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AZAD INDIA FOUNDATION
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VISION STATEMENT: AIF is committed to the goal of enabling individuals to realize their full potential and to lead prosperous lives in a self-reliant and harmonious community.

Achievements of Azad India Foundation 2022-2023

- ❖ 3603 children mainstreamed to the Government schools in different classes.
- ❖ 20 Girls Learning Centers in Thakurganj block with 600 girls receiving primary education.
- ❖ 180 women and adolescent girls above 14 years attended functional literacy classes.
- ❖ 82 girls received vocational training in basic stitching and tailoring.
- ❖ 50 Child Learning Centers in Thakurganj with 3804 children received primary education.
- ❖ 7663 people availed the benefits of government social protection schemes under Community Entitlement Program.
- ❖ 1211 boys and girls from different schools and madrasas received basic computer education.
- ❖ 35 women received sewing machines and goats as part of livelihood support program.

MISSION STATEMENT: Empowerment of grass-root communities for their betterment through active participation of rural women in entrepreneurial activities.

Transforming Education through Non-Formal Centers

Azad India Foundation (AIF) employs a potent strategy for education that not only emphasizes nurturing children's skills but also fosters their logical comprehension. AIF is of the conviction that the primary goal of education is to cultivate self-motivation and independent learning in children – attributes crucial for their academic triumph.

AIF- Girl Child Learning Centers Supported by IIMPACT



Azad India Foundation, in collaboration with IIMPACT, operates educational centers across 20 villages within the Thakurganj block, aimed at empowering girls. The primary objective of this initiative is to provide foundational education to girls and subsequently integrate them into formal educational institutions. During the 2022-23 academic year, a notable achievement was recorded, as 600 girls successfully transitioned into government schools. Among these, 240 girls entered Class VI, 255 girls advanced to Class VII, 60 girls joined Class VIII, and 25 girls became part of Class IX. Additionally, approximately 20 alumni girls from the program sat for the Class X examinations and achieved remarkable success.

The project places significant emphasis on innovative teaching and learning methodologies. These approaches play a pivotal role in elevating the girls' learning outcomes while also enhancing their cognitive and behavioral skills. The initiative particularly focuses on an integrated learning process, fostering active engagement. Girls are encouraged to embrace activity-based and playful learning techniques, contributing to their holistic educational journey. The girls have access to library books in all the 20 learning centers.

Project Badhte Kadam supported by Nalanda Charitable Foundation



Supported by the Nalanda Charitable Foundation, Azad India Foundation is actively running 50 Child Learning Centers, catering to the pre-primary and primary levels, strategically located in chosen villages within the Thakurganj block. In the academic year 2022-23, 3804 children successfully completed Class I, II, and III. Out of these achievers, 974 children were seamlessly enrolled into government schools at the Class IV level. Since the project's inception in 2016 until March 2023, a total of 7017 children have graduated from these learning centers and are now pursuing their education in mainstream schools. An additional activity by AIF involves establishing mini libraries within all 50 learning centers. The core aim of this program centers around ensuring that

every child establishes a solid foundation in learning by the time they reach Class III. AIF has adopted the Gyanshala model, which hinges on utilizing workbooks and activity sheets for effective learning. These worksheets are built upon subject-specific narratives and inquiries, designed to be comprehensible for young children. Teachers are furnished with comprehensive teaching manuals tailored to their daily routines. Incorporating engaging methodologies, such as storytelling, songs, poems, and interactive activities, is integral to making the learning process captivating for the children. Recognizing the diverse learning paces of the children, the centers are structured into various learning groups, configured in multi-level and multi-age compositions, and operate in three shifts.

AIF Learning Centers supported by Sud-Chemie India Pvt Ltd



Azad India Foundation, in collaboration with Sud Chemie India Pvt. Ltd. based in New Delhi, is actively engaged in the running of Child-Learning Centers within 18 carefully selected villages across the Baisi and Dagarwa blocks of Purnia district. During the academic year 2022-23, with an emphasis on foundational literacy and numeracy, a total of 755 children benefitted from this initiative. Among them, 497 children successfully completed Class I, 205 children progressed to Class II, and 53 children achieved proficiency in Class III. It is noteworthy that all 755 children were seamlessly transitioned into government schools spanning Class II to IV.

Central to the program's ethos is the introduction of high-quality education through a child-centric learning approach. Teachers leverage various Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs) within the classrooms to facilitate effective learning. Azad India Foundation has taken proactive measures to enhance the expertise of the teaching staff by organizing regular capacity-building initiatives.

An integral facet of the project involves a Community Entitlement Program, diligently carried in the Baisi and Dagarwa blocks. This encompassed community meetings designed for generating awareness, followed by focused camps aimed at assisting with form completion on different govt schemes. The primary focus of this program is to enlighten community members and parents about the array of government social schemes available, allowing them to fully harness the associated benefits.

Name of the Block	Camps	Community Meetings	Men	Women	Beneficiaries	Village	Panchayats
Baisi	149	148	1900	3100	1700	53	13
Dagarwa	26	28	500	750	650	17	7
Total	175	176	2400	3850	2350	76	20

Girl Education Program supported by Malala Fund



With the support of the Malala Fund, Azad India Foundation initiated a comprehensive program to promote girls' education across three distinct blocks: Kochadaman, Bahadurganj, and Dighalbank in the second phase of the project. Through this initiative, AIF undertook the vital tasks of mobilizing, educating, and integrating 1274 out-of-school or never-before-schooled girls, with the support of community. The Foundation set up 86 groups, encompassing 978 girls, within which sessions centered around life skills and reproductive health were thoughtfully organized. This program extended its impact by

engaging closely with community members, religious leaders, Vidyalaya Shiksha Samities (VSS), and government schoolteachers operating within the intervention areas. This collaborative approach played an integral role in fostering a conducive educational environment and promoting the participation of girls in their educational journey.

Azad Digital School

Azad India Foundation supported by e-Vidyaloka started digital school at village Nimlagaon where 50 boys and 70 girls enrolled in Classes V-VIII accessed online education through their E-Learning platform. This program helped them continue with online learning during school closures.

Adolescent girls Education Program supported by Vygon India Pvt Ltd

Initiated within 09 villages of the Kochadaman block in Kishanganj district, the Adolescent Girl Education Program was strategically designed to cater to young girls within the age group of 15 to 18. These girls, who had previously been denied the opportunity for schooling or had been compelled to discontinue their education due to familial circumstances, were the primary beneficiaries of this endeavor. A total of 270 adolescent girls were actively engaged in sessions focusing on fundamental literacy and numeracy skills, ensuring a solid foundational base.

Furthermore, the program featured insightful sessions addressing essential life skills, along with education pertaining to sexual and reproductive health. This multifaceted approach aimed to equip these young girls not only with academic knowledge but also with crucial life skills that would empower them to navigate various aspects of their lives more confidently.

Women Empowerment Program supported by Steri Sheets Pvt Ltd

Azad India Foundation believes that educating women sparks transformation. When women learn, they become powerful forces for positive change in their families and communities. To achieve this, we continued our women's literacy program in 06 villages across Purnia and Kishanganj Districts, reaching 180 women.

This program is all about empowering rural women through education, helping them lead, manage, and create positive changes in their communities. AIF formed 10 Self-Help Groups in these villages, where 120 women came together to learn and save money. These groups are also part of the Jeevika program by the Government of Bihar, which offers small business loans. AIF taught these women how to use mobile phones, read calendars, and fill out bank forms. Our team held meetings to explain government schemes and

provided information on the necessary documents for applications.

Community Entitlement Program

The focus of the community entitlement program is to ensure the access to social protection schemes and services announced by Govt of India and Bihar Govt to the target groups also advocacy with the PRI and Govt Line Departments for facilitating making of new documents and correction of documents like Aadhar card/Ration card etc. This program was carried out in 7 blocks of Kishanganj and Purnia districts through community meetings for awareness generation followed by camps for filling up of the forms.

Name Of the Block	Community Meeting			Linkage Camp			Panchayat	Villages	Beneficiaries	Under Process
		M	F	Camp	M	F				
Thakurganj	98	1150	1398	84	773	1987	11	119	1248	1512
Pothia	160	1740	2260	132	1462	2278	19	207	1652	2088
Kishanganj	80	1039	1441	66	768	2390	09	115	1547	1611
Amour	49	439	884	42	598	1245	13	112	930	913
Dagarua	80	750	1250	66	782	1342	14	152	988	1136
Baisi	80	1020	1220	66	930	1920	10	105	1298	1552
Total	547	6138	8453	456	5313	11162	76	810	7663	8812

Skill Training and Livelihood Program supported by Vygon India Pvt Ltd

India accounts for nearly 50% of the gendered digital divide in the world. A Rapid survey conducted by Azad India Foundation in Oct- November 2022 revealed that only 3% of government schools have access to computer education. In most of the schools there are no dedicated computer teacher available for conducting the classes. Azad India surveyed the schools where at least one of the govt teachers had previous computer knowledge or done computer course. AIF also prioritized to give computers to Project Girls High Schools so that girls can learn computers in safe and secure environment. AIF also set up computer centre at its Thakurganj office for the learning centres girls and teachers.

Sl.No	Name of the Govt School	Block	Girls/Students learning computers
1.	Project Girls High School	Thakurganj	165

2.	Project Girls High School	Baisi	130
3.	Project Girls High School	Amour	70
4.	Project Girls High School	Dighalbank	65
5.	Middle School Barijaan	Kochadaman	100
6.	UMS Principal Hanif Tola	Kochadaman	50
7.	High School Altabari	Bahadurganj	100
8.	High School Bhoradah	Bahadurganj	100
9.	High School Belwa	Kishanganj	102
10.	UMS Pateshwari	Thakurganj	105
11.	Nirala Public School (Low budget School)	Baisi	50
12.	AzadIndia Foundation computer centre	Thakurganj	50



Sponsoring fees of Students learning Tally



Azad India Foundation has sponsored fees of 10 students including 6 girls from the poor households learning three months Tally course from a local institute. These students once complete their course will get jobs in the factories/shops / offices as there is high demand for the account persons in Kishanganj.

Livelihood Support Program

The objective of the livelihood support program is to reduce poverty and inequality by generating employment among poor households and by moving highly vulnerable families into sustainable livelihoods and toward economic stability.



Azad India Foundation set up small stitching cum tailoring centres in different blocks where girls and women are learning skills in basic cutting and stitching batch wise. These stitching centres provide skills training and a viable living for women. 40 women are self-employed after completing the training program.

These centres are set up in the following blocks.

Sl.No	Name of the village	Name of the block	Number of women completed course	Number of machines given
1.	Chattargach	Pothia	47	5
2.	Thakurganj Town	Thakurganj	10	4
3.	Deramari	Kochadaman	25	4

Promotion of Goatery and Training of the Women



Azad India Foundation has been assisting women from the marginalized and poor social backgrounds in optimising their livestock resources and taking goat rearing as a potential livelihood activity. Under this program AIF focus has been on the induction of new animals and training of women in better housing and veterinary care, especially against certain well-known killer diseases like PPR. The rearing of goats has been an important economic activity allied to agriculture in generating additional income to women. In this regard AIF has given goats to 25 women from Dighalbank, Thakurganj and Kochadaman blocks and also conducted training for them.

Networks and Memberships

- ❖ Azad India is a member of Guide Star India with GSN:326
- ❖ Azad India Foundation is a member of the Bihar Voluntary Health Association, Patna.
- ❖ Azad India Foundation is member of Coalition for Good Schools Asia Hub.
- ❖ Azad India Foundation is member of India Education Champions Network.
- ❖ Azad India is listed on Planning Commission's Website: BR/2012/0052454
- ❖ Azad India is listed on the Darpan Portal (Govt. of India):BR/2017/0168107

Identity of Azad India Foundation

- ❖ AIF is registered as not for profit under Society's Act 21, 1860 (RegNo145June21, 2001)
- ❖ MOA is available on request
- ❖ AIF is registered u/s 12A of the Income Tax Act 1961 and exempted under 80G
- ❖ 12 A Reg. no:
- ❖ 80G Reg. no:
- ❖ AIF is registered under section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRARegno:030910003)
- ❖ AIF pan no is AAATA7787J

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