



VAAGDHARA

# Annual Report 2017-18



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## • Secretary Desk •

Another Eventful year with lot of hard work and determination got added to the history of VAAGDHARA. The year was full of thriving achievements, rigorous exercises and excitement all throughout. I would draw this piece to a close by extending heartfelt gratitude to all our Community Based Institutions, Volunteers and importantly field team for putting their everything we did and always determined to positive impact Tribal community lives through different interventions.

I would like to share my note of thanks to my well wishers and like minded personalities of development sector who made the grand success of Tribal sovereignty march and Conclave by attending time to time and providing their support and witnessed grand success of the event.

The Tribal Communities we work with did us immense proud last year. It warms my heart to see that Tribal sovereignty march are being recognised at large scale and not only 10,000 Tribal Farm Families actively participated with their soil, water and indigenous seeds for tribal sovereignty but also developed the charter of demand and responsibility towards the Tribal sovereignty. The presence of a number of personalities from development sector, huge amount of Tribal farm families and like minded institutions itself worth to describe the grand success of the movement.

A look back at the past year would not be complete without an acknowledgment of our Partner Organizations on the transparency of providing technical inputs into the every thematic areas of an organization. My sincere thankfulness towards Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Save the Children and Ms Nivedita Varshneya, Welthungerhilfe for deepening our thoughts, enhancing our understanding on our core areas of True farming and True Childhood and we put our efforts this all

with their kind support and guidance. We've met with highly influence personalities of the development sectors from the organizations of APPI, RRAN where they play proactive role and enhance Vaagdhara's role in sustainable Tribal development.

Its radical move in past year where Vaagdhara has undergone with the rigorous process of Restructuring and Organizational diagnosis after the continual trainings, workshops and discussion of nearly 17 months. I personally hats off to my team members for their tremendous support during the course of the journey and be with Vaagdhara by following its own set of rules, approach, and aspects and it is combined efforts and the dream which Vaagdhara is forecasting is all for a Tribal community. The restructuring process is only take place with the continuous support of Mr. Gagan Sethi and selfless devotion of Mr. Deepak Sharma for putting out thoughts into the paper.

As per said above accomplishments was achieved only through the dedicated professional Vaagdhara team who is working on their toes to achieve the essence of "true Framing, True Childhood and True democracy" and this was not easy to compile the efforts of Team but Ms Surbhi Saraswat, our team member who is compiling our efforts from last 10 years did tremendous job to make it presentable.

I will end with signifying and gratifying those faces who are providing our indirect support to achieve Vaagdhara's goal and objectives. And we hope that you all with continue to support our work so that one day all Tribal people can lead dignified life.

Always Expecting your kind guidance and Best Wishes

**Jayesh Joshi**  
Secretary  
VAAGDHARA



## OUR ORGANIZATION

Vaagdhara is community based organization which works relentlessly to bring sustainable changes in Tribals lives. We bring together their culture, practices synergies with adaptable technologies for sustained impact through a wide range of partners from government, INGOs , Corporate and other Stakeholders in strong and creative alliances to develop approaches and actions to tackle the challenge of Poor Tribals. We work with community based insititutions to make legislation, regulation and policy more supportive of efforts to reduce their challenges.

We seek to increase the resources available to expand the coverage of proven nutrition interventions such as indigenous food group identification and child rights and development link with other multiple variables - and how we can combat them ---- and develop next generation more child centric. We share knowledge on what works when engaging with natural resource management & with different issues like health, nutrition, agriculture, livelihoods, education, child rights ---- and what does develop changes in their lives - to improve their quality of life.

### Vision

The poor in tribal region of India have climate change resilient sustainable livelihoods ensuring education, health, rights and participation for their children.

### Mission

Creating and nurturing vibrant institutions of tribal communities at tri-junction of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya-Pradesh states of India; integrating new-generation and indigenous technology, knowledge and practices ensuring sustainable livelihood and realization of childhood.

### Our Core Values

VAAGDHARA is a value led organization and its core values play very important role in deciding its strategies and interventions. It focuses on using latest knowledge and technology yet following Gandhian philosophy of self-reliance





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## Overall Tribal Development for Generations

By 2020, VAAGDHARA plans to reach out to about one lakh poor families in tribal region of Rajasthan and Central West India (tribal areas in Gujarat and MP, adjoining Rajasthan) under its various development interventions. As part of this, we aim to achieve following Outcomes :

**2 lakh  
Children**

Developed Tri- Junction better place to live 2 lakh Children get opportunities for better emotional, Physical and Educational Growth.

**1 lakh  
Families**

1 Lakh Families are using sustainable Integrated Farming system and addressing issues pertaining to natural resource management , livelihoods, with a focus on hunger, food sovereignty and nutrition security.

**50,000  
Tribals**

More than 50,000 Tribals share their voices to promote networking, Policy and Advocacy at local, regional, national and international platforms.



## HOW WE PERFORMED TO OUR STRATEGY IN 2017

As we finished drawing out of third year for achieving our strategic goal, it is inspiring how big scale of our ambition has become- to bring smile to 1 lakh tribal Families. We have progressed from our integral approach towards linkages between Child Development and Protection, Sustainable Livelihoods and share their voices at different Platforms.

We want to continue the strategic focus on Sustainable tribal development through Vagadhara Focus areas for the most vulnerable that has proven to be a successful approach over the previous years. Our goal is to achieve an accurate indication of impact for our long-term programs, with the most effective of resource commitment from our field programming while respectful active and participatory involvement

the Tribal communities.

We had another successful year where we worked for our commitment to the key sectors in which we operate because those are the ones where our impact is biggest, and our competences highest: food and nutrition security, agriculture, natural resource management and Child Rights. We strengthened the focus on Community based Institutions in our areas, participation of their choices about what life they want to lead. Education always remain an important component of all our interventions, although we will not focus on large scale formal education measures, but rather on promoting skills that enhance employment, sustainable livelihood measures which helps to decrease migration and labour.





## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR

### April

15 Villages declared "Child Friendly" covering indicators related to child rights, no children linked with child migration and labour in these villages.

### May

Celebrated "World no Tobacco Day" with state level functionable highlighting the health and additional risks associated with tobacco use, and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. "Tobacco – a threat to development."

### June

The National Level Consultation was held with an objective of sharing the adopted strategy, experience and learning from the successful "Rajasthan Nutrition Project"; that has shown encouraging results to reach out vulnerable section of society. Involvement of key stakeholders and nutrition players on Nutrition-interlinkages for household food security.

### July

Vagad Radio: 90.8 broadcasted in Vagad area reverberated in the ears of about 1 lac 80 thousand families covering the range of 35 km. It reflect the tribal issues and finding out the way solution, awareness on the issues of Vagad region.

### August

Celebration of **World Breastfeeding Week** in 4 blocks of Banswara district and encouraging more than 1500 women involving pregnant women and lactating mothers to breastfeed their babies. The first six months of the baby's life is crucial and it is important to feed him breast milk as it not only provides nutrients, vitamins and minerals but also protects him against several diseases.

### September

**National Nutrition Week** is observed during the first week of September, "to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition security. Organized "Nutrition Camps" with involvement of more than 2450 children under age 5 and their mothers for raising awareness on indigenous food groups and nutrition habits.

### October

"Jan Jatiya Swaraj Yatra", taken out as an outreach tour in the Tri-junction of three states comprising Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, comprising Banswara and Dungarpur districts, laid focus on sustainable farming through rain-fed agriculture and indigenous tribal practices. Water, forest, land and seed were the key elements of the march.

### November

Vaagdhara celebrated "Childline se dosti" a week celebration with engagement of more than 2000 children involved a range of events and activities.

### December

Launching a Project "E-shakti" in Banswara district aims at digitisation of all the SHG accounts to bring SHG members under the fold of Financial Inclusion thereby helping them access wider range of financial services.

### January

State level consultation with involvement of different stakeholders, Nutrition Players and state officials on increasing the use of "Millets" in ICDS- an indigenous way to curb the malnutrition and improve MCHN services in Tri-junction of three states.

### February

VAAGDHARA has submitted and approved from UNA Written Statement on "Approaches to end inter-generational poverty among tribes to achieve sustainable and equitable development for all". The statement submitted is the outcome of the series of dialogue held with tribal farmers and the Citizen Charter prepared on Dignified Tribal Life. The Written Statement has been approved and published by the Commission for Social Development and can be viewed in the UN Official Documentation System.

### March

Vaagdhara is in process of bringing revolutionary change in improving community based Institutions for sustainable tribal development. Therefore, in series, workshop held in Daharam shala to understand the organization development process and improve the human development resources for way forward thinking.



## Theme : CHILD PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT

This year, Vaagdhara worked on different projects covering themes where we benefitted more than 25000 children as whole. In this year, Vaagdhara played a key role in coordinating different theme projects through lens of sustainable child development where we worked to remove the poverty cycle. Breaking this cycle of poverty depends on household equal investments in children's rights and wellbeing, and in women's rights. Spending on a child's health, nutrition, education, and social, emotional and cognitive development, and on achieving gender equality. This thought of Vaagdhara helps to see each and every project as in child context and invest in a healthier, more literate and, ultimately, more sustainable Tribal communities. This year, **Vaagdhara focuses on:**

1. Protecting children from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect is essential for them to enjoy their rights to survival, development and

participation. Many children who are in labour, migration, drop outs because of the protection issues they face and other harmful practices. Every failure to protect children has negative effects that continue into their adult life - and also holds back a sustainable development. By contrast, where children are protected, their health, education and well-being are improved as well as their ability to contribute to society as future citizens.

2. Early Childhood care and Education - Change the development trajectory of children by the time of entering school, develop adequate school readiness through a good quality ECE programme, to enable them to make a smooth transition.
3. Health and Nutrition - where new era in the fight against malnutrition through integral approach, coordinating with different stakeholders.



## Strengthened Child Rights on reducing Child Migration and Child Labour

**Vaagdhara**, with support of Save the children make tremendous efforts to fight the root causes of child labour and migration and keep tribal children safe. An important part of Child Protection work, is the partnership and leadership of the Children as well community themselves. Therefore, we actively support more than 200 Community based institutions and other child led activities that educate children on how to protect themselves and empower them to call for action-change agent in their communities.



### Project Achievements

- Linkages of CPCs work with CGs helped to raise children voices at proper platform and timely redressal of child right violation issues at community level.
- Strategies like linkages of poor families with social protection schemes and livelihood support interventions at village level helped to address the household poverty level, which is impacting child labour incidence in the project villages.
- Out of the 966 children aged 6-17 years who used to be engaged in child labour at baseline (across these 587 households visited during end line), 803 (or 83%) were not engaged as child labour by someone outside their own family.

**The Methodology designed for intervention are as:**

- We formed and strengthened Community based institutions such as Child protection committees, Children Groups through which we involved them into the community and increased their participation towards concern issues. Together, they collectively worked for better solutions to bring changes in the community.
- We involved Community based Child Tracking Mechanisms where community trained and get to know each and every child is linked with their 4 basic rights.
- Creation of Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and strengthening their capacity to work as a local resource to influence and support families through demonstration of viable agricultural practices with enhanced income in 2 livelihood model villages
- Maximise convergence with government schemes and programmes sought for creation of better infrastructure and livelihood opportunities for decreased migration rate.

- Presence of a strong network of media groups, public representatives and NGO partners in the district which helped to spread awareness on child right issues in the district as well as build pressure on government for making necessary provisions to stop child labour, school drop outs and stop migration.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement; convergence; a robust baseline information system and strong implementation through Community based Institutions.
- 100 Child champions have been created that will continue to raise their voice against CP issues in their local area and galvanize other children to act as watchdogs. Even in few cases, the sensitization of community members on the issues of children resulted in to change in social norms.

## Outreach in Numbers

**5066**

children possess  
Birth Certificate- Right  
of Identity.

**3516**

number of Children who  
previously engaged with child labour  
are removed from labour practices.

**1916**

Children got prevented from Child  
Migration to cotton field industries as  
well other harmful industries.

**8100**

Children equipped with life skills  
training including thematic areas of  
gender equality and child protection.

**1966**

Community members  
trained on child right issues and  
awareness on child tracking mechanism.

We came up with Community-level Child Protection Monitoring Mechanisms to identify and support at-risk children. Children were brought under the protective network of education or life skills training along with government entitlements such as RTE. In order to strengthen the systems, we advocated and facilitated stronger, more coordinated methods to protect children at risk of or those engaged in domestic work. Community-based monitoring systems were also set up. Public awareness campaigns and generation and sharing of documented evidence to prevent and protect children from domestic labour were other two key highlights of the project.

## Story of Change

It's worth sitting down to listen to the members of Children Group in Budha village of Banswara district. With raised confidence, they are using all means to prevent violation of rights of children especially child labour. They counsel children as well as parents to not indulge their children in labour but send them to study. They also use Bal Suraksha Peti (A box installed by CPC for children to put written grievances) or the forum of gram sabha in case they need any help for children. They also take help of Child Line 1098 in case of urgency or when no solution arrives from local

mechanisms established for child protection.

Two children were involved in labour in our village and a member of children group informed us about it. We did a meeting of members and met with the children. We counselled children to not to waste their life in labour and instead study and move forward in life. We met their parents and asked how our village would be child labour free if you involve your children in labour. We told if you don't withdraw your child from labour, we will intimate ChildLine (1098).... Nilesh Kumar, member, Children's Groups.

## Early Childhood Care and Education

Vaagdhara's thrust is that school readiness and the basic growth and development needs (i.e. cognitive, socio-emotional, physical and language) of the most vulnerable, marginalized children in the 0-6 years' age group are met. The project focuses on system strengthening by building capacities of government functionaries and caregivers and creating feedback and support supervision systems. The role of the community is well recognized in addressing the needs of a child. Thus, community awareness and sensitization on the

issues is quite imperative. We always visions to a systematic functional pre-school system that can be availed by children belonging to all backgrounds, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

There fore, we are working to ensure quality education in a child-friendly learning environment for children from the most marginalised tribal communities, living in remote rural areas of South Rajasthan. The idea is to start the intervention early so that a strong foundation for childrens' education can be built.

### Project Achievements

1. Pre-school education component in 504 in Bhilwara and 89 in Banswara Aanganwadi Centres (AWCs) was strengthened. Children are now accessing quality pre-school education in these centres and demonstrating improved school readiness skills.
2. Community institutions such as School Management Committees, Parent Teacher Associations, and Aanganwadi Development Committees were formed and strengthened to ensure they contribute effectively in proper functioning and management of schools and AWCs.
3. Physical and educational environment has been

- improved in 124 schools and 604 Aanganwadi Centers by implementing BLES (Building Learning Environment in Schools) components, building capacity of teachers, AWWs and school principals and providing appropriate resources and material for teachers/AWWs and children. Education structures at the cluster, block and district levels were strengthened. On site academic support was given to Aanganwadi Workers (AWWs), teachers and children.
4. Equipped teachers and Aanganwadi Workers to teach in a multigrade class through development of new tools and improved teaching pedagogies.

### Programme Outreach In Numbers

309

Teachers are trained on child friendly methods and classroom transaction process improved for better learning outcomes.

12628

Children attended government primary school and demonstrated improvement in learning outcomes.

10804

Children enrolled in Aanganwadi Centers.





AWC Mohanpura is located at approximately 30 km from Suwana block headquarter. Cluster Coordinator (CC) KHUSHI, Mr. Kaluram Prajapati was in village on 13th June 2017 and was observing MCHN day. During observation, he noticed a child Hanuman who had come with his mother and grandmother for vaccination. Hanuman's health condition was critical so AWW and ANM referred him to nearest PHC for treatment. Hanuman's family members are drug addicts except his mother. Hence, they did not care. His mother worriedly wanted to visit doctor but out of fear, she couldn't take decision. During the discussion it also came in knowledge that Hanuman was fifth child and previous four have already died due to improper care. RBSK team was visited at AWC on 24th June 2017 and diagnosed and referred him for treatment but family members didn't allow. On 8th July, CC along with AWW and ANM again visited aHanuman at his house and counseled parents but all went into vein. On 24th July 17 Hanuman stopped intake of food and liquid. His mother

became restless and finally called AWW and CC and asked for support in visiting doctor on 26<sup>th</sup> July 17. AWW immediately provided support and called to CC Kaluram and shared all things and both decided that tomorrow AWW will come to MTC along with Hanuman and his mother and CC Kaluram will meet at MTC. Next day as per plan AWW along with Hanuman and his mother visited to MTC where CC is already present and they admitted hanuman to MTC. Doctor treated to him properly and Hanuman admitted MTC for 14 days. Slowly his weight started growing and his weight increased from 8.25 to 9.4 kg. Currently his weight is improving and he is feeling better. We are happy to share this small contribution toward saving life through 'KHUSHI'. On 9<sup>th</sup> August, Hanuman discharged from MTC. The mother of the child was also very happy and the mother said to AWW & CC "Main to Baandi jasyan hongi, Ye madam auri sir nate to maro choro mar jato, thaki madad su mara chora ki jindagi bcha lido natho marhe chyar chora chori jasyan yobhi mar jato, mu jiv jta tak thako gun na bhulu."



## Health and Nutrition

We work relentlessly to improve the health and nutrition status of newborns, their mothers and pregnant women by targeting the major causes of mortality and ensuring the availability of high-impact health and nutrition interventions that improve their health outcomes and nutrition security. This is a direct and overt recognition of the magnitude and multi-dimensionality of the task we face – interventions have to be comprehensive, systematic and aligned. Effective engagement between different stakeholders with various strengths and perspectives is key, leading to effective action on the ground to address and eliminate malnutrition in all its forms. We work towards breaking the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition and stunting, targeting children from birth through their second year of life, as well as lactating mothers and pregnant women.

**Developing Community Nutrition Advocates:** “Annapurnas” acts a changing agent where delivering the integral approach to add agriculture to curb malnutrition and improve the health and nutritional outcomes.

**Improving Nutrition rough Local Food Systems:** We support local and indigenous food that make nutritious, diverse and minimally available to undernourished populations who rely on what's

available in their natural resources to feed themselves and their families.

**Improving Farmer Nutrition:** Farmers are some of the most undernourished people in the world. Through rigorous field research during LANSA Project and other previous Projects we hope to better understand farm-household nutrition so we can help address this malnutrition.

The project “**Developing Women Led Entrepreneurship model of Realigning agriculture to improve Nutritional outcomes for Pregnant Women, Lactating mothers and Children under Age 2**” has determined the best strategy is to promote approach of “Linking Agriculture, Nutrition and Natural Resources Management (LANN)” for improved access to nutrition and food security. The strategy will make use of the tools of “backyard nutrition garden” that will be adopted by members of women self-help groups (SHGs). This way an integrated approach of aligning agriculture and nutrition with tribal communities will help in addressing challenges of malnutrition and enhance household's food and nutrition security. In this context nutrition volunteers, who will be equipped with electronic media tools and apps will be guided to interact with SHG members and encourage behaviour change.

### Outreach Progress in Numbers :

234

Health line workers were trained on nutrition awareness , changing mindset on household nutrition.

750

SHGs members engaged in PLA\_ session exercise to develop the understanding on the concern issue and finding out grassroot level solutions.

1361

number of SAM/MAM children identified from 60 villages and turned into normal phase through adequate care and practices.

1820

Radio talk session held for increasing the awareness , access to health services.





In Anandpuri block, newborn and maternal death rates remain high, primarily because most births take place at home without access to medical care. Vaagdhara's Project on realigning health and nutritional outcomes for Maternal and Infant Health Project, generously funded by Star Grand Challenges Canada is aiming to help more than 14000 women and children by training and supporting healthcare providers, establishing community nutrition advocates for pregnant women and monitoring the quality of healthcare services. The project is helping women like Sukni bai in ----- village. She works in her own field and at the age of 20, is pregnant with her first child. Annapurna from their nearby area referred Sukni to the PHC for support where she has received antenatal care and help to prepare for childbirth; Sukni had her first antenatal check-up at three months, where her weight, height and blood pressure were recorded. "I had morning sickness for the first three months and had no appetite. Annapurna taught me that I need to eat [well] to look after the baby. I learnt about nutrition and having a balanced diet through local varied resources which is available in my own farm." She also received information about nutrition benefits through PLA sessions. She is looking forward to her future role as a mother. "I want my children to be happy and healthy and to go to school," she said.

## Childline 1098

CHILDLINE is a national 24-hour free phone emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Its single purpose is to help children in distress. The CHILDLINE number 1098 is accessible round the clock. Any child/concerned adult can call 1098 free of charge at any time of the day or night.

### Project Achievement Interventions :

699

calls from parents, public departments, police education department, civilians, children, CHILDLINE team members, etc. were attended

354

children were rescued and given counselling educational support medical help, home placement institutional placement, etc. We have reached out to different types of children like- missing children, child laborers, runaways, homeless, sick, emotional health problems HIV/AIDS. Shelter, restoration, counseling and sponsorship are given.

### Open House Programs :

17

Open House Programmes have been conducted – in schools, villages and public places – reaching out to about 2000 people, in which awareness is created about CHILDLINE, child rights, child marriage, child labour, etc.

150

Mass Awareness Programs were conducted for auto-rickshaw drivers, shop owners, bus drivers, bus conductors, students in schools and colleges, travellers on journey, pedestrians on the roads, merchants, road side sellers, customers in the market places/tea-stalls/snack-centres, pilgrims during festivals, gatherings during public meetings, etc. giving knowledge to thousands of people on CHILDLINE and child rights through distribution of handbills, stickers, posters, etc.

### Children bring awareness :

2450

Street children, school children and College students were involved in several rallies, street plays, input sessions and programs to bring awareness among the public on child-rights.

125

A rally was conducted around Bus Stand in which more than children participated. The public was given awareness and 1098 is receiving many more calls.

- "Drawing Competition" was conducted in Rajendra Nagar Govt. School premises. More than 286 children participated in the program. Various games were conducted and prizes distributed. As a result, many poor children in schools are calling us and getting educational support.
- CHILDLINE visited Police Stations, different departments and created awareness about the CHILDLINE project through tying the friendship band. As a result cooperation from the police has improved and they are accompanying us in rescue operations in a more timely manner.
- Signature Campaign was organized in the Exhibition grounds. Mr. bhagwati Prasad Kalal, District Collector inaugurated the program by signing on the banner. More than 2000 people expressed their interest in the project by signing the banner to protect the rights of children.
- **Mr. Kamlesh Bunkar**, Childline team Member awarded as Best team member who worked for child right awareness at block level.

## Vaagdhara In Action

### Gram Sabhas :

Vaagdhara organized a special Baal Gram Sabha in 21 Gram Panchayat of Ghatol block of Banswara district. It was seen that Child Participation in Gram Sabha is very less. For the First time children's officially participated in the gram sabha to discuss their issues, entitlements and rights.

The members of 'children and adolescent collectives' in gram panchayat of Ghatol block participated and presented a 'GP fact sheet' contains issues related to child development programs like Aanganwadi, Education, Child Labor, Child Marriage. They highlighted major issues related to poor infrastructure available in their school like boundary wall that from all kind of external dangers, non-availability of water in the toilets discourages to usage of the same, poor availability of sports equipments.

### Exposure visit to Other NGOs

ATAPI Organization and other NGOs team visited different child protection interventions for learning the aspects of child right. The meeting and discussion was conducted with village child protection members and Children group to understand the child protection mechanism and its impact in the village. ATAPI team got impressed with the outspokenness, self confidence and ability to address child protection issues, of the children; they gave 1000 Rs to Children group member for the purchase of sports equipments along with responsibility to decide the sports equipment as per the gender balance.

**Through Campaigns** Meri Shiksha Mera Adhikar and Stop Child Migration Campaign:- Vaagdhara organized "Meri Shiksha Mera Aadhikara and Child Migration Campaign 2017" campaign during school admission period; grass root level efforts have produced tangible results. VAAGDHARA covered total projected villages of Ghatol Block. We organized Prabhat Ferry in the morning hours and development activist organized Samuday (community meeting) in

meeting at a common place. VCPC members and development activist facilitated in enrollment of children in the school and Aanganwadi as per data collected during the meetings.

#### Stop Child Labor and Migration campaign :-

After School enrollment campaign in the month of July, with the support of district administration and Save the Children, Vaagdhara organized a Campaign against Child Labor and Child Migration in 4 blocks of Banswara district named Ghatol, Aanadpuri, Kushalgarh and Sajjangarh. The Campaign starts from 10th August and continued up to 12th August. In three days campaign we organized 172 Panchayat level Child protection committee meetings. During PLCPC meetings Sarpanchs, Sachivs, PRIs, teachers, ANM, Aanganwadi workers, ward panch and other community people took part and discussed on the methods and steps needed to stop child labor and child migration in their Gram panchayats. Apart from that more than 25000 people took oath for stopping child labor and child migration from Banswara district.

### Gender Based Violence Against Women and girls Campaign

Historically, violence against women and the oppression of girl children have been significant issues in Rajasthan. (Mobile Caravan) Balika Gourav Yatra is working in spirit of opposing these injustices. The (Mobile Caravan) Balika Gourav Yatra was launched on 15th November, 2017 with music, theatre acts, presentations from guest speakers, and other activities to increase awareness of child rights. From 16th November, 2017 to 2nd December, 2017, VAAGDHARA and Save the Children partnered to mobilize the caravan and conduct the yatra in 51 villages across Ghatol Block of Banswara District in Southern Rajasthan. The purpose of this yatra was to increase awareness of child rights and issues specifically relating to four major themes. These four themes were child abuse (domestic violence), child marriage, child labor, and sex selective abortion.

## NETWORKING

CSOs convention on GBV against women and girls

A district Level Convention on "Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls" was conceptualized by VAAGDHARA with the support of Save the Children as part of the Project SPEAK UP- Say No to violence against women and girls, which is implementing by save the children in Rajasthan. This event paved the way to bring the objective of Project SPEAK UP- Say No to violence against women and girls and to think of appropriate solution to stop gender based violence.

The workshop involved with Governments, implementing agencies, civil society organizations, police departments and other institutions to advocate for ending violence, increase awareness of the causes and consequences of violence and build capacity of partners to prevent and respond to violence.

The workshop supports expanding access to quality multi-sectoral responses for survivors covering safety, shelter, health, justice and other essential services.

## Convergence

### Linkages with Entitlements and Social Security Schemes

This year, special initiatives to make households who do have some agricultural land aware of agriculture and allied sector schemes that they could benefit from, either through better credit access, better quality input, more scientific processes, entrepreneurship, or simply a better mix of activities and produce that have higher demand. Some of the schemes which been benefitted to community are kisan fasal bima yojana, National Horticulture Mission, Pamaparaaght Krishi Vikas Yojana. Total number of 11273 Families get access to different entitlements.

### Collaboration with different government Programmes

Active Involvement with different programmes including National Nutrition Mission, Rashtriya Balika Swasthya Karyakram where VAAGDHARA get partner in different activities and increase the outreach number through developing micro plan for reaching out to the vulnerable beneficiaries.

A joint meeting was held by CHILDLINE and the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) where it was announced that complaints related to child labour and child marriage should be registered on 1098 and that maximum benefit should be taken from this service. Officials from Women and Child Development Department, Social Justice and Empowerment Department and District Legal Service Authority were part of this crucial meeting.





## SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD & AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

*"How can we be backward when we know how to protect rain forest? How can we be primitive when our people live peacefully together in communities that are kind to each other, that make us strong? How can we be illiterate when our instinct is to protect; not destroy the Environment?"*

This Quote has beautifully explained the emotion of Tribal Communities who are protecting our culture, environment, natural resource management and still left with no livelihood options in its own place.

With in these problem situations in order to make the communities self-reliant, VAAGDHARA is promoting sustainable livelihood through Food and Nutrition security, Sustainable Integrated Farming System-SIFS, Nutrition Sensitive Farming Systems, Horticulture Development, Watershed Management, Micro Finance and policy advocacy for realization of people's right to Livelihood. As a cumulative result of these interventions, strong Community based organizations have emerged (SHGs, Federations, Cluster, Farmers Group) ensuring community ownership and sustainability. There are three insights into poverty which underpin this new approach while Vaagdhara has applied in this year through different kind of Project in more than 650 villages

The first is the realization that while economic growth may be essential for poverty reduction, there is not an automatic relationship between the two since it all depends on the capabilities of the poor to take advantage of expanding economic opportunities.

Secondly, there is the realization that poverty — as conceived by the Tribals themselves — is not just a question of low income, but also includes other dimensions such as bad health, illiteracy, lack of social services, etc., as well as a state of vulnerability and feelings of powerlessness in general.

Finally, it is now recognized that the Tribals themselves often know their situation and needs best and must therefore be involved in the design of policies and project intended to better their lot.

The promotion of sustainable livelihoods is part of overall Sustainable Tribal Development which includes: poverty eradication, employment and sustainable livelihoods, gender, protection and regeneration of the environment, Healthy lives and governance. This Year, Vaagdhara worked with Participatory learning and Action with Tribal communities to make them understand on different approaches of livelihood framework.

*The livelihoods approach is a way of thinking about the objectives, scope and priorities for development. A specific livelihoods framework and objectives have been developed to assist with implementation, but the approach goes beyond these. In essence it is a way of putting people at the centre of development, thereby increasing the effectiveness of development assistance.*





## Intrigated Farming System

For Vaagdhara as part of its sustainable Livelihoods interventions which linked with various components food and nutrition security, poverty alleviation, women empowerment, we adopted systematically participatory and community-based approaches through PLA and focussed on Sustainable Integrated Farming system. It does so with the conviction that collaboration with individuals, groups and local bodies not only helps to improve the quality of the interventions, but it is also an expression of our acknowledgment that Tribals have the right to make a significant contribution regarding the type of support being targeted at them

Though Vaagdhara got to know during implementation that participatory and community-based approach is complex and presents a number of challenges. Consulting the people one wishes to involve requires time that we have often been unable or have not known how to plan, "misunderstanding" with government bodies, community did not understand about the difference between Rights" and "Responsibility". But this Year, we overcame challenges through involving some of the tools and techniques for improving the understanding on the concept of sustainable livelihoods.

This Year, Vaagdhara reaches out the number which are as :

**17000**

Tribal families are directly linked with sustainable integrated farming system - inclusion of Hunger, Food sovereignty, sustainable livelihoods and improving bio diversity.

**94.32**

Lakhs sanctioned under Category "B" in MNREGA to 3144 Individual Families (3 lac each).

**1345**

members including panchayat president, ward members and ration dealers are trained to implement and promotion of integrated farming and indigenous food practices as innovation and participating in the training workshops and in PLA LANN meetings. Increase in Household diet diversity score to 5.64 (Average) from earlier 2.46 (Average) due to awareness and increase intake of indigenous varieties.

**4400**

Nutri-Sensitive micro plans under NREGA are submitted and 1939 plans got sanctioned amount up to 3 lac.

**720**

Families are linked with National Horticulture Mission and got 40 kinds of fruit plants (Guava, Mango and Lemon).



## Rajasthan Social Economic Development Project

Vaagdhara, with support of Heifer International is working to increase self reliance among small scale Farmers through improved animal management Practices, alternate livelihood sources and value chain management through backward and Forward linkages.



### Project Achievement

325

SHG members are trained on value based holistic community development like Passing on the gift, Accountability, Sharing and Caring, Sustainability and Self-Reliance, Improved Animal and Resource Management, Nutrition, Health and Income, Gender and Family Focus, Genuine Needs and Justice, Improving the Environment, Full Participation, Training, Education and Communication and Spirituality.

327

SHG members are trained on Improved animal Management Training.

330

SHG members are trained on gender and Justice.

755

SHG members from 80 SHGs are trained on SHG management

325

SHG members are trained on Leaders and Leadership qualities, Personal Leadership, Positive attitude and behavior, How can we build up our positive attitude and behavior etc.

30

CAVES (Community Agro-vet entrepreneur) selected from 30 villages to enhance the services of veterinary and agriculture services in the villages and develop.

### Stories of Change

#### Indigenous Technologies in Livestock Production

One of the SHGs named Ambewadi from village badaliya trained on Animal Management where they learned different methods to improve livestock through indigenous practices. After training, they used different practices which proves to be useful; such are as they tried at field:

- Feeding of bamboo leaves and Gur, after calving of cows/ buffaloes for quick removal of placenta.
- Calves are given 20-25 ml Neem Oil for removal of internal parasites.
- Radish leaves (0.5 Kg) are given to animals for deworming purpose.
- Oral feeding of chalk powder (50 gm) + boiled rice water (250 ml), 4-5 times control the dysentery problems in animals.
- Developing shade for livestock from locally available materials.

#### What do Farmers get from this Project ?



## Horticulture Programme ( WADI )

Vaagdhara is implementing Wadi Program with support of NABARD , the approach is of agro-horticultural based intervention (Fruit Orchards) as an measure of Sustainable Land Management in tribal communities. The main output of our Wadi Programme are productive utilization of wastelands and marginal lands, increased area under fruit crops, conservation of natural resource management, reduction of migration , improving social status, nutritive diet, inter cropping pattern which can bring to sustained impact on Tribal lives.

Currently, there are one wadi project being implemented hoenmstead orchard farming for 500 tribal families from 15 villages by improving their economic conditions and quality of life through multi-functional cropping system in their field areas. On an average 18-20 Mangoes and 14-15

Guava and lemon saplings being provided to the beneficiaries with the broader plantation of forestry species. Major activities are undertaken in this year of wadi Programme are as SHG development, livestock development, irrigation skills and development , construction of vermi compost, exposure visit to farmers, capacity building Programme, health and nutrition security awareness , distribution of seed kits. During the implementation from last 10 years , Vaagdhara learnt that wadi is the part of sustainable integrated farming system and can be acts as an entry point intervention for holistic development and involve communities into SIFS tools ; thus facilitating empowerment processes and reducing socio-economic insecurity amongst the vulnerable communities.

### Project Achievement

1000

farmer's families are trained in making bio fertilizers and bio pesticide for organic farming; they use and prepare Bio fertilizers as well as Bio Pesticide and biological method of pest control, Seed treatment, and medicinal plantation.

1000

families regularly trained on after care practices like fruit harvesting and preservation , best practices like basin preparation and weed management with the age of tree, Mulching, vegetables cultivation, fruits harvesting and preservation, mix cropping, inter cropping, irrigation management etc.

1000

families build knowledge on Biodiversity and ecosystem, seed preservation, organic agriculture, millet cultivation, Health awareness, improved kitchen for health and hygiene, Income generation activities, after care of horticulture plantation, Family level nutrition, Poultry and Goatry.

1500

Farmers families adopting SIFS and also build their knowledge on SIFS.

1500

families increase additional income by selling fruits, green gram and vegetables up to 25000 to 30000. And able to stop migration for livelihood to several families.

550

applications are filled and submitted to Horticulture department for Horticulture plantation under the National Horticulture mission. Out of 550 applications 255 are sanction and get benefitted from the scheme as per entitlement.

60

farmers gets training on horticulture and 80 farmers gets training on Poultry and goatry from Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

## Wadi Changing Thousand of Lives

Amratlal had begun to migrate to Gujarat for work since he was 12 years old and continues to do so for the next 8-10 years. During this time he came to hold a leadership position in the migrating workers community. He used to collect individuals from ages 12-25, group them in groups of 20 to 25 and send them to Gujarat for work. He used to receive commission for the work they did, as well as work in the severe labor conditions himself.

During the monsoon season, Amratlal used to return to his farm. Through the migration work his family was able to survive and thrive financially. However, because of the migrating conditions Amratlal was able to spend minimal time with his family, which upset him and caused him anxiety about the work he had chosen.

In April 2012, Amratlal returned to Banswara in hopes of finding new children to take to Gujarat for migration labor. He went from village to village, and began to convince families to send their children with him to Gujarat. When Amratlal visited Ratapan, he ran into VAAGDHARA employees working on a livelihood program. They were working on a program to improve the farming capabilities of farmers in Anandpuri block. He was very compelled after hearing the program and request to enroll in the work with VAAGDHARA.

VAAGDHARA employees conversed with Amratlal and told him that the process for enrolling in the Wadi program would require him not to migrate for work, as there is a lot to be done as a participant in the program. Amratlal agreed and planned to stop migrating. Thus, Amratlal was enrolled in VAAGDHARA's Wadi program. Since this time, he has begun to advocate to convince local farmers to plant Wadi instead of going to Gujarat to migrate for work.

Within 6 months, VAAGDHARA placed him in a leadership role for the Wadi program. Because of the changes he made through the program Amratlal changed the following things:

He distributed 32,000 fruit plants and 80,000 other plants to 800 nearby families. From this effort



the participating families are generating an additional 15,000 to 20,000 rupees a year.

He helped get 3 lakhs of work sanctioned through the governments MGNREGA program (Apna Keth Yojana). This work strengthened the lives of the participating farmers and encouraged them to stop migrating.

He helped align 350 families with the government horticulture scheme by helping people fill out forms, evaluate their land, and assisted them in planting vegetables.

He helped deliver training from the agricultural sciences department in animal husbandry and fruit and vegetable farming to 150 families.

Additionally from another government scheme he helped deliver 20 chickens to 50 families for animal husbandry purposes.

In the summer season, when plants were drying in his field he planted trees that would keep the moisture in his field.

In 2016, he contacted the Agriculture department and delivered Moong lentil seeds to 800 families. Through this each family was able to grow Moong lentils in the summer season for 100-200 kilograms for total harvest and an income generation of 10,000 to 12,000 rupees.

He contacted the horticulture department helped deliver drip irrigation to 350 families.

In 2014, during the True farming program in Anandpuri there was a discussion about minor millets being required in the area. However, there were no seeds to distribute to begin the farming in this area. Amratlal found seeds for the crops and distributed them to 175 families.

Amratlal has also taken part in many intangible activities through his work in the area. With this he also recieved "damal loda Environment Award"

## Cluster Facilitating Team

Vaagdhara is working with NRLM-MGNREGS-CFT project is a three year pilot project to enhance rural livelihoods through MGNREGA in Anandpuri block of Banswara district. This project is working to enhance the technical capacities to implement the programme at the block and gram panchayat levels and thereby increase the scale of MGNREGA works, reduce delays in wage payments to workers and improve the quality of assets constructed under the programme.

The objectives of the project are to be achieved by putting in place "Cluster Facilitation Teams" (CFTs) comprising of people with

knowledge and experience on integrated natural resource management (INRM), social mobilisation and rural livelihoods at clusters of gram panchayats to support and facilitate the planning and implementation of MGNREGA. Every CFT has to comprise of a minimum of three persons. The CFTs are working with the existing women collectives i.e. self-help groups, village organisations and federations of the block. These collectives have to help workers claim their MGNREGA entitlements by making them aware about the programme, helping them plan works for their village, demand work and voice their complaints in case their rights are violated.

### Strategies used :

- ❖ **Involve 25 local Volunteers** for social mobilization and awareness generation on Apna Khet Apna Kam (AKAK) through village and hamlet level meetings. Increase in participation of SHG's Monthly meetings and encourage to demand for AKAK. Rojgiwas is celebrating on Thursday at Gram Panchayat head quarter. It has resulted into sanction of 3144 works of AKAK works in the FY 2016-17.
- ❖ **25 Training and Capacity building sessions** for Yojna Sakhi, Woman Mate, PRIs and SHGs for improving the MNREGA demand generation and develop understanding on MNREGS.

Special trainings have been organized for in field to CFT members so that quality of ongoing MGNREGS works can be improved.

- ❖ **Sensitization of 250 PRIs members** - For facilitating and supervising the implementation of government schemes.
- ❖ **Special focus on SHGs members** - helps to improve the pace of MNREGA especially of category B works which includes monitoring the process of sanctioning, release of muster roll, quality work, timely submission of muster roll, payment of labor, bank account seeding, Aadhar seeding, collecting labour demand etc.



## Project Achievement

90%

Through the above strategies, Vaagdhara achieved more than indicators and secured second rank in whole Rajasthan. Some of the achievement as indicator wise are as follows

15102187

Person days generated during the FY  
2017-18 = Person days

25890

Total Households worked Family

58.33

Average Days of employment provided  
per person Person Days

154.28

Average wage rate per day per person Rs.

930

Total No. Of Households completed 100 days  
of wage employment Family

1039

No. Of completed work during the FY  
2017-18 works

95.30%

SC/ST persondays % as of  
total persondays

93%

of Category B works

96.5%

% of payment generated  
within 15 Days

## Story of Change

Forty year old Sarji Devi and her husband Waagh ji live in Badaliya village of Badaliya gram panchayat in Annadpuri block with their three daughters. The family has only 0.75 acres of land, which does not produce enough to feed it all year round. Unavailability of work in their village used to force them to migrate. In 2015-16, she and her husband worked were able to get 106 days of MGNREGA work. They earned a total of Rs 17,172 for the work done by them. This money was spent on housing, food, medicines and on their daughters' education and marriage. Now, She is

also the secretary of her SHG. All the ten members of her group proposed the construction of Lukphichiya Ahar through MGNREGA for irrigation. The scheme was sanctioned and they all worked on it. However, due to delays in issuing of muster rolls and other reasons, they did not receive their wages on time. They complained several times but continued working. On an average, all the women of the SHG got work for about 80 days last year. This is the big achievement through CFT and involvement from the community.



## Promoting sustainable consumption and production of Organic Foods

Vaagdhara, as its own we are working for identifying indigenous food and markets for organic produce. Through this, Vaagdhara is starting a new initiative to further expanding our approach of organic produce with support of welthungerhilfe.

The project aims to contribute to sustainable

local food systems that safeguard public and environmental health and promote sustainable smallholder agriculture. It aims to achieve this through an increased demand for, and supply of clean, green and fair foods in selected Indian towns, promoting the switch to sustainable food consumption and production patterns.

### Story of Change

Experiments gone wrong can sometimes lead to fruitful endeavors. Such was the case when Mansingh Ninama—of Sundrav village in Anandpuri block of Banswara, Rajasthan—participated in an organic farming initiative 5 years ago. He begun the process of producing organic crop on his farm as a result of the project, he proudly notes how the organic initiative was his introduction to the benefits of organic farming practices.

He said that my father was doing Organic farming but this organic farming shifted to conventional farming because of getting higher production and started using of more fertilizer and pesticides. According to him, the primary benefit of organic farming he was able to observe, and which energized him to pursue organic farming further, was the improvement in the quality of soil and dirt on his farm. Prior to cleansing the soil of chemical

treatment, the soil on his property was dry, rocky, and difficult to grow crops on. Organic farming is less water intensive, thus is less demanding on the soil.

Additionally, as he has expanded his organic farming practices he has been able to supply green fodder for his livestock year round. This leads to better milk production which is important in this area because there is a lack of productive animals and dairy.

Ninama has been energized and seeks to instill the passion he carries for organic farming in his surrounding community. He believes self-sustainability and a decreased reliance on the market are an immediate route to improving the lives of farmers in Anandpuri. However, he believes all changes must first start at home, and thus he hopes to continue learning about other methods such as vermicompost, while expanding his reach to his fellow farmers.

## Internet Sathi

About one Lakh of Tribal women get benefitted from its internet literacy drive under the "Internet Sathi" initiative with Tata Trust. The project aims to overcome the digital gender disparity in tribal areas and empower tribal communities to facilitate digitally literacy by making them aware of the benefits of the internet. The programme focuses on training women and larger communities in areas including schools, MGNREGA sites to explore various uses and benefits of the internet. The 180 Saathis then impart training to the tribal community in their own and neighbouring villages. Google provides the devices and the training material to the

Saathis. The final rollout of the programme and the training of the master trainers, which comprises self-help groups and women's federations, are overseen and facilitated by VAAGDHARA with support of Tata Trust on Facilitation.

Internet-enabled devices like tablets and smartphones are also placed on school premises and at community centres, self-help group meeting places, agriculture centres and the like.

*"Internet usage by women in Tribal areas have turn into revolutionary change. With this programme, we are creating an enabling environment that empowers them while also bridging the technology gender divide."*

**Jayesh Joshi, Secretary**

### Project Achievements

**180**

Internet Sathis Have Trained on digitalization and benefits .

**126000**

Women get awareness on digitalization and usage of internet for their personal uses.

**158**

I-sathis are using internet for their livelihood upscaling activities like parlour course, mehendi designing.

### Story of Change

Mrs. Paskali katara belongs to Jhiklee village of Kushalgarh block of Banswara District. The month of June she joined I-Saathi Project and she undergoes different training under the program. Before she was not able to use smart phone and she is not friendly with phones and tablets, but now she is very active I-Saathi. Till september she trained 534 women's on digital literacy. She visited 3 to 4 times in each household and ensures quality of training. Through the support of internet she learned many things and now tells to other women also. The month of September She told to village community about MGNREGA, Current status of work and payment through the support of youtube and MGNREGA website. Because of this, the people of the village also come to know about MGNREGA at her House.

Girda, another Internet Saathi from motapdoia village from Banswara District , is now helping people get information and enrol for various government schemes.



## Promoting efficient bio-energy component within Sustainable Integrated Farming System for Resource Poor Tribal Families in Banswara District.

Vaagdhara is working to bring about accelerated development and promotion of production and efficient use of biofuels to increasingly substitute costly and highly dependent sources of energy. It also works on helping tribal community in moving towards energy security, climate change mitigation, and leading to environmentally sustainable development. We work for utilizing waste lands and other underutilized lands for cultivation of shrubs and trees bearing non-edible oil seeds for production of bio fuel.

Through Field team, Farmers are encouraged to undertake plantations that provide energy source for family and also income generation purpose. Non-edible oil seed like arandi, karanj plantation along the homestead boundary, wastelands get demonstrated and supported for Minimum Support Price to produce bio-diesel. Appropriate financial mechanism also

developed to support adaption of "Bio-gas" as climate change mitigation measure in tribal region.

VAAGDHARA considers both the components as essential part of farming system towards sustainability of livelihood therefore it has to include non-food feed stock also as component of SIFS. This can be raised on degraded or wastelands that are not suited to agriculture in integrated manner and also incorporate bio-fuel component within circular economy of SIFS. In the context of the global perspectives and local imperatives, it is the endeavor of this pilot to facilitate and bring about optimal development and utilization of indigenous biomass feed stocks for production of bio-fuels within family and village level. The pilot also envisages adoption of more efficient bio-fuel conversion and application technologies based on feedstock.

### Project Achievements

195

Beneficiaries involving government officials trained on role and importance of bio fuels.

200

Tribal communities trained on nursery raising of non edible oil plants (Karanj and Mahua) in the 03 villages and identification of species of trees bearing non-edible oilseeds in the area and explore potential of all such plants, depending on their economic and environmental practices.

102

Tribal Farm Families trained and demonstrated kitchen garden through provided seed kits.

100

Families sowed Castor and Dev Kaps seeds for the plantations of plants bearing non-edible oilseeds taken up on private wasteland, degraded land, farm bunds and homestead boundary.





### Story of Change

Vaagdhara is implementing a pilot Programme on strengthening the rainfed agriculture in Anandpuri block of Banswara District with support of Revitalizing Rained Agriculture Network. Some of the Highlighted Initiatives through this Project are:

- Detailed seed survey has been conducted and more than 30 indigenous varieties have been identified.
- Demonstration fields were established for wheat and maize varieties.
- Seed production of wheat and maize varieties was taken up by the beneficiaries.
- Front Line Demonstration for Improved variety of different seeds like wheat , gram , vegetable seeds was done in collaboration with KVK and Agriculture Department.
- 605 Farmers trained on crop intensification methods and 227 farmers adopted proper nurturing and strengthening of 550 SHGs.
- Ease of transfer of social benefits and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through Aadhaar linked accounts and convergence with other Government benefits;

## E-Shakti Project

It is an innovative initiative for digitisation of all the SHG accounts to bring SHG members under the fold of Financial Inclusion thereby helping them access wider range of financial services together with increasing the bankers' comfort in credit appraisal and linkage by way of:

integrating SHG members with the national Financial Inclusion agenda;

Improving the quality of interface between SHG members and Banks for efficient and hassle free delivery of banking services by using the available technology;

Facilitate convergence of delivery system with SHGs using Aadhaar linked identity.

Information of all the SHGs and their members are uploaded onto the website. The transactions are updated through 'apps' on android Mobile/Tablet. Data authenticity is ensured through SMS alerts to members and sample audits. MIS reports on groups are generated and progress is tracked on a real time basis. Overall, the whole ecosystem was designed to address the complex issue related to patchy financial records of SHGs.

### Project Achievements

A comprehensive information base and robust MIS developed which helps to facilitate suitable interventions and convergence of other programme for social and financial empowerment



## Comprehensive Financial Project

Financial inclusion is the process of ensuring access to financial services and timely and adequate credit where needed by vulnerable groups such as weaker sections and low income groups at an affordable cost.

Vaagdhara is conducting gram Sabhas and

Participatory Rural Appraisal to assess the availability of basic banking structure and needs of the community. With the continuous meeting, awareness generation activities on Inclusion, here the achievements are so far with support of bank and NABARD

### Project Achievements

**534**

Opening saving  
Bank Accounts

**267**

Pradhan Mantri  
Jan Dhan Yojna Account

**132**

Link girls below  
10 years aged to  
Sukanya Samridhi Yojna

**65**

Enrollment of  
Aadhar Card

**1715**

Issuance of Debit card who  
has saving bank account

**59**

Farmers linked with  
Kisan Credit Card (KCC)

**192**

Farmers linked with  
Rupay Kisan Credit Card

**132**

Farmers to be enrolled in  
Crop Insurance Schemes

**1715**

Persons to be enrolled in Life Insurance ; PMJJBY  
(Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojna) and PMSBY  
(Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Bima Yojna): 2478

**1147**

Persons to be enrolled in  
Health Insurance

# VAAGDHARA IN ACTION

## Various Engagements With Different Stakeholders

Vaagdhara organized one day consultation on “**Integrated Intervention for food and nutrition security related to MCHN in Tribal areas**” on 9<sup>th</sup> January with involvement of various stakeholders, different government departments, INGOs to share the model of community based solution for identifying indigenous food, produce in their agriculture for improving food and nutrition security. Vaagdhara is sharing its comprehensive approach, where need to align with different department and work in an integral way.

*Ms. Roly Singh, Principal secretary applauded the new model and initiate a working committee to be on ground.*

In order to develop Policies & Programs framework for rain fed agriculture in Rajasthan that leads to food and nutritional security, Department

of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, RRA Network, & VAAGDHARA organized a **Day Long Consultation** with various stakeholders on “**Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture : Towards Inclusive Secure and Sustainable Agriculture in Rajasthan**” on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This project aims to unlock the potential of food and nutrition security through rain fed agriculture and in adaptability to link with increasing climate change possibilities.

*With this, Vaagdhara organized Participatory meeting for Revitalizing Rain fed Farming in Tri-junction of three states viz. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat. The participants were local NGOs who discussed on their roles and responsibilities how to take the initiative forward and develop road map on rain fed agriculture.*

## New Heroines : Community Nutrition Advocates :

‘Vaagdhara’ successful implementation and strong impact of Project “**Rajasthan Nutrition Programme**” offer a dramatic hope on food and nutrition security, health practices among Indian women and adolescent. Early on for the Rajasthan Nutrition

Project found that the greater women’s decision-making authority in a household, the greater their food security: 39 percent of women classified as having a high degree of autonomy were food secure, versus only 12 percent of women with low autonomy.

## Convergence :

The continual follow up through media and organized State and National level consultation, the government planning to released technical guide and policy brief based on Rajasthan Nutrition Programme.

Effectiveness of the above programmes vastly enhanced with linkages between the institutions of the poor, PRIs and the respective departments. Vaagdhara always working for the convergence and partnerships which enable us to develop different models for service delivery and develop synergies for overall development.

**VAAGDHARA** is implementing a wide range of programmes to address different dimensions of poverty and deprivation under the ambit of convergence and entitlements. Under this, we

implemented Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, Public Distribution System, Right to Education and Social Security programmes. Even we also declared for implementation of Cluster Facilitation Team strategy, and Hamara Gaon Hamari Yojana besides other social security schemes. Here are some achievements in numbers

Consultation On Integrated Intervention For Food And Nutrition Security Related To Maternal And Child Health In Tribal Areas Of Rajasthan

January 2018

Parth Nishu Bhatnagar, Agriculture Department Cochin, Jaipur



## Facilitating Poor to raise their Voices

This year includes a snapshot of inspiring intervention a that show we are working with Tribals in different spheres to protect and strengthen their basic rights. Despite challenging circumstances, they are making their voices heard by those in power and achieving real changes in their lives.

- Vaagdhara has been part of coalition for food and nutrition security where can exchange knowledge for a multi-sector linkages of imparting change in FSN.
- Vaagdhara has been part of RRA Network to take an agenda of rain fed farming and agriculture forward to tri-junction covering Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.
- Vaagdhara become part of CMAM Programme to combat malnutrition from tribal areas through providing supplementary nutrition and organizing Nutrition camps for them. This programme is linked with government of Rajasthan and other stakeholders been involved in this.
- Vaagdhara consolidate findings in form of- Nutritive Analysis of indigenous food, Tribal food Treasure and Revival of Traditions of circular economy, which shared in two of the Worlds prominent platforms I.e. Agriculture Nutrition and Health Academy - a global research network in agriculture and food systems for improving nutrition and health outcomes and Global Research Forum on sustainable Production and Consumption- University of Sussex.
- Approved written Statement on "Social Protection, Including Floors: A preminent strategy to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development for all". The statement submitted is the outcome of the series of dialogue held with tribal farmers and the Citizen Charter prepared on Dignified Tribal Life. The Written Statement has been approved and published by the Commission for Social Development and can be viewed in the UN Official Documentation System.

VAAGDHARA ensures that the voices of Tribals : the vulnerable section of the society are heard and responded to by policy makers and those in power. It creates the spaces in which dialogue can take place, transforming interactions and contributing to important changes in government policy that have potential to reduce inequality and achieve a substantial impact on poverty reduction.

We enables community based Institutions to foster and amplify the voices and concerns of their villages , panchayats and in doing so makes sure that their concerns and rights are harder to ignore. We strengthen them to demand their rights to government and to help them to become more inclusive, responsive, transparent, and accountable in their decision-making.

VAAGDHARA has been contributing consistently on government policies like forest policy , integrated child development scheme , agriculture policy, child protection policy and others where we emphasized on the holistic approach for sustainable tribal development, and advocated that special priorities should be given to tribals who are most vulnerable section through government schemes and programmes.

We closely work with state and national governments to provide inputs on implementation of various development programmes, and help them achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Our learnings are encapsulated in knowledge forums in form of research , policy brief which help in advocating on various issues affecting the Tribals, and go forward for sustainable tribal development.



## Tobacco Free Rajasthan

The vast majority of smokers began the deadly addiction as teenagers. As a result, youth are critical and powerful voices in the fight against tobacco. They encourage their peers to be tobacco-free, stand against the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing tactics and urge leaders to

protect India's kids from tobacco. Through initiatives with different departments, Vaagdhara is making step ahead to foster the next generation of youth leaders who will finish the fight against tobacco by involving government leaders for advocating against tobacco free Rajasthan.

### Project Achievements

17000

Health facilities and 1000 hostels with 33 district offices of Social Welfare Department throughout the state were ordered to be COTPA Compliant. COTPA Module included in Doctors foundation course organized by National Health Mission.

20

Political Commitment from MLAs in support of vendor licensing assured. Inclusion of COTPA in Training Courses through State Training Institute.

15%

Vat increase on Cigarettes was announced by CM during 2017-18 budget announcements, to be applicable from April 1st, 2017

28%

Before GST council meeting 10 stories in support of keeping Beedi in higher tax slab was published. At the same time tweets and retweets done in series. As a result to this combined efforts Beedi has been put in tax category in GST.





## Community Radio Station

Vagad Radio is the first radio station to specifically serve the Tribal areas in Banswara.. Its broadcasts are distinctly more local than the commercial while the amount of original programming is community specific. Vagad Radio therefore significantly increased the provision of sound broadcasting to everyone in the local community.

Topic specific programmes included old songs, child rights , migration and labour, livelihood tools and techniques, sustainable integrated farming system, health , nutrition, hygiene, government supported schemes and almost every

other topic. Furthermore, it has worked extensively with Tribals with weekly broadcasts by and for Tribal community.

Daytime broadcasts covering community issues have found a wide appeal with home based workers, house parents, Farmers, NREGA workers and others.

The sustaining music mix has also found a regular following with its non-mainstream catalogue of tracks that is free of advertising. There is, however, still much to be done in further reaching under served communities. In particular our FM broadcast cannot be received in all of our target area due to the topography of the area. Our internet broadcast helps mitigate this.

Total 959 Programmes are developed covering various aspects of Tribal issues and focus areas including child development and protection, sustainable livelihoods and Community awarness on sharing their voices.

3 capacity building workshop organized to develop and conduct radio programmes and 50 youth get aware on Radio Station Programmes.





## Jan Jatiya Kisan Sawaraj Yatra

With the target of throwing stones and get ripple effect, VAAGDHARA reached into communities in 101 villages located in remote regions of blocks Ghatol, Sajjargarh, Kushalgarh, Gangar-talai, Arthuna, and Anandpuri (Banswara); Peepalkhant (Pratapgarh); Sabla (Dungarpur); Fatehpur (Santrampur). This March which covered 1248 kilometers, 101 villages, 40 Gram Panchayat covered and reached to minds of 10413 individuals 5368 women and 5045 men. In this campaign VAAGDHARA first oriented its own team members towards the processes required to trigger discussions on various topics be it health, education, child rights, food, production systems, facilities, service, infrastructures, politics, policies, schemes.

Tribal Farmer's Sovereignty March was a platform for VAAGDHARA to interact with the community to exchange knowledge and ideas for revival of "Farming System within Rainfed area". During this March VAAGDHARA explored and sensitized tribal community on traditional knowledge and nutritive value of indigenous foods to eliminate malnutrition and improve food and nutrition security in the area.

Farmers who participated in the Tribal Farmer's Sovereignty March, along with other beneficiaries of various projects and programs associated with VAAGDHARA, Samarthak Samiti, and Sampark Sanstha came together to participate in this conclave. The conclave was perceived as the first step towards farmer's

network to lead synergetic actions towards True Farming, True Childhood and True Democracy to mainstream tribal development in this remote region of three states. In this conclave 7000 tribal farmers (3759 women and 3241 men) and around 500 other stakeholders participated. The participants represented tribal communities from 12 blocks of seven districts of three states.

During the conclave an exhibition was also organized to facilitate the thinking process within the tribal community. This exhibition held components and displays pertaining to all the three themes of the conclave i.e. True Farming, True Childhood and True Democracy.

The prominent speakers like, Mr. Devendra Sharma, Agriculture Analyst, Mahendra Jeet Singh Malviya, Former MLA, Spiritual Leader Maharaj Achyatanand Ji, following dignitaries were also present like Mr. Gagan Sethi Jan Vikas Ahmedabad, Ms Bhawani MISSRF Chennai, Mr. Sanjay Sharma Save the Children and shared their views with farmers on different themes in separate groups. In this event, Citizen Charter on Tribal Farming System and strengthening rainfed agriculture is released by the farmers collective for submission to the appropriate authority. Altogether the village level charters were gathered together to culminate in the form of "Citizen Charter on of Dignified Tribal Farming System and Sustainable Culture

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## LEADERSHIP

Vaagdhara always believes in that strong leadership helps to bring out the best in people inspiring innovation and fostering a culture of Positive Excellence.

The Human Resource Team plays a catalytic role in helping VAAGDHARA to realise its vision and mission, and helps to continuously infuse the culture and core values of the organization into current Team, and new talent who come on board.

We ensure a safe work environment free from sexual, and any other forms of harassment, where each Team member can work to their best potential in an energising, collaborative and sensitive environment.

## KEY MILESTONES

1. An intensive Organization development exercise has been initiated and it involves each and every team member who directly or indirectly serving the vision of an organization. This process is already creating additional value within the VAAGDHARA ; and also feeding into building a second line of leadership while motivating team members as participants to reach higher level of personal as well as professional satisfaction.
2. Sexual Harassment of women at workplace Policy Throughout the year, new joiners as well as other Team member were given orientation on the policy and developed a committee.
3. With the work environment changing rapidly, new human resource initiatives kept pace to reflect the needs and aspirations of the Team which include.
4. Increasing employee engagement remains a priority for us as we work to create a culture of high performance. The regular need assessment helped us to identify key drivers of team engagement and uniquely organization played a pivotal role in fulfilling through unique way. This along with regular one to one discussions from senior management team enabled us to better lead, support and retain our Team.
5. Our Volunteers 235 in numbers are a golden team of support who provide undue support in the field. Vaagdhara always value their commitment towards the focus areas of an organization and they provide their services effortlessly in different spheres of our work.
6. Most of the Team member engaged in different Capacity building Programmes, enhancing skills related to our focus area, leadership assessment and other throughout this year.





## FINANCIAL STATEMENT


**VAAGDHARA**

Voluntary Association Of Agriculture, General  
Development Health & Reconstruction Alliance  
Village & Post- Kopda, Banswara (Raj) 327001

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH 2018

Particulars	Schedules	This year	Previous year
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grants and Donations			
A. Grants	10	32774623.06	25869589.41
B. Donations	11	<u>2168200.00</u>	<u>1470800.00</u>
		34442823.06	27340389.41
Interest Income		130971.20	187577.42
Miscellaneous Income		1900.00	57783.00
Creditors Written-back		10500.00	4032.00
Local Contribution		1035820.00	
VTDR Income		<u>230660.02</u>	<u>1268985.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>35852674.28</b></u>	<u><b>28858766.83</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
A. Development Programme Expenditure	12	30257238.70	31051232.00
B. Administrative Expenditure	12	2321346.25	1331702.26
C. Other Expenses	13	3264579.87	
D. Loss on Sale of Assets		<u>23800.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>35866964.82</b></u>	<u><b>32368234.26</b></u>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		(14290.54)	(3524167.43)
Less: Net excess of unspent/overspent balances carried to Balance Sheet	6	91549.11	7122480.59
Allocable Surplus		<u>(105839.65)</u>	<u>3598313.16</u>
Less: Net purchase of fixed assets transferred to Capital Reserve		612950.00	3337222.00
<b>Net surplus transferred to General Reserve</b>		<u><b>(718789.65)</b></u>	<u><b>361095.16</b></u>
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For VAAGDHARA

  
**PRESIDENT**  
VAAGDHARA BANSWARA

  
**SECRETARY**  
Vaagdhara, Banswara

As Per Our Report Of Even Date Annexed,  
For V. C. Vyas & Associates,  
Firm Regn. No. 04183C  
Chartered Accountants,



  
V. C. Vyas  
Partner  
M. No. 9859

Dated: 29th June 2018  
Place: Udaipur



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**VAAGDHARA**

Voluntary Association Of Agriculture, General  
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Village & Post- Kopda, Banswara (Ra) 327001

**BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2018**

Particulars	Schedules	As at 31.03.18	As at 31.03.17
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
General Reserve	1	5040237.01	5759026.66
Capital Reserve for Fixed Assets	2	6718956.00	6106006.00
Revolving Fund	3	-	370000.00
Current Liabilities & Provisions			
1) Sundry Creditors	4	6280825.00	5158957.00
2) Other Liabilities & Provisions	5	4707021.00	2970606.00
3) Unspent amount payable on Projects	6	5211366.02	3495099.73
		<u>16199212.02</u>	<u>11624662.73</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>27958405.03</u></b>	<b><u>23859695.39</u></b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Fixed Assets	7	16937572.00	15721569.00
Current Assets, Loans And Advances			
1) Bank Balances	8	3913991.81	2367071.35
2) Other Current Assets	9	245890.00	534821.00
3) Overspent amount recoverable on Projects	6	6860951.22	5236234.04
		<u>11020833.03</u>	<u>8138126.39</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>27958405.03</u></b>	<b><u>23859695.39</u></b>
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Facilitating Tribals Voices

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## OUR TEAM

**Priyanka Lodha**  
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Project Manager

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## OUR FINANCES

Vaagdhara always owe to its supporters--- and the community we serve--- to manage resource wisely. This sections help us to know how Vaagdhara is investing in sustainable solutions for lasting impact.

We are grateful for the support provided by all our stakeholders, especially donors who provide resources necessary to further our work and

mission. Vaagdhara ensures that the contributions received are utilised for marginalised Tribal communities across our work encompassing education, livelihoods, health , nutrition , child development , advocacy and others. The following figures represent grants and donations received in the Financial Year 2016-17.

## OUR PARTNERS



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