

- **Agriculture and Horticulture**

Improved agriculture through high yielding seed varieties of conventional and exotic crops with orchard development in selected area has been initiated. Trainings on correct agriculture practices are imparted for improving farm yields in line with the goals of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana. Extension Centers (one for every 25 villages) managed by Agri Extension Officers have been started. Farmer groups have been formed in each village for selling agriculture produce through a supply chain developed by the Foundation to obtain optimum price.

- **Dairy Development**

Women Dairy Cooperatives have been promoted and efforts are being made to establish market linkages. Training of woman Para-Veterinary workers, organizing cattle camps, conducting awareness meetings and video shows for promoting better cattle management practices are the key activities. Linkages with veterinary services are also facilitated.

- **Skills Development**

The Skill Development Center (SDC) has taken the onus of creating alternative employment opportunities for the rural youth. Short courses on gardening and nursery making, para-veterinary services, tailoring and beauty clinics are being imparted to youth. These trained youth are currently engaged in gainful income generating activities. Various other courses like plumbing, masonry, electrician and motor rewinding are also planned.

- **Credit Support**

Women Self Help Groups are promoted to provide micro credit at an affordable

rate of interest and to reach out to areas with negligible formal banking facilities. These women are trained for carrying out various income generation activities like nursery making, vermicompost preparation, Pithora painting and marketing of drip irrigation kits.

- **Health**

The existing livelihood promotion activities are integrated with the Foundation's health intervention aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality in partnership with the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

- **Education**

The project proposes to set up a girls residential school linked with a preparatory 'bridge school' at the primary level.

The Team

An extensive field implementation and monitoring team along with a multi-disciplinary specialist team, and an experienced field staff has been put into place for implementing a plethora of activities under the project. In addition, the Foundation's existing resources and field network provide support for project implementation.

KALP through its diverse interventions aims to build the capacity of the local populace, thereby helping them to lead a



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Deepak Foundation through its multiraceted programs reaches out to a nearly 1.9 million population of Vadodara district. The Foundation provides services through Public Private Partnership initiatives primarily in livelihood promotion and health. The projects are implemented by building networks with international NGOs, Civil Societies, Self Help Groups and Community Based Organizations.

Vision

Empowering underprivileged populations in rural and tribal areas by providing livelihood and health care opportunities.

Mission

Creating an enabling and sustainable environment among rural communities. We envisage a world free of distress, disease, deprivation, exploitation and subjugations, thus ensuring the overall well being of the family, society and community.

Kawant – A reality check *

- Kawant is the most underdeveloped block in Gujarat (report by Cowlagi Committee, 2006)
- Agriculture is the major source of income. Majority of the households are landless or marginal land owners
- Only 21% of farmers have access to irrigation facilities
 - Merely 3% of households are members of Dairy Co-operatives
 - 78% of the households have no surplus money left after fulfilling all consumption needs

- More than 35% of the population migrates every year in search of alternate livelihood
- * (Source: Baseline Survey by Deepak Foundation in 2007)

Kawant Livelihood Project (KALP)

Kawant block comprises of more than 30,000 households. Holistic development through people's participation calls for integration of services at grass roots level. KALP is an initiative in this direction. Under the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana, the project has been implemented in partnership with the Tribal Development Department, Government of Gujarat.

OBJECTIVE

To provide livelihood opportunities to 60% of households through integration of existing government schemes.

Strategies

The Foundation plans to undertake the following:

- Promote livelihood opportunities in conventional and potential farm and non-farm sectors
- Generate additional employment through skills development, extension and credit support and micro entrepreneurship promotion
- Mitigate distress migration by creation of a strong social safety net for the vulnerable groups and create fall back employment sources
- Create durable assets and contribute to the regeneration of natural resources
- Promote community participation in the process of development and establish Kawant Development Corporation under section 25 of the Companies Act

Key sectors under holistic development through KALP



Interventions

- **Watershed and Irrigation**
Construction and renovation of water conservation as well as harvesting structures like check dams, lift irrigation, group wells, drip irrigation and inland community water bodies are planned during the five year intervention period. Watershed approach is adopted to improve soil and water conservation and thereby increase irrigation potential and area under double cropping. Water quality testing is carried out to ensure safe drinking water for people and Swajaldhara project is being implemented to develop public infrastructure for awaiting potable drinking water in the region.