



## JHARKHAND STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY PROJECT

# “TRIPTI” FOR COMBATTING STARVATION

(AN EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION FOR REDUCING HUNGER & PREVENTING STARVATION DEATHS)



## 1. Why is the Project

Nation and its farmers produce food grains sufficient to feed its people. The Food Godowns of Government are full of food grains. Central as well as Government of Jharkhand have policy & Schemes to prevent starvation and any death due to hunger. Parliament of India has passed the National Food Security Act 2013. Based on the Act, the Government has framed several food security Schemes. The persons below the poverty line are eligible for the benefit of all the Food Schemes.

But, still, a number of people have to rise as well as sleep hungry. State of Jharkhand is a tribal State with majority of people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Communities. A number of Primitive Tribal Communities (PVTG) live in the remote forests. They are required to be taken very good care of. All of them are eligible for the benefits of Food Security Schemes, so that, they may never suffer from starvation.

Due to shortage of man power, some times, the benefit of Scheme does not reach the person in acute need thereof. It is the duty of one and all to stand up to the occasion and do their best in right earnestness. JHALSA has trained about three thousand para legal volunteers at Panchayat Level.

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in **"PUCL vs Union of India and Others**, Writ Petition (Civil) 196 of 2001", on 28th November 2001 converted the benefits under eight food-related schemes: (1) the Public Distribution System (PDS); (2) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY); (3) the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, also known as "mid-day meal scheme"; (4) the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS); (5) Annapurna; (6) the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS); (7) the National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS); and (8) the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) into legal entitlements. This means, for instance, that if someone has an Antyodaya card but he is not getting his full quota of 35 kg of grain per month at the official prices (Rs 3/kg for rice and Rs 2/kg for wheat), he can claim his due as a matter of right, by going to Court if necessary.

Therefore, Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority has resolved to bridge the gap between the people living without two times proper meal and the benefit of Food Grains Scheme.

## 2. Guiding Principles

- ★ Our Constitution mandates us to ensure that the people live with human dignity
- ★ Children, women and elderly people are always most vulnerable in crisis.
- ★ No Person can be allowed to starve.
- ★ No Person should be allowed to die for want of food.
- ★ Legal Services Authority has solemn duty to work in close coordination with the Civil Administration to help it in reaching out to the vulnerable persons

## 3. Achievable Goals

1. Linkage with Antyodaya Anna Yojna ( Food Security Scheme) and Public Distribution Scheme
2. Linkage with MNREGA Scheme
3. Benefit Birsa Harit Gram Yojana
4. Benefit of Nilamber-Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojana
5. Benefit of Veer Shahid Poto Ho Khel Vikas Yojana
6. Benefit of PM Gramin Awas Yojna
7. Creation of Self Help Group and assistance in credit linkage
8. Establishment of Desk in JHALSA and each of the DLSA to monitor the progress and receive distress call
9. Use of Cost fund for preventing starvation deaths
10. End to end help in getting benefit of Social Security Schemes including Pension Yojna

## 4. Machinery for Implementation of the Project

Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority has established a Team in each DLSA for implementation of each of the 10 Schemes of NALSA. The Team established for the NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation



Schemes) Scheme, 2015 in all districts under the control of the District Legal Services Authorities shall implement this Project.

The District Level Core Committee of the DLSA shall be responsible to coordinate the efforts as per the JHALSA (Effective Intervention for Reducing Hunger & Preventing Starvation Deaths) Scheme 2020 to implement this Project.

State Level Core Committee shall monitor and mentor the legal services work force engaged in implementing this Project.

## 5. Mode of Most Immediate Assistance Assistance

PERSON/FAMILY ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION	JHALSA/DLSA SHALL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN GETTING
Without food	Food grains from out of cost funds till linkage with Antyodaya Anna Yojna and first receipt of food grains under the Scheme.
Without shelter	Shelter in Rain Baseras Temporary arrangements in tents, if no Rain Basera Assistance in getting benefit of Awas Yojna.

## 6. Strategy for the Project

Prevention	: of starvation death;
Awareness	: as to Right to Food Act, Awas Yojna, Livelihood Schemes;
Providing	: food grains/ medicine to the person in acute need of same from out of cost fund;
Arranging	: Camps at the village level for extending the benefits of Right to Food Act;
Assistance	: to Administration in holding Camps, identification of vulnerable persons & fulfilment of paper works;
Assistance	: to Administration in identification of persons in acute need of immediate relief measures;
Assistance	: to administration in distribution of food grains/ other benefits;
Offering	: to the District Administration the services of the Legal Services Clinics;
Assistance	: to the people in getting the benefit arising out of Govt of India or State Govt's Policy/ Relief measure;

## 7. Role of District Legal Services Authority

DLSA shall undertake due diligence for :

- ★ involvement of Village Level Child Protection Committee in identification of vulnerable persons/families;
- ★ Co ordinating with the Gram Panchayat to play an active role in the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act;
- ★ Encouragements to the Social audits of food-related schemes by the Gram Sabha;
- ★ Awareness drive amongst women and elderly persons about the Right to Food and Mid Day Meal;
- ★ Involvement of the members of Legal Literacy Clubs and Legal Cadets of JHALSA in reaching out to vulnerable persons;
- ★ Linkage of the vulnerable person/family with the benefit of food schemes( Antyodaya Anna Yojna, Mid Day Meal etc);

## 8. Maintenance of Records

It shall be the duty of the Secretary, DLSA to maintain the records of the :

- ★ Persons/Family assisted;

- ★ Kind of assistance;
- ★ How the DLSA reached the vulnerable person;

## 9. Any person in need of assistance may contact :

- ★ Member Secretary, JHALSA on his Mobile No. 8986601912 (this is whatsapp no. as well) or on email- jhalsaranchi@gmail.com
- ★ Email ID of District Legal Services Authorities and Contact Number of DLSA Secretaries are as follows :

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