

Visit report of SETCO Foundation, Panchmahal

Following observations were made during the visit to SETCO Foundation:

- ❖ The Foundation started in 2009.
- ❖ The foundation has its own office premises at SETCO Automotive Ltd., Panchmahal.
- ❖ SETCO foundation is working mainly on healthcare & nutrition, education and empowerment of under privileged rural women and children in the tribal district of Panchmahal.
- ❖ The location of their field work covers Katol, Mendapur, Kalol, Sadak Faliya, Kasbo, Kanavaga and other villages under Panchmahal District.
- ❖ Their long term projects mainly comprises of upgrading Anganwadis, Mother & Child Healthcare, Supplementary Nutrition for malnourished children and also Women Empowerment.
- ❖ The foundation is working on projects related to Mother and Child healthcare and Adolescent Healthcare since 4-5 years. They also have ongoing projects for Supplementary Nutrition and Women Empowerment.
- ❖ The foundation also organizes training and coaching in different sports activities for adolescent boys and girls for physical activities and development.
- ❖ The main beneficiaries of their projects are children of age 0-6 years, Pregnant & Lactating mothers, Adolescent boys and girls.
- ❖ They have also started working on Sanitation projects on small scale. They have built around 20 toilets at Katol Village.
- ❖ The foundation focuses on child malnutrition and also monitoring their growth, mother and child healthcare.
- ❖ At present they are working on 18 Anganwadis and around 1600 children are benefitted out of this programme.
- ❖ The Nandghar Program was started by SETCO Foundation in 2009 in collaboration with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to eradicate child malnutrition. As a part of this program SETCO has adopted around 18 government anganwadis to provide basic nutrition, education and medical support to children of age 0-6 years and to the pregnant and nursing mothers.
- ❖ The foundation provides nutritional support, proper immunizations and access to other medical services, and also nutritional awareness and behaviors of the family required for a healthy child.
- ❖ Through their anganwadis, they provide daily milk as supplement food for the children.
- ❖ Capacity building and training of anganwadi and health workers is done by ICDS specialists from UNICEF, SNEHA and UMMED foundations.

- ❖ Regular medical health check-ups and supplementary nutrition for expectant and nursing mothers and awareness workshops for mothers, families and adolescent girls are being organized to educate about nutrition and its impact on physical and mental development.
- ❖ They have developed a pre-school education system at anganwadi level and have started an Early Childhood Development (ECD) program through which education to children is provided through Montessori and play-way methods. The ECD program is guided and supervised by qualified pre-school teachers.
- ❖ The foundation has provided spacious and clean anganwadis with qualified pre-school teachers and proper facilities and developed play school programs to nurture and stimulate children to make them school readiness. Regular evaluation of the progress of each child and family involvement through parent-teacher meetings and gatherings is done to improve the attendance.
- ❖ After learning from these school programs, children are prepared to go to primary schools and have joined private English medium schools for their further studies.
- ❖ SETCO foundation also works on women empowerment at the grass root level in Gujarat in order to enable them to become financially and socially independent.
- ❖ The main approaches involved in empowering women within their community. The areas targeted include:
 - Financial Autonomy: Adult literacy classes are arranged and the women are provided with access to markets, banks, loans, Self Help Groups (SHG) and workshops are organized on practical knowledge like budgeting, savings, and basic accounting methods.
 - Strong Social Network: They encourage social network and support systems amongst the women through social activities like picnics, field-trips, celebration of women's day, festivals etc.
 - Girl Child Education: Direct cash incentives are given to girl child every year once she completes her school successfully.
- ❖ More than 35 women have developed their skills, started their own business with their average income crossing over Rs. 3000/- per month.
- ❖ More than 60 women are undergoing training under SETCO foundation, several women have taken on "male dominated jobs" at the SETCO Automotive Factory and have become equal contributors in their family income.
- ❖ Around 800-900 adolescent girls have completed 10th grade and have pursued higher education.
- ❖ The foundation also provides training in stitching, artwork, mehendi, embroidery, clay and mud work etc. to women and thus providing them to earn their livelihood and support their family income.

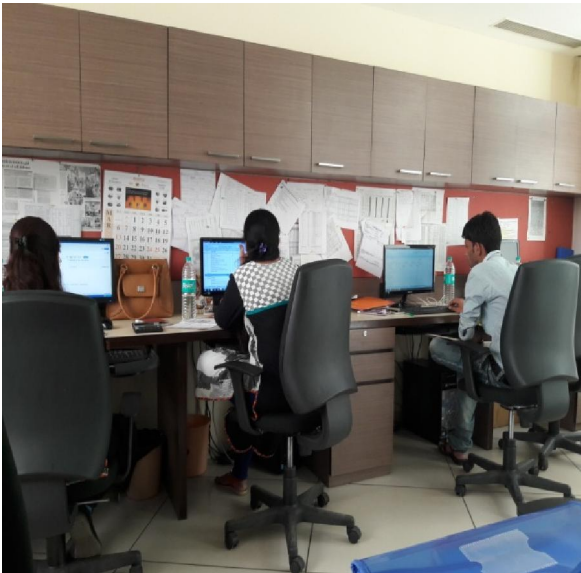


Figure 1: Office Premises, SETCO Foundation



Figure 2: Nandghar Anganwadi, SETCO Foundation



Figure 3: Articles of the programmes and events organized by SETCO Foundation



Figure 4: Children at Nandghar Anganwadi



Figure 5: Early Childhood Development (ECD) program

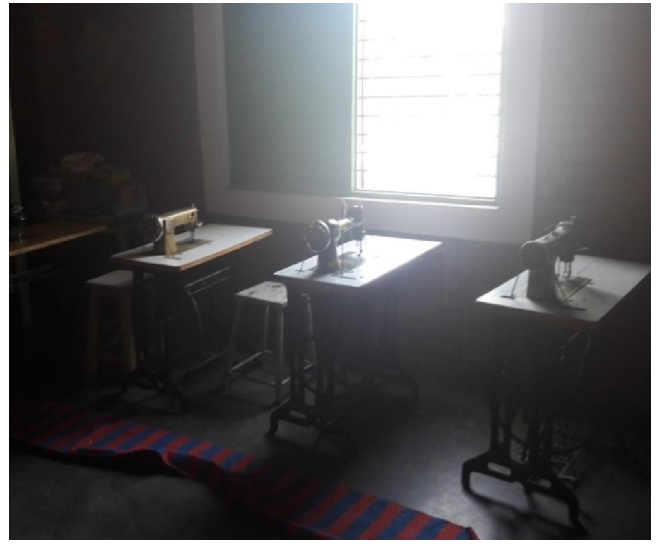


Figure 6 & 7: Training workshop for women artwork, clay & mud work, stitching, embroidery, etc. at Nandghar Anganwadi



Figure 8: Kishori Shakti Yojna



Figure 9: SETCO promoted Entrepreneur



Figure 10 & 11: Nandghar Anganwadi classrooms