

JSS Annual Report



Reporting Period	April 2019 to March 2020
District in which Activity Conducted	Ranchi and Gumla
Name of State:	Jharkhand
Name of Collective	Jwala Shakti Samooh (JSS)

Organizer
Jwala Shakti Samooh,
Jharkhand

Co-operation



Srijan Foundation

Sponsor



NNSW

Objective of the project: -

- To unite SW women and develop their abilities.
- To raise awareness amongst SW women about the different kinds of violence and its formats.
- To raise awareness about the different laws and policies associate with sex work and laws regarding women so that they are capable of helping themselves and others.

Work done by JSS, Jharkhand

Success stories

If we look at the success of JSS, then in comparison to previous year

- Board members had more consecutive meetings.
- The continuity of meetings and number of board members increased.
- Women started calling themselves ‘sex workers’ and started asking questions during meetings.
- Women started speaking during meetings, and shared their stories with the group.
- Started following the rules made by JSS.
- Started opposing the violence against themselves, shared their stories with the group when needed, and consented JSS to intervene.
- Want to continue their association with JSS and agree to strengthen and take it forward.



Activities

Objectives -:

- To unite SW women together.
- To inform about the work done by NNSW and JSS.
- To understand their perception and opinion regarding sex work.
- To inspire to look at sex work as work.
- To understand laws and violence.



26 meetings were organised in 2 districts – Gumla and Ranchi, in which 14 members were a regular part and almost 60 members took part irregularly. Moreover, about 100 women were informed about JSS/NNSW indirectly, they are trained from time to time as well so that there is more and more awareness of the subject and they can speak about themselves with

competence on other platforms. The following topics were discussed during meetings and training sessions:

- ✓ To share the work done by JSS and NNSW.
- ✓ Information regarding women's rights
- ✓ Rights of sex workers
- ✓ Sex work as work
- ✓ Domestic violence and gender-based violence
- ✓ Forms of violence against sex workers
- ✓ Information regarding laws that affect sex work and women.
- ✓ Information about ITPA
- ✓ Information linked to training and NNSW session through Lalita.
- ✓ Information about what sex trafficking is.
- ✓ Work done by and background of board members.
- ✓ Information on budget
- ✓ Future plan of action



Result

- Women who were initially resistant to attend JSS meetings now come regularly and motivate others to join as well.
- Information gained regarding JSS and NNSW.
- Women have started realising the discrimination and violence against them.
- Women share their experiences and stories with the group.
- People trust JSS and have started joining it.
- They have started understanding about the laws.

1. Challenges

- Inability to meet together at one place.
- Some women are still resistant to come out in the front due to which their rights are violated.
- No support for these women from the administration.
- Since these women want to hide their identities, they want to deal with violence against them in secret.
- One woman not supporting another.
- Migrant women do not have their identity cards because of which they are unable to take up governmental facilities.
- Due to frequent changes in phone number, maintaining contact becomes difficult.



- Missing out on their clients due to attendin the meetings.

Overcoming Challenges

- Conducting meetings according to the schedule of SW.
- Conducting meeting in their areas.
- Using games and activities during sessions.
- Solving their problems with their consent and ideas.
- Involving them in meeting with the stake holders so as to increase their morale.
- An opportunity for women to talk with each other.
- Providing a safe environment where they feel belonged and take these meetings as their own and lead them.

Plan of action for next year

- Conducting meetings and training sessions.
- Conduct exposure visits.
- Increasing participation of other women one by one in the board meetings.
- Introducing them to the stake holders.



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