

NAROTTAM LALBHAI RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

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About the Organisation:

Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) is a Public Charitable Trust, created by the Lalbhai Group of Industries in Ahmedabad for the express task of directly intervening in the development process at the village level through specifically designed programmes. Established in 1978, NLRDF started work by 1979 in ten villages. From 1982 it has started work in twelve additional villages in the Khedbrahma taluka of the Sabarkantha district, predominantly a tribal area. The present operation covers villages of all 13 talukas of same district.

✓ District Level Low Cost Training Center (DTC) -Himmatnagar

Introduction:

SHGs, Watershed Committees & PRIs are the grass root level stakeholders, who work as pressure group and co-operate the Implementing Agencies in participatory process. SHGs can bring women at a common platform to discuss their issues for their economic and social development. To achieve this goal, strengthening of these stakeholders is very essential, for which District Level Low Cost Training Centre is being established for their capacity building.

Objectives of DTC:

- To capacitate of various stakeholders working at the grass root level;
- Standardization of the grass root level training programme;
- Establishment of capable SHGs and Watershed Committee for managing day to day activities;
- To increase the involvement of grass root level stakeholders at the various phases of project implementation and in long run this will fulfill the purpose of sustainability;
- To enhance the SHG interactions with their communities to evolve harmonious relations, resolve conflicts and facilitate collective
- actions to access social and economic programmes and create community assets.

Collaboration:

District Level Low Cost Training Centre is being launched by the Commissionerate of Rural Development (CRD) of Govt. of Gujarat-Gandhinagar, under the guidance of State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD)-Ahmedabad and direct supervision of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) - Himmatnagar. NLRDF is being selected as the Resource Agency to impart training to the above mentioned grass root level stakeholders of Sabarkantha district, based at Himmatnagar and it has been imparting training to the SHGs since May-2004.

Yearly Summary Quantitative Figures of Training Programmes:

Month	No. of Trainings conducted	No. of SHGs covered	Male	Female	Total
June-04	13	109	18	207	225
July-04	09	79	64	89	153
August-04	02	22	21	24	45
September-04	09	40	74	63	137
October-04	11	28	96	138	234
November-04	08	35	89	80	169
December-04	11	64	18	201	219
January-05	16	98	100	178	278
February-05	20	103	60	369	429
March-05	11	47	54	141	195
April-05	07	73	37	98	135
TOTAL	117	698	631	1588	2219

Field Visits Undertaken:

Field visits were undertaken to evaluate the impact of trainings imparted to the SHGs. By observing the changes taken place in the SHG process, the members were guided further with necessary suggestions to develop the quality of the SHG process. The number of such visits undertaken during the year are as follows:

Month	No. of Villages Covered	No. of SHGs Covered
June-04	03	04
July-04	28	36
August-04	19	30
September-04	26	40
October-04	19	27
November-04	28	36
December-04	23	32
January-05	27	39
February-05	30	60
March-05	28	42
April-05	27	50
TOTAL	258	396

Module & Material Development:

Three Training Modules and One Booklet/Teaching Material were developed by the DTC team last year, as mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Title of the Module/ Material	Developed By
1.	SHG Concept/Objectives, Savings & Credit, Group Meeting	Trupti Patel
2.	Accounts & Book Keeping	Hitesh Patel
3.	Leadership	Chhaya Patel
4.	Swa Sahay Juth Mate Ni Margdarshika	DTC Team

Capacity Building of Gram Sevaks:

Date	No. of Gram Sevaks	Name of Talukas
9 th September, 04	16	Himmatnagar(16)
25 th October, 04	13	Meghraj(12) & Malpur(1)
26 th October, 04	24	Vijaynagar(8), Bhiloda(10) & Malpur(6)
27 th October, 04	17	Idar(14) & Bhiloda(3)
28 th October, 04	18	Khedbrahma(14), Vadali(3) & Bhiloda(1)
17 th November, 04	21	Bayad(21)
18 th November, 04	21	Modasa(13) & Dhansura(8)
19 th November, 04	21	Prantij(11) & Talod(10)
8 Days	151	13 Talukas

Exposure Visit To DTC:

Sr. No.	Date	Days	Name of the Institution	No. of Persons
1.	22 nd September, 04	1	DTC-Dangs	Ms. Yamini Thakkar(Supervisor)
2.	19 th October, 04	1	DRDA-Rajkot	47 (TDO-9,APO-1,WDT-25, N.O.-12)
3.	25 th - 28 th Oct., 04	4	Gram Seva Mandir-Nardipur	19 BRS students
4.	8 th - 9 th Dec., 04	2	DTC-Patan	5 (Supervisor-1 & Trainers-4)
5.	17 th March, 05	1	Swayamsiddha(ICDS)-Siddhapur, Patan.	66 (60 SHG members, 4 ACDPOs, 2 ICDS staff)

Bankers' Visit:

11 Branch Managers including LDM, SBI, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, CBI, OBC, SBS, UBI, SDCCB, along with Director-DRDA, APO (SGSY) & Manager (NLRDF) had visited the DTC & had clarity on the objectives of the establishment of DTC for the promotion of MED through Bank Linkage process.

Visits by Govt. & NGO Officials:

37 visits were done by different officials of Govt. Departments, including DDO-S.K., Director-DRDA, Dy. Director-DRDA, APOs-DRDA, P.O.-CRS, AAO, VO, CDPO, Dist. Registrar, ADHO, DRCHO, DDM-NABARD, AGM-SKDCCB, DPM- Swashakti and NGOs to give lectures on various development schemes for rural development.

Exposures to Trainees:

The trainees who were imparted training at DTC, were given exposures to Sabar Masala Udhyog, HI-TECH Mineral Water Plant, International Institute of Entrepreneurship Development-Fojivada, Sabar Dairy and various Govt. offices, like: Taluka Panchayat, ICDS office, DRDA, Dist. Horticulture Office, Dist. Social Defence Office, etc.

Training/Exposures of DTC staff:

Sr. No.	Date	Days	Venue
1.	5 th - 8 th May, 04	4 days	SPIPA-Ahmedabad
2.	26 th July-5 th August, 04	11 days	MYRADA-Bangalore
3.	23 rd October, 04	1 day	SARAS MELO(EXPO-2004)-Ahmedabad.

Grading of SHGs:

The SHGs which were not done their Grading were found out during training programmes, and were given information on the procedures to make grading. In a year, 20 SHGs were made grading by DTC of 15 villages from 6 talukas.

Bank Linkages:

During the year, 25 SHGs in total were made Bank Linkages for initiating various Income Generation Activities. 25 SHGs from 21 villages of 10 talukas were made bank linkages, where the role of DTC was to motivate the groups and to make follow up with concerned banks.

IGA Initiatives:

The SHG leaders were deeply motivated by DTC team during the training programmes, which is the ultimate aim SHG concept to make the groups sustainable. During the year, 41 SHGs were motivated to initiate income generation activities like: small business, animal husbandry, cottage industry, etc. 41 IGAs had been initiated by 41 SHGs in 35 villages of 12 talukas.

Revolving Fund:

In the year, 14 SHGs in total had got Revolving Fund from the Govt. ranging from Rs.5000/- to Rs.20000/- to initiate any IGA or to utilize in Internal Lending, by DTC initiative.

National AIDS Control Programme of India DFID Support Grant-2004.

Introduction:

HIV infection is spreading rapidly among the vulnerable community of Migrant Workers, Commercial Sex Workers, Drivers, MSM community, Street Children, Fishermen, Industrial Workers, Diamond Workers, etc. These community are not aware of the HIV infection and become the victims of HIV/AIDS due to their ignorance and unprotected high risk behaviour. Gujarat State AIDS Control Society has launched PSH Projects with like-minded partner NGOs to control HIV/AIDS in Gujarat by generating awareness among the target population and taking prevention precautions. In this venture, NLRDF is playing the role of a project partner of GSACS, by implementing Targeted Intervention Project under National AIDS Control Programme of India, DFID Support-Grant: 2004, in Idar, Vadali & Khedbrahma areas of Sabarkantha district.

Collaboration:

National AIDS Control Programme of India, DFID Support Grant: 2004, has been implemented by Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund (NLRDF) with the collaboration of NACO at national level and GSACS at the state level, where Project Support Unit provides the technical support to the partner agencies.

Goal of the Project:

To control HIV/AIDS among the vulnerable Target Group in the specified Target Area.

Objectives of the Project:

To take precautionary measures to control HIV/AIDS, through intervention by following four major components:

1. STD Care
2. Condom Promotion
3. Behaviour Change Communication
4. Enabling Environment

Activities Undertaken During the Year:

The following major activities were undertaken during the year, for the awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS among the Target Group of Drivers, CSWs, MSM & Street Children:

No.	Activity	Achievement	Target Group
1.	Reach	2863	Drivers, CSWs, MSM, ESH & Street Children
2.	HRB Identification	2068	Drivers, CSWs, MSM, ESH & Street Children
3.	STD Suspected	382	Sex partners among TG
4.	STD Treatment	359	Sex partners among TG
5.	Counseling	712	STD & HRB people
6.	Focus Group Discussion	28	Drivers, CSWs, MSM, Street Children
7.	Small Group Meeting	206	-do-
8.	Big Group Meeting	34	-do-

9.	Condom Distribution	209555	HRB people among TG
10.	Condom Demonstration	2453	HRB population in TG
11.	E.E.Events:	5	777 from TG, ESH population & students
i.	Exhibition		
ii	Condom Depot Meeting	5	57CondomDepotOwners
iii	World AIDS Day celebration on 1 st Dec., 2005	1	2270 Target population, ESH & students
	Rally	-	275 School students
	Cultural Programme	-	350 School students
	Awareness Camp	-	2 ESH & 30 women
	Karmayogi Talim	-	195 Govt. Employees
	Poster Exhibition	-	400 school students
	Oratory Competition	-	400 College Students
iv	Auto Garage-wala Meeting	3	28 Auto Garage Owners
v	Paramedical Staff Meeting	2	19 Paramedical staff
vi	Health Camp	4	150 patients from TG
vii	Drivers' Union Meeting	3	56Association Members
viii	International Women's Day	1	230 Women
ix	NSS Camp	-	130 Students
x	P. E. Training	4	23 Peer Educators
xi	Video Show	17	145 students
xii	Condom Depots	78	-

Swashakti Project :

In 25 Villages of Khedbrahma taluka in Sabarkantha District Swashakti Project is being implemented for development and empowerment of rural women since last 4 years. Khedbrahma taluka being predominantly populated by tribals illiteracy, poverty, ignorance and superstitions are in built among people. These futures bring along liquor, tobacco, malnutrition and other health hazards, child marriages, atrocities against women, social economic problems etc.

Women have to suffer a lot due to all these problems. They are living in measurable condition as maximum work at home and in the fields are done by them and even after that they have to face, under nourishment, low calorie and less diet, beating by men etc. In order to bring women out of these problems and for their development and empowerment which only can bring change in the whole society at long run. Swashakti Project is being implemented in this

area. Various facets of the project considered in order to generate, awareness, development and empowerment of women, and activities carried out in the area of operation are as given here under.

Self Help Groups : (Women Saving Groups)

40 SHGs in 25 Villages have been formulated under which women form groups, meet at least once a month, deposit their savings in the group and in the bank a/c of the group by group leaders, avail loan from the SHG as and when required. Through 40 SHGs 539 women have become members and mobilized Rs. 4,44,325/- as savings. Lending done to members Rs. 3,23,465/- Three SHGs have taken bank loan of Rs. 15,000/- Eight SHGs have received loan from NLRDF worth Rs, 31,050/-

Two clusters Yogeshwar cluster and Gayatri cluster- have been formed for generating unity among the groups. Activities are carried out in clusters so that they come to gather and discuss their issues jointly perform activities to find out solutions to gather.

Clustr committees have been formed through group meetings. Cluster leaders are selected by the women members of SHGs. In order to provide guidance and knowledge of activities to be carried out by clusters cluster leaders and cluster committees are imparted trainings, called for meetings, given exposure of different organizations, and their way activities and functioning.

Cluster Committee Meeting:

Meeting was Organised at Mataji Temple, Khedbrahma on 23rd April, 2004 in which activities to be performed by the clusters like bank linkage of SHGs, work on village problems Like drinking water, coordination with Govt. schemes, income generation activities in groups, etc. were discussed members of both the clusters Gayatri and Yogashwar remained present and participated in discussion.

Loan to SHGs :

NLRDF Provided loan to 5 SHGs. to the extent of Rs. 5000/- each in May 2004. This loan is to be recovered in 10 equal installments of Rs. 500/- each with interest @ 1% p.m. Recovery received from the groups was rotated as loan to other SHGs in need. Three other SHGs were provided loan of Rs, 6050/- from the recovered amount.

Linkage with Bank (Bankers Workshop) :

All bank branch managers were invited for a workshop organized at Mataji Temple - Khedbrahma on 10.7.04 D.P.M. – Swashakti project Manager Shri Naishadhbhai remained present. SHG group leaders were also invited from NLRDF and Manav Kalyan Trust.

Second workshop was organized at Hotel Payal - Himmatnagar on 29.12.04 in which all bankers and SHG leaders were invited. Idea of the strategy and way of implementation of swashakti Project was explained to the present Bankers.

Cluster Leaders Meeting for Kalol – Yogeshwar Cluster was held on 11.09.2004 followed by Gayatri cluster leader training on 12,13th September-2004 at Sadgura Foundation Dahod

Cluster leaders trainings for Sabarkantha District was organized at Khedbrahma on 11th and 12th September-2004 and on 19th and 20th September-2004 at Himmatnagar by Swashakti Project. Training to the cluster leaders was imparted by ‘ SAKHI’ – Institute of Dahod.

Exposure visit for cluster leaders was organization by Swashakti Project. They were taken to Karnataka state for detailed study of a unique Project on SHGs at Mayrada. During 23rd to 25th September-2004. The President of Yogaswar cluster Mr. Dinkarbhai Parmar of Kalol participated the exposure visit.

A training Programme for cluster committee members was organized in two phases. 6 members Participated training in 1st phase at Idar during December-2004 and 11 members participated in the 2nd phase at Shamlaji during January 2005 each for 2 days.

Cluster meetings were again held in February and March-2005 in which issues like capacity building and Mahila kutir one in each cluster. were discussed. For construction of Mahila Kutir resolution was passed, plan estimates were to be taken from Engineer and forwarded to swashakti Project office at Himmatnagar. in which 12 cluster leaders from 8 groups participated. Cluster leaders meeting was held on 21.3.2005 at Himmatnagar in which cluster leaders of all NGOs participated. D.P.M. discussed on activities carried out by each cluster other programme taken care under the Swashakti Project are...

Training in Panchayati Raj :

A Training in Panchayati Raj was attended by staff members for 2 days at Ahmedabad. The topics covered in this training were structure of Panchayati Raj. Duties and Authorities of Sarpanch, Talati, T.D.O., D.D.O., as well as reservation of 33% for women in Panchayati Raj.

Skill Upgradation Training :

In order to upgrade skills of existing activities performed by SHG members skill upgradation training programme were planned and implemented.

Training in Agarbatti rolling was organised on 24th April-2004, at Community Hall-Didhiya in which 45 women participated. Mr. Jagatpal Arora of Khadi Gramodyog Training Center, Gandhinagar and Ms. Manishaben Pandya of Swashakti Project remained present. Women were given practical training in preparing pulp from raw material and rolling agarbattis as well as making kanku (Bindi, Powder)

Training in Agriculture was organised at Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad for 2 days 26th & 27th April-2004, in which Modern agriculture, improved seeds and other important matters to be considered for taking more yield were discussed by experts from different places.

Training in Drip Irrigation was organised in a field of Shena Fali at Naka village in which benefits of Drip irrigation, types of crops which can be taken under this system etc. were explained to the members present. BDO – Manishben Pandya remainder present.

Training in Agriculture at Farmers Training Center, Khedbarhama was organised for five days in which 21 SHG members of Naka and Manjipura villages Participated. Training in modern methods of cultivation, improved seeds, pesticides, fertilizers etc. were provided in detail. One day exposuer visit to Gandhinagar and horticultural farm was made as part of the training. Stipend of Rs. 30/- per day and to and bus fare was provided to participants. Information was provided to women of 14 SHGs of Villages Naka, Damavas, Didhiya, and Valran regarding care to be taken while purchasing seeds. Seeds packet date of packing, certified or not should be verified, only certified seeds should be purchased for better yield.

Soil Conservation demonstration was organised at Farmers Training Center, Khedbarhama in which 5 SHGs members of Didhiya participated. Training in soil testing and demonstration was provided to 8 women of Valran and Didhiya at Farmers Training Center, Khedbrahma. The Programme was organised by support of Swashakti Project, Himmatnagar.

Training in Agricultural practices was organised by Agriculture University – Khedbrahma on 17.3.2005 in which 30 women participated. Training was imparted in improved methods of cultivation, horticulture, drip irrigation etc. All expenses inclusive of Travel of the participants were borne by Agriculture University.

Exposure visit of 42 members from 6 SHGs was organised on 14.12.2004. They were shown Rural Technology Institute – Vankaner, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Poultry farming and other activities. The same type of exposure visit was organised for another group of 47 members from different groups on 31.12.2004.

Information on Agriculture, animal husbandry, poultry farming as well as small agro based businesses were provided as and when required to SHGs.

Literacy Programme :

Efforts were made to provide literacy to illiterate women interested in literacy. Literate group members were motivated to spare an hour or two for giving lessons to their fellow members. Under this programme women were given literacy out of which women have been able to read and write.

Balika Shikshan Kendra :

A Balika Shikshan Kendra was implemented under this Project and follow up of the same has been carried out. As a result seven girls of Damavas and Sagrampura (Adivasi Village) are studying in School.

Para Health Workers Training (P H W):

In order to provide health services to village people regarding minor ailments 20 PHWs are selected through village people. They are imparted training in primary health care, water borne, air borne and contagious diseases - the way the diseases spread preventive and curative measure for these diseases, first aid etc. in from PHC for providing to village people in need. In consultation

with medical officer – PHC Derol, pulse polio programme in villages was implemented by close coordination of PHC staff and PHWs.

PHWs were called for meeting at PHC-Derol on 22nd April 2004, in which Medical Officer of the PHC gave an informative talk on Malaria, Skin diseases, water borne diseases and STDS of women. Medical officer also informed them to work in cooperation with ANMS working in their villages. PHWs were provided ORS packets and paracetamol tablets from PHCs for providing to village people in need.

Training to PHWS is provided as and when required through Medical Officer – Derol PHC regarding various types of diseases – their spread, preventive measures and simple medicines etc.

Poultry Farming :

Five women were imparted training in Poultry farming and each trained women were provided with 25 cheeks. During follow – up it was known that 47 birds were sold by which women had received income of Rs. 4700/- Remaining 47 birds are alive and are healthy. Follow up meetings with the trained women were done in July & August and information on vaccine and feed were provided.

Training in Poultry farming to 21 more women of 3 villages was imparted at Poultry Training Center at Himmatnagar during 24th January to 7th February, 2005 The trainees were provided with Rs.15/- stipend per day and 25 chicks.

Training on various other subject were carried out in October & November 2004, for B and C Category Groups.

Legal Awareness	10
Panchayati Raj	09
Group Empowerment	02
Agriculture	01
Animal Husbandry	01
Income Generation	01
Leadership	12
Maintaining of Accounts.	12

Kitchen Gardening :

Vegetable Seeds of good quality were preserved by women, which were used for sowing in kitchen gardening. Regular visits were paid to the kitchen gardening to provide guidance and follow-up.

A veterinary camp was organised on 28.1.2005 at Naka which was attended by Veterinary doctors of the District. 163 cattle were treated at this camp.

Income Generation Activity under MED.

Under this programme 8 women of 3 SHGs were provided raw material for agarbatti rolling worth Rs. 2400/- followed by skill development training. Agrabatti rolled were given rose fragrance. Packing of agarbattis with SHGs name were made. Marketing strategy was given to understand of the entrepreneurs. Selling cost to each packet was kept to Rs. 5/- Sales of tea. Leaves, soaps and detergent powder by the member of Kalol SHGs also is promoted under this project.

Case study of women providing agarbatti was carried out and report of which was forwarded to swashakti – Gandhinagar through DPM and BDO-Himmatnagar.

Training in Marketing was imparted at Idar with the help of swashakti Project – Himmatnagar to 6 tribal women of village Padhara. They were sent for actual marketing experience for two days – report of which was taken on next day. The experience was encouraging.

A fresh list of women interested in availing training in poultry and beauty parlor has been prepared and forwarded to Swashakti Project office, at Himmatnagar. Women interested in getting loan for economic activities were provided with loan application forms of 'Ghardivada' scheme of Gujarat W.E.D. Corporation.

Community Assets :

It was decided to provide community assets to cluster. A platform (otta) was to be constructed as a community asset in village Didhiya. Estimate of expenditure was made. In village meeting it was decided that cement for the platform was to provided by Swashakti Project. Remaining material and labour was to be managed by the village. The platform has been constructed

with help of 70 cement bags from the project in which meeting of 3 groups had been arranged, which were attended by DPM – Ms. Suhelaben and BDO – Hemalbhai.

A proposal of construction of 2 mahila kutirs was prepared and given to the project office with panchayat resolutions, cluster resolutions, plans and estimates with signature of engineer and it has been forwarded to project office at Himmatnagar.

Theme Camps :

Them camps were conducted in all 25 villages covered under the project through Bhavai during January 2005. Theme of the camps were benefits of savings, internal credit / lending, bank loan, selection, of micro enterprise, selection of proper place, functions of a cluster, role of cluster leaders, women awareness, prohibition, social customers etc.

Celebration of World Women's Day:

World Women's day was celebrated on 9th March –2005, which was attended by 24 women of 4 groups. Deputy Mamlatdar Shri Bhati remained present in the function. Information on women's empowerment, development, health, AIDS etc. were shared with the women present.

Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (S.G.S.Y.)

Over and above swashakti Project considering interest of people in villages 43 SGSY groups have been formed in 15 villages internal lending is done in five groups. Application for linkage with bank is given for 10 groups. saving mobilised so far is Rs 3.5 lacs.

Bio-Gas Project:

For promotion of energy conservation, protection of environment, preservation of forest and use of renewable energy sources bio-gas project is promoted in villages of Sabarkantha district. For promotion of bio-gas plants in villages information is provided to people by conducting meetings. Awareness is created among farmers to construct bio-gas plants. Those who are interested are motivated to fill-up forms and technical personnel are provided for construction of bio-gas plants. After construction of bio-gas plants regular follow-up as well as case work in done of the beneficiaries.

During the year 102 bio-gas plants are constructed in 60 villages of Sabarkantha district in 4 talukas.

Also the project is extended to villages of Gandhinagar district where 21 plants have been constructed in villages of Dehgam taluka. Documentation by photographs and regular follow-up is done of the existing plants.

A training for 2 days was attended by field worker at which organised by Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation.

Vadikaran Project :

Vadikaran Project is promoted by Tribal Development Project for promotion of horticulture by tribals. Under this Project 60 beneficiaries are selected from village Naka who were provided grafts of mango trees, lime and ambala. Regular visit are made for necessary guidance and follow-up for watering of plants. Earthen pots are placed near the stem and filled with water so that water is dripped in to the roots of the plants. Requirement of fertilizers manures and instructions on maintenance were provided.

Survey of survival of plants was carried out and replacement of non surviving plants was done during the year. 313 new plants were provided to the farmers under this project.

World Food Project:

A survey was carried out as per instructions provided and the information gathered was forwarded to the office at vadodara. A three day workshop in this connection was attended by staff members. Approval for conducting a programme has been received for village Tandaliya in Khedbarhama taluka. P.R.A. in this village was carried out for three days. D.F.O. Mr. Damor visited the village on 3rd day of P.R.A. and talked about formation of SHGs.

Block Placement of students from various Institutions during the year:

- 1) Mahadev Desai Institute of Social Work-Gujarat Vidyapith
From 28.04.2004 to 12.05.2004 - 2 Students
- 2) Mahadev Desai Institute of Social Work-Gujarat Vidyapith
From 01.05.2004 to 15.05.2004 - 2 students

- 3) Shri Kelavani Mandal Mahavidyalay Desai.
September -2004 - 3 students
- 4) Babubhai M.Shah Mahavidyalay, Ziliya.
3 - Students
- 5) J.C. Kumarappa Mahavidyalay, Gadhada -Saminarayana.
1- Students

Herbal Programme :

Under the programme cultivation of senna was promoted at village Derol Kampa, which did not yield expected results. Dr. Nagar from Agri.Uni. had visited the project area. During his visit to hills of Tandaliya he suggested to collect various medicinal herbs and send to him at Ahmedabad. As per his suggestions herbs were collected and sent to him at Ahmedabad.

Mahila Swaraj Abhiyan :

Generating awareness regarding Panchayati raj, 33% reservation for women in Panchayatis as well as functions authorities rights and responsibilities of Sarpanch, Talatis etc. are the basic principles on which MSA is established and working. M.S.A. reaches to the elected women Sarpanchs, panchayat members through voluntary agencies working in different areas.

Two meetings called by M.S.A. at Manav Kalyan Trust at Khedbarhma was attended where discussion took place on formation of Mahila Swaraj Manch at taluka and district level, gram sabha, capacity building of elected women, water, social justice committee, Meetings of elected women sarpanchs at taluka level mela at district level, Exposure, Water purification, rights of women in panchayat etc. were discussed.

NABARD had organised a meeting at Ambaji on 4th September-2004 which was attended by Serior Manager and Mukesh Pandya from Khedbharma office. where schemes of NABARD were informed to the SHGs.

Farmers Training Center had organised a meeting of NGOs on 19th October-2004 where they talked about Soil Health card and action plan for the same.

Field Offices:

1. Behind Gayatri Temple, Khedbrahma – 383255. Dist. Sabarkantha
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