

VIDEO VOLUNTEERS

Annual Report

(1st of April, 2012 - 31st of March, 2013)

OUR OUTPUTS

- We trained 52 new Community Correspondents bringing the total number of grassroot journalists in the IndiaUnheard network upto 126!
- 28 tribal correspondents from Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand were trained, making them among the first ever Tribal video journalists in their state.
- 365 videos produced by Community Correspondents-making it one video per day of the year!

TOP ISSUES COVERED

Caste and Identity: 76 videos

Arts and Culture: 71 videos

Gender: 68 videos

Corruption: 57 videos

OUR PARTNERS

- United Nations Development Program
- Voice4Change
- Community Radio Secretariat
- Center for Protection of Journalists
- Human Rights Law Network
- WITNESS
- ESCR-Net
- Gram Vaani
- Clinton Global Initiative

PRESS AND DISTRIBUTION

- Tehelka, CNN-IBN, Yahoo, Youth Ki Awaaz and Halabol started distributing VV community reports
- Aljazeera, BBC Radio, NPR, NDTV and AFP covered VV
- Satyamev Jayate, one of the most successful social issue television programs in history, featured our India director's work on Untouchability.

PRESENTATIONS

We presented our work at:

2 TEDx events, at the World Summit of the Information Society in Geneva, for Oxfam Germany, CRY (Child Rights and You), Human Rights Law Network, IIT Delhi-Harvard, Population Council, THINK, National Alliance of People's Movements, and International Dalit Solidarity Network

OUR IMPACT

- 24 documented instances of impact achieved in this year-adding to our total of 32 impacts till date!
- 26 powerful videos were created by CCs on Untouchability, helping to move forward the conversation on the continued existence of caste discrimination
- 8 villages in Rajasthan shifted to organic farming practices after watching a video that detailed the hazards of using chemical pesticides
- 200 families in Jharkhand started receiving correct quantities of ration

OUR IMPACT

- 600 women agriculture laborers in rural Maharashtra are now receiving equal pay as their male counterparts
- Over 1000 children in rural Jharkhand have started receiving better quality education
- 40 fluorosis victims in Rural Gujarat have started getting regular treatment

OUR IMPACT

In 7 days, a video on 2 teachers in Rural Jharkhand who were working unpaid for 4 years incited 800 calls from you to the District Collector. They received compensation of Rs. 90, 000/- each and today they are receiving their monthly wages.

OUR IMPACTS

• 35 children from migrant families in Haryana have a school premises

• A video succeeded in bringing to light and ending 2000 year of **Untouchability** practices in a Rajasthan village.

ARTICLE 17, A CAMPAIGN TO END UNTOUCHABILILTY

- 26 new videos on caste discrimination served as the basis for our national campaign (HYPERLINK THIS TO OUR CAMPAIGN PAGE)
- The <u>Campaign</u> is being drafted into a <u>Public Interest</u>
 <u>Litigation</u> where our videos will serve as <u>legal evidence</u>
- The episode on Satyamev Jayate prompted thousands

 from young people, to journalists, to government
 agencies from all over the world— to contact VV to get
 join the fight against untouchability

NATIONAL ACTION ON TRIBAL RIGHTS

- The 28 new Tribal correspondents we recruited represent those areas where Adivasis are in the majority, yet don't have a single Adivasi journalist.
- Their reports on corruption, poverty, starvation and the oppression of the state were voices never heard before of the most under-represented community in the country

AWARDS

 VV won The Edelgive Social Innovations Award and WSIS Changemakers Award

 Our Founding Director, Jessica Mayberry, was the proud recipient of the Ashoka Fellowship.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- United Nations Development Fund trained 20 grassroots women journalists to video document the successes and challenges of self-help groups VV TRAINED 20... FOR UNDP TO MONITOR THEIR OWN EMPOWERMENT AS PART OF A SELF HELP GROUP
- Our partner Magnum Foundation facilitated a photography workshop for our correspondents where Magnum Nominee, Olivia Arthur and Delhi based photographer, Sohrab Hura, delivered the workshops
- VV partnered with the California-based channel Link TV, to conduct screenings and discussions of Michael Peda (?) documentary film Bitter Seeds on farmer suicides in the villages of Vidarhbha, Maharashtra, where it was filmed named <u>Bitter Seeds</u> which critically analyzed the relationship between Genetically Modified seeds and farmer suicides

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENTS

REGIONAL

- Block Education Officers
- Block Health Officers

STATE

- Forest Department, Jharkhand
- Pollution Control Board, Rajasthan
- Health Department, Gujarat
- Water and Sanitation Department, Gujarat

NATIONAL

- Mining Company Authorities
- National Commission on Scheduled Castes

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Video Volunteers started sharing our content via **Gram Vaani's** <u>Jharkhand Mobile Vaani</u>- the radio network with the highest penetration in the remotest areas of Jharkhand.

For more details read our end of the year blog: http://www.videovolunteers.org/2012-at-video-volunteers-the-year-in-review/



THANK YOU!