



Demanding gender sensitive disaster management



Promoting non-chemical approach in agriculture



Supporting the girl child



Koya women and men determined to access Forest Rights

Anti-Dowry Campaign

In collaboration with Vimochana a Bangalore based womens' organization and partnership with womens' organizations across the country, Gramya participated in the national event, Daughters of Fire, the Court of Women on Dowry and related forms of Violence against Women. Ms. Suvvi who was being forced to give away her daughter provided testimony on the pressures she was facing because of her four daughters. She has decided to take care of all her daughters with support from Gramya.

Promoting Environment Awareness and Non Chemical Agriculture

Awareness around climate change issues was created in the area through the National Environment Awareness Campaign programme supported by Deccan Development Society. Essay writing competitions were held and meetings organized in schools and HRD College in Devarkonda. One hundred and ninety four youth participated in the programmes. Forty farmers participated in a programme to learn about vermi-composting methods.

Women farmers from Old Teldeverpally village participated in a pilot programme to introduce non chemical approaches to pest management in rice cultivation. The programme produced good results with support from Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Accessing land rights for women

Using The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, Gramya in collaboration with ASDS and Natwan sangam helped the Adivasi families in ten panchayats of two mandals to file their land rights claims.

To date 221 families have received recognition for rights over 814 acres of land. Fifty claims filed by independent women have been recognized. Other claims are being processed. Support for the programme is provided by SDTT.



Working with government to improve quality of education



Supporting people's struggle against displacement



Influencing the state government and the World Bank



Working together

Influencing International and National Policy South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication

Dr. Rukmini Rao, Core member of SAAPE lobbied with the European Union to make available Euro one billion towards food security fund for Africa and Asia. In collaboration with EEPA and Food Sovereignty group, the campaign was successful.

Gramya participated in the People's SAARC to promote issues around food sovereignty and women's land rights.

Gramya played an active role to promote debates around Womens' Livelihood Rights at the World Social Forum, Belem, Brazil.

As part of the National Women's Movement, Gramya is participating in shaping the policy related to SHGs, Micro Finance as well as monitoring the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

You Can

Support Gramya through voluntary work, provide information on campaigns for women's rights world wide and contribute suitable educational material. Foreign contributions can be made to:

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Struggling together/moving ahead



Standing up for their rights



Ensuring girl child protection



Back to basics joyful learning



Anti dowry campaign



Creating legal awareness to access rights

Our Vision and Mission

Gramya's vision is to create a just society, which will provide political, social and economic opportunity for women, especially tribal and dalit women, to support them achieve their rights, to improve their lives and livelihoods and to realize their full potential. We promote child rights with a focus on the girl child.

Gramya works with communities to support them in their struggle for survival and development. We work closely with Community Based Organizations, women's organizations, youth leadership, and like-minded Civil Society Organizations at the local, state, national and international levels to seek justice for marginalized communities.

We Are

A group of women who are development activists and from the women's movement for equality. The group consists of Ashima, Jamuna, Kavitha, Suhasini, Usha, Shanti, Suguna and Rukmini. We are made stronger by a dedicated team of volunteers, community leaders and staff, who work towards the achievements of our common objectives. We also draw support from a wide network of women activists and friends.

We Work In

The lambada tribal hamlets and other villages of Chandampet and Devarkonda mandals of Nalgonda district. The area is semi-arid and extremely under developed with an eroded resource base. Farmers in the area are caught in a debt trap, attempting to grow cash crops such as cotton. In spite of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2006, families continue to migrate for five to six months in a year putting at risk their children's education and health.



Discussing Womens' rights



Campaign for child rights



Creating awareness about climate change



Training Koya women leaders

Mainstreaming Gender Agenda

In collaboration with the Indira Kranti Patham, Gramya has extended its activities to the four districts of Nalgonda, Khammam, Warangal and Ranga Reddy. Outreach in 2008-09 was to 280 villages from 28 mandals in the four districts. Together with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty team, women's leadership training was provided to 49,945 SHG members. Adolescent girls were provided health and human rights education. The outreach was to 8522 girls. Women suffering due to domestic violence were identified and supported to register cases. 374 women were enabled to deal with their problem. During the campaign conducted by the gender resource persons with support from Gramya, 106 working children were identified and brought back to school.

We work in Khammam district in partnership with Jagruthi, Centre for Human Activity in Rural Development, Priya Darshini Seva Mandal, Eco Foundation for Research and Training, Vyavasaya Mariyu Sanghika Abhivrudhi Samstha and Masses. The partnership programme has an outreach to eighty five villages.

Gramya has nurtured and supported the Natwan sangham, a Koya tribal women's membership organization in Khammam district actively promoting women and girl child rights.

Bridge School

The Residential Bridge School for girls supported by Kirkinactie/ICCO, acts as the centre for Gramya activities. It enrolls working children and girls from extremely poor families. Once the girls are oriented to school, they are enrolled in government hostels providing free boarding and education. Currently 125 girls are registered in the school from

- 53 villages
- 17 mandals



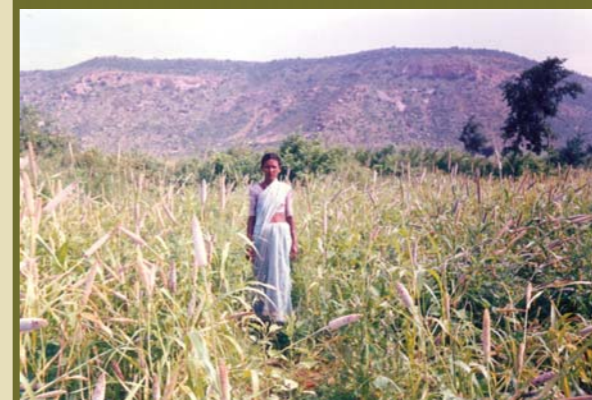
Saluting the country



Active learning in school



Writing on national issues



Promoting food crops

- 4 districts Ranga Reddy (Hyderabad City), Nalgonda, Warangal, Mehaboob Nagar
- In 2008, 103 girls from the bridge school were mainstreamed into four hostels in Nalgonda district

College Education

Gramya supports higher education for girls with 18 girls enrolled in college.

The Back to Basics Programme

With support from Aide-et-Action, we are providing training and other input support to improve the quality of education in 100 primary schools in Chandampet and Devarkonda mandal. The Vidya Volunteers in the school receive regular training to use play way methods to ensure children's learning. Outreach of the programme is to 2576 children.

Preventing Female Infanticide and Dumping of Girl Babies

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has introduced a "cradle scheme" in Primary Health Centers with the objective of "saving" the girl child. Unfortunately this leads to devaluing of girl babies with parents dumping new born infants anonymously in the cradles. It also puts pressure on women to turn themselves into baby making machines who are forced to give away girl babies till they have sons. Gramya has campaigned in Devarkonda and Chandampet mandals to prevent this. With Gramya's intervention the Project Director, DRDA has appointed two women to supervise the cradle in Devarkonda Primary Health Center. As a result, families are counseled to reconsider their decision. Gramya staff are available on a helpline and the organization provides food support for a period of six months to enable families to keep their daughters and choose a contraceptive method to plan their families. With support from Gramya, eight families have resolved to keep their daughters. Dr. Nasreen Hussain, Shakti Shifa Foundation has supported the programme with resources from Cyndi Wiess Women's Health Initiative.