SWAYAM SHIKSHAN PRAYOG

"Empowering grassroots women’s collectives to create sustainable livelihoods and communities that work in harmony with nature realizes our vision of a resilient future."

- Prema Gopalan, Founder

Date of Formation: 26th January, 1998
WHAT: Climate Resilient Agriculture
Sustainable Livelihoods | Water, Sanitation & Health | Environment
WHERE: Maharashtra | Bihar | Kerala | Odisha | Assam | Gujarat | TamilNadu
FINANCIALS FY 2020-21: INR 10.25 crores

IMPACT TO DATE
7 states
30 districts
2,320 villages
200,000 empowered women entrepreneurs, farmers & community leaders
6 million people in under-served communities positively impacted

PARTNERS

ABOUT US
Swayam Shikshan Prayog SSP’s mission is to promote inclusive, sustainable community development by empowering women at the grassroots in climate-threatened, under-served areas across India. SSP repositions women to take on new roles as decision makers in agriculture, enterprise and embrace community leadership, thereby enhancing their economic and social resilience.

CHALLENGES
SSP teams work with the landless and marginalized farmer households and, among these with women, who face the most challenging social and economic inequalities. Despite their best efforts, to earn and sustain livelihoods, women face enormous problems in access to resources, skills, and finance and market opportunities.

SOLUTIONS
It needs a collaborative effort to unlock the true potential of a model. SSP’s model is founded in a two-tiered approach wherein women’s capacities and their access to health and nutrition are realized, while simultaneously building a self-sustaining ecosystem to leverage partnerships. The multiplier effect of SSP’s approach means that grassroots women within SSP’s networks go beyond achieving entrepreneurship to embracing community leadership roles.

RECENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION
2021 - Roddenberry Foundation’s +1 Global Fund in recognition of the impactful work during COVID pandemic across adversely affected communities in India
2019 - Schwab Foundation’s “Outstanding Social Entrepreneur of the Year” (WEF)
2018 - Schwab Foundation’s “Social Entrepreneur of the Year India”
2017 - UNDP’s “Equator Prize”
2016 - UNFCCC’s “Momentum for Change Lighthouse”

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