



Annual Report

2018-2019



AVATAPI
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MILESTONES

Journey so far

2009-2010

- Registration under Section 25 of Company's Act 1956

2011-2012

- Need based expansion from 4 villages to 15 villages
- Capacity building of Community Leaders
- Participation of Persons with Disability in *Khel Mahakumbh*

2013-2014

- *Khel Mahakumbh* for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) organised by *Aatapi* at block level.

2008-2009

- Baseline survey conducted by *Kutch Navnirman Abhiyan* to comprehend needs and dynamics of the community
- Findings shared with community
- Interventions with Community Leaders

2010-2011

- Formation of Community Groups
- Empowerment through Capacity Building Programmes

2012-2013

- Formation of first women led milk dairy – *The Kamboyawaga Mahila Dudh Sahakari Mandli* in Vedach village
- *Kharashvistarotthan Yojana* project started with Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell
- Experimentation of Various models for Community Based Organisations

MILESTONES

Journey so far

2015-2016

- *Asmita* project for women's empowerment initiated in 5 villages of Jambusar with PI Foundation
- Formation of *Viklaang Parivartan Sangathan* (VPS) initiated
- VPS organised *Khel Mahakumbh* for the first time with record online registrations, 190 PwDs participated
- Registration of 3 more Women's Dairy Cooperatives

2017-2018

- Received Certificate of Merit from FGI for Women's Empowerment
- *Ujaas* received Best Mandali award from Gujarat Rajya Sahakari Sangh
- Five women of Self-Help Group Received certificates of appreciation from GNFC for Limbodi Collection
- *Vivekanand Farmer's Sangathan* – Farmers Producer Organisation registered. Sanghthan covers 17 villages, strength 427 members
- 11 women leaders elected in Gram Panchyat elections from leadership groups nurtured by *Aatapi*
- First *Khedut Garima Utsav* organised - 600 plus men and women participated

2014-2015

- Registration of *Ujaas Women's Credit Cooperative Society*
- Registration of *Kamboyawaga Mahila Dudh Utpadak Mandali*
- *Kharashvistarotthan Yojana* project expanded to 10 villages
- First women's *Garima Utsav* organised

2016-2017

- *Aatapi* intervention expanded to 45 villages
- *Asmita* project expanded to 10 more villages
- Independent office of VPS in Jambusar
- Health and Well-being programme initiated in 15 villages
- Integrated Rural Development approach shift
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MILESTONES

2018-2019

***Ujaas* spread expanded to 45 villages**

***Sahiyaru Prayan* Tool Bank with 17 tools initiated with support from Excel Crop Care Ltd (Now SUMITOMO Chemicals)**

Baseline and need assessment survey of Persons with Disabilities undertaken in 5 villages of Vagra block in collaboration with Hindalco, Aditya Birla Group

Health and Well-being and Education programmes initiated in 15 villages

ABOUT AATAPI

Aatapi - a *Pali* word derived from Buddhist teachings, meaning 'diligent hard work'!

Aatapi Seva Foundation is a Social Developmental Institution, striving to facilitate holistic and sustainable development of the community. It works through nurturing strong and resilient Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and steering them towards ownership of Sustainable Community Development.

VISION

We envision an inclusive, empowered and just society, enabling equitable opportunities and a life of dignity for the most marginalized.

MISSION

To facilitate and empower local communities, especially the most marginalised to realise their latent potential, and to be active participants and owners of their inclusive and sustainable development.

OVERALL APPROACH

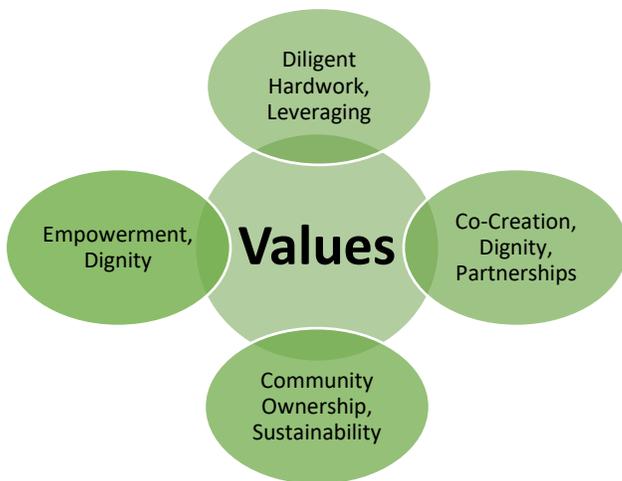


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FOREWORD

Year 2018-19 has paved way for value-based nurturing and strengthening of CBOs with their roles diversifying beyond collectivization to business interventions as well as health and wellbeing, serious thinking towards development of children and youth leadership through their rights. In coming years focus in Jambusar block will be to strengthen these CBOs and Leadership to take community development interventions at village level. For AATAPI, way forward is moving beyond Jambusar and contextual adaptation of the model of integrated development to other geographical areas with communities in need through partnerships with likeminded corporate and NGOs.

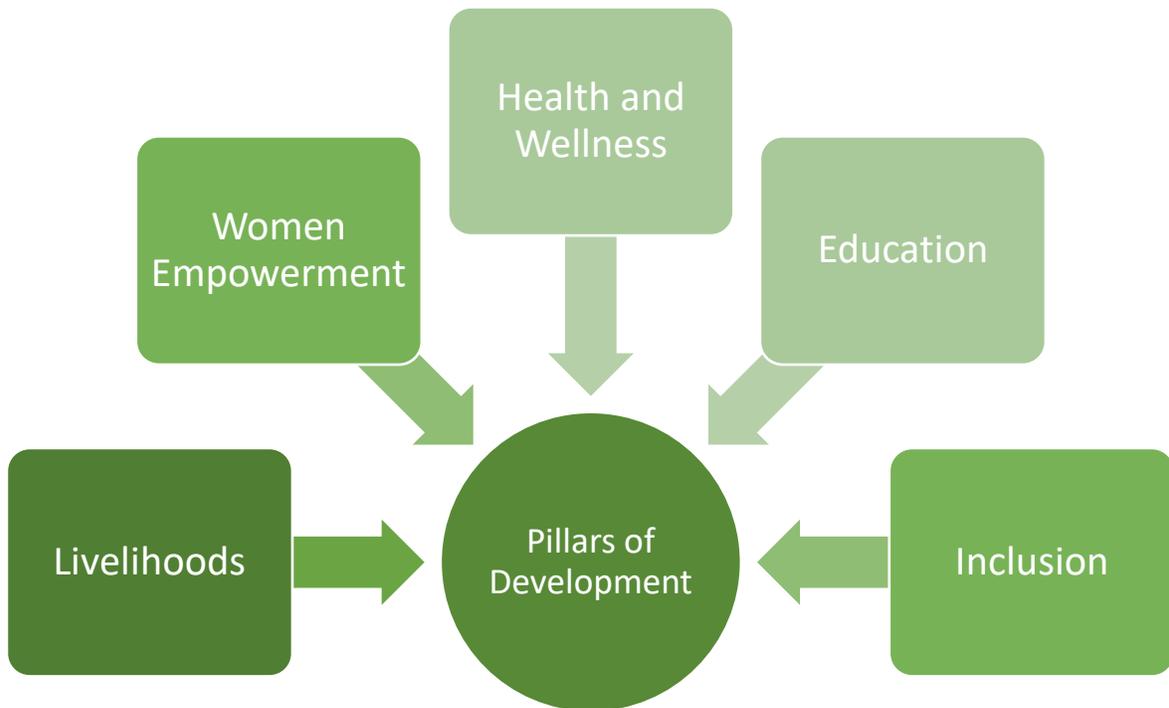


DIRECTION, 2018-19

Aatapi moved forward with the rigour in 2018-19, bringing about a change in its strategic approach in its operations to strengthen its projects and bring about a sustainable development across the communities. AATAPI moved beyond Jambusar block of Bharuch to other blocks with intent of expanding the learning of 10 years to needy and marginalized communities of other blocks as well. Plans are emerging for reaching women and persons with disabilities in two blocks - Ankleshvar and Vagra. In Jambusar block, focusing on building strengths of CBOs was prioritized with UJAAS, Vivekanand Khedut Mandali and Viklang Parivartan Sangathan taking lead at various platforms.

Aatapi's activities are concentrated in 45 villages of Jambusar in the year 2018-2019, we increased the outreach to ten more villages of Vagra Taluka, Bharuch.

CORE PILLARS OF DEVELOPMENT





AATAPI BELIEVES THAT BY EMPOWERING PEOPLE, CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. NOT IMMEDIATELY, BUT DEFINITELY.

LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Aatapi has been working towards livelihood and economic development from its inception. The various programs under the Livelihood and Economic Development focus on the traditional sources of livelihood along with finding newer sustainable avenues for income generation. They not only focus on Agricultural development through Farmers' capacity building but also strive to bring about women empowerment



5000
Families

Agriculture Development Program

Aatapi works in about 30 villages of Jambusar Block which are surrounded by the Mahi river and the Dhadhar river on the North and South respectively and the Gulf of Cambay on the West making the soil conditions very poor in these coastal regions for any form of Agriculture. Aatapi facilitates the farmers to understand and adapt new techniques and technologies while consolidating their traditional practices. AATAPI also assisted farmers in accessing resources – knowledge, rights and entitlements, finances, water for irrigation, strengthening of Animal husbandry as allied income of small and marginalized farmers.

This year majorly focused on providing various types of trainings and capacity building of the small and marginal farmers of these 30 villages through *the Kharash Vistarothan Yojana* to promote scientific methods of crop production in saline soil and coastal areas.



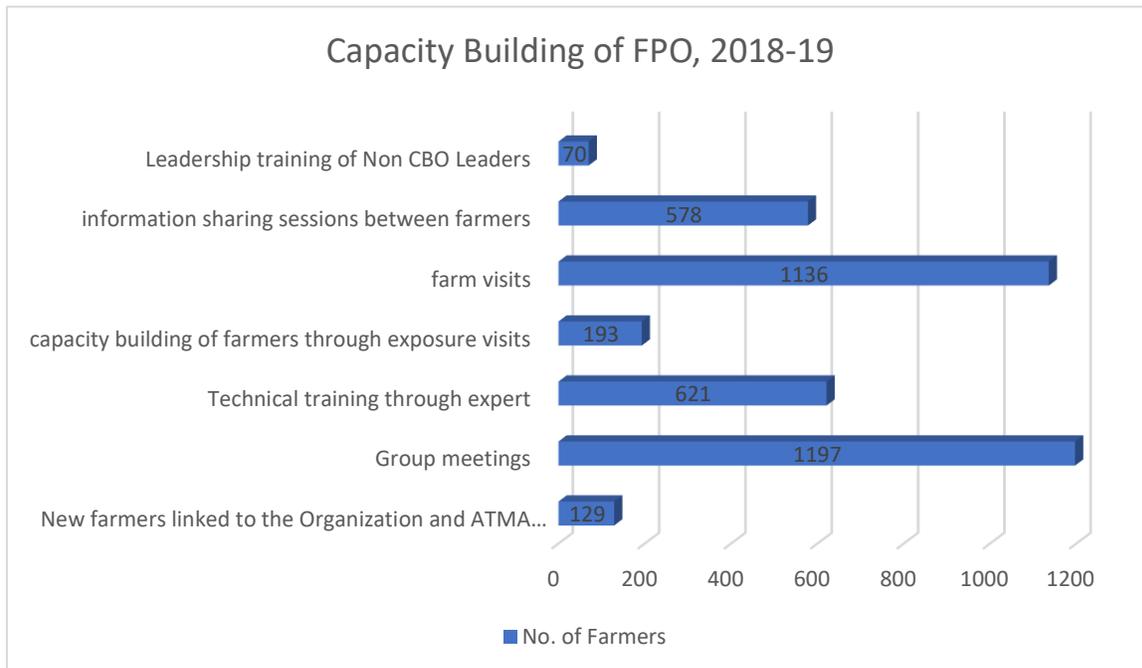
HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018-2019

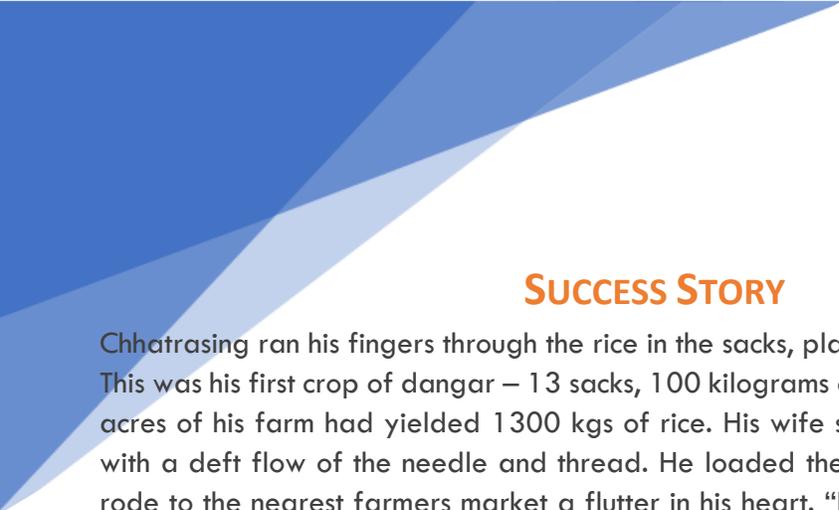
INPUT CENTER

An input center, Vivekananda Farmer's Sangathan, was opened in Vedach village providing farm seeds, insecticides and fertilizers at subsidized prices. The input center will be managed by Farmers Producers Organization, the VKS which now has nearly 400 members.

TOOL BANK

Another initiative of the FPO this year was the Sahiyaru Prayan Tool Bank funded by Excel Crop Care Ltd. managed by VKS. The Tool Bank currently has 17 large and small tools and machines catering to the need of 400 farmers from 16 villages in Jambusar. Aatapi limits its role to supervision and capacity building. The availability of tools and equipment through the tool bank at an affordable rental fee will accelerate farming activities like tilling, sowing, and harvesting.





SUCCESS STORY

Chhatrasing ran his fingers through the rice in the sacks, playing with it in child-like awe. This was his first crop of dangar – 13 sacks, 100 kilograms each. The experiment on 0.75 acres of his farm had yielded 1300 kgs of rice. His wife secured the ends of the sacks with a deft flow of the needle and thread. He loaded the sacks in his bullock cart and rode to the nearest farmers market a flutter in his heart. “I’ve kept aside a few kilos of our rice, I will cook some for lunch”, his wife called after him.

The yield of 1300 kgs of rice fetched Rs. 45,500 rupees. This was a jump of 30 per cent in his regular income. Encouraged by the earnings he now grows paddy on 1.5 acres of his 5-acre farm.

He had never dared to grow dangar before. Rice fields needed water, standing water. All they had was the rains. Chhatrasangbhai’s fate was similar to other farmers in the region, a small land holding, sticking to the traditional crops-tuver (red gram) and kapas (cotton) season after season. Each sowing season started with a prayer to the Rain Gods. Good rains heralded a decent crop; scanty rains despair and debt.

Prosperity knocked at his doorstep in 2016 - he joined Aatapi’s farmers’ group and attended the meetings regularly. Through the awareness sessions he was introduced to crops suitable for the local climate and soil conditions and modern farming practices. The construction of an 1843 cubic meter pond (built under the aegis of the Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell project) changed his fate.

Keeping faith in the guidance of the Aatapi team, he planted dangar (rice) in his 0.75 acres of his 5-acre farmland. “Ma Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth came into my home in the name of Aatapi”, he told the other farmers. Rice was not the only winner. A single round of water – irrigation to his cotton fields increased his income by another 10 per cent. He was able to grow fodder because of the availability of water from the pond, this added another 8000 rupees to his income.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Aatapi has facilitated the empowerment of women through the formation of self-help groups, engaging with widows and single women and women with disabilities to improve their status and economic independence. Uniting the women through self-help groups has enabled their inherent strengths to come

to the fore, given them representative voice and knowledge power and encouraged women entrepreneurs. It has catalysed the formation of women managed dairies, and given visibility to women farmers. Attending monthly meetings, saving regularly, voicing their opinion, taking decisions on loan allocations, liaising with banks, sharing ideas and experiences with other leaders at cluster levels has opened vistas beyond the boundaries of their homes. They have learnt to negotiate with the external realm – reluctant banks, insensitive panchayat samitis, sceptical families and callous communities. Grudgingly, but surely their going respect in the community for their capabilities and contribution.

As part of the CSR Initiative of the PI Foundation, the ASMITA project was initiated to support our Women Empowerment Program. The aim was to empower the women by enhancing their access to Finances, Resources, and Opportunities for Skill Development and Strengthening of Livelihood Sources leading to wellbeing of their families, through building confidence in their abilities and capacities to redefine their economic space to ensure financial inclusion.

Highlights of 2018-2019

EXPANDING THE HORIZONS

A community-based organization – UJAAS Saving and Credit Cooperative has been formed. Total savings of UJAAS is Rs. 87.89 lac and turnover are of Rs. 1.78 Cr till now. In the reporting periods Rs. 23.14 Lac savings and Rs. 49.25 Lac amount was circulated in lending. The CBO with 2528 members is being steered to involve in community development through leadership trainings and capacity development. Above that, CBO is also actively entailed in health and child development programs along with their saving and credit activity. UJAAS was certified as A grade mandali by District Registrar – Cooperatives after intensive audit.

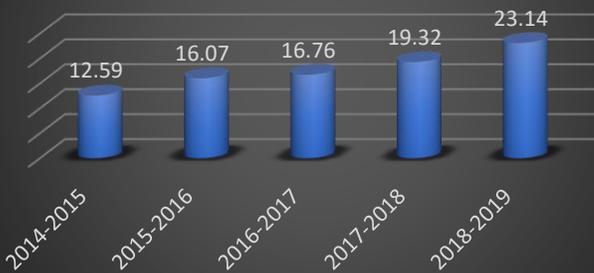
Ujaas is the women's platform, a space to express their needs, find solutions, share joys and sorrows and celebrate their successes

Total **315 members** of four dairies received bonus of **Rs. 3 lacs**

UJAAS received **A Grading** from external evaluation

Total **450 members** practiced **horticulture** and **drumstick plantation**

Total Saving of UJAAS till now Rs 87.89 Lac



ACHIEVEMENTS, 2018-19

- 167 new members joined in 11 new groups
- 7 Ujaas Sakhis took responsibility of monitoring and nurturing 77 SHGs in 3 villages
- 9 SHG members from 5 villages undertook neem seed collection for GNFC and collected 90 tons of nimbodi reaping in profit of Rs 5.00 Lac.
- Financial and legal literacy conducted by 8 leaders for 1228 women

Way Forward

Major challenges of small and marginal farmers were addressed with initiation of Sahiyaru Prayan Tool Bank and input centre. Women dairies are managed with ease by women and community is learning to take opportunities like neem seed collection in stride. However income from traditional sources is becoming more and more unpredictable with impact of climate change. Therefore it is critical to explore, learn new skills, alternative complimentary sources of livelihood which fills the gap of income, raising above basic and investing in health and education. Efforts would be explore new opportunities in their contexts, build new skills and upgrade the income level. There will be special focus on livelihoods of persons with disabilities and their inclusion in ongoing income generation efforts by AATAPI and CBOs

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



AATAPI initiated its interventions in Health with aim of improving public health services for community. Health is one of the major pillar of integrated development model adapted by AATAPI where there is innate belief that

integrated development will lead to improvement of overall quality of life of people of area. Community is strengthened to comprehend and spell out comprehensive development for themselves.

Aatapi has been working in the sector of Health and wellbeing with the core objective of providing awareness regarding various health services to the most vulnerable groups of the community. In the current year Aatapi has extended its health awareness services to 25 villages providing awareness about health services and rights to about 1250 HHs.

2018-19 formed a critical platform for community mobilization for robust health systems at village level. Ujaas and SHGs members plays a vital role in the process.

Key activities undertaken:

- Training of 15 Aarogya Sathis on - **Health, Public health structure, nutrition and anemia, Aaganawadi, Reproductive system, menstrual health and hygiene**
- Clustor meetings and session with women
- Aganwadi, Sub-centre and PHC monitoring
- Monitoring of Mamta Divas
- Endeavours to activate local samities like Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrion Committee (VHNSC), Rogi Kalyan Samitis

Achievements, 2018-19

- Successfully trained 15 Arogya Sathis in 9 villages and 7 Bal Sathis in 5 villages.
- Interventions in 9 villages through 14 Arogya sathis
- Health related sessions were conducted with SHG's of 9 villages
- 20 groups of adolescent boys and girls were activated with the objective to strengthen leadership and monitoring skills regarding sexual and reproductive health rights.

Water and Environment



Aatapi is well aware of the concerns of climate change and hence Water and Environment are one of its core pillars. It not only focuses on climate change but through its efforts in this area also cuts across the concerns of health and livelihood. This year Aatapi has planned to expand the work of Water and environment from 15 villages to 25 villages.

Following interventions were taken:

Repairing
community
ponds

Farm
bunding

Borewell
recharge
structures

Participatory
Irrigation
Management

Water budgeting and
water literacy
amongst LGs

Way Forward

UJAAS is in phase of understanding its role beyond savings and credit interventions. Health and well being as well as holistic development of children of its members and beyond are two arenas that they have identified and taking lead in. Focus will be on strengthening of second line of leadership of CBOS for community based monitoring of maternal and child health services , strengthening information systems for closer monitoring of maternal and child health.

EDUCATION AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



Aatapi initiated its interventions Education with aim of improving education services for community. Education is one of the major pillars of integrated development model adapted by AATAPI. Aatapi aims to ensure holistic development of children (physical, emotional and educational) through

developing soft skills, hard skills, values, and vocational training through promotion of inclusive opportunities, community ownership and Child Participation.

Strategies for Success

- Establishing **community owned processes**, systems and structures with community leaders – children and adolescent peer leaders, SHG leaders and “Bal SAATHI” (volunteers from Women’s Federation).
- Acting as a catalyst in providing platform to children and community to raise the issues of survival, protection, participation, and inclusive development
- Strengthening *Bal Saathi* and *Bal Sena* Leaders to mobilize communities towards action for accessing child rights and create a pressure group for the same.
- AATAPI firmly believes that inclusive communities can create environment for democratic upbringing of children. Platforms are being created where children of marginalized communities and children with disabilities get equal opportunities for holistic development

Achievements, 2018-19

- Training and capacity building of Baal Saathis by Shaishav
- Total 29 Parents Meeting with 517 parents
- Participation of four Baal Netas in Children Election Manifesto
- Three Baal Melas with participation of 300 children and 60 parents
- Leadership Camps for Children
- Exposure trip of Baal Sathis
- Awareness of School Management Committee (SMC) through IEC in 11 villages
- Total 55 children participated in summer camps
- For 16 School, survey under RTE was conducted and presented
- Developed Children Educational profile of 245 families

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- Sensitization and strengthening of local governance and school management committees to create conducive environment, for improving quality of education, and promoting child protection and child survival.
 - Participation of children in identifying and assessing Issues of quality education, mid-day meal, pre-primary education in *anganwadi*, migration, and child malnutrition
 - Undertaking special efforts for inclusion of adolescent girls and children with special needs in the entire process

Way Forward

Children are important part of community and children leadership from all communities are now seeking their legitimate space by exploring their rights, building their representative leadership and creating their platform of Balsena. Need is to focus on both kind of opportunities – academic and life skills. So in year to come, emphasis will be on strengthening of leadership and balsenas as well as improving academic curve of children especially in most marginalized communities.



EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Empowering Persons with Disability through Collectivising, Capacity Building and Strengthening (Physical, economic, social, educational and accessibility) to live a life of inclusion and dignity in society has been a cross cutting activity across all the four core pillars of Aatapi. The Garima Project was envisaged with the vision of creating a Right

based Empowering Model rather than having a victim mode. Aatapi engaging through its SWA-SAMUHA-SAMUDAY model creates a legitimate space for self-development of Persons with Disability (PwD), community and overall contribution in development of their village and community at large.

CBO strengthening and Leadership Building:

- 3-day residential training of 55 leaders on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- Inclusion of 900 persons with disabilities in 2 camps for assessment of aids and appliances organized by Social Defence Department
- Constant strengthening of leadership lead to rights and entitlement linkages of 230 PwDs to bus pass, unique ID, SanSurdas Scheme, etc.
- In first ever Mobile Court of Gujarat, 54 applications were represented from Jambusar block.



Economic interventions with Persons with Disabilities:

Sr.No.	Business Name	No. of PwD	Avg. monthly income per person	Details of business
1.	Small shops	8	3000 to 5000	Day to day provisions shop
2.	Retail business Self employment	15	1500 to 2500	Selling dry snacks, cobbler, carpentering, mason, mobile recharge, small business of selling spices- 10 persons with disabilities initiated their own small businesses
3.	Seasonal business	3	1000 to 2000	Kites in Uttrayan, stall at Hinglaj Mela
4.	Agriculture	5	25000 annually	Producing vegetables, cotton, pigeon pea
5.	Animal Husbandry	10	1500	

Achievements, 2018-19

Persons with disabilities - Health and Nutrition Enhancement

- Assessment of 12 children for physical rehabilitation (Kashiba children Hospital, Cornea Eye Hospital and S.S.G. Hospital Vadodara 7 children were linked with physio therapy at Kashiba Children Hospital, Al Mohammed Hospital Jambusar
- 2 Art therapy camps with Jagruti Datta renowned Terracotta artist – clay work, 40 children were linked
- 2 Yoga Camps with Yoga teachers from Baroda in which 60 persons with Disabilities joined.
- 4 health checkup camps organized
- 4 Nutrition and healthy recipe demonstrations were organized in which 85 persons with disabilities participated
- 20 kitchen gardens initiated with families of children with disabilities with drip irrigation and vermi wash demonstrations in 4 kitchen gardens

Way Forward

Inclusion of persons with disabilities in interventions is now engrained in work ethics of AATAPI as to some extent with CBOs as well. However inclusive communities with clear intent is the need of the day, understand persons with disabilities as equal right holders. Such efforts will be made in coming year to build inclusive environment at community level. Viklang Parivartan Sangathan faces its peaks and valleys. Update of baseline information, strengthening of new leadership and expansion in new villages will be focused in coming years.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Aatapi 's Governance

Aatapi has an independent Board of Directors very dedicatedly involved in growth and nurturing of Aatapi. Aatapi 's Board promotes collaborative learning and facilitates creation of spaces promoting the same.

Administration and Finance

Accounts, Finance and Admin Manager (On deputation from TML) and accountant are responsible for finance and accounting systems.

GOVERNING BOARD

Gagan Sethi

Chairperson Human and Institutional Development Expert, Development Educator, Gender Trainer

Tushar Dayal,

Director Businessman, NGO Management, Professional Coach, Treasury Management and Audit

Aruna Lakhani

Director Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Donor Relations

Ramnik Patel

Director Corporate Management, Administration, Governance

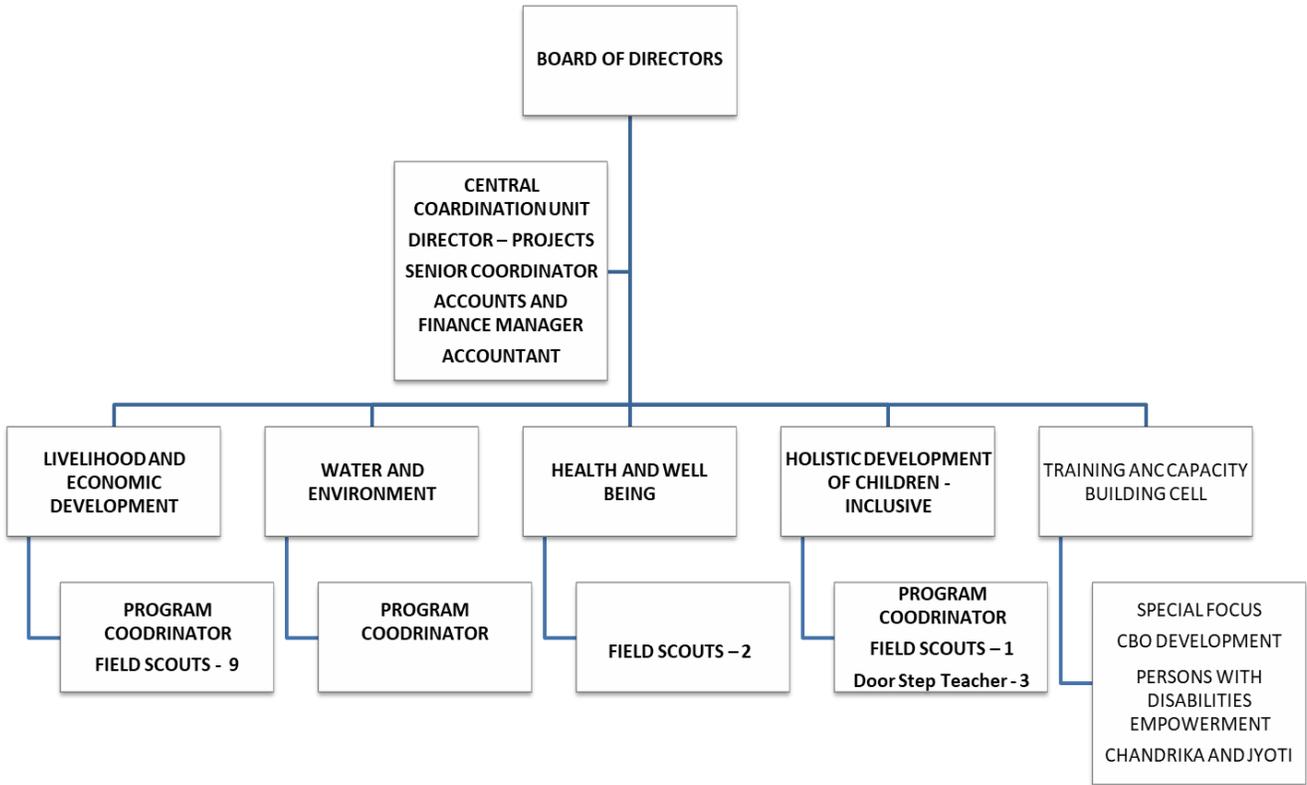
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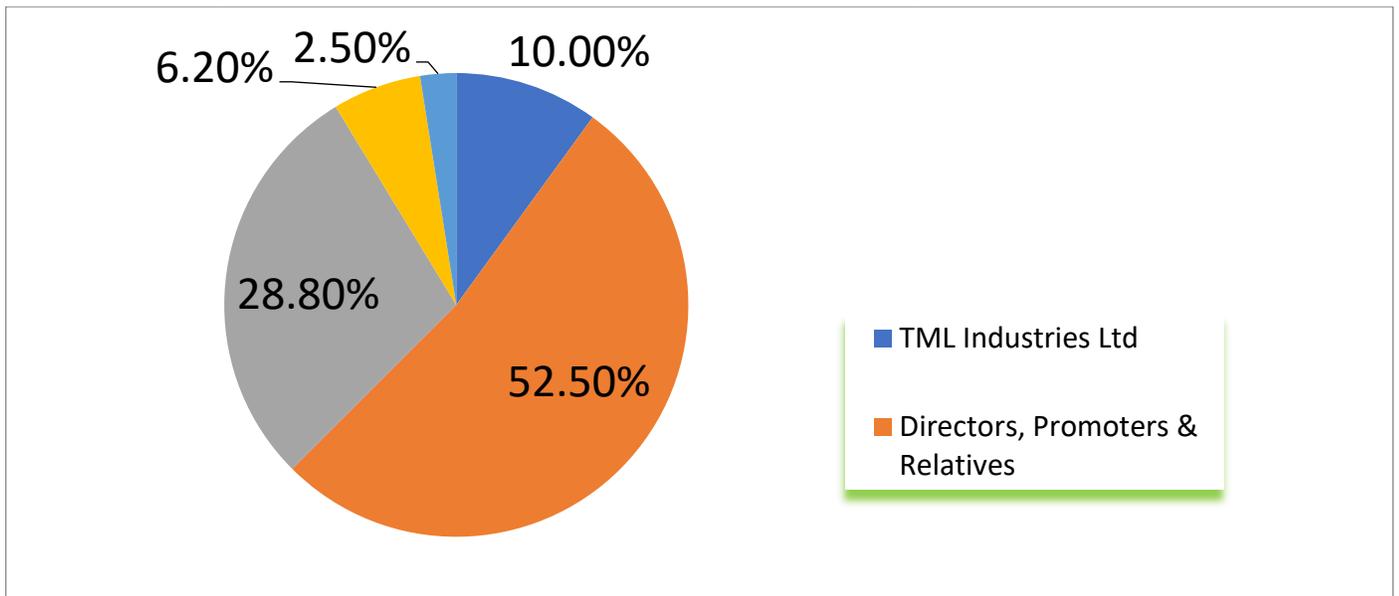
Director

EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE



Financial Reports 2018-19

Share Holding Pattern of Aatapi Seva Foundation (Percentage)



TOTAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING FINANCIAL YEAR

Particulars	2018-19
	Amount in Rs.
Health & Education	16,21,605
Women Empowerment	14,90,551
Agricultural & Crop Improvement-	14,49,132
Persons with Disabilities	6,28,649
Establishment Expenses	8,39,196
Capital Expenditure	17,95,298
Total Rs	78,24,431