

Food Stock Distribution Scheme in highly impoverished areas of Belpahari block in Midnapore (West) in West Bengal and Ghatsila block in Singhbhum (East) district in Jharkhand.

We are extremely glad to announce the inauguration of the Food Stock Distribution Scheme in about 20 villages in these areas where starvation conditions prevail, and deaths due to starvation, malnutrition, and consequent diseases are rampant. These are non-cultivational areas, far from any towns or centres of economic activity. There are 2 main tribes living in these areas - Sabar and Birhore, two of the most backward tribes in the country. Under the Scheme every month substantial foodstock (family average about 30 Kg rice, and 2.5 Kg Dal) is being provided on a monthly basis. After survey, in all 318 families have already been enrolled under the Foodstock scheme in Belpahari block in Midnapore (West) district of West Bengal and Ghatsila block in Singhbhum (East) district of Jharkhand. Another 150 families from Belpahari block shall be covered from November, to take the no. beyond 450. Each of the family has been issued a Parivaar Foodstock Card (one copy of which remains with them and another with Parivaar authorities). During the delivery of the foodstock, the recipient (usually the family head) shall receive the stock against the signature/thumbprint on the card.

To know about the background and conditions prevailing in these areas one can study a lot of links through the following Google searches on Amlasol (or Amlasole) which is a representative village in Belpahari block and has been much under news both for the tremendous poverty and starvation, as well as the highly sensitive 'law and order' situation in the area.

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While Parivaar intends to have many institution-building measures in these areas which would lead to a permanent transformation of this populace (like starting Residential Institution which will gradually accommodate 1000 resident children in Belpahari block from 2009), technical education and training for adult population, building cottages at a centralised place for a whole cluster of villages in Belpahari block, and other socio-economic measures that changes the face of the whole populace here. 65 children from these areas (Sabar and Birhore tribe) have already been admitted into Parivaar Ashram Residential Institution for Education and Overall Development which now has 332 resident children.

After the starting of Parivaar Ashram 5 years back, which starting from 3 resident children has grown to 342 now, and has continuously been developing as an institution transforming lives of all the Ashramites (children as well as resident Seva-vratīs), the service in tribal areas is the next big commitment of Parivaar for the decades and decades to come.

Thought and Spirit behind this new dimension of Parivaar

Many of Paivaar's friends and well-wishers have been enquiring about how we came to start and focus on this project too which is in a different geographical location from Parivaar Ashram and has a work-domain quite different from that in which Parivaar had been working till now.

Parivaar's theme is service (i.e. labour of love), it may have started in the way it did, but it has all the possibilities to undertake a range of services. For children our efforts are for of a long-term nature spanning over many years. Its a transformative process where we are arming them with tools by which they can take care of their own future. But for many sections of people those benefitted through the present Foodstock Distribution Scheme, it is a case of instant suffering amelioration. We are trying to do something for them 'here and now' as many of them cannot go through a transformative process like children and youth so that they can take care of their own future. They do not have any such future. We should not see things only from development economics point of view (many put forth this viewpoint - that these old decrepit people do not have any productive future so why to invest efforts / resources on them. We do not think human beings should be reduced (and interpreted and valued) only in terms of what productive possibilities they offer, i.e. merely as 'economic animals'. This in our opinion is a sad devaluation of the glory and dignity of human beings. That way each constructive work, even work on children has only one goal to reduce sufferings for them in future (may be through education, may be through employment or other means). Each sphere of human activity - economics, politics, science has the central aim of reducing the sufferings of human beings.

The message of service to such in tremendous suffering runs much deeper. Parivaar's core is Seva-vratis who need to always be charged with the ideal of service, 'labour of love'. The service rendered to such people will have a great cleansing on our all our Seva-vratis. We shall be infused with renewed charge that shall hold us good in all our other endeavours too. Just like a moment's blessing from our parents arms us with infinite strength (which surely all of us experienced at different times in our lives), similar would be the effect of this service. Its not a small token service, merely underatken as a ritual. It is being undertaken with tremdendous love as any form of service should be undertaken with. The blessings from these very people will charge us thousandfold, the great strength that it shall put in our hearts shall help us achieve manifold success in all our other endeavours - be it children's or service in tribal areas. We planned this project because the time seemed just right for such a service, when we can conduct it without any incovenience to our other projects in hand and without affecting their respective growth trajectories.

We have no doubt that there would be many more people who shall be sensitive to this kind of work. People have different sensitivities and their hearts respond to different kind of themes. Without doubt, this would enrich the service portfolio of Parivaar, strengthen the fundamentals of Parivaar further, and act as another well-spring of inspiration for service for our Seva-vratis, which is, to use that term, the most important 'driver of growth' for an ideologically-driven humaniatarian service organisation (ideology in our case being service as an outpouring and expression of love). And many more people shall be tied closely with

Parivaar's mission after this. We firmly believe that even our existing support-base shall also be more deeply connected with us. Afterall, there is a human heart in each one of us, and to varying extents we are all sensitive and responsive to the call of human heart, be it of children, or be it of old or diseased or any other suffering human beings.

Assuredly, Parivaar shall go on expanding manifold as far as growth, development and education of highly impoverished destitute children (urban, rural, or from tribal areas, and boys as well girls) is concerned. That definitely shall keep on happening. Our Residential Educational Institutions, which shall also be started in these interior areas shall address the issue of permanent transformation through education. And in course of our journey we shall also try our best to ameliorate the sufferings of others too (from any category they may be) as being undertaken in the Foodstock Distribution Scheme. All these things can be done together. There are no problems in it. We are fully confident that while this is an extra dimension to Parivaar, it does not mean that our earlier important dimensions shall not continue to flourish.

List of families (name of Family Head is given) enrolled in the Foodstock Scheme as on 10th June '08.

West Bengal (Belpahai Block, District - Midnapore (West))

Sl. No.	Name of Family Head	No. of Persons in the family	Monthly Quantity of Rice	Monthly Quantity of Dal
Village - Amlasole				
1.	Bonomali Sabar	8	48	4
2.	Nanda Sabar	2	12	1
3.	Sanatan Sabar	5	30	2.5
4.	Rabi Sabar	2	12	1
5.	Badhu Sabar	5	30	2.5
6.	Shukra Sabar	2	12	1
7.	Lalu Sabar	3	18	1.5
8.	Gurucharan Sabar	4	24	2
9.	Rohini Sabar	3	18	1.5
10.	Indrajit Sabar	7	42	3.5
11.	Babulal Sabar	4	24	2
12.	Lulu Sabar	8	48	4
13.	Mangal Sabar	2	12	1
14.	Sunil Sabar	3	18	1.5
15.	Mohan Sabar	5	30	2.5
16.	Ghushun Sabar	5	30	2.5
17.	Ajit Sabar	4	24	2
18.	Kanu Sabar	2	12	1
19.	Rahu Sabar	4	24	2
20.	Madan Sabar	3	18	1.5

Village - Dhobakacha

21.	Thakur Sabar	6	36	3
22.	Basu Sabar	6	36	3
23.	Mangal Sabar	4	24	2
24.	Chunaram Sabar	4	24	2
25.	Kakurmoni Sabar	3	18	1.5
26.	Rakhal Sabar	4	24	2
27.	Mugali Sabar	1	6	0.5
28.	Chunu Sabar	4	24	2
29.	Sukhlal Sabar	4	24	2
30.	Gosain Sabar	5	30	2.5
31.	Labu Sabar	4	24	2
32.	Kuna Sabar	4	24	2
33.	Magdho Sabar	1	6	0.5
34.	Mangal Sabar	6	36	3
35.	Bablu Sabar	4	24	2
36.	Kadan Sabar	3	18	1.5
37.	Mogra Sabar	6	36	3
38.	Kanai Sabar	3	18	1.5
39.	Chunu Sabar	6	36	3
40.	Somai Sabar	3	18	1.5
41.	Sunil Sabar	2	12	1
42.	Mogdha Sabar	1	6	0.5

Village – Kadamdiha

43.	Shibu Sabar	8	48	4
44.	Raja Sabar	2	12	1
45.	Deeku Sabar	3	18	1.5
46.	Kagu Sabar	1	6	0.5
47.	Sadananda Sabar	2	12	1
48.	Madhab Sabar	5	30	2.5
49.	Gomha Sabar	2	12	1
50.	Arjun Sabar	2	12	1
51.	Charan Sabar	4	24	2
52.	Laltu Sabar	5	30	2.5
53.	Chunaram Sabar	2	12	1
54.	Jaganath Sabar	4	24	2
55.	Phul Chand Sabar	4	24	2

56.	Gopal Sabar	5	30	2.5
57.	Rabi Sabar	3	18	1.5
58.	Lalu Sabar	3	18	1.5
59.	Pritam Sabar	4	24	2
60.	Baka Sabar	4	24	2
61.	Kistho Sabar	4	24	2
62.	Sumay Sabar	3	18	1.5
63.	Bharat Sabar	6	36	3
64.	Chuna Ram Sabar	5	30	2.5
65.	Sukar Sabar	6	36	3
66.	Charan Sabar	3	1.8	1.5
67.	Chottu Sabar	1	6	0.5
68.	Dulal Sabar	3	18	1.5
69.	Montu Sabar	5	30	2.5
70.	Buddhaswar Sabar	3	18	1.5
71.	Abra Sabar	4	24	1.5
72.	Budha Sabar	4	24	2
73.	Lal Sabar	3	18	1.5
74.	Tanti Sabar	1	6	0.5
Village – Banshpahari				
75.	Punjabi Sabar	4	24	2
76.	Gulu Sabar	4	24	2
77.	Bidhan Sabar	7	42	3.5
78.	Ganesh Sabar	2	12	1
79.	Sukhlal Sabar	4	24	2
80.	Mangal Sabar	5	30	2.5
81.	Gurai Sabar	3	18	1.5
82.	Anil Sabar	4	24	2
83.	Buddheswar Sabar	2	12	1
84.	Sunil Sabar	4	24	2
85.	Bhirav Sabar	4	24	2
86.	Ghui Ram Sabar	4	24	2
87.	Montu Sabar	4	24	2
88.	Luri Sabar	3	18	1.5
89.	Rabi Sabar	2	12	1
Village - Amrola				
90.	Sukhra Sabar	4	24	2
91.	Buddheswar Sabar	3	18	1.5
92.	Samay Sabar	5	30	2.5

93.	Madan Sabar	6	36	3
94.	Baidyanath Sabar	3	18	1.5
95.	Bhadra Sabar	2	12	1
96.	Rutu Sabar	4	24	2
97.	Kapu Sabar	4	24	2
98.	Ajit Sabar	5	30	2.5
99.	Bhate Sabar	6	36	3
100.	Jonai Sabar	3	18	1.5
101.	Chand Sabar	3	18	1.5
102.	Bhairab Sabar	3	18	1.5
103.	Surja Sabar	4	24	2
104.	Suku Sabar	2	12	1
105.	Milan Sabar	2	12	1
106.	Gugu Sabar	3	18	1.5
107.	Sukhlal Sabar	7	42	3.5
108.	Purnima Sabar	1	6	0.5
109.	Srinath Sabar	4	24	2

Village – Chirakuti

110 .	Somai Sabar	6	36	3
111 .	Bablu Sabar	4	24	2
112 .	Sukhlal Sabar	4	24	2
113 .	Phagu Sabar	5	30	2.5
114 .	Phulmoni Sabar	5	30	2.5
115 .	Bidhu Sabar	2	12	1
116 .	Guli Sabar	5	30	2.5
117 .	Chhotu Sabar	2	12	1
118 .	Savitri Sabar	5	30	2.5
119 .	Bhate Sabar	5	30	2.5
120 .	Taramoni Sabar	1	6	0.5

Village – Rimradanga

121 .	Rabi Sabar	5	30	2.5
122 .	Gada Sabar	3	18	1.5

123 .	Sukurmoni Sabar	3	18	1.5
124 .	Tipu Sabar	5	30	2.5
125 .	Mangal Sabar	2	12	1
126 .	Savitri Sabar	2	12	1
127 .	Sarathi Sabar	3	18	1.5
128 .	Mangal Sabar	6	36	3
129 .	Madhab Sabar	3	18	1.5
130 .	Koda Sabar	5	30	2.5
131 .	Gurucharan Sabar	5	30	2.5
132 .	Nepal Sabar	3	18	1.5
133 .	Champamoni Sabar	4	24	2
134 .	Potal Sabar	9	54	4.5
135 .	Nimai Sabar	6	36	3
136 .	Mangal Sabar	5	30	2.5
137 .	Amal Sabar	7	42	3.5
138 .	Chamtu Sabar	6	36	3
139 .	Jaleswar Sabar	3	18	1.5
140 .	Sabeswar Sabar	5	30	2.5
141 .	Sumitra Sabar	5	30	2.5
Village – Dhangikusum				
142 .	Chunka Sabar	5	30	2.5
143 .	Ranjit Sabar	4	24	2
144 .	Rabi Sabar	2	12	1
145 .	Lulu Sabar	4	24	2
146 .	Luski Sabar	2	12	1
147 .	Preetam Sabar	6	36	3
148 .	Maheswar Sabar	2	12	1
149 .	Gurkha Sabar	6	36	3

150 .	Arun Singha	4	24	2
Village – Punnapani (1)				
151 .	Kali Sabar	4	24	2
152 .	Vinod Sabar	2	12	1
153 .	Ishwar Sabar	4	24	2
154 .	Sripati Sabar	4	24	1
155 .	Rabi Sabar	3	18	1.5
156 .	Shambhu Sabar	4	24	2
157 .	Barai Sabar	1	6	0.5
158 .	Chhoto Sabar	4	24	2
159 .	Bodor Sabar	2	12	1
160 .	Chotu Sabar	1	6	0.5
161 .	Gorai Sabar	6	36	3
Village – Punnapani (2)				
162 .	Lulka Sabar	9	54	4.5
163 .	Paresh Sabar	4	24	2
164 .	Ranjit Sabar	2	12	1
165 .	Kalu Sabar	2	12	1
166 .	Lopita Sabar	2	12	1
167 .	Radhamoni Sabar	1	6	0.5
168 .	Deepak Sabar	3	18	1.5
169 .	Sankar Sabar	2	12	1
170 .	Sukhlal Sabar	2	12	1
171 .	Sumi Sabar	1	6	0.5
172 .	Kalicharan Sabar	3	18	1.5
173 .	Gorachand Sabar	4	24	2
174 .	Chhotu Sabar	7	42	3.5

175 .	Binoti Sabar	2	12	1
176 .	Bimala Sabar	4	24	2
177 .	Revati Sabar	3	18	1.5
178 .	Arati Sabar	1	6	0.5
Village – Suchnijobi				
179 .	Saban Sabar	4	24	2
180 .	Rakhal Sabar	4	24	2
181 .	Sibu Sabar	3	18	1.5
182 .	Gura Sabar	3	18	1.5
183 .	Parameswar Sabar	5	30	2.5
184 .	Sumitra Sabar	5	30	2.5
185 .	Lulu Sabar	5	30	2.5
186 .	Panchu Sabar	5	30	2.5
187 .	Kulcha Sabar	3	18	1.5
188 .	Banku Sabar	3	18	1.5
189 .	Chhotu Sabar	6	36	3
190 .	Sukhlal Sabar	3	18	1.5
191 .	Bado Sabar	2	12	1
192 .	Gopal Sabar	8	48	4
193 .	Mangali Sabar	8	48	4
194 .	Nimai Sabar	5	30	2.5
195 .	Gorai Sabar	4	24	2
196 .	Khandi Sabar	3	18	1.5
197 .	Lulu Sabar	4	24	2
198 .	Rabi Sabar	3	18	1.5
Village – Kathchoda				
199 .	Rabi Sabar	4	24	2

200 .	Shyam Sabar	2	12	1
201 .	Sukhlal Sabar	4	24	2
202 .	Suku Sabar	5	30	2.5
203 .	Mangal Sabar	3	18	1.5
204 .	Kunu Sabar	2	12	1
205 .	Kalachand Sabar	3	18	1.5
206 .	Uttam Sabar	4	24	2
207 .	Anil Sabar	4	24	2
208 .	Motilal Sabar	3	18	1.5
209 .	Madhab Sabar	3	18	1.5
210 .	Nanda Sabar	2	12	1
211 .	Gurucharan Sabar	3	18	1.5

Village – Makarbhola

212 .	Charan Sabar	2	12	1
213 .	Mongla Sabar	5	30	2.5
214 .	Saheb Ram Sabar	2	12	1
215 .	Chunaram Sabar	5	30	2.5
216 .	Dhanojoi Sabar	2	12	1
217 .	Somy Sabar	4	24	2
218 .	Santosh Sabar	4	24	2
219 .	Sukumar Sabar	2	12	1
220 .	Sonatan Sabar	4	24	2
221 .	Rupa Sabar	2	12	1
222 .	Ram Sabar	2	12	1
223 .	Nimai Sabar	7	42	3.5

Village – Kadolboni

224 .	Dhanojoi Sabar	4	24	2
225 .	Supal Sabar	2	12	1
226 .	Nokul Sabar	4	24	2
227 .	Jagannath Sabar	2	12	1
228 .	Kanto Sabar	4	24	2
229 .	Buddhaswar Sabar	4	24	2
230 .	Latu Sabar	4	24	2

Village – Birmadol				
231 .	Anil Sabar	3	18	1.5
232 .	Dulal Sabar	5	30	2.5
233 .	Bidu Sabar	4	24	2
234 .	Nimai Sabar	5	30	2.5
235 .	Dharan Sabar	4	24	2
236 .	Prafulla Sabar	4	24	2

Jharkhand (Ghatsila Block)

Village - Tumankocha				
237 .	Supra Birhore	4	24	2
238 .	Koan Birhore	5	30	2.5
239 .	Munda Birhore	6	36	3
240 .	Lalu Birhore	4	24	2
241 .	Ramdas Birhore	5	30	2.5
242 .	Kira Birhore	4	24	2
243 .	Ravan Birhore	5	30	2.5
244 .	Budhu Birhore	1	6	0.5

245 .	Rani Birhore	1	6	0.5
246 .	Metra Birhore	4	24	2
247 .	Sukhu Birhore	2	12	1
248 .	Chatru Birhore	2	12	1
249 .	Surai Sabar	3	18	1.5
250 .	Budhu Sabar	4	24	2
251 .	Chandai Murmu	6	36	3
252 .	Eshar Murmu	5	30	2.5
253 .	Shyamal Murmu	4	24	2
254 .	Sunil Murmu	4	24	2
255 .	Ganesh Sabar	5	30	2.5
256 .	Kanu Sabar	2	12	1
257 .	Phagu Sabar	2	12	1
258 .	Tengru Majhi	3	18	1.5
259 .	Bishtu Sabar	5	30	2.5
260 .	Dhandal Sabar	8	48	4
261 .	Gurubadi Sabar	1	6	0.5
262 .	Dhamru Sabar	6	36	3
263 .	Suru Sabar	2	12	1
264 .	Lal Sabar	6	36	3
265 .	Sudarshan Sabar	3	18	1.5
266 .	Nimai Sabar	7	42	3.5
267 .	Kala Sabar	3	18	1.5
268 .	Jinu Sabar	4	24	2
269 .	Gorkha Sabar	3	18	1.5
270 .	Surai Sabar	3	18	1.5
271	Lakhan Sabar	4	24	2
272	Basta Sabar	3	18	1.5
273	Bhua Sabar	4	24	2
274	Kani Sabar	5	30	2.5
275	Bidu Sabar	2	12	1

276	Sibnath Sabar	8	48	4
277	Gopal Sabar	4	24	2
278	Ludhu Sabar	6	36	3
279	Rura Sabar	3	18	1.5
280	Mangal Sabar	4	24	2
281	Jadu Sabar	3	18	1.5
282	Batu Sabar	3	18	1.5
283	Ganesh Sabar	6	36	3
284	Madhu Sabar	4	24	2
285	Oda Sabar	6	36	3

Village - Chhatradanga

286	Nagendra Sabar	8	48	4
287	Lodha Sabar	1	6	0.5
288	Kurga Sabar	6	48	4
289	Sukra Sabar	3	18	1.5
290	Samay Sabar	5	30	2.5
291	Banamali Sabar	2	12	1
292	Badhia Sabar	4	24	2
293	Subi Sabar	2	12	1
294	Arjun Sabar	3	18	1.5
295	Sukramoni Sabar	2	12	1
296	Bekara Sabar	5	30	2.5
297	Binod Sabar	4	24	2

Village – Bhadua

298	Kagu Birhore	5	30	2.5
299	Kaju Birhore	6	36	3
300	Bishram Birhore	6	36	3
301	Sumra Birhore	3	18	1.5
302	Lokre Birhore	4	24	2
303	Hikin Birhore	5	30	2.5
304	Kagi Birhore	2	12	1
305	Mangal Birhore	5	30	2.5
306	Choitri Birhore	2	12	1
307	Gopal Birhore	2	12	1
308	Buddheswar Birhore	4	24	2
309	Charamoni Birhore	2	12	1
310	Gurbha Birhore	3	18	1.5
311	Abdi Birhore	2	12	1
312	Sahib Birhore	5	30	2.5

313	Sukhram Birhore	5	30	2.5
314	Ruidas Birhore	6	36	3
315	Bilam Birhore	3	18	1.5
316	Mangal Birhore	3	18	1.5
317	Haiban Birhore	1	6	0.5
318	Lochan Sabar	4	24	2

In all, Rice 5850 Kg worth Rs 74,295 @ Rs 12.70 / Kg was distributed.

Dal 487.5 Kg worth Rs 17,585 @ Rs 36.00 / Kg was distributed.

Rs 3200 on Lorry fair and Rs 3736 on packaging.

With about 150 more families being included from Belpahari block, monthly expense for the Foodstock ditribution program shall Rs 1.5 Lacs monthly i.e. about Rs 18 Lacs from July'08 to June '09. A further quantum jump (from 400 families to a higher number) may be given after June '09.

Pictures





Villagers with their respective Foodstock and with their Parivaar Foodstock card at Tumankocha village in Jharkhand







Pulakda with villagers with their Parivaar Foodstock cards at Amlasole in Belpahari block.





Vinayakda, Pulakda and Maloyda at Bhadua and Tumankocha villages in Jharkhand







Villagers marking their thumbprints on the Parivaar Foodstock Cards while receiving the foodstock.





Sevavratis in the middle of the jungle route







Foodstock aranged before delivery in a village





Distribution happening under shed of a tree





Vinayakda and Pulakda with villagers in Tumankocha and Chhatradanga respectively in Jharkhand