



Annual Report 2014-15

Board members

President	N Samson , GRAM, Nizamabad
Vice President	G Nagarajan , IRDT, Dharmapuri
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Member	Dr Gurveen Kaur , Centre For Learning, Hyderabad
Member	Raja Menon , Jeevike, Kolkatta
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Auditors

Rajagopal & Badri Narayanan,
Bangalore

Institutional Advisors

Mental Health	Manohar MR
Micro Credit	RL Acharya
Campaigns	SH Somashekar
Compliance	Nithya Dorairaj

SOCIAL INCUBATION

To-date, SAMUHA has incubated the following independent entities that continue to work in development.

- **MAHITI**, an internet resource group for NGOs www.mahiti.org
- **SUVIDYA**, an educational resource group Tel: +91.80.2669 1495
- **JANA SAHAYOG**, an organization of People Living in Slums Tel: +91.80.2212 8565
- **SAMRAKSHA**, an organisation working in health and development with special focus on reproductive sexual health and HIV. Tel: +91.80.2660 4563
www.samraksha.org
- **iSquareD**, an organisation focusing on social enterprise. iSquareD or i2D takes its name from the 3 words “Innovation, Internet and Development.” Tel: +91.80.26489307 www.chulika.co.in
- **Samarthya**, an organisation working with People with Disabilities. SAMARTHYA takes its name from ‘Potential’. Tel: +91 8539 234449
- **Akasmika**, a privately held IT resource group, focuses on building GIS/MIS Data Backbones to bring primary data centre-stage in decision-making

SAMUHA is especially appreciative of the consistent support it has received over the years from:

- M.S. Rajagopal of M/S Rajagopal & Badri Narayanan, Chartered Accountants, who continues to provide on-going institutional advice over and above the call of audit
- N.S. Hema for her continued support to our disability work and personally to many of us as individuals
- SCI Germany volunteers who continue to provide cross-cultural learning and valuable field support

SAMUHA acknowledges and is thankful for the support it received from the following individuals and organisations during the year.

Partners

- Hindustan Unilever Foundation
- National Mission for Women's Empowerment
- Indian Council of Agriculture Research
- SDTT & Allied Trusts
- Deaf Child Worldwide
- Samuha Overseas Development Association
- Carers Worldwide
- Association of People with Disability
- Give India Foundation
- SCI Germany
- Yale School of Forestry & Environmental studies
- Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank

• National Institute of Rural Development
Friends

- Olive Travers
- Andrea Mendoza
- Dr Aswath Kumar
- Chitra D
- Juergen Eisele
- Leon Lotter
- Sharanya Herur
- B Satish
- KS Gupta
- Sri Ambikadevi Mahila Mandal
- KV Nagarathna
- Ben Reidel
- Jess Willemse
- Ludwig Von Danwitz

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

The following disclosures are based on Credibility Alliance Norms and pertain to the last audited period.

DETAILS OF BOARD MEMBERS AS OF 31ST MARCH 2015

Name	Position on Board	No. of meetings attended	Remuneration and reimbursements in Rs.
N Samson	President	3	0
G Nagarajan	Vice President	3	0
Pradeep Esteves	Treasurer	2	0
H R Prakash	Member	1	0
Dr Gurveen Kaur	Member	0	0
Raja Menon	Member	2	0
T Pradeep	Secretary	3	0

* Rs.34, 51,000 was paid to T Pradeep towards consultancy & professional charges towards establishing a GIS/MIS Data Backbone for the HUF-SAMUHA Partnership in his capacity as Proprietor, aKasmika, an IT resource group. The data backbone is being designed to host 100,000 farmers at the household and plot levels and will provide aggregated reports at household, village, Gram Panchayat, taluk, district, state, India and partner levels.

DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF ACCORDING TO SALARY LEVELS AS OF 31ST MARCH 2015

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff (per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	4	13	17
5,000 – 10,000	91	14	105
10,000 – 25,000	26	2	28
25,000 – 50,000	4	0	4
50,000 – 1,00,000	1	0	1
Greater than 1,00,000	0	0	0

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

No International Travel was undertaken by any of the Personnel and Board Members in this financial year.

STAFF REMUNERATION [Gross yearly salary + benefits] IN RUPEES

	Name	Designation	Remuneration (in Rs.) [Gross yearly + benefits]
Operational Head of the organisation: (including honorarium):	Narayanswamy M	Director	2,47,500
Highest paid person in the organisation (staff or consultant):	D Saravanan	Assistant Director, Agriculture	6,30,000
Lowest paid person in the organisation (staff or consultant):	Mairunbee	Cook	45,110

PUBLIC MONEY

- BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31st, 2015

SAMUHA : BANGALORE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2015

LIABILITIES	Sch. No.	Amount		ASSETS	Sch. No.	Amount	
		Rs.	Ps.			Rs.	Ps.
GENERAL FUND				FIXED ASSETS	3		12602796.18
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2014		1269106.46					
Less : Excess of Expenditure over Income over for the year		487567.10		CURRENT ASSETS			
Transferred to capital fund for acquisition of assets		762723.00		Cash at Banks	4	18816.36	13251655.86
CAPITAL FUND				LOANS & ADVANCES			
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2014		11111214.84		Programme Expenses Advance	5	193630.00	
Add : Additions during the year				Salary & Staff Emergency Advance	6	196000.00	
- From General Fund		762723.00		Other Advances	7	33715792.48	
- From Donor Fund		3651190.00		Deposits	8	1065640.00	
Less : Withdrawn during the year		15525127.84		Loan to MMVSSN	9	32109869.90	67280932.38
- Written down value of assets sold		502470.37					
- Assets given back to Donar/ Written off		365023.49					
Depreciation for the year		2054837.80					
CORPUS FUND							
As in Last Year			1017242.00				
EMERGENCY FUND							
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2014		1816007.00					
Add : Fund Collected from Employees		137537.00					
Add : Interest from Employees & Bank Interest		6100.00					
		1959644.00					
Less : Expenditure Incurred during the year		8283.00					
LOANS LIABILITIES	1		1951361.00				
			69867448.00				
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2		7677720.88				
			93135384.42				93135384.42

Place : Bangalore
Date : 07.08.2015

T. Pradeep
T. Pradeep
Secretary

As per our Report of Even date
For RAJAGOPAL & BADRI NARAYANAN
Chartered Accountants
M.S. Rajagopal
M.S Rajagopal
Partner
M.No. 020244 and Firm Reg.No. 0030245



-INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS OF MARCH 31st, 2015

SAMUHA : BANGALORE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

EXPENDITURE	Amount		INCOME	Sch. No.	Amount	
	Rs.	Ps.			Rs.	Ps.
To PROGRAMME EXPENSES						
" Agriculture & Farm Expenditure	14456263.00		By Grants (Net)	10	35446655.82	
" Central Programme Support	2000.00		" Donations	11	643483.47	
" Disability	10919930.70		" Other Income	12	7087636.57	
" Health, Education & Environment	7265776.00		" Bank Interest		306351.74	
" HIV & AIDS Intervention	325913.00		" Interest Income			
" Integrated & Rural Development	2866596.00		- Finance Intermediation		4489276.00	
" Micro Finance Facilitation	11857811.00		" Depreciation			
			- Withdrawn from Capital Fund		2054837.80	
To ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES						
" Agriculture & Farm Expenditure	38525.00		" Excess of Expenditure over Income for the			
" Health, Education & Environment	5618.00		period transferred to Balance Sheet		487567.10	
" HIV & AIDS Intervention	17902.00					
" Integrated & Rural Development	458643.00					
" Micro Finance Facilitation	245993.00					
" Depreciation	2054837.80					
	50515808.50					50515808.50

For SAMUHA

Place : Bangalore
Date : 07.08.2015
T. Pradeep
Secretary

As per our Report of Even date
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Chartered Accountants

M.S. Rajagopal
M.S Rajagopal
Partner



M.No. 020244 and Firm Reg. No. 0030245

Pradeep Esteves
Pradeep Esteves
Treasurer

- RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT AS OF MARCH 31st, 2015

SAMUHA : BANGALORE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

Receipts	Sch.	Amount	Payments	Sch.	Amount
		Rs. Ps.			Rs. Ps.
To Opening Balance :			By Purchase of fixed Assets	1	4413913.00
- Cash at Banks		8518626.31	" MMVSSN Loan	5	502011.00
" Sale proceeds from Fixed Assets	1	502470.37	" Salary & Staff Emergency Advance	6	109200.00
" Grant/Income Received	2	49740606.88	" Deposits	7	22269.00
" Other Advance	3	1922204.17	" Expenditures Incurred	8	47082474.87
" Loans Liability	4	4645143.00	" Programme Expenses Advance	9	82881.00
" Staff Emergency Fund		135354.00	" Closing Balance :		
			- Cash at Banks	10	13251655.86
		<u>65464404.73</u>			<u>65464404.73</u>

For SAMUHA

Place : Bangalore
Date : 07.08.2015
T. Pradeep
Secretary

As per our Report of Even date
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A.S. Rajagopal
M.S Rajagopal
Partner

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Coverage: 352 villages across Koppal and Raichur districts of Karnataka, providing services to over 3700 people with disabilities.

SAMARTHYA-Disabilities

THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

- **Disability assessments/ follow up clinics** were conducted for 573 children. Monthly outreach clinics at public health centers (PHCs) in Kinnal, Hitnal and Heresindogi were held. 5265 children were screened across 18 villages, found 275 children that suffered from a disability were enrolled in early intervention centre
- **Early Intervention Centres** at Koppal and Devadurga have provided therapeutic services to nearly 300 children aged 0-6 years and 146 children aged 7-18 years.
- **Home-based services:** 1120 PWDs received services
 - 120 people with locomotor disabilities;
 - 84 with cerebral palsy;
 - 45 people with visual impairment;
 - 120 with spinal injuries; 670 people with deafness;
 - 46 with mental disabilities, and
 - 35 with mental illness.
- **11 Medical Camps** were conducted at Deodurga and Koppal for 380 children with disabilities aged 0-6 with early intervention services and 120 people with disabilities for medical and follow-up support. Camps were organised in collaboration with Bangalore, District Orthopaedic Surgeons Association with Dr Udaykumar, Dr Manohar, Dr Deepak and Dr Devdas from Gulbarga.
- **30 short-stay camps** of six days each were conducted covering topics on special education, sign language, therapy, etc with parents of children with disabilities. The camps supported 396 people with hearing impairment, 42 with spinal cord injuries, 135 mentally challenged persons and 89 with visual impairment.
- **Aids and Appliances:** 571 people were provided mobility aids and appliances. Another 472 persons were assisted with repair and maintenance aids and appliances. Aids and appliances worth over Rs 10 Lakhs was also accessed through that the local Gram Panchayats during the year.



- **Deaf Children and Young People Programmes:** This intervention reached out to over 300 deaf children now.
- Twelve children with disability received **surgery and correction** support and were fitted **aids and appliances**.
- **Functional adaptation:** In 2014-15, homes of 22 people with disabilities were adapted to make them more disabled-friendly.
- **Spinal Injury Rehabilitation:** A three-month programme of physiotherapy, medical assistance, life skills and mobility training and counseling for depression was organized for 29 people with spinal cord injuries. The objective was to help these persons to live productive lives independently. Their carers were also provided with counseling and support during the period.
- **Carer programme:** Samarthyaa and Carers Worldwide provide caregivers with support services such as vocational training and counseling to help them cope with the pressures of caring for a person with disability. With the support of Carers Worldwide, 150 carers in Koppal are being supported. During 2014-15, 158 PWDs and their families received counseling on health, marriage and family.
- A two-day camp was organised at Koppal and Deodurga in collaboration with Starkey Foundation, Bangalore. 186 deaf children and youth were fitted with hearing aids.
- Children also took part in the State level Olympic for the Deaf at Chikkaballapura where they won second place in football and third place in short-put.

Shanthamma's daughter, Vijayalakshmi, suffers from mental illness. At 55 years of age, Shanthamma has ensured that her daughter was enrolled in government schemes and now receives a small monthly pension. Shantamma's husband does handloom work at home and they are completely dependent on daily wages.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- 4370 people from NGOs, government departments and other community members received **guidance and exposure on disability issues** at the Community Resource Centre for the Disadvantaged in Koppal.
- 850 ANMs, ASHA workers, ICDS teachers and NGOs received training in early identification and screening.
- **Disability awareness:** posters and pamphlets on disability issues and sign language charts were printed and distributed to various networks. This led to more people walking in to take copies of these materials to put these up in schools, colleges and public places. Calendars for 2015 were printed for distribution. Two videos that capture the range of services and its impact were produced. Bharatnatyam

Six year-old Pooja from Koppal is affected by cerebral palsy. When she was brought by her' parents, she suffered from epilepsy and was unable to stand and walk properly and faced problems with speech and daily living skills. After she was assessed her, she began rehabilitative therapy and her parents were taught exercises they could repeat at home. The Aids and Appliances workshop built her splints to help her with mobility. She is now attending school, and going to Class.

programmes were conducted for World Disability Day, World Mental Health Day and World Deaf Week.

- **Street theatre:** Deaf Children along with other disabled children performed 21 street theatre shows across schools and communities. Two of these programmes were sponsored by the Kannada and Culture Department and Akkamahadevi Mahila Mandal, Koppal. Kannada Kala Sangha and Orthopedic Association of Bangalore, Urban District, invited this Cultural troupe to perform at their events.



A deaf role model tells stories to a peer group of deaf school children

- **FM Radio, Hospet,** broadcast disability issues and information, as well as case studies of Samarthy's work.
- **Deaf Young People (DYP) advocacy:** 120 deaf young people and their parents met the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal, to submit a memorandum for release of pensions and provision of funds as per the 3% disability reservation. This allowed them to procure 38 hearing aids. The parents also recommended the appointment of sign language teachers in schools and the need for employment opportunities for deaf young people. Later, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a grievance meeting and discussed issues facing deaf people.
- **Inclusive education:** 520 ICDS/School/inclusive Education resource teachers were provided training on Nutrition. Screening and Disability training was provided to 250 ASHA and health workers. SAMARTHYA has been able to mainstream 300 deaf children, 34 deaf youth and 32 children with visual impairment in 2014-15. 23 deaf youth were selected for Computer and English training at Samarthanam, an NGO at Dharwad, and received placement at Akshya Patra Foundation, Dharwad.
- Twelve deaf young people completed their SSLC examination in 2014-15.
- 12 staff trainings were conducted to refresh and review various care and rehabilitation therapies and management.

Capacity-building

- **VRW (Village Rehabilitation Worker)/MRW (Multi-purpose Rehabilitation Worker) Training:** 220 Village Rehabilitation and Multi-purpose Rehabilitation Workers were trained in Raichur on prevention of disabilities, networking and government schemes.
- **Capacity-building trainings were** conducted for 228 DYPs, parents and other SHG members.
- 6 community members completed the Portage course for early childcare and development.
- 5 Students of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, from Queens University, Canada, spent four weeks at Samarthy, training our staff with latest techniques and information.

Vocational Training

Vocational training programmes were conducted for 63 persons to help them lead independent lives and to support their families.

Horticulture Training

18 trainees received horticulture training. They were also provided with calipers and wheelchairs, as required. The trainees also attended the Agricultural Mela organized by Dharwad Agriculture University as an exposure-visit. Currently seven of the trainees have been placed.

Tailor Training

The tailoring course for women with disabilities and caregivers living in vulnerable conditions benefitted 45 women in 2014-15. In addition, women were given sewing machines and 35 of them are now earning money and running their homes independently.

Refresher courses were also conducted for previous trainees by Mr Rajavalli who himself is a deaf person and a successful tailor.

Income generation activities such as envelope making, papad making, crafts, stitching bed covers, baby clothes, etc were held through the year for deaf young people and caregivers. Training on other vocations such as sheep rearing and vermi-compost making was also conducted.

DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

- The Disability NGO Alliance, of which SAMARTHYA is a founding member, held a meeting with NGOs in Koppal, Raichur, Bellary, Gadag, and Haveri meeting to discuss various challenges faced in addressing issues of disability.
- Association of People with Disabilities (APD), Bangalore, conducted a three-month residential sustainable agricultural training in collaboration with Samuha Samarthya.
- The Department of Women and Child Development and Directorate of Disabled Welfare and Senior Citizens of Karnataka, presented the State award for Disability services to Samarthya for its work in 2014-15.

Networking

- Solar panels were installed at the Samarthya Disability Resource Centre at Koppal. The entire building, with the exception of the orthotic workshop, now runs on solar energy. The entire solar panel cost was donated by Olive and Anthony Travers of Ireland. Olive, a clinical psychologist, also supports programmes on child protection.
- Several organisations and groups such as the local Red Cross Society, Koppal branch, Star Key foundation, Bangalore, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Dharwad, Equip India, Hubli, AISH, Mysore, Kannada & Cultural department, Koppal, NIHH, Secunderbad, FM radio station, Hospet, Inner wheel Club, Koppal, Akkamahadevi Mahila Mandal, Koppal, Prathidhwani OPWD, District Disability Network, Madhuravani Hearing Aid Centre, Hubli, Manochaithanya Foundation Trust, as well as individuals, supported SAMARTHYA's work during the year.

Case Study:



Counseling to Manjula and her family

Manjula is an 18-year-old girl from Budshetnal village of Koppal Taluk. She was born with a cleft palate and has suffered from speech issues her whole life. Manjula studied up to 10th standard, but was not able to pass her final exams due to her health issues. Her mother has a history of mental illness and her father is a busy farmer.

Last year, Manjula started receiving counseling services from Samuha, and was also taught tailoring skills. Upon completion of her training, Samarthya provided her with a tailoring machine and now she is able to use her skills for income generation. Throughout this process, she continued to attend counseling sessions with Mr. Manohar.

Later Manjula was referred to SDM Hospital in Dharwad for medical treatment. She underwent palate surgery and after the surgery she showed a drastic improvement in her communication and speaking skills.

As Manjula is the main caregiver of her mother, her mother was provided medical treatment at Koppal. Manjula continues taking refresher courses with Samarthya to learn advanced tailoring skills, and attends monthly support groups where girls with similar backgrounds create microcredit programs for their each other.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Coverage: 488 farmers, 1193.6 acres in 22 villages in the Deodurg taluk of Raichur District of Karnataka

- **Water Management:** 488 Farmers saved 3.1 billion litres of water in cultivating 1294 acres of canal-irrigated Paddy. 2.8 billion litres of this was assured by Ernst & Young as part of the Water for Public Good intervention supported by HUF (Hindustan Unilever Foundation).



- **NPM Paddy:** 444 of these farmers in 19 villages in the Deodurg taluk under the Upper Krishna command area were supported to cultivate NPM (non-pesticide management) paddy in 1142 acres.

- **JLG Credit linkages:** About 70% of the farmers undertook a 2nd crop in the Rabi-Summer season at Deodurg during 2014-15. Instead of returning their Kharif Kisan credit, farmers ploughed this back into their Rabi crop. Unfortunately, about 30% of the fields were affected by heavy unseasonal rain with cyclonic winds. This affected timely recovery of JLG credit. Total JLG credit recovery at the time of reporting was around 70%. However, the increase in crop credit per acre at Deodurga, as well as the higher outlay in Koppal district, has ensured that overall credit disbursement targets in 2015 will not be affected.

- **Trained women labourers:** Because the quality of paddy cultivation and yields are being affected by contract labour practices, the project has started training groups of women labourers who are paid a premium for their quality work. Late rains that led drought being declared in the operational area, was compounded by the late delays of canal water. Since even less time was available for planting, the trained women were forced to work in larger mixed groups. Because of this the larger group ethos prevailed. This will be an on-going area for capacity-building.



Mallamma in her land

- **FIC (Field Irrigation Channel) field pilot:** Delays in repairs by the department led to delays in the construction of structures to hold the water flow measurement devices. This will be reported in the coming year.
- **Behaviour Changes Communication:** 24 radio modules were disseminated through Akashwani, Raichur, to the district. Akashwani received 21 responses to the broadcast. The modules will now be narrowcast to smaller groups in the project villages.

CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) Cookstoves

Coverage: 18,107 households, from 150 villages in Raichur District of Karnataka

The JSMBT CDM Cookstove project is the first CDM cookstove project being implemented in India. SAMUHA is managing this project for JSMBT. JSMBT is a mutual benefit trust of over 7000 women from Raichur and Koppal districts. The project is now nearing its second issuance.

Cookstove status: The latest overview of the project is captured in the box below:

Stoves stats as of March 2015		
Project Villages	150	
Operational villages including wards	150	100%
Targeted households	21500	
Total Households	32510	151.21%
No. of eligible households (<8 members, not migrating, not using LPG, not having more than 3 stoves)	25742	79.18%
No. of households registered in 150 villages till date	18107	84.21%
No. of Chulika stoves installed till date	36094	83.93%



Coverage: 87 households, 33 acres, 1 village

Climate-Neutral Village

The concept of the Carbon-Neutral Village is undergoing a change with adaptation and mitigation components being separated.

SAMUHA now deals with Mitigation as part of its UNFCCC/GS-registered cookstove projects, while adaptation will be covered under the Climate-Neutral Village. This framework, which was developed at SAMUHA, is being promoted and managed by a CNV Secretariat based out of iSquareD.

The practice of CNV continues to be piloted in 1 village. SAMUHA has now identified 8 clusters of 10 villages in Koppal district to introduce and expand the Climate-Neutral Village concept as a practice.

This year, SAMUHA also introduced the CNV in 8 villages of two revenue villages in the Boipariguda block of Koraput district, Odisha. Lack of options for diversification of livelihoods, little access to technical support on entrepreneurship development and improved practices in their livelihoods and geographical challenges have posed great challenges for economic upliftment of these societies in spite of presence of rich agro-biodiversity in this region.

- As the local economy in the selected villages depends on agriculture and animal husbandry, interventions related to these sectors were identified as entry level activities. The interventions were limited to technical advice on sustainable crop intensification, integrated nutrient management and integrated pest and disease management in paddy and millet cultivation, basic veterinary healthcare, preventive measures for animal health, crop-livestock integration and low capital entrepreneurship in animal husbandry
- As part of the CNV initiative, the team has placed a proposal through the Village Development Committees to the local Gram Panchayat for excavation of ten farm ponds. While the budget for two farm ponds has been approved, the decision on rest eight farm ponds is still pending. Due to budget constraint, the proposal for trench cum bunds in thirty two acres of agricultural land (four acres per village) was turned down by the Panchayat office.

Citizens for Social Justice

Coverage: 7 districts in Karnataka

Devadasi Resource Centre

A pilot project was initiated under the National Mission for Empowerment of Women, a Government of India sponsored project, to identify, study and explore the socio-cultural practices and its implications of the devadasi system in North Karnataka was undertaken from Feb 2014 – Jan 2015. The geographical coverage of the project extends to 28 gram panchayats of Kustagi Taluk, Kopal District, Karnataka.

The four dimensions of the project are

1. Prevention – of the traditional socio-cultural practice of devadasi system.
2. Rehabilitation – focusing on Devadasi women and their children and overall socio-economic conditions of the community.
3. Affirmative Action – focusing on issues such as education and employment, in addition to the existing provisions relating to devadasi women who have been historically exploited and excluded from the mainstream society.
4. Liberation from Slavery – from the clutches of feudal and upper castes who continue to promote and support the dedication of devadasis.

This inter-connected approach defines “Social Justice” and has led to the following processes:

1. Formation of a collective of Devadasi women at the GP and taluk / project level.
 2. Awareness on the Devadasi (Prohibition of Dedication) Act and Human Rights Act.
 3. Educational interventions for children of Devadasi women including literacy and continuation of education.
 4. Vocational training for skill development leading to the setting up of production units and establishment of a Multi-Purpose Cooperative society.
 5. Development of agriculture Land.
 6. Promotion of horticulture and milk production as alternative sources of livelihood.
- An initial interaction process began with a meeting of 15 Devadasis in December at the Samuha campus in Tavaregera.
 - The first attempt at interacting with the children of Devadasis took place where CDs of Class 10th subjects were distributed.
 - This was followed by career guidance for 26 youth from Devadasi families. While the career guidance workshop focused on presenting opportunities and the way forward post 10th and 12th standards to promote higher education amongst the community, a SWOT analysis was also used to articulate the felt needs and problems.
 - A training workshop on conducting the survey was held for 27 members of the community, including 4 educated youth for each for four hoblis who were selected to undertake and complete the data collection.

- Two students from St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, helped the community conduct a PRA exercise. The following areas were mapped: educational resources, health services, financial resources, land resources, human resources and children's dreams.
- A brief of the pilot project was introduced to the community present at each of the Samalochana Sabhes (Consultation meetings). Listed below is the brief agenda and processes covered in the above meetings with Devadasis and their families (consisting mostly of children and grandchildren of devadasis),
 1. Providing an overview and objectives of DRC.
 2. Listing of the needs and problems by the Devadasis themselves and by their children on their lives.
 3. Importance of a collective understanding was established as a form a linking by the project team and resource persons
- 8-10 persons who showed keen interest and articulation around their issues were selected from each Hobli and invited to participate at the Taluk level meeting held in Kustagi on 26.06.2014. It was here that the Vimuktha Devadasi Mahila Vedike formed.
- On 16.10.2014, a capacity building workshop/seminar took place at Samuha Samarthya, Koppal, which focused on the essentials of a collective formation, the benefits and the way forward through a collectivization process. This was attended by 51 devadasi women and their children, as well as 14 DRC team. 4 resource persons facilitated the process.
- The first Convention of the Vedike (Swabhimana Samavesha) was held on 30.10.2014 at Kustagi for the entire Kustagi Taluk. About 466 devadasi women and their children from 124 villages of the Taluk participated. It was here that the objectives and overview of the Vedhike and DRC was shared with the public in the presence of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Deputy Director – Women & Child Development, and Project Head, Devadasi Rehabilitation Project, Koppal, and other important officials and supporters of DRC. The needs and problems identified, and the role of the DRC was also shared in the meeting by the Vedhike and project team staff with the officials. The CEO-ZP agreed to hold a Convergence meeting on 5.11.2014 at Kustagi Taluk Panchayat office.
- Structural change can be addressed through conscientization and sensitization processes. Convergence and Vigilance Committees were formed to address these.
- The first convergence of resources meeting was held on 5.11.2014 at Kustagi Taluk Panchayat office. The Vedhike and the DRC staff in consultation with resource team collected all the necessary details with regard to the list of demands, needs and problems assessment of all 4 hoblis. This was presented at this 1st Convergence of resources meeting.
- The meeting consisted of all 28 Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) who addressed the community's needs and asked for follow up data to be collected with regard to the needs and problems addressed at the meeting. During this meeting, the issues related to BPL cards, health cards, pending payment of pension, sites for homeless, construction of houses for houseless, identification of agriculture land, bore-well scheme (irrigation for the landholders), loan for agriculture, loan to set up

self employment, scholarship for their children, health camp for the sick and disabled, disabled pension related discussed and resolutions were passed.

- Follow up meetings at both the community level as well as with the concerned official is being taken forward by the Vedhike itself. This process of the first convergence meeting has created the foundation for accessing government resources as a right, strengthened the processes of the Vedike, as well as that of the community's belief in collectivisation processes.
- The preliminary processes for formation of Vigilance Committee have been completed. The Vigilance Committee will be address the prevention of the practice of dedication of Devadasis and trafficking and also monitor the developments in consultation with police officials & district administration as well.
- Individual consultations with opinion leaders, writers, intellectuals, academicians, spiritual leaders and leaders of Dalit and mass organizations including media persons have been held and their opinions for prevention of dedication of women recorded on video. This will be published in the form of a video document and a small book-let.
- The Devadasi Rehabilitation Programme is a functionary unit of the Government, and is primarily responsible for the implementation of schemes for the rehabilitation of Devadasis and their families. To access these resources, applicants have to follow defined procedures and formalities. During this period, attempts were made to acquire and share necessary skills on preparation of technical reports and proposals. A few attempts made have shown positive results that are highlighted below;
 - Health & Disability Camps
 - Dry land Horticulture
 - Animal Husbandry & Income Generation programs.
 - Land Development
 - Ganga Kalyana scheme
- A Health Camp for the severely sick was conducted on 11.09.2014 at the Taluk Hospital, Kustagi. It was observed that the sicknesses assessed at the camp were uterine problems, fits/seizures and severe skin allergies. No cases of HIV were detected at the camp.
- A Disability camp were organised on 26.11.2014 at the District Hospital, Koppal. 36 sick persons attended the camp. Assessment of, and disability disability cards were issued to 15 PWDs. A follow up of both the camps will be taken forward by the Vedike.
- Two workshops on income generation were conducted at Samarthya, Koppal. RudSet, Koppal, was also approached by the Vedhike and DRC to conduct a week-long training workshop between the 26-31.01.15 on animal husbandry. Follow-up of loan applications by the respective line departments is being undertaken by the Vedike
- 84 acres of land granted to Devadasi women many years ago continues to be in a state of neglect for many reasons. The CEO-ZP was approached first, who in turn checked with the SC/ST Corporation for possible solutions. However the response was not satisfactory. The team (vedhike and staff) arrived in Bangalore in February 2015. On the 18th, they were able to have a brief exchange with H Anjinaya, Social Welfare Minister, at his residence. On the 19th an application copy from the Vedhike

was drafted and submitted to him at Vidhan Soudha. Consecutive follow up meetings happened over the next two months and an approval copy has been issued to the Amedkar Abhivrudhi Nigam, Koppal, from the Social Welfare Ministry on the 27.05.15. As of now, the spot inspections to ascertain ownership, etc has been undertaken. However, a similar inspection (to identify the status of devadasi) is pending from the DWCD office. Currently the Vedhike is following up with the concerned authorities and the communities with regard to the relevant documents necessary for such inspections.

- Documentation process is an important component of the pilot project and its value and importance was and still being stressed upon. Most of the team is from the community and their writing skills are not up to the mark. An in-situ capacity building process has been initiated with team members being twinned to those with better skills to document their field interactions and observations. All documents are being maintained in Kannada. All the reports have been made into soft copies. Flyers and handbills sharing information, scheme criteria and progress have helped establish the seriousness of the different interventions amongst the community.
- IEC materials also constitute an important part of the documentation processes for both internal and external purposes. To address the socio-cultural implications of the practice of Devadasi system, focus on video documentation and interviews of all sections of civil society has been acquired. Case studies on disability have also been documented for the said purpose. These need to be published and released.
- A website - www.devadasi.in - is under construction for dissemination of information on Devadasi women issues, activities carried out, progress made by the pilot project, etc. Incidents of violation of rights of women, information on the schemes for the rehabilitation of devadasi women and other schemes in general meant for SCs & STs have also been shared here. The GPS points of all 124 villages where devadasi families are living have already identified, the work related to uploading the family data and other secondary information is in progress, the site will be officially operational from September 2015 onwards.
- DRC has networked with Academic institutions such as Hampi Kannada University and St Joseph's (autonomous) College of Arts and Science, Bangalore. These have been involved in providing conceptual inputs and understanding as resource persons and in guiding and carrying out action research study processes.
- During this period, the team established organised contacts with the Koppal unit of PUCCL, Kannada Sahithya Parishd, Pragathi para Sanghatanegala Vedike, amongst others.

Micro Credit

Coverage: Over 20000 women, 2026 SHGs, across 373 villages in Koppal and Raichur Districts

- JanaraHana, people's money, is the rural micro credit resource group of SAMUHA.
- JanaraHana continues to work through 4 Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies (MACS) in Deodurg, Nagalapur, Tavaragera and Hasagal that work as apex bodies.
- SAMUHA also continue to grow as Business Correspondent for Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank for Raichur and Koppal Districts for promotion and credit linkage of SHGs and JLGs. This operation is presently administered through 12 branch offices in 2 districts. As part of this, during this financial year, **2026 SHGs** were linked and **Rs.17.83 Crores** credit disbursed.
- At the end of this financial year, micro credit intervention coverage was **2026 women SHGs** from **373 villages**, with an outstanding of **Rs.10.51 Crores**.



Public Resources

Coverage: 1664 households from 57 villages of 9 Gram Panchayats in the Deodurg taluk of Raichur District

- The major Public Resource that SAMUHA accesses for its communities is under MGNREGA – the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.
- Institution-building support has been provided to the Taluk Gramina Coolikarara Sanghatane / Taluk organization of rural labour (Gracoos) which was promoted to access MGNREGA resources systematically. SAMUHA has deputed 2 staff as resource persons to this organization.
- Participating families have agreed to contribute Rs 204 annually to the federation.
- During this year, Rs 4,17,629 was mobilized by the federation and these funds were utilized towards the costs of the resource team and 5 community mobilisers.

Two Public Hearings

- Two public hearings have been conducted with support of representatives from 27 village grameena krishi coolikarara sangatanas.

Kaam Maango Abhinaya

- Gracoos has organised a campaign in 186 villages of 28 Gramapanchyats in the taluk to conscientise communities to demand work as a right. 18 new labour groups have since been formed, and 118 work applications have been moved to get 1850 families work. 351 new job cards have been issued.

Progress Report for the Year of Apr 2014 to Mar 2015							
Natural Resource Development Activities in Raichur District							
Sl #	Name of Work	Unit	Acre	Ha	Material	Labour	Total
1	TCBs	36	144	58.77	0	918696	918696
2	Farm Bunds	32	160	65.3	0	1193177	1193177
3	Check Dams	22	176	71.83	0	1429826	1429826
4	Tank De-silting	6	72	29.38	0	1146602	1146602
5	Tree Planting	15	0	0	0	2630056	2630056
NRM		111	552	225.32	0	7318357	7318357
6	Others	33	0	0	0	2894413	2894413
Total:		144	552	225.32	0	102,12,770	102,12,770

MGNREGA Action Research Project

The National Institute for Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, undertook a study on Adoption of Low Performance Districts under MGNREGA. SAMUHA was identified as one research site in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region.

Study Area: The SAMUHA study area consists of two Gram Panchayats (Chikkamadinal and Musalapur), consisting of 14 villages in Gangavathi Taluk of Koppal District in Karnataka.

Interventions

A. Socio-economic Profile

A team of 45 village volunteers were identified and trained for conducting a detailed survey on socio-economic profiles of the 2246 households in the 14 villages. The survey has been completed in all the villages. The data entry is still in progress.

B. Capacity Building Interventions

- SAMUHA and NIRD representatives made visits to CEO, ZP, Koppal; EO, TP, Gangavathi; and President and Secretaries of concerned GPs to introduce the action research project to be undertaken and to seek their cooperation in implementation of the project.
- One day meeting was conducted for GP members to introduce the project and to seek their cooperation. 22 members from Musalapur and 11 members from Chikkaamdinal GPs have attended this meeting along with their Panchayat Development Officers.
- Two days of staff orientation and training was conducted for 4 staff members on MGNREGA guidelines and about the action research project. An exposure programme for staff to visit MGNREGA activities being implemented successfully in Deodurg Taluk of Raichur District was also organised.
- Wage Seeker Groups: 42 groups consisting of 543 households (with 574 female, 633 male members) have been formed in 14 villages. First level training has been conducted for all these groups about MGNREGA. Grama Sabhas have been completed in 9 out of 14 villages.

C. Building Social Agent/Animator force

- A team of 45 village volunteers came forward to assist in conducting survey on socio-economic profiles of the 2246 households in 14 villages.
- Wage seeker groups have selected 42 Kayakabandus. A two-day training was conducted for them about their roles and responsibilities.
- Wage Seeker groups have selected 1+1 (male and female) representatives to represent their groups in the Taluka level federation. An exposure programme was organised for these representatives in



which 28 members visited and interacted with Wage Seeker Federation and the works carried out in Deodurg Taluk of Raichur District.

- 543 households have paid membership fee of Rs.10 each to the federation and deposited the monies in a bank account. Also have decided to contribute Rs.10 a day/work. These monies will be utilised for expenses of federation and Kayakabandus towards facilitation of works and addressing their issues and grievances.
- 454 members from 38 groups have applied to GPs for employment. 10 groups in villages have got the work allotted for construction of 83 toilets. In 1 village tree plantation work has been allotted.

D. Facilitating Convergence of Work.

To bring in a convergence amongst different stakeholders, a workshop was organised jointly by village and project at Parapur village under Muslapur GP. For this Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Asst. Directors of Agriculture and Horticulture dept, Veterinary Doctor and Panchayat Development Officers attended the workshop and shared the opportunities available under their departments to undertake MGNREGA activities. The workshop also discussed the 9 priority works to be focused under MGNREGA. The community has organised the logistics and food for all the participants.

Progress Report for the Year Apr 2014 to Mar 2015							
Natural Resource Development Activities in Koppal District							
Sl #	Name of Work	Unit	Acre	Ha	Material	Labour	Total
1	TCBs	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Farm Bunds	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Check Dams	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Tank De-silting	4		0	0	310330	310330
5	Tree Planting	6	0	0	0	174574	174574
6	Horticulture plantations	14	18	7.34	141274	157766	299040
NRM		24	18	7.34	141274	642670	783944
7	Others [SBM}	126	0	0	0	1286000	1286000
8	Others - Toilets in MGNREGA	18	0	0	0	93208	93208
Total:		168	18	7.34	141274	2021878	2163152

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