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sustainable
development

Annual Report: 2018-2019



SARBODAY SANGHA

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Sarboday Sangha (SS) has been working in the district since 1971. Sarboday Sangha has intervened with education for under privileged children, women empowerment through formation and strengthening of Self Help Groups and their clusters and micro-finance operations, community health services, promotion of climate resilient agricultural practices, disaster relief and rehabilitation in response to a number of emergencies, promotion of WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Practices) in communities and large numbers of schools in the district and working with fishermen communities for the sustainable livelihoods through establishment of value chain development (VCD). Its development program has evolved from service oriented sectoral and community development towards empowerment and rights-based approaches, increasingly with the most disadvantaged groups. SarbodayaSangha intervention modalities to work with local partners (both SHGs, SHGs Federations and Local Self-Governance – Panchayati Raj Institutions, grass root NGOs) as well as with government and civil society groups and movements to influence policy and practice at state and national level.

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**I you want to walk fast,
Walk Alone,
But – If you want to walk far,
Walk Together.**

- Ratan Tata

From the Desk of Secretary.....

Dear All,

It gives me immense pleasure that Sarboday Sangha has stepped in Forty Nine Years of operations in community development and now to present Annual Report for the financial year 2018-19. The year was significant with beginning of new projects and successful completions of others have included meaningful association with our previous funders, new partners, and stakeholders. The last year was also a successful one with widened strengthening of programs by mobilizing different sources of resources.

At the same time we were able to carry out and extend our activities rebuilding human resources has resulted an expanded outreach and impacts ever little higher than previous.

Sarboday Sangha has prioritized its works focusing on WASH in schools and communities, livelihoods with skill development for youth and SHG women, creation of rural entrepreneurs, education, health and hygiene, save water, climate change adaptation, environment protection and regeneration and other emerging issues of save the girl child, consumer awareness, traffic awareness, and celebration of International Women Day, environment day, etc. carried out during the year.

We are delighted that we have been able to bring about lasting change in living condition of target beneficiaries. Now it is time to strengthen our endeavor in skill development, creation of women entrepreneurs, acceleration of WASH activities in schools and communities, promotion of sustainable livelihoods of marginalized and women headed families, continue to sensitize on save water, focusing the issues like child rights, gender equity, biodiversity conservation and climate change etc. and beneficiaries' capacity enhancement, confidence building and empowerment as the prime need to sustain the development. Despite such spectacular achievements so far we made but, till continue to works with communities to make self-reliant.

We sincerely acknowledge and express our profound gratitude to all of our friends and well-wishers, supporters, community people, funding agencies, elected representatives, government officials of both State, Central and local bodies of panchayats, corporate and private sectors for their contribution, participation, accompaniment and sharing without which it would not be possible for us to achieve such a success.

However, the main credit for our success goes to the sincere staff, volunteers for their continuous hard work, sincerity and dedication in services with communities.

We call upon more members to take active participation in our noble endeavor.

Thanking you all

With sincere regards

Date: 10th July, 2019

Place: Ajaya, Purba Medinipore.

Secretary
Sarboday Sangha

Origin of the Organization

It was in the year 1942, the time when the father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi called for Quit India movement throughout undivided India. To get the freedom along with many people in Bengal the small village Ajaya under Khejuri Block in East Medinipore district of West Bengal, India was also rolled on in that wave. Some noble and freedom fighter established a club to worship '**Bhartmata**' (*an embodiment of India*). This club finally resulted to main center in Khejuri Block and some more men and women formed an association, locally named as "**Sarboday Sangha**" (*meant overall progress or welfare of all*).



Till Independence e.g. in the year 1947 and some years later after 1947 the primary function was to worship "Bharatmata" which continued till 1969. In 1971, the youth of the second generation felt the need of a full-fledge voluntary organization in the remote village of Ajaya which can play as a pivot for the development of the village community as a whole. Thus the Sangha was renamed as "Sarboday Sangha" and was registered under W. B Society Registration act as Voluntary Organization. On the due course of time this Institution developed as a pioneer socio-development Organization in undivided Khejuri block and always trying for the betterment of all categories of people with a special emphasis on women and child development. From the beginning till date we face lots of hindrances and obstacles. Sometimes we accept that is not so much easy to operate but the dire need of the community inspired and we again start fighting. Now at the middle we do not even think to turn back but we have a high hope within a few years with nw dreams will be fulfilled.

Vision

Target People living in a just society in peace and dignity, united in diversity and empowered to achieve their full potential, claim their universal rights, meet their basic needs and improve their quality of life.

Mission

The sustainable development of poor, marginalized and vulnerable people to ensure a quality life through education, information, healthcare service, infrastructure development, empowerment, economic self-reliance through convergence of service provided by local self- governance.

Core Values

- **Dignity and Justice:**
- **Compassion and commitment:**
- **Inclusion and respect for diversity:**
- **Transparency and accountability:**



As guided by West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1962 and FCRA-Government of India, Sarboday Sangha works in West Bengal as an approved not-for-profit social development organization, periodically renewing of MoA at West Bengal Society registration office and FCRA-Government of India. Beside that Sarboday Sangha has been registered under Niti-Ayog of Government of India. Sarboday Sangha implements projects that are approved by the local government authority and are aligned with State's periodic and interim plans and national priorities.



- i. People and communities are capable to address and manage disaster risks, and to respond to and recover from disasters, climate change and emergencies.
- ii. Priority populations achieve sustainable livelihoods through enhanced food security, employment and income.
- iii. School students have attending schools regularly with adequate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) facilities in schools.
- iv. Priority populations are able to participate in decisions affecting them and advocate for their rights.
- v. Local governance structures are inclusive and responsive to the poor and the oppressed.
- vi. National laws, policies, regulations, plans, strategies and guidelines are favorable for the poor and the oppressed.

Strategic Approach

**Community based
Empowerment
Approach**

**Integrated
Program
Approach**

**Participatory and
Inclusive
Approach**

**Sustainability
Approach**

Significant Achievements during the year.....

Sports, Education and Cultural Events:

SARBODAY SHISHU SHIKSHA MANDIR

Sarboday SishuShikshaMandir(Child Education Center) running since 1991 by trained teachers with the purpose of joyful learning among needy children. We had been involved in opening up a school for youngsters to produce a healthy mix of children from all social, economic and religious backgrounds.

The current strength of children is 280 (up to standard IV). In addition to the formal curriculum students are also taught Classical, Creative, Bratachari, Gymnastics and Regional Dances on regular basis.

The average student's attendance is about 98%. There is a children Library and the children themselves have the entire responsibility of running libraries. In this school the children form committees to oversee the cleaning work, sports and games. There are 11 teachers and 1 non- teaching staff.

There also a children park named SUHAS CHOUDHURY MEMORIAL CHILDREN PARK, where every children of the school plays. They had been trained on our various innovative approaches and methods of daily life learning and organizing exposure cum educational tour in every year.

Since more than 6 years Smile Foundation is supporting for the nutritional supplementation program for school children on regular basis.

CRECHE CUM DAY CARE CENTRE

Crèche is running since 1992 with the support of CSWB (Central Social Welfare Board) with below 5 years of children those mothers are engaged in a daily labour works. The crèche is running from 9.00 mornings to 4.00 afternoons. The women trained teachers and caretakers are engaged to look after the children with food. The children are learnt various things with play method without any difficulties. At present time 25 nos of child coming per day at day cares school.

SARBODAY PUBLIC ACADEMY

Since 2014, Sarboday Sangha running a co-ed. primary teacher's training institution with the recognition of NCTE and affiliated by West Bengal Board of Primary Teacher's Education. It is mainly for rural students those who are not able to get training from a reputed institution. Here is a hostel and library facility and also internet facility in the college campus. The adequate numbers of qualified, experienced and trained professors have been engaged and they are much cooperative with students to make all students the best and successful in future.

Students	Women	Men	Total
Total students trained (No.)	200	100	300
No. of students engaged	15	10	25

SARBODAY STUDY CENTRE

Sarboday Sangha running a study centre for high school students those first generation of learners belongs to poorest families by qualified youth as instructors. The parents are not able to effort private tutors for coaching. After getting the adequate and modern teaching methods, the progress of each students are quite appreciated and a few of the students passed in examination with rank.

Students	Boys	Girls	Total
Total students in study centre	70	65	135
No. of students got more than 60% of marks	45	41	81

SARBODAY LIBRARY

A well-equipped library established at the community centre of Sarboday Sangha. The organization created this facility for needy college and school students as they are not able to purchase books. Students of college, schools are visiting library regularly for studying suggestions books, taking notes, reading newspapers.

Running Kalakendra

A Cultural Training Centre in the name of CHHANDAM KALA KENDRA was established in 1996 for Song, Dance and other Performing arts. SANSKRITI CHAKRA (a cultural circle) an amateurish culture team was established with all the initiatives of Sarboday Sangha. Renowned Dance and Music professionals are appointed for the training of four students in Sarboday Kala Niketan. We are also running a class for Fine Arts.

CHANDAM KALA KENDRA imparted training to the students and as a result, this year, there are 32 students received training on Music, 29 on Dance, 09 on Tablas and 40 on Arts.

Community Health Program:

Mother and child health care

This programme is aimed to improve health status among pregnant, lactating mothers, children and adolescent girls by organizing immunization camps, mothers check-up camps, nutrition education and demonstration, importance of weaning food for children, home visits, health education, awareness, accessing and care of health facilities. Keeping this in mind proper checking and monitoring is done on Routine Immunization (RI) and Pulse Polio Immunization.

Running OPD Centre:

In our Sarboday Sangha Campus there is arrangement for Homeopath and one Gynecologist to cover general and mother care respectively with all kinds of health check-up and supplying medicines with a minimum cost to the patients. The rural Health Centre provides holistic health care support service apart from our regular awareness programmes and health checkups. Curative health services through linkages with sub-centers and block hospitals are provided to the rural community, especially to the poor. The OPD runs at Sarboday Campus from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Village Health Unit

This unit consists of our Health Workers and the service provided by them to the villagers covers both Ante Natal and Post Natal care (ANC &PNC) and checkups of pregnant women and immunization of the children through a follow-up directly in the households. Beside that mother and child health care, they also educate adolescent aged group of girls and boys in schools and communities on life skills, adolescent health management, improved hygiene practices and value based education.

During the year, Sarboday Sangha initiated the health awareness camps on prevention and early detection of cancer especially cervical cancer, free check-up of diabetic, high blood sugar patients on monthly basis.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Programs:

WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION & HYGIENE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

School is very important and essential part for social development of children, so the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Education in Schools are very much necessary for safe, secure and healthy environment for the children to learn better and face the challenges of the future life. Sarboday Sangha had been implementing this activity since 2003, but it gathered momentum after the assistance of Water for People India, a Denver based NGO from USA. The purpose of this programme is to encompass with Water supply, Sanitation and hygiene Education in School Programme of Government of India, which actually integrates the broader sanitation facilities and have provision for safe drinking



water. Also they should teach good and proper hygienic practices and behavior to the children.

The following objectives for undertaking of school WASH program are mentioned below;

- i. Make awareness generation among the students regarding utility of safe drinking water and its roll in sanitation from the very beginning of their childhood.
- ii. Girl's students should have a better environment to continue their education.

- iii. Students will adopt improved hygiene practices to know and prevention of water born and sanitation related diseases.
- iv. To enhance the water and sanitation related hygiene practices among the school children and individually communicating the knowledge and practice to the whole communities.
- v. To provide additional support for up gradation and extension of the existing Sanitary Blocks
- vi. To provide maintenance management mechanism for lengthy sustainability of those schools Sanitary Blocks
- vii. To make the School premises user friendly for children, especially adolescent girls, in terms of water and sanitation service facilities to prevent their dropping out.

Achievements made so far

During the year				Till the year since inception		
No. of High School	No. of Primary School	Girls Students	Boys Students	No. of High School	No. of Primary School	Total No. of Gram Panchayats
03	03	1425	1631	78	36	16

Sustainable Agriculture & Promotion of Climate Smart Agricultural Practices

Increasing productivity in Agriculture is recognized as one of the effective ways to stimulate socio-levels should negate the environment challenges.

Sarboday Sangha demonstrated and economic development among marginalized farm families. But increase in productivity comes at the cost of manure, utilization of irrigation services, resulting in increasing consumptions of resources such as fuel and power for diesel and electric pumps respectively, in addition to the carbon emissions and dropping ground water tables. Therefore, its require to introduce water saving technologies, low water requirement crops and promotion of organic farming by preparing manure and pesticides at farmers’ household trained farmers on sustainable agricultural practices through promotion of organic farming as well as natural farming practices.

The farmers have organized into Joint Liability Groups (JLG) or Farmers Clubs and preparing organic manure at household levels and growing poison free vegetables.

Creation agri-enterprises are also one of the major agenda for the livelihood of young male people. Sarboday Sangha is planning to support marginal farmers with integrated approaches on organic production, sorting and marketing linkages.

Anti-Trafficking and Child Protection Program:

Though, a few organizations are working on child rights and anti-trafficking, the girl child trafficking is continuing in few deltaic villages due to poverty and lack of awareness. Government has promoted women empowerment program through organizing and strengthening of SHGs but, women are not much capacitated to address social issues due to inadequate information and leadership capacities. Other social evils like; dowry, girl child issues, domestic violence against women and girl child, care of older persons in families are the common in the block. Keeping with all these, Sarboday Sangha is empowering women SHGs and capacitated them to address the social issues and social evils. Total 12 women SHGs have been linked with local administration, Child protection Cells, etc. on trafficking, etc.



Gender Empowerment Awareness Program

Since more than two decades Sarboday Sangha is organizing women to enhance their position in society through formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in 03 blocks of Purba Medinipur district of West Bengal state.

In order to mainstream gender Sarboday Sangha has continuously stressed on involving women at all stages of the ongoing development process. Poor and Marginalised Women are encouraged to organize themselves in Self-Help Groups, train them on leadership development, various skills development trainings and are supported to take up collective actions to bring about qualitative changes in their lives. Sarboday Sangha stresses the need for women and men to organize separately but to work together in CBO to address their socioeconomic issues.

Along with various women development programmes, efforts have been directed towards bringing about changes in perception regarding the stereotypes of women-men relationship internally at the organizational as well as at the community level. Active participation by men in gender training programs indicates significant changes in the attitude towards these programs which were initially considered “women’s programs”.

Economic independence is one major yardstick to assess women’s empowerment and their ability to establish a strong position in the decision making process. Keeping this fact in mind, Sarboday Sangha has given a major emphasis on encouraging women to upgrade their traditional skills and to acquire new skills, creation of women entrepreneurs to enable them to stand on their own feet with confidence. In many communities, woman’s participation in groups, her access to credit at will or her new found credit worthiness has increased her status in the family and the community. Mostly the loan amount has been utilized for the need of household consumption purposes.

Care to Older Persons

Now a day, older persons in the villages are more vulnerable especially among poorest families. Their spouses are not taking proper care and feels the older persons are the burden of family. In this situation, Sarboday Sangha initiated a special program on Care of Older Persons by organizing health camps, monthly blood pressure, blood sugar, eye testing for older persons. A few staffs have been deputed for visiting older persons at their homes to monitor their status discussed with other members of family, etc. During the year, Sarboday Sangha operates program in 02 Gram Panchayats (one in Khejuri – I & other under Nandigram block) with covering 200+ older persons. The organization also providing cloths, blankets, warm cloths to such poverty stricken older persons in festivals and winter seasons. It is also planning for running old aged home in near future for such people.

Awareness and Advocacy on Accessing Social Security Programs

Sarboday Sangha organizes many advocacy related awareness program and information dissemination camps at community levels on protection of Violence against women and girl children, Child Protection, Nirman Cards, PMAY, SAPAW, Job Cards, PDS, Kisan Credit Card, PMAY, Safe Migration, Old aged pension, widow pensions, etc.

Besides that, Sarboday Sangha facilitates linkages and establishment of relationships with Panchayats, local government departments, etc. to mobilize resources at the time of need.

Medicinal Plants& Nursery Raising:

A demonstration plot on various types of medicinal plants has been development in the premises on Sarboday Primary School. This effort is made towards awareness building among SHG members and local people towards use, importance of medicinal plants. The staffs of Sarboday Sangha collected planting materials from the locality for the preservation and nursery raising purposes.

Youth &Skill Development Program:

Skill development for youth is one of the ongoing and continuous programs of the organization. SarbodaySangha got affiliation as Training Partner of Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD) and organizes various skill development trainings (boutique, agricultural entrepreneurs, tailoring, etc.) for youths (women & men) as training partner.

Trainings	Numbers of persons trained		
	Women	Men	Total
General Duty attendent	19	01	20
Accounting	09	11	20

Welfare Programs:

With the social cause, Sarboday Sangha supports needy, poor, physically challenged people for treatment, house repairing, educational support to students, cash donation for daughters' marriage, donation for repairing drinking water tube wells, sanitation facilities creation at anganwari centers, etc. throughout the year.

Type of Support	No. of Families Benefited
Poor	20
Physically Handicraft	10
Educational support	20
Daughter marriage	05
Repairing of tube wells	06
Sanitation facilities	30

Celebration/Observation of Important and Significant Days:

Sarboday Sangha celebrated all important and significant days in the communities, school and office premises towards building awareness levels on the importance of significant days;

- a. Republic day
- b. Women day
- c. Environment Day
- d. Rabindra Jayanti
- e. Birth day of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
- f. Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti
- g. Independence Day
- h. Gandhi Jayanti
- i. Children Day
- j. Aids Day
- k. Cancer Prevention Day

Assessment of program strategy:

a. Partnership and local ownership

The partnership and local ownership has been significantly enhanced among SHGs and their communities as the primary stake holders of the project. SHGs and Village Committees have prepared plans and implemented programs collectively for community development. They have also mobilized resources from other agencies, government and attending meeting in village development council or LSGs to address issues. SHGs and Village Committees, School Authorities have contributed some percentages in all types of activities in terms of cash, kinds and labors for building the ownership in development. The SHGs and Village Committees are organizing meetings, trainings and various camps at community levels and arranged sitting place, prepared food with available resources in the community. The SHGs leaders, Village Committee leaders and members supervise and monitor the implementation of the planned activities and maintaining the community assets in proper way. Involvement of community people from the very beginning of the project cycle induces a sense of ownership of the entire development process among them.

The various institutions like, PRIs, District School Authorities, Health Departments, Agriculture Departments and local BDOs extended their cooperation on monitoring, permission, attending various trainings, camps, immunizations, medicines, organized different seminars / workshops, and provided appropriate technology, bio-fertilizers, etc. for the greater benefits of community people.

The state poultry farm, animal resource development department, agriculture department have supported to SHGs members on training, inputs like, seeds, manure and low cost implements and vaccination of live stocks with subsidized cost.

Local Panchayats and Panchayat Samities (wings of LSGs) extended their supports and cooperation on sinking of tube wells, strengthening of river embankment, roads, etc. They supported on construction of roads, sinking of new tube wells and river embankments under MNREGS PDS and MDM in schools, Social Security Schemes, solar street lights, rural housing, etc. & livelihoods support to SHGs under SRLM programs in the project operational villages.

State forest department, irrigation department and Zilla Parishad extended their cooperation on information dissemination, technical guidance and they supported SHGs, Village Committees on nursery raising, plantation, ex-cavation or renovation of ponds for rain water harvesting, etc. for the community development programs.

Chronological Journey of Sarboday Sangha:

Sl. No.	Milestones	Year/Date/Number
1	Registered under West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961	S/11282 of 1971-72, Dated – 3 rd November, 1971
2	FCRA Registration	Regn. No. 147040150, Dated – 18 th June, 1990
3	NITY AAYOG NGO Darpan Registration	WB/2009/0019990
4	PAN	AAETS5229H
5	12A & 80G of Income Tax Act	Assessment No. <u>3213/CT</u> dated.03/11/1995 8E/19/93-94 Assessment No. <u>1066/CT</u> dated.18/06/1997 8E/29/93-94
6	Training Partner on Skill Development under PaschimBanga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD)	PBSSD/TP/SARSANG/320

List of the Governing Body:

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Address	Designation	Qualification	Occupation
1	ShriNandogopalMaity	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	President	B.Sc	Retd. Teacher
2	Jagatpati Maity	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Vice-President	H.S	Ex BSF
3	Subrata Kumar Maiti	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Secretary	B.Sc	Social Works
4	Nabagopal Maiti	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Asst. Secretary	B.A	Retd. Govt. Employ
5	Debasish Bhakta	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Cashier	B.Com	Social Works
6	Dr. PrabalKantiHazra	P.O.Deulpota , Purba Medinipur	Member	M.A	Retd. Head Teacher
7	Rupali Maiti	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Member	B.A	Social Worker
8	Radhakrishna Santra	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Member	S.F	Cultivator
9	Shibani Sahu	P.O.Dekhali, Purba Medinipur	Member	H.S	Anganwadi Worker
10	Anju Hazra	P.O.Ajaya, Purba Medinipur	Member	H.S	Creche Instructor
11	Sunanda Palai	P.O.Chingurдания, Purba Medinipur	Member	M.A	Anganwadi Worker

Future Road Map:

SarbodaySanghais planning to continue implementation of ongoing programs and plan to initiate a few new programs based on the current situations and future perspectives towards greater benefits on lives and livelihoods of marginalized people;

- i. Running Old Aged Home
- ii. Hospital for Physically and mentally challenged people
- iii. Eye Hospital
- iv. Creation of women entrepreneurships
- v. Creation of agri & fishery based youth and women entrepreneurships
- vi. Promotion of poison free, natural agri-farming practices
- vii. All schools to be adequate WASH facilities.
- viii. Acceleration of employability skill training programs

Support and Funding Agencies:

- ↵ GLOBAL WATER ALLIANCE, U.S.A.
- ↵ MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA
- ↵ MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF INDIA.
- ↵ MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DEPT. OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, GOVT. OF INDIA.
- ↵ MARINE PRODUCT EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, GOVT. OF INDIA.
- ↵ SMILE FOUNDATION, INDIA
- ↵ AMERICAN SERVICE TO INDIA, U.S.A.