



# “Strengthening Formal and Informal Systems and Structures as well as the Capacities of Vulnerable Children and Households to Reduce Child Labour in the Districts of Banswara and Pratapgarh, Rajasthan”

## Project Launch Event Report



March 22, 2022

District Collectorate Conference Hall, Pratapgarh

## Background

World Vision India (WVI), jointly with Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) and Vaaghdhara, launched a new project, **“Strengthening Formal and Informal Systems and Structures as well as the Capacities of Vulnerable Children and Households to Reduce Child Labour in the Districts of Banswara and Pratapgarh, Rajasthan”** for 39 months (October 2021-December 2024). The project is supported by World Vision Germany and the objective is to address the issue of child labour in Suhagpura Block (Pratapgarh District) and Ghatol Block (Banswara District) by adopting four villages (two in each Block) to make it child labour-free community.

**WVI** is one of the country's largest child-focused humanitarian organisations. For over 60 years, is working across the country to create lasting change in the lives of children, families, and a community living in poverty and injustice through development, relief, and advocacy. WVI pursues fullness of life for every child by serving the poor and oppressed regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender, demonstrating God's unconditional love for all people. In Rajasthan, WVI's presence is in 15 districts where WVI focuses on child protection and quality of education for children and aims to reduce malnutrition and childhood illnesses by serving the poor and vulnerable regardless of their religion, caste, and gender.

**CUTS** is an Indian origin international public policy research and consumer advocacy organisation, 1984 registered society in Rajasthan, working on diverse issues on Consumer Protection, Good Governance, Human Development, Women Empowerment, Child Rights, etc., for more than 38 years. Details of CUTS and its activities can be seen at: [www.cuts-international.org](http://www.cuts-international.org)

**Vaaghdhara**, for more than two decades, has been working for the holistic development of the tribal community, bringing the indigenous community into mainstream development focusing on three major themes: True Childhood, True Farming and True Governance. The strength of these themes is ‘Sovereignty’ which Vaaghdhara believes is the guiding force for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

A formal launch of the project to engage with policymakers, implementers, and law enforcement was organised at Pratapgarh on March 22, 2022.

## Proceedings

George Cheriyan, Gauhar Mehmood and Nimisha Sharma met with Sangeeta Beniwal at Circuit house, pratapgarh in the morning before the start of the event to welcome her and updated her about the project's progress and CUTS work in other areas.



The Launch event was started with lighting the lamp by the Chief Guest, District Collector and representatives of partner organisations. The Chief guest was honoured to present a **Shawl** by Sasmita Jena, and the District Collector was honoured to present a **Safa** by George Cheriyan, following Rajasthani tradition.



A play was performed by the children of Children’s Club on the situation of Child Labour in society, the bad effects of Child Labour and gave the message to the community to create a supportive and protective atmosphere for children indicating the responsibilities of communities to remove the child labour.



**Sasmita Lalita Jena** shared a detailed presentation on the history of World Vision as an organisation, its intervention and focus areas and achievements under various programmes. **Gauhar Mahmood** shared the CUTS journey, organisational vision, mission, interventions, focus areas, ongoing projects, particularly on Child Rights and other projects. **Hemant Acharya** briefly provided a brief overview of the Vaagdhara organisation and its experiences.

**Shailesh Christian** shared the situation of child labour. The challenging terrain, scattered population, and absence of sustainable livelihoods options for communities have been noted as major contributing factors to the large-scale migration to urban



regions both within and outside the state. These adverse circumstances further feed into

the vulnerability of children in the district who are denied their fundamental rights to protection, education, nutrition, health, and development due to low household income. Children are forced into the labour market to contribute to the family income and basic needs, primarily due to a lack of alternatives.

He added that the feasibility study reveals that children in the four villages of Banswara and Pratapgarh districts are mostly working in non-paid household work, such as domestic and agriculture work. They also go out for local wage labour and migrant labour, mostly with their families. Aside from being deprived of their right to education, children engaged in child labour are further exposed to physical and emotional violence, including sexual violence.

Based on the identified problems that contribute to or favour child labour, this project is designed intensively working four targeted villages of Pratapgarh and Banswara district. This project will also impact the whole district and sensitise society on these important child labor issues.

Christian shared the project's objectives as **"The families, communities and relevant stakeholders reduced the harmful child labour incidences by 50 percent by 2025 in Suhagpura block of Pratapgarh district and Ghatol block Banswara district in Rajasthan State"**. This project will focus on the measures in child protection, education, livelihood security and strengthening of formal and non-formal structures or institutions.

**Prakash Chandra Sharma**, District Collector, thanked representatives of all three partners for starting this ambitious project in Pratapgarh. He proposed; it would be good if the project covered the whole respective Block instead of two villages. He added that the project would intensively work on education for children and livelihood opportunities for the parents.



Further, he suggested involving public representatives and respective departments to better implant and get the best outcomes of the project at the ground level. He ensured that the district administration would support the project as possible.

**Sangeeta Beniwal**, Chairperson of Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,



Jaipur (RSCPCR) appreciated CUTS International, World Vision, and Vaagdhara for their excellent works at the grassroots. She said that lack of education and absence of a sustainable livelihood are the significant issues that force the children towards child labour. This project will work on other identified factors, especially for the livelihood

security of the community.

She suggested that other organisations and government institutions, i.e., Child Help Line 1098, Child Welfare Committee, etc., are working to eradicate child Labour at their level. This is a great initiative to establish better coordination among these institutions and an opportunity to work collectively to achieve the same objective. She said that we all collectively could remove Child Labour from society and create a supportive and protective atmosphere for children under which they grow and become good citizens of the country. She also added that the Chief Minister is also very sensitive to the issues related to children and doing his best for children's rights. She suggested taking forward a movement collectively by public representatives, government & non-government organisations.



Mementos were presented to the Chief Guest, District Collector, and Additional SP. Kamlesh Jangid, District Project Coordinator CUTS, proposed a vote of thanks to the guest and all participants for attending the event.

## Participation

Sangeeta Beniwal, Chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Jaipur, was the chief guest. Prakash Chandra Sharma, District Collector and Chairperson of District Child Protection Unit, Pratapgarh and Chiranji Lal Meena, Additional Superintendent of Police, Pratapgarh, were special guests at the event.



Around 70 participants attended the event including district level officers of various departments i.e. Jagdish Chand Purohit President of Child Welfare Committee, Neha Mathur Assistant Director Women's Empowerment Department, Shanti Lal from Child Helpline 1098, Vikas Lamba District Officer from Labour Department & Employment Department, TR Ameta, Assistant Director Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, V D Meena Chief Medical & Health Officer Health Department, Mahesh Ameta DEO from Education Department, Ganpat Singh Child Welfare Officer from Suhagpura Police Station, Lalita Gandhi and Manna Lal member from Juvenile Justice Board, Dashrath from Public Relationship Department, Prem Chandra District Skill Coordinator from Rajasthan State Livelihood Development Corporation, Pramod Pandey FLC from Baroda Swarajgar Vikas Sansthan, RN Kumawat BDO, Suhagpura, Bharat Pargi Pradhan from *Panchayat Samiti* Suhagpura and *S arpanch & Sachiv* from Lamba Dabra & Chhari GP, Children's groups & non-governmental organisations i.e., Srijan Sansthan, Gayatri Sewa Sansthan etc.

Sasmita Lalit Jena, Area Associate Director World Vision, George Cheriyan, Director CUTS International, auhar Mahmood, Assistant Director & Centre Head CUTS Centre for Human Development, Nimisha Sharma, Programme Officer, CUTS International, and other project staff attended the programme. The event was facilitated by Shailesh Christian, Programme Manager World Vision India and hosted by Ajay Kumar, Manager, Area Development Office, Pratapgarh.

## Agenda

<b>MC- Ajay Kumar, Manager, World Vision India (WVI), Pratapgarh</b>		
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration	All Participants
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Introduction and Welcome to the Guests Presentation of Plants/Shawl to the Dignitaries on Dias	Ajay Kumar, Manager, WVI  George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS International Sasmita Jena, Associate Director, West Zone, WVI
11:15 AM – 11:25 AM	Welcome Song	Children Club
11:25 AM – 11:30 PM	Lighting the Lamp/Candles	All the dignitaries on the Dias
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM	Brief about World Vision and the Child Labour Project in Pratapgarh	Sasmita Jena, Associate Director, West Zone, WVI
11:40 AM – 11:45 AM	Brief About CUTS International	Gauhar Mehmood, Assistant Director, CUTS
11:45 AM – 11:50 AM	Brief About Vaaghdhara	Parmesh Patidar, Team Leader, Vaaghdhara
11:50 AM – 12:00 PM	PowerPoint Presentation on BMZ Project	Shailesh Christian, Programme Manager, WVI
12:00 PM – 12:10 PM	Address by the Special Guest	Prakash Chandra Sharma, District Magistrate, Pratapgarh
12:10 PM – 12:20 PM	Address by Special Guest	Amrita Duhan, Superintendent of Police, Pratapgarh
12:20 PM – 12:45 PM	Keynote Address by Chief Guest	Sangeeta Beniwal, Chairperson, RSCPCR
12:45 PM – 12:55 PM	Mementos to All the Dignitaries on the Dias	Shailesh Christian, Programme Manager, WVI
12:55 PM – 01:00 PM	Vote of Thanks & Closing Remarks	Kamlesh K. Jangid, Project Coordinator, CUTS
01.00 PM onwards	Lunch	
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# बालश्रम से मुक्त हुए बच्चों को बेहतर शिक्षा प्रदान करें-बेनीवाल

बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना का शुभारंभ

प्रतापगढ़। जिले में बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना (प्रतापगढ़ और बेनीवाल) का शुभारंभ मंगलवार को जिला कलेक्टर सभागार में मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की अध्यक्ष संगीता बेनीवाल ने किया।



मुख्य अतिथि अफसर संकीर्ण बेनीवाल ने कहा कि बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना का शुभारंभ जिले में सभी पिलकर बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना के लिए अर्थात् प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इसी तरह में अब बच्चों को उनके अधिकारों व बेहतर शिक्षा प्रदान करें व अधिकांश बच्चों को भी मजदूरीय जबरन कर उन्हें भी बेजबरन के अक्षर उल्लंघन करें। उन्होंने कहा कि बाल श्रम में तब तक मजदूरीय प्रदान करें, जब बाल श्रम के लिए अर्थात् अक्षर कार्यकर्ता करें। उन्होंने कहा कि मजदूरीय को मजदूरीय अनुसार अनारगुटीय बाल श्रम दिवस पर भी बालश्रम, पिछानुति व अनेक कार्यों

प्रतापगढ़। कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करती मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की अध्यक्ष संगीता बेनीवाल।

के लिए संस्थाओं द्वारा बनाने का कार्य करने को जानकारी दे। कन्जूमर यूनिटी एण्ड ट्रस्ट सोसायटी (कट्स) के निदेशक जॉन बोरसन, पुलिस क्षेत्र डिवीजनल के सहयोगी डिवीजनल सहायक निदेशक डब्ल्यूबीआई के सहायक निदेशक रोड कार्य एवं उपभोक्ता अधिकार, संरक्षण, मुलाकात, मानव विकास, महिला नर्तिकारण और बाल अधिकार एवं पर कार्य करने को

पर वागधारा सटीकर देने करारी देने द्वारा संस्था और संस्था उपखण्ड को मजदूरीय करारों और का कार्य के कार्यक्रम प्रतापगढ़, कट्स के परियोजना समन्वयक कर्मियों के, जॉर्जिड व कारगर के परियोजना समन्वयक टिमन जयपुर ने भी बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना के मंच पर मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की अध्यक्ष संगीता बेनीवाल द्वारा दिए गए कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ किया।

# बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना का शुभारंभ आज

प्रतापगढ़. जिले में बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना के शुभारंभ मंगलवार को सुबह 11 से 1.30 बजे तक जिला कलेक्टर सभागार में मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग जयपुर की अध्यक्ष एवं राज्यमंत्री संगीता बेनीवाल की उपस्थिति में आयोजन किया जायेगा। कन्जूमर यूनिटी एण्ड ट्रस्ट सोसायटी (कट्स), वागधारा एवं वल विजन इण्डिया के प्रबंधक बताया कि बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना के संबंध में जिला कलेक्टर प्रकाशचन्द्र शर्मा जिला पुलिस अधीक्षक डॉ. दुहन सहित विभिन्न संस्था प्रतिनिधि उद्बोधन देंगे।

# जिले में बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना 22 से होगी शुरू

प्रतापगढ़। जिले में बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना का शुभारंभ 22 मार्च को सुबह 11 बजे से जिला कलेक्टर सभागार में मुख्य अतिथि राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग जयपुर की अध्यक्ष संगीता बेनीवाल की उपस्थिति में किया जाएगा। वलर्ड विजन इंडिया व कन्जूमर यूनिटी एंड ट्रस्ट सोसायटी (कट्स) के प्रबंधक ने बताया कि बाल श्रम उन्मूलन परियोजना के संबंध में जिला कलेक्टर प्रकाश चंद्र शर्मा व एसपी डॉ. अमृता दुहान सहित विभिन्न संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधि

# राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की प्रतापगढ़ आज प्रोटोकॉल अधिकारी नियुक्त

प्रतापगढ़. राजस्थान राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग की अध्यक्ष एवं राज्यमंत्री संगीता बेनीवाल के को लेकर उपखण्ड अधिकारी सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता विभाग के सहायक निदेशक को लाइजन अधिकारी नियुक्त किया गया है। उन्होंने बताया कि निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार वे मंगलवार को सुबह 10 बजे बाल कल्याण समिति के संबंध में संबंधित अधिकारियों की बैठक सकिट हाउस में लेंगी। उसके उपरान्त वे इसी दिन निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार वे बालगृह, अस्पताल आदि का निरीक्षण करेंगी। उन्होंने बताया कि वे प्रातः 11 बजे 22 मार्च को कलेक्टर सभागार में बालश्रम उन्मूलन के लिए कट्स इन्टरनेशनल द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सम्मिलित भी