

The Sopena Adivasis Deployment Association was set up in the year 2018 and is registered with the Maharashtra Government at Mumbai with Registration No 1265/2018 GBBSD dt 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Membership to this Association is open to all persons, is free, so there is no Membership fee and is voluntary. Attendance at Meetings is not compulsory, but members are expected to actively participate in activities, events, etc with regard to raising of funds for the activities/ projects/ programmes that are identified from time to time.

Members are also encouraged to visit the various project sites that are being funded and also encouraged to mobilize resources and coordinate with Sponsors, supporters, patrons and other stakeholders for deployment of resources to implement the projects and programmes organized by the association.

SADA has been working in Tribal areas of the Western regions of India, from Subir in Dangs District of Gujarat to Ashagad , Karazgaon, Panvel, Nasik and Mahad in Maharashtra.

The projects currently in force are as follows:

- 1. Ashagad, Maharashtra.
  - a) Strengthening of community health program in 2 villages of 10 hamlets of DahanuTaluka of Palghar District of Maharashtra.
    - This Project provides basic health and medical facilities to the tribal women and children. There is also an HIV and Aids and communicable disease awareness programmes conducted for the tribals.
  - b) The other Project is the running of a Tribal Girls School.
- 2. Nasik, Maharashtra.
  - a) Catering to the Educational needs of the different Adivasi communities like the Koknas, Mahadev Kolis, Warlis, Thakurs, Katkaris in Nashik District. The tribal children are tutored with Basic Learning Aids to Computer and Audio visual education to also providing to Middle School Adivasi Girls and the running of a Youth Hostel.
  - b) Training and education of the Tribals in Farming, Sustainable livelihood programmes like poultry and kitchen gardens, Herbal remedies and Environment Conservation Programmes.
- 3. Mahad, Maharashtra.
  - a) Upliftment of the Katkari school going children by education in order to create a new literate generation. They are put up in a Boarding school which provides them all that is needed to make them better citizens. Awareness of their rights and dignity as well as economic development, environment degradation and integration of the different Katkari tribes.
- 4. Vasai, Maharashtra.
  - a) Childrens education is stressed among the adivasis in this area as the parents are uneducated. They are provided with the learning aids as well as computers and a library and also have a counseling service to guide the children.
  - b) Womens Self help groups have ensured that the women are more independent and financially stable. They are given training to make products that are sold, made aware of health and social issues that they suffer from and given training in personality development.

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- 5. Subir, Gujarat.
  - a) Making a difference in the lives of the Mother and Child in the Dangs district of Gujarat. There is a Medical centre that caters to 100 to 150 patients daily in the OPD and 30 to 40 as indoor patients. Besides this, there is also a lot of emphasis on caring for the old. Since the treatment is mostly free, there is a greater dependence on donations from others to continue this activity.
- 6. Karazgaon, Maharashtra.
  - a) Repairs and Renovation to the Hostel and school run for the tribals that was damaged due to a fire in the premises.
- 7. Tara, Panvel Maharashtra.
  - a) Training the Adivasis to identify plants that are used as Herbal health supplements as well as encouraging them to grow the same plants. Sessions are also conducted to teach them the art of processing of these herbs that are used for common health problems.

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## PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN;

1) ASHAGAD, MAHARASHTRA.

#### Aim:

Strengthening of community health program in 2 villages of 10 hamlets of Dahanu Taluka of Palghar District of Maharashtra.

## Scope:

- a) To reduce IMR & MMR among warli tribal's By Dec 19.
- b) b.To organize awareness programs on HIV / AIDS and other communicable diseases among the tribals.

#### **Achievements:**

- a) 945 children and 325 pregnant women were immunized.
- b) 315 children 80 pregnant women received health check up.
- c) TB and 2 Leprosy patients reported and received much needed medical help from the Government hospital.
- d) 230 student and 60 women were present for the public health convention.
- e) The IMR and MMR rates have been reduced very drastically in the project area.
- f) 65% women are maintaining good hygiene to keep good health.
- g) 55% women in our area are aware of the health issues like HIV / AIDS , TB , Leprosy and other communicable diseases.
- h) Knowledge obtained through trainings as how to make and use herbal medicines
- i) 25% women farmers started to have kitchen garden in their own farms
- j) The Health committees and SHG are formed and trained so that the activity is sustained.
- k) 25% women farmers started to have kitchen garden in their own farms

Sada Volunteers have attended the Training and Awareness programmes and also the medical camps from time to time and have contributed by way of man hours towards the above project. However, SADA has not incurred any expenditure towards the above project.

## 2. NASIK, MAHARASHTRA

## Aim:

- a) Catering to the Educational needs of the different Adivasi communities in Nashik District.
- b) Training and education of the Tribals in Farming, Sustainable livelihood programmes and environment.

### Scope:

- Catering to the Educational needs of the different Adivasi communities like the Koknas, Mahadev Kolis, Warlis, Thakurs, Katkaris in Nashik District.
  - The tribal children are tutored with Basic Learning Aids to Computer and Audio visual education to also providing to Middle School Adivasi Girls and the running of a Youth Hostel.
- b) Education and Training of the Tribals in Farming, Sustainable livelihood programmes like poultry and kitchen gardens, Herbal remedies and Environment Conservation Programmes.

#### **Achievements:**

a) 65 Tutorials in support of Primary Learners of Zilha Parishad Std. I-IV Schools in as many Adivasi villages covering 1500 children.

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- b) Training of Adivasi Women to teach in their own village tutorials
- c) Equipping the Tutorials with context related teaching-learning aids. Special focus on the English Learning Kit.
- d) Logistical support for the Tutorials reaching teaching aids, stationery, providing inservice guidance to the Tutors.
- e) Ensuring contact and involvement of parents and village in the educational programme.
- f) Training of Youth in use of Laptop as well as repairs and maintenance of the same.
- g) Providing a Hostel for the Adivasi youth.
- h) Boarding School for Adivasi Middle School Girls.
- i) Sustainable Environment-Agricultural Development (SEAD) programme successfully completed enabling farmers to increase their fruit tree cover, adopt organic farming practices,
- j) Strengthening Women's leadership through awareness of progressive approaches to development.
- k) Sustainable Livelihood programmes like quality fruit growing, poultry rearing, kitchen gardens, etc.
- I) Organic and Herbal Farm training and knowledge sharing.

Some of the Sada Volunteers have attended the Training and Awareness programmes and have contributed by way of man hours towards the above project.

However, there is no financial expenses towards the above projects from SADA.

### 3. MAHAD, MAHARASHTRA.

Aim: Upliftment of Katkari school going children.

## Scope:

- a) To educate children in order to create new literate generation.
- b) To concertize Katakararies (Tribal's) of their rights and dignity.
- c) To create awareness and initiate activities related to education, environmental degeneration and economic development
- d) To work for the integrated development of katakaries along this region.
- e) Provide psychological and educative support required for the development of these children's within the Indian society.

## **Achievements:**

- a) There is a Boarding school for the children of the Katkaris which can accommodate more than 100 students.
- b) Besides education, the children are also educated on their rights and dignity and also provided lifes skills to make them better citizens.
- c) They are also educated on environment preservation and also conservation of forest and integration of their development within this.

The SADA volunteers have visited this Project and have provided short term help like assistance to the social worker for specific outdoor activities like trekking and adventure trips.

There is no Financial support from SADA for the above Project.

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### 4. VASAI, MAHARASHTRA.

#### Aim:

- a) Education of children.
- b) Empowerment of Women.

### Scope:

- a) Educating the tribal children so that they can be self reliant and thus bring about a positive change in their life.
- b) Providing Training and facilities for women to bring about a change in their lifestyle.
- c) Self Help groups to make the Tribal women more independent.
- d) Awareness of diseases and prevention of the same.
- e) Education and help to apply for the various Government schemes.

#### **Achievements:**

- a) Various educative and empowerment training programs, exposure visits, study tour, meetings, interactions with skilled persons, etc for children, youth and women with the goal of Transformation of society through transformation of persons, families, villages and society at large.
- b) Organising Self Help Groups to provide the women with a source of income and also financial independence.
- c) Creating Kitchen gardens for their daily food requirements.
- d) Health and disease awareness programmes and HIV awareness programmes.
- e) Counselling facilities for the school children, youth and women.
- f) Encouraging participation in sporting activities besides education.
- g) Improvement in the economic standard of the tribals and a boost to their self esteem.
- h) Learning the saving habit and freeing them from the clutches of money lenders.
- i) Making them aware of their rights.

The SADA volunteers have helped out from time to time by way of assistance in conducting various awareness and self help group programmes.

Even though there was no financial help provided by SADA, the members motivated the Dominic Savio Alumni Association to donate 300 saris to the Tribal women and 75 backpacks to the school going children besides arranging for lunch for 350 persons during one such excursion.

## 5. SUBIR, GUJARAT.

#### Aim:

a) Making a difference in the lives of the Mother and Child in the Dangs district of Gujarat.

## Scope:

- a) Reaching out to the needy and helpless in the area.
- b) Reducing infant mortality for children below five years.
- c) Raising the hemoglobin level of young girls with anemia.
- d) Reduce the maternal mortality rate.
- e) Care of the old and seniors.
- f) Referring serious cases to other centres.

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#### **Achievements:**

- a) There is a Medical centre that caters to 100 to 150 patients daily in the OPD and 30 to 40 as indoor patients.
- b) There is a facility to look after the old.
- c) Anemic patients are given iron supplements.
- d) Health education and awareness programmes are conducted to make the tribals aware of disease and illnesses.
- e) Treatment is free in case the patient is unable to pay, hence funds are required from various agencies to continue the health care activity.
- f) From April 18 to March 19, the Divya Chhaya Hospital treated 27,788 patients in the Out Patient Department, 3,679 as Indoor patients, 2879 patients had Sonography test and 6,342 patients had laboratory test done.

The SADA volunteers have helped out by way of assistance in conducting various health and awareness programmes especially where additional manpower was required.

There has been no Financial expenditure from SADA towards this Project.

## 6. KARAZGAON, MAHARASHTRA.

#### Aim:

a) Repairs and Renovation to the Hostel and school run for the tribals that was damaged due to a fire in the premises.

#### Scope:

a) The repairs and reconstruction of the school building which was destroyed in a fire, involved an expenditure in excess of 40 lakhs. So raising of funds was a huge challenge.

#### **Achievements:**

- a) Contributed an amount of INR 2.07 lakh towards the repairs and renovation of the Gyanmata Primary School.
- b) Assisted in sale of Tribal arts and crafts in the various churches in Mumbai, prepared by the tribals at the Gyanajothi Community Centre.
- c) Promotion of Warli Arts and Painting.

The SADA volunteers have helped in sale of the various arts and crafts prepared by the tribals in the area, coordinated by the Gyanajothi Community Centre in the various churches in Mumbai.

The SADA group incurred an expenditure of INR 2.07 lakh towards the repairs and renovation of the Gyanmata Primary School.

## 7. TARA, MAHARASHTRA.

#### Aim:

a) Training the Adivasis to identify plants that are used as Herbal health supplements as well as grow the same.

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## Scope:

- a) Provision of Training to identify plants that are used as health supplements.
- b) Encouraging and helping them to grow the same plants that as used as health supplements.

#### **Achievements:**

- a) The adivasis are trained to identify the right plants that are used as herbal remedies.
- b) They are also trained to grow the same plants.
- c) Training is also provided to process the herbal plants and obtain the final product.
- d) The finished products are sold as health supplements.
- e) They are also guided to use the same herbs for common ailments.

The SADA group has been actively engaging with these tribals by way of visits and observation of the entire process as well as financially supporting the cause.

The Financial budget for the period October 19 to March 20 is INR 1.2 Lakh and this activity is sponsored by SADA by releasing the required amount in two installments.

## PHOTOGRAPHS OF SADA'S COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES.



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