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## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

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| 1,528                        | 50                           | 5                                | 10                          |
| Students reached on HIV/AIDS | Girls in embroidery training | Villages in the health programme | Children returned to school |

The year the Trust's work moved from one village into the district. A school health programme on HIV/AIDS reached Standard 8 students in fourteen schools across Amreli, a Reproductive and Child Health project opened in five villages, and fifty young women completed a six-month course in embroidery and fancy work and sat a state examination in it.

## EDUCATION, EQUALITY & EMPOWERMENT

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### A school, and a trade for fifty young women

*Strengthening educational opportunities for children from underserved communities.*

In June a survey of the area around the Trust's school at Damnagar looked for children who had dropped out and children who had never enrolled. Ten were found and brought into the school after extended counselling with them and with their parents; seven more, who could not read or write, were persuaded to come to Sardar Vidyalaya at whatever times suited them.

A sports competition for Standards 1 to 5 — musical chairs, rhymes, colour recognition — was attended by Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia, Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia and Hon. Secretary Mrs. Pushpaben Gohil.

**Embroidery and fancy work.** The Central Social Welfare Board opened embroidery and fancy work classes at Amreli, and the Trust began its own on 3 May with fifty girls enrolled for training, to be examined by the Gujarat State Technical Board. In August the students put on a cultural programme — raas, garba, mono-acting, song and drama — inaugurated by Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia with the lighting of the lamp, with Mr. Bipinbhai Joshi, Mr. Jayantibhai Talavia, Mr. Bharatbhai Kabaria and representatives of the Brahma Kumaris present to encourage them. They joined the computer class students on a tour to Somnath, Sasan, Veraval and Kodinar.

The six-month course was completed in November under the vocational training programme of the Social Welfare Advisory Board, and forty-nine students sat the examination on 21 and 22 January. Mr. M. J. Rakholia and Mr. M. R. Baludkar, Welfare Officer of the Social Welfare Board, attended.

In September a talk by Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia on the contribution of voluntary organisations to rural development was broadcast by Akashvani Rajkot.

### HIV/AIDS in fourteen schools, and health in five villages

*Enabling individuals and communities to live with dignity.*

**The school health programme.** In October the Trust held a sensitisation meeting under the PSH project with the help of GAP for Standard 8 students from twelve schools in Amreli. Dr. Redium Bhattacharya, Director of GAP; Mr. Natvarlal Vohra; Dr. Dabbawala; school principals and teachers; the District Education Officer, Mr. Gohil; Mr. Bipinbhai Joshi; Prof. Talavia; Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia and Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia attended. A school health programme was launched with GAP in November.

World AIDS Day was marked in four schools — Municipal Girls High School, Bansidhar Vidyalaya, Unity High School and M. V. Patel Kanya Vidyalaya — where 900 students took part in debates, essays, demonstrations and a video show, and 912 students were covered by classroom work. By the end of the year the school project had reached 1,528 Standard 8 students across fourteen schools, in three phases using a film on environment and health, wall charts on HIV/AIDS, stories and questionnaires. Beyond the target group, 1,280 people were contacted through condom distribution, video shows and group discussions, and 1,300 students took part in the World AIDS Day observance.

**Reproductive and child health.** The project opened in December in Chital, Jasvantgad, Timba, Nana Machiyala and Giria. Meetings on nutrition and health were held with primary health centre workers and anganwadi workers, on breastfeeding with village women, and on immunisation with parents; Ms. Jagrutiben Janvar and Ms. Sima Savalia began the work through a rally and a video show. January brought a health workers' meeting, a meeting with lactating mothers, a children's rally and an immunisation camp.

In February a workshop for anganwadi workers covered supplementary nutrition, health and nutrition, the care of pregnant and lactating women, the importance of breastfeeding, HIV/AIDS and gender discrimination. Ms. Ilaben Joshi, CDPO; Ms. Jyotiben, Supervisor; Mr. Joseph, Coordinator of Samagra Vikas Trust; Mr. Dhiraj Vagadia; Mrs. Kanchanben Vagadia; Mr. D. B. Visani, Administrative Officer; Mr. Surendranath Nayak, Project Officer; and Simaben, Jagrutiben, Dayaben, Rajeshbhai, Vijyaben and Hetal Goswami were present. In March five meetings and seven parents' meetings were held across the five villages, using video shows and rallies to teach supplementary nutrition and the care of pregnant and lactating women.

**Building the Trust's own capacity.** In April two workers attended the second phase of participatory capacity building training on HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, held at Ahmedabad by the Gujarat AIDS Awareness and Prevention Unit of ISRCDE. In July the Hon. Secretary attended GAP's third-phase workshop on proposal writing. In September Samagra Vikas Trust convened a meeting of organisations interested in the RCH project, drawing NGOs from Bhavnagar, Amreli, Surendranagar, Junagadh and Rajkot to discuss the project, how to identify a target group and how to prepare a proposal. In May Mr. Simal Ajmera, Mr. Joginder Upadhyay, Mr. Kamlesh Patel and Mr. Bipinbhai Joshi of GAP

visited the Trust and saw its self-help groups at Nanudi, Bhanja, Vankia and Dadli in Khambha taluka and the watershed site at Visavadar.

## **PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS**

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This edition sets the year's work under the Trust's three current thematic areas. The framework itself is later than the year reported;

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the activities, names, figures and dates are as recorded at the time.