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BHORUKA CHARITABLE TRUST (BCT)

Annual Report

— 2013-14 —



1962 - 2014
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 Years of Trust



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Late Shri Prabhu Dayal Agarwal
(1920 - 1982)

Mission

“Bhoruka Charitable Trust is dedicated to socio-economic transformation of rural and remote areas of India, especially the weaker and socially underprivileged groups, through physical, social, cultural and economic development of rural people, groups and institutions.”

In hope they trust

Adversity is the greatest test of our character. When faced with circumstances that are not in our favour, it is what we do that defines us. Often, it is the hope of a better, different future that drives us through the tough times. The rural community of India is testament to this. For years they have tried to overcome a multitude of obstacles that have stood in the way of progress. And they have not given up. It is their hope and determination that inspires us at Bhoruka Charitable Trust. For more than 50 years, we have partnered with communities across India to carry out development initiatives. Dedicated to the socio-economic transformation of rural and remote areas of the country, we have focussed our efforts in the key areas of:

Health | Education | Water & Sanitation | SHG & Livelihood | Others (Promotion of Visual Arts & Environmental Initiatives)

Aligning our efforts with government initiatives, we have strived to create a platform for underprivileged communities to achieve sustainable development.

Development from ground up

Bhoruka Charitable Trust is known internationally as a field-based resource organisation. In that capacity, we have strengthened our relationships with grass-roots organisations, women's forums and other entities to create an ecosystem conducive to positive change.

In this annual report we have showcased some of the initiatives we had undertaken during the year. The people are the real heroes in these stories. Their desire for change and to aim for a better life was the driving force behind our efforts.

As we look to the future, we see great possibilities in the creation of sustainable models for development. In convergence with governmental as well as non-governmental entities, we aim to bring about a wave of transformation that will empower the rural communities of India with the power of hope and also the ability to realise their dreams.



From BCT Team

Foreword ...

Started in the year 1962, Bhoruka Charitable Trust (BCT) is the vision of late Shri P.D. Agarwal (a businessman and a philanthropist) who was touched by the plight of the poor and underprivileged in his birth place, Bhorugram in Rajasthan. The result was the establishment of a social service institution for the upliftment of these underprivileged in 1962. Later, the South India Initiative of BCT was also initiated in the year 1996 which is headed by its Bangalore office. Presently, the trust operates in 23 districts of Rajasthan alone and 9 districts of three southern states of India.

The thrust areas of BCT are Health (primary health, mother and child health, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS awareness initiatives, static and mobile health centres/ units, and conducting around 5000 cataract surgeries annually), Education (targeting out of the school and life skills based initiatives, running a CBSE affiliated residential Intermediate School established since 1976 at Bhorugram and a Degree College started in 2012), Water & Sanitation (considered as the premier agency of Rajasthan to have worked on construction of more than 45,000 low cost toilets and on adopting a much different participatory approach towards dealing with issues related to rural Water Harvesting at community and household levels), SHG & Livelihoods (guiding more than 25,000 rural women through more than 2000 SHGs), Promotion of Visual Arts and some green energy initiatives esp. one that aims at providing smart energy in remote rural and tribal areas of Rajasthan.

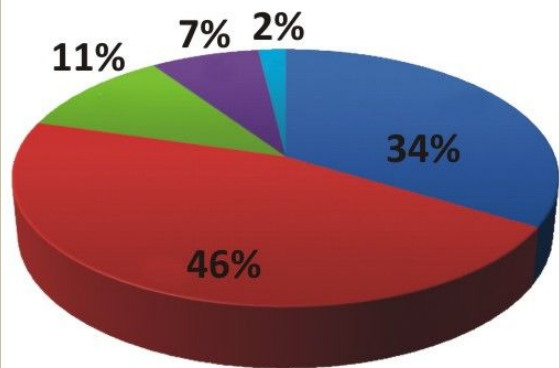
Over the years, BCT's rural development works have been extensively recognized as a result of which we receive learners from many parts of the world round the year as Interns, and nationally our works have been recognized through some prestigious awards, some of which are - FICCI Annual Award (1991-92) in recognition of the institutional initiatives in the field of rural development, State Level award for distinguished services in the field of Family Welfare (1996-97), Pam Davar Award (1998- 99) in recognition of excellent work in the field of Rural Technology, GD Birla International Award (2002) for Rural Upliftment, Rajasthan State level awards for promotion of SHGs by NABARD (2002-03 & 2003-04), Surya Award from Karnataka Seva Foundation in the field of HIV/AIDS awareness program in Karnataka (2004-05), Golden Standard Award for the truckers program from TCI Foundation (2009-10) etc.

BCT is already into implementation of various CSR initiatives and we are proud of being recently empanelled by Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Govt as an 'Expert Agency' for undertaking up CSR based "Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Projects". Thus we can strongly act as a catalyst agency and help corporates to achieve their CSR goals by bridging the gap between them and the target communities.



OUR CORE AREAS

- Health - 34%
- Education - 46%
- Water & Sanitation - 11%
- SHG & Livelihood - 2%
- Others (Environmental Initiatives) - 7%



Percentage of Funds Allocated
(Core Area wise)



REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT

"Today BCT is serving in 23 districts of Rajasthan as well as in 9 districts of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu."

Rajasthan



1. Churu
2. Hanumangarh
3. Sri Ganganagar
4. Dungarpur
5. Nagaur
6. Barmer
7. Jalore
8. Chittorgarh
9. Bhilwara
10. Banswara
11. Udaipur
12. Rajsamand
13. Jhunjhunu
14. Sawaimadhopur
15. Karauli
16. Sikar
17. Dausa
18. Jaipur
19. Kota
20. Baran
21. Ajmer
22. Jaisalmer
23. Pali

South



1. Karnataka
 - Bangalore Urban
 - Dharwad
 - Davangere
 - Haveri
 - Bellary
 - Chikkaballapur
2. Andhra Pradesh
 - Hyderabad (Autonagar)
 - East Godavari (Ravulapalem)
3. Tamil Nadu
 - Hosur (Shoolagiri)

Development Initiatives in Rajasthan

Good health and great spirits : HEALTH

Health of the Urban Poor (HUP) - Jaipur

In support of USAID through PFI (Population Foundation of India) led Consortium, HUP is being implemented with an objective to improve the health status of the urban poor in the urban locations by adopting effective and efficient sustainable strategic intervention approaches adopted the principle of convergence of the various development programs. This program is focused on Maternal & Child Health and being implemented in 8 states (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttrakhand) and in 5 cities (Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Pune, Jaipur and Agra) in India. Upto end 2013 BCT has covered 46 urban slums, thereafter to convert it into a demonstration model emphasis is in 07 urban slum of Jaipur city benefitting around 26,000 individuals. Activities that have been performed during the year includes Mapping of Houses, formation of 10 new Women Groups (Mahila Arogya Samiti), Organising Health Camps, Immunization & Anganwadi centre based programs, Community mobilization programs focusing on tracking mother and child for RCH services. Liaising activities with Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC), Private Health facility & other partners to provide adequate Health & Sanitation services in the slums. Beneficiaries in slums benefited through the network of link workers (local volunteers).



Parameters	Achieved *
Total Household Visit	149717
Number of Urban Health & Nutrition Day (UHND) Supported	402
Total Beneficiaries Mobilized for UHNDS	17665
No. of MAS Meetings Held	189
No. of Training Programs Organized for MAS	251
Number of Advocacy Events Organized	168

Major achievements under the project includes handing over of 37 MAS groups to respective ICDS centres.

The Program is focused on the Maternal and Child health, and the impact could be seen in the form of significant increase in the beneficiaries for the Government organized MCHN Sessions, significant increase in no. of Institutional Deliveries and No. of Complete Immunization for infants etc.



Helping Save Lives (MNCHN Project)

In support of Save the Children Fund (SCF), this project was implemented by BCT in 50 villages of Sujangarh block, and another 51 villages of Rajgarh block of Churu District. Focus of the project was on Saving Mother & Children's lives and to improve the health & nutrition status, along with improved use of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in the targeted villages. Both the projects were successfully completed in the third quarter of 2013. Collectively projects touched life of around 3000 pregnant women, around 10000 children and reaching out more than 3 lakhs beneficiaries indirectly. Major activities of these initiatives were: Godhbharai sessions, Swasthya Panchayat Camp, observing MCHN days, badhai sandesh activities, village campaign on sanitation, proper hand washing and importance of health and hygiene, Anganwadi centres related activities, identifying the malnourished children and organizing campaigns on nutrition, identification of high risk ladies etc. Additionally, the projects also addressed construction & repairing of house hold toilets and rooftop rainwater harvesting structures.



Chogmal Bhoruka Hospital (CBH)

Since 1973, BCT has been serving the rural population of Bhorugram and the surrounding villages by offering medical facilities through a completely functional 30-bed Chogmal Bhoruka Hospital (CBH). CBH is well equipped with latest health care and diagnostic facilities like X-ray lab, Delivery Room, Surgical Suite, Completely stocked pharmacy etc. CHB has qualified and experienced staff that includes a full time Physician, Gynecologists, an ophthalmic assistant, a nurse and a pharmacist, etc. During the year 2135 patients treated at CBH.

Mobile Medical Units & Mobile Medical Vans

The health care needs of the rural poor population of the remote locations such as Hanumangarh, Rajgarh, Aspur & Dungarpur addressed through MMUs and in Taranagar, Sagwara, Simalwara & Bichiwara through MMVs by BCT in support of NRHM, Rajasthan. During the year through 4 fully functional Mobile Medical Units and 4 Vans, 1867 camps were conducted and 105530 no. of patients have been treated.



Eye Care

Aligned to the National Blindness Control Program (NPCB) of Govt. of India, BCT conducts free cataract surgeries for the rural poor population in Hanumangarh, Churu & Dungarpur districts of Rajasthan.

During the year 2013-14, 72 eye camps were organized. 10,053 patients turned up for OPD out of which 4359 patients got benefited through cataract surgeries.

Low Vision Program for School Children under SSA

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and in support of Rajasthan Council of Elementary Education (RCEE), the Low Vision Program is being implemented by BCT to correct the vision of school children (age 06-14 years) by performing Cornea surgeries (i.e. Keratoplasty) and treating them according to their eye visual status in all the 33 districts of Rajasthan.

During the year 2013-14, 2119 school children were screened at 30 camp sites and the vision of 58 children corrected through surgeries whereas 1110 spectacles and 189 low vision devices distributed free of cost to the children.



Eye Screening Program for School Children

Under School Eye Screening Program, conducted across 85 School in the year 2013-14 and around 7200 School children were screened out in Churu & Dungarpur districts of Rajasthan. 662 spectacles were distributed free of cost to the affected School children by BCT

Wheat Flour Fortification Project

In support of GAIN & IHMR, and to contribute to the holistic aim of "Improving the micronutrients (Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin A & B12) status of children, pregnant and nursing mothers through large scale staple food fortification in Rajasthan", BCT is engaged in "Wheat Flour Fortification" from September 2012 through small millers in two tribal blocks of Udaipur (Salumber & Sarada). During the year Major activities with 250 Chakkies & communities includes Census & Registration, Premix Distribution, FDG's & Need Assessment Meetings, Community & SHG Meetings, School Awareness Activities, Advocacy Workshops for Medical & Paramedic staff of PHC & CHC, Puppet Shows, Mass Awareness Camps, Street Plays etc.

Association with "Avantha Nutrition Fellowship" through Avantha Foundation, Pune (wef August, 2013 for a period of 2 years): Avantha Fellow is assigned to work on Child Health & Nutrition issues exclusively targeting the fortification initiative areas of BCT at 2 tribal blocks named Sarada and Salumber of Udaipur District.



Help by Wash (DST)

"An estimated 1.9 billion school days could be gained if the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) related to safe water supply and sanitation are achieved and the incidence of diarrhoeal illness is reduced."

Project Help by Wash on Health, Education & Livelihood Promotion by Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Awareness (WASH) aims to improve the health and learning performance of school-aged children – and, by extension, that of their families – by reducing the incidence of water and sanitation related diseases. Every child friendly school requires appropriate WASH initiatives that keep the school environment clean and free of smells and inhibit the transmission of harmful bacteria, viruses and parasites. Project Started in Feb. 2014 in Churu district with the support of DST, New Delhi covering 50 Villages of Rajgarh block, Churu district to benefit 1.25 lakhs of population.

During the year awareness on WASH to achieve millennium development Goals (MGDs) created among the community by the formation of 44 GJSS, CBOs & SHGs, focus group discussions in 50 villages and SHGs meetings in 20 villages.



Learnings for the future : Education

Bhoruram Jiram Das (BRJD) Public School - Bhorugram

The best of education – from childhood to youth, for more than 1000 promising students. The BRJD Public School is the residential English Medium Co-educational School at Bhorugram. Established in 1976, with a mission to offer quality, value based education to both local rural children, as well as children from various parts of the country. BRJD Public school, affiliated to CBSE, offers education from LKG to standard XII. It also offers vocational courses. The school provides an all-around learning experience, complete with advanced technology and great infrastructure. BRJD currently caters to 1127 children, and hosts online coaching classes for IIT-JEE as well as PMT classes at the school campus.

In order to provide well-rounded development for the children, BRJD also focuses on sports, extra-curricular activities as well as competitive guidance. Major achievements for the year are:

- 7 students have been selected for 2nd level (International level) of the National Science Olympiad.
- 3 students have been selected for 2nd level of the International Mathematics Olympiad.
- As a part of an overseas student exchange program, 12 students with two teachers visited Germany for two weeks in March-April 2013. In return, students from Germany visited BRJD in October 2013.



Result of Academic Session 2013-14 Class X : 100%, Class XII (Science): 100%, Class XII (Vocational): 100% & Placements : 24 (at TCI)



Prabhu Dhan Degree College (PDDC)

In order to fulfill the higher education demand of rural youths, Prabhu Dhan Degree College was started on July 24, 2012 at Bhorugram, Churu, Rajasthan. PDDC is affiliated to Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner and offering undergraduate degrees in all three specialized areas of Arts, Commerce and Science. PDDC is a co-educational bilingual institution which is aimed at inspiring, empowering, enhancing students' self-fulfillment and competitiveness levels in an increasingly global society. To encourage higher education among the financially weak, underprivileged, SC/ST rural student's PDDC offers & facilitates four types of Merit & Need based Scholarships such as BCT Merit Scholarship, SC/ST Scholarship & INSPIRE Scholarship. Students can avail these scholarship schemes based on their eligibility criteria. In session 2013-14, nearly 64% students has availed these scholarships. This year PDDC has successfully entered into its third academic year and the result of the previous sessions is as under:

Result of the academic session 2013-14

Streams	First Year	Second Year	Streams	First Year	Second Year
B.A.	84.62%	100%	B.Sc. (Medical)	90%	63.64%
B.Com.	56.25%	77.77%	B.Sc. (Non Medical)	80%	100%

SDDGSS, Dhandal Lekhu

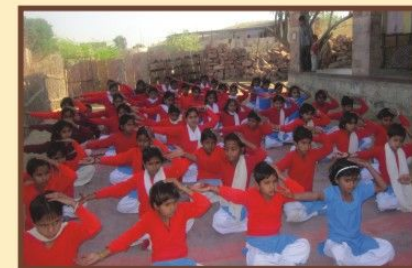
Smt. Dhanwati Devi Girls Senior Secondary School (SDDGSS) is being managed by BCT and provides education from class VI to XII, recognized to Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE), Ajmer. School has a strength of 272 students.

Results during the academic session 2013-14 for both Class X & Class XII is 100%.



Residential School Program for Girls (Barmer) & Boys (Jalore)

In support of SSA, and with an objective to provide and improve the education level among the children who have never enrolled in schools, belonging to SC/ST/OBC/SBC, the organization is running a special residential school program for girls and boys of age group 11-14 yrs, at remote and backward areas of Barmer & Jalore district, Rajasthan. The students are being admitted to class VI, VII & VIII where they are getting education, food, books, dress and residential facilities etc at no cost. Garment stitching training was also provided to the girls after the classes so that they also earn their livelihoods in the future. During the year 83 Girls in total were enrolled at Barmer and 83 Boys at Jalore Residential Schools.



Similarly, SSA supported Residential School cum Hostel is being managed by BCT at Kota. Objective is to provide better education and residential facility for those children who are homeless and destitute. The School has a strength of 50 boys (SC-31, ST-6, OBC-10, & General-3). During the year 30 students were enrolled in class VI and 11 in class VII where as 9 got enrolled in class VIII. This year total seven students successfully passed from class VIII.

Under the co-curricular activities, 6 students participated in the Kota Sports Program and 2 students were awarded with the best Gymnastic Sports Prize.

Support My School Season-2

In support of Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India, a program named "Support My School –Seasons 2" being directly supported by Coca Cola/UN-Habitat/NDTV, was implemented by BCT for improving infrastructure (access to Water/Rainwater harvesting/Sanitation/Plantation/Landscaping/Sports) in two government schools of Jaipur district i.e. Geji and Raiyawala School.

Both the Schools benefitted with new facilities of rainwater harvesting structure of around 25,000 liters each, water purifier units to access safe drinking water, separate hygienic sanitation units (both for Boys & Girls) and various indoor/outdoor sports items etc. Around 500 children directly benefited under this program. The impact of the program could be observed in terms of a contribution of INR 25,000 made by the teachers and community for the maintenance and sustainability of the infrastructure provided at one School and similarly collection worth 40,000 at another School towards future maintenance.



Integrated Child Line

In association with the Childline India Foundation, BCT is working as a sub central organization for this program at Aspur block of Dungarpur district to generate awareness on Child Rights & Child Protection Project/ 1098 Free Helpline Number and identification of children towards 'Child Protection' and linking them up with Social Protection Schemes of Government. During the year no. of activities were performed like distribution of pamphlets on Childline Services, 29 awareness camps, 24 open house sessions and 120 outreach services conducted in the targeted villages.



Clean living for a cleansed future: Water & Sanitation

Rajasthan Minor Irrigation Improvement Project (RAJAMIIP)

The project is being implemented by BCT across 08 districts of Rajasthan (Jaipur, Dausa, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Alwar and Ajmer) in partnership with Gramin Vikas Trust (GVT), Jaipur and the Government of Rajasthan, with an objective for capacity building of 70 Water User Associations (WUAs) and support for agriculture extension. During the year 1092 village meetings with participation of 18079 villagers, 226 meetings with irrigation dept. held (under both the programmatic phases).



Community Managed Water Supply Scheme

Across rural Rajasthan, access to clean drinking water is the biggest everyday issue. Public Health & Engineering Department (PHED) is extensively working on ensuring supplies of drinking water across rural Rajasthan. The schemes aims at community ownership and thus Village Water Health & Sanitation Committees (VWHSC) are formed and strengthened through IEC activities. During the year BCT started implementation of following projects being supported by Larsen & Toubro (L&T):

- 188 Villages of Bungi – Rajgarh,
- 97 Villages of Didwana – Ladnun,
- 256 Villages of Ratangarh – Sujangarh,
- 111 Villages of Pali District, and
- 258 Villages of Jhunjhunun District.

The project ensures sustainability of PHED's approach through benefit maximization and formation & strengthening of VWHSCs across all target villages.

Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)



TSC is a comprehensive program to ensure hygienic sanitation facilities for BPL/APL families in the rural areas with a major goal to eradicate the practice of open defecation.

In support of HZL, NBA & MGNAREGA, 340 households were benefited with individual low cost sanitation units in Chittorgarh and Ghangrar blocks of Bhilwara district.

609 households were benefited with individual low cost sanitation units in Kotari block of Bhilwara and in Salumber block of Udaipur 167 households were benefited and now have an access to low cost sanitation units with the support of HZL & NBA.

Similarly with the support of NBA & Gram Panchayats, 52 baby friendly toilets were constructed at 52 Anganwadi centers in Salumber block of Udaipur, with a focus for easy access to children for toilets in Anganwadi centers.

Significant reduction has been observed in the Open Defecation Practice among the

BPL / APL families in all the above mentioned rural areas.

Open Defecation Free (ODF), Churu

Supporting to Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, the World Bank supported project in collaboration with the Government of Rajasthan started for one year from January 2013, with an objective to make Churu "Open Defecation Free". BCT partnered in the project and provided experts as per requirement. Project targeted all 249 GPs, six blocks covering 879 villages of Churu district.

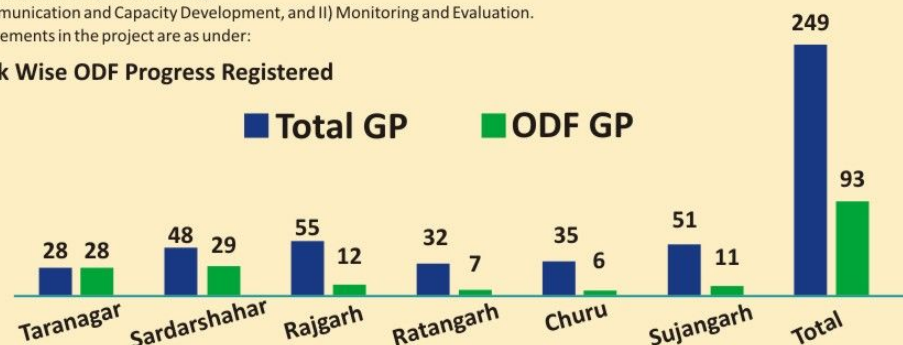
The main focus of this project is to support Churu District to scale up Rural Sanitation by providing handholding support to the functionaries of the district nodal agency and leaders of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to implement NBA (Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan) by adopting a community led approaches and to institutionalize regular outcome based monitoring.

The broad scope of the work is to address the initiative linked development of the entire District through the following.

I) Communication and Capacity Development, and II) Monitoring and Evaluation.

Achievements in the project are as under:

Block Wise ODF Progress Registered



Post project achievement

- 16 GPs submitted Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) plans to district which were referred to State for approval.
- Two plans from GPs viz. Lunas and Raiyatunda in Taranagar were approved and they have received funds of Rs. 15 Lakhs each.

Empowering communities with knowledge : SHG & Livelihoods Promotion

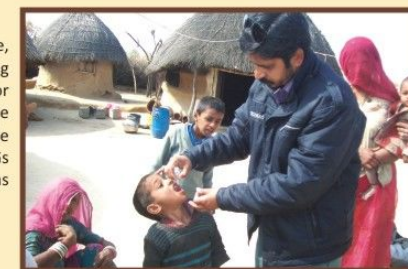
Promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs) through Microfinance & Women empowerment and promotion of livelihoods activities is a major thrust area of BCT. In this context, BCT has been actively involved in formation of Self-Help-Groups in its all the target villages in Rajasthan

MPOWER Project, Baitu, Barmer

MPOWER (Mitigating Poverty in Western Rajasthan) is a poverty reduction initiative, supported by IFAD, SRTT & Govt. of Rajasthan, being implemented in 10 GP's, covering 66 villages of Baitu block of Barmer district since September 2010. The major objectives of this project are to secure and enhance present livelihoods, to enhance the income of poor people by creating employment opportunities for a sustainable livelihood and women empowerment, linking of 5387 BPL families with 370 SHGs through the Federation attaining financial sustainability. Progress during the year is as under-

- 375 SHGs formed.
- 375 SHGs detailed on Sakh Darpan.
- 360 SHGs registered with BPMU.
- 352 Bank Accounts opened.
- 340 Linked with Bank.
- 346 SHGs Graded.
- 560 Youths identified for skill training out of which 239 Youths trained and trainings for remaining is going on.

Skill Training Program (Ladies Tailor Training): Trained nine batches with a total of 254 participants and distribution of tool kits to 254 participants.



MPOWER Project, Sankara, Jaisalmer

MPOWER (Mitigating Poverty in Western Rajasthan) is a poverty reduction initiative, supported by IFAD, SRTT & Govt. of Rajasthan, being implemented in 20 GP's covering 119 villages of Sankhara block, Pokhran Tehsil of Jaisalmer district since March 2013. The major objectives of this project are to secure and enhance present livelihoods, to enhance the income of poor people by creating employment opportunities for a sustainable livelihood and women empowerment, linking of 5623 BPL families with 375 SHGs through the Federation attaining financial sustainability. Progress during the year is as under -

- 386 SHGs formed.
- 365 SHGs detailed on Sakh Darpan.
- 386 SHGs registered with BPMU.
- 343 Bank Accounts opened.
- 47 Linked with Bank.
- 302 SHGs Graded.
- 110 Youths identified for skill training out of which 35 Youths trained and trainings for remaining is going on.

Overall, around 4000 females got benefited out of which 60% females are from BPL families where as 40% females from APL families. Other activities like Agriculture & crop demonstration, Goat cluster formed and sanctioned, Health camps for animals, Water tanks constructed, Drudgery activities and Skill based trainings for youth were carried out under the MPOWER Project to improve the quality of life of the poor.



SHG Program, Bhorugram (Churu) - ICICI Bank Ltd.

SHG program supported by ICICI Bank initiated in Rajgarh blocks of Churu district with a focus to develop the habit of regular savings among rural poor & to sensitize deprived community for availing bank credit linkages and its benefits for sustainable livelihoods. During the year 43 women SHGs are being formed and have been sanctioned with a loan of Rs. 32,37,400/-

SHG Program, Aspur, Dungarpur

The project for Promotion & Linkage of 250 SHGs, started in August 2010 with the support of NABARD in Aspur block of district Dungarpur.

During the year 2013-14, 114 new SHGs were formed and account opened for 52 new SHGs in the bank.

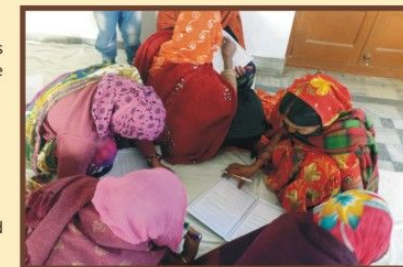


SHG Project, NABARD & GVT – Banswara

The project on promotion of 500 SHGs in assistance of NABARD through Gramin Vikas Trust in Talwada and Garhi blocks of Banswara started in January 2013, helping the beneficiaries in income generation activities.

The progress during the FY 2013-14 is as under:

- 158 new SHGs formed.
- 149 new SHGs linked with the bank.
- 27 Credit linkages done so far.
- 80 SHGs linked to Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Projects (RRLP Govt. Project) and approximately Rs.1 Crore has been sanctioned to them.



SHG Program, Ladnun (Nagaur)

The project for Promotion & Linkage of 100 SHGs, started in December 2012 with the support of NABARD in 16 Gram Panchayats of Ladnun block, district Nagaur covers 50 villages. The project started with a focus to motivate the village women for savings, making aware of banking process & procedure, linking the SHGs to Banks and income generation activities like Dairy, small Flour Mills & Grocery shops etc.

During the year 23 SHGs were formed and their account opened in the bank.

Skill Training Program - Rajasthan Mission on Skills & Livelihood (RMoL)

In support of the Rajasthan Mission on Skills & Livelihoods, BCT has successfully trained & further developed the entrepreneur skills among the rural youths, including women in Rajgarh block of Churu and in Aspur block of Dungarpur districts.

During the year 25 youths were trained for Tailoring ladies garments at Rajgarh (Churu) whereas 97 youths trained on various trades in Aspur (Dungarpur).



Smart Green Rural Electrification Project



Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), Government of India, New Delhi & Ministry of Non Renewable Energy (MNRE), Smart Green Rural Electrification Project was implemented jointly by BCT & Gram Power India Ltd during the year 2013-14.

Under this project 12 Non –Electrified TRIBAL HAMLETS of Pratapgarh and Udaipur got successfully electrified by installing 30 Smart Micro Grids of 1KWP each. 400+ households were directly benefitted with electricity connections (2 CFLs of 8 watts each and a point for mobile phone charging at a subsidized cost of INR 200/- per month + 1100 as connection cost).

Development Initiatives in South India

HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention Programs

The HIV / AIDS program is one of the important targeted intervention areas in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu region. All these areas are having a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS.

TI Program for Female Sex Workers (FSW)

In support of KSAPS, project implemented in the Bangalore Urban Zone-V with an objective to halt & reverse the HIV/AIDS epidemics among Female Sex Workers (FSWs) in Tumkur district & to bring a behavior change in their sexual health and reducing the incidence of HIV among 2996 FSWs by providing knowledge on STI/HIV/AIDS, condom usage & promotion of female condoms via social marketing and access to services of STI. During the year 33,545 individuals benefited via regular contact & clinic visits, 41 women with STI were treated, 4684 women screened for Syphilis, 16 HIV+ cases identified and treated, & distributed 7,22,512 condoms in the Bangalore Urban Zone-5 (Yeshwantpur, Peenya, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, Narayanpura, Yelahanka & Jakkur).



TI Program for Migrants : Garment & Construction

In partnership with KSAPS, under the targeted intervention program for Migrants from Garment & Construction Sector, project implemented in and around Yeshwantpur, Yelahanka & Nelamangala, urban areas of Bangalore, with a focus on the increased condom usage by migrant workers with their sexual partners both casual & regular and to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted infections among the migrant workers both from the garment & construction sector.



During 2013-14, various sites were covered and 260909 Migrants both from Garment & Construction sectors has reached out. Nearly 31290 migrants identified as High Risk Migrants were educated on STIs/HIV/AIDS. Around 1000 individuals diagnosed & treated for STIs. On an average 1000 individuals screened for HIV and 6-8 cases reported positive, were linked to ART. 48000 condoms distributed for free.

Prevention, Care & Support for HIV/AIDS Affected



Targeted Intervention for Truckers

In partnership with APSACS, project implemented in April, 2013 in Autonagar Stretch under Vanasthalipuram, Ranga Reddy District along with Pedamberpet of Ranga Reddy, Kothapet, Kukatpally, Kompally of Hyderabad District, Isnapur of Medak District, Shadnagar and Jadcherla of Meheubnagar District, with a focus to arrest the spread of HIV/AIDS among the Long Distance Truckers. During the year 2013-14, BCT is able to reach out 1,53,960 truckers through the IPC and Mid-media activities, whereas through medical team, we are able to reach out 22,871 cases for general check-up and 1439 screened for STIs, were provided proper treatment with counseling. Our efforts further supported by Lions Clubs with rent free infrastructure, both for clinical and office premises and also sponsorship for a few camps. "Fit for the Road" a program supported with Eye, Blood Grouping, Blood Sugar screening, HIV test and general check-up, offered to the truckers of Express Road Ways for their better health.

In a similar project supported by APSACS for Truckers at Warangal, Andhra Pradesh, BCT team is able to reach out 28, 278 truckers through IPC, Health Camps and services via Khushi Clinics. 416 truckers screened for HIV test and five reported HIV+ were further linked to ART for treatment and medication.

TI Truckers Program – Nelamangala

The project implemented in 8th Mile Check post covering at a stretch of 12 km on NH4, Nelamangala Urban area of Bangalore in partnership with KSAPS. The project aims at enhancing the knowledge about HIV/AIDS among the long distance truck drivers and the helpers, whose average trip is more than 800 kms one way. The major objectives of the program are: To promote safer sexual behavior and practices, use of condoms and to reduce the incidence of STIs among truckers through clinical interventions & to create an Enabling Environment by involving different stakeholders in their activities at intervention locations for the program sustainability. During the year 2013-14, targeted people are being covered through 410 Awareness Camps, IPC & Health Camps, 15 Street plays & games, 48 Exhibitions, 8 film show & clinical interventions via Kushi clinic were made by BCT to benefit 1,18,000 Truckers.



Foster Care Programs: Orphaned or Vulnerable Children (OVC)



Inchara Foster Care Program : Inchara implemented in partnership with Deshpande Foundation, covering HUBLI-DHARWAD district in North Karnataka with an objective to provide Foster care support to 250 orphan and vulnerable children (children of HIV/AIDS positive persons) through Foster care mothers. Inchara provides Health, Educational, Nutritional support, Livelihood support, and women empowerment for OVC and Foster care mothers. Inchara program supports orphan and vulnerable children aged between 6 to 18 years and also women who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS living in the targeted area. During the year 213 OVCs & 93 Foster care mothers identified and benefited. 21 widows Foster care mothers are being referred to CDPO for widow pension. Bank accounts opened for 44 OVCs to avail the services/benefits of WCD. After the interventions of BCT, 24 widows are started receiving a pension of Rs. 500/- from Govt. since Jan 2014. Bct has raised a fund of Rs. 4,32,750.00 which is being used for providing nutritious food, Education, Clothes, health etc to the vulnerable children and foster care mothers.

Workplace Interventions

HUMSAFAR

In partnership with SAB Miller India, BCT has been conducting awareness & counseling programs for curtailing the spread of HIV/AIDS among the contract employees of Mysore Breweries Ltd (MBL) and the trucker's population within and outside of MBL and Charminar Breweries Ltd (CBL) premises through targeted intervention. During the year 2013-14: Project's Mid media activities such as street plays, film shows, health exhibitions, health, games, etc, enabled us to reach out 21920 truckers & contract employees. 66STI infected treated, 279 truckers have undergone ICTC camps. Clinical services were given to the targeted population on a regular basis and distributed 8525 free condoms by organizing health camps and social marketing events. 325 individuals were screened for HIV, and +ve cases linked to pre Anti Retroviral Therapy.



SURAKSHA-(HPCL)

In support with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd - TCIF, BCT has been conducting awareness and counseling programs for the truckers at HPCL's three junction outlets, Shoolagiri in Tamil Nadu, Dobbaspeth in Bangalore & COMCO Petrol Pump - Ravulapalem in Andhra Pradesh through Khushi Clinics. The major objective is to promote the adoption of safe sexual behavior and practices by truckers and to reduce the incidence of STI/HIV/AIDS among the long distance truckers through clinical interventions. Project Suraksha, is a CSR initiative for prevention of HIV/AIDS among truckers which forms a key consumer segment for HPCL and to reduce the incidence of Sexually Transmitted Infections among long distance truckers through clinical interventions. During the year 2013-14, 27210 truckers reached through one to one, IPC & clinical interactions, 248 STI cases were treated & 71 truckers were screened for HIV test.



Humraahi

In support of Jindal Steel Works, the project was implemented with a focus to increase awareness and prevent the spread of STIs/HIV/AIDS among the truck drivers, brokers, contract employees, transporters associated with Jindal Steel plant, at Toranagallu, Vijayanagar, Bellary. During the year around 25000 truckers & others are being reached out through one to one interactions, Drop in the center, IPC sessions, health camps and focus groups. 700 + cases tested for STI & HIV, 5614 cases referred to Govt. Hospital and 2500+ condoms distributed free of cost.



Chinnara Loka

It's a Non - Formal Education program and being run for the children of Migrants in the Construction Sector through the funding of Volunteers from Corporate Sector like HP, Wild Wanderers, Exilant Group and BCT. The program delivers three fold services of education, health and nutrition at the center opened at the Vaishnavi Nakshatra Construction Site. This Activity Centre runs classes for 4 hrs / day, managed by one teacher & a helper. During the year 250 Children (aged 2-12 yrs) attended the center and they were taught alphabets, numbers, mathematics, identification of colors, animals & birds, national & state languages etc. 20 Children administered with Pulse Polio drops in coordination with Yeshwanthpur Maternity Hospital. 5 children were successfully placed back into the mainstream formal education.



Conserve My Planet (Bangalore & Hyderabad)

In association with Schneider Electric, Bangalore, Project Started June 15, 2013- December 15, 2013 at Hyderabad & July 01, 2013 – December 31, 2013 at Bangalore, with a focus to educate the middle school students on saving energy and to make them responsible & sensitive towards efficient energy management.

The program, being a participative educational program, aimed at students of age group 10 to 13 years through molding them as responsible future citizens. During the year 30+30 schools were registered, and these participating schools were called as the Green Republic. All selected students of the Green Republic were called Green Ambassadors. A total of 60+60 teachers were trained (2 teachers at each school). Around 1200 + 200 students have been enrolled (from 5th – 7th Standards) for the program. 24000+18000 other students participated and near about 2 lakhs adults were indirectly reached out by the campaigning. 71540 people by 1200 and 12645 people by 200 Green ambassadors are being sensitized via the Signature Campaign.

The Green Ambassadors were groomed & trained to conduct Energy Audits, evaluate energy consumptions at their homes and in School campus. During the year energy valuing to 30000 KWH through 1200 Students' and another 5000 KWH through 200 Students has been conserved thereby a tremendous reduction was observed in the domestic electricity bills of Bangalore as well as Hyderabad.



Rejuvenation of Nelligudda Tank, Ramanagara District, Karnataka

Supported by Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, BCT initiated the project from May 2013 to July 2013 with an objective to Rejuvenate the Nelligudda Tank and to build up the ground water resources with an active community participation. During the project period a total of 1.83 Lacs cubic meter silt was excavated from the tank with the support of nearby community, which has successfully increased the water storage capacity of tank. Installation of 3 artificial recharge units have been done which further helped boosting up ground water resources.



The dignitaries from HCCBPL handed over the rejuvenated tank back to the community on 11th July, 2013. The idea behind the program was not only to dedicate/ hand over the rejuvenated tank back to the community, but also to make the communities aware of the benefits through the renovated tank and its optimum utilization in the future.

Success Stories

The beginning of a new life

Shashidevi has been married for 4 years and became pregnant 3 times but experienced incidental abortion every time. This was the fourth time that she was pregnant. During household visits, Link Worker (LW) named Anita Chouhan met her when she shared that her children are not surviving due to incidental abortion. LW counseled her to take proper antenatal care and started visiting her for regular ANC checkup and Immunization along with counseling on nutrition. As a result she could deliver a baby.

As she deliver a baby after so many efforts, she afraid of giving immunization to her child. Link worker, MAS members, Cluster coordinator and ANM of that area Gaytri, all counseled her again and again for benefits of Immunization and exclusive breast feeding up to 6 months of age but she didn't listen and her child became very weak day by day. One day when her child got sick, she called Link worker and went to J.K. Lone Hospital for the treatment. After counseling through LW, finally she got her agreed for regular vaccination and timely treatment of the child. This immensely helped improving her as well as her child's health.



Quenching the thirst of a community

Myself Dulhe Khan, being the president of Dantli can't believe that Water Resource Department can do such a nice job on Canal & Dam. Around 4 yrs back I have been appointed as a president of the WUA, Dantli and at that time I was not aware of my roles and responsibilities. But today, I am very grateful to the department for doing their good job on canal and dam under RAJAMIP Project and also I would like to thank BCT and its team members who have developed a positive image about the Govt. department & educate me on the importance of community participation. Now I can confidently manage the Canal and responsibilities of water tariff, etc. along with the other duties as a President.



Life positive

ASHA... THE HOPE under INCHARA

Hello, my name is Asha, am studying in 6th Std. I lost my parents at the age of 4. They were affected by HIV. Unfortunately, I am also an HIV positive child, but I have lots of dreams and aspirations to study and become a teacher, right now am staying with my (Foster Parents) grandparents who are also growing old and many a times they are worried about my health and education as their income resources are dwindling. One day, Ismail Uncle (case worker) from Boruka Charitable Trust visited our home and spoke to us about the Inchara program and included us in the program, he shared all the details about Boruka Charitable Trust and benefits from the Government. Now I am receiving Rs 500-/- per year as my stationary needs under education program and Rs 650/- per month towards Nutritional Support. Due to handholding by BCT my grandparents have become aware about the different schemes available from the government and more confident about my future. BCT Staff regularly does the follow up about my health through Health camps and recently gave me training on Computers. BCT is helping other children like me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank BCT for giving me a new hope.



A prescription for hope

BCT South conducted a health camp in one of the garment factory. In this camp one of the migrants who attended the camp opened up before the counselor that he had risked behavior and that he is married. So the counselor suggested that he should go for HIV testing. She did the pre-test and accompanied him to the ICTC. He tested positive for HIV. He was in a total state of disbelief. He wanted a confirmatory test so was taken to Hebbal ICTC where again the test showed the same result. He underwent post test counseling where he was told about positive prevention, positive living and nutrition. He was also referred to the KIMS hospital for CD4 Count at ART center. He was very disturbed but was counseled by the TI Counselor who visited him regularly, this helped him to accept his HIV status and lead a positive life. Today, he voluntarily does peer education and says that he has dedicated his life towards creating awareness about safe behavior and health practices.



Clean, simple living

I am Shariphan Bano and I am fortunate enough to have an individual toilet in my own house. Our whole family is very thankful to Boruka Charitable Trust and their team members for the construction of the toilet in our house under the Helping Saves Life Project. In absence of toilet our whole family use to defecate in the open which was not good for all us from safety and health point of view. But today we all are happy to have a toilet in our own house. Since the day of construction & handover of the toilet to us, we all are using it regularly and keeping it neat and clean.

Investing in the future

I am Dhapu Devi, w/o Parasmal, resident of Gram Panchayat Sankra. The financial conditions of my family were very weak. Boruka Charitable Trust, Sankra informed me about MPOWER project. After that we 10 women joined hands together and formed an SHG with a name of "Bhoruka Radha Krishan SHG" and started small savings.

My husband had a small grocery shop in the village. Earnings, from that shop was not good enough for raising my family. I took a loan from my SHG for investing in the shop. After investment in the shop, the income has gone up and financial condition of my family started gradually improving. I would like to thank BCT and MPOWER project team members for changing our lives. Our SHG has also availed a loan of Rs. 50,000/- from the bank.



General Initiative



Charity for Poor & Underprivileged

To safeguard the poor and underprivileged group from the cold waves, a total of 700 quilts/blankets were distributed by Boruka Charitable Trust in 08 districts viz., Churu (300), Barmer (150), Jaisalmer (50), Dungarpur (100), Jaipur (35), Ajmer (30), Sikar (20) and Kota (15) during the period of Dec & Jan 2014.

Our Volunteers



1. Ms. Brenda Jenette Hernandez, University of California, Berkeley, 16171, San Lorenzo, California USA. 6 weeks, HUP, Jaipur [03.06.2013-15.07.2013]
2. Mr. Jitendra Saini, Central University of Rajasthan, Dept. of Social Work, Bandarsindri, Kishangarh, Ajmer (Raj.). 4 weeks, Sarwar [01.06.2013-28.06.2013]
3. Ms. Arti Rao, Swarthmore College, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA. 9 weeks, Bhorugram [29.05.2013-08.08.2013]
4. Ms. Abigail lauder, Swarthmore College, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA. 9 weeks, Bhorugram [29.05.2013-08.08.2013]
5. Ms. Paige Stover, Swarthmore College, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA. 9 weeks, Bhorugram [29.05.2013-08.08.2013]
6. Mr. Aritra Banerjee, Vishwa Bharati, Kolkata. 4 weeks, Dungarpur. [01.09.2013-30.09.2013]
7. Mr. Bo Peter, UC Berkeley 2013. 9 weeks, BRJD Public School, Bhorugram [21.08.2013-22.11.2013]
8. Mr. Ashish Singh, (PGDRM), 1 month, Dungarpur (Analysing role of millers in Food Fortification Project). [03.03.2014-03.04.2014]
9. Ms. Loveleen Kaur, BIMTECH Noida, 1 month (Studying MPoWER Barmer). [27.02.2014-26.03.2014]
10. Mr. Akram Quazi, IIMHR (PGDRM) 1 month, Taranagar [Analysis of ODF Project, Churu (blocks that have been declared fully ODF)]. [18.03.2014-10.05.2014]

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