



## **Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh**

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# **Introduction**

**Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar (SSSS)** is a Voluntary Organization working in five districts of North Gujarat namely Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Mehsana, Patan and Gandhinagar. The Society was registered with the Charity Commissioner on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2003 bearing Society Reg. No Guj/1077/ Gandhinagar, 19.7.2003 & Trust Ref. No. F/1033/Gandhinagar, 19.7.2003. The main aim of the Society is upliftment of the poor and the marginalized from the rural areas of North Gujarat. At present the society is actively involved in empowerment of poor and marginalized through various programs like Empowering Communities for Self-Governance, Community Based Drought Management Program, Watersheds, Programs on Health and hygiene, Education etc. The Society is actively involved in promoting Income Generation programs through Community Mobilization. The Office bearers of the Society are committed social workers who have devoted their lives for the service of humanity.



# Annual Report 2003-04

Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar has conducted the following programs and activities in the year 2003-2004:

## 1. Drought Proofing Program (Pre-Watershed):

During the year 2003-2004, Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh has taken up Drought Proofing Program in 23 villages of Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Mehsana, Patan and Ahmedabad Districts. Through this cash for work program 27500 families have benefited. Under this program, we have done Earthen Farm Bunds, Stone Farm bunds, Compost pits, Contour stone bunds, Contour trenches, Digging of new pond, Deepening of old ponds, Diversion drains, Earthen embankments, Earthen Nala bunds, fruit plantation, Gabion dams, Gully plugs, land leveling, Smokeless chulas, Water absorption trenches, grass seeding over bunds, capacity building and exposure visits were conducted for the benefit of farming community

## 2. Watershed Program (Food for Work):

We supported two watershed programs at Surela in Banaskantha and Vahighatia in Vijaynagar. Several water conservation activities were undertaken. The village watershed committee was given training on NRM, leadership etc.

## 3. Empowerment of Women:

Under this program of Empowerment of Women, 18 Self Help Groups (SHGs) are formed having 306 members. Through these SHGs women have started savings and dealing with various issues pertaining to women. Women are given awareness on legal, social and health related matters. Through this program women are given an opportunity to come out of their houses, meet the other women, share, discuss and take decisions. They are also taught about their rights and duties towards the Society and particularly in the family.

## 4. Seeds & Fertilizers:

During the year 2003-2004, Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh has distributed seeds and fertilizers to about 1500 poor and marginalized farmers of Bhiloda, Modasa, Nana Kantharia, Vijaynagar, Meghraj, Mehsana, Kalol, Palanpur, Deesa, Patan and Radhanpur in North Gujarat. This saved the poor and the marginalized farmers from the clutches of moneylenders.

## 5. Awareness and Youth Development Programs:

During the year 2003-2004, Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh has conducted many awareness programs on leadership, health & hygiene. Also many training on youth development and personality development are conducted for the benefit of youth. Through these programs many youth have benefited.

**6. Capacity Building of Village Health Workers:**

To build the capacity of the Village Health Workers, two training programs were arranged on HIV/Aids and SHGs. 22 Health workers participated.

**7. Aids Awareness Training:**

We conducted Aids awareness training programs in 20 villages. Our field workers enacted a skit and spread awareness among the villagers. About 2800 people benefited from this.

**8. Regular Programs:**

We have food supported regular programs namely -

- a. Safe Motherhood and Child Survival program: Under this program the mothers are given health trainings to look after themselves during pregnancy and delivery and take care of the children.
- b. Boardings with 3290 boys and girls are supported with nutrition.
- c. 56 balwadies in 9 centres having 1600 students are supported with nutrition.
- d. We support 200 people who are deprived of their livelihood due to illness, with food for about 12 days.

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Fr. Harold Pinto  
Secretary