

Khoba's development work

Sarvodaya Parivar Trust and Yogdan has undertaken a comprehensive development programme of village Khoba which is a remote tribal village in Dharampur taluka of District Valsad in south Gujarat. This village is the last village of Gujarat located on Gujarat-Maharashtra border. It is one of the most backward villages of Gujarat from education, health and employment point of view. It is not only the last village of Gujarat state, otherwise also it is very difficult to reach this village as there is no regular transport available for the village. The condition of the narrow road which joins this village to the rest of the world is very poor and it is not accessible in the four months of rainy season at all. Most of the villagers are engaged in the primitive form of agriculture. The only source of food and livelihood is the only crop of rice grown during rainy season.

Khoba and near by villages do not have any medical facility. The patients of these villages have to travel on foot about 8 km to catch a vehicle for nearest town i.e. Dharampur. In want of transport facilities it is extremely difficult to provide medical treatment to patients. For women and childrens it is all the more difficult. They suffer for months until the problem becomes very acute. The poor villagers can not afford private transport to take their patients to govt. hospital and private nursing homes of Dharampur and Valsad. Due to neglect and extreme poverty at times the case becomes very serious which may be fatal.

Objectives:

Yogdan has been planning to set up a multi purpose community center in this village which will provide following facilities to all the villagers-

- Creation of alternative source of livelihood by agriculture, horticulture and village based cottage industry development by constructing small check dams (water reservoirs) so that the poor villagers earn in the village itself.
- Establishment of a first aid center for distribution of common medicines of cough, fever and ointments etc. and transport of patient to nearest hospitals in emergency.
- Creating awareness of general health and hygiene for prevention of contagious diseases
- One time health check up and mal nutrition survey of villagers.
- Organising regular health camps for various disease such as eye, dental, gynecology etc.
- Providing transport facility to serious patients to take them to hospitals of near by towns.

- Establishment of self help group of men and women in Khoba village

Funding to the Khoba project of Sarvodaya and Yogdan will make a remarkable difference in the lives of 500 poor tribals of village Khoba. Precisely it will result in -

- Making the mal nourished population healthy so that they can able to withstand hostile conditions of remote rural area.
- Making the people self sufficient in terms of self employment in agriculture and allied activities.
- Stopping of migration of earning population of vilaage from their home to nearby towns for employment.
- Developing village Khoba as a model of rural development.

Programme Description:

In F.Y.2012-13 we will set up a multipurpose community centre to implement the development programs of health, medicine, education and employment at ground level. The centre will be manned by three permanent paid dedicated social workers. i.e. one programe manager, one supervisor and one health worker.

In F.Y. 2013-14 all the activities of development will be handed over to the village work force. Thereafter Yogdan will provide overall supervision and necessary funds.

Expenditure estimates :

Approximate expenditure in the Khoba development scheme will be as under

1. Construction of multipurpose center - Rs.5 lacs
2. Construction of 5 check dams and a Nursery - Rs.5 lacs
3. Community Agriculture instruments bank - Rs.5 lacs
4. Community health programs- toilets and medicines - Rs.5 lacs

Total Expenditure. Rs. 20 lacs

Expected outcome:

Approx. 500 people of village will be direct beneficiaries in this project. The project work will also benefit almost equal number of persons of nearby villages. The proposed project will also work as a model for rural development which will be later extended to other villages.

Start date of project: Effective from 1.10.2010