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**DETAILED ACTIVITIES
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Field Projects- 2013-14

1. Transform school programme: - Rajiv Gandhi Foundation

The Organisation has been working for Rajiv Gandhi Foundation on Mainstreaming Education Programme in Primary School clusters in Simri Panchayat of Bisfi block in Madhubani District. **The main objectives of the programme are:**

- To develop an effective model of assessment that provides feedback on the learning level of the individual learner;
- To establish a 'learner centred' schooling process in which every learner is self directed in developing his/her innate capabilities;
- To promote a new approach to teacher empowerment that promotes a higher level of motivation among teachers to facilitate learning in children and encourage collaborative learning among the facilitators/teachers.

2. **Empowering Rural Women Programme - A long term project supported by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust in 28 Panchayats of Bisfi Block in Madhubani district:** Our community empowerment program is focused on Dalit and the most backward women. ERW is a unique program in the context of Bihar. The key focus is on the leadership development among the rural women of Dalit and the excluded sections of society that helps them in progressive realization of rights by ensuring entitlements. The program started in December 2011 currently being implemented in 28 Gram Panchayats of Bisfi Block in Madhubani district focussing on 13,000 dalit women from 40 SC dominated villages. The intervention is focussed on the leadership development of women through collectivization and providing a platform in the form of CBOs, strengthening women's informed participation in local governance and ensuring entitlements related to right to work/livelihood and right to food for the most poor. The basic structure in the form of women's collective namely, Gram Panchayat level Nari Sangh will help in layering the intervention with various other programs such as women's literacy, on the basis of expressed need.

3. Worked with the support of **Centre for World Solidarity** on a **2 year Advocacy based programme on Female Feticide in Vaishali district of Bihar - 'India's Unwanted Girls' - Campaign against Sex Selected abortion.** EF is working in 4 villages of Chechar Panchayat in Biddupur block of Vaishali district. It is covering 2160 households. The project of Equity Foundation on 'India's Unwanted Girls' - Campaign against sex selected (Female Feticide) has enabled community action in rural and urban areas so as to significantly reduce the incidences of female feticide. The impact of the programme-

- Approx 2500 women have develop their understanding against atrocities on women and girl child;
- Counseling of 502 Adolescent girl;
- 143 pregnant women were examined by the doctor and they demand the free health checkups to continue every month;
- Knowledge up gradation amongst 253 key stakeholders and project staff to further undertake the project activities;
- Maintenance and Tracking system of records is ensured for female feticide cases;
- 200 ANC checkups are registered in the record and proper follow up has been made;
- Some of the women earlier felt shy to even speak; now they have become very outspoken and bold towards the issue.

- Pregnant women are regularly coming to the Aanganwadi centers for checkups and free medicines- thanks to training, advocacy campaigns and free health camps as they are now more aware.

Workshops and Seminars

- One day State Level Consultation Workshop on '**Status of Implementation of Domestic Violence Act in Bihar**'- Supported by ACTION AID
- One day State Level Consultation Workshop on '**Sexual Harassment at workplace**' (16 days of ending violence against women campaign) supported by Action aid