

SAMAJ VIKAS SANSTHA

Annual Report FY 2012 – 2013

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Introduction:

On 28 November 2011, Samaj Vikas Sanstha (SVS) completed 16 years of its existence. In these past 16 years, it has been through many phases of growth and development in response to contemporary challenges and issues. 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 FY 2012-13 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, Educational development programmes like balwadis, support classes, strengthening of village education committees, advocacy and lobbying-

highlighting the plight of government hostels for adivasi, tribal and backward students, 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:



Initiated in 2006, Vatsalya houses 30 children; 18 girls and 12 boys. Vatsalya houses orphans, children of single parents, or children whose parents work in extremely vulnerable conditions and are unable to look after their children. Vatsalya is well equipped three storied building, with 30 beds, 4 computers, a multipurpose hall, LCD project, water filter and the solar based

water heater. 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. 6 children are pursuing music and instrument learning classes. 4 children are taking computer and typing classes. 6 girls have completed the nursing courses out of which 5 girls have



secured jobs in Government hospitals. 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).

Companionate care, mingled with love and affection, systematic learning in joyful atmosphere, giving opportunities to realize

their full potentials, are some of our core values at Vatsalya. We aim to prepare our children for the better world where they learn to take up the ownership to their personal and vocational future.

2. Campaign against violence against women:



This is the third 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 200 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 Mukta 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. In these three years 599 cases were registered out of which 393 cases have been resolved. All these animators have been provided with trainings on perspectives and paralegal training.

Table given below gives a snapshot of the intervention.

Total dist.	Total taluka	Total villages	Total village population	Total registered Cases.	Total renewed family	Total no.of divorce women	Total court on going cases
2	5	110	22 Lakh	598	348	8	27

1A woman happily reunited with her family



The biggest achievement of this program is that women from the intervention area feel supported; fear of violence is reduced significantly, women have become aware about their rights and are also knowledgeable about various laws under which they can seek solace.

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 . throughout this 154 women living life happily with their family. One of the most important and encouraging change happening at the village level is that, of the gradual change in the attitude of the people – people are positively inclined to support every effort of the activists and thereby ensuring the success of the programmes. In most of the target villages, there is considerable improvement in the level of awareness on VAW, Basic Laws, Nari Adalats etc. The women’s self help groups (Micro-credit Groups) are actively and openly supporting the initiatives of the organization. A lot of people are visiting the office of our organization seeking guidance/assistance or support.

Total dist.	Total taluka	Total villages	Total village population	Total registered Cases.	Total renewed family	Total no.of divorce women	Total court on going cases
2	5	110	21 lakhs	184	154	8	21

The project staff has also become experts in implementing the various project programmes, organizing and ensuring the support of the people etc. The new found confidence and enthusiasm of the project staff is reflected during the monthly meetings, reporting and planning of the project programmes. Below is mentioned about the activities during the year as part of this programme.

4. Hostels for children from backward caste:

Vision: to foster collaborative action to avail the entitlements under the GR issues on 26th July 2011 for the government or aided hostels for children from backward caste. We have been working with 1586 students from 24 hostels from four districts viz- Beed, Osmanabad, Nanded, and Latur. SVS has been instrumental in bringing about an amendment in 1984 GR on the facilities being provided. We formed various committees of the children living in the hostels and conducted various activities such as Play for Peace, organized competitions for the children. Awareness was created amongst the inmates on the facilities they entitled to get under the revised GR. Based on this the students could get access to books in the library, water filter, solar system for warming of water, a computer per ten students, dearness allowance, cleanliness allowance, LCD T.V. We also created awareness amongst the parents about the facility to meet their children while they are in the hostel. We also sought information on the difficulties faced in the hostel under Right to Information act.

The significant outcome of this effort was a GR that was issued on 26th November 2011. All children and the staff members are now aware about it.

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 822 SHGs in four blocks of two districts. Out of these 458 groups have availed a loan of upto 6 lakh from the banks. With the help of this 132 groups have started their own ventures. 4 groups have initiated 4 PDS (Public Distribution Scheme) and Kerosene distribution shops. 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. Interventions during drought in Marthawada:



Marthawada is extremely drought prone region. Many women suffer as they have to walk miles together to fetch water. Time, energy, resources are wasted in fulfilling the basic need of water. The livestock suffering was the worst. Many cattle like cows, buffalos, sheep and goats were sent to abator (Slaughter House) due to severe scarcity of water. In this situation we initiated work in three villages. We identified these three villages which are situated on a hillock. We brought water from the nearby ponds to the wells in villages; shades for animal were built and provided with fodder and water. 120 cattle were saved during this period. We also sent out tanker water in the most affected areas. Now our villagers are valuing water

7. Pre Primary Education(Balwadi):



We promote pre primary education amongst the laman – a nomadic community. 5 such balwadies have been started in Omeraga block. We promote joyful learning. We have designed the curriculum which includes introduction to letters, numbers, songs. This also include modules on personal hygiene, nutrition etc. Cultural programmes and hobby classes are also conducted for all the children

in the weekends which help in unearthing nurturing the talents of children. In all the balwadis children celebrated the Independence Day, and the Republic days. The President/members of VEC unfurled the tricolor and children conducted songs and dance programmes. Sweets were also distributed to the children. Out of 150 Children 30 children have been assisted taking admissions in the first standard there bt mainstreaming them into education system. Many dalit and Laman women have taken trainings such as embroidery training, sewing classes, beauty parlors etc.

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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