

# Annual Report for the year 2009-10

## **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, 19.07.2003 and Trust Ref. No. F/1033/Gandhinagr, 19.07.2003.

### **The OCF program (Other Child Feeding Program):**

Catholic Relief Services (USCCB) under bilateral agreement between USA Government and India, like in the previous years, continued to support our boarding children with bulgur and oil in the year 2008 -2009. About 3076 children, both boys and girls were given food commodities in 17 centers of five districts of Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha and Sabarkantha.

Under this project nutritious food was given to the children who were staying in the boarding and were attending the schools.

### **Individual Health Cases (IHC):**

Like in the previous years, two hundred men and women who were either very sick or destitute were given food commodities in four centres of Deesa, Palanpur, Radhanpur and Mandali. This program was supported by Catholic Relief Services under bilateral agreement between USA Government and India.

### **Self - reliant Communities Onto Integral Development (SCOID) (2008-2011):**

This project is implemented by seven partners of Deesa, Palanpur, Vadgam, Kadi, Mandali, Asal and Vijaynagar in twelve revenue villages. This project is supported by Catholic Relief Services; part of the project was also supported by NABARD.

### **The goal of the project:**

Self reliant communities achieve integral development.

### **Objectives:**

1. Organized marginalized communities ensure increased protection for their women and children.
2. Organized marginalized communities of Surela, Pansa Kherancha revenue villages have increased opportunities for income generation.

Following trainings were conducted for the SHG members:

- ✧ Leadership to SHG leaders and animators
- ✧ record keeping and keeping accounts to SHG leaders and animators
- ✧ entrepreneurship for mature SHGs on machine and hand embroidery,
- ✧ integral development,
- ✧ awareness on Govt. health services,

- ✧ importance of education for girl child,
- ✧ health- infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, Govt. health schemes
- ✧ exposure visit to Govt. health units
- ✧ health camps
- ✧ hygiene and sanitation,
- ✧ organic farming,
- ✧ female infanticide,
- ✧ awareness on Govt. schemes
- ✧ kitchen gardening
- ✧ importance of girl child and education
- ✧ women's social issues and legal rights
- ✧ TOT on SHG for animators
- ✧ Panchayat Raj Institutions
- ✧ NREGA

Under this project we have formed so far 140 Self Help Groups. Out of these, there are 13 male SHGs, 126 are of women and one of mixed group men & women). Their total savings are more than seventeen lakhs rupees. Besides the internal loans the SHGs have been able to obtain almost fourteen lakhs rupees for both productive and unproductive purposes. Four Farmers clubs have been registered with the NABARD

Each village has a Village Development Committee in which more than 30% are women members. They have regular monthly meetings and work for the village development and raise their village issues with the proper authorities.

### **Women's Action Through Change (WATCH): (2009):**

This was supported by Catholic Relief Services. Three partners from Vijaynagar, Bhiloda and Asal of Sabarkantha district and one partner from Banaskantha district implemented this project. This was implemented in eighteen villages and fifty SHGs were formed.

#### **Goal:**

Empowered women and children lead a life with dignity in Sabarkantha and Banaskantha districts.

Trainings conducted were:

- ✧ PRI,
- ✧ RTI,
- ✧ forest laws,
- ✧ NREGA,
- ✧ organic farming,
- ✧ drip irrigation, horticulture,
- ✧ legal rights and women's issues
- ✧ community information center.

### **Integrated Watershed Development Program (IWDP):**

This project started in June 2006 and it is on going. This is supported by Caritas India. This is implemented in three watershed areas by three partners namely, in Vijaynagar at Daiya village, in Nanakantharia at Ramela village, and in Vadgam at Dabheli village.

**Goal:**

To mitigate the adverse effects of extreme climatic conditions such as drought on crops, humans and livestock for the overall improvement of livelihood of people in rain fed areas.

**Objectives:**

1. To develop, conserve and improve the land & water resources for efficient and sustained agriculture production with community participation.
2. To increase livestock production as a source of additional income.
3. To build capacity of community for strengthening village level institutions.

**Achievements:****Soil and water conservation activities:**

Activity	Measuring unit	Units
Staggered contour trench	Nos.	6900
Water absorption trench	Ft.	31500
Contour stone bunds	Nos.	17658
Gully plugs	Nos.	300
Loose stone check dam	Nos.	355
Earthen field bund	Ft.	201990
Stone field bund	Ft.	49300
Land leveling	Acre	72
Gabion	Nos.	20
Farm pond	Nos	35
Earthen check dam	Nos.	21
Masonry check	Nos.	5

**Organic farming activities:**

Activity	Measuring unit	Unit
Vermicomposting	Nos.	110
Organic kitchen gardening	Nos.	1000
Panchgavya bio-fertilizer	Nos.	100
Drip irrigation	Nos.	150
Seed bank	Nos.	15

Apart from these above activities we have undertaken also other activities related to plantation, namely, horticulture plantation, pitcher pot irrigation, medicinal plantation etc. Activities related to livestock management like water trough, feed mangers, cattle vaccination, and silos for fodder were undertaken on pilot basis in a limited way.

Various trainings were conducted for the people of the watershed areas:

✧ Organic farming,

- ✧ Crop management,
- ✧ Water and sanitation,
- ✧ Vegetable gardening,
- ✧ Wormy compost,
- ✧ Exposure visits,
- ✧ Drip irrigation,
- ✧ Leadership camps,
- ✧ Livestock management,
- ✧ Barefoot veterinary doctor,
- ✧ Natural Resource Management
- ✧ Hand pump repairing,
- ✧ Pest management,
- ✧ Documentation and record keeping.

In each watershed village one Watershed Development Committee (WDC) consisting of 12 members (men and women) is formed who monitor the activities and support the partner in the smooth implementation of the various activities. Each village has a Watershed Development Fund (WDCF) managed by the WDCs and the total amount is more than 2 lakhs and this amount is deposited in the bank as fixed deposit.

Under this 32 SHGs are formed. Out of this, 15 are of men, 15 are of women and 2 are of mixed group (men & women). There are 446 members having a total of Rs. 3.75 lakhs savings. These savings are used for the productive as well as unproductive activities of the SHG members.

### **Sphoorti Community Care Center for HIV/AIDS:**

A community Care Center for HIV/AIDS was started at Catholic Ashram, Mehsana with the support of Global Fund under NACP- III in October 2008. The name given to this center is SPHOORTI CCC. It has ten bedded facilities where the HIV+ persons are kept under observation for about five days when the ART treatment is started by the Civil Hospital of Mehsana. The center provides them medication and nutritious food during their stay there. The CCC has served 789 in patients and 1364 OPDs till now. The center has 14 staff members working at the CCC.

The trust through private donations is providing supplementary nutritious food like protein and iron tonic.

### **Link Worker Scheme for HIV/AIDS (LWS):**

This project was started with the support of Global Fund through Caritas India in January 2010. This program covers 12 blocks of Banaskantha District. The office is at Palanpur. There are in all 52 staff working for this program. - 2 District Resource Persons, 1 M & E Officer, 4 Supervisors and 45 link workers. This project is to identify the HIV vulnerable and high risk people in the area and give them awareness and link them with the Civil Hospital of Palanpur.