



## **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*



## *2004-05*

Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar has conducted the following programmes and activities in the year 2004-2005:

1. **NABARD SHG Leadership Training Program:**

During the year 2004-2005, with the help of NABARD, 27 Training programmes for SHG Leaders were conducted. About 900 women were imparted training. As a result of training they gained confidence, and became familiar with the concept of SHGs, Group Mobilization and the role of leaders in Community Development.

2. **Empowering Communities for Self Governance Project:**

We took up community mobilization through empowerment on a large scale in 32 villages of north Gujarat. 409 Self Help Groups are formed with a combined strength of 5699 women. Their savings amounting to Rs. 7,58,622/-. After getting a lot of training programs, women have become active and assertive. Through these SHGs, saving habit is inculcated among women, awareness is built up, women are raising issues in Gram Sabhas, Women are claiming services from various government agencies like ANMs, Talati, Sarpanch etc.

3. **Drought Proofing Program (Pre-Watershed):**

During the year 2004-2005, Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh has continued for one more year the Drought Proofing Program in 23 villages of Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Mehsana, Patan and Ahmedabad Districts. Through this cash for work program 27500 families have benefited. We have continued the activities of last year like 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, exposure visits were conducted for the benefit of farming community. Besides, we have constructed two Roof top rainwater harvesting structures under this program.

4. **Watershed Program (Food for Work):**

We continued the implementation of Watershed programs at Surela and Vahigatia. Surela Watershed program completed by September 2004. Besides undertaking several water conservation activities the village watershed

committee and people were given training on various aspects of Natural resource management.

5. **Pre-watersheds:**

After the initial first rain, most of the parts of north Gujarat were facing drought like situation as rains failed for a long time. As a result crops failed. To support the farmers and alleviate their sufferings, we designed nine pre-watersheds (food for work). Out of these nine pre-watersheds, four were graduated into Watersheds the following year.

6. **Capacity Building of Village Health Workers (VHWs):**

To strengthen the capacity of Village health workers three day workshop on Home Medicine Remedies was arranged at Bhiloda. 22 VHWs learnt the art of making home medicine for cold, cough, anemia, scabies etc.

7. **Medical Camp at Lusadiya:**

One day medical camp was organized at Lusadiya with the help of Civil Hospital, Sabarkantha on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. '04. A team of 50 Doctors, Nurses and para medical staff attended 2155 patients and distributed medicine worth Rs. 49199/- 35 people were issued certificate for disability like Deafness and handicap. Sabarkantha District collector graced the camp with his visit.

8. **Regular Programs:**

We continued food support to regular programs like -

- 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. The participants number is 2322.
- 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