



Grameen Vikas Shodh Avam Takniki Kendra (GVSTK)

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Vision of NGO

Socially and economically empowered society based on equality and justice for all

Mission of NGO

Work for enhanced lives of downtrodden especially for women and the marginalized societal groups without discrimination of cast- creed and gender

Strategies of NGO

Actively participation of community is essential for the holistic and sustainable development. Community participation encourage the stake holders' influence and control over development initiatives and the decisions which affect them. The strategy of GVSTK also makes focus on women's participation and gender integration in development sectors

Background of NGO

GVSTK is involved with development activities in Ajmer and Tonk districts of Rajasthan state, especially working on thematic area of education, health, sanitation, women's empowerment, gender integration, environment and cultural promotion. The organization believes in promoting village level institutional activities and strengthening of communities by building up their capacities. GVSTK is addressing problems of 72 villages of Todaraisingh and Malpura Block of Tonk District and 15 villages of Silora (Kishangarh) Block of Ajmer district.

The organization has a team of full / part time workers and devoted volunteers to monitor and implement the field activities within operational area. GVSTK would develop the capacities, skills and knowledge as well as right based approach of the vulnerable societal groups, so that they may better in their livelihood skills and strengthened their political, social, cultural and democratic lives in the society.

Actions during the Year 2016 – 17

○ Ensuring 'Right to Education'

GVSTK is organizing campaigns to ensure 'Right to Education' in different 10 villages every year. Survey to identify children, counseling of parents and link up them with nearby Government primary schools are the major activities of campaigning. The activity is continued since 2011, and total 238 fresh and 87 dropout children got benefited during six years by the intervention. 37 out of total fresh children and 26 out of total dropout children got admission in 6th class last year to begin their further study. The organization also collaborates with Government schools' staff of area to make campaigning successful. We also make sure the regular stay of children at schools by regular follow up.

○ Empowering rural women in democratic process

Democracy is the base of our nation, and each citizen should be aware to participate in democratic process at all levels. Women are half population of our country and they have all



democratic rights as equal to men. But, most of rural women deny their democratic rights due to pressure of men escorted rural society. Our organization is trying its best for empowering rural women to participate in democratic process. Efforts carrying out by the organization, rural women of our operational area are being aware to

enjoy their democratic rights. It is a regular activity of the organization. During the elections for PRIs, state assembly and parliament, the organization makes more focus to use democratic rights by rural women.

Rural women of our operational area becoming aware regarding their democratic rights and participating in democratic process at all levels.

- Awareness issues during festivals

The organization celebrates festivals like Deepawali, Dashehra, Holi, Rakshabandhan with rural communities. At every festival, we also have interaction with people on development issues and removal of social evils. One to one and one to group interactions are major tools to make communication with people. This activity is non funded by any agency, it is executing by organization's sources and people's contribution. Every year, people's participation is increasing in this activity and rural people interact on different social issues and problems. The organization covers rural communities of 2 or 3 villages at every festival. Some time Gram Panchayats (PRIs) also collaborates this activity with the organization. Gram Vikas Samities of villages, formed by the organization implement the activity in their villages.

- Literacy camps for rural women

The organization is intervening to promote literacy among rural women. We found it out that most of young women were interested to be literate for their routine life. So, the organization started six 'Literacy Camps' in six different villages. Each 'Literacy Camp' has a female and educated educator from same village or from nearby village. Educators spending 2-3 hours a day to provide their services for rural women. Purpose of these 'Literacy Camps' is to make women literate in their routine lives. Places for 'Literacy Camps' are provided by village community and learner women paying for honorarium of educators. Till date, total 124 illiterate rural women became literate and support their families in routine lives.



- Home work support to rural children by 'Education Support Centers'

The organization is holding five 'Education Support Centres' in different five villages, which is generating funds by local contribution. Most of rural families are unable to support their children in educational matters. So, these 'Education Support Centres' providing home work

support to school going children. Each 'Education Support Centre' has a female and educated educator from same village or from nearby village. Educators spending 2-3 hours a day to provide their services. Purpose of these 'Education Support Centres' is to keep children update in their routine formal education. Places for 'Education Support Centres' are provided by village community and parents of children are paying for honorarium of educators.

- Awareness generation on Child rights

The organization is committed to protect child rights and integrating these rights with its all projects/ programmes/ activities. Every year on the occasion of Bal divas (14th November), we are organizing an event in Government schools to interact with children, parents and school staff on the rights of a child. Protection of child rights is common duty of our society, so we also have a regular dialogue with community leaders and parents as well as with school staff. Time to time, we are sensitizing media persons and PRI members on the issue and the problems concerned to the violation of child rights. At present, the organization haven't any funded project to work directly on child rights, but we are trying our best for protection of child rights at our own level.

- Intervention for Climate Change & Environmental Protection

The organization is intervening for awareness on climate change and environmental protection. We already formed youth groups in 10 villages of Malpura block of Tonk district (Rajasthan), which directly works on the issue. Village wise youth groups named; 'Gram Yuva Vahini' carry on activities every year and organize group meetings, rallies and IEC campaigns in their villages. Concerned Gram Panchayat (PRI) also collaborates with these youth groups and community participates in each activity.

- Regular Celebrations

The organization is celebrating National and International days with communities every year, these are celebrating in organization's campus. The NGO also organizing development

activities on the occasions of festivals within the villages. Most important National and International days which we are celebrating every year are;

- Republic day on 26th January
- International women's day on 8th March
- Independence day on 15th August
- Teacher's day on 5th September
- Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October
- Bal Divas on 14th November

○ Our Valuable Project Partners in Past

- National Foundation of India (NFI)– New Delhi
- Catholic Relief Service (CRS)– USA
- Churches Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) – New Delhi
- CORADAID – Netherland
- Room to Read – United States
- Terre Des Homes – New Delhi (India Counter Part)
- Terre Des Homes (TDH)- Germany
- Ministry of Environment & Forests- Government of India
- Government of Rajasthan state (India)

○ Regular Collaborations

- Global network 'Girls not Brides' to end child marriages
- Churches Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) – Jaipur (India)
- Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI)- New Delhi
- Rajasthan Vikas Manch- Jaipur- (India)

○ Honors/ Awards Organization Received in Past



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