



**SHIVI DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
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ABOUT US:

Shivi Development Society (SDS) is a civil society organization, cravings to positively impact the lives and improve the quality of living of poor and marginalized sections of the society. SDS efforts on the issues of child development, human rights and good governance and promotion of people's participation with gender as a cross-cutting theme. SDS fosters awareness and capacity building through pieces of training and experience sharing workshops. Besides, SDS undertakes direct community outreach programs including participatory research, analysis, and grass-roots action

OUR VISION:

Shivi Development Society visualizes a pluralistic society based on the values of human dignity, justice, and gender equity. We believe that every individual must have access to their basic human rights.

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to uplift marginalized women, children, and youth through capacity building of its partner communities by using the rights-based approach so that they can achieve a sustainable well being.

OUR CORE AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

1. Community Engagement and Outreach Intervention:

SDS takes on engaging with communities either directly or through its partner organizations to understand the existing realities within the communities and to identify the gaps. Targeted interventions and Community Outreach are then undertaken to support the development of the communities inclusively and holistically.

2. Capacity Building:

SDS carries out capacity building initiatives within communities to enhance the community's ability to access their rights, efficiently organize themselves, leadership training, and pieces of training for community empowerment to support community-based development. This approach further extends to the promotion of initiatives, directly or through its partners, to enable self-help groups that empower and build resilient communities and create opportunities for access to sustainable means of livelihoods.

3. Policy Research and Advocacy:

By keeping in mind our vision and mission, we undertake academic and policy-oriented research on important issues directly related to its thematic focus. Based on these findings, SDS follows up extensive advocacy on the concern issues to a variety of target audiences specifically a focus on the community itself with the help of our sister organization, IPAC. Other than this, we also promote education within the communities to equip their capability of comprehensive decision-making.

Over the past years, SDS has been bringing out several publications, concept notes on women in the security sector, training manuals, etc.

4. Coalition Building and Networking:

We have been initiating a coalition with like-minded civil society organizations (CSO's) to mobilize and empower the community to egalite societies effectively as well as we have been extensively engaging with them to get their support in facilitating policy dialogues and policy change. Another core strategy of SDS is networking with Parliamentarians to initiate effective policy change..

WHAT WE DO:

WOMENEMPOWERMENT

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

1. Women's empowerment:

Of all the interventions and policies of SDS, Women empowerment and gender justice is the core program and cross-cutting strategy of our organization. Women Empowerment program domain is our organization value. We the team of SDS strongly believes that the women's environment is vital to sustainable development and course of action to let the society realized human rights for all. And we are focusing on three main areas.-

a). Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs)-

Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) are people who work towards defending the rights of marginalized sections specifically women. They are influenced to involve in these particular activities by their own life experiences and by their strong belief in Women's human rights. SDS is working with several village communities at the grassroots level with strong support from WHRDs on rights-based issues particularly with women to equip their leadership and articulation skills of the said women through various activities like training for capacity building, workshops, advocacy, and campaign so that they can fight for their rights and usually women participants in this program are individuals, human rights activists and members of women organizations. SDS is currently working with Women Human Rights Defenders in Chhattisgarh.

b). Women in Governance (WinG):

In 2009, Women in Governance (WinG) program was initiated with threefold objectives to enhance women's participation and representation in political and administrative spaces, to review customary law and practices from the perspective of their impact on the rights of women, and to build leadership among women. The program was first implemented by SDS very effectively in the state of Assam with result-oriented in a high level of ownership of the process among the women groups working at field level. The program also made legal interventions to deal with incidences of violence against women along with a legal cell was set up to provide legal support to women in distress. As a result of this success story of Assam, initiatives were undertaken on similar lines in other states, especially Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with local civil society organizations including Mahila Swarozgar Samiti (MSS) and Prayatan.

c). Promotion of Women Livelihood:

SDS takes initiatives to impact a group(s) of women with low incomes positively. Our organization offers them the opportunity of learning skills like tailoring and crafts. Besides, we also provide basic business training to the target group of women to help them make most of their loans that otherwise are impossible from the banks because we want to promote the economic participation of women, gender equality, and to improve the economic welfare of women. Our program does not only support women but also adolescent girls (both schools going and dropouts) to enhance their vocational skills like tailoring, crafts, and education in computer use, including basics IT, accounting, etc. so that they can increase their employability in both formal and informal market sector.

2. Child Development:

SDS plays a major role in child protection and for their wellbeing by following the framework of rights provided under the Child Rights Convention. SDS inform children and young people of their rights to be protected from abuse or neglect and of the avenues for

support available to them as well as provides care to children and young people. SDS also involved in undertaking theme-specific research and reporting at the responsible department so that children can access their welfare services that are their rights.

3. Youth empowerment:

The third area of programmatic interventions of our organization is Youth Empowerment where we reach out to youth to avail of all possible opportunities for their fullest personality development, setting their platform so that they can involve a constructive role on a range of social, economic and environmental issues. In the year gone by, SDS has worked with UN-Habitat in a project for youth development in Delhi. This program was the first of its kind as it looked for a sustainable solution to help the youth. This program domain intended to create maximum opportunities for the urban Youth (both genders), who faced several challenges in their education due to economic and social constraints. The main goal was to successfully work towards the attainment of UN Millennium Development Goals of youth empowerment.

Another element of work with the youth is in the area of prevention of reproductive health of adolescent girls and young women as well as we are continuously engaged in health awareness among school children through special health camps, campaigns, and seminars in the schools of Delhi. SDS has been carrying out this activity for more than 10 years, and the demand from the target group of this activity is seen increasing.

ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN DURING 2018-2019:

1. State-level workshop on Women Human Rights Defenders:

The three days workshop on Women Human Rights Defenders was conducted at Xavier Institute of Social Action, Raipur, and Chhattisgarh from 3rd August to 5th August 2018 by SDS. The workshop was inaugurated by Varsha Mishra (SP CG Police) along with Vidhya Rajput (a member of the third gender community) and Ms. Richa Amit Jogi (Politics). Different sessions were conducted on different topics by resource persons. The very first session was started by Mrs. DurgaJha [center head of MahasamudSakhi Centre] on the main agenda of ONE STOP CENTRE. After her session, another discussion on sustainable development and how can we utilize our natural resources without their exploitation was carried out by Sebastian Lakra. Later, Miss. VarnitaSinduriya also discussed the major challenges faced by women human rights defenders with the participants. A detailed session focusing on Access to justice was also conducted by Mrs. Rajni Soren. At last Mr. Anil Pushdkar also discussed the topic of access to media. The closing ceremony of that fruitful workshop was commenced by SukhnandanRathore, MilineKhurre (SP Railway), UrmilaSengupta (Oxfam).

2.2 days of Staff Training Meeting:

A two days Staff training cum meeting was organized on 8th and 9th September 2018 at Indian Social Institute, Lodi Road with the agenda to discuss the work which we are currently undergoing and to plan work for the upcoming six months. The session was initiated with the introduction of all participants followed by an inquiry session by Mr.Narendra Kumar about the ongoing project. The session was an opened discussion with all participants. Few suggestions were suggested by the participants and they are-

- 1. Campaign:** To conduct meetings with boys in colleges so that they will also involve in the welfare of society.
- 2. District Profile:** To find the information regarding each block (like no. of police stations, protection officer, no. of Anganwadi, etc.) to start the work properly.
- 3. Fellowship:** To finalize the fellows of Dantewada and Jagdalpur till the last week of October and lastly
- 4. Collaboration:** To collaborate with some government organizations and NGO's to expand our work.

Later, the responsibilities of the team members were also decided and are -

1. Anima should visit at the block by Anima along with fellows regularly as well as she should prepare women's Manifesto draft for all the candidates of different parties.
2. Preparation of the list of all media reporters of each district of the state.
3. Should conduct a meeting in Raipur in the first week of November regarding manifesto that needs to be released. The meeting should include media reporters.
4. Spreading awareness among the Anganwadi workers' groups

Ms.Laxmi Thakur also appreciated Shivi development society for working towards social welfare and also making her the part of our organization.

3. State Level Meeting on Gender-Based Violence: 16 Days of Activism:

A State Level Meeting on 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence was conducted on 15th December 2018 at Xavier Institute of Social Actions (XISA) by SDS to make women aware of the international campaigns and experience sharing with our organization. Starting from police officers to media persons, the workshop was attended by many persons from different districts of Chhattisgarh from Raipur, Mahasamund, Kanker, Kondagoan, Narayanpur, Bastar, and Dantewada. The session was started with ASP, SukvinderRathor, he motivated and extended his warm hand towards women participants with an assurance that the police are always there for them in any situation. A warrior from the Third gender community named Miss.Vidhya Rajput also shared the heartfelt life incidence that is the reason for her being a supporter of other women. Also, an interesting small game session was conducted by Mrs. Pratibha Mishra (university representative) to explain the women participants about Gender justice and we all know that through games we can learn things easily with fun. Later, a presentation on the #HearMeToo campaign was also presented by one resource person. Since time media memorial, media plays an important role in social and political issues, a Media person named Mrs. Ambika Mishra (Zee Media) also talked about how media can influence social work and social workers.

Lastly, an open discussion session was done with revolving around the four broadly objectives of that meeting and such are to consolidate mobilization of all communities in the state of Chhattisgarh to promote collective responsibility to fight against gender-based violence, to encourage Society to acknowledge that gender justice is every body's business, to build a network of individuals and organizations committed to creating a society free of violence against women and girls and to create opportunities for dialogue between activists and policymakers, private sector organizations and the public. This open discussion was initiated by Mr. Rajesh Singh Sisodiya and followed by an experience sharing session by Mrs. Hemlata Rajput, Miss. Chanchal, Miss. Santoshi Rathor, Miss. Purnima Sahu, Miss. Laxmi Thakur, Mrs. Esvan Patel, Miss. Varinta Sinduriya, Miss. Yachna Sinhsar. In the end, they concluded some important concerns for action such are there should be Mahila thana in every district, proper health facilities including female doctors in each district, especially for pregnant women, control alcohol distribution.

4. Annual Meeting:

The two days annual meeting of Shivi Development Society was conducted at Kota, on 26th and 27th December 2018 with an agenda to share the experiences, strengths, observations, weaknesses.

On the very first day, we have discussed the status of Chhattisgarh's WHRDs' current project status. The discussion was initiated by Ms. Anima Beck where she has shared every event conducting during 2018. She has also shared all the challenges faced during the year and besides, she also said that she is working on networking. Apart from sharing experience, a suggestion from her side was to conduct more campaigns on women issues at the community and state level. Later, our Chief functionary, Mr. Narender Kumar also suggested for more campaigns focused on health issues and how we can reach the target audiences of the mentioned issue using IEC materials. The first-day session was concluded with the planning of a new project for the upcoming year.

The second session was a discussion on strengthening and partnership work done by our team during the year. It was focussed on why we need to research other organizations so that we can initiate a coalition with the other like-minded organization as a part of our networking and partnership core areas of intervention.

We also discussed the new projects-

1. Youth awareness campaign-

SDS believes involving youth in our project will help the organization work more effectively because we can find more active defenders out of the youth.

2. Capacity Building and networking-

Capacity building will help our organization open the door of capability as such networking because together is more effective than alone.

3. Website and Newsletter-

We also discussed to work actively on the website so that our work will more visible to the world and to publish our newsletter quarterly because we believe we can shoot out our work through website and newsletter.

5. Regional Level Meeting on Women Security: Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Delhi:

A) Rajasthan:

A meeting focused on women security was conducted in collaboration with CV Raman Sansthan, Kota on 26th December 2018. Our member Mr. Surender Singh Tanwar welcomed all participants with a brief description of women's security as a challenge. Later a presentation on various aspects of women security and #MeToo was done by Mr.Narendra Sharma. Then the discussion was continued by Mrs. Asha Kiran where she shared her experiences on educating women about their rights and her efforts to increase the effectiveness of 16 days of activism also encourage others to participate.

Later, Mrs. Kalpna Sharma also conducted another session on the various problems in women's life. Also, Mr.Avdesh expressed his thoughts that women's issues have been raised by society only neither by the government nor by the political parties.

After spoken on women issues by the above-mentioned resource person, then the discussion was opened for all. One resource person named Mr. Aktar Khan also illustrated some points on the same issues and he suggested that SDS should send a resolution to the government to appoint protection officers at the required places. Keeping the objectives of the meeting in mind, Ms.Meera further took the session forward and discussed what all can we do for women security also she covered many points. She also suggested taking different actions on women's issues according to the problem and how we used the internet, media to tackle the problem of women. Later, Mr. Anima Beck also talked about the various activities which have been doing by SDS in 5 districts of Chhattishgarh. Another lady, Ms. Rachna Bhardwaj also put up her ideas on a problem-related to women's security. Last but not least, Mr. Hanuman Sahay Sharma acknowledged that the organization should go to the ground level for the security of women and should contact the state women commission (SWC) and with this Mr. Surender Singh Tanwar summed up the discussion with a vote of thanks.

B) Chhattisgarh:

On 2nd February 2019, a regional meeting was conducted at Government Gaind Singh College, (Charama) Kanker by the SDS team to make groups aware of Women Security: New Challenges we are facing in our day to day activities. The participants of the session were from different districts of Chhattisgarh including college students and teachers. The meeting was initiated by Dr. Savita Ukei who is the Principal of Government Gaind Singh College. He welcomed the guests and participants with a welcome speech. Just after his

speech, Mr. Hanuman's opened the session with a proper explanation of the motive of the meeting and the working aspects of our organization in detail.

Mr. Rajkumar Netam who is the ASI shared the process of how they tackle the cases that they came across and the participants also shared their journey of how have been treating at the police station with all the other participants.

Another session on 4W and 1H of women's security was conducted by Miss. Anima Beck. In continuation, a group activity was conducted to check the knowledge of the participants that they earned from the previous session.

The last session of the meeting was on the health aspect which was conducted by Miss. Varnita Sinduriya. She explained how to balance physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health aspects Through her session she was trying to make participants clear with the concept of health is wealth.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks given by the SDS team and College staff.

C) Delhi:

SDS organized a meeting on Women Security on 16th February 2019 at Indian Social Institute, Lodhi road. The meeting was initiated by a welcome note from Mr. Hanuman Sahay Sharma along with a brief description of the work of SDS which is currently undergoing in the state of Chhattisgarh. Later, all the participants introduced themselves which was followed by Mr. Narender Kumar's speech about the purpose of the meeting. His speech was later turned out to open discussion for all and they discussed various problems with many suggestions.

6. A follow-up meeting on CEDAW General Recommendation 30:

A follow up meeting on last round table meeting on CEDAW General Recommendation 30 which was held on 29th December 2018 was conducted on 1st September 2019 at Indian Social Institute by SDS with the objectives of to expand and deepen the understanding of GR 30 among WHRDs who are working on women's issues in conflict situations and to work out a coherent strategy to make GR 30 part of the larger campaign on WHRDs.

7. Shivi Development Society at 40th Session of Human Rights Council in Geneva:

In the 40th session of the Human Rights Council at Geneva, we have organized an event in collaboration with Vaaghdhara and supported by Freedom House. The event was focusing on the Scope and Space for Human rights Defenders in South Asia. The panel discussion was initiated by our moderator Ms. Meera Bhardwaj where she welcomed all the participants present in the event and was handover it to Mr. Bhrigu for a while to talk about the role of civil societies in today's era. Again Ms. Meera continued with the presentation. Our team member, Ms. Kritika was also given a chance to share her journey of being a WHRDs. Thereafter; all the speakers gave their introspection and concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Meera.

8. Celebration of International Women's day:

On 8th March 2019, the celebration of International Women's Day cum discussion was organized by SDS at Bawana, Delhi on the issues faced by women nowadays. The celebration cum discussion was done with a purpose that on such occasion we should not only celebrate but should also teach the society the inner meaning of this beautiful day. The celebration was indeed a great initiative by the organization to conquer love and gratitude for women. Few women participants also shared their experience of being a woman. With all the heart, the participants were involved in the discussion session. The day was concluded with a very motivating speech on 'how to treat women' by Mr. Hanuman Sahay Sharma who is the team member of SDS. He also encouraged all the participants to treat women equally. It was indeed a noble day organized by the SDS.

SDS TEAM AND PARTNERS:

SDS Team:

Shivi development Society has a small but dedicated working team, spread over three offices: namely Delhi, Raipur and Jaipur. On December 31st, the team included the following persons:

1. Mr. Narender Kumar, Chief Functionary: Based in Delhi, he leads the organization in visioning, programme implementation and administrative matters.
2. Mr. Hanuman Sahay Sharma, Programme Support Coordinator: Based in Delhi, he is responsible for office management, programme support and day-to-day finance.
3. Ms. Anima Beck, Programme Coordinator: An experienced development worker she is primarily responsible for women human rights defenders programme in Chhattisgarh.
4. Mr. Surendra Singh, Consultant: He is responsible for guiding activities in the state of Rajasthan, especially pertaining to Women in Governance, and works on the Newsletter.
5. Ms. KritikaParashar, Programme Assistant: She works part-time with the organisation, and mainly responsible for outreach programme involving youth, health camps and so forth.
6. Mr. Ronak Kumar: Based in Delhi, he is responsible for programme support related work such as IT support, communication, library management

SDS Partners:

SDS partnership with other civil society organizations remained strong and effective, with few changes. Our partner organizations in Assam and Manipur are not that active anymore, though, we remained connected. We established 2 new partnerships, one is based in U.P. and another Chhattisgarh.

Our active partners during the year included:

- C V Raman Sansthan, Kota
- LokVikas Kendra, Bihar
- Vaagdhara, Rajasthan
- Prayatan, Rajasthan
- Rashtriya Muslim MahilaAndolan
- MahilaSwarozgarSamiti, Uttar Pradesh
- VinobaSeva Ashram, Uttar Pradesh
- NangePaon Satyagraha, Chhattisgarh
- GG Central University, Dept. of Social Work, Chhattisgarh
- SANSAD, Delhi

The donor organizations/individuals included:

- Misereor, Germany