



PROJECT (FLOOD RELIEF) REPORT

NAME OF THE PROJECT : Flood Relief in Banaskatha District of Gujarat

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ORGANISATION PROFILE :

1. OPERATIONAL AREAS :

District Bharuch & Narmada of Gujarat state.

2. MAIN ACTIVITIES:

- Education Programme
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Programme
- Food, Nutrition and Health Programme
- Sustainable Livelihood Programme
- Disaster Management Programme

3. TOTAL STAFF STRENGTH: 193 (Excluding 13 volunteers)

4. VISION OF GVT: We are committed to create strong and independent society without inequalities and discrimination, and where everybody enjoys equal opportunities.

5. MISSION OF GVT: To Foster Democratic & Equitable Living Environment, Where all Vulnerable people specially underprivileged, women and Children have to access to Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihood opportunity and essential infrastructure services irrespective of their economic and social status.

6. APPROACH OF GVT:

Gram Vikas Trust believes that:

- a. Poverty and powerlessness, in the context of economic growth in 21st century, are avoidable, preventable and can be addressed;
- b. Basic human needs and rights are achievable goals for all the human beings. Everyone, irrespective of one's specific socio-economic, political or other status, has rights to a sustainable livelihood, to participate in developmental activities, and to contribute positively towards making people's lives better.
- c. Inequalities between rich and poor and between geographical locations can be and should be reduced ultimately contributing towards creating a just society.

Longer-term strategy:

GVT is in the process of defining longer-term Strategic Objectives (SOs) in order to achieve the lasting positive impact in the lives of the underprivileged communities through realization of the organisation's vision and mission more effectively. It is envisaged that the organisation will have SOs for the five year period, 2016 to 2020. We humbly seek support from our partners in this endeavor. For more information, please contact Mr. Ghanshyam Jethwa, Executive Director, at g.jethwa@gvtbharuch.org.

7. PROJECT DURATION : Proposed Duration - 30 Days

(Relief Works completed within 15 days) Actual Duration – 15 Days

8. BACKGROUND:

- PROBLEM OF NATURAL CALAMITY – CURRENT FLOODS (July'2017) in NORTH GUJARAT, INDIA SEVERAL LAKHS POPULATION AFFECTED
- 18000 DALITS AND TRIBALS/MIGRANT WORKERS AFFECTED IN OUR OPERATIONAL AREAS

- MOST AFFECTED AREA IS PATAN, THARA, DANERA & DISHA OF SABARKATH DISTRICT MORE THAN 120 PEOPLE DIED & 58000 TRIBALS, DALITS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM STANDING WATER OF 6 TO 9 FEET, ALL THEIR HOUSES HAVE BEEN SUBMERGED
- THE GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PACKAGES HAVE ENDED WITHIN 2 DAYS
- THE AFFECTED VICTIMS HAVE BEEN SHIFTED TO A COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH LACKS BASIC AMENITIES; HENCE OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE AND SERIOUS DISEASES IS FEARED. SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE HAVE REPORTED DISORDERS, DIARRHOEA

The rain started on 21st July late evening at 10 pm and continued for several days. The heavy rains especially in North Gujarat viz. Sabarkatha and Patan districts have caused severe damages. The approx. 36000 S.C./S.T. population of Disha, Thara, Kakrej and Dhanera Blocks low lying areas have to be catered to immediately. We are first applying for the most priority Kakrej, Disha, Thara and Dhanera Block as it is interior rural belt, away from medical facilities and establishments.

The Community Centre, where they have been shifted, has no proper sanitary facilities, no safe drinking water facilities. Outbreak of diseases is feared and no medical facilities are around. Already, lot of persons have complained of diarrhea and several hundred elderly persons have breathing problems. We, with limited resources, are administering some medicines. But they are not adequate. Government's food packets supply was over and it covered only 2 days. They were not adequate. Government has promised to provide support -per family but it will take time to come. The heavy rains caused flooding in Banas river which is which passes from Abu to Disha towards Radhanpur areas. The villages on and near the banks of Banas river have been submerged same situation in Disha and Dhanera block due to flood in river Banas. These underprivileged are the most deserving victims who have lost everything (houses and belongings) for whom we are applying now for RELIEF MEASURES. We will also empower all these people through the platform of Relief for long term impact.

Banaskantha is one among the thirty-three districts of the Gujarat state of India. The administrative headquarters of the district is at Palanpur which is also its largest city. The district is located in the Northeast of Gujarat and is presumably named after the West Banas River which runs through the valley between Mount Abu and Aravalli Range, flowing to the plains of Gujarat in this region and towards the Rann of Kutch.



9. LOCATION MAP



The Flood Relief Project is in Kakrej Block of Banaskatha District - Gujarat

10. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- ❖ TO PROVIDE MINIMUM EMERGENCY **FLOOD RELIEF FOOD AID** TO 1261 FLOODAFFECTED PEOPLE OF KAKREJ BLOCK.
- ❖ TO **PROMOTE AWARENESS** AMONG THE TARGET GROUPS PARTICULARLY TRIBAL/DALIT WOMEN REGARDING THE BASIC NEED TO ACT UNITEDLY AND EMPOWER THEMSELVES TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF THE DISASTER
- ❖ USING THE PLATFORM OF RELIEF, TO **ORGANISE & EMPOWER POOR WOMEN INTO REHABILITATION COMMITTEES** SO AS TO PLAN SUITABLE STRATEGIES/SCHEMES FOR ADDRESSING THEIR IMMEDIATE SHELTER/LIVELIHOOD NEEDS
- ❖ TO PROVIDE **COUNSELLING TO HIGH RISK GROUPS** AFFECTED BY GLOOM AND DEPRESSION PARTICULARLY TO WOMEN HEADED HOUSEHOLDS/WIDOWS
- ❖ TO PROVIDE **EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO FLOOD AFFECTED** PRIMARY SCHOOL GOING 1244 CHILDREN

11. TARGET GROUP / BENEFICIARIES

Sr.Nos.	Name of the village	Block	District	No of Beneficiaries	
				Relief Material	Educational material
1	Juna Manpura	Kakrej	Banaskatha	266	265
2	Nava Manpura	Kakrej	Bansakatha	208	105
3	Valpura	Kakrej	Banaskatha	354	357
4	Amarpura	Kakrej	Banaskatha	90	122
5	Bhadrawadi	Kakrej	Banaskata	300	353
6	Ratadia	Kakrej	Banaskatha	43	42
			Total Nos.	1261	1244

The selection criteria of beneficiaries are:

- The beneficiaries are Schedule cast and dalits.
- They are BPL groups with acute poverty and social ignorance.
- The women headed family & physically deprived people given priority.

12. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- Contact with the local Self Help Groups members, Local Government Authorities and Communities to know their needs.
- Identification and evaluation of the specific needs of the villages and beneficiaries.
- Negotiating, purchasing, packing – storing & transporting.
- Coordinating the distribution of relief food commodities & Education material for project participants.

The activities were undertaken in association with respective village prominent leaders and school principal including CRC Women Self Help Groups.

13. SOCIAL EQUITY

All the 1261 beneficiaries who have received the benefit of flood relief food & 1244 Children who have received educational materials are economically poor who are at the lower rung of social stratification who will be empowered for social justice and equality. A seed for such social action has already been started with the relief work converted into social mobilization of people.

14. RESULTS ACHIEVED

1261 marginalized and vulnerable section of the society got food relief kits for food of 10 to 12 days, and 1244 school going children from 1st to 8th std received education material consist of school bags, note book, compass, etc., this has been necessitated due to primarily disruption of gainful employment and loss of food commodities due to sudden flood and displacement of people.. They are faced with the grim reality of hunger and deprivation. (Essential Provisions were supplied such as Rice, Wheat flour, dal, oil, sugar, and jiggery).

15. CONSTRAINTS/ ISSUES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION (if any)

As such there were no serious constraints during project implementation mainly due to rapport with villagers and regular communication with the Self Help Groups. Some non-eligible persons from two villages tried to get relief. But, the SHGs successfully explained to them the BPL and the flood affected criteria to them.

16. LESSONS LEARNT

1. The role of SHGs consisting of women can be very useful to address the constraints that might arise during distribution of Relief, since their selection process is based on local needs and none can dispute them.
2. Even illiterate women can assume leadership roles when provided an opportunity. In fact, they played a central role in the success of our relief work.
3. Real development work starts from the heart and not from mind. The more the rapport with the local population, the success rate will be better.
4. The role of external agency like Asha for Education & others is very valuable. WE APPRECIATE THE QUICK APPROVAL PROCESS ADOPTED BY THE ASHA FOR EDUCATION AND OTHERS WHICH IS EXEMPLARY. WE PLEAD FOR SUCH A PROCESS IN APPROVING ALSO NEED OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AND REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR WHICH THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THIS REPORT. WE WILL WORK GENUINELY AND SHOW RESULTS.
5. The Government mechanism can be revamped through the model sustainable Relief and Rehabilitation interventions. They are very appreciative about GVT's RELIEF WORK. We thank whole-heartedly ALL DONORS.

Picture of Project Activities



