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**DETAILED ACTIVITIES
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Field Projects- 2015-16

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. Working with the support of **Centre for World Solidarity** on '**Strengthening Women's political participation**' in 4 villages of 1 Panchayat in Biddupur Block Vaishali district
3. Working with the support of **Action aid on Violence against women in collaboration with Gram Kutchehry (for their capacity building)- in 3 villages of 1 panchayat of Biddupur block:** In India, gender based violence has many manifestations, from the more universally prevalent forms of domestic and sexual violence including rape, to harmful practices such as sati, dowry, honour killings, acid attacks, witch hunting, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, child marriage, sex selective abortion etc. Violence against a woman (VAW) affects her sense of self-esteem, demolishes her self confidence and is often used as a potent tool of subjugation and disempowerment. Over the years, the legal framework has been strengthened through women specific legislations most recent being Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013, Sexual Harassment of women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. However, in spite of these enabling, protective and empowering legal provisions, incidence of violence, harassment, torture, directed at women remain rampant in our society. Apart from advocacy and awareness on existing law and programmes, a One Stop Centre that does handholding of women affected by violence is an urgent requirement. In view of this, Equity Foundation has set up a *One step crisis centre* at Panchayat level to act as a dedicated one stop location having necessary and relevant human resource to facilitate effective handholding of women affected by violence and guide them to 'Nirbhaya Centre'. To prevent atrocities being committed against women and to rehabilitate the victims of abuse, the panchayat will set up a 'Helpline Centre' at Bajitpur Saidad. The focus is mainly on prevention, prosecution and protection. The target group will be sensitised about alcoholism, gender discrimination and consumerism.

Workshops and Seminars

- One day State Level state level sharing on '**one stop crisis centre**' in Vaishali supported by Action aid
 - One day State Level Consultation on '**Missing Child Alert**' supported by Plan India
- Since July 2014- Manjari- Stree ke Mann ki- Publishing a quarterly electronic magazine in Hindi on women issues**

