

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023-24



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## **ASWASRO... the organization:**

ASWASRO has emerged as a voluntary organization that has now a wide spectrum of activities which include health, livelihoods, capacity building training, environment, education and women empowerment with special emphasis to farmers.

Presently, it operates in the most marginalized communities in the Boudh and Kandhamal Districts of Odisha working in partnership with people who, because of their caste, religion, culture, gender or economic status, have traditionally been excluded from the social, political, economic and cultural mainstream. Disempowered, they are highly vulnerable to extreme poverty, inequality and to oppression. ASWASRO vision – to assist the people in organizing themselves in a new social order – has spread and is shared by about thousands of people who are now actively involved with the movement through its programme initiatives and its many networking partners. Our objectives are specified as follows:

### **LEGAL STATUS:**

“ASWASRO”, was registered under the Societies Registration act of 1860 in the year 1979-80 as Association for Social Work in Orissa and re-registered as Association for Social Works and Social Research in Orissa in year 1993 bearing Registration No.15937/771 of 1979-80 and 19400/14 of 1993-94.

### **OUR LONG TERM PERCEPTION:**

- a) To bring sustainable growth and development of the society and  
Especially of the weaker Neglected and oppressed persons
- b) To give importance for the welfare of Disabled persons and distressed  
women in difficult circumstances.
- c) To promote and strengthen peoples organizations and Panchayat  
Institutions to bring out social justice and cordial relationship in society
- d) To develop skills, knowledge and personality and build up their  
leadership  
from the grass-root level to feel the Felt-needs of the community and to  
solve it by their perfect stamina.

- e) To facilities and act as an agency between Government and people for successful planning, implementation and evaluation of all developmental and welfare programme.
- f) To shape on the need-base the healthily educational and economical development of the community and needy.

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION :**

#### **SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR BLIND, DEAF & MR CHILDREN:**

The organization "ASWASRO" is running one Special school for the Blind, Deaf & MR children at- SevaVihar Po-Butupalli Dist-Boudh. The Organization after duly assessing survey for the Blind, Deaf & MR children at early stage and get them admitted in the special school. The Special School is running with the



Financial Assistance for the Department of Empowerment of the Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The school had observed the national days like Independence Day, Republic Day, birth day of Mahatma Gandhi like 2nd October, and Disabled Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Disabled students had participated in all the functions. The School students were vaccinated with Two Doses of vaccine to improve their immune system to fight the deadly Covid-19. They were also provided with Masks & Sanitizers.

#### **JAGRUTI-II HOME :**

The organization is running a Jagruti-II Home for the Distressed Women in difficult circumstances. The widows, Divorcee, un-wed mother & other category of distressed women deserted by their family members and other destitute in different circumstances are staying in the Jagruti-II Home. The Distressed women without any family support are rehabilitated in the Home. The Inmates of the Home are imparted different vocational



education like processing of Turmeric power. Some women are engaged in gardening, others are engaged in tailoring & Agarbati Making.

The women are encouraged to be self-reliant and economical independent. The District Administration of Boudh is recommending the distressed women to the Jagruti-II Home. The local Police administration is also recommending the



distressed women to stay in Jagruti-II Home. Different distinguished guests are visiting the Jagruti-II Home and recommended their views for the welfare of the residents of the Home. The distressed women who have completed their vocational education or who have reconciled with their husband or family members are discharged from the Jagruti-II Home.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS HOME:**

The Organization is running an Senior Citizens Home at Kotagarh in Kandhamal District. The Senior Citizen of the Kotagarh Block area and its



periphery areas are staying in the Home. We have surveyed in the Kotagarh Block area and found the destitute old persons in the area. We are regularly checking Blood Pressure & Diabetic check programmes for the inmates of the Old Age Home. Our Doctor had examined the health of each & every inmate of the home. Free medicines and Nutrition's were supplied to old aged persons. Mask and Sanitization are supplied to the Senior Citizens.

### **YOGA AND NATURPATHY PROGRAMME:**

The Organization 'ASWASRO' has arranged a programme on Yoga and emphasized to implement the programme of Yoga and Orientation Environment Programme in the Campus of Sevavihar, Boudh. Performing of Yoga will lead a blissful life for the students of Special School and Women & Girls of Jagruti-II Home.

### **LEGAL AWARENESS CAMP:**

The Organization "ASWASRO" has arranged a camp for legal awareness of women to know their right and duties. The poor women are given unequal treatment in the society. They are exploited by some vested interest persons. Since the illiterate women are poor, unconscious about their rights and responsibilities and duties, they are being victimized. To aware these women, for their self development, a rally was organized. The rally was appreciated by the public. The DLSA of Boudh District had aware the volunteers about the demands of the public and to make arrangements for providing legal support to the distressed women.

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD TO THE SHG:**

An awareness programme to provide Employment and Entrepreneurship development to the women SHG in rural area for a sustainable livelihood was organized by our Organization. The awareness programme on Sustainable Livelihood was held in the premises of the Organization. The District Social Welfare Officer, Boudh addressed the meeting and gave emphasis on the economic development of the women.

### **SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:**

To provide and aware about Skill development and entrepreneurship among the common women in our area, the Organization has started an awareness programme. The Welfare officer, Boudh has attended the awareness meeting and suggested the women to develop their skill to enhance the income in their daily life, so that poverty will be eradicated

### **HORTICULTURE PROGRAMME:**

The organization has developed different Horticultural Programme in its premises. Different types of plants are planted in the garden. The organization has adopted Sprinkler System for Irrigating the Garden. As a result, the inmates of the organization are getting different type of vegetables in different season of the year.

### **ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS PROGRAMME:**

Due to Industrial pollution ecology has been disturbed. Environment awareness drive is an important of the development programmes of throughout the operational area the target people are unaware about a health environment and need to conserve forest and its products for sustainable regeneration. The organization had observed Environment Day programme as the ecological imbalance is going there is catastrophe feeling in the nature. There is change in nature and extinction of some species of life in the earth. To create awareness among the people the organization had arranged on rally and padyatra in Boudh District.

### **ACTIVITIES FUNDED BY SITARAM JINDAL FOUNDATION:**

Sitaram Jindal Foundation has assisted noble donation to our Organization for the upliftment & welfare of the Free beneficiaries of our organization . The socio-economic development of the inmates of the organization is the prime motto of the Sitaram Jindal Foundation.

### **CULTURAL PROGRAMME:**

Our organization tried to provide opportunities to the students to express themselves through Cultural activities to build confidence among the children & to increase capabilities to work in a team and develop their skills that are essential for their overall development. Cultural activities are an important part of our Organization. Our Organization ASWASRO conducted various Cultural Programme consisting of Folk





Dance, Debate, Poster Competition etc in nearby primary schools. our organization also conducted different Pala & Daskathia Programme Depicting the Ethical & Moral Value of Ramayana & Mahabharat in the premises of the ASWASRO.

### **PRE-SCHOOL NUTRITION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY JIV DAYA FOUNDATION :**

For the Welfare of the socio economic, poor, rural people the Jiv Daya Foundation, USA came forward to support our organization to provide Pre school Nutrition & Education Programme to distribute in the rural villages of Boudh Block areas. Now, our organization is distributing and monitoring the pre school nutrition & education programme in the Boudh Block area



### **ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR :**

(a) **Kitchen Garden Promotion-** In considering the nutrition deficiency picture in the region, the organization has projected many nutrition garden activities in different parts of Boudh district including in its residential school. In this context the preparation of nutrition gardens were introduced as per the need of community living.

(b) **Farmers' Training Programme:** Different training programme were conducted by the organization. It includes both on-farm and off-farm training for rural farmers. The process of mechanical transplanting programme were organized in the 4 villages of Boudh & Harbhang block area



### **RUNNING OF COMMUNITY RADIO STATION:**

A Community Radio Station is running at the premises of our organization At-Sevavihar, Po-Butupali, Dist-Boudh. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India, New Delhi has permitted to our Organization, ASWASRO for setting up a Community Radio Station, for the promotion of Various and different Programmes, issues, Problems and awareness among the public. The development of Science & Technology, Weather Forecasting, Improvement of Agriculture & Horticulture etc are narrowcasted through the Community Radio Station.

### **COMMUNITY RADIO PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY NABARD :**

For successful implementation and promotion of Agriculture & Horticulture, Animal Welfare Programme, NABARD has approved and Sanctioned Financial Assistance for Increasing the Coverage Area of Community Radio Station. Different Programmes & Schemes of NABARD along with various different Schemes of other Line departments will be publicized & propagated through the Community Radio Station so as to make the People aware & avail benefits of various Schemes.

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