

INTRODUCTION OF GRAM VIKAS TRUST

The Gram Vikas Trust (GVT) is voluntary organization working for the Education, Health and women empowerment of underprivileged community specially children and women.

Gram Vikas Trust was initiated with a view to evolving information and making linkage between the villagers and government. We believed that knowledge would lead to awareness which lead to self development, action and empowerment.

Since the inception GVT worked with people from marginalised communities who, within the complex socio-political climate are vulnerable to exploitation. Working today in more than 200 villages of Bharuch and Narmada district of Gujarat region. GVT uphold main convictions within its mission :-

- I. Child rights
- II. Education
- III. Health
- IV. Women Empowerment
- V. Sustainable Livelihood

Vision :

We are committed to create strong and independent society without inequalities and discrimination, where everybody enjoys equal opportunities.

Mission :

To Foster Democratic & Equitable Living Environment, Where all Vulnerable people specially underprivileged, women and Children have to access to Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihood opportunity and essential infrastructure services irrespective of their economic and social status.

Goal :

Over all Socio – Economic Development of underprivileged people specially women and children.



Approach :

Gram Vikas Trust believes that :

- ❖ overt and powerlessness are avoidable and can be eliminated by human action and political will.
- ❖ basic human needs and rights can be met. These include the rights to a sustainable livelihood, and the rights and capacities to participate in societies and make positive changes to people's lives
- ❖ inequalities can be significantly reduced both between rich and poor within areas.

Gram Vikas Trust understands that:

- ❖ all overly is a state of powerlessness in which people are unable to exercise their basic human rights or control virtually any aspect of their lives. Poverty manifests itself in the inadequacy of material goods and lack of access to basic services and opportunities leading to a condition of insecurity.
- ❖ poverty is almost always rooted in human action or inaction. It can be made worse by natural calamities, and human violence, oppression and environmental destruction. It is maintained by entrenched inequalities and institutional and economic mechanisms

The Gram Vikas Trust approach is that:

Our programs will :

1. Address the structural causes of poverty and related injustice
 2. Work primarily through local accountable organizations, seeking to strengthen their empowerment
 3. Help people directly where local capacity is insufficient or inappropriate for GVTs' purpose.
 4. Assist the development of structures which directly benefit people facing the realities of poverty and injustice and which are accountable to them.
- ❖ In all our actions our ultimate goal is to enable people to exercise their rights and manage their own lives.
 - ❖ For people to be able to exercise their rights:
 - ❖ Opportunities must be created so people can participate in governing all aspects of their lives, and they must have the genuine capacity to organize and take advantage of those opportunities.
 - ❖ Gender inequalities and other diversity issues will be addressed in our actions and programs.
 - ❖ In the economic arena, we will seek:
 1. To enable people to meet their needs by creating opportunities within markets, while protecting themselves against the excesses of unregulated market forces
 2. To strengthen institutions intervening in the market in the interests of the poor.
 - ❖ Preventing and reversing damage to the environment is essential to achieving sustainable livelihoods.
 - ❖ Action against violence must include:
 1. Coming to the aid of victims,
 2. Strengthening people's capacity to peacefully resolve conflicts.

The name "Gram Vikas" will stand for a clear and consistent approach. We can achieve this through closer cooperation in our communications, advocacy, education and public campaigns fundraising emergency, development programs and fair-trading

Programme Area :

Last 10 years of working with and for children and their families across 200 villages in the region, we have learnt that permanent change is only possible when we tackle the root causes that continue to keep them uneducated, exploited and vulnerable. Your support has enabled us to reach out to 45000 children.

In line with our objective of providing education, we are working along side government schools to build their capacity and increase community involvement. As part of GVT's goals to attain universal education and overall qualitative improvement in Government run schools, we are working with 125 anganwadis, primary schools. Our plan is to establish cordial relationship with these schools which allows us to organize parents and community pressure groups.

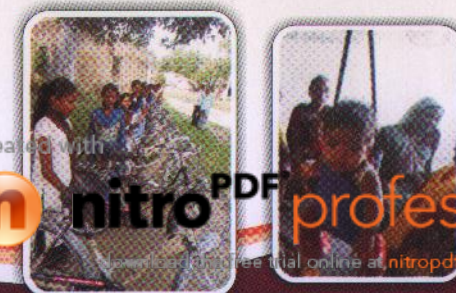
The goal of GVTs Education sector is to meet the basic educational needs and requirements of vulnerable children, especially girls and children from disadvantaged groups.

Reproductive child health care : A wellness, self-care approach is developed by the Department of Family welfare in the ninth five year plan (1997-2002) and introduced through Mother NGO scheme under Reproductive and Child health care programme. The underlying philosophy of the scheme has been one of nurturing and capacity building.

- Addressing the gaps in RCH in the project area."
- Building strong institutional capacity at the state, district and field level."
- Advocacy, Awareness generation.

From the very beginning, GVT has been making efforts to mobilize the underprivileged women with a view to empowering them to play a decisive part in the development process. Promoting and strengthening women groups has been the strategy of GVT since beginning and in turn we try to implement and monitor various interventions of the organization through these groups.

As a part of sustainable livelihood promotion, the primary focus of attention was on enterprises for which people have resources of skill and do not adversely affect health or social. GVT impart training for various types of skill enhancement.





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