

ANNUAL REPORT

2022



Social Action for Rural Advancement Society
(Registered Under the Societies Registration Act, 28, 1958)

Time is precious and teaches valuable lessons. Human race had advanced in terms of innovations, technology, knowledge, research and machines. While innovating we have compromised with natural phenomenon and environment. While discovering personal comfort luxury, human beings have created an artificial world by replacing natural practices. Mother earth recovers itself in its own way and we have to pay for the process of recovery. Past three years



have proved that situations can anytime go beyond human control, resulting in mass destruction. Pandemic condition is an alarm in this chain of growth and development. Globally nations and leaders have agreed on climate change conditions and impact of deteriorating environment. We at SARA initiated environment sustainability efforts decade back. Understanding changing climate and geographic situations of the project area, our focus has been to promote traditional practices to restore natural environment. Severe phase of COVID pandemic is over, however threat still exist and we all are living with it. We have learned from past and are moving forward with necessary precautions. Our focus in past three years have been to create a sustainable environment for the marginalized community who suffered massive pandemic waves.

Year 2020-21

Annual Report 2020-21 presents organization's activities in the project area during the year. Year 2020-21 has been a tough year for us due to attack of novel Corona virus COVID19. Covid19 spread across globe proved itself to be a global pandemic. 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. Relief measures were initiated to avoid poverty, hunger, distress and psychological issues. SARA worked closely with rural community through a COVID relief program. The program was in its phase II during the year. Relief program assisted community on their health and livelihood conditions. During phase II, a special assessment was organized again to support vulnerable and pandemic victim families through ration kit distribution. Report summarizes activities in detail.

Community Assistance

Organization initiated pandemic relief program in the year 2020 to extend immediate support to the villages. The objective was to ensure uninterrupted supply of food for the most vulnerable and impacted families. After first phase of lockdown, massive unemployment and economic crisis was observed among the community due to travel restrictions, lesser opportunities and fear among community. It was essential to initiate a livelihood support program to arrange a temporary mechanism during the transition phase of recovery.

SARA designed a livelihood support program on the theme of environment protection and sustainable development. Organization is working on renovation and recharging of traditional water resources in the project area to restore water table. Phase I of the program included three villages to develop water bodies and provide six months of employment through labor work. The program was supported by HCL foundation and completed by mid of year 2021. Phase II of the program was extended to two other villages based on past performance and response from community. Village Dansroli and Kankra were identified in the year 2022 to implement environment sustainability and water conservation program.

Goal & Achievements

Strategic innovation was selected as an immediate relief to get rid of financial crisis. However, long term goals of the program were more impactful. The technical innovation served multiple purposes.

- Financial strengthening
- Vulnerability reduction
- Motivation to sustain
- Mitigating health crisis
- Buying additional time to re-establish
- Coming out of mental stress
- Child rights & nutrition
- Diminishing soil erosion
- Enhanced water level
- Water availability throughout year
- Recharging of water resources
- Farming promotion
- Avoiding migration
- Women empowerment
- Informed community on environment sustainability
- Traditional model promotion

Phase I structures in three stages of development



Community Process

SARA is a community based organization and have considered community as its motivation and guide to work. Organization work for the people with close consent and participation of target groups. Since its inception, organization identifies needs and draw actionable steps considering feedback from people.

Community participation and holding process is used in all approaches of the programs. A systematic method has been developed to achieve the expected results of community participation. The process includes:

- Community meetings in the villages to share project objectives.
- Constitution of village committees with participation of all sections; women, government stakeholders, marginalized community and youth.
- Defining roles and responsibilities of committee members to monitor progress of program at various stages.
- Budget approval and expenditure monitoring.
- Final appraisal at the end of project.
- Ownership of future maintenance.



Village Kankra



Village Dansroli

Livelihood though Water Conservation

HCL supported program proposed for construction of two village ponds through tradition rural technology. Pond deepening and reconstruction work created labor work for the rural population. SARA with village committees decided to provide employment to residents of project villages only. Among identified individuals, poor and vulnerable families were prioritized.

Rural Technology

The technology component of the project included deepening of pond and construction of face wall to restore water. During pond deepening work 3864 man-days of work was created for community. Face wall construction created total 997 skilled and unskilled man-days of work.



Village Dansroli

The ponds construction work not only provided immediate financial support for the neediest families who suffered severe impact of pandemic and motivated them to re-establish themselves to live respectfully but also served a long term goal of water conservation. Short term achievements were visible clearly among the rural families who received support but long term impacts will be seen in upcoming years in the form of village pond with availability of water throughout the year.



Village Kankra



Completed pond- Dansrolii



Completed Pond –Kankra

Sumitra Devi, a resident of village Dansroli is 30 years old. Her husband Hukma Ram Regar use to work as labour to run his family. They have two boys, 10 years and 6 years old respectively. Hukma Ram suffered from backbone injury two years back due to an accident at home. He is not able to move now and rest on bed. In past two years family suffered due to sudden illness of main earning member and COVID 19 situations. Sumitra Devi took labour job in NAREGA scheme to fulfil family needs. As per guidelines she was able



to take 100 days of employment only and could go out to other sites which are far away from her village. She has to take care of her ill husband as well as children's need also. Due to lack of employment, she was not able to procure medicines for her husband and his physical movements reduced in the absence of necessary doses.

Sumitra Devi joined HCL supported SARA program as pond renovation worker and received additional 25 days of employment. She mentioned that payments were made on time during work and she was able to continue medicines and other necessary work for the family. She express her gratitude to organization and wish similar opportunities may come in future also to support poor families.



Kanta Devi is 25 years old and lives in village Dansroli along with her three children, 2 boys and 1 girl. Eldest son is 10 years old, other two children are 8 years and 6 years old respectively. Her husband died three years back due electric current. Husband use to work as marble worker in Bangalore and family was living happily then with his earnings. After her husband's death, family faced severe consequences.

Kanta Devi had no one to support. She had two small kids, no land or cattle resource to support and her age was 22 years only. She started working as NREGA labor to run her family. She use to get 100 days of employment. After a year Kanta Devi suffered with cardiac problem and has to be on regular medication. She use to earn Rs 12000 - 13000 in a year to run her family and take care of children's education.

HCL supported SARA program identified Kanta Devi as one of the beneficiary for food kit distribution for three months during COVID lockdown. She was also offered employment in pond construction work. Kanta Devi earned Rs. 22000 -23000 during HCL project. She is very happy with the support and informed that now she is thinking of buying a goat for the family. She will raise goat and will sell baby goat in future.

Pandemic Relief

Phase II of pandemic spread up to rural vicinity and proved to be more fatal in terms of morbidity and mortality. Relief work was expanded from distribution of food packets to health and nutrition services. SARA also worked with people and extended supportive hand in various forms. SWRC Tilonia continues distribution of food packets to most vulnerable families for a period of 3-4 months. Beneficiaries were identified on the basis of vulnerability criteria. The distribution work was personally monitored by designated supervisors. Supervisors delivered the kits with assigned listed items to the selected beneficiaries.

Total 500 beneficiaries from 37 villages of 3 blocks and 3 districts were distributed food kits. Detail of kit distribution is as follows.



S. No	District	Block	Panchayat	No. of villages	No. of families
1.	Sikar	Dantaramgarh	Karad	3	33
			Kankra	3	41
			Rajpura	4	38
			Bharija	5	36
			Dansroli	1	40
			Mei	4	58
			Chak	3	39
			Mandha	3	38
			Khachariawas	1	23
2.	Jaipur	Sambhar lake	Tyod	1	40
3.	Nagaur	Nawa	Devlikalan	4	53
			Shimbhupura	5	61
				37	500

Legal Details:

- Registered Address: Village – Laxmipura, Post – 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 12.04.1996.
- Registration in NitiAayog: NGO Darpan No. RJ/2017/0163904.
- Income Tax Exempted: SARA in exempted under 12A, 80G, 10(23C).
- Income Tax Certificate: PAN and TAN number of Income Tax Department.

Partners:

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

Executive Board Members:

Ms. Aparna Sahay	President
Dr. S. R. Nehra	Vice-President
Shri Mota Ram	Director
Shri B. L. Verma	Treasurer
Shri Rampal	Member
Dr. Gopal Singh	Member
Ms. Anop Kanwar	Member

Financial Details:

Social Action for Rural Advancement Society, Laxmipura (Sikar)

Consolidated

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Schedule	Amount
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
Capital Fund	'A'	3995304.64
General Fund	'A'	9414610.07
Revolving Fund		3741664.00
Unutilised Grant c/f - HCL Foundation		39000.00
Unutilised Grant c/f - Foreign Contribution		720265.68
TDS Payable		4844.00
Outstanding Expenses		296260.00
Advance		500.00
		<u>18212448.39</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Fixed Assets	'B'	3995304.64
Current Assets, Loans & Advances :		
Sundry Deposit (TDS)	'C'	140541.00
Advance to Staff		275556.00
Cash & Bank Balances	'D'	13801046.75
		<u>18212448.39</u>

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Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Schedule	Amount
Unutilized Grant b/f		765619.68
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Income:		
Project Grants :		
HCL Foundation Project		3775043.00
Other Incomes :		
Bank Interest - FDR		822514.00
Bank Interest - SB Account		113852.00
Interest on IT Refund		2810.00
Income charged from Projects		55768.00
	'a'	<u>5535606.68</u>
Expenses :		
Project Exp.		
HCL Foundation Project Expenses		3753343.00
Water Conservation Program		66000.00
Covid Relief Expenses		16762.00
Salary for Solar Project		33750.00
Administration Expenses	'1'	828156.67
	'b'	<u>4698011.67</u>
Unutilized Grant c/f	'c'	759265.68
Excess of Income over Expenditure-balance carried to balance sheet	(a-b-c)	<u>78329.33</u>

PROJECT AREA



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