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THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

241	5	1,096	10
Children in school	Villages in health work	Women reached on health	Staff

Health work came into its own this year. Alongside the school at Damnagar, the Trust ran an AIDS education programme and, as a project partner of Samagra Vikas Trust under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a Reproductive and Child Health programme across five villages of Amreli taluka. Two of the three programmes ran on the Trust's own resources.

EDUCATION, EQUALITY & EMPOWERMENT

Sardar Vidyalaya, Damnagar

Strengthening educational opportunities for children from underserved communities.

The school, running since 1998, teaches primary classes to children aged six to fourteen at Damnagar in Lathi taluka. Two hundred and forty-one children were studying there this year.

Independence Day and Republic Day were marked with drama, patriotic songs, a one-act play and elocution. Essay and elocution competitions, parents' meetings, the school admission function, free tuition and day schools ran through the year.

Excursions were organised by class: Standards 1 to 3 to Gopnath, Bagdana and Mahuva; Standards 4 and 5 to Dhari, Junagadh, Srinathji and Tulsishyam; Standards 6 and 7 to Shamlaji, Ambaji, Gandhinagar, Udaipur, Srinathji and Mount Abu.

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Two health programmes across five villages

Enabling individuals and communities to live with dignity.

AIDS education. Run among rural communities on the Trust's own resources, in Chital, Jaswantgadh, Timba, Machiyala and Giria. An awareness camp drew 290 participants and six general meetings a further 300. Individual contact was made with 495 men, 452 women and 50 children for motivation, and group meetings brought 455 men, 1,140 women and 57 children into discussion. Mass awareness meetings were attended by 181 men, 371 women and 30 children. Personal contacts were made with 81 people of the target group and with 225 men, 140 women and 137 children from the general population. Twenty-five condom

demonstrations were held and 435 condoms distributed free.

Reproductive and child health. Implemented in the same five villages with Samagra Vikas Trust, the mother NGO for the Saurashtra region under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Twenty-seven parents' meetings were attended by 1,284 parents, and 23 meetings with expectant women gave 1,096 women orientation on health check-ups, diet and medicines. Twenty video-film shows drew 1,214 women and children; poster displays were held twice for 2,000 women; an audiocassette programme ran twenty times for 1,780 people. A rally for mass awareness in Timba village was joined by 35 school children, and about 1,400 copies of information materials on maternal and child health care were distributed. Two meetings were held for Gram Panchayat officials, attended by 87 representatives. World Health Day was marked on 7 April under the slogan "Move For Health", with 40 women taking part.

OUR TEAM

Ten full-time paid staff — seven women and three men — all from the same locality as the communities the Trust works with. Two coordinators attended training on reproductive and child health organised by Samagra Vikas Trust, Amreli, and a coordinator attended training on environment education under the Nirmal Jal Sukhakari Paryavaran Sudharana campaign, organised by the Community Science Centre, Amreli.

The Trust was visited during the year by Dr. Prakash Upadhyay, District Programme Officer, ICDS; Mr. Bavkubhai Undhad, Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture, Government of Gujarat; Mr. Bipinbhai Joshi, teacher of biology at Kamani Forward High School; and Prof. J. M. Talavia of Commerce College, Amreli.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Samagra Vikas Trust, the mother NGO for Saurashtra under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The AIDS education programme and Sardar Vidyalaya ran on the Trust's own resources and on school fees.

LOOKING AHEAD

- An environment education campaign under Nirmal Jal Sukhakari Paryavaran Sudharana.
- Hostel accommodation at Sardar Vidyalaya for students from outside Damnagar, with places for at least twenty.
- An AIDS education programme in Diu, should the opportunity arise.
- An Environment Orientation School Education programme, to carry environmental action through school children.

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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;

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