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<p><b>Project Goals and Description for the year</b></p> <p>5-10 sentences: With Corporates's support, what are the NGOs specific goal(s) and objectives for the year and estimated number of beneficiaries? (very brief summary)</p>	<p><b>Project Description</b></p> <p>The intervention was carried out in Kumarkhand block of Madhepura district which was significantly impacted by the marauding waters of River Kosi. The site for relief operations was 7 villages of Kumarkhand block. The intervention was targeted at those socially and economically marginalised families who, following the recession of flood waters, had returned to their villages from their temporary abode on the embankment of MBD canal but found their travails far from over. With the kharif (summer) crop lost to the floods and chances of rabi (winter) cultivation obliterated due to the still soggy fields, the targeted families had lost their main source of livelihood which came from working as farm hands for wages on agricultural fields and was complemented by their practicing of subsistence farming on small tracts of land taken on a share cropping basis. Other sources of income, an essential risk sharing mechanism adopted by the poor by diversifying their livelihood basis, were constricted by loss of assets to the floods. The gratuitous relief in grains and cash extended by the government, limitations of its outreach notwithstanding, had also run out. Thus with no sources of income and no reserves to fall back upon, their basic survival still confronted them as a stark question in their face. Relief work was carried out over a period of 15 days with 2634 such. These 2634 families were spread over 7 villagesdetails of which are depicted in the following table:</p> <table><tr><th>Name of Village</th><th>District</th><th>Block</th><th>No. of flood affected families being covered</th></tr><tr><td>Jagir Chakla</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>285</td></tr><tr><td>Kushha Purvi</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>287</td></tr><tr><td>Jamuaha</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>385</td></tr><tr><td>Ranipatti Mushari</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>364</td></tr><tr><td>Amaha</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>431</td></tr><tr><td>Ranipatti Muslim Tol</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>330</td></tr><tr><td>Sukhasan Mushari</td><td>Madhepura</td><td>Kumarkhand</td><td>552</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td></td><td>2634</td></tr></table> <p>Though the needs were manifold, the intervention was proritised and confined to addressing the food related needs of the people in light of the limited resources available for the moment and extended over a 15 day period from March 1 to 16, 2009 with the community kitchens not being run in any of the 7 villages on March 11 on account of Holi festival. The community kitchens were initially scheduled to commence from February 28, 2009 and extend till March 14, 2009. However, due to delay in delivery at the community kitchen sites, it started off a day late on March 1, 2009. As the banners had already been prepared, they reflect the duration of relief operations from February 28 to March 14, 2009 as originally envisaged.</p> <p>The intervention accounted for one wholesome meal a day through setting up of a community kitchen in each of the 7 intervention villages. The cooked meal consisted of rice, pulse and one vegetable. Community kitchens were preferred over dry ration support as the latter left the beneficiaries with the difficult, if not impossible, choice of arranging for fuel. Moreover, the engagement of the victims in various tasks associated with running the community kitchens helped maintain a modicum of community conviviality which also helped the victims in overcoming their enormous grief.</p>	Name of Village	District	Block	No. of flood affected families being covered	Jagir Chakla	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	285	Kushha Purvi	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	287	Jamuaha	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	385	Ranipatti Mushari	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	364	Amaha	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	431	Ranipatti Muslim Tol	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	330	Sukhasan Mushari	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	552	Total			2634
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	<p><b>Goal</b> The overall goal is to enable the poor and marginal families to break out of the current crisis resulting from the floods</p> <p><b>Specific Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide relief support during the crucial period of non availability of food by ensuring availability of the same</li> </ol>
<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>	2634 families
<p><b>Achievements</b></p> <p>5-10 sentences - What has the NGO achieved in the last 3 months with Corporate's support?</p> <p>5-10 sentences - What does the NGO hope to achieve in the next 3 months with Corporate's support?</p>	<p>Against a proposed coverage of 2'600 families for coverage by community kitchen for 15 days, the intervention actually covered 2'634 families as detailed in the table above for 15 days. The intervention came as a critical input to enable the beneficiaries to tide over a period when floods had left them bereft of any livelihood opportunities to sustain themselves and they were on the threshold of starvation. Moreover it prevented them from getting deeper into the debt trap by not having to borrow from moneylenders for their nutritional needs. The intervention could provide them a measure of food security and was appropriately timed as it came when almost all sources of external support had been phased out.</p>
<p><b>Activities</b></p> <p>5-10 sentences - Which <u>key activities</u> haven taken place? How many beneficiaries has it impacted?</p> <p>5-10 sentences - Indicate the progress achieved against the specific objectives and goals.</p>	<p><b>Key Activities</b></p> <p><b>Nutrition Support</b></p> <p>Procurement and transportation of utensils, fuel wood and ration to the camp sites  Setting up of community kitchens  Registration of camp inmates  Issuance of tokens to the targetted families as their entitlement to avail of the food served by the community kitchens  Serving one cooked meal a day to the beneficiaries comprising rice, lentil and a vegetable made of potatoes and nutri nuggets  Involvement of camp inmates in running of community kitchens  Regular update of records  Photo documentation of relief operations</p>
<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <p>5-10 sentences - What are the challenges/problems faced in the specific project and how will the NGO minimize these risks?</p>	<p><b>Challenges</b></p> <p>Locally dominant power brokers tried to disrupt relief activities but were countered by SSVK volunteers with support from the camp inmates and district administration</p> <p>With people now having returned to their villages, restoration of their livelihood needs to be addressed on a priority basis. Support for restoration of livelihoods has been leveraged from HSBC which apart from providing working capital support for 227 families to undertake various livelihood activities has also provided support for running of 3 child care centres. Similarly UnitedWay Mumbai has approved working capital support for around 300 families to initiate livelihood activities. Both these interventions are to commence shortly.</p>

<p>5-10 sentences - What major favorable or unfavorable variance(s) from stated goals, objectives and projected expenditures occurred during the quarter? Indicate if the variance will hinder or prevent accomplishment of objectives What change in plans may be necessary to implement?</p>	<p><b>Favorable Variances</b></p> <p>Though the expenses against certain budget heads exceeded the budgeted amount, the overall project expenses remained within the total budgeted amount owing to savings made against other budget heads.</p> <p>Though the budget provided for only potato as vegetable, SSVK could also combine nutri nugget with it within the same budget.</p> <p>The per capita cost of feeding the targeted families came down as utensils were not budgeted for this time. Utensils procured earlier for running community kitchens were utilised.</p> <p>SSVK out of its own resources distributed T-shirts and shorts to all its volunteers with the name of donor and SSVK printed on it.</p> <p><b>Unfavorable Variances</b> <b>None</b></p>
<p><b>Evaluation</b> 5-10 sentences – Indicate the monitoring &amp; evaluation techniques that United Way will use to measure accomplishments of the NGO and with what frequency?</p> <p>5-10 sentences - What is United Way's evaluation of the NGOs work in the last quarter?</p>	<p>At the organisational level there was a <b>Relief Monitoring Committee</b> comprising organisational staff and some community leaders from the affected villages. They ensured that relief work was accessible in a fair manner to all those who were to be extended coverage and that standards of fairness and transparency were being met. They undertook regular field routes to review the work in progress, conduct meetings to resolve any problems coming on the sites, ensure adherence to the targetting process and supervise the upkeep of records.</p> <p>In each intervention village a display board was set up with all the details of the intervention and the name of the donor indicated on it. The relevant government officials were given a copy of the proposal and the approved budget. A copy of this report would also be submitted to the government and also uploaded on the SSVK website.</p> <p>A purchasing committee made all purchase related decisions. Procurement of goods followed these guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ the goods were to be of satisfactory quality</li> <li>➤ the goods had to be delivered in good order and condition and in accordance with the Project timetable</li> <li>➤ the price paid for goods represented value for money</li> <li>➤ there was open and effective competition in the purchasing process</li> </ul> <p>All accounts, records and assets registers contain clear audit trails and adequate Project management records in relation to expenditure. The donor or its representative shall have the right to visit the programme at any time and it will be given access to all relevant records, books and accounts.</p>