

SSP facilitates sustainable community development by building capacities of grassroots women's collectives to lead social and economic transformation in climate threatened regions of India



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CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

With a focus on building climate resilience through women's groups, SSP's model seeks to empower and recognize rural women as farmers and change-makers by ensuring they get cultivation rights over their family farm and later land rights to make a shift from cash crops to food crops and gain control over selling produce in local markets.

- **National Farmer Day:** Women farmers' day was celebrated on October 12, at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Latur emphasizing the role of women in agriculture sector and the need to adopt Sakhi Food Secure Agriculture (SFSA) model.
- **World Food Day:** On the occasion of World Food Day on October 16, a workshop was organized on food processing for women farmers in collaboration with KVK Mohal and SSP.
- **Mahila Melava:** Six hundred women farmers from 125 villages of three blocks from Osmanabad district celebrated Mahila Melava on 21st Nov. District, ZP, officials from ATMA, Agri Dept, PoCRA and KVK shared information about rabbi crops and government schemes, availability for individual farmers and groups for agriculture, water security, livelihoods, etc. Women farmers shared their experiences of climate resilient farming model, diversified livelihoods, creation of sustainable water conservation methods, land restoration and afforestation.
- **Village level one acre Model training of Rabbi Season:** Climate resilient agriculture training and training on Health and nutrition on cluster level were conducted by SSP team. Demonstration of Seed treatment by the use of Beejamurth and seed germination tests for higher yield production were given to 4500 women farmers, While production of Azolla and Hydrophinics for fibrous fodder's for animals, Vemicompost and Jeevamurth production serve as Biocontrol against pests.
- **Convergence of Government Scheme:** 56 people obtained Jawar seeds from ATMA department in Solapur District (total Seed 224 Kg). Pest management Traps 34000, Rabbi Kit- 42500, Sprinkler – 96000, Rotator - 55000, Bio Farming Kit -766870, Well Motor –26000, Poultry - 500000L.
- **Training cum demonstration on pest control to Krishi Samvad Sahayaks and Farmers** - Conducted 6 training cum demonstration on pest control, in all villages in Osmanabad & Latur Dist The main object was to aware about bio pesticides using low cost inputs [technologies] making neem ark with natural resources management and low cost technologies. The purpose is to bring an increase in yield and protect from pest losses & reduce cultivation cost.



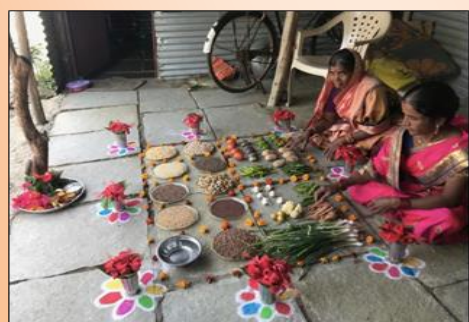
National Farmers Day celebration



Mahila Melava at Osmanabad



Mahila Melava at Latur



Village level one acre Model training

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS CAPACITIES IN BIHAR

SSP is working in partnership with 9 different NGO's in Bihar to build Community resilience as well as exhibiting disaster resilience program in various districts of Bihar. Women farmers were trained and motivated with community resilience agricultural practices including organic farming

This quarter, we have prioritized capacity building training for community leaders on early warning system in the context of preparation for floods in which Community Resource Persons (CRPs) has played an important role, delivering Community Resource Fund (CRF) to the groups that needed it the most.



Special Initiatives taken by network

We have prioritized the field level pending activities and follow-up of CRF status at ground level in Bihar. We have also followed-up the role of trained CRPs on the issues of early warning system in the context of flood. Highlights include: Partnership (Meetings with the Block project manager of Mehsi Block, KVIC officers about the SFRUTI project, and Mr. Ravi Gupta (Environment consultant – Govt of Bihar) about flood prone areas).

CRF follow up visit and distribution to Pratapganj Block of Supaul District and Mehsi Block of Saharsa District. Activities/Network events (like Capacity building training for community leaders on Early warning systems in context of flood, Plantation work for the success of JAL JEEVAN HARIYALI Abhyan launched by the Bihar government.

POST FLOOD INTERVENTIONS IN KERALA

SSP's programs in Kerala state is focusing on encouraging women's leadership, diversifying livelihoods and entrepreneurship, making agriculture climate resilient, food security, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, as well as constructing houses and repairing damaged houses and toilets.

Kottayam District

SSP team has taken many initiatives to bring back some normalcy in Kerala after the floods. We distributed materials to the Self-help Groups of North Mundar, and also conducted capacity building program for the SHG leaders. Orientation meetings were organised for new house beneficiaries, and for members of the production units. The team had meeting with the Panchayat to submit the new house beneficiary list, and informed the Panchayat about the progress of the work and submitted the beneficiary list of New House, Home Repair and IHHL.

Evaluation of New House Construction: Mundar Development Project Monitoring committee meeting was conducted on 19th October at South Mundar, in which the committee evaluated the construction works carried out and selected the beneficiaries for livelihood distribution. SSP team also conducted a Capacity Training Program for the SHG leaders of the district. To ensure improved savings and food security to the beneficiaries, distributed kits to women with 1 cage, 18 chicks and 2 Kg feed. Panchayat gave approval for construction of 46 home repairs, 18 IHHL and 26 new houses of Mundar Development Project. New house sites and completed sign of sheet for 42 home repairs and 13 individual household toilets. They prepared Bills of Quantities for the proposed community hall of Parel Colony.

Production Unit Mobilization: 30 members participated in the program and 16 members registered their name for production unit they were provided with basic information about production unit and its marketing strategies.

Lamp wick Training for Community Leaders: Training on lamp wick cutting and packing was done by the resource person Mr. Mohandas. Tread cutting methods, tying, packing and selling the product were discussed during the session and also market opportunities for lamp wick.

Chicken Feed Distribution by SHG: After the successful implementation of fowl distribution programme, one of the most effective Self Help Group of Mundar Development Project, "Dhanasree" has come forward with a very interesting scheme. The scheme aims to serve the local population with distribution of Chicken feed to ensure its adequacy and earn sound profit.



Relief and rehabilitation interventions in the flood affected Wayanad district in Kerala

- Under the Wayand Post Flood Intervention Program, SSP team provided training to its group members on loan management. As part of Loan Monitoring, SSP Wayanad team had conducted 2 one day trainings for the Sakhi Farmers Group Members from Edavaka and Kottathara panchayats. As part of CRF distribution, one day training was conducted at on 10th Oct. Various aspects of loan management, loan utilization, monitoring, appropriate activities, impact on climate change, maintenance of books and records, communication skills etc. were covered in the training.
- **Sakhi Farmers Meet:** SSP Team Wayanad visited and participated in group meetings of 16 Sakhi farmers at various times. In these visits, we gave simple tips for group management and financial discipline. As part of Loan Monitoring, SSP Wayanad team had conducted 2 one day trainings for the Sakhi Farmers Group Members from Edavak and Kottathara panchayats. As part of CRF distribution, one-day training was conducted at SSP Office which covered various aspects of loan management, loan utilization, monitoring, appropriate activities, impact on climate change, maintenance of books and records.
- **Grameen Tourism:** Project briefing to the women by SBI Youth for India Fellow, Shreya Deep Bansod. Project being undertaken by the fellow is on Rural Tourism in Kurumbalakotta, Wayanad. The briefings proceed by a short introduction of the fellow's background, project idea, required coordination and help from the interested women.
- **CRF Management Committee Formation:** As Part of the CRF Monitoring SSP Wayanad team had conducted 4 Cluster formations meeting for the Sakhi Farmers Group Members at Kottathara panchayath. We covered various aspects of CRF management, CRF utilization, monitoring, appropriate activities, maintenance of books and records, etc. Communication skills also were covered in this session.
- **UnarvTution Center Visit:** In partnership with NeethiVedhi, SSP facilitated 3 tuition centers for tribal student's at KalakkimottamKunnu and KarinjaKunnu. To monitor the activities, SSP team visited the centers. It was found that centers are functioning well. SSP Team reviewed the progress of these centers and finds problems and solutions with the help of local people. As part of the livelihood support of NeethiVedhi with the support of Peace committee we conducted a livelihood workshop to the beneficiaries.
- **Thread Wick Making Training and exchange meeting at Mundar:** SSP team from Wayanad participated in the thread wick making training at Mundar and shared their experiences of programs in Wayanad district with the Mundar team in Kottayam district. SSP team conducted a similar training program at SSP office in Wayand. Sakhi Farmers Group Members participated in this program and decided to start a unit along with their tailoring unit.



Key Partners: Habitat for Humanity India, Huairou Commission, Merrimac Middle East

WATER, SANITATION, HEALTH & HYGIENE

SSP brings together local governments and women for enhanced water security, sustainable sanitation, nutrition and productive activities in drought-hit regions

Hand wash Day: SSP celebrated 15th October Global Hand wash Day in villages, schools and Anganwadis to spread the word about hand washing and value of clean hands under Women-led Sanitation, Hygiene.

Learning Exchange by UNICEF Team at the Grassroots: In the context of disaster prone areas, [UNICEF India](#) team from 10 different state offices visited and interacted with women grassroots leaders, farmers on 14th & 15th Nov and got to know about our climate resilient farming model (one acre model), food security and water security in addition to our Women for Sanitation Hygiene and Resilient Practices (w-SHARP) initiative in Osmanabad & Latur districts supported by UNICEF India.

Water Management: In 100 villages: GP/ community level improved water management and involvement of women in water and sanitation governance.

Water Budgeting: Across 10,000 households, water budgeting, allocation, savings, water conservation through community level convergence of relevant development schemes was provided last mile access to WASH and nutrition related products and services together with change education.

Enhanced Food Security: Across 2000 marginal farmer households: Enhanced food security by recognizing women as family farmers, building their capacities to cultivate food crops using water efficient bio-farming practices.

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WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program's (SVEP) non-farm livelihood strategy is to launch rural women as new entrepreneurs and provide business support to existing women led- enterprise resulting in enhanced earnings and social status. The SVEP project is being implemented in the two blocks of Barshi and Mohol in Solapur district of Maharashtra.

Under the SVEP project:

- 3721 enterprises were supported till date, and it has partnered-up with different schemes in order to provide adequate and proper training to women in many aspects such as marketing in Barshi and Mohol blocks in Solapur.
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In entrepreneurs meetings, women leaders with the team had discussions regarding market linkages, record maintenance and upgradation in enterprises with Cluster Co-ordinators, Energy Sakhi information shared by Cluster Co-ordinators, Bank Linkages and several Government Schemes. Also the record maintenance was checked by Cluster Co-ordinators. In this meeting, the linkages and products information Himalaya Company and agricultural products were given to Entrepreneur. Out of those meeting the Convergence of Schemes and Mudra Loan is received by eight SVEP Entrepreneurs. 100 entrepreneurs apply to NABARD GLG loan. Six cluster level peer learning meeting for bank linkages and product promotion at mohol and barshi block was held for 331 women entrepreneurs for learning and sharing and also to provide them guidance regarding expansion of enterprise.

Women's Resource Centers (WELI)

The project supported by Dalyan Foundation is designed to implement and promote grassroots women's empowerment through entrepreneurship and leadership. The overall activities recognize the benefits of the empowerment that can be achieved through effective participation of women. It is being implemented in 4 blocks of Osmanabad and Solapur districts in Maharashtra, India with the Women's Resource Centers (WELI) located at Wadala, Haglur, Kallamb and Jalkot. The program is progressing with 4 resource centres, staffed and fully operational. SSP staff along with trainers, conduct the Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), to understand the entrepreneur's needs in each centre, such 80 villages were covered and saw 2520 participants.

Training for Milk Business Women: As a part of Aventus's CSR support, SSP supports women entrepreneurs with business training and support Dairy, management of cattle fodder, control of animal diseases and value-added services along with allied enterprises and standardizing inputs like packaging, branding, marketing, finance and a sales channel for their produce.

Training of Milk Business Women was conducted. In order to aid women dairy farmers, a Hydroponic fodder unit has been set up in a few villages too. The project included an entrepreneurial training of women, and visit to meet women entrepreneurs. Through this, every participant started at least one new business each.



Exposure visit to Dairy Farm at Shirur: Davatpur and Jawali village collecting women and men visited Britannia Milk Dairy at Shirur, explained milk quality testing and assurance at milk collection center also implied the importance of self-hygiene and cleanliness around the vicinity of the area. They also explained types and methods of animal feed and poultry for obtaining high yield quality products.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Grassroots Assembly at Penang, Malaysia

Godavari Dange, Grassroots Woman Leader represented SSP and Huairou Commission at Grassroots Assembly held in Penang, Malaysia on 14th Oct 2019. While leading the session on Women's Leadership, Godavari highlighted the role of women groups in identifying solutions through actions in climatic and disaster risk context. Equipped with knowledge and skills, women are emerging as climate leaders and change makers in various countries where our strategies are implemented.



The Grassroots Assembly was organised by #Huairoucommission, #ACHR, #WEIGO, and #SlumDwellersInternational as part of the Seventh Asia Pacific Urban Forum (#APUF7) from Oct 15-17, 2019.

Bhagwan Janaki Smrithi Samman

Gautam Kumar from SSP received Bhagwan Janaki Smrithi Samman for innovative work in the field of social work at the Bihar Krishi Mahotsav-2019 organised by Muzaffarpur Botanical Research Institute Bhatoulia, Bihar. Gauam Kumar has been felicitated for the doing many innovative things in



the field of social service for last 15 years. He travels in most of the districts in Bihar and makes awareness on climate change and use of organic manure in farming, formation and nurturing of disaster task force, training and employment of rural women entrepreneurs.



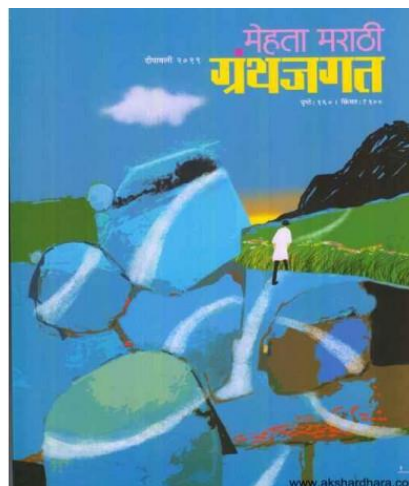
Earth Care Award

Sadhana Deshmukh, grassroots leader of SSP received the Earth Care Award 2019 from CK Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The 9th Earth Care Award is a joint initiative of JSW and The Times of India.



MEDIA

Marathi book world - Every day that comes to women in different countries like India, the new challenges of the country, the women who are going to overcome the challenges, the women who go forward to their lives and the lives of others. This is a different story than all of this, she is a different story of our mangal waghmare Through this year, the voice of "Mehta Marathi book jagat " has been created by the diwali of the " Mehta Marathi book Jagat" in Marathi. 'Skill development', 'innovation' and 'leadership' has become a word for today's technology. This is how important it is to be in this article about rural women.



Coffee Table Book - A simple, elegant coffee table book, Chronicling 10 years of the India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award (including Prema Gopalan), It speaks quietly and confidently of change models that have transformed India.



SSP's Journey in Yuvasobti - Article by Laxmikant Malvadkar on Swayam Shikshan Prayog - SSP's journey published in Yuvasobti Marathi Newspaper on 6th October, 2019.

Peer Learning Exchange organized by Shibuye Community Health Workers in Kenya

Climate Change Leaders from SSP (Godavari Dange and Sumitra Shiral) and ORRISSA from India, Kakamega, Kajiado, Mathare, Homa bay counties from Kenya, and other partner organizations from Zimbabwe, Zambia, Nigeria, Uganda were participated in the Peer Learning Exchange organised by Shibuye Community Health Workers in Kakamega County, Kenya on 24th to 25 November 2019. The learning and sharing program was focused on Climate Resilient Farming, Community Resilience Fund, Women Entrepreneurship and Women Leadership. A two-day workshop on Climate Resilience Fund was also organised in Kakamega from 26th to 27th November followed by the exchange. SSP and Shibuye Community Health Workers are working on Climate Adaptation and Mitigation program supported by Climate Justice Resilience Fund facilitated by Huairou Commission.



Thanks to the team of DD Sahyadri | Doordarshan!!

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Unshakeable courage

Twenty five years after Latur was jolted by an earthquake that left a trail of destruction, several thousand women affected by the tragedy are recognized as transformational leaders! Daily Pioneer Article, 06 December 2019

<https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/columnists/unshakeable-courage.html>



SSP team in partnership with Goonj has cleansed a pool at Maravayal in Kottathara panchayat at Wayanad district in Kerala which was unutilized for years! 41 women members from SSP have initiated this program. Also, Shri. V.N. Unnikrishnan – Vice President of Kottathara gram panchayat, Agina Coordinator at Goonj, SSP team and farmers group members have contributed significantly towards this mission. #keralaflood #womenfarmers #Goonj



Rebuilding lives in Mundar, Kerala - Video

Empowering women and their families in flood affected areas of Mundar is a priority for SSP. To develop women as entrepreneurs, SSP initiated livelihood support and training programs in Mundar. Over 160 women and families are supported by SSP in this initiative with a focus on ensuring income and addressing nutrition. On 4th November 2019, over 100 women from the flood affected communities in Mundar joined the Livelihood program supported by SSP. Government officials and elected members from Block and Panchayat attended the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/ssp.india/videos/2867649406587623/>



UNICEF India team at wSHARP village Shelka Dhanora, Kalamb taluka, Osmanabad - visited WASH practices, drinking water facilities, soak pits and soil and water conservation activities led by grassroots women.



UNICEF India team at wSHARP village Bhatshirpura, Kalamb, Osmanabad where women like Pramila are the Water Warriors re-engineered water distribution for drinking first then farm ponds.

#UNICEF’s post about women leaders of SSP on Social Media:

“Powerful practices on community resilience and devolution of power, fund and responsibilities at grassroots level; True definitions of empowerment and claiming to be the important partner and stakeholders, not just beneficiaries at tail end!. The change makers are ready to adopt us and local governments rather than we or government adopt them”.



Swyam Shikshan Prayog