

Vicharta Samuday Samarthan Manch

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Background History of VSSM

- **Registered as an NGO since 2010**
- **Mission and Vision:** The inclusion of Nomadic, De-Notified and Other Marginalized Communities in mainstream society anchored towards Socio-Economic and ecological stability and enable the people to lead a dignified life.
- **founding members:**
 - **Shri Liladhar Gada/President:** Fondly known as “Adha” – Elder Brother in Kutch
 - **Ms. Parulben Dandikar/Vice President :** devoted Gandhian Follower & Socialist
 - **Smt. Mittal Patel/Founder Trustee:** A Social reformer and voice of NT-DNTs (Nomads)
- **Focus area**

Human Rights, Advocacy, Livelihood Regeneration, Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurial Support, Housing for Poor, Food Security, Relief & Rehabilitation, Environment Conservation- Holistic Development of marginalized communities

Programme Impact

Name of the Programme	Impact
Human Dignity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reached 2,00,000 families of 22 districts of Gujarat. • Helped avail Voter ID Cards to over 5,00,000 individuals • Supported 2,00,000 families avail Ration Card (APL, BPL and Antyoday) until now. • Helped more than 3,000 families receive free residential plots from the Government. • Associated these communities with more than 40 various Government Welfare Schemes • Could be able to create a special provision for Nomadic and De-Notified Tribes Communities in various government welfare schemes.
Education Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total 476 children (163 Girls and 313 Boys) getting education from 02 hostels of the organization with all expenses borne by VSSM.
Swavlamban-Livelihood programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 6600 people supported • Revolving fund of Rs. 7 crore is accumulated • Loan of Rs. 20.07 Crores have been provided • 55 Small savings groups formed
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1500 houses constructed
Participatory Water Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 lakes of 150 villages of 13 blocks of 4 districts have been de-silted • 12 Recharge Borewells installed in Banaskantha • Compartment bunding in 40 farms were made
Tree Plantation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planted more than 5.00 Lacs trees at various 123 sites spread across 91 villages of 13 blocks in 3 North Gujarat Districts with tree survival rate more than 93%. • Nursery accommodating 1.5 lakh saplings has been developed
Mavjat- Elderly Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 seniors provided monthly ration kits

Project Name for which Funding is Desired

Human Dignity Programme

- **Project Ask**

To provide support for availing various citizenry entitlements, to help getting access to different government welfare schemes

- **Project Description/Purpose/Expected Impact**

Support for citizenry entitlements, giving access to Govt. welfare schemes, policy reformation, relief from rehabilitation, legal aid in the cases of discrimination and atrocities

- **Project Location if different from the Organization Location**

30 Districts of Gujarat

- **Project Funding Request Annually/Ongoing**

Rs. 50,00,000/-

Project Name for which Funding is Desired

Education Programme

Development of Vallabh Vidya Vihar

- **Project Ask**

Ongoing Construction of Two Hostel Buildings

- **Project Description/Purpose/Expected Impact**

A hostel facility is created to provide Free Education with Lodging and boarding facilities

- **Project Location if different from the Organization Location**

At. & Po. Pansar Ta. Kalol Dist. Gandhinagar

- **Project Funding Request Ongoing**

Rs. 8 CR

Project Name for which Funding is Desired

Housing Programme

- **Project Ask**

To provide technical and partial financial support for construction houses to weaker section

- **Project Description/Purpose/Expected Impact**

Historically, the nomads being wanderers, never had a permanent address to call home. Their nature of work never allowed them to remain at a fixed location for long. Because this life of perpetual wandering helped them earn a living, they never felt the need to belong to one place. But with the advent of machines and industrial production, the need and value of the services provided by the nomads gradually turned obsolete. Nomads now require land to settle down for good, to raise their families in a safe and secure environment. Until now, these families have never owned land. Since they never settled in one place, they have never been accepted in the villages. Even the local administration hasn't been proactive enough to provide them permanent plots for residence. Thus, along with constantly lobbying the issue with the government for the allotment of plots connecting them with Government Housing Schemes for construction support, VSSM also provides technical and financial support to the Nomadic families to help them build houses to lead a stable life.

- **Project Location if different from the Organization Location**

Various districts of Gujarat (depending upon the allocation of residential plots and release of Govt. grants)

- **Project Funding Request Annually/Ongoing**

Rs. 6.5 CR (i.e. 500 Houses * Rs. 1,30,000.00 per Beneficiary)

Total : Rs. 19.50 CR Over Next 03 years

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