

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Social Action for Rural Advancement Society

(Registered Under the Societies Registration Act, 28, 1958)

Director's Desk – SARA

Social Action for Rural Advancement Society is in 29th year of service delivery. Organization is committed to serve community on need based socio-economic indicators. In past decade organization transformed its implementation strategy and started focusing on skills, technology, digital learning, water & sanitation and livelihood. SARA had extensively worked with women, girls, men groups and adolescents on their health, education, social justice and fundamental rights. During its implementations, education, sex ratio and empowerment of rural communities have substantially improved. However, rural population is facing huge migration due to lack of appropriate opportunities and diminishing natural resources. SARA advanced its resources and policy to work on new challenges. Organization enhanced its capacity, capabilities and technical knowledge on rain water harvesting, water & sanitation, solar technology, digital innovations in school education and behavior change communication.

Year 2020-21

Annual Report 2020-21 presents organization's activities in its project area. Year 2020-21 has been a tough year for human race due to attack of novel Corona virus COVID19. Covid 19 spread across globe and proved itself to be a global pandemic. We all are aware that covid19 affected the country badly. The impact of the pandemic resulted in nation-wide lockdown. Lockdown situations created huge migration of labor class, semi-skilled and skilled workforce to their native places. People not only suffered with their health but also faced economic losses. Governments and global leaders were coordinating together to find a solution to pandemic virus and relief measures were in place to avoid poverty, hunger, distress and psychological issues.

Rajasthan state also received severe impact of covid19 and was under complete lockdown for more than two months. Meanwhile, health system was struggling to prevent and fight against an unknown virus, community was scared of disease. Most of the youth working in different states returned back and were unemployed. Due to emergency situations people lost their earning as well as little savings.

SARA took initiatives during COVID-19 phase to provide basic support to poor and vulnerable families who were under immense economic losses and lost daily wages. SARA supplied immediate support in the form of food, health education and preventive information and mobilized a livelihood model which will support villages in future. Organization was able to reach out to poor families who were devoid of any income and were facing poor health conditions due to pandemic. Entire team faced implementation issues due to pandemic but we tried our best to deliver and benefit target population. Summary of activities are presented in Annual Report 2020-21.

Mota Ram

Director SARA

COVID-19 Relief Program

The deadly pandemic was and is still disastrous for the humankind. While scientific and clinical fraternity was busy in understanding characteristics of virus and infection patterns, the viral infection was spreading across all sections of the community. In the first quarter of 2020, viral infection was new and Government decided to impose lockdown in quarter 2 to avoid spread of infection. Disease spread, symptoms and treatment methodology was new for all, hence everybody was struggling to understand pandemic and avoid infection. During lockdown, poor community especially daily wagers faced severe issues to arrange food and medical help for the families. Rural area in Rajasthan face scarcity of water due to which farming options are limited for the people. In the absence of farming majority of youth and village community either migrate for employment and labor work. During COVID 19, people returned back to their respective villages and were bound to stay in home due to lockdown.

SARA COVID Response

During global pandemic situation focus of development and relief activities remain to save lives of people and promote public health by any mean. SARA worked towards immediate needs of the community and designed an emergency program to target vulnerable group's immediate requirement of food, livelihood and basic needs. Organization developed a program with financial assistance of HCL Foundation to support people. Immediate support forms require food and immediate healthcare needs. Though the project immediate ration support was provided to 153 families of 3 village Panchayats. Families were identified on the basis of their vulnerability by village committees. During support survival kits were prepared which were constituted of Flour/Rice, edible oil, pulses and spices for 3 months. Organization also provided masks and natural immunity boosters along with ration support.

MANNI BALAI

VILLAGE: DANJI KA BAS



Manni Devi & Bhaguram are of 60 years & 65 years respectively. Three daughters were married 17 years ago. Husband of one daughter left her and she lives with them. They have two goats as source of income. Both can not work and have health issues also. During lockdown, no income was available for food and medicines. Family was identified as one of the beneficiary for three months.

SWRC COVID Response Support



SWRC Tilonia and Barefoot College International also provided food and ration support for vulnerable families. Ration kits comprising of flour, pulses, edible oil, spices, soap, onion, potato, Amrit Churn and 5 masks were delivered for three months of lockdown and post lockdown period. Total 258 such kits were delivered to identified families of 23 villages. The support helped marginalized, disabled, old age and single women in living their life during difficult period of COVID 19 emergency.

Barefoot College International also helped needy families during emergency period by distributing solar lights for personal use. Light units were distributed to families living on the outskirts of villages in small hamlets and do not have any electric supply. Lockdown period restricted people to stay in their home. It was difficult for families with children to spend evening and night hours without electricity. 50 solar units were installed in Khachariyawas, Gorla, Mundiagarh and Tyoda villages of Sikar and Jaipur district respectively.

Two Fold Support – Livelihood through Water Conservation

Social Action for Rural Advancement has expertise in rural technology innovations for target community. In recent past water conservation models developed by SARA have been recognized at state level. During COVID 19 lockdown conditions, household economy of lower income group families get completely distorted due to unemployment. Post lockdown, SARA initiated water conservation technology interventions through financial support of HCL Foundation in village Devla (Nagaur), Mei (Sikar), Nosal (Sikar) by initiating revival of village traditional ponds. The technique has been well recognized and successful in the project area. The recharging of traditional water sources in villages help reduce scarcity of water and also abandon wastage of rain water. Water properly stored in ponds through proper technique remain available for entire year. Water in ponds also help in increasing groundwater level of other sources such as wells, handpumps and small storage reservoirs.



The technology includes deepening of existing ponds by extracting sand and construction of face wall to contain water. An overflow outlet is also constructed in case of excess water storage. Plantation work is done on the facewall to promote healthy environment and water conservation. Detail of community, livelihood and water resources expected to be benefited through revived water structures in three villages is as follows:



Village	District	Population	Livestock	Well/HP
Nosal	Sikar	500	1000	20
Mei	Sikar	1000	2000	20
Devla	Nagaur	500	2000	20

During COVID 19 period, traditional pond revival program provided a direct opportunity to vulnerable and unemployed community to earn livelihood. Along with serving environment protection objective, project provided 2000 man days and additional mason and labor work for the people.



Labor Work (Laxmipura Pond)

Another program with similar objectives was implemented in village Laxmipura with financial assistance of Coca Cola Foundation. The proposed pond served the purpose of benefiting four villages of Karad Panchayat. Traditional pond excavation and deepening work along with facewall formation provided manual labor and mason work to people of project villages. Water conservation and environment protection program enabled rural community to avail water supply for entire year along with livelihood support through labor work.

Gram Panchayat	No. of Villages / Hamlets	Population	Wells	Hand Pumps	Livestock
Karad	1. Balyawas	1500	30	10	4000
	2. Mangra	1500	30	10	4000
	3. Karad	5000	50	20	7000
	4. Laxmipura	1000	30	10	2000
Total		9000	140	50	17000

Pond revival work offered total 900 man days unskilled labor days and 400 mason labor days to people while completing 1200 meter length, 12 meter width and 1 meter height of construction. Village committees were held responsibility to manage and maintain pond after completion. Plantation work was done on the face wall of the pond.



Local Self Governance:



Social actions of the organization aims at strengthening community to own decisions related to their welfare and development. SARA plan development initiatives with community groups to take feedback of their needs. In all programs, it is believed to hand over ownership of implementation, financial management and monitoring of the program in the hands of community by forming empowered committees. Such committees are formed in each program and includes

membership of men and women from each section of the community. During water conservation programs supported by HCL Foundation and Coca Cola Foundation, such committees were formed in project villages in the beginning of the program to develop implementation framework and monitoring panel. Other than decision making on major implementation issues, these committees also serve the purpose of generating awareness in nearby areas, schools and lead advocacy with local government. Village committee take membership of marginalized sections, women, school representatives, health facility member, men and panchayat representatives.

In the year 2020-21, SARA partnered with Unnati, Ahmedabad based organization to execute fully functional community local self-governance program. The program was implemented in six gram panchayats of Dantaramgarh block of Sikar district. Objective of the program was to constitute functional groups in villages called JalSaheli. These groups surveyed their local area and identified their problems to develop yearly plan. The plans were submitted panchayat for fund allocation. Block and district level advocacy was organized with government officials to include public request in annual plans.



Village Committee Meetings



Jal Saheli Meeting



School Rally (Sensitization)



Panchayat Level Consultation

Legal Details:

- Registered Address: Village - Laxmipura, PO - Rajpura-Nosal, Tehsil – Dantaramgarh, District – Sikar, Rajasthan – 332742
- Registration details: Registered under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958
- Registration No. & date: 80/Sikar/1991-92 dated 26.02.1992
- FCRA Registration No. & date: FCRA No. 125650002 dated 12th April 1996
- FCRA renewal: 01.11.2016 to 31.10.2021
- Registration in Niti Aayog: NGO Darpan No. RJ/2017/0163904
- Organisation is exempted under 12A, 10 (23C), 80G, PAN number, TAN number of Income Tax Department.

Partners:

Bilateral / Multinational	Government / NGO
Coca-Cola Foundation, Atlanta (USA)	Ministry of Science & Technology
Save the Children, UK	Ministry of Water Resources
Sida, Sweden	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Plan International	Ministry of Environment & Forest
RAM Association, Italy	Barefoot College, Tilonia
HCL Foundation	Unnati – Ahmedabad
Anandana - Coca Cola India Foundation	Government of Rajasthan

Executive Board Members:

Ms. Aparna Sahay	President
Dr. Sukh Ram Nehra	Vice-President
Shri Mota Ram	Director
Shri Bhanwar Lal Verma	Treasurer
Shri Ram Pal	Member
Dr. Gopal Singh	Member
Ms. Anop kanwar	Member

Financial Detail:

Balance Sheet

Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Capital Fund	133,31,585.38	Fixed Assets	39,95,304.64
Grant un-utilized	7,65,619.68	Receivable Grants	25,42,569.00
Revolving Fund	38,72,103.00	TDS Receivable	1,01,343.00
		Advances	1,72,770.00
		Closing Balance	
		Cash in hand	38,738.40
		Cash at Bank	27,63,074.02
		FDR at Bank	83,55,509.00
Total	179,69,308.06	Total	179,69,308.06

Income & Expenditure Account

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
To Expenditure met from Grant	94,49,292.32	By GRANT IN AID:- (As per schedule - A)	
To Expenditure other than grant	10,59,847.20	Un-utilized as on 01.04.2020 Rs. 46,64,626.00	
To Excess of income over expenditure	1,82,308.12	Add: Receivable as on 31.03.2021 Rs. 25,42,569.00	
		Add: Received during the year Rs. 30,52,916.00	
		Less: Receivable as on 01.04.2020 Rs. 45,199.00	
		Less: Un-utilized as on 31.03.2021 Rs. 7,65,619.68	94,49,292.32
		By Income other than grants	12,42,155.32
Total	106,91,447.64	Total	106,91,447.64

PROJECT AREA



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