

Role of NGO (Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra) in Women Empowerment

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Abstract

Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra (CPPK) is a voluntary organization registered Under Trust Act in March 2000, and works in Panchmahal & Mahisagar Districts. The said districts are in the North-West of Gujarat with almost 50% of the Tribal population. The CPPK is now working amongst the tribals of eight talukas, viz., Godhara, Kalol, Shahera, Lunawada, Morwa, Hadap, Santrampur, Kadana and Khanpur.

CPPK is a registered NGO working for socio-economic upliftment and awareness, empowering of tribal and such marginalized and oppressed groups.

At present CPPK is involved in literacy, education and training programs among children and women.

Key words: Pragati Prayas Kendra

Details of the Organisation :

Name of the Organization : Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra

Organization Address : Behind Railway station,

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Ta. Godhra, Dt. Panchmahal

Gujarat [INDIA].

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Legal Status :

Registered under:

Mumbai Public Charitable Trust Act. 1950

Reg. No.: E3093/ Panchmahal,

Date: March 3, 2000

FCRA:

Reg. No -042070054

Dated: 27/ 01/ 2009

The Goal/Mission

Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra is a voluntary organization working towards empowerment of the poor and marginalized through socio-economic interventions, which are educational in nature. The goal of the organization is to strengthen and promote village level institutions which are participatory in nature and which promote and implement activities beneficial to all but particularly the marginalized, poorest and with special reference to children, youth and women of indigenous (tribal) community.

Objectives

- To empower the Tribal community through awareness, capacity and skill building to take up leadership in the community for over all development of the community.
- To promote formal and non-formal education among the tribals,
- To create awareness among the tribal about the local, state and national level issues impacting their lives and bring them to public forum and debate with special focus on denial of human rights of the tribal,
- To motivate the Tribals to develop various leadership skills and contribute to the process of community development,
- To motivate and pursue the community members to undergo awareness building programs and training to make them critically reflective of their situation, examine the reasons of overall underdevelopment of their community, and initiate adequate action, including enhanced participating in tribal self rule,
- To promote and foster a climate for critical awareness, learning and de-learning which promotes more human socialization processes, challenges the discriminatory socialization processes (based on caste, class and gender ideologies), leading to greater self respect and tribal unity,
- To promote leadership among youth and create opportunities to exercise the same for the good to the community and society at large, especially to respond to some of the socio-economic problems of their community such as exploitative social customs, lack of knowledge of government policies and schemes for tribals, exploitation and corruption in accessing these schemes.
- To promote economic activity among women through savings and credit leading to economic and social empowerment of women in the area.

History of the organization

Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra (CPPK) is a voluntary organization registered Under Trust Act in March 2000, and works in Panchmahal District, which has a sizeable population of tribals. The district of Panchmahal is in the North-West of Gujarat with a total population of 2,956,456. The tribal population is of 1,395,050 almost 50% of the district population. The geographical area of the district is about 8,866 sq. kms.

The organization initiated its work with the indigenous people of the area as they are most neglected by the State. Over here agriculture is poor, due to which migration to cities and other parts of the state in search of work is very high. Firstly we started with women and children, as they are the worst victims of any underdevelopment, exploitation and discrimination. However the organization has now moved into land issues and human rights issues, as it believes that without that the development efforts of the organization will not bear much fruit.

So the organization works with the tribals as a community. Our organization's main emphasis is to work towards the socio-economic and educational transformation and thus facilitating the process of empowerment of the tribals of this area. The activities taken up are educational in nature and have the potential of mobilising the community on large issues as their land rights, rights civic amenities and right to live with dignity.

At present CPPK is involved in literacy, education and training programs among children and women. Further it has promoted savings and capacity building among women for economic empowerment. The women have begun small savings and would like to move towards providing credit to the members. The organization has initiated kindergarten in 23 villages. The organization also providing support to the girls for their higher educational studies, help them to get admission, Organization have also impart the various training to the adolescent girls and women like home science, tailoring and other to generate income at local level.

Social Issues for Intervention:

- Women Empowerment
- Health
- Education
- Capacity Building / Training.
- Create opportunity for Employment Generation.
- Youth Development
- Tribal Development.
- Rural Development (Organize Labour)

Women Empowerment Activities:

Panchmahal district is one of the backward districts of the Gujarat state. The secondary status of women in the said area resulted in to Illiteracy, Poor Health, Low Nutrition, Ignorance, Women Violence and no any part in the process of decision making in family or in society. Women trafficking is also one of the biggest issue in the area. Kidnapping for the purpose of marriage and other issues are commonly seen in the tribal and interior areas. Exploitation of women rights seems many where economic condition and illiteracy are main cause of the women exploitation as well as habit of liquors in male put women in very bad condition.

Our organization targeted the said issue and conducted various activities in the targeted area. We are commonly focusing on the awareness generation, support to women – provide legal support,

increase access of government facilities and help from government machinery. For the said purpose we conduct meetings in groups or in individual, organize seminars and gram sabhas, conduct networking meeting with primary and secondary stakeholders, do advocacy as and when need occurs.

We have also conducted special meeting to form saving group of rural women. We trained the women to take leadership and encourage & motivate them to form a saving group and self help group. The intervention of organization on women related issues touch various aspects of women empowerment. The changes through collective efforts of women is a vital media for change. In the various local meetings as well as cluster & block level meetings organisation focusing on the collective efforts of the women.

The following issues covers during the said meetings;

The organization had also taken life insurance of some old members of the saving and credit group.

Nari Shakti Sangthan - [NSS]:

“Nari Shakti Sangthan” – NSS is initiated by the organization in 2010 to organize, to strengthen women and to plan the actions for the social-economical development of the women of all communities in Panchmahal district. NSS is initiated to fight for rights of the women's issues as nobody bother about the issues of women even though the issues of women are the issues of entire family and society but merely because the management of family done by the women, family and society understand that the issue of family is the issue of women's only. The main activities of the NSS are; public programs like public rally and demonstration, memorandum to the concern officer, support of male members from the family of women members, governmental scheme and its procedure, writing application and representation or complaints, primary facilities in villages, corruption of PDS, education system in village, pension of widow etc.

The members of NSS has resolve the issues at village level like the PDS, drinking water, facilities of hand pump, new or repairing of hand pump, IAY, roads in the villages, latrine and bathrooms etc. Members of the NSS provide various training of their rights, in writing representation and complaints, their constitutional rights, leadership development, government structure, economical development etc.

Table 1: Members involved in NSS in different areas of Gujarat.

BLOCK	VILLAGE	NO. OF MEMBERS
Khanpur	Jitpur	1
	Khutelav	8
	Talavnal	5
	Vakahtpur	3
	Zeza	3
	Lavana	2
	Jalai	6
	Babaliya	3
Shahera	Dhamn	3
Kalol	Valampuri	1
Lunawada	Ghantav	3

SPECIAL SEMINAR ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT: 2005

On 17/04/2012 a seminar on Right to Information Act was held at Rotary Club Hall, Surendranagar. The details of RTI – Act, various clauses, its impact, RTI tools, Procedure, Case studies, etc were briefly described in the seminar. Total 300 participants participated in the said seminar. There were 2 participants from Charitable Pragati Prayas Kendra.

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH :

Poor Health and lack of nutrition is one of the major problems of the targeted area of the organization i.e. Panchmahal district. Myths and misconception regarding the health also seems in the major interior and tribal areas. Awareness regarding health & nutrition generate during the various programme at village level, cluster level and block level activity.

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN:

We have conducted survey of children to impart education in the area as per the advertisement given by government of Gujarat for seasonal hostel and special educational program for the children. We have conducted surveys in 38 villages of 8 block of the panchmahal district.

Table 2: Details of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

No.	Block	No. of Villages
1	GODHRA	7
2	MORVA(H)	10
3	KADANA	8
4	SHAHERA	2
5	LUNAWADA	4
6	SANTRAMPUR	4
7	KHANPUR	1
8	KALOL	2
	TOTAL	38

VARIOUS TOPICS COVERED DURING THE NETWORKING MEETINGS:

- Present overall status and socio economic status of the district
- Forest Land and status of pledge in High Court for the said purpose
- Malnutrition
- Eradication of Child Labor
- Status of access of benefits of government schemes to the end people
- Ethics and tribal culture of the area.

GRAMIN MAJDUR SABHA:

Panchmahal district is mainly known for its Laborer in construction work. The large numbers of male and female laborer from the district do seasonal migration in construction work for earning their bread. Because of the said migration they are facing many problems in their family life as well education of their children.

To help them and solve their problems at certain level our organization conducts following activities in the areas;

Organize **Gramin Majdur Sabha**

Form of Federation

Aware them towards their right

Daily Wages / Proper remuneration as per government rules and regulation

Employment under MNREGA

Health

Reduced migration at certain level

Children's Education

There are total 34 members in the federation of laborer from 6 villages of Khanpur block of the panchmahal district.

Table 3: Advocacy Meeting at various level

Sr. No.	Subject	District Level	Block Level	Area
1.	Electricity Problem	Yes	Yes	Slum Area, AT: Anta, Ta: Kalol, Dist: PMS
2.	Procedure to obtain Land for Landless farmers/villagers	Yes	Yes	At: Hardaspur, Ta: Lunawada, Dist: Mahisagar
3.	Information under RTI act and its proper implementation	Yes	Yes	Ta: Khanpur, Dist: Mahisagar Under NREGA
4.	Information under RTI act and its proper implementation	Yes	Yes	Ta: Santrampur, Dist: Mahisagar
5.	Collective submission	Yes	Yes	AWAS for poor vilagers

Table 4: Working Area for year 2016-17

District	Block	No. of Villages
Panchmahal	Kalol	5
	Shahera	4
	Lunawada	7
	Khanpur	10
	Santrampur	4
	Morva(H)	2

CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF MEMBERS:*Table 5: Staff members of organization obtained various training's in last year*

Sr. No.	Name of Staff Member	Training	Venue
1	Kishore bhai Bhoi	Environment Leadership & Conflict Resource in Natural Resource Management	Sasan Gir, Junagadh
3	Manishbhai Parmar	Community Radio	Ahmedabad

ORGANISE GRAM SABHA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BHURIYA COMMITTEE ACT:

We have conducted 3 Gram Sabhas for proper implementation of Bhuriya Committee Act.

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| 1. At. Hareda of Morva(H) Block | Total Participants:74 |
| 2. At.Vena of Santrampur Block | Total Participants:31 |
| 3. At. Manchod of Santrampur Block | Total Participants:37 |

Various local issues like Gram Sadak Yojana, Forest Land & Ownership, Drinking Water, Roads, Awas(Home), Primary School Building, etc were briefly discussed and make plan for result oriented work.

CASE STUDIES:

- (1) **Machhar Ranchhodhbhai Dhulabhai:** Age: 45 Yrs, AT: Zeza, Ta: Khanpur, Dist: PMS. Earlier I was doing seasonal migration for earning purpose. I obtain very low wages i.e Rs.50/- per day from which Rs.20/- was utilize in transportation. It is very hard and difficult for me to meet my family expenses in these low amount of earning. My family faced many problems economically and in my children education. The staff members of CPPK informed about NREGA and make a procedure on my behalf. Because of their efforts I get employment of 100 day in my village and earned good income which was help me in my daily and family expenses.
- (2) **Machhar Suryaben Navalbhai:** Age 52 Yrs, At: Lavana, Ta: Khanpur, Dist: PMS.

I took a loan from Saving Groups and purchase cows for income generation purpose through milk produces. I earned Rs.25000/- in last year.

Before this my economic condition is not so good. My family faces many problems because of lower income. My children were not able to take good nutritious food and proper education. The proper guidance of staff members of CPPK made me able to do a milk business, take loan, proper management.

(3) **ROT MANIBEN RUPABHAI. Age : 50 Yrs, At: Kharod, Ta: Kadana, Dist: PMS.**

There was a big problem of drinking water in our area. We have to go about 1 km. by walking to get water. The hand pump in our area was also not working in properly.

I have joined Nari Shakti Sangathan managed by CPPK. I have discussed the problems of our area in the NSS meeting, made application and procedure at Water Supply Office, Block Panchayat and other government machineries. Due to constant efforts and proper guidance of CPPK we got a hand pump in our area and solve the problem of drinking water.

(4) **SEWING CLASS:**

The girls belongs to our working rural area not doing any activities which is help to them or their family. They were generally doing house work after studying std 7 to 10.

We have started Tailoring Class for girls in the area. We teach them local items like frock, peticoat, blouse, children cloths, etc. The number of beneficiary gradually increased and they are now able to do the good sewing work and make income from their home.

