

# **IMPACT OF GARIMA PROGRAM**



**JOURNEY WITH PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES**

**AATAPI SEVA FOUNDATION**

**2008-2019**

**PROGRAM TITLE: GARIMA**

Empowering Persons With Disabilities through Collectivising, Capacity Building and Strengthening (Physical, economic, social, educational and accessibility) to live a life of inclusion and dignity in society

**OBJECTIVES**

- To create local leadership of Persons with disabilities to access their rights as well as dignified space in society (Victim to Right Holder)
- Create Role models for community and Persons with disabilities in health, education, social and economic empowerment through community based rehabilitation
- To facilitate in sensitizing and creating inclusive environment in community, government and Corporate as important stakeholders

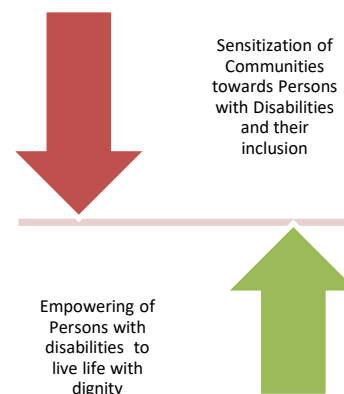
**FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS**

FUNDING PARTNER	2008-11	2011-2014	2014-2017	2017 to 2020
TML Industries Ltd.				
Shroff Family Charitable Trust				
Excel Industries Ltd				
Agrocel Industry Ltd				
Aditya Birla – Hindalco				
Barbeque Nations – Sayaji Hotels				

**PROCESSES**

To achieve ultimate goal of Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Development twin track approach is followed by AATAPI:

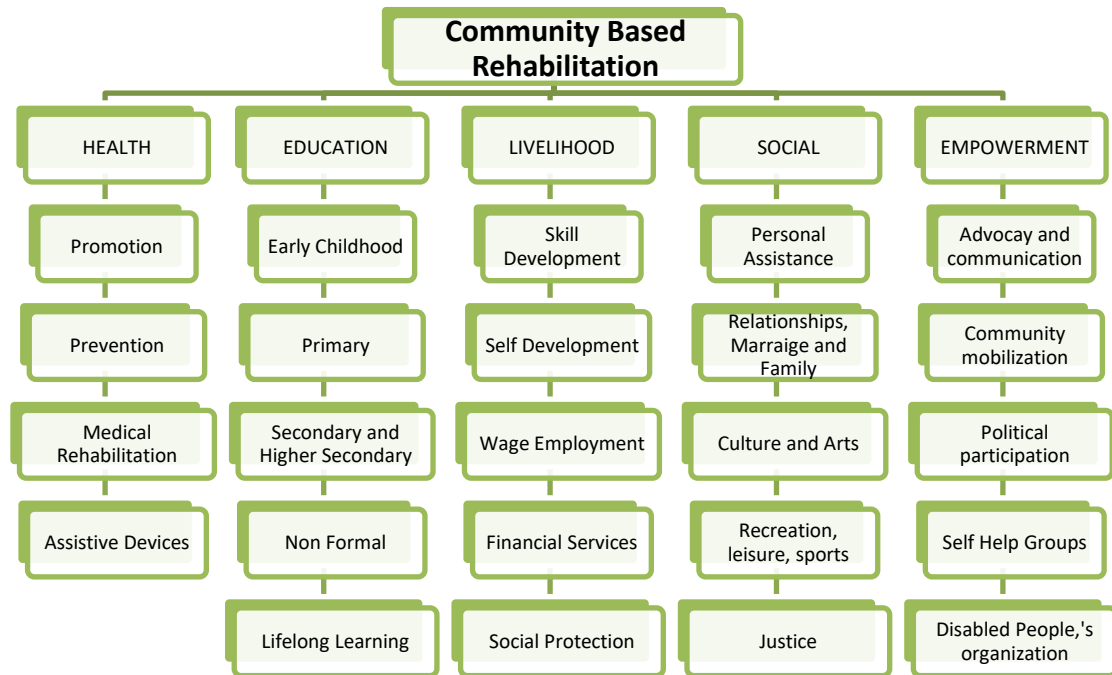
- 1. Sensitization and Awareness of Communities towards Persons with disabilities and their inclusion**
- 2. Empowering of Persons with Disabilities to create space for themselves in development arena**



Empowerment process is intense with a shift envisaged from victim mode to Rights holder mode. It is cyclic and dynamic process where AATAPI engaged at SWA-SAMUHA-SAMUDAY

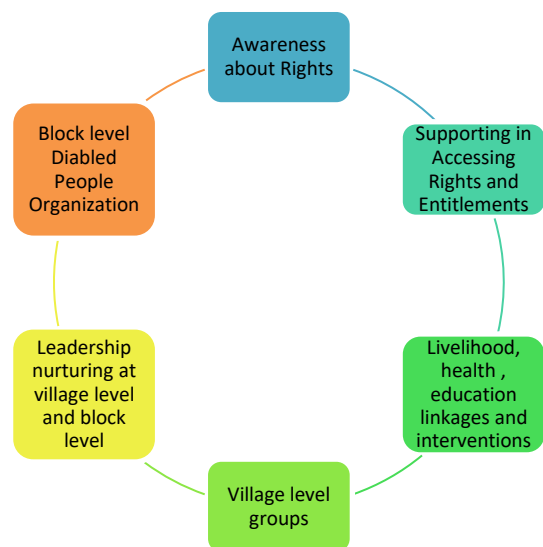
level with PwDs to take their legitimate space in development of self, persons with disabilities as community and overall contribution in development of their village and community at large.

Largely AATAPI follows principle of Inclusion and therefore Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) with in-depth needs assessment at individual level to multi pronged approach in addressing that at collective level. CBR encompasses need based interventions on following aspects :



AATAPI’s interventions has evolved around this matrix and at one level it converges in community based processes, inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in development process.

The process is steered by Leadership cultivated consciously to lead the processes at all three levels of swa, samuha and samuday.



## MILESTONES

Broadly the program has evolved in its organic nature and has been instrumental in expansion of AATAPI in 45 villages will now .Following are the broad Milestones of evolution of the program in the span of ten years. This has in itself given a theory of change to AATAPI for better and effective programming for PwDs.

Interventions	2008-11	2011-2014	2014-2017	2017 to 2019
<b>Villages</b>	4 to 6 villages	13 villages	31 villages	48 villages direct, indirect 60 plus villages through leaders
<b>Reach</b>	100 PwDs	631 PwDs	1082 PwDs	1200 plus PwDs
<b>Baseline</b>	Baseline 4 villages	Baseline 13 villages	Baseline 31 villages	New villages – 15
<b>Approach</b>	Understanding of Issues of PwDs, linkages for assessments	Service to Rights Based Approach	Rights Based Approach and Empowerment	Rights Based Approach, Empowerment and Inclusion
<b>Laisoning with Government and Non Government organizations</b>	Non Government support - Medical Care Centre	Strong liaisoning with Civil Hospital, Samaj Suraksha Kahtu, Baroda Swa Rojgar Vikas Sansthan, Disability Advocacy Group	Samaj suraksha Khatu, civil hospital, PHC,Rojgar Kacheri, Jilla Udhyog Kendra, VTC for Women with Disabilities	SAHAJ, SVADES, Accessibility Audit Group, Factories Inspector and others already mentioned
<b>Leadership Building</b>		20 leaders trained	75 leaders trained	40 leaders in new villages
<b>Disability Certification Camps</b>	Disability certification very difficult	Disability Certification in collaboration with Civil Hospital Bharuch with intense follow up	Disability Certification camps mobilized and supported by Viklang Parivartan Sangathan - 95 percent coverage in disability certification	Independent liaisoning with support from village level leaders

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<b>Linkages with Rights and Entitlements</b>	No linkages for sadah sahay - very few through Government	Linkages with Government Department, V-One Society, Kashiba Children Hospital	Government departments - linkages - V-One Society, Kashiba Children Hospital, SSA - monitoring of usage of aids and appliances	Right aid for needy person, no misuse of aids, enhanced quality of aids
<b>Education</b>	Very few children had scholarship linkages	30 Children linked - Focus on scholarship to children - support to school teachers,	150 children linked - Teachers as and when need seek support, Sarva Shikhsa Abhiyan Inclusive Education Calendar Implementation, , teachers training for Inclusive Education – 40 teachers	Non Formal Inclusive Class in Kahanva - Experimental basis Efforts -Activation of Resource room at cluster level, resource centre at Block level Sessions with school children on Inclusion of children with special needs
<b>Sports for Empowerment - Khel Mahakumbh</b>	No sports event for PwDs,	First time 26 PwD from 13 villages participated in Khel Mahakumbh at district and state level, 92 PwDs participated in Khel Mahakumbh along with children with mental disabilities next year	111 PwDs participation in Khel mahakumbh, organized by AATAPI with VPS at Block level participation in loco motor, mental disabilities and visually impaired categories	Independent participation by PwDs and VPS, asking value based questions in organization of Khel Mahakumbh, preparation of result sheets
<b>HEALTH</b>	No one ready for Correctional Surgeries - constant awareness	Raiseing of funds for correctional surgery, 3 correctional surgeries, Niramaya health cards of 60 plus PwDs,	Correctional surgeries - 3 children in Kashiba, 5 linked with SSA	Raised fund for correctional surgeries and physio-therapy, difficult to continue physio therapy, lack of skilled persons as well as time from parents

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			Health check up PwDs, anemia very high irrespective of men or women, mal nourished children linked with anganwadis and school food	Health Check up second round 95, recipe demo and 15 Kitchen gardens for severely anemic - comprehensive approach, training of ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers on identification and prevention of disabilities
<b>Accessibility</b>				Access Audit of two villages, importance and awareness regarding the same in duty bearers Inputs for new PHC centre built in Gajera, Models of Accessible toilets with women with disabilities
<b>Livelihood - skill training</b>		10 women tailoring training and 14 men and women computer training	Inclusive approach, strengthening of traditional sources of income - animal husbandry and agriculture	Small business management training - exposure trip - 90 persons with disabilities livelihood strengthening, agriculture and animal husbandry strengthening
				Garima Initiative for Livelihood of Women with Disabilities proposed to district administration

**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

SR.NO.	NARRATIVE	ACHIEVEMENTS
<b>1</b>	<b>Rights and entitlements</b>	
1.1	Assessment Camps	6 Camps, 1400 PwDs assessed
1.2	Disability Certification Camps	21 disability certification camps at Block and District level, 528 given certificates
1.3	Aids and Appliances Linkages	10 camps with Govt and Non Govt organization, 1200 linked with aids and appliances
1.4	Other Rights and Entitlements (Bus pass, Sant Surdas, etc)	819 linked for other rights and entitlements, 718 received
<b>2</b>	<b>Livelihood enhancement</b>	
2.1	Agriculture and animal husbandry	53 included in groups, 35 demonstration, 30 linked with animal husbandry training
2.2	Skill training - Tailoring	6 trainings, 102 trained
2.3	Computer	2 computer trainings, 30 trained in basics
2.4	Small business development training	1 training conducted, 25 participated
2.5	Exposure Trip for Livelihood enhancement	5 exposure trips conducted OF 60 PwD and Parents
2.6	Bank linkages - bank accounts	67 PwD for sant surdas, khel mahakumbh etc
2.7	Linkages with <i>Jilla Udhayog Kendra</i>	12
2.8	Registration with <i>rojgar kacheri</i>	27
<b>3</b>	<b>Inclusive Education</b>	
3.1	Scholarship Linkages	226 children linked with scholarships
3.2	Resource room and resource centre linkages	15 children with special need linked with Resource room
3.3	Hand craft training for children	2 teracotta training in which 40 children participated
3.4	Exposure trip for parents of children with special needs	1 exposure trip for parents at ASMITA-Tralsa, 9 parents participated
3.5	Orientation of teachers on inclusive education	2 teachers training with BRC on inclusive education
3.6	Inclusive School assessments and children sensitivity workshop	5 workshops with 80 children in 5 schools on Inclusion
3.7	School Rally	Rallies with children in 8 schools on inclusion -815 children participated
<b>4</b>	<b>Health and Well Being</b>	



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4.1	Health check up camps	13 specialized assessments of vision, loco motor and mental disabilities - 180 PwD
4.2	Health awareness sessions	7 Health awareness camps with Pwd - 74 participated
4.3	Nutrition awareness camps	5 nutrition awareness camps - 115 PwD and parents participated
4.4	Kitchen Garden	25 kitchen gardens initiated
4.5	Linkages for nutrition	5 malnourished link with nutrition
4.6	Niramaya Health Cards	Niramaya health cards of 85 PwDs
4.7	Correctional surgeries	5 correctional surgeries, 7 linked with physio therapy
<b>8</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	
8.1	Accessibility Audits	Accessibility audit of 2 villages
8.2	Sensitization Workshop	Sensitization workshop with 15 representatives
8.3	Accessible toilets	7 models of accessible toilets constructed
<b>9</b>	<b>Empowerment</b>	
9.1	Baseline and Updates	Baseline of 1050 PwD of 31 villages
9.2	Leadership Trainings	17 leadership trainings - 289 leaders participated
9.3	Exposure trips for leaders	11 exposure trips organized - 82 leaders participated
10	Sports for Inclusion	17 events at state, district level with Government and Non government organizations organized - 694 people



## IMPACTS



1. **Maximum coverage** of Persons with Disabilities from Jambusar block in accessing Rights and Entitlements in Bharuch district
2. Leadership amongst PwDs has emerged in 50 plus villages that supports at local level – **Core Leadership of 20 PwDs including 5 women**, Primary level leadership of 40 leaders at village level.
3. Collective advocacy with State Transport Department on usage of Bus Pass in all buses of ST led to Government Resolution which mandates bus travel as entitled in all types of buses including Volvo.
4. **Viklang Parivartan Sangathan** – a non registered organization has created space for itself at state level advocacy processes - In the **first Open Court of Gujarat** on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, **maximum applications (15)** were registered from Jambusar block as well as maximum participation on the day of open court was from Jambusar block under the leadership of Viklang Parivartan Sangathan
5. Parents of Children and adolescent with special need are now seeking options for rehabilitation of their children, long term support systems, **active group of 20 parents of children with special needs is part of VPS.**
6. **Models of Correctional surgery** in children has created faith, awareness about resources amongst parents of children with special needs
7. Need based fund raising by sensitization of Corporate – correctional surgeries (SFCT) and health interventions (Barbeque Nations) as well as individual donors – crowd funding for Livelihood of Women with Disabilities

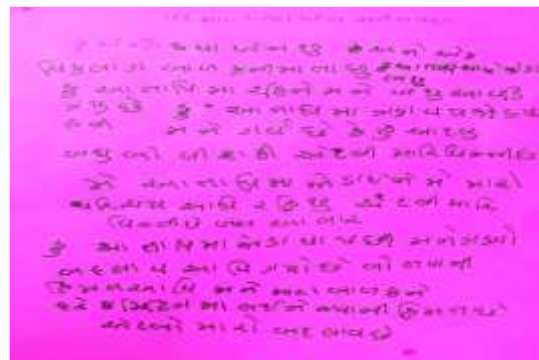
8. Early identification and prevention of Disability understood by ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers associated with AATAPI as critical for curbing disabilities.
9. Accessibility of infrastructure is now accepted as an important aspect of empowering
10. **Community based organizations** initiated by AATAPI – Ujaas Mahila Bachat Dhiran Grahak Sahakari Mandali and Vivekanand Khedut Mandali are **sensitized** towards Persons with Disabilities, **aware** about their rights and entitlements and are emerging as larger support system for PwDs in villages

## Testimonials

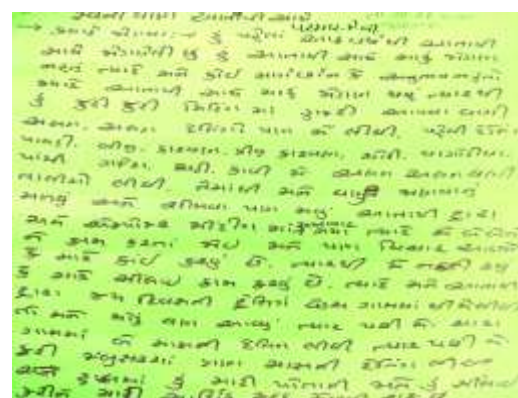
AATAPI presently is engaging with its CBO leaders to understand the impact at individual and Community level as a result of processes undergone in past ten years and visioning for 2030. Following testimonials are part of that interaction held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### GAJRABEN – MOTHER OF AJAY – SPECIAL NEED CHILD

Gajraben is mother of adolescent with special need. She in her testimonial mentions very simple narrative that being associated with AATAPI brought about many changes in her and gave her “*himmat*” to come with her child in meetings and comes with her child in every meeting.



This is testimony of Jiviben of Uber village who is one of the most active leaders of Viklang Parivartan Sangathan. In her testimony, she narrates that before she came in contact with AATAPI she was did not had any guidance. With AATAPI’s guidance she took all opportunities of learning that came to her. In one of the exposure trip to Ahmedabad, she was inspired to learn tailoring for livelihood and she took several trainings. Today she is earning well and actively contributes to Viklang Parivartan Sangathan and SHG as well.



## WAY FORWARD

AATAPI has created a space for itself as organization rooting for cause of Persons with Disabilities at various levels. AATAPI engaged with district administration and Hon. Collector and under the aegis of district collector office Garima Initiative for Livelihood is taking shape.

An integrated community based inclusive model for development of persons with disabilities is emerging out of this which clarifies role of development organization while engaging with persons with disabilities and empowering them.

This engagement with PwDs and their inclusion in development processes has enhanced belief, an understanding and commitment of AATAPI towards inclusive environment where PwDs do not have to raise a slogan – “Nothing about us, without Us”