

## **BRIEF PROFILE OF AGA KHAN RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (INDIA)**

The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) is a non-denominational, non-government development organization. AKRSP(I) works as a catalyst for the betterment of rural communities by providing direct support to local communities. AKRSP (India) is active in over 2700 villages of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. It has impacted lives of over 1.5 million people from marginalised sections of the society. Over 80% of the households impacted by AKRSP(I) work belong to marginalised societies like tribals, dalits, minorities and other backward classes. Over 60% of beneficiaries are women who form core group for program interventions.

AKRSP(I) has pioneered various participatory development approaches in the country over the period of time and it has won various national and international accolades for this. The backbone of AKRSP (I)'s work is empowerment of rural communities particularly underprivileged and women through collectivization as well as promotion of individual enterprises. Building self-reliant people's institutions for financial inclusion, livelihoods enhancement and improved rural governance is the heart of the organization's approach. Currently organization has major interventions in the areas of

- Women empowerment
- Sustainable agriculture and livestock development
- Natural resources management
- Early childhood development and primary education
- Skills and enterprise development for youths
- Clean energy
- Rural governance
- Drinking water and sanitation