

Annual Report 2020-2021

Covid Relief & Livelihood Intervention



GRAMSHREE FOUNDATION TRUST 2020-2021



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From Trustee Desk

I am pleased to issue the Annual Report 2020-2021 for the Trust. This is too has been a stepping stone in moving forward in achieving Trust vision of Impacting lives of 1,00,000 Tribal families by "Empowering Rural Tribal Families, through women so that they can take control of their own life"



2020-21 was a challenging throughout the globe, with Covid19 crisis impacting the overall economy of India, bottom of the pyramid was hit most badly. Country level lockdown has impacted the livelihoods very badly.

Economy in our intervention area were depended on income coming from family's member migrated to cities of Gujarat and Maharashtra. More than 40% families, have one or more person migrating for the livelihood. These families struggled to meet the two-end food. At this point of crisis, Trust used all its network to mobilize the resource to support the community through relief work and by providing alternative livelihood opportunity in this time of crisis.

Trust has supported more than 2,000 families during these crises with support of partners like India Friends Association, USA, RCRC network and Manjari Foundation. During this time Trust initiated new Initiative of Commercial Vegetable cultivation with migrant who came back after lockdown and looking for livelihood opportunity in their own village. Trust started with a pilot which is taking a new shape of program, scaling with support of Aajeeviak Bureau. It is said that necessity is the mother of invention, hence crisis has forced Gramshree to come up with new solution to overcome the impact of covid.

Gramshree in collaboration with SRIJAN has moved ahead in value chain work under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Vikas Yojana. I am happy to share that this Kendra supported by Trust has been taken as Model Van Dhan Vikas Kendra in Udaipur district.

We would like to acknowledge continuous support of India Friends Association (IFA, USA California), E2F, Buddha Fellowship Program, SRIJAN, Aajeevika Bureau, RCRC Network, Manjari Foundation and Women on Wings.

Gramshree has come up with leaps and bound and has reached stage, where next 3 years, become very crucial for its growth. We look forward to serve the tribal families, with similar support from our well-wisher in coming future.

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Regards
Rakesh Gupta
Trustee
Gramshree Foundation Trust



1. Covid-Relief

Gramshree has been working in Kotra and Gogunda Block of Udaipur Rajasthan from last 3 years. In collaboration with is social start-up, it has been able to impact the lives of 2,500 tribal families. Gramshree Foundation Trust is directly working in 50 villages of two block with process of mobilizing women in Self Help Group and Producer Groups and Producer Organization.

During this unprecedented Covid Crisis Gramshree Foundation Trust supported more than 1,500 Families with dry ration support and created awareness in around 50 villages with distribution of more than 2000 mask and 2500 hand washing soap. Awareness generation was also created through wall painting and demonstration at the village level.

1.1. Initiative taken by Trust to minimizing impact of Covid.

Immediately after lock down was announced by the Govt. in response to Covid-19 pandemic, Gramshree did assessment of the conditions of the ultra-poor families residing in the Kotra, Gogunda and Shayara Block of Udaipur Rajasthan. The most critical challenge among the families was lack of liquid money to purchase the food materials. Area is mostly dominated by schedule tribes, they have very small land holding and are dependent on the labour work for the cash income. Most of the families' male member either work in the nearby town and cities like Sumerpur, Pali, Udaipur, Abu, Jodhpur or they work in other states cities like Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Surat. Due to lock down there was no cash income and whatever they have got was exhausted or going to be exhausted.

1.2. Distribution of Dry ration:

Dry ration was distributed to the needlest families which includes the migrant who came back, widow and destitute: Dry ration kit was provided to 1,500 families in Kotra and Gogunda Block of Udaipur Rajasthan. Kit constitutes of essential item for a family of 4 members for 15 days.

Gramshree received support from local functionaries like Sarpanch, ward members and SHG members in identification of the needy families











1.3. Awareness Camp:

1.3.1. Awareness Creation

With Influx of Migrant back to the villages, and with little information on Covid-19 at the village level created a panic situation in the villages. Local administration was doing its bit, however the awareness about the disease was negligible in the interior tribal villages.

Assessing this grim situation, Gramshree developed the two-fold strategy of creating the awareness. One was through wall painting and second was making available mask and hand soap to the community.



MASK made by SHG MEMBER



1.3.2. Distribution of Mask and Soap.

- Gramshree involve Ambika Self Help Group member Chinni bai for making mask. She lives in Village-Akiyawad, Gram Panchayat- Ukhliyat made 1,000 mask which helped her to earn Rs. 15000/-.
- Gramshree distributed 1,000 masks in 17 Villages
 Covering 11 Gram Panchayat of Gogunda, Kotda,
 Sayara block of Udaipur. Provided on Process of
 handwashing. More than 5000 people got to know
 about the process of hand wash for 20 sec.



Wall painting, with pictorial description of the Covid-19 symptoms and measures for its prevention was developed with local artist as per the guidance provided by the health department and local administration.

Follwing information was covered through wall painting: -

- Do not Shake hand.
- Always Wearing Face mask when you go out the house.
- Do not touch yours Eyes, Nose, Mouth.
- If you are feeling cough, sneak and fever do not come in close contact with anyone and consulting doctor.
- Do not spit in Public.
- Do not Travel unnecessarily.
- Stay at least 1 meter away from coughing and sneezing.
- Washing hands frequently.
- Maintaining the social distancing while Talking.

Wall Painting was done in 20 Villages covering 2000 Households. Demonstrate and Distribute 1000 mask and soap among the people







2. Vegetable Intervention: To Combat the Covid-Crisis

Grashiya Tribes in Gogunda and Kotra Block of Udaipur depends mostly on natural resources available in the forest for cash income. They have small land holding and most of the farmer who have land are in to cash crop. They take maize and pulses in Kharif season and Wheat and Mustard in Rabi. Income from these cash crop is twice in a year, they do not have other option of regular cash flow, due to which they have to depend on the relative or money lender to full fill the cash requirement during the non-crop season.

2.1. Opportunity/ Solution:

To provide farmer regular cash income, intervention on Vegetable cultivation was take as one of the livelihood interventions in Covid-19 period.

Garmshree did the selection of villages in which intervention can be taken as pilot. Availability of land and water were two important factor which was taken into consideration for the selection of villages. In these villages meeting was conducted with the existing Producer Group member, formed by Gramshree and with other villages on the idea of taking up vegetable cultivation. Based on continuous meeting and consultation, 70 families agreed to take up this activity.

To keep the farmers motivated, it was decided to take these families (Both Men and Women) for the exposure visit in nearby area, so that they can see how it is done and can interact with the farmers to get the confidence that they too can take up this activity.

Gramshree team interacted with Agriculture Scientist at Bargoan KVK on this. Gramshree enquired about the similar intervention being done by any other NGO. Gramshree contacted Centre for Microfinance (CmF), one of the NGO working in vegetable intervention in sayara block.

2.2. Planning for exposure visit of farmers to see the vegetable cultivation in Sayara Block:

Due to covid-19, it was challenge to take a bigger group of farmers for the exposure visit, norms of social distancing, ensuring every participant goes along with mask need to be ensured.

To handle Covid-19 situation, Gramshree organized the awareness camp on Covid-19 in the villages from where farmers has been selected. After the training and awareness camp, plan was made to take the farmers in small group for the exposure visit.





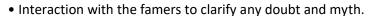
4 Batch was made comprising of farmers in the range of 15 to 18 for the exposure visit. Gramshree agriculture expert and CmF agriculture expert were part of the exposure visit.

Visit was organized in with objective to provide farmers:

- first hand understanding of process of vegetable cultivation,
- it's challenges and
- its benefit.
- Ultimately farmers get motivated to take up this activity in their own farmer with confidence.

2.3. To achieve above objective, exposure visit was planned with following activity:

- Visit to the plot of raising nursery
- Visit to farmer plot with standing crop, with few harvests done.



• Interaction with CmF Agriculture expert to provide the input of the challenges faced by the famers and what extra preparation need to be done for the famers who will be going for vegetable cultivation for the first time.

Total of 72 members participated in the exposure visit, 50 were women and 22 men.

2.4. Vegetable Intervention post exposure visit:

Post exposure visit, farmers were super excited to take up the vegetable cultivation. Meeting was organized by Gramshree staff post exposure visit with each Producer Group to ensure the

preparation of Bed preparation for nursery raising. Training was conducted with each group. Focus was to use the local material as much as possible.

Based on the suggestion of Agri-expert from KVK and Garmshree own Agriculture Expert Mr. B.M Dixit seeds of vegetable were procured from Udaipur.

Post Training 5 Farmers took the responsibility to raise the nursery in raise bed and it was target to get around 40,000-42,000 saplings. (500 to 600 plants for each farmers). Sapling consist of Chilly, Brinjal & Tomato.







Women involved in preparing raise bed Nursery



















PREPRATION FOR TRANSPLANTATION OF SAPLINGS TO THE FIELD







2.5. Input support for Kharif intervention:

Gramshree also supported 271 families with the input supply for Kharif intervention. Seed for Maize and Green Gram and Urea was provided. This includes 100 families was provided seed for kitchen garden intervention and 70 families covered under vegetable cultivation. We have completed the project expenditure by August 31, 2020. Till August, transplantation has been done with 70 farmers and it is expected to get the production by October mid. Gramshree will also support these farmers in marketing of vegetables.

3. Expansion of Vegetable cultivation in collaboration with Aajeevika Bureau

Gramshree Foundation Trust and Aajeevika bureau came together to work with migrant tribal families to provide them an alternative source of livelihood at this time of the Covid crisis. It was decided to initiate a pilot with 75 families and based on the experience we can plan to scale up this intervention with other families.

The process followed is as follows:

- 1. Mobilization of women under Producer Group.
- Assessment of availability of land and water for taking up the vegetable cultivation in Zaid season.
- 3. Exposure visit of farmers to KVK badgoan and farmer plot in villages near Gogunda.
- 4. One-day training to farmers on pre-sowing (Field preparation, seed treatment, and other important aspects of vegetable cultivation).
- 5. Raising of centralized nursery for providing the vegetable sapling to the farmers.
- 6. Selection of field of each farmer and field preparation support.
- 7. Transplantation of saplings.





3.1. Mobilization of women under Producer Group.

Total 30 Producer Group has been formed in 25 villages covering more than 325 women. Women have become the member of Producer Group. Each member has contributed Rs. 500 as share capital and Rs 200 as a contribution for the registration of Farmer Producer Organization. Overall women had mobilized more than Rs 1,50,000/- as share capital and amount for registration of Farmers Producer Organization.

Producer Company got registered on March 8, 2021 with "Vandhan Mahial Shakti Women Farmer Producer Organization". They had opened the bank account and had deposited the initial amount of Rs 1,00,000/- as paid up capital and has applied for Commencement of business.



Joint meeting Conducted by GFT & AB

3.2. Capacity building of Farmers: Exposure visit & Training

The exposure visit was organized to KVK badgoan and farmer plot in Suran Village in Gogunda Block. The objective of the visit was to motivate farmers to take up the vegetable cultivation activity. Idea was to explore them to new technology and information for which interaction was planned with KVK scientist. Farmer first time came to know as





- 3 Exposure visits was conducted in which 90 farmers participated.
 Farmers were motivated through exposure visits. Especially the interaction with the farmers in Suran village in Gogunda block provided them the confidence that they too can take up this activity.
- Two, One-day training was conducted to provide the farmer with an understanding of the preparation required for vegetable cultivation. Farmers were updated on the
- Package of Practices to be followed for different vegetables, land preparation, arrangement for irrigation, and other details was provided to the farmers. 50 Farmers part



was provided to the farmers. 50 Farmers participated in these 2 training.

3.3. Procurement of Input & Centralized Nursery Raising.

Initially, the list of 68 farmers came up after exposure visits and training who were willing to take up the vegetable cultivation intervention. Based on the list made, a field visit was made to assess land availability as per the harvesting plan of the farmers. Accordingly, input was provided by the field team for field preparation.







3.4. Input Supply, establishment of centralized nursery and Transplantation.

After exposure visit and training more than 80 farmers has shown the interested to take up the activity. More families are expected to come up to take up the activity, as process of harvesting get completed.

Based on the interest shown by the farmers, list of input was prepared and same was shared with the AB field team. Timely procurement of input was done and was handed over the GFT field team.

Input was provided to around 40 farmers by the end of March 2021

and process will continue till First week of May. It is expected that more farmers will take up the activity as soon the harvesting of wheat is done and land is available for the plantation.

GFT has established the centralized nursery with capacity of growing 50,000 saplings per month. Currently 8 raised bed got functional with capacity of providing 30,000 saplings, and we are expecting to create additional 6 raise bed by end of April.

Distribution of sapling started at the time of writing this report and around 2350 sampling has been distributed and transplantation of the same has been done by the farmers.





4. Progress under Vandhan Yojana

4.1. Vandhan Vikas Kendra Jhadoli

Pradhan Mantri Vandhan Yojan was initiated to provide support to the tribal farmers to work on value chain marketing. Gramshree work on Custard apple was selected to support one cluster of 300 tribal families. In last financial year Vandhan Jhadoli received fund of Rs 6,00,000/-. Five lakhs were for providing training to 300 women on different value chain, while Rs 1 lakh was sanctioned for renovation of any old building which Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) can use for its processing purpose.



Ten batch was prepared with each batch having 30 members for training. 4 Batch of training was conducted during August & September, 2020, while rest 6 batch was completed from November, 2020 to January 2021. Trust has made the business plan for the VDVK and same have been submitted to the Trifed and Rajsangh (Agency which is monitoring the project at district level). It is expected either VDVK will receive machine worth of Rs 10 lakh or they will receive the fund through which can buy their machinery for the processing purpose.

4.2. Entrepreneurship cum Skill Development Training Program (ESDP) Training.

Gramshree foundation Trust got into agreement with SRIJAN for conducting the ESDP training of 2 Vandhan Kendra. VDVK which were covered under the training were (a) Vandhan Vikas Kendra Jhadoli and (b) Vandhan Vikas Kendra Medi (Promoted by Sewa Mandir).

A detailed business plan was developed by the end of the training on which VDVK Jhadoli & Medi, will be working to implement the same in next one year.

Overall following Topics were covered under the training:

Based on the objective of the Training to build the capacity of Trainee on overall enterprise development following topics were covered in detail using different methodology, which include the lecture method, sub-group discussion, presentation in bigger group, role play and video of success story and different aspect of business which included topic like sorting, grading, packaging, branding, delivery channel, sources of revenue and cost structure.

S.no	Topic		
1	Introduction to SHG based Entrepreneurship		
2	Entrepreneurial Competencies, SHG process Management, communication		
3	Locally available NTFP based Business Opportunity, Identification of Value-added products, round the year capacity utilization		
4	Product Positioning - Grading / Sorting, Branding Packing and Product Certification		
5	Equipment and processing Technology, project Report preparation		
6	Market Survey, Distribution Channel - Retail sales and social media marketing		
7	Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), TQC, Hygienic operation management.		
8	Business Management, operational and financial management		
9	Business plan preparation.		
10	Certificate Distribution		











5. Financial Statement





ANNENEXUR FORMING PART OF AUDIT REPORT U/S 10 B (Gramshree Foundation Trust) 31.03.2021 STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

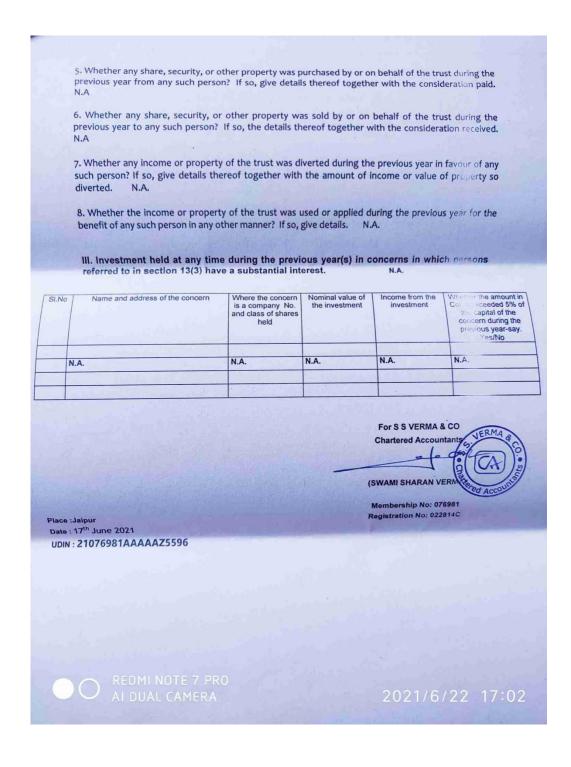
I. Application of income for Charitable purposes

- 1. Amount of income of the previous year applied to charitable or religious purpose in India 980019/-
- 2. Whether the trust has exercised the option under clauses (2) of the explanation to section 11(1)? If so, the details of the amount of income deemed to have been applied to charitable or religious purpose in N.A.
- 3. Amount of Income accumulated or set apart for application to charitable or religious purpose, to the extent does not exceed 15 percent of the income derived from, property held under trust wholly (in part only) for such purpose 197000/-
- 4. Amount of income, eligible for exemption under section 11(1)(C) (Give details)
 N.A.
- 5. Amount of income , in addition to the amount referred in item 3 above accumulated or set apart for specified purposes under Section 11(2): 138942/-
- 6. Whether the amount of income mentioned in item 5 above has been invested or deposited in the manner laid down in Section 11(2)(b) If so, the details thereof:: Yes, As per Balance Sheet
- 7. Whether any part of the Income in respect of which an option was exercised under clause (2) of the explanation of Section 11(1) in any earlier year is deemed to be income of the previous year under Section 11(IB) If so, the details thereof: N.A
- 8. Whether during the previous year any part of Income accumulated or Set apart for Specified purpose under Section 11(2) in any earlier year-
- (a) Has been applied for purposes other than Charitable or religious purpose or has ceased to be accumulated or set apart for application thereto or N.A.
- (b) Has ceased to remain invested in any security referred to in Section 11(2)(b)(i) or deposited in any
- account referred to in Section 11(2)(b)(ii) or deposited in any account referred to in Section 11(2)(b)(iii) or N.A.

 (c) Has not been utilised for purpose for which it was accumulated or set apart during the period for which it was to be accumulated or set apart or in the year immediately following the expiry thereof? If so the details thereof:

 N.A.
- II. Application or use of Income or property for the benefit of persons referred to in Section 13(3):
- 1. Whether any part of the income or property of the trust was lent, or continues to be lent, in the previous year to any person referred to in section 13(3) (hereinafter referred to in this Annexure as such person)? If so, give details of the amount, rate of interest charged and the nature of security, if any
- 2. Whether any land, building or other property of the trust was made, or continued to be made, available for the use of any such person during the previous year? If so, give details of the property and N.A. the amount of rent or compensation charged, if any.
- 3. Whether any payment was made to any such person during the previous year by way of salary allowance or otherwise? If so, give details.
- 4. Whether the services of the trust were made available to any such person during the previous so, give details thereof together with remuneration or compensation received, if any. N.A

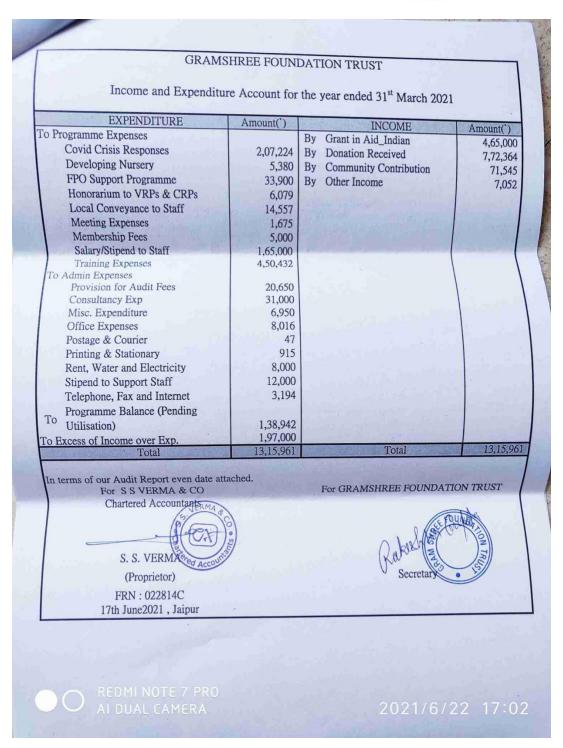




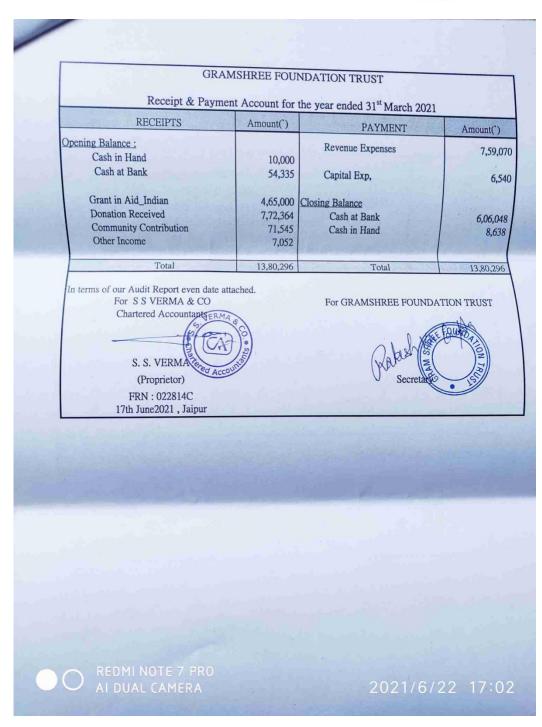


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Add:-Surplus	1,97,000		0,54
	1,38,560		
	1,50,500	Current Assets, Loans and Advances	
Unsecured Loans	1,16,875	Cash at Bank:	
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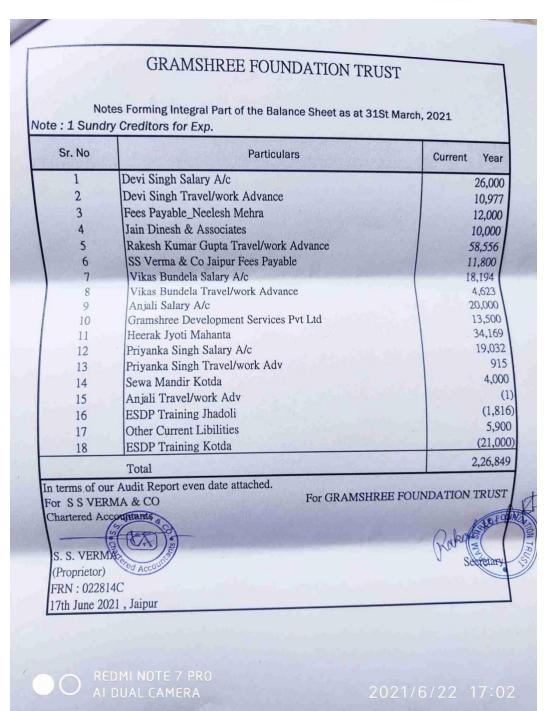














6. Partners and Supporters





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