

# Seva Sangama Development Society

SevaSangama Development Society is a non-government volunteer organization in Gulbarga district of Karnataka which has come into existence in 2006 as a response to the problems of the marginalized and backward sections of the community especially for the upliftment of the rural women . It is the wish of the organization to extend its services to many more in and around Northern Karnataka. In recent years the importance is given for Disability rehabilitation and the issues they face in day to day life. Currently SevaSangama in association with its sister organization ORBIT (Organization of Bidar Integral Transformation) has stretched its wings in Bidar, Kalburgi, Yadgiri and Bijapur.

## Vision:

*Seva Sangama visualizes a transformed Society based on equality, justice and love.*

## Mission:

*To facilitate the empowerment of the most marginalized through participatory development, capacity building and right based actions leading to self-reliance and social dignity.*

The following are the projects at hand during 2014-2015

- ❖ WEP women empowerment Program
- ❖ WME women in Micro enterpris
- ❖ CBRF Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation
- ❖ Paushtik
- ❖ Livelihood

## Auditors:

*Mr. Rodrigues & D'Souza  
Chartered Accountants  
Mangalore*

## Women Empowerment Program

Sevasangama is responding to the needs of the women from the remote villages, concentrating on the upliftment of the poorest women. Under this programme, women are organized with the concept of Self Help Group (SHG) through which the integral development is aimed. At present there are more than 154 SHGs active in the project area. While working for the socio economic growth of the members through thrift and credit, the rights based approach is used to get the benefits of various developmental schemes. Networking with the stake holders are the strategies used for the social, political, cultural, economic and educational development. The women are thus empowered, and they are becoming the agents of social change.

This programme has increased women's leadership, enlarged economic opportunities, stopped gender based violence, brought women and children into peace and security processes, lead women into political leadership. Many women have acquired skills and confidence to advocate their priorities. Women speak up boldly asking for their services. They do mobilize efforts to prevent child marriages and promote education to every girl child. Today 51 SHG's have been capacitated to maintain account. Majority of SHG members sign their names. A few help in the midday meal programme, 15 women are members of SDMC, 5 women are ASHA Workers. 10 women are elected as secretaries, president in Panchayat level. Sevasangama caters in the 3 talukas namely Gulbarga, Sedam and Aland.

## CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD, WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

"When you empower a women, you empower an economy and a nation", said Cherie Blair, wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. And rightly so, as she devotes 90 per cent of her time and resources into her family which has a ripple effect on the community and society at large.

It was with this spirit our SHG group members at Gulbarga celebrated this women's day. To mark the International Women's Day Sevsangama celebrated the womens day on the 18th March 2015. Bishop Robert Miranda, DCPU Santosh kulkarni, Fr. Bapu, Mrs Merli, President of Women's Commission Kalburgi, Sr. Ida and other dignitaries were present. Talking to women Bishop Robert expressed his joy of the women's participation in all the fields. He appreciated the initiatives of Sevsangama in women empowerment and asked women to liberate themselves and thus they can liberate the world at large. The active participation of women in sports and cultural programmewas sign of leadership and unity that bonded them together. All the dignitaries spoke about the opportunities that are available for women and urged them to get it. Nearly 150 women were gathered and experienced a joy filled time.



Women were told about various options they had if they face domestic violence, police helpline numbers and other organizations they can approach for help in such circumstances.

By the end of the programme, some of the members agreed to form a committee of women workers for finding solutions to societal problems affecting them. They emerged as a united force to take the challenges ahead.

## WME : Women in Micro Enterprises

SevaSangama is committed to the growth and well-being of all people, especially those sections that are marginalized and those that need special attention. In our society the norms and traditions actively constrain opportunities for girls and women. Responding to this need increasing the economic empowerment was inevitable.

No	Details	
1	No of Panchayats	07
2	Villages	18
3	No of SHGs covered	19
4	No of MahaNagarapalike	02
5	Number of Beneficiaries	114

In this connection SSDS has worked with the women, differently abled, children and others enabling them to earn their living through WME programme.

To meet this cause, SSDS in collaboration with SAMRUDI has distributed loan to a number of women. SAMRUDI provides the loan and SSDS trains, manages, gives leadership and looks into all details

connected with this WME Project. Ever since a number of women have received loan, used it for small scale business and benefitted in life. 49 women from talukas were benefitted from it.

### Statistics

No	Type of Micro Enterprise	No of beneficiaries
1	General Store	3
2	Flower Shop	1
3	Tailoring	31
4	Cloth Shop	3
5	Mill	1
6	Goat rearing	6
7	Tea Shop	4
8	Cycle Shop	1
9	Bangle Shop	1
10	Fruit Shop	1
11	Provision Store	3
12	Animal Husbandry	49
13	Rotti Shop	1
14	Vegetable Shop	8
Total		114

## Success Story

# WE CAN DO IT...!

Name: Sangamma

Village: Kotnoor (D)

SHG: Jai Bhavani Mahila SHG a model to many of the women of Gulbarga. It is not that she has done wonders in her life. But she has done small wonders in her own way. Sangamma lives in Kotnoor (D) with her husband, who earns little more than 3 thousand rupees per month. This meager income is not enough to maintain the family of 5, of whom 3 study in school. Though financially poor, Sangamma's determination was rich. She started to work and earn some money. But the determination in her was great that she wanted to achieve something in life and move up the ladder.

She joined the SHG, in her village. She began to save little by little. And she availed the bank loan and bought a buffalo. Slowly by silently she was earning little more than usual. At this time, SSDS selected her, seeing her grit and determination, to give the SAMRUDI loan. And with this loan and with the savings she had made, she bought another buffalo and a pair of goats. Today she has a steady income, which allows her to manage the expenses of the family and education, without any difficulty. She has decided to do more than what she has done, with the little savings she does now. May her efforts bear fruit.



## CBRF: Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation

The differently-abled aren't that different; all they need is the right guidance and training to help bring out their latent potential. Our Special unit focuses on reaching out, training and rehabilitating children with special needs by offering services, such as – Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Pre-Vocational/Vocational Training. Sevasangama took up the Community Based Rehabilitation programme for the persons with Disabilities in 10 panchayats of Kalaburgi and 4 panchayats in Sedam Taluka. There are 1250 disabled enrolled under this programme. To promote their unity and empowerment they are organized into 15 DPO's through which they can be powerful advocates of their own issues and rights. 'Barriers Break when we talk'. Understanding the social stigma we have initiated home based intervention to the Children with disability through which efforts are put to create a healthy acceptable disable friendly environment for the normal upbringing of every disabled child. Under this programme we have 23 children who are taken care by Sevasangama.

### Activities

- Regular Balavikasa and PHC meetings
- Parents workshop
- Training for the speech and hearing persons
- Training for the DPO
- Networking meetings with like minded organization
- VRW and MRW workshops

Statistical Data of Gulbarga taluka															
Sl. No	Types of disability	0-5		6-14		15-18		19-59		60+		total			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
1	Blindness	1	0	8	4	1	3	13	10	3	0	26	17		
2	Low vision	2	1	4	2	4	2	14	6	2	4	26	15		
3	Leprosy cured	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	4		
	Hearing impairment	4	3	11	16	5	6	32	16	2	2	54	43		
5	Locomotors Disability	3	3	30	21	25	16	205	99	22	18	285	157		
6	Mental illness	2	1	17	9	4	5	15	15	0	0	38	30		
7	Mental retardation	0	0	3	4	2	2	9	3	1	0	15	9		
8	Autism	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2		
9	Cerebral palsy	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	4		
10	Multiple disability	5	0	9	10	7	1	12	6	1	0	34	17		
11	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	TOTAL	17	8	84	67	48	36	301	160	34	27	484	298		
	TOTAL MALE	149								335				782	
	TOTAL FEMALE	111								187					

### Statistical Data of Sedam taluka

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	0 - 5		6 - 14		15 - 18		19 - 59		60 +		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	Blindness	0	2	2	2	0	1	14	7	2	1	18	13
2	Low vision	0	2	5	5	1	4	8	5	0	2	14	18
3	Leprosy cured	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	1
4	Hearing impairment	6	1	10	7	7	7	19	23	1	0	43	38
5	Locomotor disability	8	3	10	8	8	9	115	59	16	7	157	86
6	Mental illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
7	Mental retardation	3	1	8	6	2	4	11	8	3	0	27	19
8	Autism	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
9	Cerebral Palsy	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	6	1
10	Multiple Disabilities	1	0	3	0	1	2	4	4	1	1	10	7
11	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		19	9	41	29	20	28	177	109	25	11	282	186
Total Male		80						202				468	
Total Female		66						120					



## Reaching out Step By Step...



Training for parents of the disabled children under the category of MR, MD, Autism, CP and SHI at Sevasangama. Mr. Suresh, Mrs Renuka and Mr. Ambadas were the resource persons. Parents and guardians of the CWD's were given inputs on how to deal with their children. Practical sessions with action plans helped the parents to work with their children for better response.

## ENABLING SKILLS to be ABLE—

Village Disabled People Organizations (VDPO) had a one day skilled training on Agarbathi and candle making in SEDAM Sevasangama in collaboration with Siddhartha speech and hearing school motivated SH children to join the School in Kalburgi

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## A new ray of HOPE...

The tireless effort of the animators of CBRF has included the differently abled who were excluded in the family and society. The regular visit to these families made it possible that mentally ill also can do their basic activities without anyone's help. Few of the PWD were given aid from the organization in order to make their life a comfortable one to move around.

## JOB PLACEMENT...



5 of the DPO (Disabled Persons Organisation) members participated in the job placement training organised by ADP (the Association for the Disabled Person) and District Disabled Welfare Office Gulbarga from which 2 have been selected for the 2 months training and followed by job at Bengaluru. Wishing them bright future and success In life.

## World Disable Day

World Disabled Day was celebrated in Sevasangama on the 9th of December 2014. DWD Mallanna Desai, Bishop Robert Miranda, Fr. Bapu Spoke on the issues pertaining to disabled Persons. There were 60 participants. A day's workshop was conducted for the leaders of Disable person's organization and For the parents of the lifting barriers by the resource persons.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Towards leadership.....

Name :Gemu

Age: 36

Panchayath :Bategera (B)

Disability :Locomotor

Gemu lives in Bategera B with his wife and three children. His wife and first child is disabled too. His life is an inspiration for many. He was born lame and had to struggle hard to get educated. With the help of his parents and neighbours he studied upto 7<sup>th</sup> standard. After that the movement became very difficult so he stopped studying and remained at home.

He got married and had three children and the living became difficult as they depended upon only on the pension they get from the

Government. CBRW Swapna motivated him to enroll himself in some livelihood activities and he attended a training for Cycle repair. Today he repairs cycles at his home and earns his living.

Gemu is very actively leads the DPO. As president he helps other PWD's/CWD's to get their entitlements. He leads the PWD's to the door of panchayat and motivated them to ask for their share and avoided an unjust distribution of MLA Fund . 80 PWD's received Rs. 1500/- which would otherwise given for some people only by the VRW. Gemu is very confident to go to the government systems and ask for their rights. He is happy and wants to see every disabled independent and happily living.



## Born to make a difference with

This is Neethu born to make a difference on the 10th of June 1995 at Honnakirana from Gulbarga district. She is the youngest daughter and sister to her daughter and parent's .she belongs to the Lingayat 3b cast and follows Hindu rituals. She is blessed with 2brothers and a sister whose love towards her is without boundary. She successfully completed her primary and high school education in the government school nearby her home and put an end to the studies as there weren't any schools close by.

Neetu's day starts at 8 in the morning and ends 10 at night. Her eldest brother carries in his arms gently and takes her wherever she is in need off. Never she felt lonely or left out. There was not even a single day where her father and brother said No to any of the things that she asked for. In her school days her journey was taken care by the maids. She proved to be one of the best students in spite of her disability. There was not a single competition without the presence of Neetu except the dance. She always stood first in speech and art competitions. She feels proud of her teachers and friends who patiently listened to her ,spend time with her in teaching the subjects in which she needed special attention. When it was asked whether she felt bored or had the desire while others were enjoying their play she gladly said why should I be sad in thinking of the achievements which are beyond my imagination'.

During the day she spends time in watching TV, having fun and laughter with her niece and nephew at home, painting, writing down her poems, decorating the nails and applying various types of mehendi. Her parents and sister in law are the best friends.

Her left hand was fractured several years ago due to which she is unable to force herself and she also gets back ache if she sits longer. Her future dreams and desire is that to publish her book and sell the paintings and become inspiration to many. Her smile wipes the tears of many... and gives hope to live.

Sevasangama wishes all the very best to her and assures its support in whichever way possible.



# Livelihood: UJJIVANA Program

This project aims at improving the sustainable livelihood skills and practices in Gulbarga Taluka. The project is implemented since October 2014 in 4 panchayats including 10 villages. through this programme the most needy women are trained in different livelihood activities such as Tailoring, Candle making, Agarbatti making, Chalk making, Eatables and other small Income generating programmes are encouraged to make the women self-sufficient.

## STATISTICS OF THE PROJECT AREA

District	Block name	Panchayat	Village	Target House Hold	Population		Total Popn
					M	F	
			#	#			#
Gulbarga	Gulbarga	Nandur. K	Dharmapur	101	149	118	267
			Nandur. K	49	90	103	193
			Sitnoor	67	172	163	335
			Udnoor	50	123	90	213
		Farthabad	Farthabad	90	185	178	363
			Nandikur	88	191	178	369
		Honnakirangi	Kotnoor	110	189	141	330
			Nanganhalli	148	284	303	587
			Honnakirangi	106	264	241	505
	Thilligol	101	187	201	388		
		Total	910	1834	1716	3550	

## Goal of the project

910 Marginalized households of 10 villages in 6 blocks of Gulbarga districts in Karnataka state have ensured sustainable livelihood opportunities through organic farming and by attaining their legitimate rights and entitlements.

## Objectives

Basic Rights & Entitlements: 637 (70% of 910 HH) marginalized families will have 50 % increase in access to various Government schemes by the end of March 2017.

Livelihood: 728 (80%) Marginalized households of Gulbarga district will have increased income up to 50% through sustainable agriculture and other livelihood options by the end of March 2017.

Institutional Development: Sevasangama will have operational systems and procedures related to institutional development (HR/Gender/Finance/PME) and have enhanced their performance in facilitating linkages, leveraging resources by community by the end of March 2017.

## ACTIVITIES

A whole day Training program was conducted for women SHGs on economic development through self-employment, in collaboration with MSME, and SevaSangama. 125 members were the participants. It was based on micro finance, how to get subsidies from the banks, and special attention was given towards farmers to raise their living standard by introducing various schemes from the government.



## Mashakan Bai ...

As Henry David Thoreau says Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it...this was very true in the life of Mashakan bai belong to Aminabi Self Help Group at Parthabad. She imagined that womb to tomb could be her struggle and for many years didn't find way to let out of herself. But she didn't stop dreaming. Meanwhile the presence of Sevasangama animators changed the whole episode of life. After getting to know her life, they encouraged her to join the Self help groups through which she could be motivated.

She was regular to the meetings and cooperated to the norms of the organization. She expressed her desire of starting a bangal shop and she was given loan of 15,000/-

She was married to Abdul Sab who was also not able raise the family. But it was when Mashakan b became independent she could reach out her husband to run a cycle shop.



# Paustik:

**The goal of the project:** To demonstrate sustainable approaches and strategies to reduce the prevalence of "Malnutrition among vulnerable groups.

The programme aims at building sustainable community resilience to mitigate malnutrition among the children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. Sevasangama intervenes in 10 panchayats of 48 villages.

## WORKING AREA

DISTRICT	TALUK	GRAM PANCHAYATHS	VILLAGES
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	10	48
		1.Sharanasirasagi	Sharanasirasagi, Ambedkar colony, Sirasagithanda, Hadagile, Hadagilethanda, Kollur.
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	2.Parthabad	Parthabad, Thadathgnoor.
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	3.Kusnoor	Kusnoor, Kusnoorthanda, Siddeshawara colony, Nrapatunga.
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	4)Hagaraga,	Kajakottanur, Hagaraga,
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	5)Nandikoor	Kotnoor, Nandikur, Nandikoor-Thanda, Naganahalli, Udnoor, Udnoorthanda, Seethnoor.
GULBARGA		6) Honnakiranagi	Honnakiranagi
GULBARGA	GULBARGA	7) Nandur K	Nandur K, Nandur K thanda, Nandur B, Nandur B thanda, Kesaratagi, Nandur B, Nandur B thanda, Dharmapur, DharmapurThanda, Kesaratagithanda, BapuNayakanthanda, FayilThanda.
		8) Kanadale	Kanadale, Seernoor, Panegav, Itga K, panegav, Thanda, KanadaleThanda.
		9) Sardagi	Sardagi, Thiligule, Balwade.
		10) Phirozabad	Firozabad, FeetaFirozabada, Nadisitanurkani, Somanathanhalli, Nadisitenur, Hasanapur,



## ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Awareness on importance of nutrition food
- ◆ Training on personal health and hygiene
- ◆ Awareness on MCH (Mother & Child Health) & RCH (Reproductive Child Health)
- ◆ Training on preparation of nutritious food
- ◆ Health campaign
- ◆ Health camps
- ◆ Awareness on prevention & curing measures, home remedies, herbal medicine
- ◆ Training for community health workers
- ◆ Training for ASHA workers and linkage programme
- ◆ Awareness on gender equality
- ◆ Linkages to health departments and health schemes



## Flash back of the year...

### FBO(FAITH BASED ORGANIZATION) MEET

On 13 August 2014 Social development commission headed by Fr. Bapu organized a daysprogramme for all the faith based Organization at Sevasangama. 19 members from 16 faith based organizations were present for the Same.Fr. Bapu collectively welcomed all the participants by offering a plant which was circulated to all the members present .Fr. Faustine facilitated the session on networking and urged the FBOs to join hand with Diocese in eliminating the suffering . The interactive session triggered response from the participants which resulted in outlining the strategic plan of action for denary level network committee formation.

### BLOOD DONATION CAMP-2015



On the occasion of Martyrs day Sevasangama Organized a Blood Donation camp at St. Mary's Church Auditorium on 30-1-2015. V.K. K Nadimpally the assistant director of MSME – Development institute inaugurated the camp and joyfully donated the blood. Fr. Sunil welcomed the guests and all those who were gathered. Addressing to the donors Fr. Bapu appreciated their good will and thanked all the donors. 61 donors donated blood. The camp continued till 4. 30 pm. All the donors were given a certificate of appreciation.

## MANOS UNIDAS VISITS SEVASANGAMA

On 11.11.2014 two representatives of Manos Unidas, Eva and Theresa visited Sevasangama . A small programme was held at Farhabad by the SHG women for which Fr. Babu , Sr. Roopa and PDOs were present. Fr. Babu Introduced the the representatives of Manos Unidas to the gathering and thanked for their great deal of contribution in the growth and empowerment of the rural women. Theresa and Eva interacted with the women and were happy about their performances and encouraged them to be assertive in the society. Joyfully the SHGs women shared their achievements and expressed their desire to come up in life..The growth and development of their villages promoting economical , educational , social, political and cultural empowerment among the poor was acknowledged and appreciated by all those who gathered.

## BLOCK PLACEMENT OF MSW STUDENTS:




There were 4 students from Gulbarga university were placed in Sevasangama for their 3months of experience with the people of rural Gulbarga and other parts of the district. The action plans were set and extra focus was given by the staff to achieve their goals.

**SEVA SANGAMA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**  
**NEAR KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, KOTANUR D VILLAGE, NANDIKUR POST**  
**JEVARGI ROAD, GULBARGA - 585102**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015.**

PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE NO	₹
<b>I. Receipts :</b>		
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	1	618996.05
Donations		75769.00
Donations towards Specific Purposes / Projects	2	246860.00
IGP Support		1245000.00
Public Provident Fund Collected		3960.00
Bank Interest	3	26104.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2216689.05</b>
<b>II. Payments :</b>		
Administrative Expenses	4	40108.00
IGP Support Utilized		1245000.00
Public Provident Fund Remitted		3960.00
Community Based Rehabilitation Activities	5	108360.00
Livelihood	6	1950.00
Community Based Rehabilitation Activities -Sedam	7	53000.00
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	8	764311.05
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2216689.05</b>

Per report of even date  
For Rodrigues & D'Souza  
Chartered Accountants

  
**Edmond D'Souza**  
Partner



  
Secretary



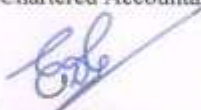
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**NEAR KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, KOTANUR D VILLAGE, NANDIKUR POST**  
**JEVARGI ROAD, GULBARGA - 585102**  
**FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015.**

PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE NO	AMOUNT IN ₹
<b>I. Receipts :</b>		
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	1	2725543.00
Donation towards Specific Purposes / Projects	2	2015086.00
Bank Interest	3	98202.00
P.P.F Collected		44030.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>4882861.00</u></b>
<b>II. Payments :</b>		
Expenses Incurred Towards Specific Purposes	4	3176655.00
P.P.F Remitted		44030.00
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	5	1662176.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>4882861.00</u></b>

Per report of even date  
For Rodrigues & D'Souza  
Chartered Accountants

  
**Edmond D'Souza**  
Partner



  
Secretary

Place : Mangaluru  
Dated : 14.08.2015

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JEVARGI ROAD, GULBARGA - 585102

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015.


PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE NO	AMOUNT IN ₹
<b>I. Receipts :</b>		
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	1	3344539.05
Donation Received towards Specific Purposes	2	2261946.00
Donations		75769.00
Bank Interest	3	124306.00
IGP Support		1245000.00
Public Provident Fund		47990.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7099550.05</b>
<b>II. Payments :</b>		
Expenses Incurred towards Specific Purposes	4	3339965.00
Administrative Expenses	5	40108.00
IGP Support Utilized		1245000.00
Public Provident Fund Remitted		47990.00
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	6	2426487.05
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7099550.05</b>

Significant Accounting Policies - As per Schedule.

Per report of even date

For Rodrigues & D'Souza

Chartered Accountants

  
Edmond D'Souza  
Partner



  
Secretary

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