

# Digital Empowerment Foundation

**Name of the Project:** Digital Literacy-Bihar Phase-2

**Reporting Year:** 2018-2019

**Report No.:** End Report-2019

In the Internet Saathi Phase-2 Saathis training had conducted from Sept-Oct18. And we have trained 477 internet Saathis with 43<sup>th</sup> block of four districts (Sitamarhi, Begusraye, Khagariya and Purniya). After the training Saathis have been reach their allocated villages and start teaching the community people. (Girls & Woman with the age of above14) In this phase we have working in the 1888 villages with 477 internet Saathis.

**We have done below mentioned activity in past six months:**

- **477 Saathi have reached out their 1888 villages.**
- **Saathis have covered 1868 villages out of 1888.**
- **Saathis have been taught minimum 60 beneficiaries in each village.**
- **Conducted Block coordinator review meeting in the month of November-18 in all four districts.**
- **District coordinator visited to saathi's home and met with their family member.**
- **Block coordinators conducted Bi-Monthly meeting in the month of Dec-18 with the respective saathis to follow-up their work and learning experience.**
- **We have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> review meeting of block coordinators at Patna, Bihar**

**Challenges**

- **Device & Sim related issues:**
  - Network issue.
  - SIM not working properly in some area
  - Lost and theft of some devices.
- **Service center related issues:**
  - Service center is not available in the district headquarter (Travelled 150 Km. for repairing the devices)
  - Very slow & delay process to solve device issue.

### Social Issue:

- Many saathis faces caste issue in her allotted village.
- Some women of the villages demotivate the internet saathis.
- Illiterate community peoples are very suspicious to see the internet saathis.
- Some educated girls/women/ panchayat member/ local leader create hurdles and demotivate the Internet saathis.
- Some of the family member not allow to saathis to the outside work.
- **Stipend** : Stipend of the Internet saathis is very low.

### Achievement

- **Target and Timeline**
- Reached in 1888 revenue villages
- Internet Literacy provided to **312482** rural women's and girls' till yet.
- Updated 98 % of Saathi profile.
- Brand-building of DEF, Tata Trust & Google.

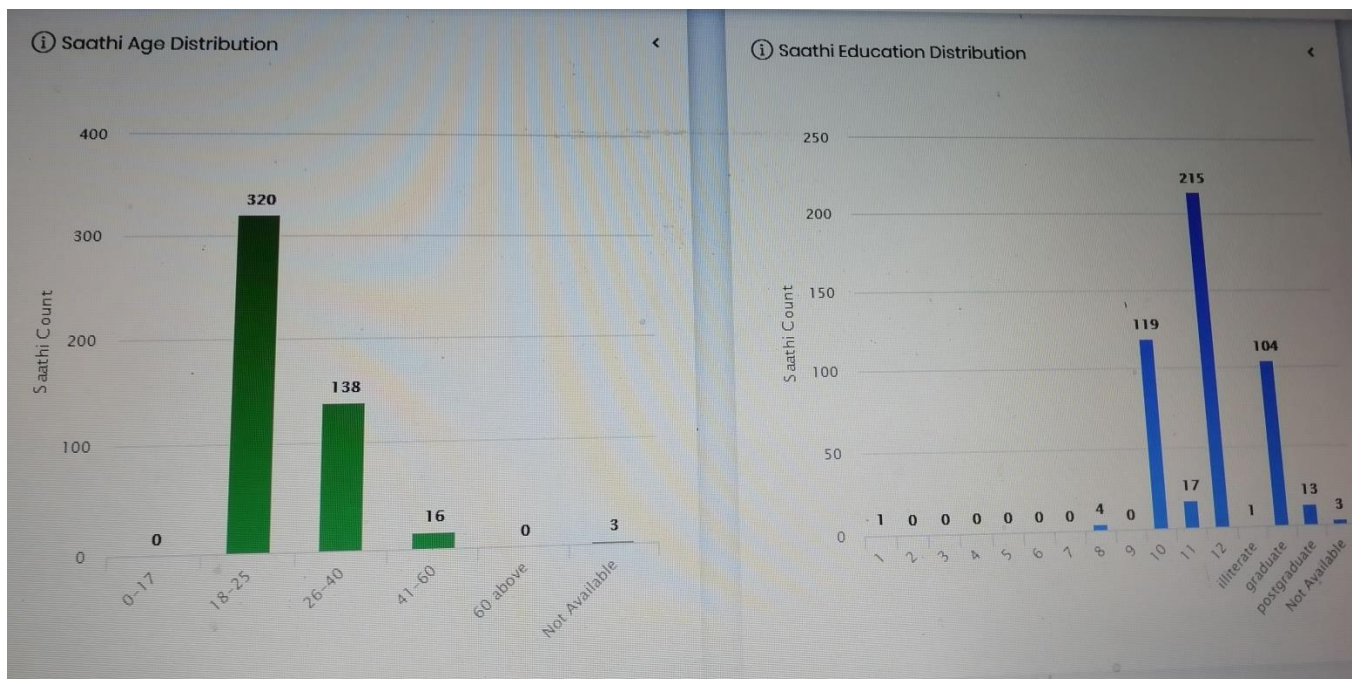
### District Wise Achievement

Districts	Blocks	Villages	Active Villages	Village Covered	Total Saathis	Active Saathi's	Responses Expected	Responses Received
Khagaria	6	166	166	152	42	42	29400	22975
Sitamarhi	15	544	544	543	137	137	95900	92907
Begusarai	9	461	461	461	117	117	81900	79804
Purnia	13	717	717	712	181	181	126700	116796
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>333900</b>	<b>312482</b>

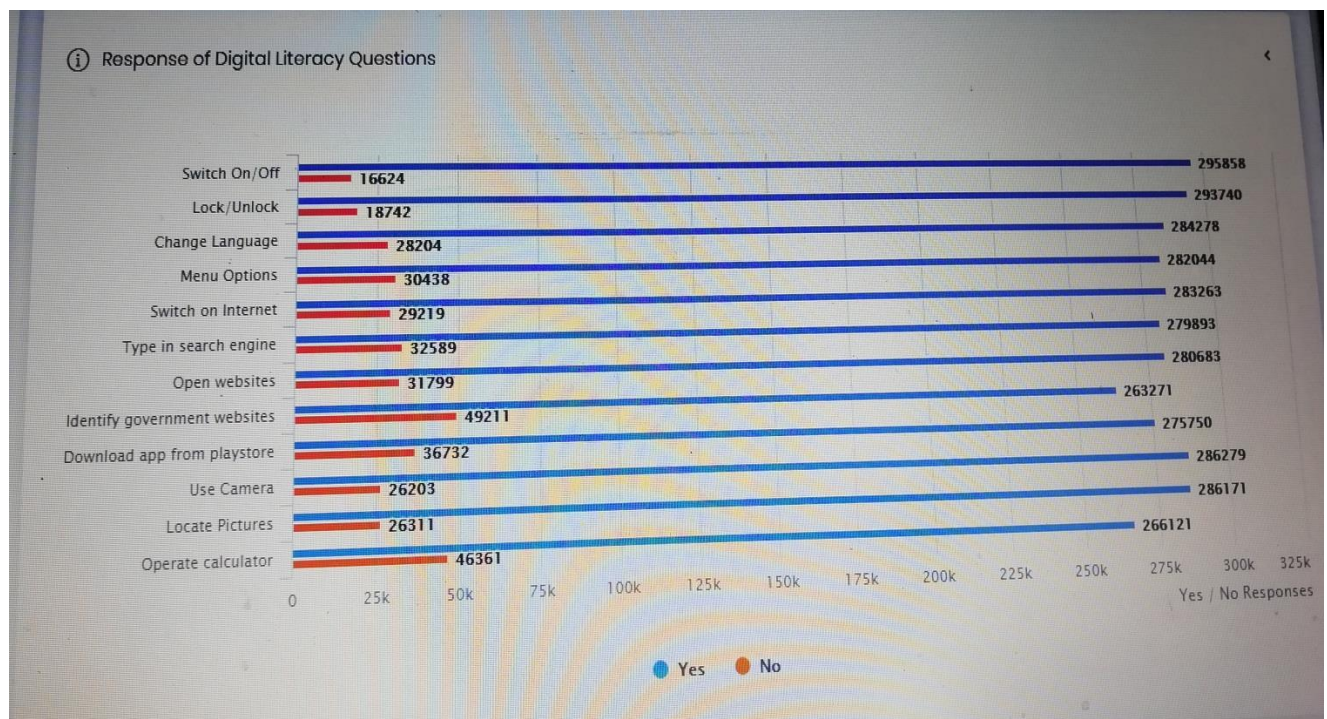
### Social Impact:

- Build self confidence in the internet saathis.
- Thoughts transformation of family member and village peoples.
- **“Women will now be digitally literate”** the slogan has created by saathis.
- Many saathis famous in her village called **“Mobile/Internet wali didi”**.
- Awareness created in rural areas about Smart phones, internet and its benefits.

## Internet Saathi Details:







## Impact Story

I am **Meera Kumari**. Being a part of Internet Saathi has provided me with immense learning. Before this, I couldn't even operate a mobile phone. And now, not only can I use it very well, but am also aware of other technicalities like the network. I also teach the women of my region to use this device and educate them about the internet. Till now, I have taken this initiative to the doorsteps of 540 women, across four villages. It's satisfying to see how life has now become a little more convenient for them, as they can now access every kind of information simply by swiping their fingers.



## Priya Bharti

I am an internet Saathi Priya Bharti, Saathi No. 71. I have learned to run mobile for over 700 women. when I went to teach women in my village then I saw that most of the women did not want to run mobile and they used to say that this is all useless. If we learn to run mobile then the government will give us mobile. Then we have explained them that what child study in government school does it mean that government will give them government jobs. For that they have to prepare and pass the government exam. Everyone not gets pass, but they have to learned the right way to pass in exam, in the same way, you can learn how to do sewing, Mehdi art with the help of internet even you can run your own business from the internet and like this way, I started to give training to woman and taught about to drive mobile. In the first day I was also nervous that I would not have this work, but it proved that hard work never goes unnecessarily





When I first went to the village, nobody had any information about the internet Saathi program in my village, even the village head and the sarpanch nor the ward member for that reason I had to face very hardship. When I went to the village to teach them about the internet to the women, all the women in the village started asking, "Who are you?" I told him that I had came here to teach about the internet which program is started with the help of DEF & Tata Trust. Then I told them that you can learn to cook, sew and shop online with the entire internet. The Internet is the one that can work for hours in minutes. A lot of people think that the internet is a bad thing; this woman should not run the Internet. When I go to teach the women how to run the internet, the people of the village say that our girls are spoiled by running the internet. People in our village say that internet is not safe so women should not use internet. I feel that all boys have nothing for us. But now that is not the case, through the Internet Saathi Program of DEF and Tata Trust, women are now learning Internet trends



## Picture:







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