Team Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children successfully completed the orientation of Jeevika Community Mobilizers (CMs) and Shiksha sevaks in all their 3 intervention districts, namely Gaya, East Champaran and Sitamarhi, in 9 blocks in Bihar.

Jeevikas and Tola Sevaks have a very strong grass root presence and can play a very crucial role in the prevention of children migration for work. The PCVC team was able to reach out to 404 Jeevikas CMs and 495 Shiksha sevaks through this orientation drive. We are sure that out new ambassadors of child rights will work hard to ensure a protective environment for every child in their respective villages. PCVC objective for the orientation program was to reach out to these significant stakeholders covering the issue of trafficking, unsafe migration of children leading to child labour, for Jeevikas and Shiksha Sevaks in focused intervention high sending districts of Bihar.

‘Jeevika’ is Bihar government's project, which is running with the objective of social & economic empowerment of the women belonging to rural poor communities. The Cluster Mobilizer (CM) is responsible for 10-15 Jeeviks groups, each group has 12 to 15 members. Shiksha sevk previously known as tola sevaks and talimi murkas are education volunteers specially working towards getting the children from the most underserved communities and castes to be in school and ensure that they don't drop out. Both Jeevikas and Shiksha Sevks are strong grass root groups, which are well connected to the village and communitie. They play a vital role in empowerment of the people. Post the orientation on child safety and unsafe migration, they will strengthen the prevention of children migration for work. These groups will take this agenda further and ensure that all their associates are oriented in this too.
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