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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 19th 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 2007-08

Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh, Gandhinagar has achieved great milestones on completion of four years. The organization has implemented the following programs and projects in the year 2007-2008:

1. Integrated Watershed Development Program (Caritas India)
2. Ravtawada Watershed Program (CRS)
3. Empowering Communities for Self Governance (ECSG Phase – II)
4. Community Based Drought Management Program (CBDM-CRS)
5. Community Based Drought Preparedness Project (CAPART)
6. Flood Relief Project (Caritas India & CRS)
7. Roof Water Harvesting Structure Program
8. Regular Programs:
 - a. SMCS
 - b. OCF
 - c. IHC

The program wise highlights of its activities are as follows:

1. Integrated Watershed Development Program (2006-2010):

- The program began in June 2006 in Ramela (Nana Kantharia), Daiya (Vijaynagar) and Dabheli (Palanpur). This program is funded by Caritas India and technical guidance is given by AFPRO Field Unit-III, Udaipur.
- Objective: Mitigate the adverse effects of extreme climatic conditions such as drought on crops, human and livestock for the overall improvement of livelihood of people in rain fed areas
- Strategies:
 - Developing, conserving and improving the land and water resources for efficient and sustained agriculture production with community participation.
 - Increasing livestock production as a source of additional income
 - Building the capacity of community for strengthening village level institutions
- After persistent efforts of the people, field workers, animators and partners we have been able to achieve the following Results:
 - Land based treatment done

Activity	Measuring unit	Units
Gabion Structures	Nos	20
Earthen Check dams	Nos	1
Farm Ponds	Nos	15
Gully Plugs	Nos	440
Loose Stone Check Dam	Nos	321

- Water conservation structure built

Activity	Measuring unit	Units
Scattered contour Trenches	Nos	6900
Contour Stone Bunds	Nos	2300
Water Absorption Trenches	Feet	27200
Earthen Farm bund	Feet	122192
Stone Farm Bund	Feet	15850
Land Leveling	Acres	38

○ Other Activities

Activity	Measuring unit	Units
Organic Kitchen Garden	Nos	420
Horticulture Plantation	Nos	2000
Forestry Plantation	Nos	2000
Cattle Vaccination camps	Nos	7
Breed improvement in Goat	Nos	10
Fuel Efficient Stove	Nos	210

- A Village Watershed Committee is formed in each Watershed and account is opened for Village Watershed Fund. The total savings in WDF is Rs. 43,446/-.
- We have formed 29 SHGs (13 of men & 11 of women) having 350 members (193 men & 208 women). Total savings is Rs. 1,73,924/-. Rs. 22,800 is given as internal loan.
- We have done 39578 days of work utilizing Rs. 2176754 of grant and people have contributed labour worth Rs. 621082/- up to March end from the inception of the project. Apart from this people have contributed additional Rs. 46302/- worth by way of labour.

2. Watershed Program (Food for Work):

Piplivalivav, Kherola and Amaliya Watersheds got phased over in September 2007. Now we have Rantawada watershed program. Physical activities are done on the basis of Food for Work and various capacity building training programs are conducted supported by Catholic Relief Services. Water and soil conservation activities like earthen farm bunds stone farm bunds, contour trenches, gully plugs, land leveling, and tree plantation etc. were undertaken. Several training programs on market research, compost pit etc. were conducted to build the capacities of watershed committee and people.

3. Empowering Communities for Self Governance (ECSG Phase – II):

The Second phase of ECSG Program was implemented in 24 villages from Jan. 2007 to March 2008. Therefore it was envisaged to strengthen and capacitate the existing groups to form a Village level Committee for development and involve the whole community in PRI processes to

endorse self governance and also develop linkages and networking with local NGOs, Govt. offices and financial institutions.

- **Goal:** Empowered communities for Self Governance
- **Objective:**
 - People in project villages organize themselves to work for their developmental needs
 - CBOs increase external linkages and outreach to other communities
- ***After the whole process of capacity building and networking and linkages we have achieved the following results:***
 - 53 men SHGs with 714 members
 - 448 Women SHGs with 6485 members
 - Savings: Rs. 42,99,108/-
 - Internal Loaning: Rs. 25,32,730/-
 - 65 % productive purpose and 35 % unproductive purpose.
 - 310 SHGs were involved and 1236 members benefited
 - Bank Loan: Rs. 22,03,980/-
 - 78 % productive purposes and 22 % unproductive purposes.
 - 85 SHGs were involved and 295 members benefited
 - 24 Village Development Committees formed with 363 members (208 females & 155 male members). 26 members are also members of PRI.
 - Govt. Linkages:
 - 583 people benefited Rs. 41,45,200 out of which Rs. 33,30,760 in cash and Rs. 8,04,440 in kind through house Repairing, Indira Awas Yojana, Sardar Awas Yojana, Farm Ponds, Krushi/ Bagayat Kits, Jyoti Gram Yojana, Animal Husbandry, Manv Garima Yojana, Widow Pension, Ghar Divda Scheme etc.
 - Developmental Issues Raised and Solved:
 - Out of 966 issues raised 620 were solved like hand pump repairs, Hand pump installation, drinking water, electricity, Aanganwadis and its functioning, midday meal, PDS shop, roads, village cleanliness, sanitation, Govt. benefits through Gram Sabha etc.
 - Social Issues Raised and Solved:
 - Out of 66 social issues raised, 58 were solved like wife beating, domestic violence, superstitious beliefs etc.
 - ***Innovative Programs:***
 - Out of 32 villages, 15 villages were involved in designing Innovative programs for the village development worth Rs. 7,66,286, out of which Rs. 3,47,500 were from Donors, Rs. 1,15,822 raised through local contribution and Rs. 2,25,764 were from Panchayat and Govt. Schemes, and Rs. 77,200 were from other sources.
 - ***Income Generation Activities:***
 - 765 members started Income Generation activities like petty shops, animal husbandry, vegetable selling, tailoring, floor mill etc. Through these activities on an average the monthly income of members increased by Rs. 492.
 - 46 SHG members contested PRI elections in 2006 and 23 got elected as members and three as Sarpanch.
 - ***Six Street Theatre troupes*** were formed and trained and they in turn have put up 55 street plays on Superstitions, basic rights, gender bias, domestic violence, PRI, Gram Sabha, migration, linkages, SHGs & Income Generation Activities in the target villages.

4. Community Based Drought Management Program (CBDM-CRS):

CBDM program launched in June 2006 continued the second year in 10 villages with the support of CBOs.

- Objective: Target village communities in North Gujarat demonstrate preparedness to face drought situation
- Strategies:
 1. Preparedness Strategy involves Savings, RWHS, grain banks, Fodder banks, Seeds banks, Gobar Gas, Health care
 2. Mitigation Strategy involves Natural resource management, Water harvesting, cattle management, afforestation, Organic farming, Micro planning
 3. Sustainability Strategy involves Forming & strengthening of Village Drought management committee and task forces

Due to various interventions we have achieved the following results:

- We have formed 106 SHGs (55 of men, 40 of women & 11 mix) having 1356 members (838 male & 518 female) with a saving of Rs. 6,82,036. The amount utilized for inter-loaning is Rs. 5,53,754.
- Constructed 9 model RWHS of 30,000 liters in Ferro cement technology.
- Constructed 2 individual household RWHS of 10,000 liters in Ferro cement technology.
- Started 85 grain banks with 28,274 kgs grain
- Started 22 seed banks with 3,141 kgs seeds

5. Community Based Drought Preparedness Project (CAPART):

CAPART approved Rs. 8,12,130/- (Rupees eight lacs twelve thousand one hundred thirty only) for training programs under this project for one year beginning from Jan. 2007 to Dec. 2007. CAPART gave us the first installment in Jan. 2007.

After completing the activities for the first half, we presented to CAPART the progress report along with audited statements in their prescribed format in August 2007. CAPART appointed a Monitor who completed the monitoring in Dec.2007. Then CAPART released the second installment of Rs.3,04,670/- in Feb 2008.

We conducted the following training programs from April to June 2007:

- Seven CBDM training for leaders at field level.
- Four Fodder Bank and Gobar Gas Training programs at field level.
- Two Fodder Bank and Gobar Gas Training programs at Central level.
- One RWH /Grain Bank training at Central level.
- Five RWH /Grain Bank training at Field level.
- Two Task Force Training Programs at Central level for Linkage and Micro Planning Task Forces.
- 13 health trainings at Field level
- One workshop on Govt. Schemes at Field level.

6. Flood Rehabilitation Project 2007(Caritas India & CRS):

With the objective of supporting the flood affected families of North Gujarat, with the support of Caritas India and Catholic Relief services, we undertook land development activity in 34 villages of Patan, Palanpur, Vadgam, Deesa and Radhanpur Centres.

- Total 2000 families got 16000 workdays of labour.
- People constructed farm bunds and filled the pits in the fields caused by heavy rains during floods.
- 10 health camps were conducted in five centres giving benefit to 1321 patients.
- Vulnerability Assessment Study was conducted in 10 villages namely two from Patan, two from Deesa, three from Palanpur and three from Vadgam.

7. Roof Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS) Program

SSSS arranged Training on RWHS construction in Ferro-Cement technology with the expertise of Masons from Kerala and built two model tanks of 30000 liters. After which, funded by CRS, the local masons built seven tanks of 30000 and six tanks of 10000 liters of individual households under CBDM (CRS).

SSSS has extended this program to individual households with the support of private donors. SSSS invited individual households to participate in the RWHS program by contributing Rs. 6,000/- as local contribution and Rs. 1,200/- as labor contribution. The total cost of 10000 liters tanks amounted to Rs. 18000/-.

So far, SSSS has built 19 tanks of 10000 liters in Shekra, Banaskantha Dt, Dodisara, Ode, Bornala, Ansol, Ramela, Vaghpur and Laxmanpura villages of Bhiloda Taluka, Sabarkantha Dt.

8. Regular Programs:

Catholic Relief Services (USCCB) under bilateral agreement between the Government of USA and India, supplies food materials for regular programs like Safe motherhood and Child Survival (SMCS), Other Child Feeding (OCF-Boardings) and Individual Health Care through Nutritional Support (IHC). Now we have the following food supported regular Programs:

- SMCS Program was going on in 10 villages covering 1822 Participants having 12 Village Health Workers and one Supervisor.
- OCF Program is taking care of 16 boardings having a total of 3290 students belonging to five districts of North Gujarat.
- IHC Program looks after 200 participants from 24 villages belonging to four centres of North Gujarat.

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