



BIJAM is the short form of Bidhyarthi Jagarn Mancha in Nepali, translated in English as Student Awareness Forum. It was formed in 1995 with registered (Reg. No – 163/052/053) in Parsa District Administration Office and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council (Affln. 3763/052/053) and PAN (301683733). The focus of work for the last 18 years has been on increasing the awareness and knowledge about Drug, HIV & AIDS through many different projects. Recently program on tuberculosis has been added in the Parsa district as part of TB HIV co-infection intervention. These programs have been taken the social message to schools, colleges, factories and through its mass communication programs to the general public. However, interpersonal communication strategy has been applied amongst project target group as major intervention of the projects. In more recent years it has centered on the TB, HIV and drug risk reduction services including behavior change communication interventions, access to clean needles and syringes, condom distribution, VCT, STI treatment and active TB case detection. BIJAM is renowned in the community for its networking and trying to bring the community together for fighting against health hazard & other epidemics.

As the HIV & AIDS epidemic has reached concentrated levels among key target groups BIJAM has been focusing its activities more on care & support and advocating for the rights of deprived and disadvantaged group. Currently BIJAM has been implementing HIV & AIDS Comprehensive Package (including community care centre) in Bara, Parsa and Makwanpur under GFATM Round 7/Save the Children, Drug Treatment & Rehabilitation Program in Birgunj under UNDP/DFID, Comprehensive Programme for IDUs, PLHAs, FSWs and their clients in Parsa under ASHA/USAID fund, HIV & AIDS Comprehensive Package for Migrant and Their Families under UNDP/DFID and TB Reach project under FHI/Stop TB Program/World Bank. Moreover, American Corner Birgunj/Community Library has been additionally adjoined with BIJAM as part of resource centre under American Embassy.