



**SATYARTHI**

KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

**CREATING A  
CHILD FRIENDLY  
WORLD!**



# Creating a Child Friendly World

*"On one hand, humans have done many scientific miracles, on the other hand, we are still playing with the lives of our children. Today, even if one child is unsafe then the entire society is to be blamed for. These girls, their friends, the co-marchers, who are a total of 300 people, I feel that if this movement prevails, then I say that they are rightful nation builders."*

**Mr. Ram Nath Kovind**  
Hon'ble President of India during his speech at the culmination programme of Bharat Yatra



# Bal Mitra Gram\* (Child Friendly Village)



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# BMG: The Guiding Principles



- All child labourers are **withdrawn from work**
- All children are **enrolled in and attending school**
- Ensuring Child Participation in Democratic Decision-Making: Children form a **Bal Panchayat** (an elected Children's Village Council)
- The Bal Panchayat is officially recognized by the **Gram Panchayat (elected Adult Village Council)** for ensuring comprehensive development
- **Empowering communities** including women and youth, marginalised and vulnerable sections. Which can lead to overall **village** and **school development**



# Activities in a Bal Mitra Gram

**1**

**Withdrawing Children from Work and Enrolling in School**



A photograph of several children in a classroom setting. In the foreground, a boy in a white and pink striped shirt is crouching and looking towards the camera. Behind him, other children are seated at a wooden desk, some looking at books. A large blackboard is leaning against the desk, with the words 'STOP CHILD LABOUR' written on it in white chalk. The background shows green foliage.

**Impact >>>**

Over **3,334**  
children withdrawn from situations  
of Child Labour

**>43,520**  
Children retained in schools on  
daily basis



# 2

## Ensuring access to quality and inclusive education







**Impact >>>**

**4194**  
children enrolled in  
school

**6767**  
children regularised in  
school

**>28**  
Regular teacher  
appointments

**43**  
school libraries  
established

**>10**  
new school  
constructed



# Emerging Changemakers

## Two children raising their voice and stopping their child marriage

Saraswati and Deepika, from Nawada district of Bihar could not believe what was in store for them when they raised their voice against child marriage in their village. Their marriage was initially fixed by their parents. They first raised their voice against their marriage at the village level and later lodged complaint with Sub-Divisional Magistrate. The girls were awarded by the Chief Minister of Bihar Mr. Nitish Kumar and for their outstanding courage and are now back in school and continuing their education.



A group of young children, likely in a classroom or community center, are sitting on the floor. They are focused on writing on small blackboards. The children are of various ages and are wearing colorful clothing. The background shows more children and some adults, suggesting a group setting.

**Impact >>>**

**>95% enrollment  
rate in BMGs**

**> 80%**

Average attendance  
of  
enrolled children



**Impact >>>**



**To enable  
girls  
education  
in middle  
and high  
school**

**Over**

**>875**

**Bicycles  
distributed**

# Emerging Changemakers

## A persistent voice for the vulnerable girls

12 year of Champa Kumari is the President of the Bal Panchayat in BMG™ Jamdar, Jharkhand. A former child labourer who was forced to work in a mica mine, she is now a class 7 student. Like many others in her village, her father is also engaged in mica mining to support Champa and her six siblings. Many in her villager also practice child marriage. In the past, Champa has been threatened by members of her community for her efforts in foiling child marriages. She continues undaunted in her campaign for children's rights.





# 3

## Promoting democratic child participation



**Impact >>>**



**540**

**Bal Panchayats  
(Children's Council)  
formed**

**2,970**

**Girl child members  
out of 5,940  
members**

**National  
Bal Panchayat  
(Children's Council)**

**State  
Bal Panchayat  
(Children's Council)**

**Village  
Bal Panchayat  
(Children's Council)**



# 4

## Empowering girls and women





**Impact >>>**



**>1200**

**Women attended focus  
group campaign in  
Kasturba Gandhi  
Balika Vidyalaya**

**1606**

**representation of  
women in Women's Group**



**5**

## **Promoting youth participation**







**Impact >>>**

**100**

Youth provided  
vocational skills

**72**

Sports kits distributed  
in 20 tournaments

**1606**

representation of  
youth in Youth's Group



# Emerging Changemakers

## Leading fight against alcoholism

14-year-old Surjeet Lodhi lives with his grandparents and two siblings in Sahwa BMG™, Ganj Basoda, Madhya Pradesh. Faced with incidents of daily abuse and violence inflicted by his alcoholic father, Surjeet resolved to speak up. He fasted until his father pledged to stop consuming alcohol. Surjeet is now the Vice-President of the Bal Panchayat in his BMG™. He leads the anti-alcohol campaign in his BMG™. As a result of his struggle, liquor shops were closed and two people have been penalised for running an illegal shop. He now dreams of becoming a politician one day.



**6**

## Supporting Village Development-led Activities for a Child Friendly Environment



**> 140** Ponds, Culverts and Check dams construction facilitated



**>169** Hand Pumps installed and repaired



**Impact >>>**

## Promoting Connectivity



**Facilitate construction of  
>15 km of PCC roads**



**>50 BMGs were made  
access to electricity**

## Impact >>>

### Mother and Child Care Centers



Ensuring functioning of neo-natal and post-natal services at Anganwadi Centers

### Primary Health Care Centers



**35** Health Camps facilitated with Government support



# 7

## Environment and Climate Change



**Environment awareness and water conservation rallies**



**Innovative environment protection and water conservation projects**

# 8

## MoU with Government of Jharkhand announcing child labor free MICA

Memorandum of Understanding signed with government of Jharkhand for Child Labor free Mica. Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. Raghubar Das and Nobel Laureate Mr Kailash Satyarthi announces child labor free MICA in next 5 years.





# 9

## Recognition of National Children's Council

**"Every child has the right to education and engaging them in labour snatches their right. Our department pledges to work to end child labor in India."**

Hon'ble Minister of Labor and Employment Mr. Santosh Kumar Gangwar stated during consultation with National Children's Council.



# 10

## Promoting Accountability



Checking ground realities on securing child rights



Community meetings with Panchayat and Community Leaders



# 11

## Access to social welfare & government schemes

- **Education and Vocational Training:** State Scholarship programs for ultra-poor to attend school.
- **Food:** Mid-day Meal - quality and regularity improved
- **Employment:** Facilitated access to MGNRGA and Bharat Sakshar Yojna For Women
- **Housing:** Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) to provide housing for the rural poor in India
- **Information:** Right to Information Act (RTI) training
- **Social Security:** Social Security for widows, Below Poverty Line Cards, Widow Pension - State funded, Old Age Pension – State funded
- **Health:** Cashless insurance for hospitalisation in public as well as private hospitals.
- **Electricity:** Solar Light - State funded
- **Loans for Farmers:** Credit card to provide affordable credit for farmers in India.
- **Women Empowerment:** Government supported Ujjawala Yojana facilitated distribution of cooking gas stoves

**5,865**

**People/households  
linked with  
government  
schemes (April'17-  
March'19)**

# 12

## Capacity Building and Training Programmes



**44** Legal Camps to build awareness on basic human and legal rights



Capacities of **146** School Management Committees built



## Structure of BMG

- BMG™ is a village unit
- Average number of households:  
**150 - 200**
- Average household size: **5 - 6 family members**
- Average number of children in a BMG: **200 - 250**

## Core Values of BMG

- Safe and secure **childhood**
- **Educated** and aware society
- **Democratic participation of children** and communities
- **Social Justice** and **inclusion**
- **Gender** equality
- **Compassion** for all
- **Clean** and **healthy** living environment
- **No social evils**



# BMG: HOW ?



## **With Children**

Formation of Children's Council

## **With families**

Creating social movement towards child centric community development

## **With Community Leaders**

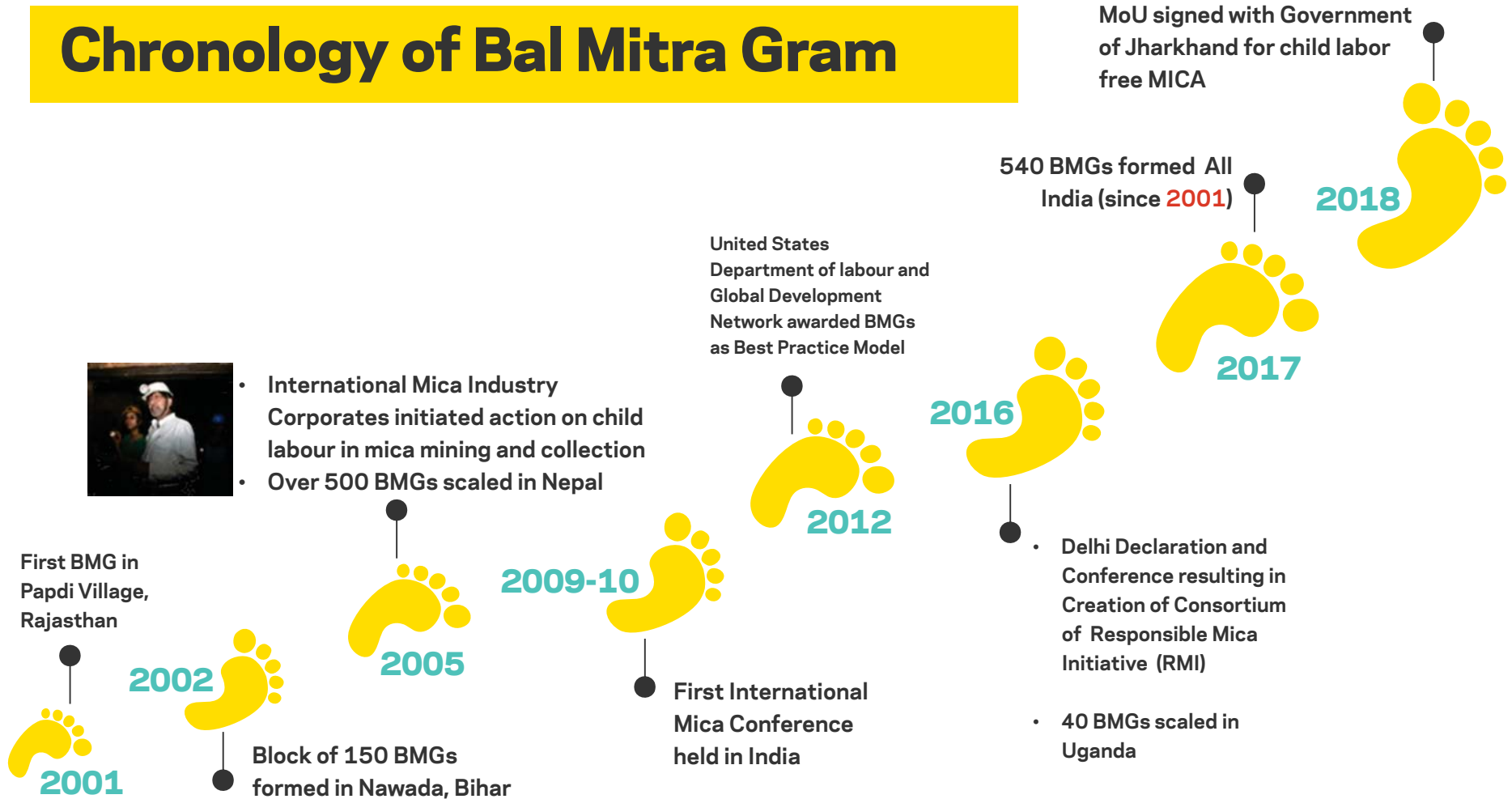
Creating and empowering change agents with community leaders

## **With Government and other agencies**

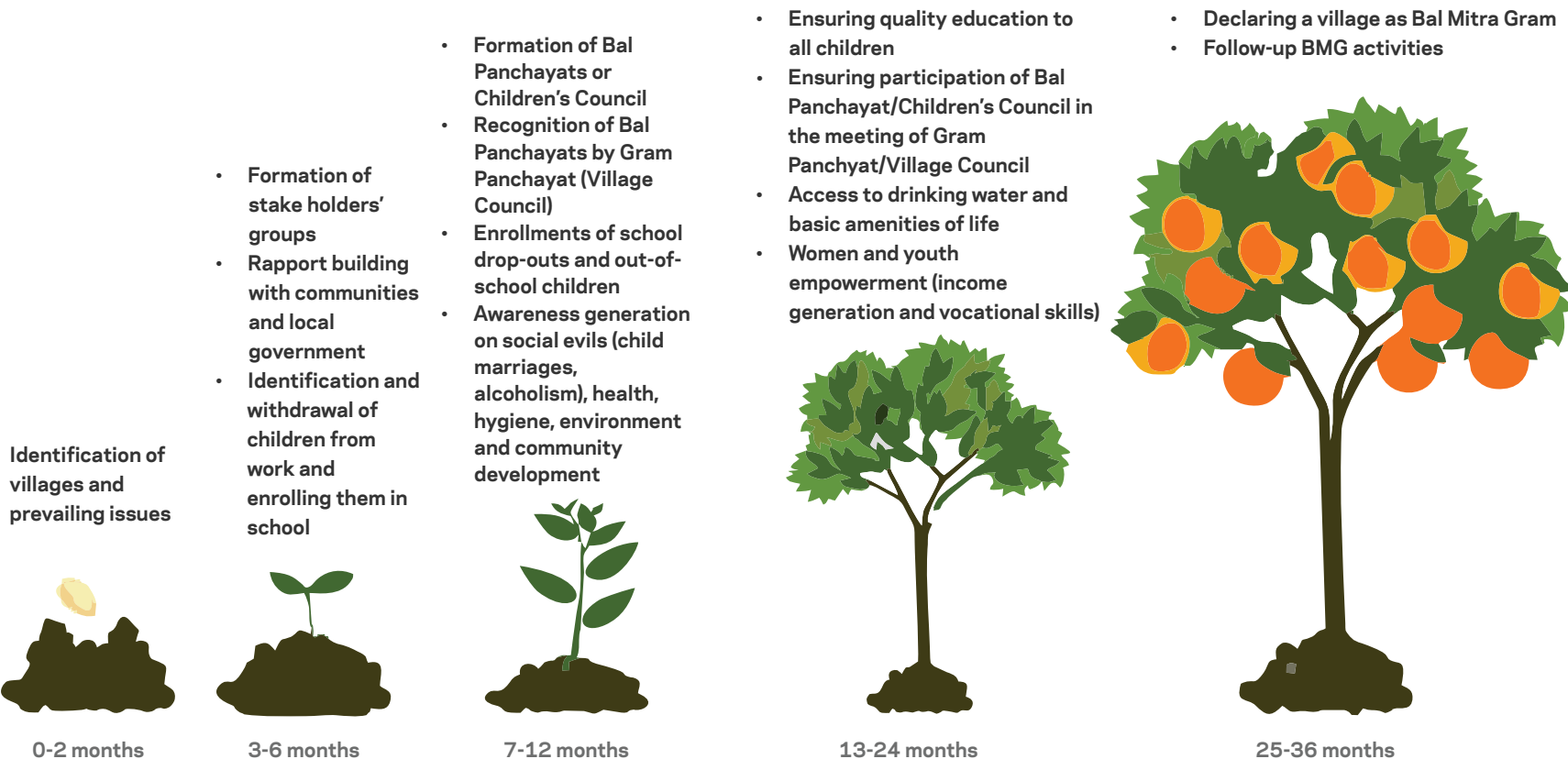
Fostering accountability within government and other stakeholders



# Chronology of Bal Mitra Gram



# Formation of a Bal Mitra Gram





# BMG Stakeholders

## Primary Stakeholders

### Children

Age group 0-5 years,  
6-14 years, 14-18 years

### Youth

Young men and young  
women age group  
18-25 years

### Women

All women

### Communities

- Parents/Guardians
- Panchayat/Village Council

## Secondary Stakeholders

- Teachers
- Employers of children
- Local Business /Traders
- Local Administration
- Local Leaders
- Local Government Institutions
- Local Media
- Local Civil Society Organizations

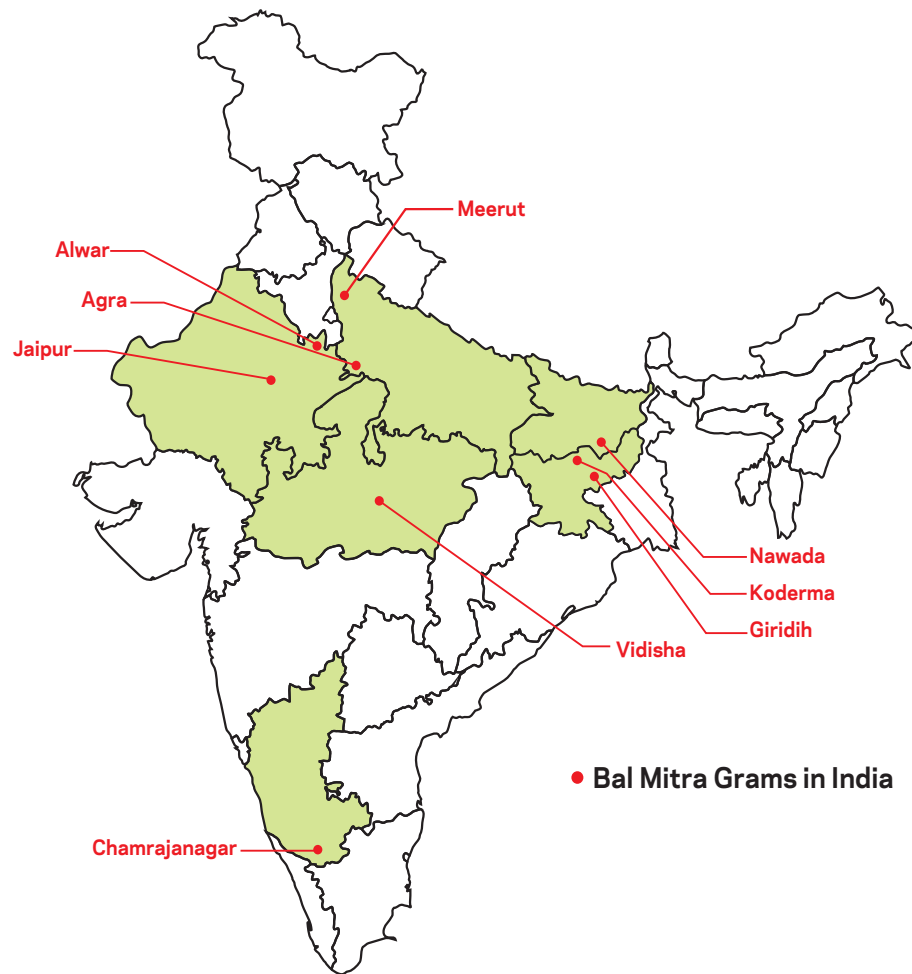
# Geographical Coverage: BMG (2001-2019)

241 BMGs currently operational in  
India

146 BMGs in Jharkhand and Bihar

540 BMGs in India (2001-till date)

299 BMGs Handed-Over to  
communities



The map is not to scale, this is for representation purpose only.



# Challenges in the field



**Naxalites/Anti-Government Groups**



**Difficult Terrain and Harsh Weather**

# Challenges in the field



**Few Roads**



**Little  
Communication**





# **8 year old girl child working in open cast mining in a MICA mine of Jharkhand**



**Untraced, Opaque  
and Unorganised  
Supply Chain**



A close-up photograph of a child's hands writing on a small, green-framed chalkboard. The child is wearing a red and black striped garment. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more of the child's clothing and a wooden surface.

# **Creating a Child Labour Free MICA supply chain...**

**120,000 Children**

**600 Villages**

**2 States**

**In 5 years!**

A small yellow logo of a bird in flight, positioned above the SATYARTHI text.

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