



Parivartan Mahila Sanstha

# ***Progress Report***

Mokhada  
Village  
Development  
Programme



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Period

*December 2019*

*To*

*April 2020*

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Support

Scan  
Packaging  
Pvt. Ltd.

# Thanks....

***Special thanks to Mr. Rajiv Sir and Scan Packaging Pvt. Ltd. for your valuable contribution in the community development project at Mokhada.***

***Mokhada is the most neglected tribal area and communities staying there are living in miserable conditions, striving for their survival for generations together.***

***Your financial support has enabled the quality implementation of the programmes, generate awareness, empower villagers to demand for employment in their own area and raise voice for their rights.***

***We are highly thankful to you. Your support was crucial to envisage the future of tribal people in Mokhada. We also thankful Mr. Vimalji Kediya for their all kind support and help***

***We hope to continue with your support in future as well.***

***From***

***Parivartan Mahila Sanstha .***



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## 1) Introduction:

It is possible to bring the positive and sustainable changes in the villages only through their effective participation in their own development from planning to effective execution. Parivartan Mahila Sanstha trying to bring sustainable changes in Rural and Tribal parts of Thane and Palghar District. We have identified problems, mobilized people to solve their own problems and tried to find out innovative permanent solutions.

Parivartan Mahila Sanstha is a Non-for-profit organization registered in 2000 by women who were active in social sector in various capacities. The organization is established with the prime focus of women empowerment. Parivartan started their work in Mokhada 4 years back and reached to 70 villages and around 10,000 population. We had implemented various programmes for community development as per the need of community .

Parivartan has made continuous efforts to address varied facets of life. Community participation and holistic development approach are the key word that we use in our organization. all programmes we try to motivate participants, beneficiaries to participate actively in the process of their own development.

We as organization play a role of facilitator and motivator. Our thrust is to make them self-reliant and there should be sustainable development of the society.

To take this work one step ahead Parivartan approached Keshavsrusti Gram Viakas Prakalp for their kind support for the explanation of the programme in Mokhada and after series of discussions we have finalized 15 different villages where Parivartan will expand their work with the help of Keshvsrusti .

## 2) Description of the target area:

PaMokhada block is 100% tribal belt of Thane district. In this taluka there are 26 Grampanchayats . Mokhada is located 200 km from Mumbai. Agriculture is the main source of income for the villagers and most of the villagers migrate to nearby cities, area for finding employment for the remaining 6 months of the year. The migration gives rise to complexity of other problems of education, health and lack of attention towards family members.

### Why Mokhada

- Poverty
- Interior parts of Thane District
- 100% Tribal population
- High Migration creates various problems for women and children – education, health and malnourished.
- Drinking water problem
- Poor quality of education
- Lack of information about laws and schemes.
- Lack of motivation for participation in the process of their own development.

## 3) Objectives:

- To promote quality education and maintaining children in mainstream of education
- To encourage participation of villagers in the process of village development
- To crate awareness about the make the people aware of legal laws facilitating the development of villages

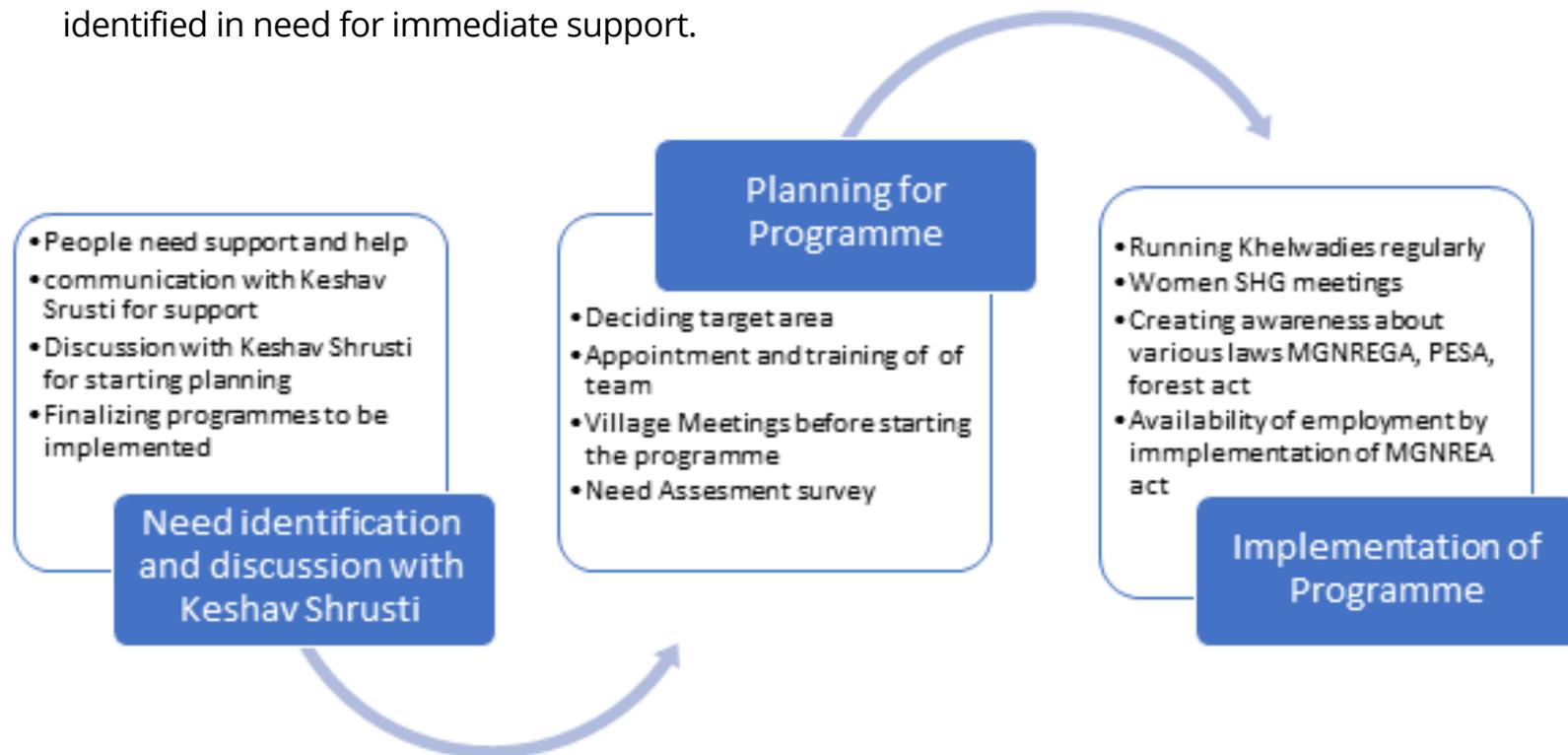
## 4) Details of Selected villages:

Name of village	Grampanchayat	Population
Ranjanpada	Moranda	200
Mujyanchimet	Moranda	504
Jambhlichapada	Moranda	144
Vakichapada	Moranda	388
Pardhyachimet	Poshera	285
Karoli	Aase	480
Kunbipada	Aase	415
Rautpada	Aase	265
Aase	Aase	340
Swaminagar	Aase	650
Ghodipada	Beriste	370
Hattipada	Chas	304
Ghanval	Hirve Ghanval	720
Pasoripada	Beriste	285
Bivalpada	Aase	220



## 5) Progress report :

In the initial stage discussion with Keshav Shruti Gram Vikas Prkalp was done regarding the target area. After some basic need assessment and survey we have finalized the 15 different villages from the Mokhada block where villages were under critical condition and they were identified in need for immediate support.



### 5.1 Initial Community Meeting

In the initial phase total 37 meetings were conducted in these 15 villages and more than 2,070 villagers participated in the meetings. Due to these meetings rapport was established and helped us in increasing buy-in, ownership and we feeling among the villagers. These meetings laid down the foundation for smooth functioning of all the programmes implemented by team members.





## **5.2) Khelwadi :**

Khelwadi is a unique school plus programme (after or before school) For 2 hours daily from Monday to Saturday For primary school students of 1st to 4th Std. I

It was observed that due to various reasons children from remote areas remain deprived of quality education .They need to get an appropriate channel to build up their abilities, stimulate their creative thinking & build up the overall personality. It will help to reduce the gap between the quality education provided in urban & rural areas. Considering this need Khelwadi project was implemented to provide supportive education & focus on the overall development of children.

Our aim is to provide supportive coaching classes to improve the reading, speaking & writing skills, communication skills, to help children learn mathematical, scientific concepts in simpler way etc. Besides this khelwadi provide them an opportunity to develop their potentials, chance to participate in each & every activity, help them build leadership skills, develop coping mechanisms & gain confidence to face the society in a more positive way.

Khelwadi not only helped them to improve the academic performance but also it helped children build up personality to deal with life situation more positively. Strategy of learn with fun has enhanced the interest of children. Special syllabus and different teaching techniques are two important aspects of the Khelwadi which we developed after considering the needs of the children.

At present we are running 15 khelwadies and total 488 children are benefited from the same.. Children call facilitator as “Dada” (Brother). Children attend the khelwadi regularly.

Parents meeting were conducted as per need of each khelwadi . Till now 29 meetings were conducted. In that team member explained parent about their child's overall performance and what is the role of parent in education.

Innovative games, songs and educational tools are developed for this purpose. This tools are made of utilizing locally available materials



Rautpada and Kumbhipada Parents expressed in the parents meeting ,  
“Earlier children were not studying after coming back to home from school  
but now they study at home regularly. Their inclination for reading and  
writing is enhanced and we observed that their confidence of  
communicating with others is increased” They also thank supporters of  
Khelwadi for starting this at their village .





### **5.3 ) Self Help Groups**

Parivartan believe that every individual has power and capacity to develop. It is only push, motivation and moral support that everyone requires to bring change in the lives. We cater these needs of the women and give them feeling that they can change their world, come out of poverty, can bring positive changes in village governance. To start this process of making women active in village development process, we started forming Self Help Groups ( SHGs) in the area.

In these 15 villages 58 groups were formed and started their regular saving. more than 340 women members got activated due to this. Formation of SHGs, regular rapport with the women, monthly meetings with members, bank linkages for business development, communication with Government Authorities are some of the tasks that we perform for SHGs.

One day Special training, Bachat Gat Navi Disha was organized in 8 villages. 26 groups and more than 150 women participated in this. Roles and responsibilities of SHG members, how to conduct meetings, how to participate in village development process are the main focus area for the training. Various different games were designed for this. Apart from this book keeping and how to do it were also explained to some of the members.

Women really enjoyed the session and demanded that such training programme should be organized at least once in three months. This helped us to think how my role is very much important in the village development process and how can I do it.



*Photo of women enjoying in one day training .*

*Monthly Self Help Group Meeting*





*SHGs opened their shop in local weekly hut.*

*Monthly Self Help Group Meeting*





## **5.4) Creating awareness and employment under MGNREGA**

**हमारे गाव मैही मिलेगा काम ....  
हर काम का मिलेगा सही दम**

MGNREG Act , guarantees employment to each and every individual above age of 18. But as people are not aware about the law and hence migrate for 6 to 7 months for employment in nearby cities. Parivartan team member created awareness about the Act and how they can get benefited from it. In the beginning more than 29 meetings were conducted in all these villages and around 1500 villagers were participated. We spend around one and half month for creating rigorous awareness and preparing villagers to use this act as tool for getting employment at their doorstep.

In the implementation of act first thing comes as demand for work. Acts provides work only for thoes people who demand the work.

So after creating awareness we started filling up form no 4 in every village. in this period of 2 to 3 months more than 900 villagers submitted their demand for work and more than 744 villagers got employment at their village level for the period 8 days to 21 days.

This was really surprising event for them as they haven't received such work for last many years. The confidence among them had boosted and now they know how to apply for the same. Villagers shared that nobody reached us to provide such important information. So this will now help us to reduce migration upto some level. They were very thankful to Scan Packing Pvt Ltd. for supporting this programme through Parivartan Mahila Sanstha and creating job opportunities at their village



*Village level awareness meeting*



*Women Participating in MGNREGA Work at village*

*Creating awareness at the place of work*



## **5.5) Forest Act**

Forest is the resource of tribal communities for many items required for their daily survival. Act has been passed in 2006, but people are not aware about the act and have to fight with local authorities. So team members started creating awareness about various provisions of act which protects villagers and provide rights to utilize the resources in better way without harming the forest.

37 new files were prepared and submitted to District Forest Department for getting rights of their agriculture land. Followup with 74 villager done with the department and their GPS mapping of land was done. 88 people from 5 villages have submitted appeal applications to claim their forest right. People shared that they had submitted the files to department 8 to 10 years back and now with the support of organisation they hope of getting their rights back.

## **5.6) PESA Gramsabha**

The fundamental spirit of the PESA (Panchayat Extension to Schedule Areas) Act for tribal areas is that it devolves power and authority to Gram Sabha and Panchayats rather than delegation; hence it paves way for participatory democracy. It also helps to make Gram Sabha to function as Institutions of Local Self Governance, specifically on matters of enforcing prohibition of sale and consumption of intoxicant; ownership of minor forest produce; power to prevent alienation of land and restoration of unlawfully alienated land, management of village markets, control over money lending, etc.

Team members had created awareness about the Act and motivating villagers for organizing independent Gramsabha in the villages. In 6 villages villagers organised Gramsabha independently and started planning for their social and economic development, identifying beneficiaries for different programme, planning of funds received under the Act.



## **5.7) Staff Training and meeting**

Team development is very important part of the any programme implementation. Parivartan Mahila Sanstha organised periodic training programmes for the team members.

IN the initial phase orientation about organisation, its approaches, who we work , basic knowledge of various laws applicable to tribal area, rules of SHGs formation etc was conducted.

Few training programmes for developing skills of team members related to how to communicate effectively with villagers, establishing rapport, conducting meetings, sharing information were also done.

in all 4 training programmes in this period was organised .

Apart from that weekly meetings were also conducted with all team members were also done to take regular updates and planning about the plogramme.



## **6) Achievements so Far :**

This work has encouraged participation of villagers. All people in villages have started coming together. The SHG's not functional for many years have become functional now. SHGs started their own business and also linked with Panchayat System for getting rolling funds.

People became aware of forest act and its implementation. More than 210 villagers have collected the documents and submitted it to the Forest department.

The migration is reduced by ensuring the execution of Employment Guarantee Scheme. More than 900 filled form no.4 and demanded that they required work in their villages. 744 villagers got People have got the employment in their own villages. Through creating awareness about PESA, the villagers are coming proactively together to plan for Gramsabhas (village meetings). For this purpose letterheads have been printed in some of these villages.

The Khelwadi project implemented in 15 villages with 488 students and received a very positive response. The no. of children going to school and their regularity has increased. Their inclination for reading and writing is enhanced and we observed that their confidence of communicating with others increased. .

