

Our organization believes in:--

Decentralization as strongest tool for Urban Local Bodies which starts with empowering communities for better Governance and consequently the representatives (both formal or informal) of communities.

Demand for devolution with proper decentralized mechanisms:. We consider Decentralization as a process of redistributing or dispersing power away from a central authority to local governments. In the context of urban local bodies, decentralization aims to bring governance closer to the people, empowering local communities to have a greater say in the decisions that affect their quality of lives. Through this approach we try to foster more responsive, efficient, and accountable governance.

Building Capacities of Elected Representatives

One of the key aspects of effective decentralization is enhancing the capabilities of elected representatives. By doing TNA , providing training and needful resources, we can equip local leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to address the unique challenges their communities face. This empowerment enables them to make informed decisions, effectively manage resources, and implement policies that reflect the needs and aspirations of their constituents.

Advocacy for Purposeful Rule : For decentralization to be successful, it is essential to advocate for changes in rules and regulations that govern urban local bodies. These changes should aim to streamline processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and ensure that local governments have the autonomy and resources necessary to function effectively. Advocacy efforts must focus on collaborating with appropriate authorities to create a legal framework that supports decentralized governance, making it more purposeful and citizen-oriented.

We develop various training tools and materials with a view to address improved service delivery, increased transparency, and enhanced civic engagement. By bringing decision-making closer to the people, local governments can tailor services to meet the specific needs of their communities, leading to more efficient use of resources. Furthermore, through decentralization we encourage active participation from citizens, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility towards community development.and more equitable and democratic society. By building the

capacities of elected representatives and advocating for meaningful rule changes, we can create an environment where local governments are empowered to serve their communities effectively. This approach not only strengthens governance but also ensures that the voices of citizens are heard and valued in shaping the future of their communities.

Major Activities:

1. Handholding the state wide campaign of Urban elected representatives and extending thematic support to “ Sthaniye shahri swashasan awam Nikay Parishad in demand of requisite rules, circulars, orders for the newly enacted “Bihar Municipal Act 2007”. :Collaborative support of Mayors and Dy Mayors , Chair persons and Vice Chairpersons of various municipalities, other civil societies, urban thematic experts we could enable the government to bring several needful amendments in Act which were essentials for ensuring accountable municipal governance and Civic rights.(Year 2010-13)
2. Carried out Capacity building programme on “Importance of citizen charter , transparency and accountability mechanism in municipal governance” Elected representatives of Bihar Sharif Municipal Corporation with local support of civil society “ Nav Manas Kalyan Samiti” (year 2013).
3. Facilitated preparation of “Slum free city plan of Action” for 6 notified slums of Patna Municipal Corporation under the scheme Rajeev Awas Yojna. (year 2014)
4. With support of IDF , Patna we carried out 7 days 2 rounds of capacity Building Programmes for Elected Representatives of Munger Municipal Corporation. { Year 2017-18)
5. With support from organization “Save the Children”, Patna organized training on ward mapping , SWOT analysis and resource mapping to Elected Representatives of Patna Municipal Corporation. Year 2019.

Our credentials:

Memberships:

Member of Sustainability Urban Mobility Network, Pune (A unit of CCE, Ahmadabad.

Publications:

1. A study carried out “ State position paper on Urban Transport for the state of Bihar.” [LINK..](#)

Purpose of study was to understand and map the rights of Non Motorised vehicles, rights of pedestrians , rights of senior Citizens , rapid audit of design of footpaths, feasibility of community transport etc.

2. A study conducted on “ Policy on Cremation for the state of Bihar Prepared in collaboration with Patna Municipal Corporation . [LINK](#)

Purpose of study: To understand the need of policy and define its ambit the entire team visited Varanashi Ghats to overview the existing practice in neighbouring state Utter Pradesh..Considering high values to the last right of an indivisual our organization was in key role to ensure entire exercise inclusive..

3. Study conducted on formation and constitution of Empowered Statnding Committees under state Municipal Acts within those states where election of Mayors and Dy Mayors are directly from votes of Citizens. [LINK](#)