



SAHARA MANCH

(National level NGO)

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INTRODUCTION

Sahara Manch was registered under the M.P Societies Registration Act, 1972 on 31st March 1995. It has all India jurisdictions, is headquartered in Bhopal and presently extends services in MP, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Bihar, particularly in **rural and tribal regions**. It has FCRA registration as well as '12A' and '80G' Certificates from the I.T Department and has recently got 35AC exemption as well.

It was set up towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of M/S Vasudha Facility Solutions Pvt Ltd. and M/S World-Wide Security Organization, a leading Security & Manpower providing company. **(For more details, log on to www.wvso.in)**

MISSION

“Improvement in the quality of life and empowerment of the backward community and families living below the poverty line – with particular emphasis on the poorest of the poor, through intensive capacity building interventions, income generation and health activities with special focus on women and socio-economically deprived sections of society.”

Approach

We facilitate in creation of **Livelihood Opportunities** through income generation oriented skill creation and Vocational Training, Micro-Finance supports with special focus on Enterprise Creation.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The broad objectives of our Society, based on which it has been established, are given below:

1. To achieve complete status of livelihood in the given area of our operation to achieve our vision by way of approaches mentioned above.
2. To achieve the status of livelihood, use the tool of vocational training, skill development and education leading to employability using continuous researched approach for the same.
3. To work for the said objectives for the people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, .disabled, deprived from other castes of society and Minority groups especially belonging to BPL.
4. To implement and co-ordinate various projects of state government and central government to attain the stated objectives in our project area.
5. To make efforts for the overall development of the Society;
6. To promote moral and ethical values through social and educational institutions for inculcating self-discipline and development of an ideal National character.
7. To make the rural women and landless and marginal farmers self-reliant by organizing their Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLG) respectively.

8. To work for the social and economic development of rural areas in cooperation with government, financial institutions like commercial banks, insurance companies, business houses of corporate sector; and MFIs.
9. To help in establishing the cluster of small enterprises in the area of services and manufacturing sector.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

During the course of its operations, the Sahara Manch has faced the following challenges, particularly in rural belt of India, which has affected its optimum performances in terms of achieving the objectives set forth:

1. **Social Backwardness:** Like blind faith on age-old traditions, magical beliefs etc., prevents the people for adopting innovative means.
2. **Illiteracy:** It is the biggest problem facing the country today and the main cause of economic and social problems.
3. **Untouchability:** Despite the best all-round efforts, both legally and socially, to eliminate this social menace, still in some remote rural parts of India, this practice is prevalent, hampering the co-operative activities and efforts.
4. **Ignorance:** Because of lack of proper awareness, people are still ignorant about their rights and responsibilities, as enshrined in various enactments; they surrender themselves against exploitation by the vested interests.

5. **Women's exploitation:** Still in many parts of India, the women folks suffer all types of exploitation due to their illiteracy, poverty and helplessness.

6. **Delay in releasing project funds:** Because of bureaucratic hassles, there is, at times, an inordinate delay in release of project funds, causing vital delays in the implementation of the project and even at times defeat the very purpose of the project itself.

However, it requires a concerted effort by all concerned, including the funding agencies, to ensure proper and effective implementation of the projects for achieving the desired goals. We are quite hopeful of succeeding in our efforts, which have already started showing positive results.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Sahara Manch was one of the top twenty organizations from India (one of the top two in MP) selected by **World Bank** to participate in **South Asia Development Market Place Grant Competition 2009** at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
2. Hon'ble Narayan Sami, Cabinet Minister of India, gave award for best performance in development sector in 2009 in Madhya Pradesh in the function of CNRI.
3. Sahara Manch awarded for its work on Environmental Issues in 2009 in New Delhi.
4. Sahara Manch, Mandla appreciated by Rotary Club, Mandla for their participation in Blood Donation and Health Camp in March 2010.
5. Then President of India, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam appreciated "Sahara Manch" documentation.
6. Accredited by Credibility Alliance in 2009.

OUR KEY FOCUS

1. Livelihood – We follow **Self Help Group and Joint Liability Group** (for landless farmers and share-croppers) model and carry out capacity building before enabling them to set up rural/ urban enterprise based on their traditional skills, local resources and own aptitude. Further to this, we link them to different types of cooperatives including credit cooperatives for self sustenance. **Our major work is in the 105 villages of distt. Mandla (MP) for the past 7 years.**

2. Working to Attain the Millennium Development Goals

In its perspective planning policies, Sahara Manch has adopted the 8 Millennium Development Goals, as set forth in September 2000 at a convention represented by 189 countries including India. The development policies of several governments across the developing world have mirrored a legitimate commitment to the framework of the MDG and India has been no exception. Accordingly, the Planning Commission of India has evolved the National Development Goals (NDG) as part of its 10th and 11th Five Year Plans targets. This essentially based on the following 8 MDG targets:

- ❖ Eradication of poverty;
- ❖ Achievement of Universal primary education;
- ❖ Promotion of gender equality;
- ❖ Reduction of child mortality;
- ❖ Improvement of maternal health;
- ❖ Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases;
- ❖ Ensuring environmental sustainability; and
- ❖ Developing a global partnership for development

3. **Vocational Training & Employability Creation Programs (For Manufacturing & Service Sector)** – We have 8 Vocational Training centers (5 self-owned and 3 govt. leased) wherein we provide service industry related Vocational Training such as **security, data entry operator, tally, sales and marketing, electrical, welder etc.** based on the local demand and local enterprise need. Certification is provided under govt. of India schemes that is MES (by NCVT)

We consider education and skill as a key tool to achieve the status of sustainable livelihood.

4. **Micro-Finance Division** – We have our own Micro-finance division which is self sustainable and presently supported by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh and our own promoters. Few banks have also come forward to provide assistance. We try to provide assistance to our SHG and JLG for furtherance of their income generation program. At present, the Capital Base is approx. Rs 38 lakhs.

OUR VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

1. PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Place: **Bhopal**

Program: 'Suryodaya' a center which is based in **Bhopal** provides a forum for children in the age group of 8 and 16. This center focuses on additional academic input, extra curricular activities such as cycling, sports, debate, public speaking, exposure visits etc. and development of life skills including change in mind set. At present, 18 children have benefited through this program.

2. Vocational Centers

Centers: **Excellence industrial and VT institute, Malanpur, Dist. Bhind.**

Block Resource Centers at Budhni (Hoshangabad), Sagar and Tikamgarh to provide training for service and manufacturing sector.

3. **IGNOU CNRI STUDY CENTER:** To provide short courses (non-credit) run by IGNOU.
4. **World-Wide Protection Academy:** We provide training for under mentioned courses, Mandideep, Distt Raisen – We Have in all 7 training centers.
5. **Sa-Man Livelihood Resource Center, Mandla and Malanpur Distt. Bhind, MP Details Attached(brochure)**
6. **Sa-Man Research Center for Vocational & Skill Development Training, Nainpur, Distt Mandla (MP)** – We have proposed this center and got sanctioned for exemption under 35AC of IT Act, 1961 up to Rs. 3.23 crores for three years (2010-2013), vide notification no. S.O. 614(E) dated 18/03/10 of the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
7. **Block Resource Centers (govt. leased)** – We are operating 3 BRCs in MP in different districts of Sagar, Tikamgarh and Budhni. The centers have a capacity of 40 students each per batch.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

THREE-TIER SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE:

Sahara Manch has adopted a 3-tier system of Governance i.e.

- Direction;
- Supervision; and
- Implementation.

Direction: Sahara Manch has a Consultative Committee, consisting of eminent personalities in their respective fields, to provide policy level directions and necessary guidance for achieving its goals. Presently, the Consultative Committee has 18 members.

Supervision: To supervise, guide, control and ensure that policy guidelines are being properly implemented and project objectives are being achieved, Sahara Manch has a Governing Body, who looks after and is responsible for its successful functioning and has 8 members

Implementation: For running the organization and implementing the various projects to meet the desired objectives, Sahara Manch has members, consisting of dedicated, committed, experienced professionals, together with result oriented supervisory and support staff of 48 people.

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