



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018


AVATAPI
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MILESTONES

Journey so far

2009-2010

- Registration under Section 25 of Company's Act 1956

2011-2012

- Need based expansion from 4 villages to 15 villages
- Capacity building of Community Leaders
- Participation of Persons with Disability in *Khel Mahakumbh*

2008-2009

- Baseline survey conducted by *Kutch Navnirman Abhiyan* to comprehend needs and dynamics of the community
- Findings shared with community
- Interventions with Community Leaders

2010-2011

- Formation of Community Groups
- Empowerment through Capacity Building Programmes

2012-2013

- Formation of first women led milk dairy – *The Kamboyawaga Mahila Dudh Sahakari Mandli* in Vedach village
- *Kharashvistarotthan Yojana* project started with Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell
- Experimentation of Various models for Community Based Organisations

MILESTONES

Journey so far

2014-2015

- Registration of *Ujaas Women's Credit Cooperative Society*
- Registration of *Kamboyawaga Mahila Dudh Utpadak Mandali*
- *Kharashvistarotthan Yojana* project expanded to 10 villages
- First women's *Garima Utsav* organised

2016-2017

- *Aatapi* intervention expanded to 45 villages
- *Asmita* project expanded to 10 more villages
- Independent office of VPS in Jambusar
- Health and Well-being programme initiated in 15 villages
- Integrated Rural Development approach shift

2013-2014

- *Khel Mahakumbh* for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) organised by *Aatapi* at block level.

2015-2016

- *Asmita* project for women's empowerment initiated in 5 villages of Jambusar with PI Foundation
- Formation of *Viklaang Parivartan Sangathan (VPS)* initiated
- VPS organised *Khel Mahakumbh* for the first time with record online registrations, 190 PwDs participated
- Registration of 3 more Women's Dairy Cooperatives

MILESTONES

2017-2018

● Received Certificate of Merit from FGI for Women's Empowerment

● *Ujaas* received Best Mandali award from Gujarat Rajya Sahakari Sangh

● Five women of Self-Help Group Received certificates of appreciation from GNFC for Limbodi Collection

● *Vivekanand Farmer's Sangathan* – Farmers Producer Organisation registered. Sanghthan covers 17 villages, strength 427 members

● 11 women leaders elected in Gram Panchyat elections from leadership groups nurtured by *Aatapi*

● *Kharashvistarotthan Yojana* project in collaboration Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell implemented in 30 villages

● First *Khedut Garima Utsav* organised - 600 plus men and women participated

ABOUT AATAPI

Aatapi' - a Pali word derived from Buddhist teachings, meaning 'diligent hard work'!

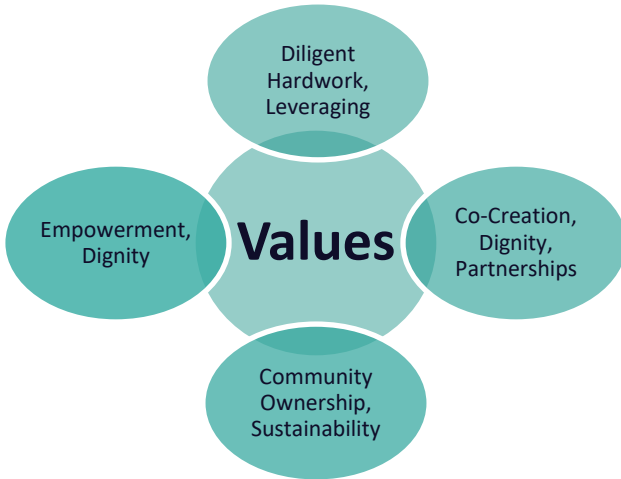
Aatapi Seva Foundation is a Social Developmental Institution, striving to facilitate holistic and sustainable development of the community. It works through nurturing strong and resilient Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and steering them towards ownership of Sustainable Community Development.

VISION

We envision an inclusive, empowered and just society, enabling equitable opportunities and a life of dignity for the most marginalized.

MISSION

To facilitate and empower local communities, especially the most marginalised to realise their latent potential, and to be active participants and owners of their inclusive and sustainable development.



OVERALL APPROACH



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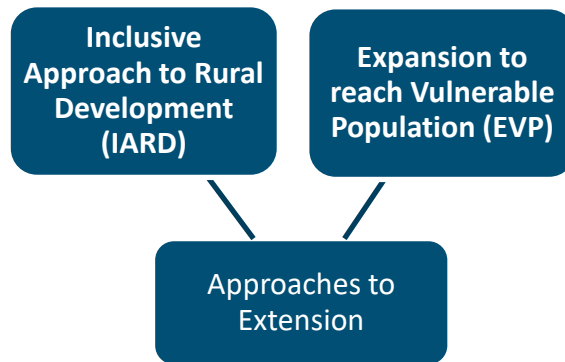
FOREWORD

Adaptation of Integrated Rural Development approach and internalizing the same in community leadership has been the priority of AATAPI in this year. With health and well-being and quality and inclusive Education for All two programs on roll in new villages linkages with Government also became strengthened. Issues of persons with disabilities especially livelihood been keenly focused by Collector it opened up avenues to explore new sources of livelihood in both group entrepreneurship and individual skill building. Viklang Parivartan Sangathan also is one notch up in reach and interventions ready to play critical role in rights of persons with disabilities at District and state level. UJAAS and Vivekanad Khedut Mandali needs to now focus on systems strengthening, mobilization of new members and stronger leadership. Ujaas and leadership won accolades for their efforts from different forums like GSFC, FGI, ATMA.

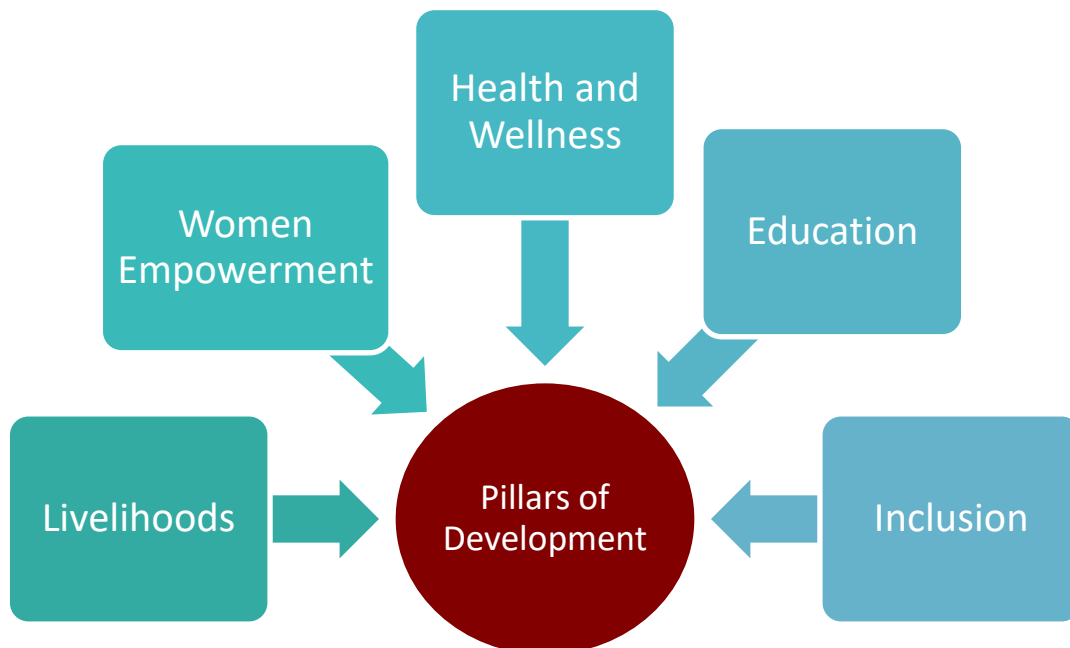
This is initial period for establishing Integrated Rural Development and let it be adapted by community leaders for development of their villages. The four pillars of development identified and prioritized by local leadership Aatapi has come a long way since it's starting, the journey from swa to samuh to samuday has not been easy, but aatapi strives to go beyond the limits to provide a better world for the people and aims to contribute however they can in the betterment of its people and their Development on all levels.

DIRECTION, 2016-17

Aatapi moved forward with the rigour in 2016-17, bringing about a change in its strategic approach in its operations to strengthen its projects and bring about a sustainable development across the communities. Aatapi strives to cover all the 81 villages of the Jambusar Block. The two major approaches to achieve included



CORE PILLARS OF DEVELOPMENT



Livelihood and Economic Development



Aatapi has been working towards livelihood and economic development from its inception. The various programs under the Livelihood and Economic Development focus on the traditional sources of livelihood along with finding newer sustainable avenues for income generation. They not only focus on Agricultural development through Farmers' capacity building but also strive to bring about women empowerment.

Agriculture Development Program

Aatapi works in about 30 villages of Jambusar Block which are surrounded by the Mahi river and the Dhadhar river on the North and South respectively and the Gulf of Cambay on the West making the soil conditions very poor in these coastal regions for any form of Agriculture. Aatapi facilitates the farmers to understand and adapt new techniques and technologies while consolidating their traditional practices. AATAPI also assisted farmers in accessing resources – knowledge, rights and entitlements, finances, water for irrigation, strengthening of Animal husbandry as allied income of small and marginalized farmers.

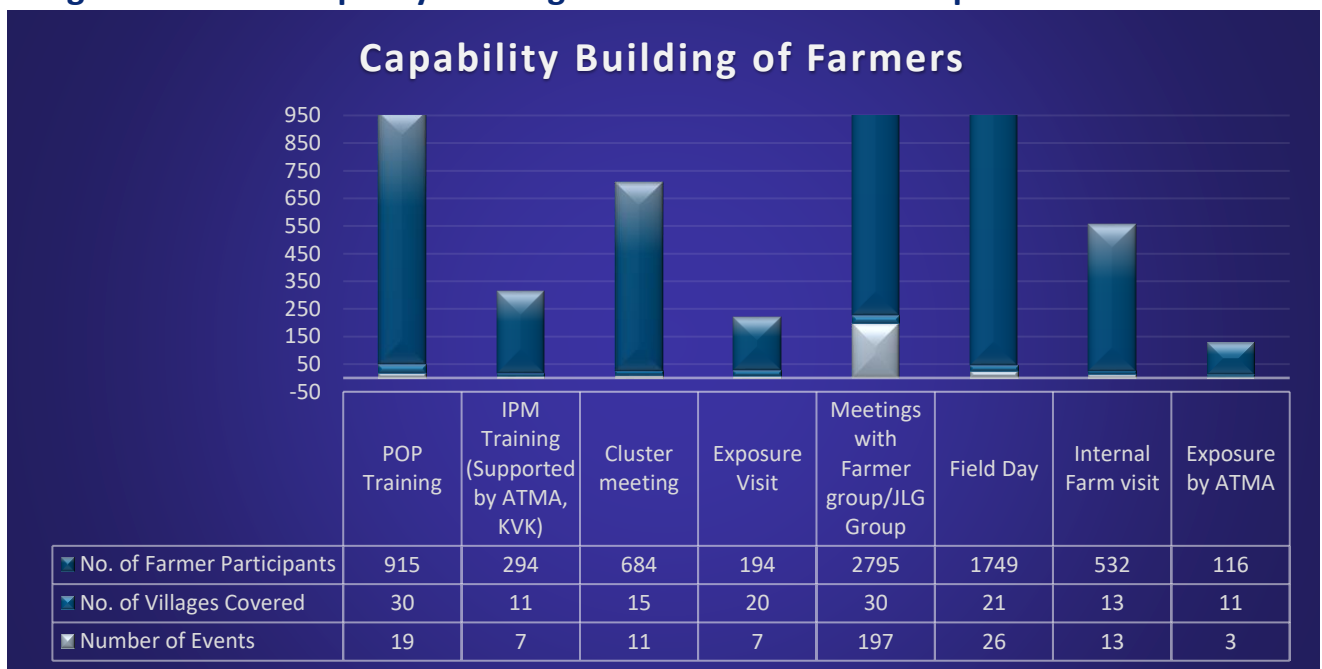
This year majorly focused on providing various types of trainings and capacity building of the small and marginal farmers of these 30 villages through the Kharash Vistarotthan Yojana to promote scientific methods of crop production in saline soil and coastal areas.

**The first Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)
"Vivekanand Khet Utpadakoni Vividhlakshi Ane Rupanter
Karnari Sahkari Mandli Limited" was registered and a 12
member committee for the same was established.**

Achievements, 2017-18

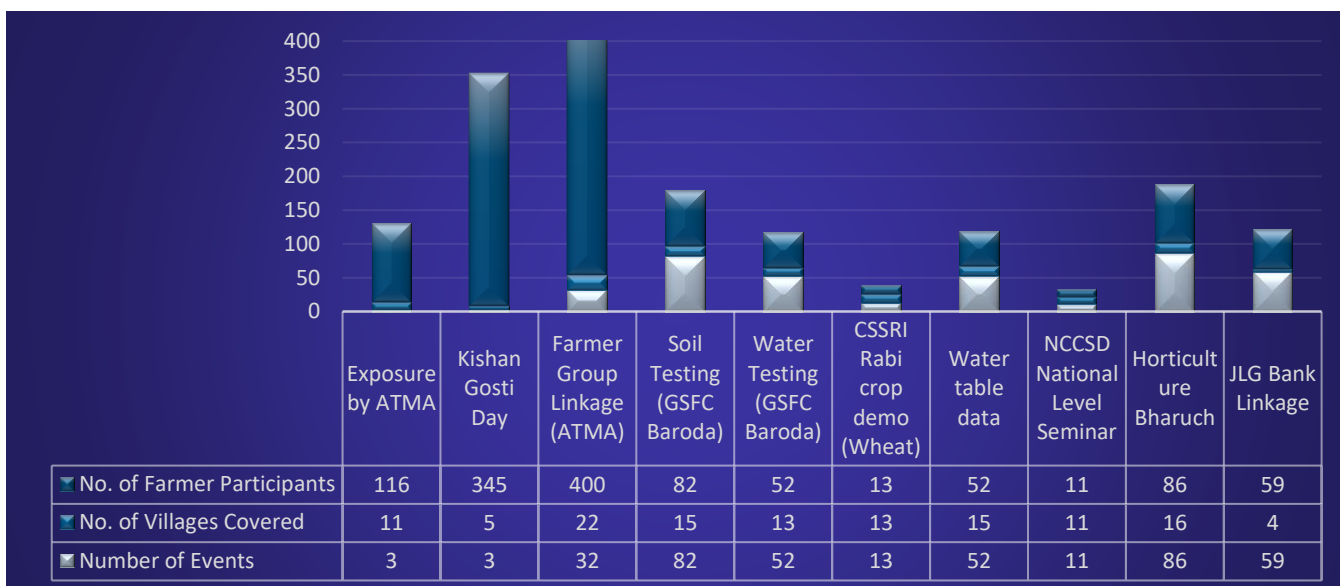
- 2800 Farmers joined the project forming about 86 groups across the 30 villages
- 220 Crop and Irrigation method demonstrations conducted
- 30 Farmers adopted compost demo instead of chemical farming
- 9 farmers benefitted from the Trellis System of vegetable cultivation as their production increased.
- 85% of plants and vegetables were alive as farmers benefitted from the Horticulture demo as farmers generate income through intercrop vegetables
- 2 Agriculture Communication Centres were initiated to solve the problems faced by the farmers in regards to adopting any new methods.
- 2617 farmers were part of the various Farmers group created
- 4000 farmers were registered in the M-Krishi project bringing a digital Krishi Kranti.

Training Sessions and Capacity Building of Farmers on various topics



Linkages

Linkages with various organizations working on farming techniques, organic farming and other methods to increase agricultural products in saline areas were done to conduct various trainings and information sessions. More than 800 farmers benefitted due to these linkages.



Best Group Award (ATMA)- Lal Guru Vijayate Self Help Group (Kareli) won best group award from Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) consisting of certification and cash of Rs 25,000/-

Exposure Visits

Various exposure visits were conducted for the farmers to give them a real time experience on various farming methods. Five visits were planned were more than 100 farmers participated.

- IPDM Kharif crops**
 - Center- KVK Chasvad
 - Participants- 52 Farmers and 3 Staff members
- Wheat Salinity resilience**
 - Center- CSSRI Bharuch
 - Participants- 13 Farmers and 2 staff members
- Honeybee business**
 - Center-Sahyadri Farm, Chikhli
 - Participants- 10 Farmers and 2 Staff members
- IPDM, INM Rabi crops**
 - Center- KVK Chasvad
 - Participants- 52 Farmers and 3 staff members
- Business for farmers**
 - Center- SFPCL Kodinar
 - Participants- 26 Farmers and 2 staff members

Way Forward

With registration of Farmer Producer Organization – *Vivekanand Khedut Mandali*, it is envisaged that it will play a very critical and leading role in enhancing socio economic conditions of small and marginal farmers of the area. Easy access to technical information for salinity resistant agriculture practices, strengthening of FPO as well as building capacities of team in non-land based traditional sources of livelihood like poultry, goat rearing, fishery will be the key focus.



Vermiwash



Farm Pond



ATMA Kitchen garden kits



Visit to the office of the Collector (Bharuch)

Women Empowerment Program

Aatapi has facilitated the empowerment of women through the formation of self-help groups, engaging with single women and women with disabilities to improve their status and economic independence. Uniting the women through self-help groups has enabled their inherent strengths to come to the fore, given them representative, knowledge power and encouraged



women entrepreneurs. It has catalysed the formation of women managed dairies, and given visibility to women farmers. Attending monthly meetings, saving regularly, voicing their opinion, taking decisions on loan allocations, liaising with banks, sharing ideas and experiences with other leaders at cluster levels has opened vistas beyond the boundaries of their homes. They have learnt to negotiate with the external realm – reluctant banks, insensitive panchayat samitis, sceptical families and callous communities. Grudgingly, but surely their gaining respect in the community for their capabilities and contribution.

As part of the CSR Initiative of the PI Foundation, the ASMITA project was initiated to support our Women Empowerment Program. The aim was to empower the women by enhancing their access to Finances, Resources, and Opportunities for Skill Development and Strengthening of Livelihood Sources leading to wellbeing of their families, through building confidence in their abilities and capacities to redefine their economic space to ensure financial inclusion

Highlights of Programs

Major focus of ASMITA project is empowering women through the process of micro finance activities, strengthening of traditional source of livelihood through animal husbandry and building skills for alternative sources of livelihood as well as supporting needy women in accessing rights and entitlements.

Achievements, 2017-18

- 31 new Self-Help groups formed in 14 villages with 360 members, 135 members were from marginalised communities.
- 29 new functional SHGs by the end of March 2018 making it a total of 100 functional groups.
- 5 Leadership trainings conducted for 78 leaders.
- 5 Record Keeping Training of 190 women conducted.
- 86 women from Ujaas and Women Milk Cooperatives attended exposure visits.
- Savings of 100 groups in 2017-18 was Rs14.30 Lac. Cumulative saving of 100 groups up till now is Rs. 37,84,950/-.
- Credit Awareness camps were organized in 3 villages for 19 groups in which 121 women participated.
- 45 training conducted where 1819 women were trained in financial and legal literacy

Skill Training and Livelihood Strengthening

215 new women were linked with learning groups of farmers this year making it a total of 515 women presently associated with these groups learning about technology and up gradation in farming.

About 20-30 percent raise in income generation was seen due to implementation of recommendation to women farmers on different variety of seeds and crops.

7 women were linked with crop demonstrations, 2 were linked with inter cropping demonstrations, 2 with fodder demo

11 women have incorporated vermi compost and compost in farming

496 women participated in various field level programs and exposure visits.

19 women were linked with cattle care kit for improving health of their cattle.

13 women of one group received kitchen garden kit.

50 women went for exposure trip to Junagadh Agriculture University, Mehsana, Unjha, Amul Dairy etc. through ATMA.

Alternative Source of Livelihood

51 women from 5 villages were trained in Entrepreneurship Development focussing strengthening of existing small businesses as well as women who wanted to initiate new businesses.

8 women with disabilities were linked in Entrepreneurship Development training.

20 women were linked with Ujaas and their own SHG for small loans to start small scale business from it such as sewing, small shops, cycle repairing store, flour mill, hand lorry etc.

18 people were provided with Job cards under MNREGA

26 women with disabilities from 7 villages were given 130 Saragva saplings

5 women from Vedach, Piludara, Kareli were felicitated for Neem Seed collection by GNFC. Women received Rs 17,000/- as token of appreciation. AATAPI was felicitated for excellent work in facilitation of Neem Seed Collection in its work area.

Strengthening Animal Husbandry

256 women trained in 8 trainings conducted on Promotion of Ideal Practices in Animal Husbandry through technical support from Deepak Foundation.

89 women attended the follow up meetings conducted to motivate women in sustaining the practices adapted post training.

3 women were linked with cattle care kit for practicing animal husbandry in scientific way through ATMA worth Rs 4000/-.

22 Women were supported in accessing loans through Ujaas for purchasing cattle from Vedach, Uber, Nondhana

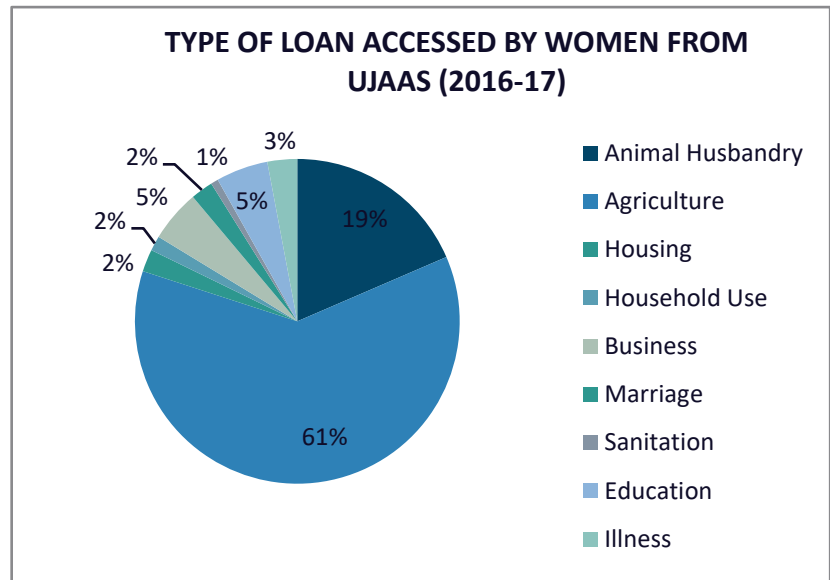
Cattle feed centre was initiated in Vedach village by Jai Swaminarayan Swa Sahay Juth. A revolving fund of Rs 50,000/- for two years period was provided by them. They have started selling cattle feed with minimum profit of which 50% profit goes to the mandal and the rest to the women managing it.

Financial Linkages

150 women accessed loans through joint liability groups ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- and total amounting to Rs. 41 Lakh through Bank Linkages and Ujaas Mahila Bachat Dhiran Grahak Sahakari Mandali Ltd. which are the two major sources of low interest loans for women in need.

Majorly these loans are used for agricultural purposes.

135 women overall accessed amount Rs 18.88 Lacs from credit facilities available.



Linkages with Rights and Entitlements

Aatapi focuses continuously in providing Rights and Entitlements of single women irrespective of various hiccups due to pending applications at Mamlatdar office

17 women from six villages received their Widow pensions of a cumulative amount of Rs.3.37 Lacs.

7 senior citizens received their old age pensions of a cumulative amount of Rs, 52,000/-

193 persons with disabilities from 15 villages were linked in disability certification camp, bus pass

Community Support to Leadership

12 women leaders who are in Panchayat are actively engaged in village development activities facilitating activities like RCC road construction, creating access to water in higher areas, working as Internet Sathi linking women to internet.

Various women leaders also helped fellow villages in accessing Ma Amrutam card, raise voice against fat fluctuation in cooperative dairy, linking women with Government programs, community mobilization, group strengthening of their villages.

Women leaders also supported fellow women in opening bank accounts, pagadiya licence for fishing, and obtaining various legal documents from Panchayat.

AATAPI received Certificate of Merit from Federation of Gujarat Industries FGI, Vadodara for its work in field of Women Empowerment.

Way Forward

Women leaders creating their space in local panchayats has opened up avenues for influencing role of *UJAAS* at village level. Integrated approach of building leadership will be focus in coming years where leadership will be trained to address Governance issues of mandali, rights and entitlement issues at village level, technical expertise in farming and animal husbandry as well. Women along with men will strive for equal and just spaces in society.

Health and Well being

AATAPI initiated its interventions in Health with aim of improving public health services for community. Health is one of the major pillar of integrated development model adapted by AATAPI where there is innate belief that integrated development will lead to improvement of overall quality of life of people of area. Community is strengthened to comprehend and spell out comprehensive development for themselves.



2017-18 was the year of understanding grass root situations, services, organize communities to spell out their needs in the arena of health. Building understanding led the team towards close interaction with communities, observation of services, building a cadre from community youth to lead the processes in field.

15 villages of Jambusar block were selected for the intervention in health in 2017-18.

Ongoing Activities:

- Establishing referrals and linkages with Health Services, Health Check Up camps, Follow Up services for identified vulnerable HHs.
- Formations, Restructuring and Strengthening of Local Governance Committees-VHSNCs, Gram Sanjeevani Samiti.
- Access to health-related rights and entitlements
- Construction of sanitation Blocks for 50 Vulnerable HHs.
- Training, Capacity Building Workshops and Sensitization workshops with various Target groups.

Achievements, 2017-18

- Intervention in 15 new villages with the topic of Health and Education
- Awareness sessions held for Health and Education during the Kamboi Mela covering 18 villages.
- Perspective training of 16 members from Aatapi team by Ms. Renu Khanna, Health Right Activist
- Health Camps were organised across 15 villages.
- 374 women were tested for Haemoglobin out of which more than 80 percent were found to be anemic.
- BMI was measured for 636 Adolescent girls and children along with 343 women

Education and Holistic Development



Aatapi initiated its interventions Education with aim of improving education services for community. Education is one of the major pillars of integrated development model adapted by AATAPI. Aatapi aims to ensure holistic development of children (physical, emotional and educational) through developing soft skills, hard skills, values, and vocational training through promotion of inclusive opportunities, community ownership and Child Participation.

After continuous ongoing needs assessment for Inclusive and Quality education in the 25 villages of Jambusar, Aatapi came up with the Project Tejasvi a holistic education program developed in consultation with the community leaders to ensure ownership, participation and sustainability of the project.

Achievements, 2017-18

- 3 Door Step Teachers trained and trained by SAHAJ – Vadodara for non formal classes
- 3 Non Formal Classes for girls and other children of *Devi Pujak* community initiated, 55 children attending
- Bal Mela and sports day for children from *Tejasvi* classes where 83 children participated
- For children with special needs *Tejasvi* centre at Kahanva where assessments of 9 children were done, 13 children and 12 parents went to explore possibilities, children were linked with Block Resource Centre of SSA for therapies and special classes (7 visits to BRC)
- Capacity Building training of 25 Gram sathis out of these 3 enrolled for Masters of Social Work
- Gram Sathis and Aatapi team reached around 3500 people with messages for maternal and child health, cleanliness and importance of education at Kamboi Mela held on Shiv Ratri
- Summer camp to impart life skills, values and Citizenship, diversity and Importance of Education was organised in 3 villages
- Sensitization workshop with school children on inclusion organized in 3 villages
- Training of 35 School Management Committee members, community leaders on role of SMC and Right to Education

Interactions with children from *Devi Pujak* communities revealed that alternatives to engage with children and parents needs to be explored where leaders across *Devi Pujak* community will play a critical role. Education of children needs to be addressed in integrated manner with alternatives against migration

Way Forward

Health and Education were initiated in new fifteen village as entry point activity. It took lot of efforts to mobilize communities since there were no community-based organizations or mobilization done. Also, reflections revealed that collectivization is important for community-based monitoring and accountability. Health and education need to go hand in hand in most marginalized communities. In coming years community-based organizations will be prepared for monitoring of rights and entitlements in health and education especially maternal, adolescent and child health. Besides this apart from non-formal education classes to address reading writing and arithmetic abilities of children from *Devi Pujak* communities, they need equal opportunities for holistic development. In coming year this will also be focused widening the definition of Education.

Water and Environment



Aatapi is well aware of the concerns of climate change and hence Water and Environment are one of its core pillars. It not only focuses on climate change but through its efforts in this area also cuts across the concerns of health and livelihood.

To approach the issue systematically it was decided to conduct in depth study on water status in work area. Five villages were selected and with the help of expert Geologist study was initiated. On the basis of the results of study future plan of

action will be designed.

Community irrigation systems require high level of accountability and responsibility from users. However, presently it is observed that Water User's Association in work area are inactive. Awareness session of 150 farmers was conducted on importance of usage of water in agriculture and water conservation.

Empowering People with Disability



Empowering Persons with Disability through Collectivising, Capacity Building and Strengthening (Physical, economic, social, educational and accessibility) to live a life of inclusion and dignity in society has been a cross cutting activity across all the four core pillars of Aatapi. The Garima Project was envisaged with the vision of creating a Right based Empowering Model rather than having a victim mode. Aatapi engaging through its SWA-SAMUHA-SAMUDAY model creates a legitimate space for self-

development of Persons with Disability (PwD), community and overall contribution in development of their village and community at large.

Story of Strength and Courage

-Gajraben is mother of an adolescent with special need. She states that being associated with AATAPI brought about many changes in her and gave her strength “*himmat*” to come with her child in meetings and comes with her child in every meeting.

-Jiviben of Uber village who is one of the most active leaders of Viklang Parivartan Sangathan. narrates that before she came in contact with AATAPI she did not have any guidance. With AATAPI’s facilitation she took all opportunities of learning that came her way. 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS, 2017-18

The Garima Project has a strong foothold in about 48 villages reaching out to about 1200 Persons with Disability

- Persons with Disabilities have their basic entitlement of travelling through State Transport buses for which they are issued bus passes. One of the leaders of Viklang Parivartan Sangathan had to face verbal abuse from bus conductor and was hassled a lot while travelling by ST bus. Since he was aware of his rights he took objection, registered complain with ST Depo Manager who further used abusive language. To address the hassel faced by persons with disabilities further complaint was lodged and issue of addressed to Social Defense Officer. Finally State Transport Department issued a Government Resoultion clarifying elibilities and strict implementation of the rules. This benefitted all Persons with Disabilities across.
- Viklang Parivartan Sangathan took leadership in organizing “Sneh Sammelan in which more than 250 PwD participated and 100 persons were disabilities were distributed aids and appliances from Pirmal Glass Ltd.
- Viklang Parivartan Sangathan linked 375 persons with disability certificate with support from AATAPI.

Outcomes

Early identification and prevention of Disability understood by ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers associated with AATAPI as critical for curbing disabilities.

Accessibility of infrastructure is now accepted as an important aspect of empowering

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

WAY FORWARD

- ‘Garima - Initiative for Livelihood’ is taking shape under the aegis of district administration office in collaboration with the Hon. Collector.
- An Inclusive model of development for Persons with Disability with clear roles of various organizations engaging with them is emerging out
- Commitment of Aatapi towards an inclusive development process encouraging engagement with the PwDs so that they don’t raise the slogan - “Nothing about us, without Us”



GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Aatapi 's Governance

Aatapi has an independent Board of Directors very dedicatedly involved in growth and nurturing of Aatapi. Aatapi 's Board promotes collaborative learning and facilitates creation of spaces promoting the same.

Administration and Finance

Accounts, Finance and Admin Manager (On deputation from TML) and accountant are responsible for finance and accounting systems.

GOVERNING BOARD

Gagan Sethi

Chairperson Human and Institutional Development Expert, Development Educator, Gender Trainer

Tushar Dayal,

Director Businessman, NGO Management, Professional Coach, Treasury Management and Audit

Aruna Lakhani

Director Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Donor Relations

Ami Shroff

Director Women and Livelihood, Handicraft

Ramnik Patel

Director Corporate Management, Administration, Governance

Archana Shrivastav

Designated CEO

Financial Reports 2017-18

Balance Sheet 2017-18

Particulars		For the year ended 31 March, 2018
1	Donations and Grants	68,50,506
2	Other Income	1,80,935
	Total Income	70,31,441
3	Expenses	
	(a) Object related expenditures:	
	Programme Human Resource Cost	33,30,424
	Programme Cost	22,05,541
		55,35,965
	(b) Depreciation and amortisation expense	1,23,717
	(c) Admin & OD expenses	10,94,049
	Total expenses	67,53,731
4	Profit before exceptional and extraordinary items and (3 - 4)	2,77,710
5	Transferred to Corpus Fund	62,156
6	Transferred to Assets Fund	7,68,164
7	Balance Carried Forward (11 - 12)	-5,52,610

Expenditure 2017-18

Particulars	2017-18
	Amount in Rs
Health & Education	17,62,388
Women Empowerment	16,37,646
Agricultural & Crop Improvement- Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	21,35,931 -----
Establishment Expenses	10,94,049
Capital Expenditure	4,20,545
Total Rs	70,50,559

Share Holding Pattern of Aatapi Seva Foundation (Percentage)

