

## **Annual Report**

### **Activities in 2018-19**

#### **SRISHTI (Society for Rural Initiatives in Sustainable and Holistic Themes in India)**

##### **Dear Members,**

Our organization, SRISHTI (Society for Rural Initiatives in Sustainable and Holistic Themes in India), is working for facilitating the process of recognition of rights of rural and tribal people on natural resources to strengthen livelihood and conservation of natural resources. We are working in the tribal areas of Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra. Capacity building of community institutions and to facilitate them to implement different acts and schemes for livelihood security are the key areas of the work of organization.

From this perspective, following programmes have been implemented in the year 2018-19

##### **Zadipatti Initiative**

The project is implemented with the help of CRY (Child Relief and You)

Education and health Initiative: in 9 villages of Kurkheda block.

##### **Education:**

In the field of education, under this program, we have focused on admission of 80% children between the age group of 6 to 14 years in schools. We also have communicated with the State education dept. for not closing the schools in 8 villages in Kurkheda block which has less than 20 admissions. We also facilitated the process of functioning of the Government Ashram School of Ramgad according to the norms set by the State Government.

##### **Health:**

In health sector we have ensured that 75% of the children between 0 to 5 years should be enrolled in Anganwadi and their health checkups and vaccination will take place on regular basis. 70% of the adolescent girls and pregnant women will be registered with the Anganwadi and they should get the health services regularly.

We also have ensured that, at least 70% of the health facilities and services which should be provided, according to norms of the State Government in 1 PHC, 3 PHUs and 2 SC. We have initiated a dialogue with the community for ensuring 50% deliveries in hospitals and 100% children, who are coming to 4 Anganwadi, should receive the preschool level education.

##### **Health and Nutrition Program:**

This program is implemented in 25 villages in Kurkheda and Dhanora block, including hamlets the number is 36 habitations. Baseline survey has been conducted during November 2018 to January 2019. According to baseline data, there were 2113 families in these villages, out of which 5035 female and 5297 are males. 76 boys and 84 girls in the age group of 0 to 1 years, 431 boys and 387 girls in the age group of 1 to 5 years, 618 adolescent girls, 70 pregnant women, 81 lactating mothers. During collection of this information from villages, group discussions have also been taken place on the issues of health and health services, vaccination

program for children, health check-up of children and adolescent girls and nutritional supplement to them etc.

After this, meetings were organised with respective groups on need of regular health check up of pregnant women and vaccination, benefits of taking iron tablets during pregnancy, regular check-ups and vaccination of children in Anganwadi.

**Child Rights Campaign (Bal Hakka Abhiyan-BHA):**

Implementation of Right to Education Act based on 10 indicators, developed on the basis of act provisions was the focus in this year. A questionnaire and guidelines were prepared to undertake the study on identified indicators in the field area.

**E-Vidyaloka program:**

Online education of the students of class 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in 5 Zilla Parishad schools in Wadsa and Kurkheda blocks has been done through this program. The students had not the basic tools to attend to the online classes in the period of lockdown, so we have arranged facilities for them to continue their education, through this program.

**Fishery Development: SDTT (Sir Dorabji Tata Trust):**

To improve fish production and to make quality seeds available for fishery in the village tanks, a circular hatchery has been constructed in Boldha village of Wadsa block and seeds and net has been provided to the fishery group at Nallicasa in Kurkheda block.

**RNR Project:**

Rights Over Natural Resources program has been designed with the help of Swiss Aid, India. For this project a baseline study was planned, and questionnaire developed. This survey has been conducted in 51 villages in Gadchiroli, Gondia and Chandrapur districts.

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