



# Annual Report SaathGramin Trust

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## Foreword

We are happy to let you know that SaathGramin Trust has completed 3 years of the operations. COVID-19 pandemic was at its peak during the year which resulted in much disruption in our efforts as well.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown and further safeguarding measures it made difficult for our team to reach out to rural and remote areas and conduct activities. Due to limited digital access, it was not possible to carry out online activities. In the year we carried out activities on spreading awareness on vaccination among the communities. In the later part of the year focused on forming self-help groups of women with the easing of pandemic restrictions.

Shyam Prakash Singh, Chief Executive Officer

## About Us

SaathGramin Trust was initiated to cater to the needs of rural women and children regarding education, health, sustainable livelihoods, social and financial inclusion, and holistic development. SaathGramin Trust is promoted by SaathMahila Savings and Credit Cooperative Society.

The foundation primarily works in rural areas of Gujarat state and mainly focuses on the empowerment of youth and women.

## Self-Help Group Women

With the pandemic restrictions being lifted during the end of the financial year, SaathGramin Trust focused on forming Self-help groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) of the rural women. SHGs and JLGs were formed with an aim to inculcate savings habit among the rural women.

In partnership with SaathMahila Savings and Credit Cooperative Society, 50 SHGs and JLGs were formed with over 500 women joining as members. The women with support from SaathMahila Cooperative will be provided access to savings and credit options for establishing their own micro-enterprises and other income generation activities.

### Vision

*“Inclusive, sustainable, and empowered village communities”*

### Mission

*“To empower rural women, youth and children through quality education and sustainable livelihood opportunities”*

The core objectives of SaathGramin Trust are as follows:

1. Social and political empowerment
2. Focused and in-depth intervention on family income and education of children
3. Identify and work on gender and livelihood issues of women and promote entrepreneurship
4. Create alternative livelihoods for rural women and the community

## Education and Development

Education remains one of the primary focus areas of SaathGramin Trust. Our education initiatives focus on community-based education improvement, strengthening pre-primary education centers, skill development for adolescent girls, and income generation activities for women in eight villages of the Balvablock of Ahmedabad district.

Throughout the year various awareness activities with children, youth, parents, and teachers are carried out. Vocational training is provided to adolescent girls and women of the community and are supported for setting up low-cost sanitary napkin enterprises.





## COVID-19 Survey

Our project team went door to door in the village areas to spread awareness on the issue of COVID-19 pandemic and mobilised people for COVID-19 vaccination. One of the village women said, "Earlier we were very hesitant to take the vaccination, but after being counseled in detail about the benefit of the vaccination, I and my husband have taken the first dose from nearby



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government centre."

## COVID-19 Initiatives

In the year, SaathGramin Trust launched 'Stop the Spread' program in partnership with United Way of Mumbai. The project focuses on increasing awareness around vaccination in the rural and remote communities.

The project connects them to existing government vaccination centers. Through the project we have reached out to 9,000+ rural population in the Ahmedabad district for vaccination.

### Board Members

**Chinmayi Desai**, Urban Program Director, Saath Charitable Trust: She has 22+ years of experience working in the development sector.

**Rajendra Joshi**, Founder & Managing Trustee, Saath Charitable Trust: He has initiated and developed the Integrated Slum Development Program.

**Shyam Prakash Singh**, Chief Executive Officer, SaathGramin Trust: He has 18+ years of experience working in the sector.

**VamaRajpal**, Image and Skills Coach and Entrepreneur: She has diverse professional experience in Healthcare and Development sector.

**Anuradha Gharti**, Trainer and Social Worker: She has 18 years of experience in the development sector working on social justice issues.



