

Community Empowerment Programme

BIHAR JHARKHAND

SUSTAINABLE ACTION ON MICA

Mica mining plays a crucial role in the livelihoods of many in the forest regions of Jharkhand and Bihar, particularly in the districts of Koderma, Giridih, Jamui, and Nawada. These areas, rich in mica deposits, are home to communities that rely heavily on mica picking as their primary source of income. Despite this, the economic conditions remain poor due to the remoteness, inadequate infrastructure, and limited alternative livelihood options. The Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI), recognizing these challenges, has partnered with local grassroots organizations to implement sustainable development programs aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions, health, and education of these communities, thereby transforming their quality of life.

OUR COMPONENTS



Livelihood Enhancement



Health and Nutrition Improvement



Quality Education for Children



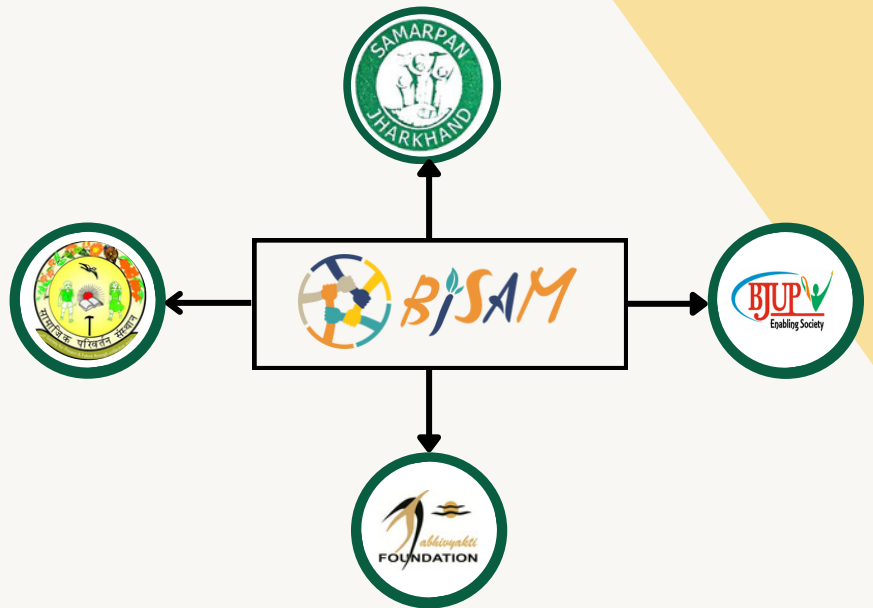
Access to Social Entitlements



Advocacy

ABOUT BJSAM

The Bihar Jharkhand Sustainable Action on Mica (BJSAM) is an ambitious initiative spearheaded by the Responsible Mica Initiative (RMI) to uplift the socio-economic conditions of mica mining communities in four districts of Jharkhand and Bihar. Formed in 2018, BJSAM is a consortium of four grassroots organizations working together to address the multifaceted challenges faced by these communities.



OUR OBJECTIVES



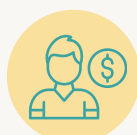
50% reduction in poverty for 30% of the poorest households.



50% reduction in health-related expenditure for 80% of households.



75% improvement in access to socio-economic entitlements.



40% increase in per capita income for 70% of target households



Zero dropout rates from schools and elimination of child labor in mica mining areas

OUR IMPACT

Livelihood:

- 422 People started their own Entrepreneurship.
- 1000 households started Kitchen Garden.
- 1649 households vaccinated their livestock.
- 507 Youths are trained for vocational trainings.



Health:

- 4543 people got treatment through health camps.
- 3962 adolescent aware for menstrual hygiene.
- 1492 pregnant women received ante-natal checkup.
- 947 children recovered from malnutrition.
- 50 drinking water facilities are maintained.



Quality Education

- 254 drop out and out of school children started to attend schools.
- 630 children received elementary education through Balwadi centres.
- 137 children received scholarship.
- 1466 children regularly attending the Balmanch.
- 804 children become the peer leaders for the community.
- 41 schools received teaching learning and sports materials.



social Entitlements:

- 969 households linked with Jeevika(NRLM)
- 9157 individuals linked with different social security schemes.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

"The support from BJUP was invaluable for me and my family in generating an alternative source of income. I was very worried about our survival, but now I am incredibly grateful for the assistance from BJUP."

Kalo Devi, Rajauli, Nawada



"I was facing numerous problems, including difficulties with daily tasks and a decrease in available labor work, which made it hard to cover daily expenses. Thanks to the organization's support, I received free eye surgery, and now I can see very clearly,"

Kaushalya Devi, Tisri, Giridih

"The organization and Balmanch's friends gave me confidence that by leaving child labor, now can secure my future by getting education in adolescence like normal children and I can chase my dreams"

Sonu, Rajauli, Nawada

