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## SAMAJ VIKAS SANSTHA

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### **Introduction:**

On 28 November 2015, Samaj Vikas Sanstha (SVS) completed 20 years of its existence. In these past 20 years, it has been through many phases of growth and development in response to contemporary challenges and issues.

Samaj Vikas Sanstha (SVS), pursues the ideals of sustainable development for the benefit of local communities, backward people and mainly focusing on rural development in Omerga, Lohara, Kallam, Tuljapur talukas in Osmanabad district and Nilanga taluka in Latur district of Maharashtra. Samaj Vikas Sanstha, is actively involved in the development of Lamanis, tribals and other backward sections in and around Omerga. Each phase has involved a simultaneous process of reaffirming the founding vision of SVS “Creating Livelihood opportunities, striving for equal rights and participation of women,

children, landless dalits, tribals and weaker sections of the society in the development processes”.

Through its strategic planning and interventions SVS has evolved to be mature organization which works towards sustained impact in the area livelihood, gender issues and women empowerment.

SVS has witness many challenges and has learnt in the process to circumvent all these with relentless efforts of her team. SVS’s interventions have been seen length and breadth of these issues. We have reached out to more than 110 villages of 4 talukas in two districts (Osmanabad and Latur).

During the 2015-16 the developmental interventions/programmes SVS executed scores of interventions relate to issues it is working on namely formation and strengthening of SHG’s, Income generation trainings, promotion of women’s leadership, propagation of Panchayatiraj, socio-economic development of people with drought, provision of safe portable water in drought area, distribution of grains, stationary, cloths, schools bag, instrument needed for farming etc. Vatsalya Centre for orphan and one parent children, and the initiatives on “liberating women from violence”. Starting with a report on this new outreach programme of the organization (Liberating women from violence), this annual report provides a glimpse on the activities/programmes/interventions by the organization during the year and some of its outputs/impacts.

## 1. “Vatsalya” – a centre for orphan and one parent children:



Vatsalya started in 2006, with 10 students Vatsalya started. Later within one year, vatsalya given admission to 30 children. In year 2015-16 there were 30 students were present. Vatsalya houses totally orphans whose

don't have both the parents. Vatsalya is well equipped three storied building, with 30 beds, 8 computers, a multipurpose hall, LCD project, water filter and the solar based water heater, good library facility, all play articles like zula, bicycle etc. Vatsalya believes in the democratic functioning. In order to inculcate these values amongst the children we have formed various committees of children living in Vatsalya. The committees such as Cleanliness/ hygiene, health, defense, education, home ministry, cultural committees etc are formed so as to give a learning experience on managing of Vatsalya.

Vatsalya also takes care of the hobbies and interests of its inmates. We have provisioned a library to which the children have friendly access. 4 children are pursuing music and instrument learning classes and 20 children are taking computer and typing classes. 3 boys and 9 girls can drive bicycle very well. We also provide coaching on Kusti (Wrestling ) and Karate. Two children have earned two gold medals in Kusti (wrestling) at block level

(Winners felicitated by dignitaries). 4 Students also have completed MS-CIT classes this year. Sunita Belambe, Surekha Rathod, Vijaya Ladda, have completed MSCIT this year.

Supportive agency:

- We are contributing some amount of money and the needed things for the children.
- The agency name as 'Goonj' is struggling to provide many needed articles to vatsalya children.

## **2. Campaign against violence against women:**

This is the six consecutive year of our struggle to bring about equality, reduce the gender based discrimination, and eliminate gender based violence. The multi pronged approach to this vision is through preventive and case based intervention by providing legal aid, support, prevention and eradication of all types of violence against women. We have reached out in 100 villages from four blocks of two district. We have appointed 400 Gram Savitries (Women animators) in these 100 villages under intervention. Gram Savitries play vital role of providing support to victims of violence from their respective villages. The gram savitries engage Tanta Mukh Samiti (Conflict resolution committees) at village level, block level committees and police stations to assist the victims in securing protection against violence

and secure justice. Petty quarrels and conflicts at village level are being handled by the samiti members in the village itself. 1004 women in distress have approached the Gram Savitris for help. 250 Gram Savitri's has got primary membership in the village Tanta Mukta Samiti in 100 villages. 72 cases at the village level were resolved by the Gram Savitiri. Efforts were made to solve 208 Cases from 4 different districts by the samiti members.



### **Domestic violence cases handled by SVS**

<b>Taluka</b>	<b>Umerga</b>	<b>Kalamb</b>	<b>Lohara</b>	<b>Nilanga</b>
Conducting Nari Adalat	13	6	11	6
Cases solved	14	5	5	3
Divorce	1	0	0	1
Referred to Court	0	2	7	0
In process	7	5	2	1

### **3. Liberating women from violence – (a New initiative)**

This Programme Liberating Women from violence, - which became operational during the reporting period is a multi dimensional approach to provide aid, support, prevention and eradication of all types of violence against women. It also envisages accountability of perpetrators who indulge in violence against women. The project is being implemented in three talukas of Osmanabad district, viz. Omerga, Lohara, and Kallam, and Nilanga taluka of Latur district, (Maharashtra State, INDIA).

In this first year of the project, we have made some important breakthroughs, viz. research and collection of data on different types and instances of Violence Against Women (VAW), Printing hand bills and copies of various Acts/laws etc. Training programmes, providing legal aid to needy women, conducting street plays and Nari Adalats etc. this year from 5 talukas in 110 villages through 55 Nari Adalat we focus on preventing the women from various violence, create awareness about various right which they are unaware, solve family problem and renew family which is broken through various type of counseling.



#### **4. Jansunwai (public hearing) program to discuss and highlight VAW and its fall out on society (one in each year)**

This year the 5<sup>th</sup> planned Jansunwai was held in a unique way. Public hearing was held in Umerga in the organization's premises. This year Jansunwai taken on 8<sup>th</sup> march 2016 at Sub-divisional officer of Umerga block, CEO of nagar Parishad, Umerga; Tahasildaar of Umerga and Lohara; and police officers from Umerga police station were present during the Public hearing.

Youths, adolescent girls, women Gram Savitris participated in this Jan Sunwai; resolutions were also passed during the program to strengthen efforts of the Samiti members.

The resolutions were as follows:

- 50% reservation for women in village Tanta Mukta Samiti.
- Formation of Stree Atyachar Virodhi Samiti in every village; participation rights to all women irrespective of her caste and religion.
- Formation of independent team in every police station for sensitive resolution of cases of violence against women.
- Membership in Mahila Dakshta Samiti should be given only to women.
- Police Mitra identity cards should be issued to all the women in the villages.

## **5. Organization of women and Formation of self Help groups ( SHGs)**

To realize the goals of economic and political empowerment of women through SHGs, we have formed 47 SHGs and 76 federations in four blocks of two districts in this year. 45 groups have availed a loan of 21 lakhs 23 thousand from the banks in this year. Some of the enterprises include spice grinding mills, flour mill, Bakery and confectionaries, salons, mobile repairing, sari waving etc. We have better representation of women from Gram panchayat to District Level. We also initiated the campaign to name the house under joint ownership of Husband and wife. Before that it was only on husband's names. Many of our women are quite confident and also live life with dignity.



## **6. Support classes and Abhiruchi classes:-**

To create interest of student in the process of education support classes has been provided to the student who are weak in the studies. The parents from the backward classes are not enough understanding about importance of education. So they fail to give proper guidance of education to their

children. Support classes are arranged by trained teacher to teach student where they are lacking. With the preprimary education Abhiruchi classes arranged for the children to create interest in the studies with the help of co curricular activities. Various songs, dance, games and role play had taught to the children made them to re-demonstrate it.

**Outcome:** Children will gain adequate confidence and it also will help in team spirit and improve leadership quality.



**7. Youth committee:** youth committee established from 65 villages and area of backward people like Tanda. The main function of youth committee is to making people aware about health. Youth also take active part in educated people regarding importance of kitchen garden and helping them to preparation of kitchen garden. In this year youth festival celebrated to enhance the capability of youths. Various competitions conducted in youth festival. Total 1500 youth had participated and won many prizes.



**8. Kitchen garden:** awareness regarding kitchen garden created among people through youth committee and various program conducted by Sanstha. Kitchen garden is helping people to improve nutrition and making them improve socioeconomically which is prepared with very low cost. Its cost effective method to help nutritional status of people.

**9. Removing slit from well:** In akola district from vidharbha in kapasi, mahan, atapata damp slit removal program conducted. This slit used for improving the quality of farming. Bore well maintenance had done for 25 villages. Total 1000 Cintex provided to 734 widows and 225 farmers for the 2 talukas whereas slit had removed from 41 wells. 421 family had been distributed with ration for Diwali.



## **10.Cropping for farmers:-**

As a support cropping facility is provided to the farmer who has great loss in the hailstorm. Free of cost cropping gave a support to the farmers which help them to spent less on farm. Total 330 farmers benefited from this scheme.



**11.Distribution of grains:** - the total 550 people had been distributed with the grains for the people in drought. The people from Omerga, kallamb, Lohara, and Nilanga taluka from Osmanabad and Latur district got benefited.

## **12.Meals for people in drought:-**

In this year throughout Maharashtra people suffered from drought. Many people had been migrated to other place due to insufficient water in farm. The most drought suffered place is selected for distribution of meal.

Isrup taluka from Washi district which is most affected village by drought is selected for this programme. From 29<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> June in this period free of cost dinner had been provided to whole village. People had utilized their money whatever is saved through is programme in cropping of their



own farm.

**13.Provision of employment:** from Maharashtra and vidharbha regions total 2,22,500 people from 99 village employed through MREGS during drought period.

**14.Construction of hostel for children suffering from HIV:-**

We are planning to construct hostel for children suffering from HIV in turori in Omerga taluka. Construction has already started which is still in complete so we need help for construction of this building.

**15.Conclusion**

SVS is grateful to many individuals and organizations for their unflinching support. We could not have achieved whatever we have achieved without their support. My sincere gratitude to all our Supporters, Donors, Well wishers, Govt. Officials and their Administrative Machinery and all the people with whom it is in partnership for the social economic and educational development of the rural community. I also appreciate commitment And hard work of our team members. SVS has dream, a dream of creating just society where all the individuals are able to live a life with dignity - a life of quality. We thank all those who are with us in this journey.



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