

Samaj Vikas Sanstha

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Introduction:

On 28 November 2014, Samaj Vikas Sanstha (SVS) completed 19 years of its existence. In these past 17 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 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 FY 2013-14 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.

"Vatsalya"

A centre for orphan and one parent children:



Initiated in 2006, Vatsalya houses 25 children; 16 girls and 9 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. 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).

- Awards: Mrs vijaya wagh is awarded with “ Adarsh Mata Puskar” for her compassion of work.

Supportive agency:

- Steching geron is providing fund to take care of vatsalya children.
- 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.



- **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 which 393 cases have been resolved. All these animators have been provided with trainings on perspectives and paralegal training.

Domestic violence cases handled by SVS

- Cases registered with Gram Savitri**

Sr.	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Omerga	85	106	56	22	269
Nilanga	67	76	84	35	262
Lohara	47	73	103	37	260
Kalamb	34	68	88	63	253
Total	233	323	331	157	1044

- Cases registered at Block office**

Sr.	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Omerga	55	90	84	38	267
Nilanga	0	15	21	22	58
Lohara	1	31	7	9	48
Kalamb	12	19	32	25	88
Total	68	155	144	94	461

- **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 . through out 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

- **Goat training program**



With the help of SHGS group as mini business most of the women has started goat occupation. Most of the people are farmer, with the help of farming people have started this business and able to care for goats. We conducted training program for 450 women though 10 villages. Various goat disease, prevention and treatment of disease, types of goat, marketing, types of food preferred for goats these topic had included in training program

Support:- Nabard pune has supported for training program

- **Leadership development program:-**



The training program has been conducted in 5 villages from omurga taluka in osmanabad district. The leadership quality has inculcate in the women with help of this training program politics, social awareness, cultural activities, economically development and social development these topic has been included in the training programme. women should took active part in various governance program

and she should be socially, emotionally, psychologically develop, this was main outcome of this training programme.

- **Environmental development by planting various trees:-**



The importance of environment development has been taught to the people. we encouraged to plant various trees in bhramapuri colony. With help of these 200 types of plant has been planted by encouraged people in bhramapuri colony.

The training on thibac sinchan has be given to the people. The water is also arranged for these tree in summer season.

- **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.

- **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 930 SHGs in four blocks of two districts. Out of these 510 groups have availed a loan of upto 7.2 lakh from the banks. With the help of this 266 groups have started their own ventures. 6 groups have initiated 6 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.

- **Interventions during drought in Marathawada:**



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 ablator (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

- **Pre Primary Education(Balwadi):**



We promote pre primary education amongst the laman – a nomadic community. 5 such balwadies have been started in Omeraga block. The President/members of VEC unfurled the tricolor and children conducted songs and dance programmes. Sweets were also distributed to the children.

The curriculum is planned on the monthly basis. Children are taught alphabetic, numbers, names of fruits, flowers trees.

The learning is made joyful through storytelling, action songs and use of teaching aids etc. For the motor development children are encouraged to make articles of clay. Various extra curriculum activities are organized to develop the hidden talents of children.

The principle of 'Learning by Doing' holds a lot of importance at this stage. The children are given opportunity to collect the items such as leaves, flowers from their immediate surrounding thereby ensuring the application of knowledge the children learn in the balwadies.

At present children are able to identify names of fruits, plants, animals, numbers, alphabetic, phonetics. Children are able to do pronunciation small words in English. Children can write number from 1 to 50, and sing many nursery rhymes such as Rain on the green grass, Sonu Monu, Row -row -row the boat, two little hands. 'Children are running to school instead of walking to school'! as a

result attendance of children is also very regular. 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.