

Samerth Charitable Trust

Samerth was registered in September 1992 under Bombay Public Trust Act - 1950 to reach out to the vulnerable, economically poor and marginalized section of communities.

Samerth has two broad geographical areas where the interventions are focused:

- a. Kutch and Banaskantha and Nakhatrana - Gujarat
- b. Ahmedabad Slums

The primary objective is to ensure all children have access to their right to education, as enshrined in India's Right to Education Act RtE in the urban poor communities with special emphasis on children with special needs(mental and physically challenged).

To ensure marginalized rural communities can become water secure and can gain access to clean drinking water and not be forced to migrate. To ensure that they can gain access to government schemes and funds, such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranty Act -2005.

To ensure that the rights of women are upheld within rural/urban poor communities and that women experiencing violence know their legal rights and have the confidence to demand them

Thematic Areas of work:

i. Education:

In Ahmedabad we are focusing on early childhood education, working with mentally challenged children, re-enrolling out of school children, setting up support class for drop out children and early childhood centres for children of 3 to 6 years of age. We have reached out to 5000 children so far. Samerth also provides nutrition to the children at support class and early childhood centres in Ahmedabad.

Samerth runs a centre for the children with special needs to provide them with training for daily living and skill building for livelihoods.

Samerth also works in Deodar block of Banaskantha district on child protection and education. Our presence is in 72 gram panchayats wherein we have set up 72 child protection committees and adolescent girls groups.

ii. Drinking water and sanitation work

In Kutch and Chhattisgarh, Samerth has been working for developing water resources such as Rain Roof Water Harvesting Structures, Pond, dug wells and other water storage facilities for enabling safe and sustainable drinking water to the unreached and un-served areas. Also, we are facilitating construction of sanitation units at individual households and in schools. In the span of 15 years Samerth has reached out to 60,000 populations in Rapar block of Kutch, addressing the drinking water needs of 97 gram panchayats. We have facilitated, revived and

developed 112 ponds, 105 dug wells, and 2251 sanitation units in arid zone of Rapar and Nakhatrana blocks of Kutch.

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