

"EQUALITY OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"

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# WE THE PEOPLE

## Sahariyas

Sahariya is one of the most primitive tribe. It resides in Gwalior and surrounding districts. Its Population is around 6 lakhs in MP and 2 lakh outside. Few government programs have reached them. They avoid interaction with the modern world. It may appear exasperation, but malnutrition, anemia, lower birth rate, Tuberculosis is present in almost all the houses. Alcohol, tobacco, hard work in stone quarries and shortage of food are part of their life style. Sambhav has been struggling for their rights and better health for last two decades. Here are some proposed interventions to fight against the of TB in this society. It will not be easy. Sahariyas are also most exploited and oppressed group of people. Modern world is not their world. The super complication and administrative structure have been alienating them further.

## Entitlement

Sambhav is a firm believer in entitlement of constitutional remedies. Although a lot has been done in terms of laying the policies in favour of the poorest of poor, sadly very little has been able to be achieved. Sambhav is working towards elimination of social disparity by ensuring better life to all. In direct reference to the SDGs laid by the United Nations, the organization also draws its focus on eliminating social exclusion in terms of access to education, healthcare, financial safety and safety of women.

## Women

Internationally 'violence against women' (VAW) is defined as gender based which is directed against a woman because she is a woman or affects women disproportionately. It is recognized as a violation of women's human rights and fundamental freedoms. The UN Declaration on the Elimination of VAW (DEVAW) acknowledges VAW as both a cause and consequence of women's inequality vis-à-vis men, as well as a grave form of discrimination. Addressing VAW entails tackling the root causes of the problem from the home to the transnational arena. Under international law, States are obligated to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, as well as act with 'due diligence' to prevent the violation of women's rights. Under the due diligence standard, States have a duty to take positive action to prevent and protect women from violence, punish perpetrators of violent acts and compensate victims of violence. Compliance with this standard requires comprehensive, multi-sectorial and sustained approaches to prevent and reduce VAW.

## We Work With

- The Sahariya Tribe
- Women and Adolescents
- Urban Slum Dwellers
- Service Providers



# E-COMMUNITY

## 7 SLUMS | 300 CHILDREN | 5000 FAMILIES

The project is based on the findings of the Community Needs Assessment in 7 Slums of Pithampur Industrial Area.

**Health-** The project is on a community health approach and promotion of health seeking behavior among adults as well as children.

**Remedial Education-** The remedial education component of the program works on a two-way model. The first model is to provide supplementary education to children attending schools. The second component is that of identifying dropout children from within the slums and to align them with the process of education through life skill-based education.

**Women Empowerment:** The program proposes over a period of 5 years to form Self Help Groups, their training and capacity building on group dynamics and book keeping, followed by handholding support in terms of facilitating regular meetings, bank account opening and credit support for micro-entrepreneurial initiatives.

This has been a very special time for the project. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic globally, Pithampur has been no exception.

The imposed lockdown brought a major shift in the way the strategies of implementation for the project had to be realigned in terms of the thematic focus of the project. This included a series of discussion in-house and revealed an urgent need to modify the project activities to primarily work within the community to address the spread of the health threat, while also working on a strategy to help families that have been economically affected by the lockdown resulting in widespread migration and loss of livelihood.

- Survey of Families Affected by the lockdown and economic slowdown.
- Ration distribution to families in urgent need of food material (dry ration)
- Orientation programs at the community level on awareness in relation to COVID-19 among
- Women, Adolescent Girls, and Youth.
- Changes at program level i.e. Health, Education, and Women Empowerment within the ambit of lockdown restrictions and maintaining norms of social distancing.
- Imparting education to children at home level



# PARIVARTAN

**305 CHILDREN | 200 WOMEN | 100 SAHARIYA FAMILIES**

The program is focused on educational development of the village and women empowerment through establishment of Parivartan Kendra, Upgradation of Educational infrastructure and providing supplementary education to adolescent girls in the village. Sambhav has been implementing the Parivartan program in Tilori village of Malanpur, Bhind. The program is focused on educational development of the village and women empowerment through establishment of Parivartan Kendra, Upgradation of Educational infrastructure and providing supplementary education to adolescent girls in the village.

## **Activities in a Nutshell 2020**

- Cricket Tournament of Girls
- Education through digital mediums and orientation of teachers on use of modern-day technological alternatives such as web-based education.
- Dry ration distribution to 100 families of Tribals from the village, along with 100 painter community.
- Celebration of Women's Day, Environment Day and Health Day with observance of social distancing protocol as prescribed by the government of India.
- Registration of children with learning disabilities on web-based education programs.
- 67 Children attending remedial education.
- 40 Women attending adult education.



# JAI JAGAT 2020

## 40 COUNTRIES | 100 ORGANISATIONS

The core vision of Jai Jagat is to create a space where groups and movements converge to make change nonviolently and address issues related to justice and peace ameliorating the Climate Crisis. This series of Gandhian Actions is to begin the planning for the 2020-2030 campaign meant to change global public opinion and enhance the emergence of an alternative development that is pro-people, pro-poor and pro-nature (for more information visit [www.jaijagat2020.org](http://www.jaijagat2020.org))

The Jai Jagat campaign works from the local is central to the Jai Jagat vision. This is the place where people have the potential to have self-governing and self-sufficient communities. This can be in rural or urban areas, and if in place, it guarantees a more sustainable relationship with nature and the larger ecosystems, and enables diverse development practices that draw from individual and group actions..

There are many that have undertaken local actions that can be aligned with Jai Jagat. There are also those beginning new actions. The common theme is that we are #onthemoveforjusticeandpeace. Justice and Peace are big words. What is meant by this in the Jai Jagat Campaign? We have devised four Areas of Convergent actions that bring Justice and Peace Together. These are:

- Nonviolent Governance and Conflict Resolution
- New Economic Development Paradigm
- Micro-Sustainable, Eco-Friendly and Climate-Just Initiatives
- Developing Capacities for Justice and Peace

***One these four areas of action converge, they achieve a holistic peace.***



# SHG PROMOTION

**200 SHGS | 2500 WOMEN | 4 DISTRICTS | 67 SLUMS**

Sambhav has been working towards formation of women self-help groups. However in the longer course for the women groups it becomes more viable if they are able to receive financial support through financial institutions. Sambhav has been working in close convergence with the support of ICICI Bank towards linkage of women self-help groups. So far Sambhav has been able to link over 200 women self-help groups with ICICI Bank. These groups have been also supported by the organisation in empanelling themselves as service providers for various government schemes such as mid-day meal, operation of PDS shops as well as Anganwadi centres.

## How is it Done

Under SHG Promotion program, 10-20 individuals are organised in groups known as Self Help Groups (SHGs). The SHGs are also encouraged to take up livelihood activities/ The members of the SHG are encouraged to save and internally lend the savings to members during times of need. Sambhav also provides knowledge on managing books of accounts. This includes also a series of understanding development concepts such as budget, managing household expenses, leadership skills, communication, and bank grading process etc.





# COVID-19

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This has been a very interesting time for Sambhav in terms of COVID and WASH. In true terms, most of the initiatives of the organization have strategically aligned itself with addressing the pandemic within the ambit of human support and WASH. In the month of March-April and May Sambhav worked intensively in providing dry ration to over 700 families in Pithampur, 200 Families in Gwalior, 200 Families in Bhind, this was added with an addition 100 painter community labour provided with one-month dry ration. While at one end work on supporting the families in distress was on, the staff of the organization was virtually trained on the prevention and safeguards against COVID-19. This was followed by a series of trainings organized virtually and physically for the community including Children, Pregnant and Lactating Mothers, Youth and Self Help groups on COVID and how WASH plays a critical role in addressing the pandemic. Handwashing demonstrations and distribution of soaps, masks and sanitizer has taken place in sizeable numbers.

A medical team comprising of a doctor and nurse supported by field staff have been organizing slum level medical consultation and medicine dispensing for the past 3 months now.

Apart from the above following are some other interventions of Sambhav in terms of COVID and WASH:

- Rapid Assessment of 700 families on Socio-Economic-Educational impact of COVID Lockdown.
- Webinar on COVID-19 and way forward with specific reference to Chambal and Bundelkhand
- Close intervention with the WCD department for the distribution of cooked food packets to over 1000 families on regular basis in Gwalior.



# LABOUR-GRAIN BANK

## 10 SAHARIYA VILLAGES | 4500 FAMILIES

The Sahariya community and their deprivation needs no elaboration as it is well-known. The serious levels of malnutrition, chronic anemia, high prevalence of tuberculosis and extreme poverty (and now with the onset of COVID-19 pandemic) have left them so vulnerable. While the majority of them are forest dependent and live from wage labour coming from stone quarries and crushers, the pandemic has significantly reduced their livelihood opportunities.

The labour-grain bank provides foodstuffs at the village level, and is managed by the community. If a family is in need of food, the labour-grain bank will issue an amount against a promissory note of labour that is approved by the community members. Once the labour opportunity comes, the villager will use their earnings to buy back an equal amount of grain and give it back to the bank.

### Guiding Principles

- Take what you want
- In absence of availability of work outside the village, if there is some work needed to be done in the village, the same can be exchanged against equal amount of grain for labor.
- The decision of top-up to existing grain-labor loan needs to be decided by the committee

### Bylaws of the Grain Bank as Designed in consultation with the community:

- 1- The grain bank shall be operated under the aegis of the Grain Bank Committee
- 2- The Grain Bank Committee shall constitute equal representation of men and women ie 5 each
- 3- Grain loan from the Grain Bank shall be disbursed and received by the Grain Bank Committee
- 4- Maintenance of Grain Bank shall be done by the Grain Bank Committee
- 5- All disbursement and receipts shall be against measurements.
- 6- While returning the grain, the beneficiary shall try to give some top-up material to keep the grain bank healthy.

### Labour-Grain Banks Created In:

- Tualaram ka Pura
- Neem Chandwa
- Raipur Kalan
- Sapatu
- Banhera
- Mata ka Pura
- Gandhi Pura



# RENEW INDIA INITIATIVE

## 4 VILLAGES | 600 CHILDREN | 1500 FAMILIES

ReNew Power and Sambhav have come together for the implementation of Project Saathi- A CSR Initiative of ReNew Power. The program follows a combination approach of software and hardware activities. The software component of the program includes formation/strengthening of women groups, formation and strengthening of youth groups, interaction with PRI representatives, IEC activities and school based activities with children. On the other hand, the hardware component of the program includes provision for repair and creation of new water sources, repair and reconstruction of school sanitation systems and provision of drinking water in schools.

This year the project has been focussed around computer education of adolescent girls and boys on basic computer literacy. The same is delivered via a education hub established at the project office level. This is supported by community level activities on information empowerment through radio narrowcasting , community level awareness activities and so on.

### Edu to Livelihood

Nikki Parmar is one of those from Hullpur who has tried to break the stereotype barrier. In a region where women are restricted from stepping out of houses, early age marriage being a major problem, and education of girls limited to bare minimum Nikki stands out. Nikki is one of those girls from Hullpur who came ahead to demand for computer education for girls in the village. In response to this demand, Sambhav under the RII program supported by ReNew made provisions of organizing computer classes under the Edu-Hub in the village itself. The teacher Deepak would organize 2-hour classes at the village level itself, following a 3-month curriculum of computer literacy which includes basics of computer, internet, and email, word, PowerPoint and excel. Little did Nikki know that the course done at Edu Hub was the way forward in life. She appeared for a job interview and through the certification of the computer education course was able to secure a job in Bhopal.



# NINE IS MINE

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The NINEISMINE campaign grew out of Nelson Mandela's call to ordinary citizens to keep governments accountable for fulfilling the MDGs. Children in India took upon themselves the task to ensure the fulfillment of Goals 2 and 3 and 4 – all of which refer to children. Later the campaign grew to realize the exclusion issue of children particularly in the context of India. They, therefore, incorporated a strong focus on the "last-child". However, keeping alive the need to ensure that all sections of India (the children of privileged middle-class and excluded communities) all interact together to find common solutions. The NINEISMINE campaign believes that "Child rights abuses anywhere are a concern for children everywhere".

Sambhav is a part of the NINEISMINE campaign through its 300+ student based in Pithampur Industrial Area in Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh. The interventions have been designed around Ending Violence Against Children/

Children's Parliament is an inclusive and democratic body- of the children, for the children and by the children. National Children's Parliament is a federation of neighborhood children's parliaments that addresses local, state, national and international forums towards affecting their own lives and those of their peers. Our goal is to get Children's Parliament mainstreamed by government and make children influences in decision making and policy changing. Objectives

- To create a network of 36 Children's Parliament (in all States and Union Territories) across the country for active participation of children.
- To build capacity of all 900 children to become child advocates and influence policies at all levels.
- To strengthen and train our 30 state child coordinators so that they facilitate and can have more neighbourhood parliaments in different districts of each state of India.
- To enable 36 ministers from each state to learn and demand for their rights and interact with the policy makers and to initiate children into proactive action for their surroundings at local and national Level.





# SABLA-ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sambhav is working on violence against women in slums of Gwalior, with an approximate population of 10,000. The program is providing training, information and skill to the women and adolescent girls, to protect themselves from violence.

Violence for above purpose can be defined as physical, mental, economic and psychological, at both places inside and outside of the house. After the Nirbhaya Case in New Delhi, Government of India has prepared new guidelines and a new law is in place named Domestic Violence Act.

## **Organizations Current Efforts:**

1-Conversations on how to address some of these challenges. Topics have included the role of mothers during lockdown, how to support adolescent girls with nutrition and menstrual hygiene management and COVID-19 safety measures.

2-Focused discussion to address coronavirus misinformation and how to prevent stigma and discrimination toward returning migrant workers, people who contract COVID-19 and those who work in health care settings

4-Field level teams are counselling against domestic violence, laws in place and avenues of support.

5-Provide support for women who experience violence through helplines and police. Increase public awareness and understanding of the increased risk of VAW during the pandemic and how to safely access support services. Mobile phones are used for sending across information about available services.

6-Strengthening SHGs for collective action and financial self-reliance.

7- Capacity building of children on CRC and Ending Violence Against Children

## **Affiliations and Recognitions**

- **Jagori**
- **Sangat**
- **Sangini Resource Center**
- **Women and Child Development Department**
- **Member of Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee with thee NCC Officers Training Academy, Gwalior**
- **Child Rights International Network**



# NATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP

The National Program Support Group, hereafter referred to as NPSG is a National Consortium of voluntary organization engaged in Grassroots Development. The group primarily constitutes of organizations joining hands from the Chambal-Bundelkhand region from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The NPSG is an effort to bring together like-minded organizations and synergize the efforts that affect the lives of the most marginalized and deprived classes of the society. From Urban Slum dwellers to the rural habitation and deeply rooted among the Sahariya Primitive Tribal Group.

## Focus Areas

- Health
- Livelihood
- Education
- Women Empowerment
- Research and Advocacy
- Training and Capacity Building
- Water, Sanitation and Climate Change
- Labour and Tribal Issues

## Core Values

- Humanitarian Principles and Do No Harm: We are guided by the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence. We are committed to ethical and responsible actions and activities in the service of communities and people.
- Enabling Environment: We believe in an enabling environment as common ground for local and international NGOs to operate.
- Identity and Collective Action: We will build and nurture the identity and power collective action of NGOs to achieve common goals. In all our actions we strive to develop people's capacity and confidence to increase the strength of individuals and communities.
- Improvement and Quality Services: We are committed to continued improvement and delivery of high quality services to our members.
- Transparency & Accountability: Through our policies and procedures, and in all our actions, we ensure we are transparent and accountable, answering to our partners, membership and stakeholders.



# FRIENDS IN CHANGE

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- Barefoot College, Tilonia
- Eicher Group Foundation
- ReNew Power India Limited
- AkzoNobel India Limited
- United Nations Children's Fund
- Development Alternatives
- Freshwater Action Network
- Gwalior Municipal Corporation
- Municipality of Pithampur
- Voluntary Health Association of India
- Madhya Pradesh Voluntary Health Association
- Right to Food Campaign
- NREGA Consortium
- Center for Experiencing Socio-Cultural Interaction
- PratYek
- ICICI Bank Limited
- Parhit Samaj Sevi Sanstha
- Dharti Gramotthan Evam Sahbhagi Gramin Vikas Samiti
- Niswarth Sarthak Prayas Evam Parivar Kalyan Samiti
- Kalpataru Vikas Samiti
- Parmarth Samaj Sevi Sanstha
- International Gandhian Institute for Nonviolence and Peace
- Commonwealth Educational Media Center for Asia
- Participatory Research in Asia
- Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation
- Jai Jagat Campaign
- Jagori
- Sangat





# GOVERNANCE

## Founders

- Mr. P.V.Rajgopal: Eminent social activist engaged in Tribal land rights.
- Dr. Sharman Waite: An American educationist involved in community health.
- Mr. Alok Mukhopadhyay: Engaged in the proportion of community health.
- Dr. Ramesh Nagrath: Physician and prominent development professional.
- Dr. S.K.Singh: Engaged in the strengthening of local governance and promotion of women groups and their empowerment.
- Dr. B.D.Sharma: An authority on tribal development and author of several books on tribal issues and self-governance. Former VC Shillong University

## Board Members:

- President- Khairo Bai, Senior Women Mobilizer.
- Vice President- Dr. Avinash Tiwari, Academician and Nutrition Specialist
- Secretary- Dr. Shiv Kumar Singh, Senior Development Professional
- Joint Secretary- Dr. Rahul Singh Bhadoria, Public Health Specialist
- Treasurer- Neelam Kulshreshtha, Women Right Activist and Micro-Entrepreneur.
- Member- Mamta Singh- Academician and Primary Education Expert.
- Member- Neha, Academician and Social-Worker







# GO TO THE PEOPLE

**“Go to the people. Live with them. Learn from them. Love them. Start with what they know. Build with what they have. But with the best leaders, when the work is done, the task accomplished, the people will say 'We have done this ourselves.’”- Lao Tzu**

