, Shrawasti and Sonbhadra districts.
- ✚ Developed 134 Village Health Plans of 134 VHSCs on nutrition activities.
- ✚ 5 villages of CHNI intervention area changed 100% using iodized salt.
- ✚ 840 Adolescent Health sessions organized with 11413 adolescent girls in 70 Govt. Schools of 7 blocks.
- ✚ A CBO on women rights named 'Mahila Adhikar Manch' of 3342 women.
- ✚ One village-Dhakiya (Kailash Nagar) of traditional forest dwellers of Bahraich district got land entitlements under Forest Rights Act-2006.



Mr. Jitendra Chaturvedi- Chief Executive receiving "India NGO Award-2010" from Mr. Ashwin Dayal-Managing Director (Asia) and Ms. Heather Grady-Vice President of The Rockefeller Foundation-UK in India Habitat Center-New Delhi

1. AZADI Child Rights Project (Supported by CRY-New Delhi)

Azadi Child Rights project was initiated in 8 forest villages of Mihinpurwa block in Bahraich District. Now project is implementing in 7 forest villages (inhabited on forest lands and locally known as 'Vangram') since 2005. The project has been implementing for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages. The aim of the project is to ensure child rights through empowering forest dwellers for their citizenship rights. The Objectives of the project are following-

- Freedom from exploitation of corrupt forest officials.
- To ensure basic citizen rights of traditional forest dwellers.
- Conversion of forest villages in revenue villages.
- To ensure all the rights of children of forest dwellers.
- To advocate and ensure the benefits of Government schemes to forest dwellers.

Program Intervention

Activities-2011-12

- Training of 40 CBO Leaders on Right to Education (RTE) Act for ensuring quality education.
- Orientation of 32 CBO Leaders on BPL Survey for information to the community on the process of BPL survey.
- Training of 35 Health Committee members on Right to health and healthcare.
- Organized children meet and cultural event on Children Day with 200 children in Bichhia Bazar.
- Organized health camp to monitor the health condition and to analyze the status of water born diseases.
- Capacity building of staff on Organizational Development (O.D.).
- Organized perspective building workshop on Child Rights issues.
- Organized Perspective building workshop with 40 children for visioning exercise of the children.
- Exposure of 9 community leaders (9 Health committee members) to observe the difference between the facility provisions and service delivery.

Activities as per need of the Program

- Election 37 children for state level network of children.
- Education awareness rally by the Bal Adhikar Manch at the time of admission.
- Rally against corruption by the community leaders.
- 'DHARNA' at D.M. office on forest rights by the Vangram Adhikar Manch for Land rights.
- 'AAMRAN ANSHAN' in protest of school's corruption and



Forest Rights.

- Sewing- weaving training of Girls and women.
- Public hearing on Forest Rights.

Accomplishments of the Program

- One forest village Dhakiya got the land entitlements under Forest Rights Act-2006.
- 100% Birth and Death Registration in intervention villages.
- 87% children and 92% pregnant women are getting immunization by the ANM as per schedule.
- All the villages are free from child labors.
- MNREGA labors are getting receipt against job application
- Catering of ICDS services to all the intervention villages.
- 100% enrolment of 6-14 years children in school.

**Intervention by DEHAT
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2. Child Rights Project

Child Rights project supported by the UNICEF is implemented in 200 villages of Ghorawal block of Sonbhadra District. The area is deprived in terms of access to Govt. schemes. Out of 200 villages, 32 are affected with “Nuxal” problem. The families suffer from impoverishment and children are highly vulnerable and suffer from deprivation of their basic rights.

It is, therefore, pertinent that DEHAT stimulates its initiative to address issues of children in this area. The Child Rights Program is promoting the following behaviors (10 Child Friendly Agenda) for comprehensive development.

3 Home based behavior under ten point child friendly agenda-

- a) No girls to be married before the age of 18 years.
- b) Universal consumption of iodized salts.
- c) Feeding of Colostrums to new born, exclusive breast feeding and complimentary feeding after six month.

7 service Depended behaviors of 10 point child friendly agenda.

- a) Registration of all births and deaths.
- b) Full immunization of all infants and pregnant women.
- c) Six monthly administration of Vitamin A to all children (From the age of 9 month to 5 years)
- d) Consumption of IFA (Iron Folic Acid) during pregnancy and safe institutional delivery.
- e) Knowledge of four modes of transmission and four methods of prevention of HIV and linkage to services for HIV prevention (including condom) and care (testing, antiretroviral therapy, prevention of parent to child transmission)
- f) School enrolment and retention and completion by all 6-14 years old children.

g) Environmental sanitation through utilization and upkeep of water and sanitation facilities.

Accomplishments of the Program

- Retention of drop out children in schools.
- Improvement in child teacher ratio.
- Promotion child friendly environment at schools.
- Improved children participation in school.
- Children achieve minimum level of learning.
- Improved involvement in Anganwadi Centres.
- Enhancement in birth registration coverage.
- Reduction in malnutrition.



A mother getting her child immunized during a DEHAT health camp



Health Center initiatives have been a huge hit in gathering masses

An elderly penning down her commitment to DEHAT

3. ChildLine

CHILDLINE is India's first 24 hours, toll free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection linking them to long term services for their care and rehabilitation. Any child and concerned adult can call 1098 and access the CHILDLINE service any time of the day or night. The objective of the program is to reach out to every child in need and ensure their rights and protection through connect through technology to reach the last mile, catalyze systems through active advocacy, collaborate through integrated efforts between children, the state, civil society, corporate and community to build a child friendly social order & communicate to make child protection everybody's priority. To work together with the allied system (Police, Health care, Juvenile Justice, transport, legal, education, communication, media & political and the community) to create child friendly system.

Accomplishments of the Program

- 394 children (214 male and 180 female) handover to their parents, which are got separated with their parents in DARGAH fair of Bahraich through CHILDLINE "Khoya-Paya" Camp.
- Through direct interaction with 15000 community members & 10000 children during outreach & awareness program & Open House of private schools; inter colleges & coaching centers, Railway station, Hospitals, Temples and Mosque.
- 18 PCOs covered for publicity of CHILDLINE in Bahraich city.
- 1403 phone calls received for help in many ways.
- 479 beneficiaries benefited from CHILDLINE during the year.
- 18 children (age between 12-17 years) rescued from hotels, traffickers and institutions.



A view inside the Child Line workshop

4. Rural Girl Child Education Program (RGCEP)

Quality Education for Girls in the backward Block of Jamunaha in Shrawasti

Shrawasti is the district falls in UP state, well known for its lowest female literacy rate in the country, highest Infant Mortality Rate and highest rate of below 18 marriage of girls (82.7% DLHS-3).

With support of IIMPACT-Gurgaon, Haryana, the project intends to provide access to quality education for backward girls directly through 36 Alternative Learning Centers upto 5th class run through 36 female teachers in the Jamunaha block in Shrawasti District. We provide free of cost education, books and learning materials to all the out of school and never enrolled rural girls of the age group of 7-18 years. In addition to education, the project addresses the health, nutrition anemia and personality development issues of empowerment of girls.



The project also aims to change the mindsets of community against discrimination of girls children in education and Child marriage.

Category	Total Girls enrolled(2011-12)					
	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Total
SC	88	103	55	06	00	252
ST	00	00	00	00	00	00
OBC	174	129	62	78	00	443
Muslim	294	176	64	24	00	558
General	09	14	09	02	00	34
				Total		1287

Accomplishments of the Program

- 21 Girls got linked with school (main stream)
- 44 girls self initiated to join Learning Centre run by the girls
- 17 marriages/Gaunas of girls were stopped by the teachers.

1. Comprehensive Health and Nutrition Initiative (CHNI)

DEHAT is implementing CHNI project in 3 blocks of Bahraich, 1 block of Shrawasti and 3 blocks of Sonbhadra directly. Additionally, DEHAT is working in 5 districts (Shrawasti, Sonbhadra, Balrampur, Mahrajanj and Kushi Nagar) in close coordination with consortia of 15 other Civil Society Organizations. The objectives of the project are-Enhance demand for BSPM comprehensive package in 134 direct intervention villages in 3 districts through intensive community mobilization efforts. Increase awareness and uptake of BSPM services in indirect intervention villages with support of partner CSOs and frontline Government functionaries and PRI committees. Reach the target families comprising of pregnant and lactating women and children <2 years in villages with messages on IYCF to ensure correct adoption of practices related to child feeding behavior. Strengthen monthly reporting and adolescent meeting in 56 schools implementing Saloni scheme.

Accomplishments of the Program

- Capacity Buildings Programmes/Trainings

Name of Training programme	Total Participants	Duration	Achievements
Capacity building Programme for AWWs on records keeping and effective Home Visits	134	06-10 June - 2011	134 AWWs capacitate on Records keeping & H.V.
Capacity Building of VHSC members on developing Village Health Plan	380	15-25 October 2011	46 Gram Pradhan oriented on developing VHP
Capacity Building of Community Volunteers on Health & Nutrition issues	43	23-24 December- 2011	43 Community volunteers capacitated on health and nutrition
Capacity Buildings training of CSOs Partners on Health & Nutrition issues and Baal SwasthPM	30	25-27 December 2011	B

- Block level BSPM Mela

- To sensitize the community for Vit. A supplementation, Growth Monitoring, iodized salt and breast feeding, two rounds (in August & December), block level visibility mela on 'Baal Swasthaya ewam Poshan Maah' organized in 7 block of intervention area, and as a result 9012 children covered with Vit. 'A' supplementation during the campaign.

- b) Through partner's intervention area, total 9786 children covered with Vit. 'A' supplementation in 75 GPs of 5 intervention districts.

- **Demonstration of IDD through iodine Stall in Village Haats**

For the mobilization of community or using iodized salt, innovative activities like Iodine demonstration Camp, rallies and Salt samples testing through home visits, organized by project team. During the campaign 2582 counseled on using iodized salt and 385 families directly check their salt. 2339 salt samples sent to Meeruth Medical Collages for titration report.

- **Saloni Sabha Organization**

We have worked with 9629 adolescents (9422 of Saloni Schools & 207 of direct intervention areas) girls of 70 Junior Schools, Inter Collages and 30 IIMPACT learning centres. During the session, 584 thematic monthly meetings organized with adolescents' girls and health & hygiene counseling given for their development, for the Anemia prevention point of view, weekly IFA tablets and on six monthly basis Albendazol tablets mobilized from health department.



Adolescent Volunteers talk about their initiatives at Saloni workshop in Taj Khudai, U.P.

- **Activities to reach PWs, RDWs and Neonates and children**

For delivering the messages of Breast feeding, Complementary feeding, use and importance of iodized salt, vitamin A supplementation and health and ICDS service to community specially PWs, RDWs and mothers of neonates 242 Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs), Health and Nutrition Days (WHNDs) organized with health and ICDS and 653 meetings organized with SHGs, mothers groups and community based organization. For inter person communication and deliveries of correct massages, 1726 intensive home visits, (701 home visits to PWs, 417 to neonates and 608 home visits of 6-8 month children) conducted. As a result, breast feeding practices within one hour of birth increased from 43.4 % to 72.6 %, regular child weighing practices increased from 7.5 % to 24.7%, use of adequate iodized salt increased from 10 % to 60 % and availability of ICDS services increased from 18 % to 58.6 % in intervention areas.

2. Sure Start-An Initiative for mother and new born care

The main objective of the project is to significantly increase individual household and community action that directly & indirectly improve maternal and new born health by enhancing systems and institutional capabilities for sustained improvement in mother and newborn care and health status. The project is being funded by Path India & DEHAT is working as a network partner of leads agency BAIF.

Activities Implemented

- 118 ASHAs oriented and sensitized on counseling skill of mothers.
- 6 Monthly and 2 Quarterly Asha meetings organizes at CHC level
- 132 regular monthly thematic meetings organized with Mother Groups and VHSCs
- Reviewed participatory Village Health Plan of 59 GPs, especially on MNH issues.
- Implemented innovative tools for community education on key practices during MGs & VHSCs meetings to communicate correct practices of mother and child health.

Accomplishments of the Program

- 102 out of 118 ASHA has been updated theirs VHIR (Village Health and Index Registers)
- 6 monthly and 2 Quarterly meetings organized with ASHA and block level officials on MCH issues.
- 59 Gram Pradhan oriented on Village Health and Sanitation Committees.



A DEHAT worker interviewing a new born baby's mother

1. FASAL (Farmers Action for Sustainable Agro Based Livelihood)

DEHAT has initiated the FASAL (Farmers Action for Sustainable Agro Based Livelihood) in 12 villages of Mihinpurwa Block of Bahraich since February-2012. The objective of this program is to improve the livelihood conditions of 601 marginal and landless Farmers/ Households and ensuring the food security among them through introducing improved agriculture practices. The program was designed on the basic principal of low productivity due to attack of wild animals on crops, water logging, lack of market facilities & lack of knowledge towards improved agriculture practices among farmers and alternate agro based sources of livelihood etc.

The key accomplishments of the project are-

- Selection of 600 marginal farmers and base line survey.
- Formation 36 Aajeevika Adhikaar Sangthan-AAS (Livelihoods Right Group) groups of target families.

2. UPPFMPAP (UP Participatory Forest Management & Poverty Alleviation Project) Supported by U.P. Forest Department & Sponsored by JICA

To save the forests and ensure the livelihood of the community residing in the forests depending on the forests for livelihoods, a project was initiated by DEHAT with the partnership of Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in February-2010.

We are working in 56 remote Tribal dominated villages of Duddhi, Wyndomganj and Myorepur forest Ranges of Renukoot Forest Division of most Nuxal (A violent terrorist movement) affected Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh.

DEHAT is leading and handholding four Partner NGOs in this project in 56 GPs of 3 Blocks of the District as NGO Support Organization (NSO).

Accomplishments of the Program

- Formed 43 JFMC (Joint Forest Management Committee) of 7495 FUG (Forest User Groups) and transferred 5438 Hac. of Forest land along with forest for forest based livelihood purposes and also for developing forests in 43 villages.
- Formed 61 Self Help Groups, Total members 912 (475 male and 437 female).
- 55 families engaged in Sericulture & average annual income (2 crops) is Rs. 10976.
- The contractor ship in the collection and selling of 'Tendu' leaves has been finished and now all the 'Tendupatta' laborers are getting actual price from UP Forest Corporation through Account Payee cheques.
- JFMC collected the 125 quintal forest Tulsi and sold in purchase camp of the forest department and got Rs. 156250 income. Previously, this aromatic herb was burnt by the forest department every year.
- JFMC Ghiwahi released 90 Hectare of Forest land previously encroached by the anti-social elements, which is now using by villagers for livelihood purposes.
- DEHAT declared best NGO in Renukoot Forest division.

3. Empowering Rural Women (ERW)

The project Empowering Rural Women- ERW was initiated in Bahraich District at Mihinpurwa block. The project has been implementing in 10 Gram Panchayat for the period of two years to empower the women of these villages for their livelihood and for other rights through right based approach. The objective of the project is to empower the rural women about their rights, especially right to work, right to information & right to living with dignity and right to equality in the community. To develop leadership among rural women and ensure their access to Government Schemes, programs and Act related to right to food, right to work and empower them in a sustainable way.



A women empowerment camp for demanding the rights

Accomplishments of the Program

- Outreached 2853 rural women in leadership development
- 397 women leaders have been emerged as leaders and taking the initiatives towards Right to Work, Right to Food, and other issues affecting their (women) lives.
- Increased 45% (225 CBO leaders) women participation in Open Gram Sabha Meeting.
- 5 never opening PDS shops, regularized as per norms.

- 112 CBOs leader trained on citizenship and local self governance.
- 107 CBOs leaders have been trained on strategies and approaches
- 96 CBOs leaders have been trained on local level advocacy.
- 122 CBO leaders have been trained on NREGA and Forest Right Act.
- 10 Community Resource cum Education Centre –CREC established and 412 women got benefited.
- 5 Skill development centre (Weaving & Sewing) established for 150 women through Jan Shikshan Sansthan Project, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- 1297 women Succeed to get work in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act-NREGA and earned Rs. 21,20,400 with help of project.

4. New Initiative on Agricultural methods of SWI

SWI (System for Wheat Intensification)

A new initiative was taken by the DEHAT through the effective implementation of **SWI (System for Wheat Intensification)** technique with 30 farmers. The objective of the project was to improve the land and increase the crop productivity of small and marginal farmers resulting in increased food security and income to small and marginal farmers.

The key accomplishment of the project is 30 Small & Marginal farmers of 6 villages have been adopted this method and get 40 to 55 quintal/ hectare yield in Rabi Crop. In comparison to the traditional methods, this technique has given just double yield to the farmers against 25% reduction in the traditional input cost.