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OVERVIEW

Gramin Vikas Sewa Samiti current program in the Caucasus area was developed within the framework of year wise extension. The program strategy was approved by funding agency and partner organizations. Uttar Pradesh AIDs control society, Child Line India Foundation and NBARD Lucknow, continue their support for the Targeted Intervention project to prevent HIV/AIDs among injecting drug users (IDUs), village development and SHG formation, Maternal and Neonatal Health and Livelihood Promotion for flood-affected marginal farmers in eastern Uttar Pradesh. GVSS's strategic objectives are designed to build on the accomplishments & strengths of past partnerships and successful initiatives, and continue to emphasize institutional and human-capacity building.

The partnership of UPSACS in Basti focuses on prevention of HIV/AIDS by promoting safer practices among IDUs, MSM & FSW. Continuous support by NABARD for Village Development program and formation of Self-Help Groups (SHG) for integrated development of four villages in Basti District is being received by the GVSS. The partnership with District Health Society is focused on awareness about Tuberculosis and bringing reduction in the prevalence of communicable diseases. I can say that our performance according to objectives and mission of GVSS is a step ahead. GVSS will focus in coming year on rural livelihood in promoting innovative entrepreneurship by providing vocational training, and awareness on HIV/AIDS with short messages. In the current Indian life span mostly affected by climate change, it is very important for us to be aware about our environment. GraminVikasSewaSamiti takes small but effective steps to preserve our environment.

GVSS start National Training Center of Technology & Management (NTCTM) in basti district with the partnership Maharshi Dayanand Computer Shaksharta Mission, Allahabad, Mahatma Gandhit Institute Industrial & Vocational Training, New Delhi & NIELIT New Delhi.

Ram LalitYadav
Secretary

Introduction

VISION

- Mainstreaming the poor and downtrodden towards development and national progress through promoting people's organization as the key element to achieve a self-reliant community.
- Establish self-dependant, exploitation free society for social development.
- Creation of an egalitarian, democratic, healthy and pollution free Society.

MISSION

- ◆ Creation of self-reliant community by adoption of participatory approach.
- ◆ Acquaintance with the country's rich tradition and heritage for getting imbued with the spirit of using efficient use of modern resources.
- ◆ Make provision of opportunities to the disadvantage sections of the community for their all-round development. ☞ Creation of awareness, conscientisation of social, economic and political incidences, which have kept the rural mass poor and deprived. Emphasis on women empowerment.
- ◆ To make sincere and serious Endeavour for sustainable development and creation on and exploitation free society

OBJECTIVE

- * To raise the standard of living of the rural people by creating enabling environment for participatory development.
- * To explore and create opportunity for social, educational and cultural development.
- * To create awareness for cleanliness and educate the common people about diseases such as HIV/AIDS, leprosy etc. in a manner that their misconceptions are removed as also to organize free medical camps for the benefit of children and others.
- * To take appropriate steps to mitigate the after effects of natural calamities like flood and drought.
- * To strive to set up cottage industries and thus create employment opportunity for youth, especially rural poor.

- * To work for the advancement and empowerment of women by providing them vocational training and forming Self Help Groups.
- * To Endeavour for eradication of illiteracy and encouraging parents to send their children to school.
- * To strive to strengthen the bond of social cohesion and harmony.
- * To work for conservation of environment by motivating people towards this end.



- ◆ Respect in all areas of work: respect for our work, our colleagues, our partners, our donor and our communities.
- ◆ Trust that our partners are working with integrity and credibility in difficult situations. Through mutual funds, we move away from the traditional donor/grantee relationship and work in true partnership with our grantees.
- ◆ Gramin Vikas Sewa Samiti recognizes the importance of being open to new ideas and ways of doing things and to learning from our work and our partners. Most importantly, being open to failure as much as to success and understanding that would both come learning and understanding.

Geographical Areas of Operations

The Organization is currently working in Five districts of Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Shrawasti, Balrampur and Sidhartha Nagar. It has been selected as mother NGO for RCH by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. It is currently working in 22 blocks, covering programmes in the thematic area of his ability, Inclusive education, Child Integrated Protection programmes, Women empowerment, livelihood Promotion, HIV/AIDS, TB, Education and Skill Development Programme.





Targeted intervention is a very significant component of National AIDS Control Programme. These interventions provide comprehensive and integrated approach for HIV prevention among the marginalized and vulnerable populations such as female sex workers (FSW), injecting drug users (IDU), men-having-sex-with-men (MSM) and bridge population such as migrant workers and truckers. NACO, in partnership with CBOs/NGOs, provides HIV prevention services to these groups at a place and time where they can be most effectively accessed.

HIV pandemic has become a national issue. HIV has the potential to severely affect the economy of the country as it attacks the work force of the population. GVSS is aware of the severity of the challenges posted by HIV hence fight against it has been enumerated as one of the basic objective of the organization. Targeted Intervention (TI) project has been implemented by the organization in the Sadar Block of district Basti with support of UPSACS. Aim of the program to reduce the prevalence rate of HIV in the coming years by integrating the program of prevention, care and treatment. Program has been operated with key factors that are prevention, Care, support and treatment, Capacity building, and Management.

Objectives:

- To reduce the prevalence rate by 60% in High Risk Group states in order to successfully fight the epidemic.
- To lower the prevalence rate by 40% in states with WORST condition in order to stagnate the HIV epidemic.

Major activities carried out by ORW

- Inter personal behavior change communication (BCC)
- Promotion/ distributions of condoms
- Provision of services for Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Linkages to Integrated Counseling and Testing Services (ICTC)
- Advocacy for Enabling Environment and Community Mobilization



Key Strategies

* Intensifying and consolidating prevention services, with a focus on HRGs and vulnerable population.

* Increasing access and promoting comprehensive care, support and treatment

* Expanding IEC services for (a) general population and (b) high risk groups with a focus on behavior change and demand generation.

* Building capacities at national, state, district and facility levels

* Strengthening Strategic Information Management Systems

Targeted Interventions (TIs) essentially focus on 'prevention' of new infections among the High Risk Groups (HRGs), as well as, the general population. It is required to cover the entire universe of HRGs and, to carry out 'scaled-up' interventions targeting the general population. The TIs have emerged as the most effective means of controlling the spread of HIV amongst the groups who are particularly vulnerable to the epidemic. The categories, therefore, addressed as target population, include:

Core group:

❖ Female Sex Workers (FSWs)

❖ Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)

❖ Men Having Sex with Men (MSM)

❖ Bridge group

❖ (Men who had visited sex workers can act as a potential 'bridge' for HIV transmission to the rest of the population, either through their wives or other sexual partners). The bridge populations being focused on in UP are:

❖ Single men (not married or men who leave their wife/ partner at home) and are going to other states and countries for livelihood (Single male migrants)

❖ Truckers

❖ It is estimated that more than 90% of HIV transmission happens in India. It is related to unprotected sexual intercourse or sharing of injecting equipment between infected and uninfected individuals. Not everyone in the population has the same risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV. Much of the HIV transmission in India occurs



within groups or networks of individuals. Who is a higher level of risk due to a higher number of sexual partners or the sharing of injection drug equipment?

- ❖ Innovation and good practice

- ❖ Senior superintendent & superintendent of Railway Station, Basti visited the project office and they are sensitized to give knowledge about whole programme.

- ❖ After it an IEC corner is established on the gate of Railway Station for aware to migrants & general population.

- ❖ To relating the person of Corporate Sector with organization we are getting help in general programme.

- ❖ On the day blood donation the manager and other workers of Bank of Maharashtra are donated their blood by our motivation and awareness.

- ❖ A refresher Training of Peer Educators is organized with using PPT and multimedia on the basic of HIV/AIDS, STI & risk assessment & documentation.

- ❖ A stall of IEC is managed during the festival Dashahara to Dipawali at the Railway station for awareness.

- ❖ To aware teenagers, the poster competitions are arranged in many of schools on the theme of HIV/AIDS (its cause & how can prevent from it).

- ❖ Monthly activities carried out by GVSS

- ❖ Advocacy

- ❖ Networking

- ❖ Community Events

- ❖ Identification of Peer Educators

- ❖ Detection of STD cases & referral for treatment

- ❖ Personal interaction with bridge population

- ❖ BCC events

- ❖ Free condom distribution and demonstration

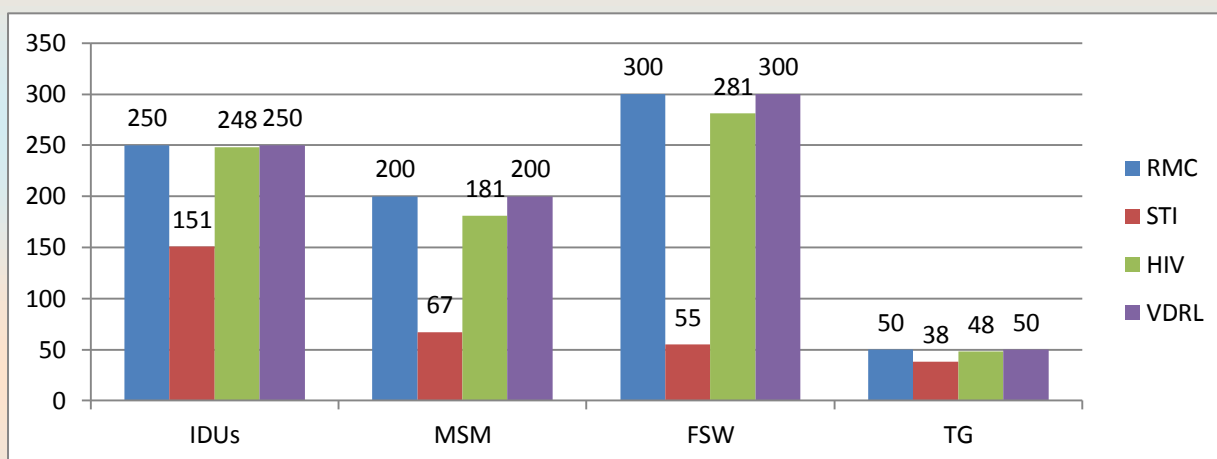
- ❖ Needle-Syringe Exchange Programme for IDUs

- ❖ Distribution of IEC material



Progress of the Year 2017-18

Group	Target	RMC				STI Treat.	HIV		VDRL	
		I	II	III	IV		I	II	I	II
IDUs	250	158	139	182	242	151	189	165	179	75
MSM	200	146	186	159	111	67	161	133	123	57
FSW	300	291	288	277	212	55	256	286	255	244
TG	50	50	26	24	25	38	50	50	50	48





Partnership with Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow has been implementing the Link Worker Scheme Project in district Basti as the Lead Agency and have been working in 100 villages on HIV/AIDS for High Risk Group, Truckers, Migrants, and People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), by from April 2014.

The fight against HIV/AIDS particularly in rural areas becomes more pronounced in view of stigma and discrimination surrounding HIV, resulting in poor access to health care, gender inequality and above all infections going undetected or treated by unqualified practitioners. The existing primary health care system has limited scope and capacity to deal with the sensitive issues like HIV, sexuality and drug use. Keeping this in mind, Link worker Scheme has been conceived for building the capacity of the rural community in fighting with HIV.

In the Link Worker Scheme, a unique government scheme supported by UNDP, has been instrumental in expanding social protection to people living with HIV (PLHIV) in rural Basti.

Goal: Accelerate Reversal and Integrate Response

Project Objective

The goal of the Link Workers Scheme is to reach High Risk Groups and vulnerable men & women in rural areas with information, knowledge and skills on HIV/STI prevention and risk reduction. The program components include:

- Increasing the availability and use of condoms.
- Establishing referral and follow-up linkages for treatment for STIs, testing and treatment for TB, ICTC/PPTCT services, and HIV care and support services including ART.
- Creating an enabling environment for PLHAs and their families, reducing stigma and discrimination against them through interactions with community structures/groups.

Key Strategies

- * Intensifying and consolidating prevention services, with a focus on HRGs and vulnerable population.
- * Increasing access and promoting comprehensive care, support and treatment
- * Expanding IEC services for (a) general population and (b) high risk groups with a focus on behaviour change and demand generation.



- * Building capacities at national, state, district and facility levels

- * Strengthening Strategic Information Management Systems

Target Area:

We have been working on Link Worker Scheme in 100 villages on HIV/AIDS for High Risk Group, Truckers, Migrants, and People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), by Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society from April 2016. The target outreach for the above link Worker Scheme is :-

Female Sex Worker (FSW)
Men Having Sex With Men (MSM)
Truckers
Migrant Male
Migrant Female
Vulnerable Young Men



Vulnerable Women

People Living with HIV /AIDs (PLHIV) Male

People Living with HIV /AIDs

(PLHIV) Female

Orphan Vulnerable Child

Services Provided Under Link
Worker Scheme

Community outreach to
establish linkages with services:

Link Workers will reach out to
those at risk and vulnerable
individuals or groups who are at



present not able to access to HIV related information and services. The scheme will promote risk reduction and motivate community members to adopt behaviour change. The outreach services provided under the scheme will ensure reaching out to key populations, linking them up with programmes and services and educating them about the modes of prevention. The Link Workers will provide HIV related information, demonstrate condom use, distribute condoms, refer patients for appropriate services and do follow-up to monitor and facilitate the consistent use of these services.

Advocacy:

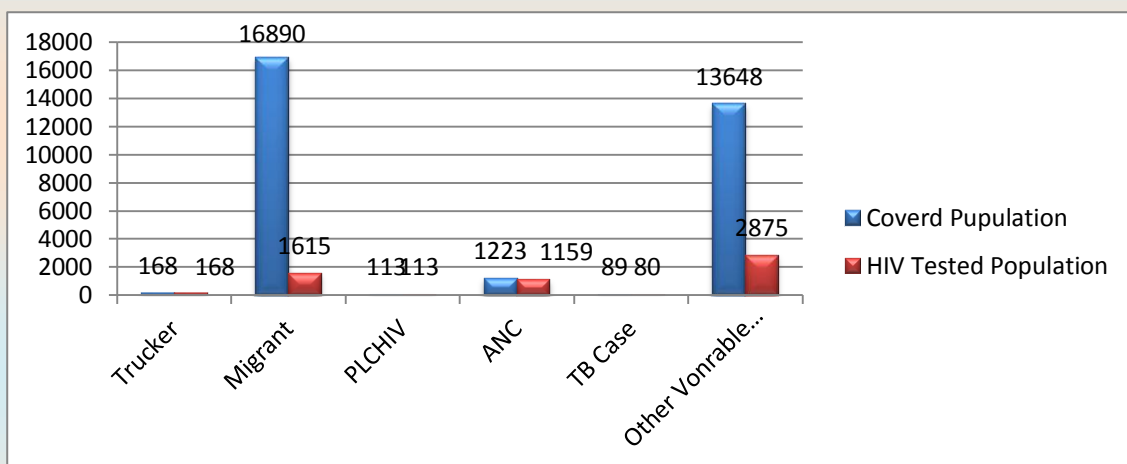
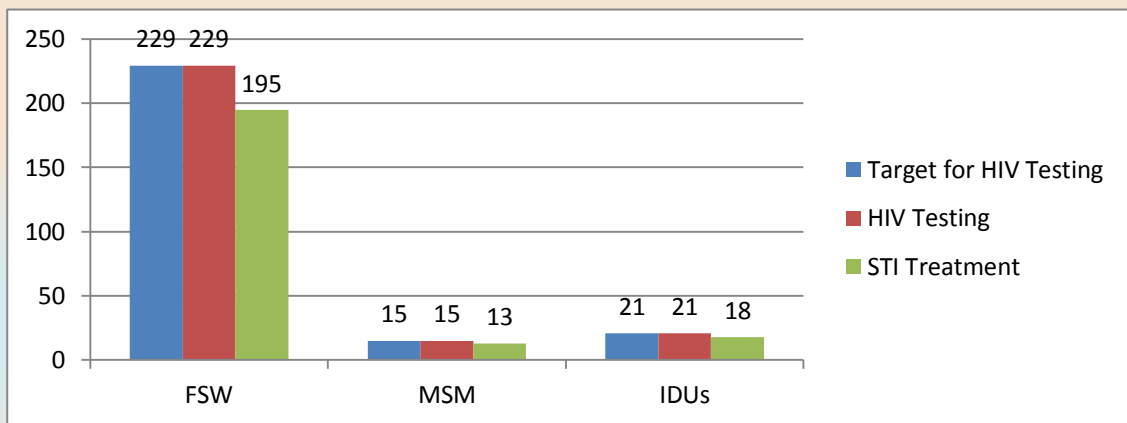
The focus will be on advocating for availability of quality services and reduction of stigma and discrimination against HRG and PLHA.



Achievement's for the Year :

- 100% (265) of HRG Population covered.
- 100% (113) of PLHIV Population covered.
- 100% condom depot established.

- Liaison for other department for better implementation of the programme such as Health Department, NRHM, ICDS, PRI, Labour Department, commissioner.
- Major highlights of the programme during the previous quarter are:
- In all the 09 blocks after completion of mapping and rapport building exercise, the teams are extending their services and building linkages with the existing health services.
- All identified potential link workers are trained and have created second line volunteers as a sustainability measure and continuation of the services even after the withdrawal of scheme.
- Community mobilization for reduction of stigma & discrimination, advocacy and ownership building have been taken up as a next level challenge where involving youth through Red Ribbon Club and establishment of Village Information Center, setting up the Condom Depot will be the key tasks.





Child Line 1098



In the calibration of the Child Line India foundation, Mumbai start a “An Integrated Child Protection Scheme in Basti District from 01st October 2016.

Vision

A child-friendly nation that guarantees the rights and protection of all children.

Mission

CHILDLINE will reach out to every child in need and ensure their rights and protection through the Four Cs.

CHILDLINE India Foundation Goals

CHILDLINE India Foundation is the central agency responsible for initiating, implementing and monitoring the CHILDLINE service and undertaking research, documentation, awareness, and advocacy in the area of child protection. Extending the network based on the unique partnership 'model' and initiation of specialized, innovative need based services, based on trends emerging from analysis of calls is a part of the CHILDLINE India Foundation mandate.

- **CONNECT** through technology to reach the 'last mile'.
- **CATALYSE** systems through active advocacy.
- **COLLABORATE** through integrated efforts between children, the state, civil society, corporates and community to build a child friendly social order.
- **COMMUNICATE** to make child protection everybody's priority.

CHILDLINE India Foundation Goals:

The Goals for CIF are:

- To establish one common brand for CHILDLINE, making it the most recognized reference point in the field of Child Rights.
- To set up systems and processes for existing CHILDLINE city and district teams to:
 1. Enhance service excellence
 2. Move from being activity-oriented to goal-oriented
- To launch the CL service to the most under-represented and under-reached geographical and thematic child rights areas
- To make National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) the most comprehensive initiative in the country for mainstreaming child protection.
- To optimize new technologies for upscaling CHILDLINE, reducing the cost per call and making operational systems more professional
- To develop systems and processes to ensure performance excellence in CIF

- To develop new roles and cross-functional leadership positions to facilitate CIF's journey to the next phase of its growth.
- To integrate child participation within CIF governance through a children's advisory council
- To raise local resources to deepen individual commitment and stake in CHILDLINE.
- To develop an innovations funds/fellowship to spur new ideas in the sector.

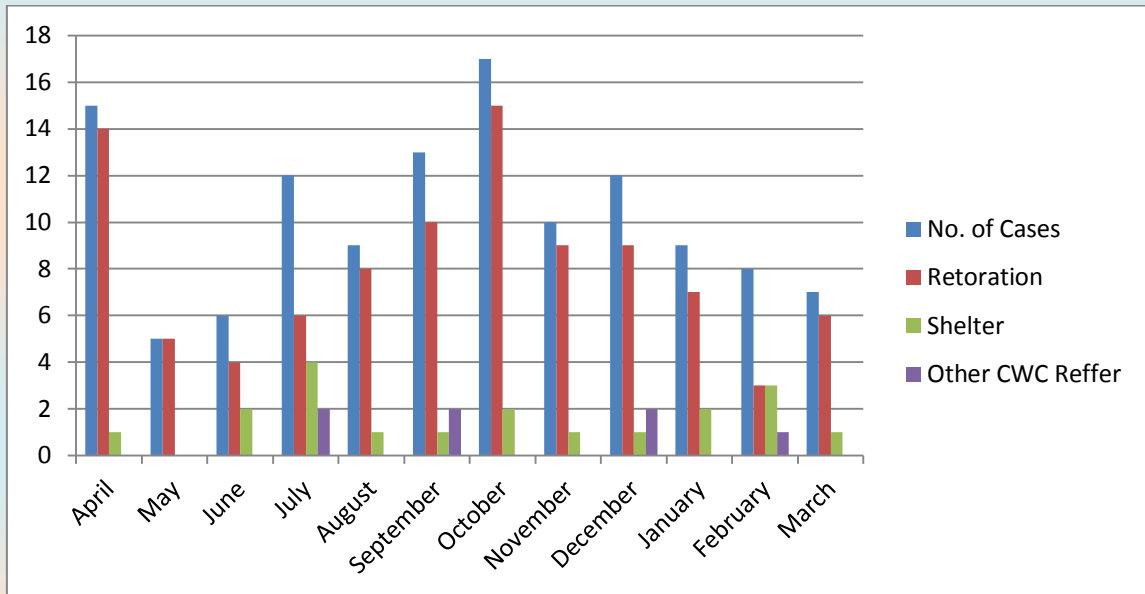
CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) is the nodal agency of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development acting as the parent organisation for setting up, managing and monitoring the CHILDLINE 1098 service all over the country. CIF is the sole agency/body responsible for establishing the CHILDLINE service in the cities/districts of the country, monitoring of service delivery and finance, training, research and documentation, creating awareness, advocacy as well as resource generation for the service.

CHILDLINE 1098 service is a 24 hour free emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. CIF undertakes replication of CHILDLINE, networking and facilitation, training, research and documentation, and Communications and Strategic Initiatives both at the national and international level.

This is a project supported by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and linking state Governments, NGOs, bilateral /multilateral agencies and corporate sector. CIF is responsible for the establishment of CHILDLINE centres across the country. CIF also functions as a national centre for awareness, advocacy and training on issues related to child protection.



Achievement's for the Year :





Water Campaign

“Jal Hi Jeevan Hai”

India's National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, NABARD, launched a Water Campaign on 22nd March 2017, aimed at covering around 1,00,000 villages across 200 districts including Basti District in vulnerable and water stressed areas in the country. The main objective of the campaign is to reach out to the rural communities to promote awareness around the need for conservation, preservation, and the efficient use of



water resources. To that end, issues such as rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, and better agronomic and irrigation (more crop per drop) practices will be promoted. For this initiative, NABARD has partnered with the Centre for Environment

Education (CEE), World Resources Institute, and several local NGOs.



As part of this initiative, a 'Day in a Village Campaign' will be organised in all the villages by the appointed Krishi Jaldoots (water ambassadors) in Basti district. The water ambassadors will be selected from local farmers and individuals with a good grasp and



knowledge of the problems of their respective areas. The Jaldoots will interact with the villagers and spread awareness using various communication aids including posters, visual documentaries, street theater, and folk

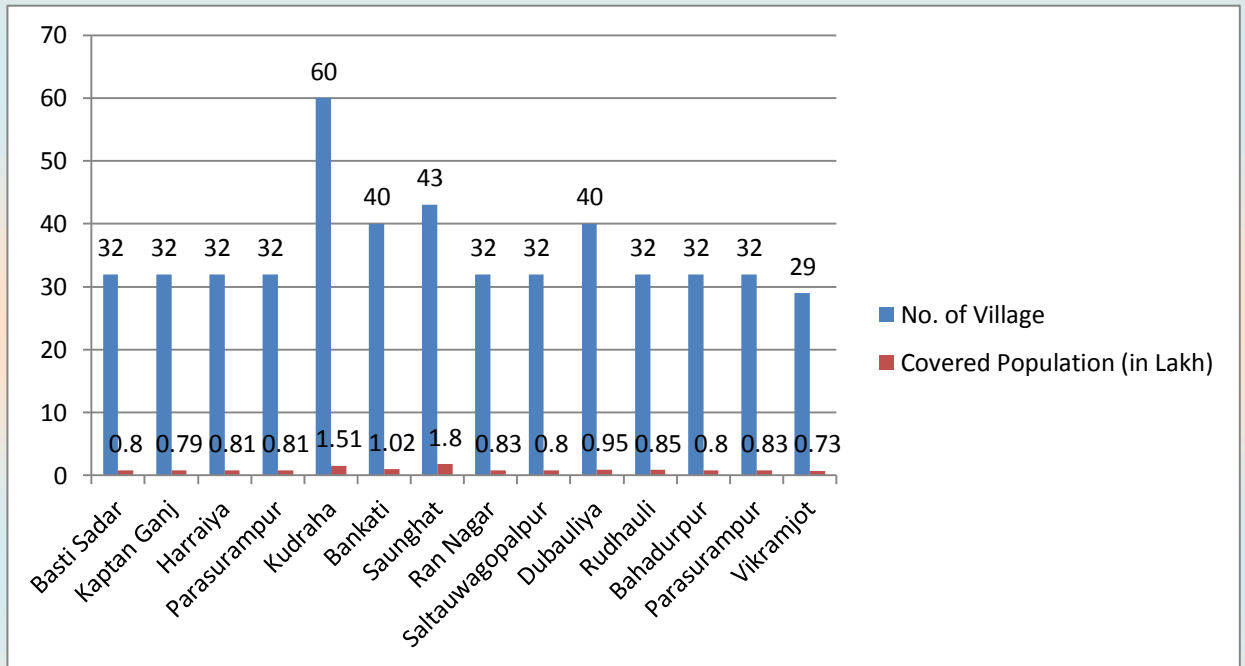
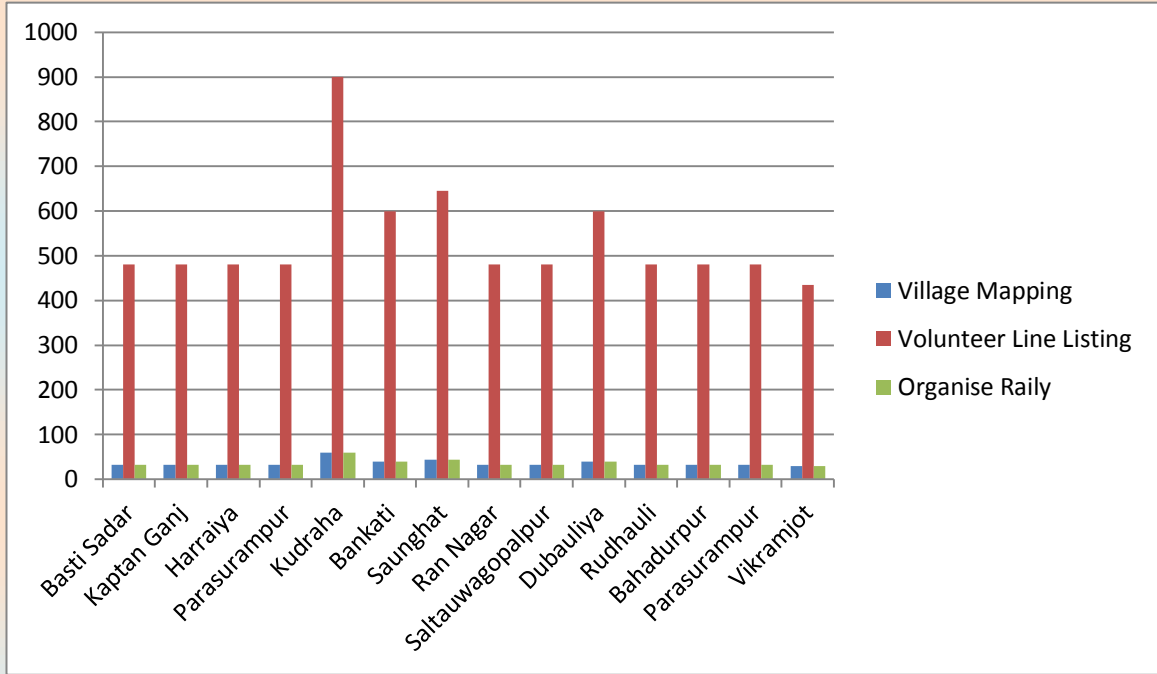
art. A Jal Samvaad has also been planned, which is an interactive forum for group discussion focusing on water-related issues, and identifying local best practices and solutions to tackle them. The session will also educate the villagers about various government initiatives and schemes focusing on water and agriculture.

A resource mapping exercise will be conducted in the 500 villages in Basti District. This will help identify key water structures in the villages, their existing status, renovation needs of existing infrastructure, and innovative solutions to address the water issues of the village. The locally generated information will be uploaded on a mobile app, developed by CEE and NABARD. The aim is to create a Water for Agriculture Resource Map, with input from the villagers, which will help local panchayats, NGOs,



banks and other agencies undertake activities for water conservation through government schemes, like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA)

Water Campaign Achievements:





Child Right and Child Labour Programme

The program works for a supportive protective environment for children in general and disabled in particular where all enjoy their rights to quality education, protection from all forms of abuse. The program addresses children self-protection mechanisms as well as educating caregivers with needed knowledge having their skills and expertise improved to protect their children.



Additionally, building the capacities of workers in the field of psychosocial support and child protection, contributing to reduce children's labor, monitoring and documentation of the violations of children's rights, intensifying lobbying and advocacy mechanisms to improve the legislation, policies and regulations related to children's rights.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM:

Effective interventions in issues classified as highly sensitive or even a taboo for the favor of sexually abused children.

Unique contribution targeting children in conflict with law developing proper judicial procedures and detention measures and conditions as well as representing them before courts and during detention and investigation.



Capacity building programs for law enforcement bodies to guarantee human rights fulfillment at police stations, prosecution departments and judicial system.

Remarkable contribution in advocacy for fulfillment of the rights of children where advocacy strategy is efficient in multi dimensions.

Enhancement of community-based approach for children protection and learning.

Improvement of the children wellbeing through psychosocial support and legal aid services accompanied with recreational activities.

Raised awareness of children and their parents on how to protect themselves from violence, exploitation and sexual abuse.



Formation and capacity building for child protection teams to respond actively to emergency situations and crisis.

Contribution to the reduction of child labour providing needed services for children engaged to labor market .

Skills, knowledge and experiences significantly improved for workers in the field of child protection in institutions: Capacity building training courses held for Child Line teams and Other in care centres and social workers dealing with children in conflict with law.





Swachhata abhiyan: swachh basti sundar basti

MR. Ram Lalit Yadav (Secretary) had rightly said, “Sanitation is more important than Independence”. He was aware of the pathetic situation of Basti District people at that time and he dreamt of a clean Basti where he emphasised on cleanliness and sanitation as an integral part of living. Unfortunately, after 67 years of independence, we have only about 25% of the rural households with access to toilets.



President of Society said that this movement is associated with the economic activity of the Basti. The prime objective of the Abhiyan is to create sanitation facilities for all.

Objectives of Abhiyan

1. Construct individual, cluster and community toilets.
2. Eliminate or reduce open defecation. Open defecation is one of the main causes of deaths of thousands of children each year.
3. Create Public awareness about the drawbacks of open defecation and promotion of latrine use.
4. Recruit dedicated ground staff to bring about behavioural change and promotion of latrine use.
5. Change people’s mindset towards proper sanitation use.
6. Keep villages clean.
7. Ensure solid and liquid waste management through gram panchayats.





The first case of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection was identified UP in 1987. HIV infection is present in all parts of the states through varying levels. Major risk factor includes.

Unsafe sex and low condom uses, injecting drug users, migration and mobility, Men having sex with men, low status of women and widespread stigma. HIV prevalence appears to be higher in eastern Uttar-Pradesh, The larger



Towns and rural areas.

GVSS understands these conditions and always play a key role for making the community aware. The organization is the single organization in the region who takes the responsibilities and



praise so worthy by the Government as well as other organization.

Poster Competition: Gramin Vikas Sewa Samiti organized awareness cum poster competition on 30th November, 2017. Student of Five schools participate in this programme to show their potential. In the end of the programme prize was distributed to the winner students and rest of the student were also console with consolation prize.



Secretary Mr. Ram Lalit Yadav spoke at the White House observance of World AIDS Day on December 1. We can take hope in his significant announcement about NIH funding for research, in the renewal of the PEPFAR initiative, and in our collective progress on responding to the epidemic.



