



Who We Are

Aatapi Seva Foundation is a social development institution established in 2009, working with rural and marginalised communities across Gujarat, India. Aatapi means ***“diligent hard work”*** in Pali, reflecting a value that is central to our work.

Aatapi works to empower communities to become active participants and owners of their own development. Its approach centres on organising communities, strengthening community-based organisations, building local capabilities and connecting people with institutions, resources and opportunities.

Beginning with work in four villages in Jambusar in 2008–09, Aatapi has grown across geographies and development areas while retaining a focus on the most marginalised.

Aatapi At A Glance



17

Years of
community
engagement



130+

Villages reached



2Lac+

People reached



850+

Community
institutions



77

Team members

One Organisation. Five Interconnected Areas of Work.



Women's Collective & Economic Empowerment

Strengthening women's collectives, financial inclusion, livelihoods, enterprise and leadership.



Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience

Supporting small and marginal farmers through sustainable practices, farmer institutions and climate-resilient approaches.



Children, Youth & Skills Development

Creating pathways through learning, vocational skills, employment, entrepreneurship and leadership.



Public Health & Nutrition

Improving access to preventive healthcare, nutrition, screening, counselling and community-based services.



Inclusion of People With Disabilities

Advancing access to rights, entitlements, livelihoods, leadership and community participation.

Communities thrive when different aspects of life move forward together. Aatapi's collective endeavours bring people, knowledge and opportunities together to nurture lasting change.

Key Programmes

Rooted in local realities, Aatapi's programmes respond to the needs, aspirations and opportunities of the communities we serve.

Women's Collective & Economic Empowerment

Asmita

Strengthening women's collectives through financial inclusion, enterprise development, livelihood opportunities and greater participation in local decision-making.

Ujaas

A women-led savings and credit cooperative enabling women to build financial security through savings, access to credit and collective economic participation.

Jambusar Mahila Vikas Mahamandal

A women-led community institution strengthening collective leadership, governance and long-term ownership of women's development.

Suvahika

Creating pathways for women to enter non-traditional occupations through vocational training, including four-wheeler driving and employment support.

Saksham

Equipping women with skills in beauty services and wellness-product making, alongside financial and digital literacy and enterprise orientation.

Garima

Building women's livelihood opportunities through tailoring skills and practical pathways to income generation.

Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Resilience

Natural Farming & Climate-Resilient Agriculture

Supporting small and marginal farmers to adopt natural farming practices that strengthen livelihoods, reduce input dependence and build resilience.

Livestock Management

Supporting farming households to strengthen livestock-based livelihoods alongside sustainable agricultural practices.

Har Ghar Swachhta — Community Waste Management Program

Building community-led systems for waste segregation, collection and resource recovery to create cleaner, more sustainable villages.

Children, Youth and Skills Development

Community Libraries & Resource Centres

Creating accessible learning spaces where children and families can read, learn and explore new opportunities.

Udaan — Vocational Training Centres

Providing young people with vocational training and certification linked to opportunities for wage employment.

Quality Education- Infrastructure Upgradation

Strengthening learning environments through improvements to educational infrastructure and facilities.

Public Health & Nutrition

Mobile Health Units

Bringing basic healthcare, screening, counselling, nutrition assessment and preventive health services closer to underserved communities.

Anaemia & Nutrition

Working with women and adolescent girls through screening, nutrition counselling, awareness and support for improved anaemia prevention and management.

Poshan Vatika / Nutrition Gardens

Encouraging households and communities to grow nutritious food locally as part of a broader approach to nutrition and food security.

Inclusion of People with Disabilities

Astitva

Supporting people with disabilities to access documentation, government schemes, skills, livelihoods and greater participation in community life. Developing models for Inclusion at Villages, Community and Workplaces.

Community Institutions, Entitlement and Local Development

Access to Government Schemes

Connecting marginalised households with government schemes, entitlements and public services to improve access to development opportunities.

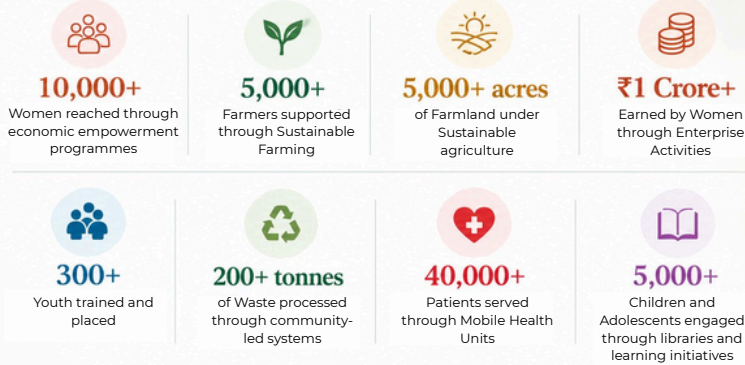
Gajera Garima Abhiyan

Promoting inclusive, community-led and sustainable village development through collective participation

The Foundation behind the Impact

Behind every programme is a team, a system and a shared commitment to creating lasting change.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



Institutional Strength



Our People and Expertise

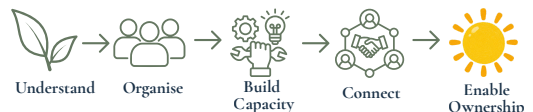
Our strength lies in bringing together professional expertise, technical knowledge and field experience. This allows Aatapi to understand community realities from multiple perspectives and work with people to develop practical, locally relevant solutions.

Social Work · Agriculture & Natural Resource Management · Gender & Women's Development · Health & Nutrition · Education & Skill Development · Disability & Inclusion · Rural & Community Development · Livelihoods & Entrepreneurship · Programme Management · Human Resources

This breadth of expertise enables Aatapi to work across complex development challenges, strengthen local institutions and develop solutions rooted in community realities.



Our Approach



Aatapi works to move communities from participation in development initiatives towards greater capacity, leadership and ownership of their own development.

Knowledge and Institutional Partners

We Collaborate with Academic institutions, sector networks and organisations that bring knowledge, expertise and shared purpose to our work.

ACADEMIC PARTNERS

M.S. University,
Baroda

Navrachana
University

Nirma
University

IRMA-
Tribhuvandas
Sahkari University

NETWORKS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

National Coalition
for Natural
Farming

NCCSD-
Ahmedabad

Shroff
Voluntary
Organisation

Shaishav,
Bhavnagar

Coastal
Salinity
Prevention
Cell

Sajjata
Sangh

Jan Swasthya
Abhiyan

Corporate Partners

Our work is strengthened by the support and collaboration of our Corporate Partners, who share our Commitment to Sustainable and Inclusive Development.



Partnering for Impact

There are many ways to contribute to lasting community change.

Organisations, institutions and individuals can partner with Aatapi through resources, expertise, programme support, knowledge-sharing, volunteering or by creating new opportunities for the communities we work with.

Together, we can strengthen locally rooted solutions and help communities build more secure, sustainable and inclusive futures.

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Partner with us · Share expertise · Support a programme · Collaborate · Volunteer · Help create opportunities