

Annual Report for the year 2011-12

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

1. Self - reliant Communities Onto Integral Development (SCOID) (2008-2011):

This project was implemented by seven partners of Deesa, Palanpur, Vadgam, Kadi, Mandali, Asal and Vijaynagar in twelve revenue villages supported by Catholic Relief Services and a portion of which is supported by NABARD for Formation of 50 SHGs & Credit Linkages. This project has phased out in September 2011 but NABARD program is extended until Oct 2012.

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 / Activities were conducted for the SHG members:

- ✧ Leadership to SHG leaders and animators
- ✧ Record keeping and accounting to SHG leaders and animators
- ✧ Entrepreneurship for mature SHGs on machine and hand embroidery
- ✧ Health- infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, Govt. health schemes
- ✧ Integral development
- ✧ Awareness on Govt. health services
- ✧ Importance of education for girl child
- ✧ Female infanticide
- ✧ Exposure visit to Govt. health units
- ✧ Health camps
- ✧ Hygiene and sanitation,
- ✧ Awareness on Govt. schemes
- ✧ Organic farming & Kitchen gardening
- ✧ Importance of girl child and education
- ✧ Women's social issues and legal rights
- ✧ TOT on SHG for animators
- ✧ Panchayat Raj Institutions
- ✧ MNREGA



Under this project we have formed so far 140 Self Help Groups and 50 SHGs under NABARD. Out of these SHGs, there are 19 male, 168 Female and 3 mixed groups. Their total savings are more than thirty lakhs rupees. Besides the internal loans the SHGs have

been able to obtain almost twenty two lakhs rupees for both productive and unproductive purposes. Four Farmers' clubs have been registered with the NABARD. Each village has a Village Development Committee (VDC) in which more than 40% are women members. They have regular monthly meetings and work for the village development and raise their village issues with the concerned authorities.

Later in October 2010 this SCOID project name was changed to "SANKALP" wherein all the three CRS partners of Gujarat were brought into one umbrella to work specifically on 3 basic issues namely MNREGA, PDS and ICDS. The basic focus was on marginalized communities in Gujarat who would have access to basic services and entitlements. The objective of this initiative was that VDC of targeted villages will have the capacity to ensure basic facilities and amenities for the marginalized by raising issues related to the community entitlements and that VDC members are using methods and tools for monitoring PRI & service providers.

During the project period, VDC were capacitated through various trainings like training of trainers, network meetings with government functionaries, capacity building of staff and VDC on monitoring tools, awareness campaign for PRIs, skill development on agriculture/MNREGA, government Schemes etc. There has been a tremendous growth in the outlook of PDS, ICDS and MNREGA as compared to earlier practices. These have been documented in both languages English & Gujarati as case studies in a booklet called "Navi Disha"

2. "Sphoorti" Community Care Center Mehsana for HIV/AIDS (2008 – 2016)

A Community Care Center for HIV/AIDS named as SPHOORTI (**Life Giving**) was started at

Catholic Ashram, Mehsana with the support of Global Fund under NACP- III through CBCI-HC in October 2008. It has ten bedded facilities where the HIV+ persons are kept under observation for about five to six days when the ART treatment is started by the Civil Hospital of Mehsana. The center provides them medication and nutritious food during their stay. The center has 12 staff members working at the CCC as per the guidelines of CBCI Health Commission. Fr Francis Xavier, Parish priest, has been delegated to administer the centre



Registered		Referrals	Counseling		Opportunistic Infections	Out Reach Visits
In Patients	Out Patients	ART/Non ART	Family	Individual		
1569	3628	737	798	5024	1274	6429

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

3. Link Workers Scheme for HIV/AIDS (LWS) at Palanpur

This project was started with the support of Global Fund through Caritas India in January 2010. It covers 12 blocks of Banaskantha District. The office is at Palanpur. 52 staffs are working for this program. - 2 District Resource Persons, 1 M & E Officer, 4 Supervisors

and 45 link workers. The involvement of the centre 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. SSSS regularly organizes workshops to all the LWS staff on various issues such as Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI), MNREGA, Social Audit, etc that support them to network with the government service providers. With the coming of new Community Care Centre at Palanpur “Asha Kiran” run by Catholic Ashram, Palanpur, the works of this centre received renewed strength to work in collaboration with them for the service of the humanity.

High Risk Group		Bridge Population			Vulnerable Youth		PLHIV		Orphan Vulnerable Child	HIV Testing	STI testing and treatment
Female Sex Worker	Men Sex with Men	Truckers	Migrant		M	F	M	F			
935	595	607	16098	9580	15460	14080	122	105	18	11829	4691

4. Empowering Communities on Health: (2010-12)

- ✧ Infant mortality Rate is reduced by 50% from the existing rate
- ✧ Maternal Mortality Rate is reduced to 0%
- ✧ Complete Ante Natal Care is increased by 30% from the existing rate
- ✧ 28 Village health workers are fully trained on health issues



This project began in December 2010 supported by Episcopale Conferenza Italiana – Rome and implemented in five blocks by five partners namely Deesa, Palanpur, Vadgam, Bhiloda and Vijaynagar in twenty eight revenue villages. The goal of the project is to improve the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) indicators in five blocks of Sabarkantha and Banaskantha districts who will completely access government health services. 28 village health

workers (VHWs) are under training who are capacitated to empower the communities on health during and after the project. Each village has formed a Village Health Committee (VHC) to facilitate and link the community with the Panchayat and the local health units to receive their entitlements on health. VHWs and communities are given awareness on various available Govt. health schemes. To name a few awareness & trainings conducted during the year are: Awareness on RCH to specific groups; Methods of teaching a community on health issues; Workshops on various health issues like first Aid / serious diseases, complete pregnancy, etc; Leadership and counseling to the VHWs; Acupressure; A couple of exposure visits to government units for the VHWs and VHCs. At the end of the year, an oral and written test was conducted for VHWs to examine their knowledge, skills and expertise.

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