

# **GRAMIN VIKAS evam PARYAVARAN SANSTHA**

(RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY)

## **NGOs – PROFILE**

**(1990-2017)**



### **Gramin Vikas evam Paryavaran Sanstha**

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## Genesis

In response to the grim situation of natural resources and human development in the rural areas of district *Dausa*, some young volunteers' along with Mr. Harishankar Sharma initiated developmental activities in one village. Initially the activities that the group had undertaken were related to welfare of the persons living at margins particularly the ST and SC population, which contributes a substantial part in the area's population. Gradually, the group expanded the scope of its activities in the areas of women development, education, social advocacy and natural resources management under the aegis of the newly formed society named *Gramin Vikas evem Paryavaran Sanstha* – GVePS. Over the years different donors including both the domestic and the international have shown keen interest in organization's endeavors and supported the organization in multiple ways. The team has got sufficient capacity building inputs from various sources. GVePS has got a small team of committed grassroots workers along with a cadre of volunteers. GVePS as an organization strongly believes in the peoples power and democratic processes.

## Vision.

GVPS's vision of a desirable world is based on values of social, economic and gender justice. Opportunity of development should be available to the communities through leadership capacities, expertise, development and participation with the balance in environment and human needs, so that they may have access on self-decision making, self-reliance and empowerment.

## Mission statement(s)

- **GVPS** identifies the poor and backward sections of society to take action towards democratic governance in society.
- Socio-economic inequalities of society require addressing issues of poverty and powerlessness.
- To take action towards co-operation and ownership of communities on environmental conservation and cultivation.
- Social exclusion entails mainstreaming participation by women, dalits , backward and other marginalized groups of society and focusing on their rights.

## Strategies:

- **Awareness building:** Awareness building among target community.
- **Organization building:** Organization building for collective action.
- **Capacity building:** Adopting various interventions for capacity building at individual and organizational level.
- **Knowledge building:** Efforts for empowering communities through knowledge building.
- **Public advocacy:** Raising voice of community through strong base of community organization and mobilization.
- **Development:** Action towards participatory way of various developmental interventions.

## Our Developmental Objectives

- To raise socio-economic status of partner communities through facilitating participatory processes for better management of natural resources and building capacities of community to sustain such processes.
- To design and implement programs aiming at enhancement of livelihood opportunities.
- Facilitating women empowerment processes through gender sensitization and income generation initiatives.
- To undertake specific interventions for promotion and protection of common property resources.
- To adapt popular knowledge in our thoughts and actions.
- Building capacities of local communities to empower them to participate in the initiatives related to management of natural resource management
- Involve appropriate actions towards raising the educational and health status of women and children so that they are well placed in development processes
- To develop community based institutions.
- To promote social Advocacy for Social Justi

### Registration details

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Society Registration No.	105/JPR/90-91 dated 01-12-1990
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PAN No.	AAAAG0209L
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FCRA No.	125560098 Dated 21-08-1998

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❖ **Area of operation :**

GVPS is working in **Dausa, Jaipur ,Sikar and Bikaner** Districts of Rajasthan.

**Philosophy:**

Dream : Determination : Creation



## Women Empowerment

### SABLA Programme:



In the month of February, with the support of **Women and Social Justice Department**, a programme was initiated with the objective to provide Life Skills, to girls in the age-group 11 to 18. The programme will be implemented in the north eastern part of Jaipur town covering 549 girls.

The programme aims at covering girls who have never been to school or are school dropout, which are in the age group of 11-18 years and aims at providing life skills and health related education. The programmes covers 185 Anganwadi centres, and reaches the grass root through monthly meeting and capacity building of Asha, Anganwadi worker and women supervisor through training.

### Campaign against Female Feticide and Domestic Violence:

Gender discrimination and female foeticide is the biggest social evil. To address the issue at local level, organization has released two stickers on female foeticide and gender discrimination under the campaign in the year 2007.

Organization has organized a special 15 days campaign against female foeticide and gender discrimination during 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007 to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Condolences were provided to girls killed under female foeticide practices in a special event.

Women Awareness camps and rallies were organized during campaign and memorandum was submitted to District Collector to stop faulty practices of female foeticide. This whole intervention was carried out with support of Action- Aid and Prayatan.



A campaign against Female Foeticide was organized last year. Consultations were organized with women from SHGs run by organization with objective of awareness generation on the issues of Domestic violence and female foeticide.

## Income Generation Activities

### Vocational training program for youth development :

There is high population of the youth of age group 18 to 35 in our country. There is also high number of such youth in this category of youth who have either not received education at all or if received they have not completed middle level education. Such youth who have either not received education at all or if received they have left the education before completion, have large capabilities of doing work but they lack efficiency.



Financial institution **Functional Vocational Training and Research Society- Bangalore**, is working in the direction of providing skill training to such school dropout youths and make them independent.

**First time** Society have facilitated Vocational and Skill training in 3 trades for school dropout youths of 18-35 years of age for better job opportunity with the help of FVTRS and European Union from June 2011 to May 2012 for 100 male-female in



1. Stitching and Garment Making.
2. Photography-videography
3. Four batches of Beautician course

90% of them started their own business after training. They earn 2000-6000Rs. per month. While training they have been educated for entrepreneurship. During their training they visited banks and district industries for better practical knowledge.

**For the second consecutive time**, this financial institute has approved the scheme of providing training to 110 youths in 3 trades. For school dropouts of Dausa district, in 3 types of trades, garments making to 45 young women, beautician course to 45 women and mobile charger and hand free making to 9 men and 24 women, instead of 110 youth, training was provided to 123 youths.

**For the period August 2015 to March 2016** FVTRS also funded for 5 types trades as Garments making, Beautician culture, Two wheeler mechanism, Electrical fitter and Patch work. In this, meeting was arranged with motivation guru, district industry centre, bank branch manager and various successful industrialists. During the training, the process of taking loan from the bank is stated and also account is opened in the bank. After tenure completion of the scheme, out of these 123 trained youth 114 have started their own business and are employed somewhere. Some youth have a monthly income of Rs 7000 to Rs 8000.

Skill -Net formation and strengthening capacity building training conducted by FVTRS in this financial year for capacity building of project partners. Promote to Skill-net GVePS organized many meetings with skilled person and formed 7 groups of skilled person for their capacity building and advocacy awareness.

### **Skill development /vocational training programmes in Rajasthan state:**

In the direction of making the youth of the country self reliant through Skill Development, **Vishaw Yuvak Kendra**, New Delhi has launched this project along with the NGO's working in 4 states i.e Maharashtra, MP, Orissa & Rajasthan. This project has been launched in 5 districts of Rajasthan in cooperation with 4 NGO's. After witnessing the performance and successful project execution experience in the past, World Youth Center, New Delhi has launched this project in the Dausa Block of the Dausa District and Jamwaramgarh Block of the Jaipur District. The main goal of this project is to take the youth in the age group of 18 to 35 towards self reliance through training in Skill Development. The institution identified the youth of 18 to 35 by visiting the villages of the 2 blocks. Before the identification of the youth, 6 days youth entrepreneurship development training and training according to the sustainable employment opportunities was to be given to 50 young people from every district. Out of the total 50 female youth present, the institution provided garment making training to 39 and beautician training to the remaining 11 youth girls.



After this training they are earning 3000 to 6000 per month. The institution provided training in various trades to young people in the age group of 18 to 35 of the Dausa block in Dausa district. 23 males are given training in carpet making, 18 females in saree embroidery and 12 males are given training in 2 wheeler repairing. After 2 wheeler repair training the youth are earning 7000 to 12000 per month. The carpet making trainees are earning 5000 to 6000 per month. Those who do Saree embroidery are earning 3000 to 4000 per month.

## Environment Development Programme

### Sustainable Agriculture Development Initiative:

The organization has undertaken 3 specific activities related to Natural Resources Management. Focus of these activities was to promote and support organic farming practices. Details are a under,

#### Eco-Sustainable Agriculture Development and Training Program:



For promoting bio farming, this project was started in the year 2004. With a purpose to make this technique more popular and user friendly, in project villages, trainings, exhibitions and exposures were organized time to time. As an encouraging response to this effort, today more than 200 farmers have adopted bio farming technique. This program is being run with the support of IGSSS, New Delhi.

### Organic Farming Campaign:

With the increased use of chemical fertilizers and chemical insecticide the ecological balance is being adversely affected. In response to this situation, in 15 villages a phased campaign was implemented for three months i.e. from January 2006 to March 2006. Village meetings, training camps, wall writing and fair for farmers were the important events of this campaign. This was executed with the help of UNIDO-Austria.



### Organic Farming:

Organization has implemented various interventions related to organic farming in past to promote the practice of sustainable agriculture development. This year a series of meetings was organized with farmers working on the organic farming practices to provide them latest information on the organic farming practices and inform them about different schemes of Agriculture and Horticulture Department.



### Vermin Compost Promotion:

Organic manure is the main component of organic farming. To encourage farmers towards organic farming, 100 vermin compost pits were constructed for 50 farmers in 10 villages. This project was completed with the financial support of CAPART, Jaipur.



### Documentation:

GVePS has also written a book titled '*Jaivik Kheti Ki Or*' (towards organic farming) with an objective to promote the concept and to develop an understanding about the same in young generation.

### National Environment Awareness Campaign:

With the support of the Ministry of Forest and Environment (GoR), organization undertook a campaign to raise awareness on the issues related to environment conservation. Activities such as organization of awareness camps, capacity building on vermin compost and preparation of *Nadep pits* were undertaken. The campaign covered population of 10 villages.



### Documentation:

Organization has published a booklet compiling information of shrubs and herbs of medicinal use found in *Aravali* range. The study was supported by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Gol. Though the support of the ministry is over, organization continued its efforts this year also. Efforts were made to collect information on medicinal plants found in *Aravali* region.

### Water for Tomorrow Campaign:

Water scarcity has been a perennial problem for the region we work with. Organization undertook initiative involving Women Collectives, *Panchayati Raj Institutions*, School Children and Village Institutions to raise awareness on the issue as well as to convey the need to adopt water harvesting techniques. The campaign benefited population of 7 villages.

### Conservation and regeneration of Medicinal plants of Aravali Region:

With an objective to increase environmental awareness and to encourage student's participation in issues related to bio-diversity conservation an exclusive intervention was taken up this year. The intervention covered a total number of 10 upper primary and Secondary level schools of



Rajgarh and Thanagazi Panchaayt Samaitis of Alwar district. The specific actions points include were identification, collection and documentation of medicinal plants, shrubs and herbs exists in Aravali hiilly regions.

As an outcome, an informatory book titled “ *Aravali parvatmala ki jari-bootiyan*” was developed besides establishment of “Herbal-Banks” in targeted schools. The intervention was supported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Gol in association with the Center for Environment Education, Ahmedabad.

### Climate Change Awareness Campaign:

Awareness camps were organized in 8 schools to make students aware about Climate Change. Information on reasons of climate changes at global level and its impacts was provided in these camps.

### Eastern Rajasthan Package program\_:

GVPS is running this 5-year program by financial assistance of Christian Aid (UK) through CASA for three hundred families of three villages by their capacity building through Natural resources Management, so that their socio-economic status could be uplifted. The major project activities are as under :



### Soil and water Conservation for Drought Affected People:

A project entitled “Soil & Water Conservation Programme for Drought affected people in Dausa District” A project is also being implemented in 5 villages with financial assistance from Indo-German Social Services Society (IGSSS). The project is providing employment to the drought affected people on soil and water conservation and pasture land development activities.

### Our village our Environment :

In comparison of men women are mostly busy in domestic and occupational chores in their day to day life in rural area. Considering their active participation in agricultural activities the organization planned to work with these women and make them aware about environment conservation like plantation, preservation of local seeds. Community

Aid Abroad has given financial support to our organization through DCNC Trust for this intervention.

### Eco Club Program :

The Ministry of Environment and Forest has supported GVPS to run this program. Under the program we make students and teachers aware about the environmental activities. 27 Government schools of Dausa and Jaipur Districts were covered under the project.

### PRI Members Environmental Workshop :

The organization holds the National Environmental Awareness Campaign every year with the assistance of Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. Under this program mainly rally, padyatra, women, awareness, camps, and students' debate over environment. One block level workshop on Joint Forest Management was also organized in Bassi in 1994-95. 29 Sarpanchs participated in this workshop.

## Health Programme

### Targeted Intervention with FSW- MSM in Sikar district :

Targeted Intervention with FSW & MSM scheme started in Sikar district in April 2005, with financial support of Rajasthan State Aids Control Society, Jaipur is a scheme in the history of institution that has completed a great decade. In its lifetime of last 10 years, this scheme has witnessed many ups and downs along with the achievements. The initial 6 months of the scheme passed in deciding whether to implement or not, but it is the result of the successful implementation of the scheme that RSACS and NASCO have developed it as a model of the learning side.



On the basis of the achievements of this scheme many financial institutions visited and accepted various schemes related to HIV/AIDS. For example, Community Care Centre-Bikaner, Targeted Intervention in Jaipur District

Under the scheme, services such as awareness, counseling, free and social-marketing condom supply, regular continuous contact and advocacy-social networking are made available to the target group. Clinics have been opened on PPP model so that the target group can avail regular health services and checkups. Legal help is provided to the group through advocates to stop the violence. Continuous efforts are made to enhance the efficiency of the target group by organizing various activities under advocacy and networking.

### Targeted Intervention with MSM in Jaipur District :

With financial help of Rajasthan State Aids Control Society, Targeted Intervention with MSM scheme was started in urban areas of Jaipur district in March 2014. In financial year 2014-15, after identification of 410 MSM in the urban areas of Jaipur district, registration was started.



After the registration, on a regular basis the institute provides awareness, counseling, availability of condoms along with the regular check up of STI, RTI. Clinics have been established by the institute on PPP model where the target group can get their checkup done on their own and get free medicines.

Under this scheme, to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS and to promote the use of condoms, target group is made aware by giving a condom demo to them. Registered MSM has free and regular availability of condoms through social marketing. Condom depots have been established according to the easy access of reference groups. Efforts are in progress to provide skills training to them in the direction of self-employment.

### Community Care Centre :

For the look after and treatment of AIDS patients, in the Bikaner district headquarter a “**Jeevan Prakash Community Care centre**” was established with the support of HLFPPPT. After the Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) the patients are sent to ART centre for counselling and look after. The centre provides free medicine, food and Psychiatric counselling for the patients, to make sure that the person does not give up and has a positive approach and motivation towards life.

This centre not only caters for patients of Bikaner, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Churu, Nagaur districts but provides assistance to patients from states of

Punjab and Haryana. The centre has registered more than 1700 patients till 31/March/2013. The centre is been given Grade “A” by NACCO for its services, in the current financial year. As per the new guidelines from NACCO, CCC will be converted to RCCC, and the programme will be completed all over India on 31/March/ 2013.



### Targeted Intervention with Migrants in Jaipur :

Organization is implementing Targeted Intervention Project in Sikar district since April 2005 successfully. Targeted Intervention with 5000 Migrants in Jaipur was sanctioned by RSACS after evaluating the achievements made in Sikar district. This project was started in November 2008 and total 8 project sites were identified in Jaipur. About 70000 migrants from different places like Orisa, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are residing at these sites and working at different workplaces like factories, shops and other places. Awareness generation on HIV/AIDS related issues among these target groups is carried out through different means like Puppet (Katputli) show, Street Plays, Film show etc. More than 50 condom outlets are established at different workplaces so that migrant people have easy accessibility of condoms as per their requirements. This project completed 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012.



## Janani Suraksha Yojana Helpline

Janani Suraksha Yojana Helpline project was initiated in December 2006 in 28 blocks of 28 districts of Rajasthan with support of National Rural Health Mission and Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi.

GVePS has implemented this helpline in Lalsot block of Dausa district to provide help to pregnant women. This helpline has worked on the concept of 24/7 i.e. 24 hours a day and 7 days of week.

This helpline was implemented till June 2007 only due to policy level decision of State Government and VHAI.



## Reproductive Health Program:

Organization has implemented Reproductive Health Program along with Targeted Interventions (TI) project. As migrant people were focus of the TI Project in Sikar district, therefore, reproductive health program was initiated for female counterpart of migrant males. Awareness regarding reproductive health was generated among females.

Information on Sexual Disease and its treatment, care of pregnant women and children immunization were provided to women and men couples under Reproductive Health Program. This program was totally supported by organization itself.

## Adolescent Girl Health Program :

. Adolescent Girl Health Program was also organized at school level to make adolescent students aware about HIV/AIDS apart from TI Project in Sikar district. Adolescent girls of age above 14 years were made aware on the issues related to health like HIV/AIDS and adolescent health and education.

## ASHA Training:

Five residential trainings of four days duration were organized of ASHAs of Lalsot block of Dausa district. These trainings were supported by National Rural Health Mission and Medical & Health Department of Rajasthan Government.



### ASHA NISCHYA Training :

A workshop was organized on testing of pregnant women for ASHAs working in Aaganwadi centers of Sikar district. Training was provided on ways of testing of pregnant women through a kit. All ASHAs working in rural area of Sikar district were provided training at block level, This program was implemented with supportt of HLFPPT.



### Reproductive Health Program:

Organization has implemented Reproductive Health Program along with Targeted Interventions (TI) project in Sikar. Consultations were organized at Aaganwadi Centre to provide information about reproductive health. Testing, Counseling on Sexual Diseases and its treatment were by doctors under Reproductive Health Program.



### Mother and Child Health & family Welfare Programme



The UNFPA Program was sanctioned to GVPS for innovative programs in deprived areas to assist community. The program was successfully organized for the population of 10,000 residing in the 14 villages.

### **Integrated Nutrition and Health program :**

GVPS made efforts for community ownership in Beenawala village of Dausa Panchayat Samiti and Brahmwad village of Sikrai Panchayat Samiti under Integrated Nutrition and Health Project.

### **VCD Program :**

GVPS organized Village Contact Drive to create awareness among eligible couples for contraceptive menthols and immunization. IEC Department of Government of Rajasthan supported the VCD program for three villages.

## **Education Programme**

### **Primary School :**

The out of school children particularly the working children are denied from the right to education. The special educational needs of such children requires a pedagogy different that of the mainstream schools. A special school is established by the organization for such children, at present 45 children are enrolled in this school. The project is supported by the Indo Global Social Service Society – New Delhi and National Education Group – New Delhi.



### **Campaign for Quality Education- a Challenge in Rural Areas:**

Organization has carried out an informal survey in 50 schools of 8 Gram Panchayats of Jamwaramgarh Panchayat Samiti of Jaipur district. An action plan was prepared after discussions with teachers, students, villagers and people representatives to assess the status of quality education in 2 selected villages of these 8 gram panchayats.



### **Educational Program - The Sarthak (meaningful)School :**

Sarthak School program is jointly run in collaborated with CECODECON, Jaipur. The GVPS is running 10 Sarthak schools that are based on BRAC model of non-formal primary education for never visited or deprived girl child of 7-14 years. These girls work in animal husbandry, Carpets and agriculture field.

### **Other Programme**

#### **Relief Program :**

The organization also organized a flood relief program in August 1995, when the operational area was badly affected by floods. Due to the floods many people lost their homes and other household articles. The organization distributed tin shades, clothes, utensils, blankets and grain to the victim's of 10 villages.

#### **Drought Relief Programme:**

A project entitled "*joint NGO action Drought Relief Programme in Rajasthan*" was implemented in the village Basadi and Ramjipura (Dangarwada) by the financial assistance from Jaipur based voluntary organization CECOEDECON. Under the project, deepening and repairing of old village ponds were completed with active participation of rural community. Total 1240 men-days were created for the work.

Looking into serious drinking water problem, **GVPS** repaired and deepened five community drinking water wells in the villages Boroda, Binawala, Basadi, Banjara Dhani and Rampura with active participation and assistance of local community.

### **Soil and water Conservation for Drought Affected People:**

A project is also being implemented in 5 villages with financial assistance from Indo-German Social Services Society (IGSSS). The project is providing employment to the drought affected people on soil and water conservation and pasture land development activities.

### **Wada Na Todo Abhiyan :**

Organization under the Wada Na Todo Abhiyan prepared a People's Manifesto for Dausa Local Assembly Constituency in consultation of different stakeholders of society like Sarpanch, Pradhan, Chiefs, NGOs and other CSOs of Dausa district.



### **Stand Up Take Action Program Under UN Millennium Campaign:**



Organization has organized Speak Up and Take Action program under UN Millennium Campaign in 10 villages to create awareness on Millennium Development Goals to eradicate poverty. This campaign was organized from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October and more than 5000 people comprising youth, students, Panchayati Raj Representatives, Farmers and women took oath to achieve MDGs

