



# Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust

## Annual Report 2019-20



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## Message from the Chairperson



I am glad to present the annual report of Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust (GSMT) for the financial year 2019-20.

GSMT is completing three decades since its coming into existence and we are going to use this year to look back, reflect and strategise for next decade. Self governance is at the heart of our endeavour and our existence, and that will remain so in the future too.

We work with tribal communities for their holistic development. We firmly believe that all the issues of livelihood, health, education, migration etc are entwined with each other, and need to be addressed so. But at the base of this, we believe, is the Gramsabha, where the tribal communities come together for collective action.

At the start of the Covid 19, GSMT responded to the emergency situation by working with the local administration in awareness building and supply of essential material like masks, sanitizers, food, and medicine. Adapting to the new situation, we conducted some of our activities like training using the virtual media.

We are completing thirty years. It was a small beginning from a small village named Jalka in Maregaon tehsil of Yavatmal district. Right now we work directly in 8 of the 16 blocks of Yavatmal district while in remaining 8 we work in a network mode. This journey has many milestones and serves as a guide stones for us. This journey was possible because of all of you, our supporters, donors, community members and the government officials.

Please read the report and give us your feedback. It will help us to re-energise our strategic focus. Thanks to my colleagues and team members, volunteers, and trustees.

Wish you all a better 2021-22 and let's pray we all come out of this strongly and boldly to make the world a better place to live in.

Dr Kishor Moghe  
Chairperson

# 1. About the organisation

Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust was founded way back in 1991. The journey which was started from village Jalka and the few surrounding villages has reached out to nearly 2067 villages of Yavatmal, and Chandrapur districts of Vidarbha region. Not only that the team has been working in coordination with the government administration for utilizing the government resources for the development of the area.

Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust is a registered, non-profit, voluntary organization working to resolve the livelihood, health, and educational issues of the Adivasi communities, which are interlinked. The organization is working with most ignored, socially and economically oppressed communities to achieve the sustainable development with special emphasis on women empowerment.

## 1.1 Vision

**“Healthy, Self-Reliant & Self-Governed Community”**

## 1.2 Mission

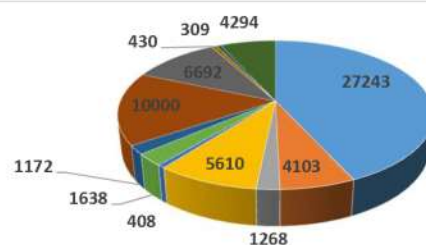
**“Capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Community-Based Organisations for sustainable development regarding Livelihood, Health and Education”**

## 1.3 Area of operation

Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust (GSMT) is involved in rural and tribal development. The organization works mainly with socially and economically oppressed tribal communities. It works in the Yavatmal and Chandrapur districts of Maharashtra.



## 1.4 We work with



GSMT works in the Yavatmal and Chandrapur districts of Maharashtra in 2067 villages of 1199 Gram Panchayats across 17 blocks. The segregation of the population is reflected in the following chart:

## 2. Thematic Interventions and Progress

GSMT has always believed in adopting a holistic approach to ensure sustainable and overall socio-economic growth for the rural and tribal communities it works for. Therefore, the programmatic interventions are spread across the five thematic areas which can be termed as the PENTAGON of Development.



Our focus has always been on the Tribal and Backward Communities of the region. GSMT works with

- Women
- Children from street situation, children affected by HIV/AIDS, under-privileged children
- Youth and adolescent girls
- Small and marginal farmers
- Landless and migrant workers
- Persons with Disabilities
- People living with HIV and AIDS



## 2.1. Building Self Governance

Adhering to the theme of governance the main focus group of the organization are tribal and Backward Communities of the region. The main target beneficiaries, for whom GSMT works, include Women, Children, Youth, Small and marginal farmers, Landless families, Adolescent Girls, Persons with Disabilities, People living with HIV and Migrants.



The entire focus of all the interventions carried out in the field is on making these segments of society aware of their roles and responsibilities as well as their rights. The major emphasis has always been on making them self-reliant so that they also become part of the mainstream development process. The thematic interventions made and the impact of these interventions on the target communities are described in the following pages.

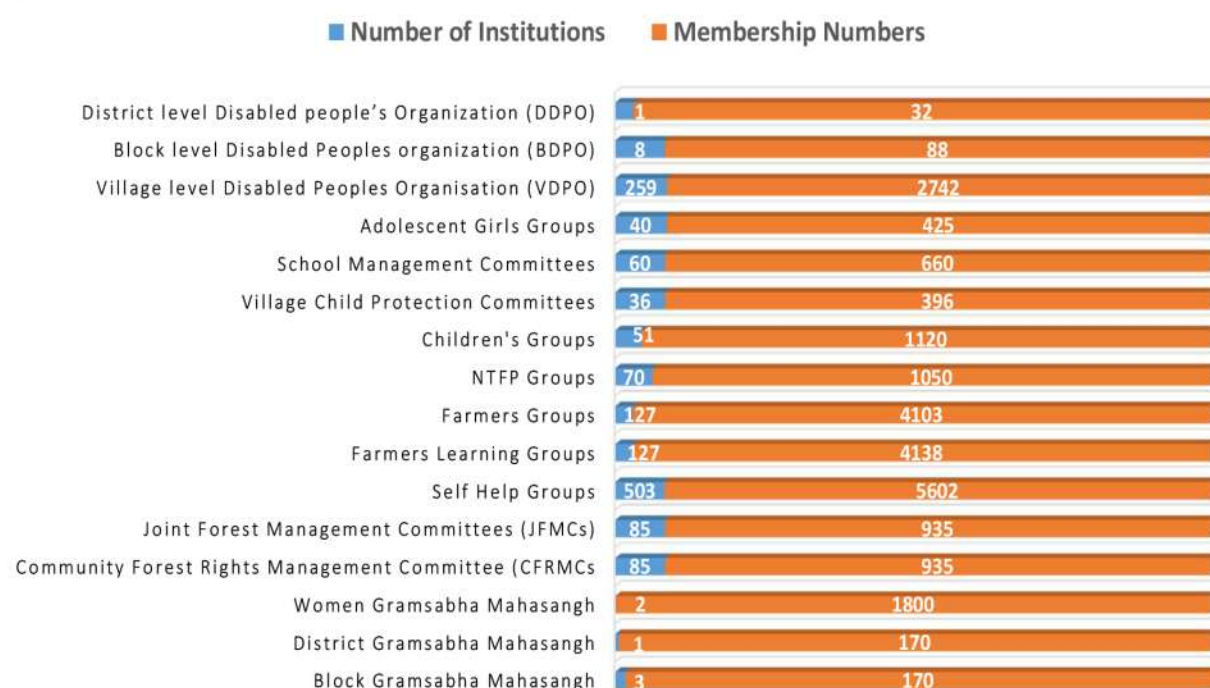
### Participation of Community Based Organizations in Governance



As a part of the institutional building along with the strengthening of Gramsabhas, the GSMT has formed a Federation of Gramsabhas on the block as well as on the district level. Under the district Gramsabha Mahasangh there are 3 block Gramsabha Mahasangh comprising of 85 villages having two male and female participants from each village in it. There are two women Gramsabha Mahasangh formed having coverage of 32 villages with the participation of 1800 women in it.

These CBOs are being strengthened on various issues at the community level so that the same are addressed by the Gramsabhas.

### Details of CBO's



## 2.2 Sustainable agriculture and Livelihood

Vidarbha region in Maharashtra has continued to be in the focus/news over the years because of severe agrarian crisis with reports of droughts, loss of crops, indebtedness, and increasing farmers suicides. Many farmers committed suicides in Vidarbha and many are in distress and leaving this profession. Agriculture is the backbone of the economic system of India. Agriculture provides food, raw materials, and employment opportunities to a large percentage of the population. But still, farmers are struggling in such a crisis situation. In such a crisis, we promote the farming community to adopt sustainable agricultural practices to make their farming viable and secure their livelihood. GSMT works with small and marginal farmers (that includes single women and women headed households) using various techniques like organic farming, LEISA, and a better cotton standard system. Adoption of these techniques have lead to improved soil fertility, pest management, and moisture retention.

### 2.2.1 Sustainable Agriculture Practices

**i) Promotion of LEISA Techniques:** The Organization is working with 150 farmers focusing on optimum agricultural production by use of various LEISA techniques such as the use of biomass, cow dung manure, Dashaparni, Amrut Sanjivani, use of Nimark, promotion of local varieties of seeds, sowing across the slope, and crop diversification thereby reducing the input cost.

**ii) Better Cotton Standard System:** Cotton is the major cash crop of the area but over a period of time, the production of the cotton has reduced and the input cost has increased, resulting in farmers being trapped in the vicious debt circle. To pull the farmers from this situation GSMT has introduced the Better Cotton Standard System with 4138 farmers from 47 villages of Wani and Maregaon blocks of Yavatmal district. Training inputs have been given on IPM, INM, and maintaining the good quality of cotton, reducing child labor in the cotton farms. Learning groups (127) of the farmers have also been developed.

**iii) Ecological Farming:** Ecological farming is being practiced by 435 farmers on 870 hectares of land. These farmers supported through various interventions such as use of traditional and local seed varieties, use of biodynamic compost, farm bunding, bio mass management, weed management, pest management



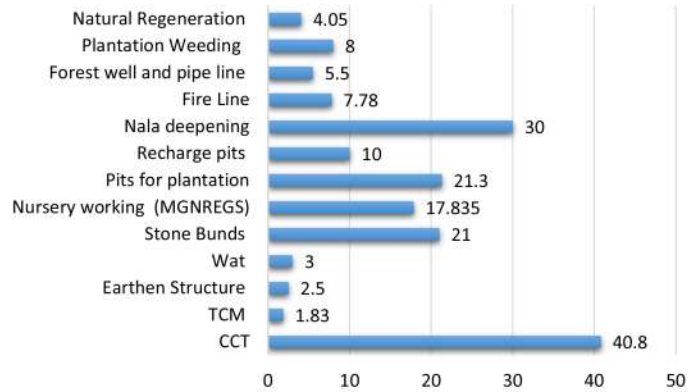
## 2.2.2 Water Conservation and management

Day by day depletion in water level due to water-intensive agricultural practices, encroachment for development, weather pattern, climatic conditions and lack of participation in local governance, which affect the livelihood of the people.

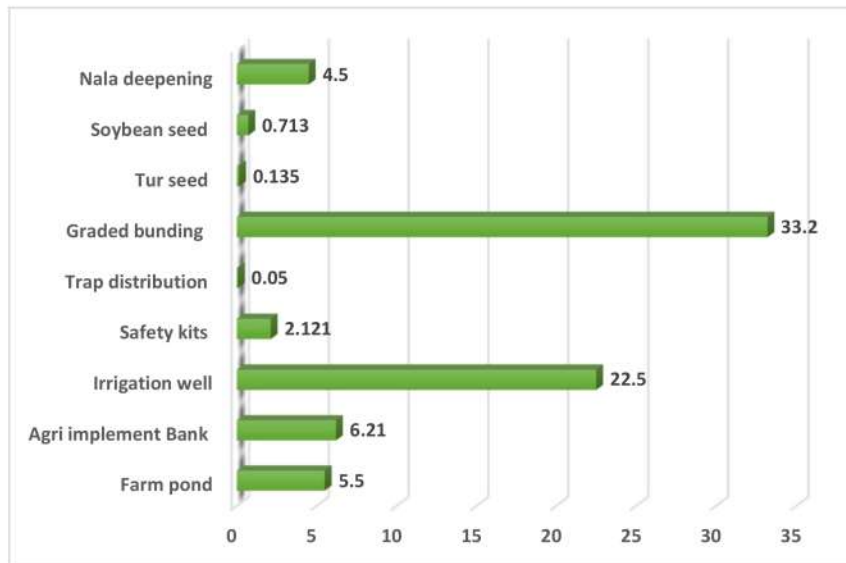
GSMT implemented the participatory watershed development projects undertaking the work as CCT, SCT, Diversion drain, plantation, earthen dam, cement plugs, CNB, gabion structures, loose boulder structures, Nala deepening & widening, de-silting of irrigation Tanks, graded bunding, stone bunding, and low cost well cum recharge pit. Due to ridge to valley work, water level and moisture conservation raised and increase the protective irrigation

An area of 1460 hectares were brought under protective irrigation through SWC work.

**Convergence (in lakh) forest based**



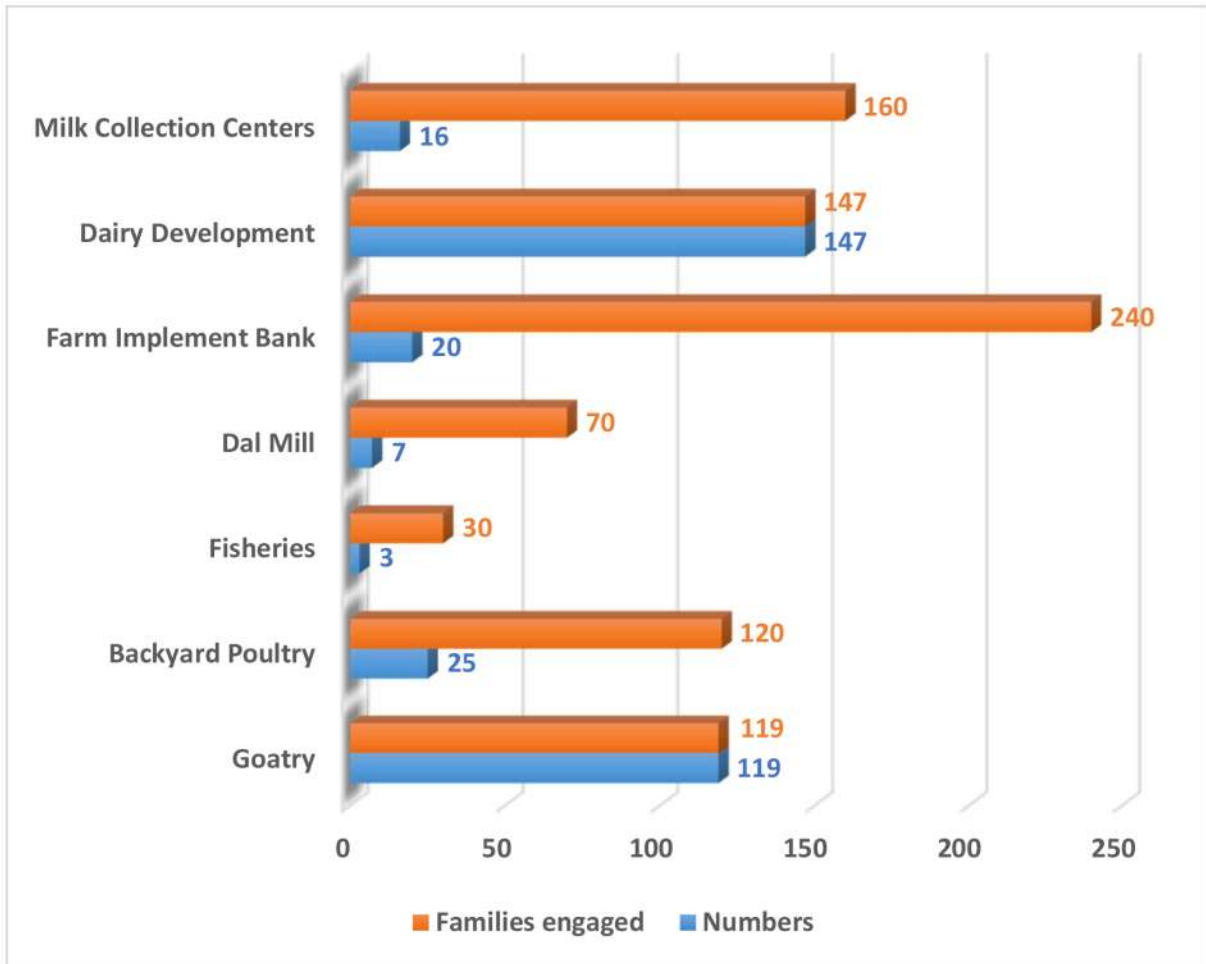
**Convergence (in lakh) farm based**





### 2.2.3 Enterprises

To supplement the income from the agriculture production following agriculture-based enterprises have been started with 269 families in the working area:



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOOD

- Better cotton practices adopted by 4138 cotton growing farmers from 47 villages from Wani and Maregaon block, resulting in reduction in input cost by 10% and assured market price through established linkages with certified ginners.
- Promoted organic farming practices on 859 hectares
- Graded bunding on 640 ha, Soil erosion decreased and water holding capacity with moisture percentage increased.
- Reduced Water scarcity in 39 villages: soil & water conservation work completed on 4500 hectares of land.
- Training to 6500 farmers on different productivity enhancement methods.
- Promoted kitchen garden activity with 500 farmers
- 225 HH benefited under livestock business.



## 2.3 Sustainable forest management & livelihood

### 2.3.1 Community Forest Management and livelihood

Empowering and involving the local community in the protection, conservation and management of forest is essential for the ecological sustainability and livelihood. As per the FRA Act, Gramsabhas from villages with community forest rights (CFR) have to prepare their conservation and management plan for next five to ten years to execute it effectively with the technical support of department as and when required.

With the facilitation of GSMT, 557 CFRs were approved in the Yavatmal district with the coordination of district administration. GSMT made the correspondence with the district administration and the forest department for the preparation of Conservation and Management Plans of these villages. Presentations to this effect were also made to the District Collector. Conservation and Management plans facilitated by GSMT have been approved by the district administration. GSMT facilitated the process of development of Forest conservation and Management Plans through CFRMCs. Villages have started the execution of Management plan through district convergence committee with the support of Nodal agency.

In our field area, we build the capacities of Gramsabha members and enhance their skills of planning, execution, monitoring, advocacy and financial management. Gramsabhas have prepared their conservation and management plan of five years and are now executing with the support of various departments. Gramsabhas took the initiative and executed their plan through various schemes. People got benefited from forest based livelihood and agriculture based livelihood through MGNREGA, ITDP, 14th finance commission, Forest based schemes etc.

**Gram Tantradnya** (Local Barefoot technicians cum thematic expert) are trained to support the execution of conservation and management plan through various line departments especially Forest Dept. Gramsabha members have formed their federation (Gramsabha Mahasangh) to advocate their issues related to their plan of action. These youths are trained to prepare business plan through workshops and exposure to best practices especially for tendu, bamboo, lac, Gum, Mahua flower and seed and honey. So in such a way forest based business initiated in villages to sustain ecological security and sustainable livelihood.



## i) Capacity Building

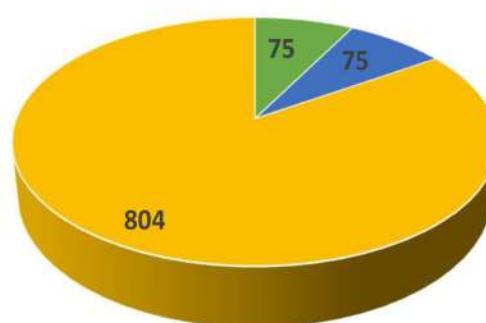
To build the capacities of the people and the community based organizations, particularly the Community Forest Rights Management Committees, GSMT organized the trainings focused on

### Capacity building on Forest Conservation and Management

S.N.	Name of training	No. of Training	No. of Participants
1	Capacity building for Gram sabhas ,CFRMC members	2	50
2	Training on Participatory planning, Resource mobilization/execution, Monitoring and Advocacy	4	104
3	Trainings on advocacy strategies and cross cutting issues like Gender mainstreaming and climate change.	3	159
4	Training on Conservation & Management of NTFP	2	200
5	Capacity building of Cadre of Community leaders, members of Gramsabha Federation for FRA Advocacy & Convergence	2	150
6	Training of NTFP collectors' groups on harvesting, processing/value addition and marketing.	3	210
7	System Development on Conservation and Management Plan preparation	2	150
8	Livelihood Enhancement through Micro Enterprise	2	120
9	Leadership development training - CFRMC / Gramsabha Federation / Women Federation / GP members	3	120



In 50 villages, GSMT facilitated the process of development of forest Conservation and Management Plans through CFRMCs. 29 villages have started the execution of Conservation & Management plan through convergence with the government departments. Total works amounting to Rs 8,55,45,910 were executed in these 29 villages. The details of these works executed are as follows:



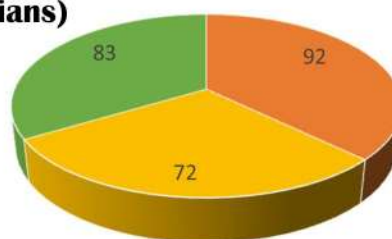
- Forest Conservation and Management plan developed
- Forest Conservation and Management plan executed
- Labor engagement through convergence work

## ii) Convergence

S.N.	Name of Department	Types of works executed	Number of villages	Convergence Amount (Rs.)
1	Forest Department	CCT, Deep CCT, Fire line, Forest Compound, Nursery working (MGNREGS), Pits for plantation,	26	1,53,38,460
2	Agriculture Department	CNB new, Compost pits, Farm pond, Gabion structure , GB, Irrigation Well, Low cost Well, Nala de-silting /Nala Recharge pit, Irrigation Tank	32	82,73,400
3	Livestock Department	Drinking tank for Animals, Poultry, Goatery	10	22,85,000
4	Other Departments	Chavadi, Drinking Water well and pipe line, Gas Distribution, House construction, SHG Bank linkages, Toilets, Cement road, underground drainage, Crematorium Shed	35	3,67,25,400
	<b>Total</b>		<b>103</b>	<b>6,26,22,260</b>

## iii) Status of Gram Tantradnya (Barefoot Technicians)

For the effective implementation of the management plans GSMT has developed 247 Gram Trantradnya in the villages. These Gram Trantradnyas have acquired the competencies in the different areas of execution



- Sustainable forest management and forest-based enterprise
- Soil water conservation and irrigation
- Sustainable agriculture and agri based enterprises

Forest based Enterprises							
S.N.	Name of Unit	No of Units	No. of villages Covered	No of groups engaged	Quantity Collected (Qtl)	Quantity Sold (Qtl)	Income from enterprises
1	Fisheries	3	3	3	80	80	8,00,000
2	Honey	2	8	8	12	10	1,50,000
3	Gum	4	4	4	5	5	1,00,000
4	Mahua	21	21	21	303.1	303.1	6,74,320
5	Tendu	4	4	4	337.6	337.6	10,80,243
<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>						<b>28,04,563</b>

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT & LIVELIHOOD

- Preparation of conservation & management plan for prepared 50 villages.
- Improved coordination of Gramsabha members with block as well as district level government officials that resulted in conversion work of INR 6,26,22,260 in 103 villages
- Establishment of Gramsabha Mahasangh in Kelapur and Maregaon Block
- NTFP based entrepreneurship 466 women from 47 SHGs in 16 villages (turnover of INR 26,51,546 in 2019-20)
- Socio-economic & political platform for women: 171 SHG groups, 1644 members, and 3 federations.
- Plantation in forest through community participation in 8 villages
- Approval to the 53 proposals on Conservation and Management Plan from 53 villages by the tribal department.
- 229 families received Individual Forest Rights (land holding of 371.569 hectares
- 177 IFR families received crop loan support of Rs. 44.25 lakhs
- Gramsabha federation and women federation formed and capacitated
- 70 NTFP groups were formed and 60 groups initiated NTFP business and turnover is RS. 1.10 crores.
- 2522 HH are involved in NTFP based enterprises.
- Reduction in distressed migration 118 HH in 10 villages.
- 105 youths trained under skill development & 85 youths started their own businesses.
- Plantation work completed on 1500 hectares
- One nursery established at village Jalka, this nursery intended to develop various forest species.
- 5433 ha area treated under Soil and Water conservation work



## 2.4. Community Health

We work with the most disadvantaged groups for their access to health care and treatment. The groups we work with on health are

- People with Disabilities
- People Living with HIV & AIDS (PLHA)
- Female Sex Workers (FSWs) and Male having Sex with Male (MSMs)
- Migrants
- Children
- Adolescent Girls

### 2.4.1 Community based Monitoring

Community-based monitoring and planning is crucial at the village level to monitor the health activities for better access and quality services at village level, and PHC level. Sathi Sehat, Pune is supporting this project with the support of the NRHM Govt of India. To improve the functioning of the PHCs, public hearings are organized at the PHC level and also at the block level. The impact of the public hearings is the improvement in the functioning of PHCs in terms of availability of medicines, regular immunization, and availability of vaccines at PHC level, and most importantly improvement in the behaviour of PHC staff resulting in better the functioning of PHCs.



### 2.4.2 Capacity building of local Institutions

Towards making the life of the people with disabilities (PwDs) more simple and adorable. GSMT works with the entire community through five Primary Health Centres in 35 villages in coordination with the Health Department. Building the capacities of the communities to raise health-related concerns as well as to access the health services is the main focus of this intervention. Various groups such as Mother/ Care Givers Groups, Child Support Groups focusing on the children with disability, Village level Disabled People's Organisation, (VDPOs) are working at the village level. Also, groups of HIV affected people have been formed in the villages. Capacity building of these institutions is the core focus of GSMT interventions. These groups have been capacitated on the following issues.

Block-level Disabled Peoples' Organization and District level Disabled Peoples' Organization are working to raise the issues of the disabled people with the appropriate authorities at block and districts level.

S.N.	Capacity Building Interventions	Duration	No. of persons Trained
1	Mother/ Care Giver Group on Daily Living Skill	5	25
2	PRI Members on Disability Prevention	4	75
3	Child Support Group on support to children with disabilities	12	155
4	VDPO Members on formation, functions of VDPO and Disability Act	2	32
5	DDPO members on advocacy of PwD and the RPD Act 2016	2	32
6	Functioning of Village health, nutrition, water and sanitation committees	30	380

### 2.4.3 Health interventions with FSW, MSM, Migrant and PLHA.

In Yavatmal district, the most vulnerable groups are female sex workers (FSWs), transgender person, Migrants and People living with HIV & AIDs. Government of Maharashtra through MSACS initiated the program for these vulnerable communities to take care of their health. Screening, testing, treatment, and behaviour change are major components to take care of. Due to this aspect prevalence of STI and HIV/AIDs reduced and also improved the overall status of health. These communities also formed their group and committees to manage their issues and orient their community on their own.

The focus of GSMT interventions on community health is targeted towards building the capacities of community-based organizations to encourage the community to be healthy through safe behavior and a safe lifestyle. Often, good healthy life and sanitation are taken for granted by people. Especially in the rural and tribal areas, people tend to neglect this most important aspect of life. The interventions carried out by GSMT during the year are broadly classified in to following areas:

### 2.4.4 Healthy Lifestyle

For the promotion of healthy lifestyle amongst the women, children, people affected with HIV/AIDS, Migrants, Female Sex Workers, Male having Sex with Male and Migrant Labours, GSMT has focused on Nutrition, Reproductive Health and Behaviour Change, treatment and prevention.

#### **“Counseling to strength & mental health” ....**

After Ashila's (name changed) mother and father died of HIV / AIDS, Ashila was tested HIV positive. He got registered at the Care and Support Center, under the Vihan Project. He often expressed to end his life. We came to know that he was not ready to take ART medication as he not able to bear expenses.

While his visit to the care & support center he was given proper counseling with guidance on HIV/AIDS, the importance of ART medication. He was the only person HIV positive in his family. Throughout the counseling Ashil is taking regular medication, not only he get rid of all fears about HIV/AIDS but also he makes regular check-ups of his wife for HIV. He also pays special attention to the prevention of disease. To overcome the financial hurdles project team has linked him to Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana. The project also supports his children's education through scholarships & financial assistance.

Now he is taking regular medication and living a normal life.

#### **i) Food and Nutrition:**

The focus of the nutrition program is on the children affected with HIV. GSMT works with 501 HIV affected children in the age group of 0 to 18 years. Organisation has developed and provided the nutrition kit to children. Along with that clothes and playing instruments are also distributed to the children. 122 children have been linked with the child development schemes (Bal Sangopan Yojana) of the Govt. of Maharashtra.

#### **ii) Sexual and Reproductive Health:**

Awareness sessions organised for pregnant women focusing on care to be taken during pregnancy, use of contraceptive methods for safe distance, guidance to the adolescent girls on their reproductive health and use of sanitary napkins. Institutional deliveries are also promoted among the target population focusing on the advantages of safe deliveries. Information about the schemes of the government such as *Janani Suraksha Yojana*, use of Ambulance, immunization of both the pregnant women, new born and children etc. is focus of the interventions.

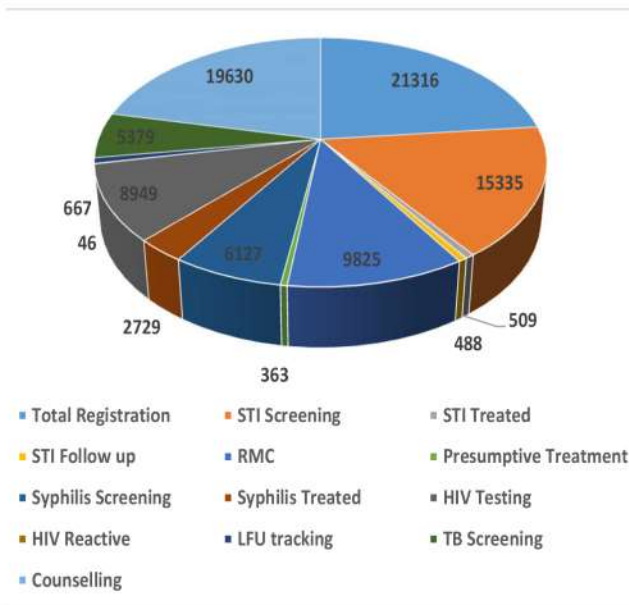


**iii) Behaviour Change:**

GSMT is working with 20499 people living with HIV/AIDS, migrant labours, FSW and MSM. 4264 one-to-one session, one to group sessions and interaction games were organised with the HIV/AIDS affected and STI vulnerable groups in the working area.

These groups are motivated for prevention and precaution to be taken for healthy sexual relations. They are also made aware about the reasons for HIV/AIDS and STI. Along with that counselling is also done on prohibition of liquor and tobacco to lead a normal healthy life.

Sr. No	Indicator	Total
1	Linked to ART	46
2	Condom Distribution	460296
3	Social Benefit	470
4	IPC Session	4182
5	Health Camp	310
6	Media Events	46
7	Advocacy Meeting	38



**v) Treatment and Prevention:**

For the rehabilitation of the FSW, MSM, Migrant and PLHA Community, GSMT has organised counselling sessions for the targeted community. 20499 cases were registered during the year in the working area. GSMT organized 11375 counselling sessions with these cases. After Counselling following treatment is provided to the registered persons:

Along with the treatment, following services have been provided to these beneficiaries:



## 2.4.5 Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities

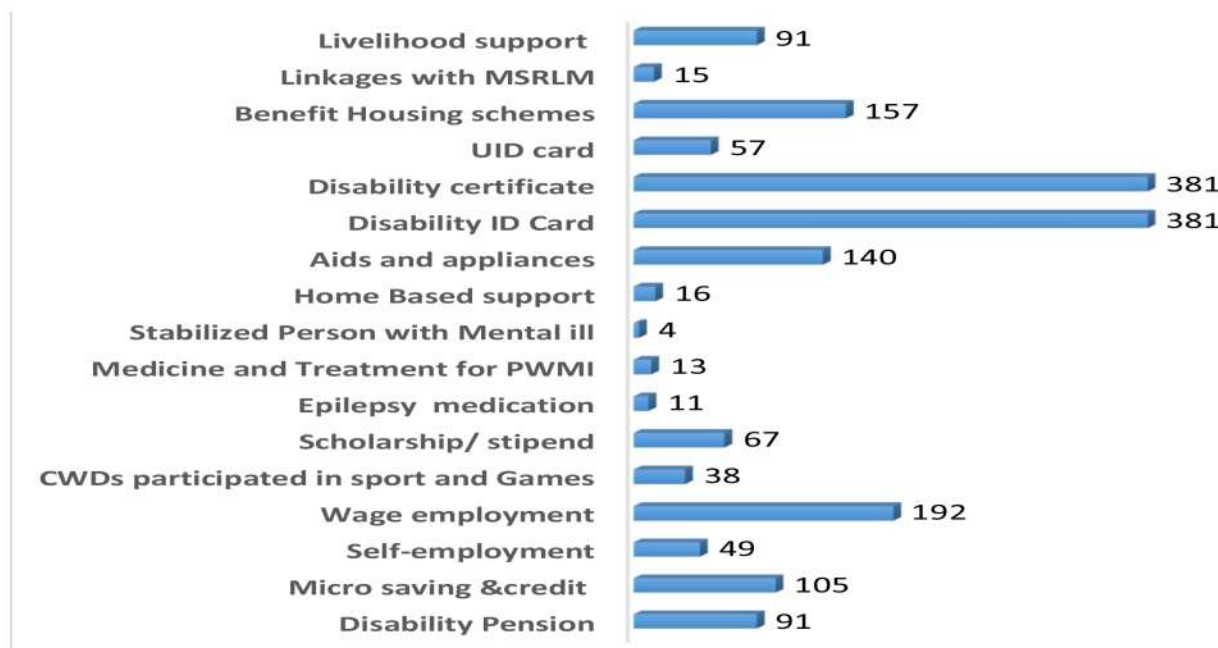
### i) Village Level Interventions:

On the issue of Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities, GSMT is involved in the direct implementation of the activities for the PwDs as well as networking with the other stakeholders at block and district level.

The focus of the Community Based Rehabilitation program is to treat the PwDs equal at par with the others in the community so that they can have the space and opportunities to realise their potentials. At the village level, Village Disabled Peoples' organisations have been formed in 58 villages of both Wani and Yavatmal blocks. While working with the PwDs the key focus areas of interventions are health, education, livelihood enhancement, social assimilation and empowerment.



### Schemes and services for PWDs



### ii) Block level interventions:

GSMT has facilitated the formation of Block level Disabled Peoples' Organization (BDPO) in Yavatmal and Wani blocks of the district. There are 60 General Members from 30 VDPOs and 11 Governing members in Wani BDPO & 56 General Members from 28 VDPOs and 11 Governing Members in Yavatmal BDPO. The key function of these BDPOs is to raise the issues and concerns of the *people with disabilities* with the appropriate authorities at the block level as well as to disseminate the information relating to schemes and programs of the government at the village level and also to help the PwDs get linked with the schemes of the Government. The other function is to put forward the issues which are not resolved at block level to district level DPO.

### iii) District Level Interventions:

In the other six blocks of Yavatmal district the Block level Disabled Peoples' Organisations have also been formed by the other organisations. GSMT facilitated the process for the formation of *Yavatmal Zila Viklang Manch* comprising of 8 BDPOs. 259 VDPO from 270 villages of 207 Gram *Pranchayats*. 3137 people with disabilities are the members of District level organization.

The District Level Organisation has prepared a plan of action focusing on the issues and entitlements of persons with disabilities. The organization is also working to execute the plan through its block-level structure. The Organization is continuously conducting meetings with various govt officials for the betterment of persons with disabilities and also for the effective implementation of the provisions of the various acts and schemes so the PwDs get their rights and entitlements.



As a result of collective efforts, following policy decisions, has been taken by the Government of Maharashtra

- State rules have been framed and are in implementation with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 under the Rights of

People with Disabilities Act 2016

- Government of Maharashtra brought the GR for allocation of 5% funds for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities at Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad level.
- In 16 Nagar Panchayats, equipment and goods have been distributed to people with disabilities through the 5% funds reserved for PwDs.

### 2.4.6 Water and Sanitation

In 35 villages of Yavatmal block of Yavatmal district, GSMT has facilitated the formation of Village Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation Committees. In these villages the groups of volunteers have been developed to monitor health and sanitation related issues and to report to VHNWSC about the discrepancies observed. The other important role of these volunteers is to raise the health and sanitation related issues in the *Gramsabha*.





**KEY  
ACHIEVEMENTS  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH  
INTERVENTIONS**

- ✘ 71% (30/42) of children with disability needing self-care development have improved level of self-care.
- ✘ 71% (30/42) of children with disability, needing interventions on improving communication have improved communication.
- ✘ 53% (36/67) of children with disability achieved the intended academic competencies
- ✘ 56% (196/350) of adults with disability have increased income to meet their own needs.
- ✘ 80% (120/150) of persons with disability have accessed social security benefits and skill development-livelihood opportunities through support from the local community.
- ✘ 45% (17/37) of joint initiatives taken by the DPOs along with the villagers to access entitlements and services, like Pension, IAY, Aids and appliances, revolving fund with MSRLM, 5 % fund, certificate, UDID card and Ration card
- ✘ 50 HIV affected children are linked with Bal Sangopan Yojana of Govt. of Maharashtra.
- ✘ 504 HIV affected children have been provided nutrition kit.
- ✘ 207 PLHA got free bus pass through ST Department.
- ✘ 470 HIV affected people linked with social benefit schemes.
- ✘ The expenditure under VHNSC scheme incurred for Health, Nutrition, Drinking water & sanitation component in 25 villages.
- ✘ Five PHCs have utilised the funds on health issues under the 14th finance commission.



## 2.5. Child Rights - Protection and Quality Education

### Child Rights Protection at District level

Disadvantaged and underprivileged children need support for their bright future. There are many children in the area who reside in rural, tribal and urban settlements, who are far from their basic rights and facing many issues as child labour, sexual abuse, violence, early marriages, child trafficking etc. We should work with these children for their better life. GSMT is working with such children to protect their Rights through Program in Yavatmal district. The organisation is implementing the program in three blocks of district.

### Protection of Children with Special Needs

GSMT is implementing Child Line 1098 program of Govt. of India in Yavatmal district with the support of ministry of Women and Child development. The program focuses on the tracking and rehabilitation of the children with special needs. GSMT has worked with the various categories of the children as below

#### 2.5.1 Education opportunities for the children of women with high risks:

*Anand Balsadan* was established in Yavatmal and Chandrapur districts to enhance capacities of neglected, orphan children and also the children of female sex workers. Ministry of women and child development department of Maharashtra recognised these children's homes (balgruh - Jalka in Maregaon block and Lalguda in Wani block of Yavatmal district). Total 40 children have been benefited by Anand Balsadan and are undergoing mainstream education from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard in different schools. Many of our children who passed out got admission for higher education and now employed with regular jobs in other Institutions and Hospitals.



#### “Rahul found a way through Anand Balsadan”



A social worker from GSMT noticed three children (Rahul, Naresh, and Vikas - name changed) wandering around railway station aimlessly. He inquired and came to know that they were orphan children, and there was nobody to take care of them at home/village.

Rahul was a child with special needs: crippled in both the legs. He was an innocent boy having a lot of questions in his mind, like what will happen to him? How will I survive? Will my education get completed. Can I get a job? All the three children were brought to the Anand Balsadan and are living in joyful environment with other children. Rahul was happy to stay with other children in Anand Balsadan and was regular in school. He developed various professional skills along with completing his schooling (10th class in 2014). He was recommended to Sandhi Niketan at Anandvan Warora, where he completed vocational training in electronics. After successfully completing higher secondary (HSC), he got an opportunity to work in Anandvan Warora.

## i) School for the Rural and Tribal children

GSMT is running a school, "Late Laxmibai High School" in Jalka village, which falls under schedule five area of Maregaon tribal block of Yavatmal district. This school provides educational facilities with activity based learning to the rural and tribal children from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides academics, the school conducts various extracurricular activities and focus on activity based learning, so that they become responsible citizen.

## ii) Introduction to Basic Technology:

To help children acquaint with the technology which will help them in shaping their careers, GSMT has introduced the Basic Technology in the School. In IBT, students have been trained for their vocational education in various trades as construction of wall, gate, shoes stand, repairing of village level tools and agriculture implements, electric fitting, kitchen garden development.

## 2.5.2 Child Protection

### i) Development of System for Child Protection:

GSMT is implementing the Child Rights Protection Program in Yavatmal district. The organisation has been entrusted the responsibility of implementing the program in 3 Tahsils of Yavatmal district. In 40 villages of 2 Tahsils, organisation has formed the Village Child Protection Committees at village level. In all the 3 blocks, block level Child Right and Child Protection Committee' have been formed and strengthened. There are 17 members in each block level Committee. Through the initiatives of BCPC 160 Anganwadis got playing material, furniture, 57 Anganwadis got LCD Screen. Members of DCPC have started the visit to Ashram schools in the blocks. BCPC also coordinated the caste certification for 29 unmarried members BCPC also organised the camp for getting the caste certificates and income certificates in Zari tahsil in which 300 children got certificates.

GSMT has also been nominated as a member on the District Level Child Protection Committee. Organisation has conducted the training program for the Anganwadi Supervisors in the district. These supervisors have trained the Anganwadi workers in the villages



### "Manoj got shelter thorough effort by Childline 1098"

This is the story of a five-month-old boy Manoj- name changed whose mother, Suvarna from a village in Kalamb block was dragged out by husband. She came to Yavatmal and started living on the street with Manoj, begging for survival. When the Childline 1098 came to know about her, the team met Suvarna. Suvarna had already contacted the district collector for justice, and the collector had given instructions to the concerned police department. But somehow her case was overlooked and as she had no other option she started begging at traffick signals of Yavatmal city. The Center Coordinator child line 1098 shared this information with CWC-Chairperson & PI-City police Yavatmal. The childline 1098 team Yavatmal presented Ms. Suvarna over the CWC committee. The CWC with the support of the police department undertook the medical formalities of the child & his mother. After that both of them were referred to the shelter home. But as she refused to stay at the shelter home of Yavatmal, Suvarna and her baby were sent to a 'women's and children's home' in Nagpur where she and her baby are living happily at the time.

**ii) Protection of Children with Special Needs:** GSMT is implementing Child Line 1098 program of Govt. of India in Yavatmal district. The program focuses on the tracking and rehabilitation of the children with special needs. During the year, GSMT has worked with the various categories of the children as reflected in the following table:

Case Category	Achievements
Protection from Abuse/ Sexual Abuse	12 distressed children (child abuse) were placed at shelter homes
Shelter	68 children were admitted to shelter homes through Childline
Child Labor	2 child labour children were mainstreamed in school
Medical Help	37 children are receiving regular medical help
Child Marriage	16 children rescued from Child Marriages by child line
Missing Child	11 runaway children were reunited with their families
Begging Child	7 children stopped begging for living
Sponsorship	12 children got sponsorship
E.S.G	13 children got benefits.

**KEY  
ACHIEVEMENTS**

**CHILD  
RIGHTS  
PROTECTION  
AND  
QUALITY  
EDUCATION**

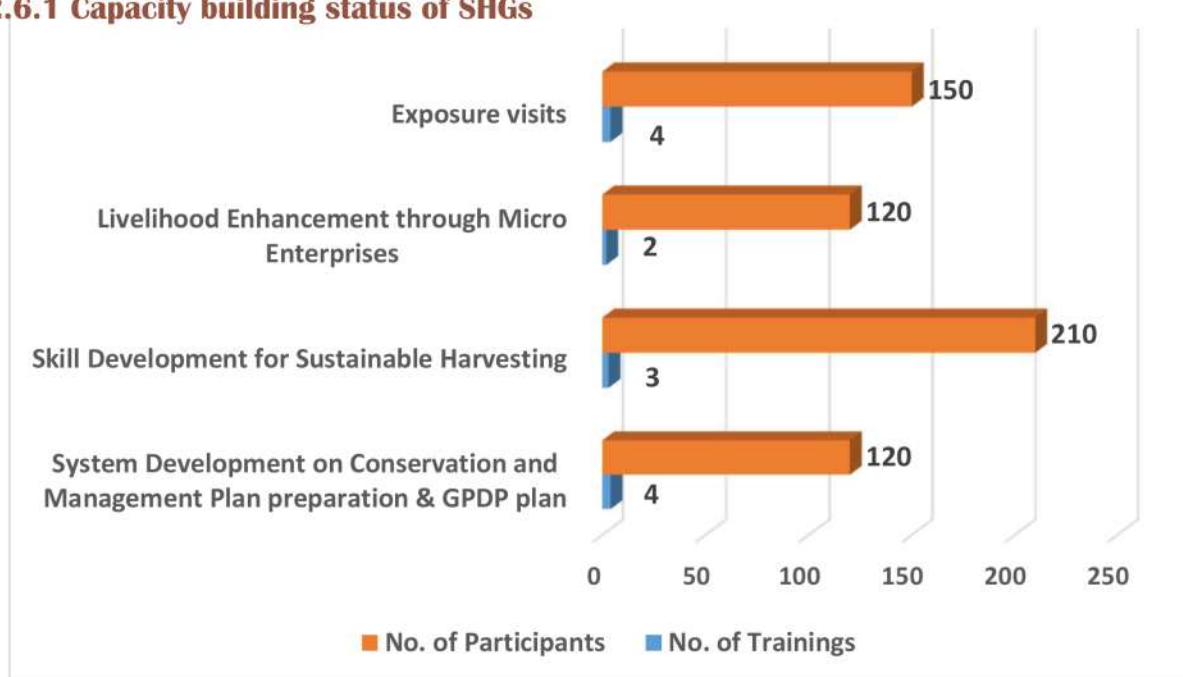
- Complete protection, care & quality education to the 26 children in need throughout the year
- Till date 14 girls from Anand Balsadan got married and settled in their life.
- Till now 26 girls admitted and completed their nursing course; out of them 23 girls are doing private job in hospitals in Pune, Sangali, Solapur & Wani.
- The disabled girl name Ms Rubina Sheikh got job at finance company in Pune and the disabled boy name Mr. Roshan Dhurve got job and is working in inquiry department of Anandvan Warora.
- The boy named Mr. Saidul Tekam has completed his education (MA Dev) from Azim Premji University, Bangalore doing job at Shantilal Mutha Foundation
- Through the digitalised E-teach programme there is enhanced interest towards English language among 1500 children from 60 ZP schools through joyful teaching & learning methodology and enhance attraction towards ZP schools in region.



## 2.6. Gender and women empowerment

GSMT believes that women empowerment is of utmost importance for any community to grow and prosper. Hence, Women Empowerment is the cross-cutting theme across all the interventions of the organization. The main focus has been on organizing and strengthening women to actively participate in the development process related to Livelihood, Health, and Education. The organization focuses on women empowerment through capacitating women through their groups and federation. GSMT has made it mandatory to involve 50% women in all committees and building their skills and capacities to bring them into the mainstream. The key achievements are as:

### 2.6.1 Capacity building status of SHGs



### 2.6.2 Organizing women through self-help groups

GSMT facilitated the process of self-help group promotion in the working area. Women self-help groups and Federations have been formed and capacitated through various interventions. Apart from that, it is ensured that the women become an integral part of the decision-making processes at the village level, so they are involved in the development processes going on at the village level.

### 2.6.3 Participation in the Governance

GSMT has always focused on the issue of women's participation in the decision-making processes at the village level. The organization has made conscious efforts in organizing women in the form of women Gramsabhas at the village level. In villages women Gramsabhas are being conducted regularly and also these women participate in General gramsabhas and share their issues and contribute actively in the development process. . In these meetings the conservation and management plans of the villages are being reviewed by the women regularly.

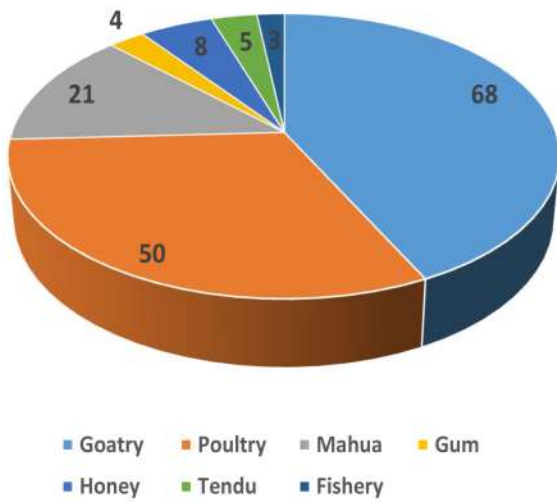
Women Federation has been established with 413 women as members Women have also become an integral part of Gramsabha Mahasangh organized at the block level. Out of the total membership of the Mahasangh 50% are women members.



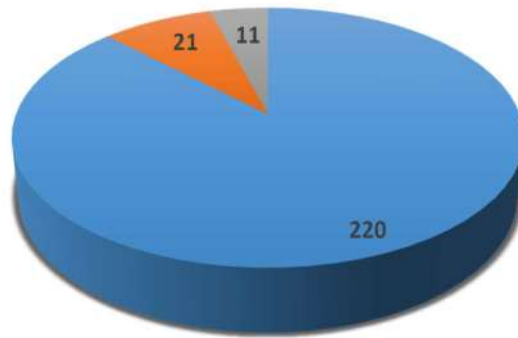
### 2.6.4 Women Entrepreneurs

- ⊙ 150 women self-help groups with 1800 women members are functional in the working area.
- ⊙ All the 150 groups are shareholders in the federation.
- ⊙ 135 groups are linked to banks for credit (loan amount of Rs. 1 crore from nationalized banks). Groups are regular in repayment of the credit/loans.
- ⊙ Enterprises viz. Fisheries, Poultry, Mahua Banks, Gum processing, Chironji unit are managed by the women.
- ⊙ 4 women members of the women federation have got elected as the PRI members.

**Enterprises by women SHGs**



**Status of Disha women federation**



- No. of Groups linked with federation
- Groups initiated income generation activities
- Groups initiated income generation activity through Federation fund



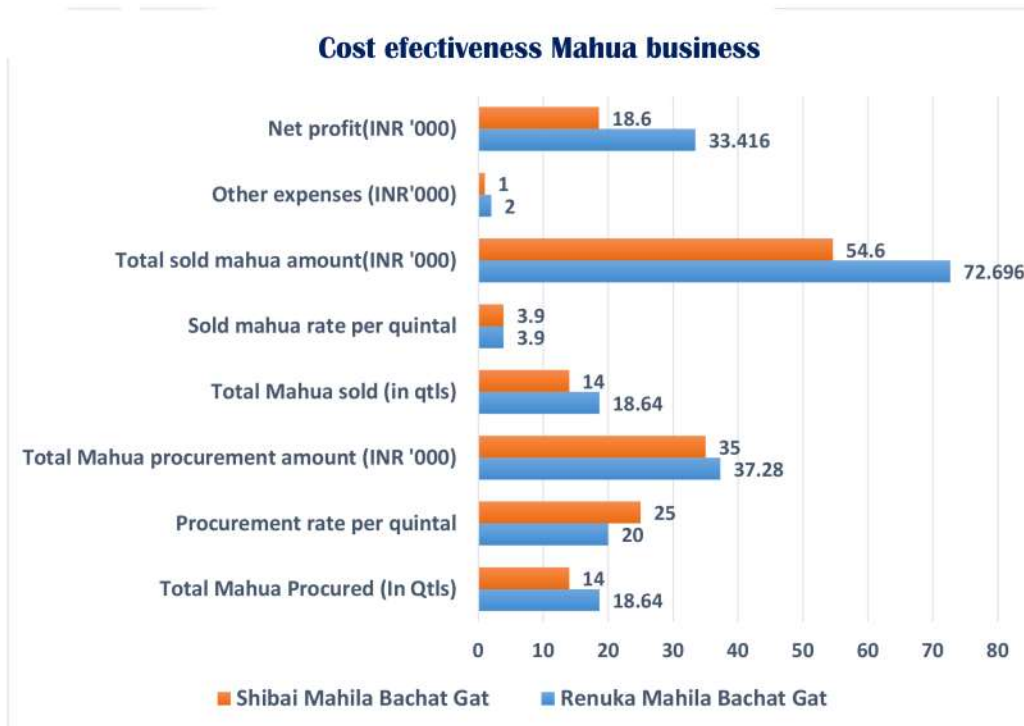
### “Mahua Entrepreneurs”

The village Pedhari is a village located in the hilly forest region of Zari Jamani block in Yavatmal district having forest and agriculture as a source of livelihood. Initially, the peoples from the village used to collect Mahua selling to traders coming to the village. There was no consistency in the purchase price, and it was a traders monopoly.

Pedhari is entitled with 170 hectares of CFRA with a conservation & management plan. The Gramsabha to auction the collection of Mahua from CFR area and allotted it to two tribal groups with proper documentation. The tribal groups were short of seed money and needed around INR 20,000 to kickstart the purchase. The groups approached the women's federation for credit, and through this support procured the Mahua, stored it for a month and sold it in the market for INR 3,900 per quintal.

#### Future Planning:

- Plan to the procurement of 40 quintals Mahua in the current year
- It is planned to offer a bonus to Mahua collectors.



### 3. Networking & alliance building

GSMT is an active member of the following networks and association at the state and national level:

- ✂ Mission Governance
- ✂ Forest Rights Act Collective, Maharashtra
- ✂ Vidarbha Livelihood Forum (VLF)
- ✂ Right to Food Campaign, Maharashtra
- ✂ Mausam (CECOEDECON, Jaipur)
- ✂ Kisanmitra Central India
- ✂ Action for Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra (AFARM), Pune
- ✂ VANI Network Delhi
- ✂ Mahavan, Maharashtra
- ✂ Fresh Water Action Network, South Asia (FANSA)
- ✂ NTFP-EP, India
- ✂ Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA)
- ✂ Child Rights Alliance Central India
- ✂ RTE Forum
- ✂ Jana Arogya Abhiyan Maharashtra

#### Participation in the State and National Level Events

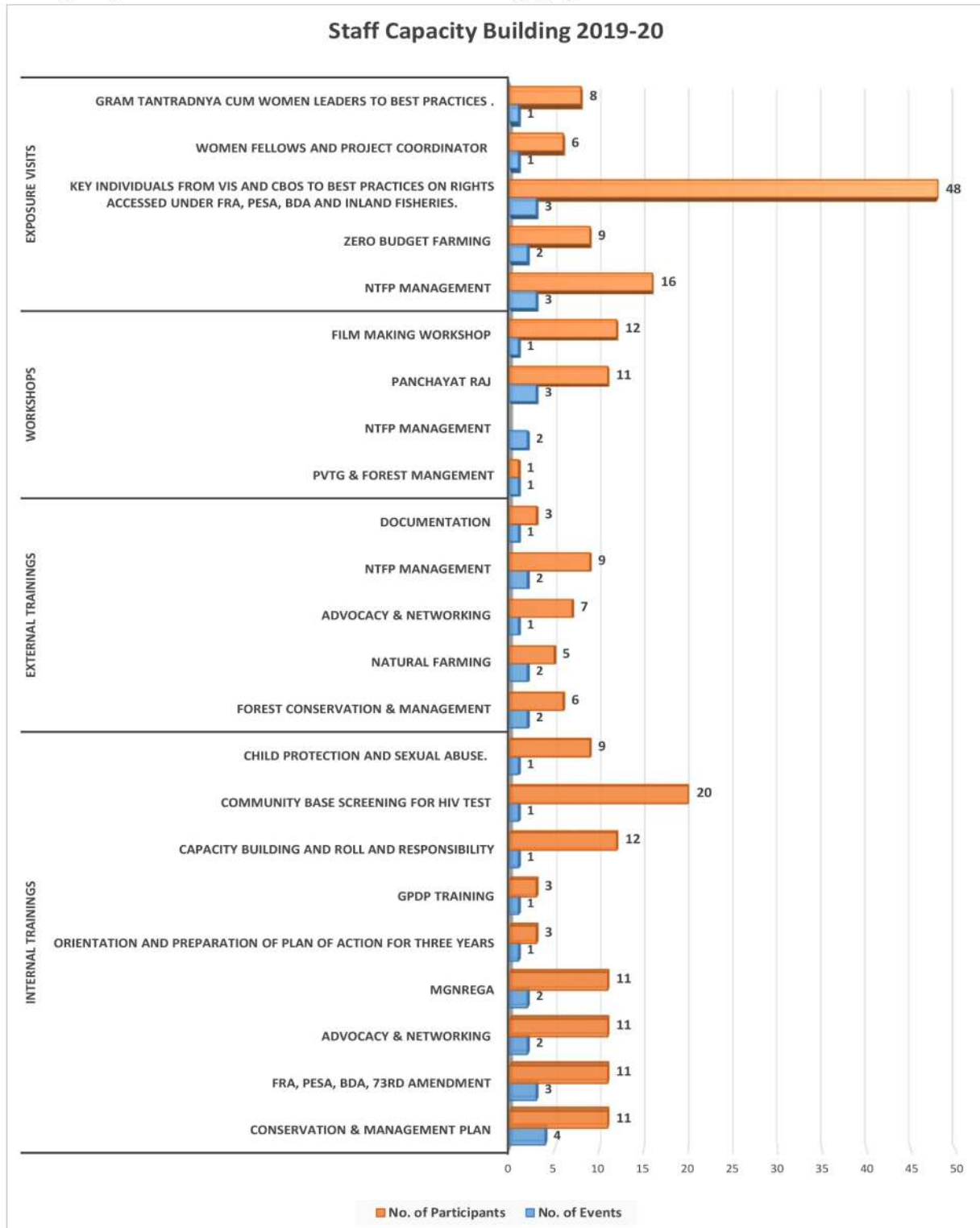
GSMT always believes that the problems cannot be solved in isolation. Over the last few years, it is associated with many networks at the State and National levels. During the year 2019-20 the Director of GSMT and other core staff participated in the following State level and National level consultations and meetings: Program Coordinator participated in the National level event on Panchaayati Raj at Prayagraj

- ✂ **Community Forest Rights Network:** CFRLF sub-group meeting (of 6 states) was held in Raipur (CG) where common action plan for policy advocacy on NTFP and Management plan was chalked out; **Maharashtra State FRA Collective Network** meeting was held at Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi, Kurukheda to discuss CFR implementation and planning, to position CFRMC as MNREGS implementing agency, formation of a legal cell, and role of nodal agency were discussed. Also represented GSMT and the VLF in the meeting with members of legislative assembly (including President and Vice President) on FRA and MNREGS implementation issues.
- ✂ **Vidarbha Livelihood Forum:** Coordinated VLF on various issues and represented in state level meetings with Principal Secretary, Tribal Department for policy changes.
- ✂ **NTFP-EP India Network:** Contributed to the PVTG situation analysis and future roadmap planning organized jointly by NTFP-EP and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative Bangalore
- ✂ **Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation:** participated in planning for effective implementation of FRA
- ✂ **AFARM:** Secretary of the state level network and anchored brainstorming/ workshop on self-governance – challenges and future planning
- ✂ **Child Rights Alliance:** GSMT is the Founding member organization of Child Rights Alliance in Vidarbha.

## 4. Capacity Development

### 4.1 Capacity Building of the Staff

The staffs are the real pillars of the organization are GSMT always believe in developing the capacities of the staff for the smooth functioning of the organization. Initiatives taken by the organization during the year 2019-20 are reflected in the following graph:



## 4.2 Manthan Training Center

GSMT has developed a well-equipped training center at Yavatmal with support from Japan Consulate. The training center is well equipped with all the training facilities and residential facilities for 40 participants. Manthan Training Centre is used for organizing various events such as Organisation Development Initiatives, Training of the Programme Staff and also hosting the meetings of the various networks. The following chart reflects the various events organized at Manthan Training Centre during the year 2019-20:

S.N.	Level of Events	Number of Events	Topics Covers	Participants
1	Organisation	13	Capacity building of staff on Results Based Management, Proposal writing, organisation development, review meetings, staff monthly meetings, Annual General Meeting	87
2	Programme Execution	15	Forest Management, NTFP Business Management, Agriculture Practices, Soil and Water Management, Better Cotton Initiative, Child Protection, Child line, Disability	414
3	Network events	6	network partners meeting on various issues	137

## 5. Governance & Management

GSMT is governed by the Executive Board for the smooth functioning. The Board Members of GSMT are from diverse background and are specialised in the areas in which GSMT operates.

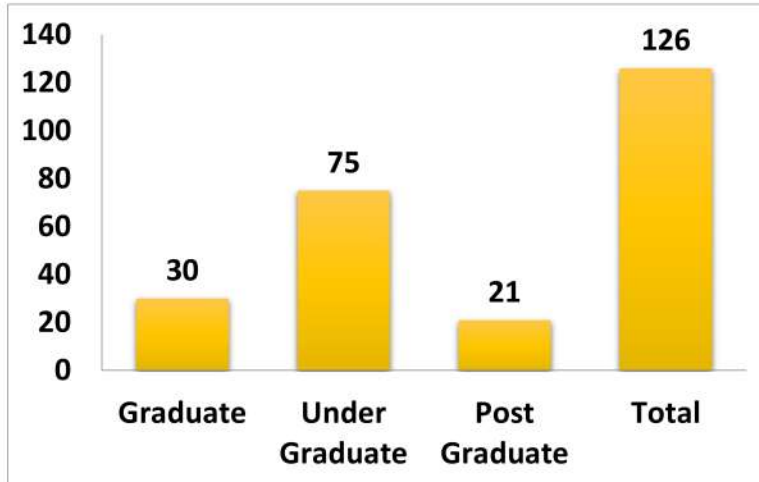
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9	Ms. Vijaya Tulshiwar	Member	Istari Nagar, Ghatanji, Dist. Yavatmal 445301

## 6. Our Funding Partners

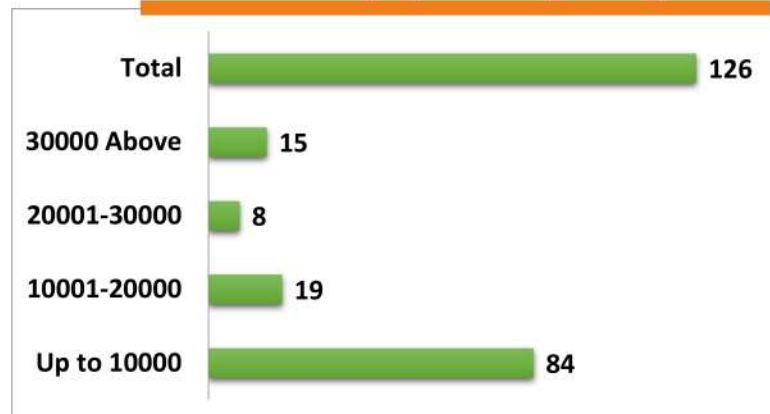


## 7. Accountability & Transparency

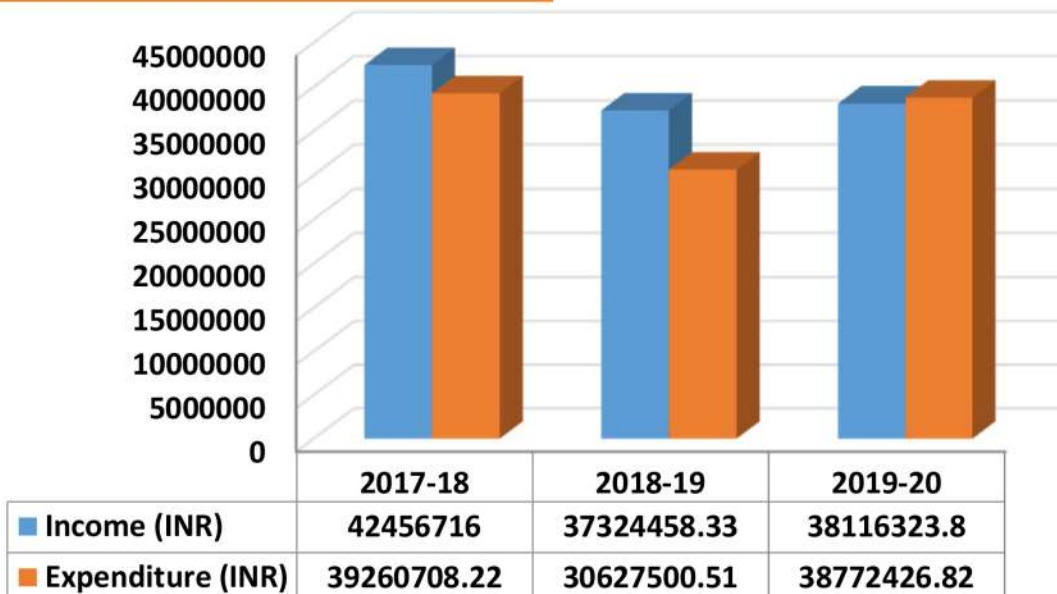
### 7.1 Staff Deployment by Education



### 7.2 Staff Deployment by Salary-slab



### 7.3 Financial



## 7.4 Financial Statements 2019-20

### GRAMIN SAMASSYA MUKTI TRUST, YAVATMAL

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2020

EXPENDITURE	RUPEES	RUPEES	INCOME	RUPEES	RUPEES
<b>TO EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF PROPERTIES</b> (As per Schedule 'G' Annexed)		3,19,706.00	<b>BY INTEREST REALISED :</b>		
			On Savings Bank Accounts	2,11,007.28	
			On Fixed Deposits	1,57,884.00	
			On Income Tax Refund	2,834.00	3,71,725.28
<b>TO ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES :</b> (As per Schedule 'H' Annexed)		4,15,860.64	<b>" DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS :</b>		
			Educational Donations	4,51,500.00	
			General Donations	9,42,011.92	13,93,511.92
<b>" EXPENDITURE ON OBJECTS OF THE TRUST:</b>			<b>" GRANTS-IN-AID :</b> (As per schedule 'L' Annexed)		3,00,40,768.08
Educational Expenses (As per Schedule 'I' Annexed)	1,51,46,913.43		<b>" OTHER RECEIPTS :</b>		
Medical Relief Expenses (As per Schedule 'J' Annexed)	91,58,573.60		Project Receipts	3,23,702.00	
Relief of Poor Programme Expenses (As per Schedule 'K' Annexed)	1,00,25,974.15	3,43,31,461.18	School Receipts	94,126.00	
			Training Centre Income	4,30,652.00	
			Miscellaneous Income	17,27,951.00	
			Housing Project Income	71,065.52	
			Membership Fees	322.00	26,47,818.52
			<b>" Deficit for the year carried over to Balance Sheet</b>		6,13,204.02
<b>TOTAL</b>		3,50,67,027.82	<b>TOTAL</b>		3,50,67,027.82

For Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust

  
**CHAIRPERSON**  
 Authorised Signatory  
 Gramin Samassya Mukti Trust  
 13 Vishal Nagar, Yavatmal  
 Place: Yavatmal  
 Date: 28/09/2020



As per our report of even date.  
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Chartered Accountants  
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**Amit Joshi**  
 Partner  
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### GRAMIN SAMASSYA MUKTI TRUST, YAVATMAL

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2020


FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	RUPEES	RUPEES	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	RUPEES	RUPEES
<b>TRUST FUND :</b>			<b>FIXED ASSETS :</b>		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		5,42,404.00	As per Schedule 'D' Annexed		1,47,19,394.00
<b>CAPITAL ASSET FUND :</b>			<b>AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,14,67,437.55		As per Schedule 'E' Annexed		15,34,170.00
Add: During the Year	36,62,500.00		<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Less: As per Schedule 'D'	9,32,912.00	1,41,97,025.55	Fixed Deposit with Accrued Interest		31,42,094.00
<b>PROJECT EARMARKED FUNDS :</b>			<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES :</b>		
As per Schedule 'A' Annexed		4,41,332.13	As per Schedule 'F' Annexed		37,81,265.96
<b>UNSECURED LOANS :</b>					
As per Schedule 'B' Annexed	11,67,600.75	11,67,600.75			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES :</b>					
As per Schedule 'C' Annexed		7,26,879.00			
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT :</b>					
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	67,14,886.55				
Less : Deficit during the year	6,13,204.02	61,01,682.53			
<b>TOTAL</b>		2,31,76,923.96	<b>TOTAL</b>		2,31,76,923.96

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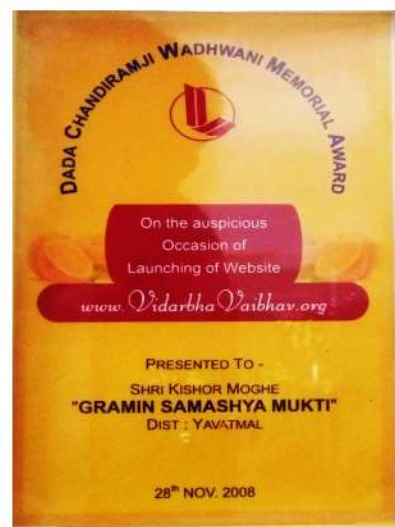
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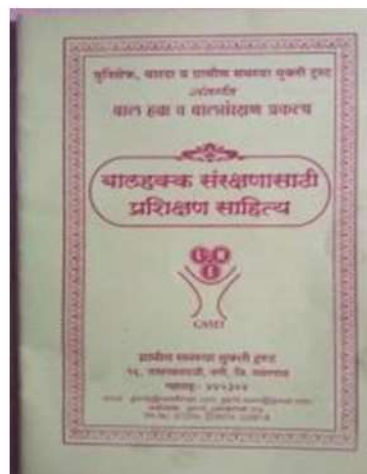
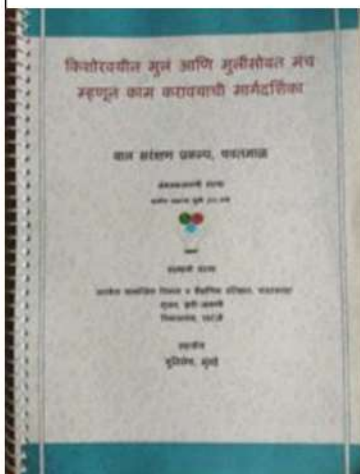
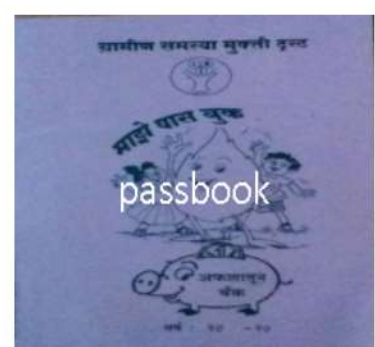
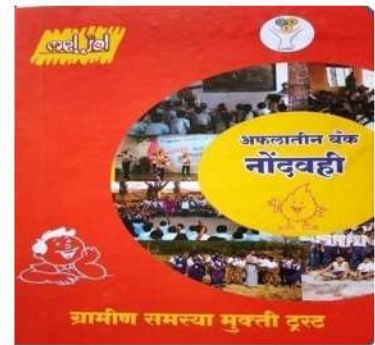
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