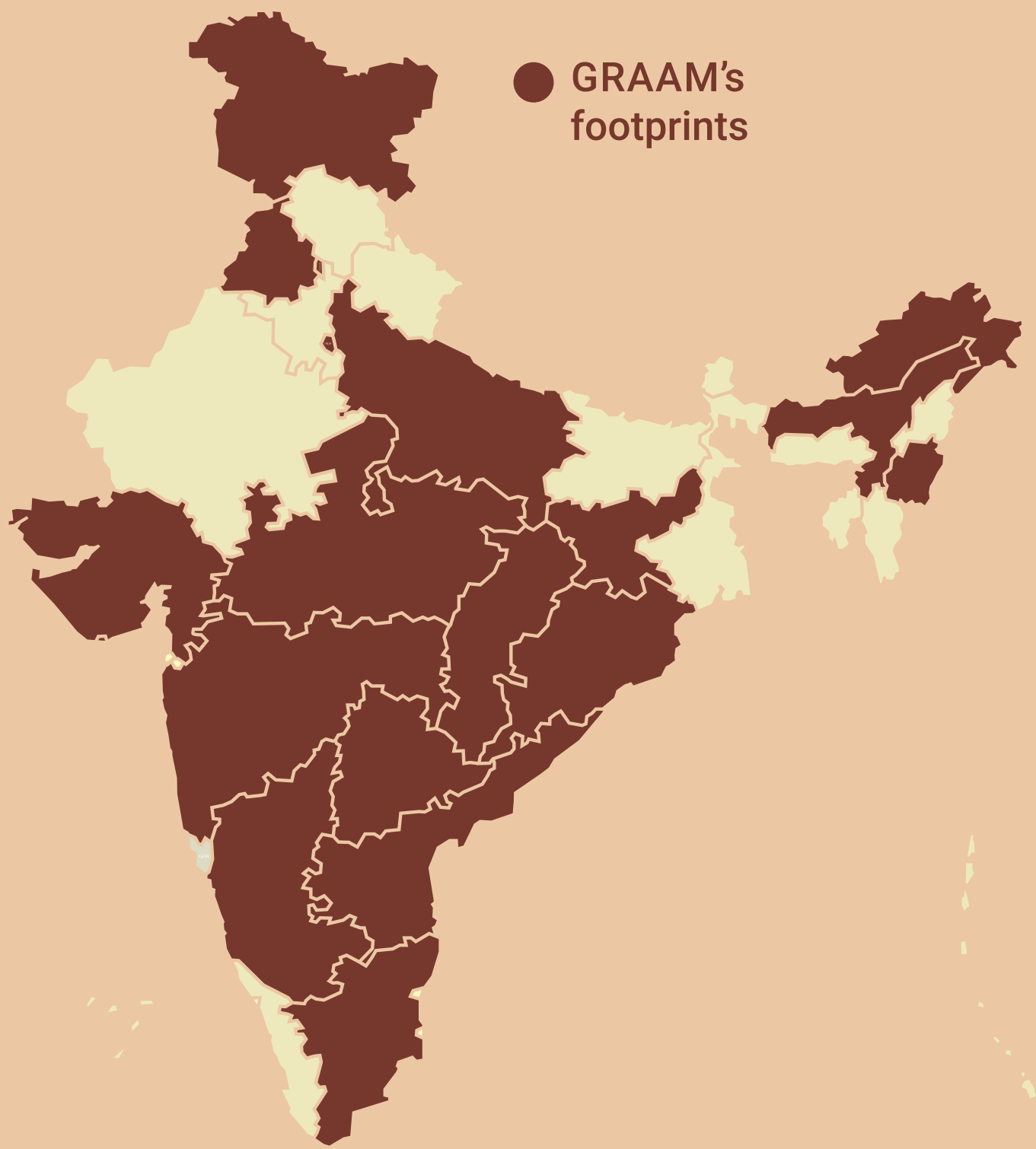




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MR. ARJUN RANGA

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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2022-23 was an eventful year and provided many new opportunities for the civil society organizations in India. The Civil20 platform under India's G20 Presidency has begun to provide a great platform for CSOs to come together and organise many Jan Bhagidari (people engagement) and knowledge assimilation events like conferences, summits and workshops.

The setting up of the Social Stock Exchange (GRAAM had a key role in SSE discourse in India) is expected to open up new avenues for CSOs. There is opportunity for CSOs to expand, partner with corporates and government for making difference.

For us at GRAAM, it has been a wonderful and productive year. As a Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I am happy to present a summary of the events which transpired during the year. In exact numbers, we have worked on 17 projects. These projects align with our core thematic focus areas of Health and Wellness (5 projects), Skill Development & Livelihood (6 Projects), Governance and Democratisation (3 Projects) and Community Development (3 Projects).

As an organisation committed with grassroots engagement, we are connected with the



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core, and have realized the new change in order, post-pandemic. We have realized the pressing requirements of the communities more intensely now and are buckled up to work towards their fulfilment.

It was a meaningful journey because of the wide variety of projects we got to execute for our stakeholders. To highlight a few, we wrote Skill policy (draft) document for Government of Karnataka conducting a series of stakeholder consultations, conducted study for National Commission for Schedule Tribes on Forest Rights Act and NREGA, completed 21st Century State of the Sector Report for UNICEF in India, analysed NCD Policies in India for WHO and did a case study on CSO engagement during pandemic for WHO, initiated a study on traditional healers in seven states in collaboration with Piramal Swasthya, conducted human development survey across 17 districts of Karnataka, assessed and reported urban medical facilities and Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) in Mysuru, launched new ragi products as part of social business initiative

We Mill and also started doing our part in solidarity with India's G20 presidency by becoming national coordinator for the G20 C20 Delivering Democracy Working Group.

If we look back, a lot happened in such a short span of time and we are up for big responsibility under the G20. The commitment and quick response of the team is something I must appreciate as a Chairman. First, I would like to thank all our partners for re-affirming their confidence on GRAAM. I would like to thank the governments of different states for providing necessary support to execute our studies and activities. I would like to congratulate the entire GRAAM team for being up-on-feet and always available for the organization.

With the leadership to guide and a passionate team to bring about change, I am super-confident that GRAAM is equipped to continue the journey in making our public policies more and more community-centric and development initiatives impactful.

ARJUN RANGA

LOOKING AHEAD, LOOKING ABOVE



Dear Well-wishers and Patrons!

In a world that often emphasizes differences, Swami Vivekananda's profound wisdom resounds: "All differences in this world are of degree, not of kind, because oneness is the secret of everything." At GRAAM, we have embarked on a journey that aligns seamlessly with this philosophy, embracing the essence of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) and fostering Jan Bhagidari (community participation).

Jan Bhagidari reminds me of an inspiring encounter I had in the Dorma Village of Jharkhand's Khunti district. I had the chance to meet Ms Silvia Pankaj Ji, a hero many would have missed to meet. "It is my job to clean my health centre because it belongs to me. It is my responsibility to pay back to this centre for the benefits I receive. I am doing so by offering cleaning services," Silvia Ji passionately told me after I asked, "What made you offer cleaning services to this Dorma HWC?". She offers her services without accepting any payment. It was fulfilling to see that the work done by GRAAM to form Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS) and build social capital for HWCs had started to bear fruit.

Everything began when Silvia Ji went to the Social Audit meeting and discovered that cleaning was one of the major bottlenecks in the proper functioning of the centre. While sharing the achievements and challenges of HWC, the Community Health Officer (CHO) mentioned, "A delay in the release of untied funds and maintaining cleanliness of the HWC

was a challenge. Next morning Silvia Ji was at the doorstep of the HWC. When I said, "Sister I do not have money to pay you," she responded, "Will you ask for money whenever I come to take treatment?"

At the Khunti district headquarter, in the Annual Public Dialogue, people also strongly held the public servants accountable for the delay in release of untied funds, pending infrastructure work and other issues in order to make Health and Wellness Centres strong. Jan Bhagidari, as I have understood, is possible when there is a space and scope for people to express their dissent and solidarity with public service institutions. People are staunch critics of public services when they are distant. Once they find an encouraging space to engage as stakeholders, they start to own the system, expressing absolute solidarity with the grassroots functionaries. They become social capital for the institutions. We should all learn from people like Silvia Ji, who are a source of inspiration and optimism in making **#JanBharat**.

Our commitment to Jan Bhagidari, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, and the overarching goal of nurturing **#HumanCapital** and **#SocialCapital** has manifested through several transformative projects. Under India's G20 Presidency, we were bestowed with the pivotal responsibility of being the National Coordinator for the Civil20 **Delivering Democracy – Retrospect and Prospect** working group. Delivering democracy through various themes such as Youth and Democracy, Strengthening and Deepening Democracy through CSO participation,

Responsible Citizenry and Responsive Governance have been at the forefront of our deliberations. We are keen to learn from diverse stakeholders from G20 Nations on **#DeliveringDemocracy**.

We often blame the youth for their passive engagement with civic and political issues. But the experience we had from **Youth for Governance** Fellowship made us ponder that the problem is on the other side. Are academia, civil society, and government providing appropriate platforms? In our experience, youth can truly become the ambassadors for change. For instance, one of our fellows, inspired by learning concepts about gender during the fellowship, convinced his father that his sister should be allowed to pursue higher education. In another instance, through their participatory research papers, the youth informed the City Corporation of priority development issues that need immediate attention. Inspired by the first cohort, the second batch attracted immense response.

People still consider it is not humane to make Persons with Disability work. "They are disabled, they should be helped and not troubled with working" is the general perception. I would call it as **benevolent discrimination**, in the spirit of being courteous, making them disadvantageous. We at GRAAM believe in true empowerment of PwD and the most marginalised. Having employment is a matter of dignity, self-worth and identity. It is not merely a source of income. GRAAM got an opportunity to understand the inclusion issues of PwD and other most marginalised like tribal, transgenders and women. The study would be throwing more light on issues, challenges, and policy solutions. GRAAM's pilot study on inclusion of PwD in NREGA was responsible for bringing a detailed circular by Govt of Karnataka on inclusion and engagement of the PwD.

The Status of Implementation of Forest Rights study we conducted has helped us to come out with many insights. We have shown the prevalence and magnitude of exclusion and other grave issues.

We have provided both short term programmatic suggestions and long-term policy recommendations. We hope FRA will be made more effective and inclusive in this **#Amritkal**.

While improving modern public healthcare facilities is an option, how to complement it with the innate and inherent traditional medicines and practices is also a potent question. Our study being done in the seven states of the country is expected to throw more light on this.

Our **#JanArogyaShreni** Project, demonstrated how community-led monitoring can strengthen the delivery of Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Sub-Centers Health and Wellness Centers (SC-HWCs) in Jharkhand. **#JanBhagidari** is possible, and can drive change by leveraging ICT (Information Communication Technology).

We are engaged in shaping the Karnataka Skill Policy for 2023-2030 in a participatory way. The aim is to improve skill development and livelihood opportunities in the state to achieve the goal of **#SkillIndia**.

We take these projects as an opportunity to realise our long-term strategic goals and social impact. We at GRAAM believe our accountability is first with the people we work for, the community. We are thankful that we are getting more projects that give us an opportunity to work at the grassroots. We take immense pride in our accomplishments so far and anticipate achieving even greater milestones in the coming year. None of this would have been possible without your unwavering support and collaborative spirit. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued partnership and trust in our mission to create a more prosperous, inclusive, and democratic India.

With Best Regards
Dr Basavaraju R Shreshta

THE SUPER TEAM

THE GRAAM FAMILY

The Team has grown both in numbers and competence in 2022-23. We have on-boarded the best talent, who share our vision of serving the communities at the grassroots. While some were lateral hires at levels, many members working with us have been promoted recognising their abilities and contributions.



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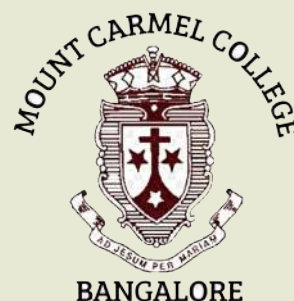
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“ ACADEMIC PARTNERS



ILR School



* Not an exhaustive list

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT



National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)



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GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRATISATION



G20 – C20 DELIVERING DEMOCRACY WORKING GROUP COORDINATION



PROJECT BRIEF

For India, the G20 Presidency has come at a very appropriate time as India marks its 75th year of independence.

As part of the G20 presidency, India has formed several working groups. Civil 20 (C-20) is one of the official Engagement Groups of the G20. Under the Indian Presidency of G20, one of the priorities of C20 is to focus on finding sustainable solutions to the socio-economic matters that touch people & their daily lives.

Our Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta has been selected as the National Co-ordinator for the **C20 Delivering Democracy – Retrospect and Prospect** working group.

The group has planned 20+ events surrounding the themes of:

1. Youth and Democracy
2. Strengthening & Deepening Democracy
3. People Participation & Grassroots Governance
4. Responsible Voting and Responsive Governance



Partners

- ♦ Hanns Seidel Stiftung
- ♦ The Art of Living
- ♦ Government of Karnataka - Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
- ♦ Cycle Pure Agarbathies (NR Group)



Project Location

All over India (In Online & Offline Modes)



Project Duration

February 2023 to November 2023



Project Team

- ♦ GRAAM Team

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Participants at the curtain raiser

Dr. Basavaraju addressing key note during curtain raiser event



Accomplishments

A Curtain-Raiser event along with a regional roundtable was organized at RV University campus on 4th March 2023. The curtain raiser event was an official launch of the Delivering Democracy Working Group. Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay, a Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) inaugurated the activities of the Civil20 Working Group Delivering Democracy at the RV University in the city and set the stage for the array of events planned for the span of India's G20 presidency

In the Roundtable organized in Bengaluru, nearly 60 CSOs participated & shared their experience of working in the Governance and Democratization Sector. RTC aimed to explore various aspects of democracy and civil society, including the role of civil society organizations in promoting democratic values, citizen participation in decision-making processes, and the challenges and opportunities for democracy in contemporary times.

An International Conference is planned at The Art of Living campus for two days in April 2023. Along with the above, other events like Youth & Democracy Poster Presentation, International Webinar Series on Democratizing Development, 4

Regional Roundtables, Civil Society for Democracy Campaign, Model G20 Summit, Shades of Democracy Campaign are being conducted from April to June 2023.

The Valedictory Programme for the working group activities will be organized in the last week of July in Jaipur, Rajasthan where a Policy Pack will be presented to the C20 working group by GRAAM. It will include suggestions on strengthening & deepening of democracy and shall be added in the official C20 Policy Pack

The G20 working group coordination is indeed an exemplary opportunity for GRAAM to showcase its fervour for democratic values at the international level and contribute to India's growth story.



Key Engagements

- ♦ **Delivering Democracy - Retrospect and Prospect" - International conference at Bengaluru**
- ♦ **Civil 20 Inception Meeting at Nagpur**
- ♦ **Series of webinars on democracy with G20 international speakers and audience**
- ♦ **Regional Round Tables across India**
- ♦ **Civil 20 Summit at Jaipur**

GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRATISATION

INDIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SURVEY (IHDS) 2022-23



PROJECT BRIEF

The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in collaboration with the University of Maryland is conducting the third round of the India Human Development Survey (IHDS). This is a large-scale study in India to track changes in different aspects of human development and see how these changes translate into the well-being of individuals and families in Indian states by studying the same households over a period of nearly 20 years between 2004-05 and 2022-23. India has experienced substantial socio-economic changes in the past decade. This is a particularly important moment to assess these changes because of the policies required to address the aftereffects of the pandemic.

GRAAM was one of the organisations selected to take up the survey in Karnataka. GRAAM completed survey in 2,154 households spread in 17 districts of Karnataka and Corresponding Facilities Survey (Schools, Health Centres, Panchayat, etc)



Project Sponsor

- ♦ National Council of Applied Economic Research



Project Location

27 Districts of Karnataka
apart from Gulbarga, Yadgir and Hassan



Project Duration

28 December 2022 to 15 April 2023



Project Team

- ♦ 60 Interviewers (Enumerators), 15 Supervisors, 01 Team Coordinator and 01 I.T. Coordinator, 01 Survey Lead
- ♦ In collaboration with 8 Grassroots Organisations from different district 60 team members were part of the survey.

GRAAM Team

- ♦ Ms. Usha CR
- ♦ Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- ♦ Ms. Thriveni Gandhi
- ♦ Mr Ravi C S
- ♦ Mr Naveen Kumar



Team during survey at various districts of the state



Accomplishments

- ◆ Recruited about 60 Interviewers, 15 Supervisors, 1 Team coordinator and 1 I.T. Coordinator to complete the fieldwork within 3.5 months,
- ◆ In collaboration with 8 Grassroots Organisations from different district 60 team members were part of the survey.
- ◆ 23 days Pre-Training was conducted for the interviewers and Supervisors.
- ◆ 3 days of supplementary/ refresher training provided in between the survey
- ◆ A virtual orientation program was conducted to the selected NGOs.
- ◆ Meetings Conducted with different stakeholders like district collectors, CEO, and with Gram Panchayat level for the smooth implementation of the survey



Expected Outcome

- ◆ A credible dataset that can be used by the social science / development researchers to understand and measure Human Development
- ◆ An opportunity to develop state specific Human Development Report based the primary survey data

GOVERNANCE & DEMOCRATISATION

YOUTH FOR GOVERNANCE FELLOWSHIP



PROJECT BRIEF

The Youth for Governance (Y4G) Fellowship Mysuru 2022 implemented by GRAAM in collaboration with Participatory

Research in Asia (PRIA) with the support of the Hanns Seidel Foundation. Y4G is aimed to empower youth of Mysuru to become active and engaged citizens for strengthening governance.

Through a combination of capacity building, exposure visits, and mentoring, the Fellowship equipped fellows with the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience to become effective change-makers in their respective communities.

During nine-month long fellowship, it offered a blended theoretical and practical learning with group research on key development issues of the city. Fellows understood community dynamics, democratic structures, and the tools used for effective governance.

Fellows presented their paper to the personnel of Mysuru city corporation and to the development sector leaders in the final dissemination workshop.



Partner Organisations

- ♦ PRIA
- ♦ HSF



Project Location

Mysuru, Karnataka



Project Duration

January 2022 to December 2022



Project Team

- ♦ Dr Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Mr. Bhagavan BR
- ♦ Mr. Kiran Bagade
- ♦ Ms. Rashmi Gopal

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After the session on gender sensitivity, I persuaded my father to let my sister complete her education

– Hemanth Kumara (MSW)



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Accomplishments

- ♦ Collaboration & MOU with leading educational Institutions in Mysuru for active participation of youth for youth for Governance (Y4G) fellowship program.
- ♦ MOU with Mysuru City corporation for active engagement of youth with MCC through the fellowship.
- ♦ Engaging his Majesty Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar with his appeal video to the youth of Mysuru to join the fellowship and their learning and to be the change makers.
- ♦ Recruitment of 25 Youth for Governance fellows among the wide range of applicants.
- ♦ Nine training modules with several Interactive training sessions targeted to 'Understanding Mental Self,' 'Understanding Physical Self' and 'Diversity of Self' were conducted both offline and online mode.
- ♦ International Youth Day, a youth extravaganza to engage youth in large numbers towards inspiring them to become change makers was conducted in partnership with Social work department of University of Mysore, at Vjinana Bhavana, UoM campus. Several attractive events being hosted including Street theatre, poster-making, and quiz competitions to commemorate the day.



GOVERNANCE & DEMOCRATISATION

POLICY
BOOTCAMP

PROJECT BRIEF

GRAAM launched a 5-day 'Policy Bootcamp' to impart grassroots understanding in policymaking and governance. This Bootcamp gave an understanding of policy and its implementation from grassroots perspectives. It helped students to broaden their horizons in terms of current policy implementation issues at the grassroots and gave them an opportunity to know the citizen's perspective of the policy or a program at the community level. And hence, it stressed the importance of a "bottom-up" approach to policy formulation which will help in creating a robust evidence-based policy-making process.

The Bootcamp was designed to provide an understanding of the practical aspects of development. Through immersive case studies and field surveys and interviews at the village level, the students were given a hands-on understanding of various developmental issues.

The five-day camp included expert sessions on public policy, the development of a questionnaire, field visits, data collection, data analysis, interaction with government officials and a visit to tribal settlements in H D Kote leading up to policy recommendations under the guidance of the experts.

Through this program, our aim is engaging young minds and research scholars, to create a collaborative community for creating and communicating evidence-based policy.

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Partner
Organisations

- ♦ Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru

Project
Team

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- ♦ Mr. Bhagavan BR
- ♦ Dr. Ananya Samajdar
- ♦ Mr. Rajendra Prasad
- ♦ Mr. Ravi CS

A STUDY ON INCLUSION OF VULNERABLE SECTIONS IN THE MGNREGA OF KARNATAKA



PROJECT BRIEF

Empowerment of the socially disadvantaged, especially, women, Scheduled Castes (SCs), and Scheduled Tribes (STs) is one of the goals of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act or MGNREGA. The MGREGA Sameeksha and other assessments note that SCSTs have participated in the scheme beyond their share of the population. However, it is argued that there is inequitable participation of SCSTs in both employment creation and asset creation components of the scheme in Karnataka. Their study shows that the percentage of rural households having job cards is lower for SCSTs compared to other communities in the state of Karnataka.

Therefore, in the study commissioned by Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka, the true extent of SCST, women, and senior citizens' participation in MGNREGA being examined besides studying the barriers affecting the same.



Accomplishments

- ♦ Inception report, tool development, pilot study, training of data collectors, field survey (partial)



Project Sponsor

- ♦ Government of Karnataka



Project Location

Karnataka



Project Duration

October 2022 to May 2023



Project Team

- ♦ Dr Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Mr. Rajib Dasgupta
- ♦ Ms. Pushpa CO
- ♦ Dr. Sanjeev Kenchaigol
- ♦ Dr. Rajendra Prasad



HEALTH & WELLNESS

PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES OF TRIBAL TRADITIONAL HEALERS ON HEALTH AND HEALTH SYSTEMS ACROSS DIFFERENT STATES OF INDIA



PROJECT BRIEF

This cross-sectional, mixed methods study is set in Tribal districts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. The project has been sponsored by Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute (PSMRI).

We are collecting quantitative data using a knowledge attitude survey of traditional tribal healers. and an observation-based checklist related to healer practices. Qualitative data is being collected using in depth interviews of tribal healers and ethnographic observation of a small number of healers in different states. Community FGDs are also included, to understand community attitude towards healers.

The study will highlight insights on the perspectives of tribal healers towards health system, and their diagnostic and curative practices. These insights will be useful for better understanding tribal healers, which in turn can be used for refining a plan for cooperating with them and building their capacity for enhancing access of tribal communities to quality health care.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute (PSMRI)



Project Location

Tribal districts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra



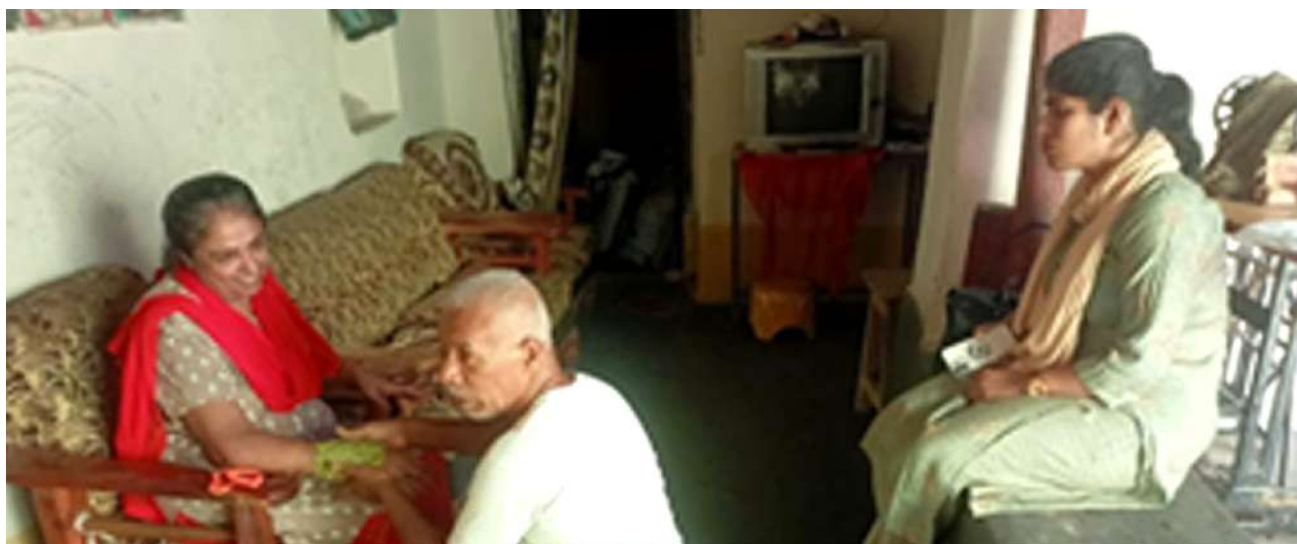
Project Duration

December 2022 to December 2023



Project Team

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- ♦ Ms Meher Suri



HEALTH & WELLNESS

NISHTHA: TRANSFORMING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE IN INDIA



PROJECT BRIEF

This is a project to demonstrate community-led monitoring mechanism and establishment of Jan Arogya Samitis (JAS) for strengthening delivery of Comprehensive Primary Health Centres (CPHC) through Sub Centres -Health and Wealth Centres (SC-HWCs) in Jharkhand.

The project started in January 2021, and is to be successfully completed this year. It will demonstrate all the community monitoring structures and empower JAS to effectively monitor the health and wellness centers for effective delivery of Comprehensive primary health care.

USAID supported NISHTHA project is mandated to provide technical support to Government at National and State level for strengthening CPHC through the AB-HWC platform. As part of the project, NISHTHA is piloting the model for demonstrating community led monitoring mechanism and establishment of Jan Arogya Samitis (JAS) for strengthening delivery of CPHC through SC-HWCs in one of the intervention states i.e. Jharkhand in collaboration with GRAAM.

GRAAM had a prior experience of community engagement for health and allied areas, and establishing community governance mechanisms. GRAAM's earlier project Arogya Shreni had won South Asia level award.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ USAID Funded JHPIEGO Project



Project Location

Jharkhand



Project Duration

January 2021 to June 2023

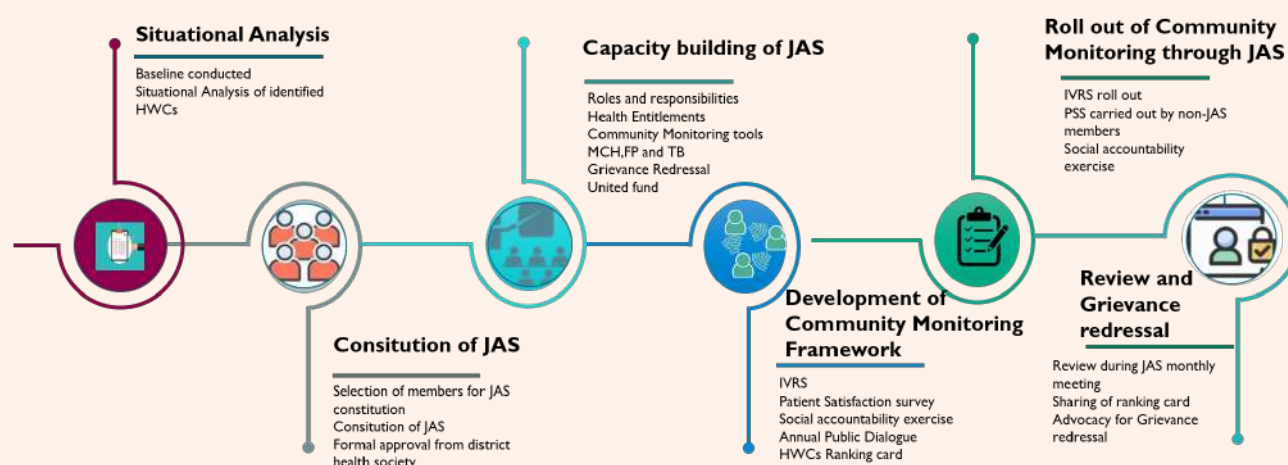


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- ♦ Ms. Ludri Ujiya
- ♦ Mr. Dineshwar Pradhan
- ♦ Mr. Abhijeet Sinha



Accomplishments



Project Impact

- ♦ Regularized JAS committee meetings with a fixed monthly schedule. During these meetings, various issues related to HWCs were discussed, including the IVRS ranking card and feedback from the Patient Satisfaction Survey
- ♦ JAS has written to the MOIC and Mukhya regarding specific HWC issues. Some issues, such as water and electricity, were resolved by JAS members who contacted the respective government departments through request letters from the Mukhya and CHO
- ♦ Demonstrated and developed community-based ranking cards, distributing them among the community and health service providers at the district and state levels. These ranking cards have been shared during JAS meetings and displayed at all the HWCs, in addition to being shared with the Civil Surgeon and MOIC, Mukhya of the JAS Committee
- ♦ Conducted a Social Audit/accountability exercise in all 35 intervention HWCs. This process involved addressing public grievances, with many issues being resolved promptly with the assistance of the Mukhya and other key stakeholders in the 35 intervention HWCs
- ♦ Demonstrated and analyzed patient satisfaction surveys and generated reports
- ♦ Following JAS guidelines, HWCs are expected to receive 50K as untied funds annually for development and maintenance. Consequently, a joint bank account was opened in the name of the center, operated by the Mukhya, CHO, and ANM, in line with state guidelines. The GRAAM team has worked to open bank accounts in intervention HWCs, although some faced challenges due to ambiguity within the district health administration regarding the addition of the Mukhya to the bank account operation.



CASE-STUDY ON CIVIL-SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN INDIA'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE



PROJECT BRIEF

This project was sponsored by World Health Organization (WHO) to assess the nature of engagement of formal civil society networks/ coalitions with the health system. The study was in particular reference to the engagement of CSOs in India's immediate public health response to COVID-19. We also reviewed existing platforms or institutional mechanisms to implement public health and their efficacy for the engagement of CSOs, and the study emphasis was on how CSOs and their coalitions were shaping public health policy.

The study report revealed detailed insights on lessons learned, the importance of participatory governance and ways to bridge the gap between policymaker perspectives and the experiences and needs of communities, thereby enhancing the responsiveness of health services.



Accomplishments

- ♦ A comprehensive report was written identifying various initiatives which can help improve the public health system in our country, which also gave a number of suggestions for strengthening the engagement of CSOs and CSO coalitions in the health system on a sustainable basis
- ♦ The study findings were presented by Deputy Director, Research, Dr Ananya Samajdar in the Regional Consultation on Promoting Social Participation to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage in South-East Asia organized by WHO in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14–16 March 2023



Project Sponsor

- ♦ World Health Organisation



Project Duration

September 2022 to February 2023



Project Team

- ♦ Dr. Ananya Samajdar
- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju
- ♦ Dr. SN Mishra (Consultant)
- ♦ Ms. Meher Suri

HEALTH & WELLNESS

RAPID POLICY ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY GAPS THAT NEED INTERVENTIONS FOR INTEGRATED NCD SERVICE DELIVERY



PROJECT BRIEF

India is in the midst of an epidemiological transition. The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative reported that Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) from NCDs and injuries have together exceeded those from communicable diseases in every state of India, contributing 57–86% of the total DALYs among the Indian states in 2016 (ICMR, PHFI & IHME, 2017).

In view of these observations, a study was commissioned by World Health Organization for a detailed analysis of NCD related policy and performance of NCD related programmes at the national level and in 5 states of India. GRAAM was entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the study, and preparing a report.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ World Health Organisation



Project Duration

October 2022 to December 2022



Project Team

- ♦ Dr. Ananya Samajdar
- ♦ Dr Arpita Mitra
- ♦ Dr Anil Bilimale (Consultant)
- ♦ Dr Ashish Srivastava (Consultant)
- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Dr Divya KL and 8 other policy fellows from School of Public Health, JSSAHER, Mysuru
- ♦ Dr Swamy HM
- ♦ Ms Meher Suri



Accomplishments

- ♦ Team examined the NCD-related health outcomes which may have been shaped by the various NCD-related policies and programmes adopted over the years.
- ♦ Report highlighted how NCD-related policies were better adopted and implemented in some states compared to others
- ♦ Report assessed the level of progress achieved at the national level and also by individual Indian states with respect to the targets and indicators adopted for operationalizing international commitments related to NCD Care

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS FOR URBAN CPHC



PROJECT BRIEF

The project focused on obtaining stakeholder perspectives for strengthening Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) in Mysuru.



Accomplishments

- ♦ The team brought together various stakeholders which included Public health institutions, academicians, Hospitals, Private Practitioners, Professional Health Organisations, Allied Departments, NGOs, CBOs, Health Activists etc through four Public engagement workshops.
- ♦ Through these workshops, team documented the status of Primary health care in Mysore. The project analysed the reasons for current situations and gaps, and devised methods, recommendations and plans to strengthen CPHC in Mysuru City and make it a healthy city from a truly holistic perspective.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ Karnataka Health Promotion Trust



Project Duration

December 2021 to September 2022



Project Team

- ♦ Dr Arpita Mitra
- ♦ Dr. Rajendra Prasad P.
- ♦ Mr Ravi CS
- ♦ Ms Susmita Das Patnaik
- ♦ Dr. Shrinidhi Adiga
- ♦ Dr. Sunitha Srinivas
- ♦ Dr. Ananya Samajdar



LEARNING, SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOOD

EVALUATION OF AN IMPLEMENTATION OF GRADUATION APPROACH BY THE/NUDGE INSTITUTE IN NORTH KARNATAKA



PROJECT BRIEF

Graduation approach is aimed to bring about sustainability and regularity in the income flow of ultra-poor households. The/ Nudge Institute has customised the approach to implement the same in the districts of Bidar and Kalburagi, Karnataka. This would be achieved by providing assets to these households that will be used to provide them with continuous sources of income over the next two years. Women household members known as didi (akka) would be the primary beneficiaries of the intervention.

GRAAM will be working with The Nudge Institute to successfully implement the programme. GRAAM has been engaged by The/Nudge Institute for carrying out the baseline and endline evaluation for the undertaking a baseline and endline evaluation of the above-mentioned intervention in the two stated districts of North Karnataka.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ The/ Nudge Institute



Project Location

Bidar and Kalaburgi districts of Karnataka



Project Duration

November 2022 to February 2025



Project Team

- ♦ Dr. Ananya
- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Mr Rajib Dasgupta
- ♦ Ms Pushpa CO
- ♦ Mr Ravi CS
- ♦ Dr. Swamy HM



Accomplishments

- ♦ For baseline study, inception report, tool development, training to data enumerators, field pilot and field data collection have been completed as of March 2023.



Our team with the Didis on field at Bidar and Kalaburgi districts

LEARNING , SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD

SUGAMYA SHIKSHA



PROJECT BRIEF

Sugamya Shiksha is a Comprehensive School Development action research program conceptualized and planned by GRAAM to develop model government schools and enable a comprehensive learning environment in them. The program took a holistic approach on education and training with new initiatives for strengthening government programs/activities in the schools.

The programme was designed in-line with the New Education Policy 2020, and efforts were made towards a comprehensive development of children across varied dimensions of growth, like basic literacy, numeracy, 21st century skills, health, sanitation, fitness etc. The entire programme was implemented through 7 key projects.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ Aris Global



Project Location

Mysuru, Karnataka



Project Duration

January 2021 to December 2023



Project Team

- ♦ Dr Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Usha CR
- ♦ Naveen Kumar C
- ♦ Ravikumar PG
- ♦ Gopal OK
- ♦ Ms. Sahana
- ♦ Ms. Kavita
- ♦ Ms. Asha

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THE STORY OF RESHMA

She is like those many children who dream of a life with plenty of freedom to do things that otherwise would only remain a dream. For the lack of opportunity, most of the girls will never realise their own potential. Reshma comes from a full family with four other sisters and her parents. Due to conservative beliefs, the family had its daughters married early to avoid the society's scorn. Reshma's father had instructed her to stop school after completing her grade 10.

But, Reshma had decided what she wanted to do in her life. And it takes just one window of opportunity to make it count. Reshma had been an active member in the district level Makkala Samsath organised by Sugamya Shiksha. In the previous year she was the honourable speaker and this year the leader of opposition.

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Accomplishments

- ♦ Seven Projects were effectively implemented at the schools.
- ♦ New programs for Teachers 'Augmenting Spirit among Teachers' and 'AIM' Building Aspiration – Inspiration – Motivation among 9th and 10th grade children' were implemented.
- ♦ Makkala Samsath (Children's Parliament), a programme specially devised to bring out leadership skills in the children. The program also make them aware of democratic intuitions and responsibilities was conducted in all the three schools
- ♦ Makkala Santhe, a financial literacy and entrepreneurship education programme was designed and conducted in all the schools
- ♦ The regular activities of the programme like Sandhya Shaale, Computer Classes, Career Selection Sessions, My Country My Pride sessions, Skills lab, activities on special days like Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers' Day, 'Gnanartha' were organized with the usual zeal and fervour
- ♦ Child learning assessment protocol report was created.
- ♦ Innovation: **"Swachhata Rayabhari – HYGIENCE AMBASSADOR"** - This concept is basically formulated to inculcate the sense of responsibility about cleanliness of the school environment to our children.
- ♦ The pioneer initiatives of the state like No School Bag Day, piloted by SUSGAMYA SHIKSHA and complete thought leadership provided



LEARNING, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD

EVALUATION OF SAMAGRA
SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA
FROM 2018-19 TO 2020-21

PROJECT BRIEF

Samagra Shikshana encompasses not only elementary education (Right to Education/Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan) but also secondary education, pre-school education and higher secondary education. In the study commissioned by Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority, GRAAM has undertaken the holistic evaluation of Samagra Shikshana in Karnataka from 2018-19 to 2020-21. The evaluation is not only examining how Samagra Shikshana Karnataka has shaped key educational outcomes (retention, enrolment, and learning outcomes) but also has an exploratory value for studying early on-ground attempts and challenges in administratively and operationally converging pre-school education to school education, and school education to PU education.

Project
Sponsor

- ♦ Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority, (KMEA)

Project
Location

Karnataka

Project
Duration

January 2023 to June 2023

Project
Team

- ♦ Prof CS Nagaraju
- ♦ Dr. Ananya Samajdar
- ♦ Dr. Rajendra Prasad P.
- ♦ Dr. Indumati Sundararaman

Sample size for the
intervention in selected Talukas

No. of Talukas / Schools, Students & teachers	Total Sample
33 * 5 * 10 Students / school	1650 students
33 * 5 * 2 teachers / school	330 teachers
Control / Non-beneficiary (in private schools)	
33 * 2 * 6 Students / school	396 students
33 * 2 * 2 teachers / school	132 teachers
Total interventions	1980 + 528 (Control) = 2508

TRACER STUDY FOR TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING TVET EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES OF GRADUATES FROM ITIS IN KARNATAKA



PROJECT BRIEF

The National Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE), Five Year Project (2017-2022) has been developed by the MSDE, GoI with World Bank's Assistance to strengthen ITIs and the vocational training provided by them. These training programmes are imparted through State Governments, via Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Centrally Funded Institutes (CFIs), and Industry Clusters (ICs).

A study has been commissioned for GRAAM by Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority, (KMEA) to understand the extent to which and how the STRIVE program and other specific ITI-improvement projects being implemented by the Department of Industrial Training and Employment, Govt of Karnataka are bringing about a change in the professional journey and employment status of beneficiaries.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ Karnataka Monitoring & Evaluation Authority (KMEA)



Project Location

Karnataka



Project Duration

January 2023 to June 2023



Project Team

- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Mr. Rajib Dasgupta
- ♦ Ms. Pushpa CO
- ♦ Dr. Rajendra Prasad P.
- ♦ Mr. Ravi CS

Alumni Population and Size

ITI Type	Alumni Population	Proportion of Alumni Population	Alumni Sample	Proportion of Alumni Sample	Sample to population proportion
(alumni)	1650 students				
Project	12498	86%	4458	86%	36%
Non- project	2260	14%	727	14%	32%
Total	14758	100%	5185		

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD

WE MILL – A SOCIAL BUSINESS INITIATIVE FOR RURAL WOMEN



PROJECT BRIEF

Social Business is a novel concept that addresses both the social as well as economic benefits. Based on the social business model, GRAAM has crafted and executed a project called We Mill. The project is funded by Wuerth Electronics India Private Limited.

The project empowers the rural women, benefits local farmers, and manufactures healthy produce to people. Currently, 14 women from Bilikere village, Mysuru are selected and have become the first-generation women social entrepreneurs from their village.



Accomplishments

- Multiple ragi-based products were introduced to the market in consultation with CFTRI, Mysuru. Products are Ragi Malt n Shake, Ragi Mudde Mix, Ragi Shishuposhan, and Ragi Cookies
- Developed a website (www.wemill.in) to showcase the unique initiative, and also to document the uniqueness of the products
- Signed-up with various outlets in Bangalore, and Mysuru, to market and sell the products
- Signed up with e-commerce platforms like Amazon, Flipkart, and Jeeva Organics Supermart to sell the products online
- On International Women's Day, 'Mysuru Mahila Ratna Puraskara' was given to 6 women achievers to recognize their contribution in their respective fields
- Millet Mane, an extended venture to promote We Mill was inaugurated by gathering delegates from Wuerth Elektrnik Pvt Ltd. The store houses a variety of Ragi products naturally sourced from local farmers and manufactured at the Asare Sanjeevini Unit in Bilikere.
- During Navaratri, each day was celebrated by encouraging different art forms around



Project Sponsor

- Wurth Elektronik India Pvt. Ltd.



Project Location

Mysuru, Karnataka



Project Duration

November 2019 to March 2023



Project Team

- Mr. Janardan K.
- Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- Mr. Yogish



the themes of Ragi under Nava Siri campaign. The competitions hosted under the Nava Siri campaign were NavaMahila, NavaSiridhanya, NavaRang, NavaKavya, Navakuncha, Nava-Chitra, and NavaRuchi

- ♦ -Within eleven months of its launch, We Mill became a household name for a range of healthy ragi products. We Mill was invited to set up a stall at Chitrakala Parishat in Bengaluru by the National Rural Livelihood Mission. We Mill's hot Ragi Malt'n Shake and cookies enthralled the audience of Chowdaiah Memorial Hall as well

- ♦ -GRAAM's endeavor through WEMILL is to understand the needs and challenges of establishing a rural social business unit and learn from it. We would work towards developing a model and impacting policy in cohesion for making India a five trillion dollar economy.
- ♦ -This project is also serving as a learning sand-box for students from economics, food science and development disciplines. The CSIR CFTRI is reaching its technological expertise to the grassroots. Project We-Mill of GRAAM has created a learning platform for many.

LEARNING, SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD

KARNATAKA SKILL
POLICY 2023-2030

PROJECT BRIEF

The government of Karnataka entrusted GRAAM with developing the (Revised) Skill Development Policy for the state. The department of skill development, entrepreneurship and livelihood has implemented various programs to make Karnataka a skilled state.

In order to provide more impetus to growth and development, the government has decided to have a futuristic policy to add to the skilled workforce. GRAAM was entrusted with the responsibility, GRAAM had earlier contributed to the Skill Policy and Vision Document for the state.



Accomplishments

- ♦ A Policy document was written taking into account, many successful programmes implemented in various other states of India, and also some successful education programmes implemented in Germany, China, Brazil and other countries
- ♦ Identifying "Life-long learning" as the future, document identified ways of implementing life-long learning, with a vision to position Karnataka as the No. 1 skilled state in our nation
- ♦ One-day stakeholder consultation workshop was conducted in the presence of over 60

Project
Sponsor

- ♦ Skill Development Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, Government of Karnataka

Project
Location

Karnataka

Project
Duration

December 2022 to July 2023

Project
Team

- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta

domain experts who put forth executable policy solutions for the persisting problems in the skill ecosystem. Dr. S. Selva Kumar, Secretary, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood and Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority chaired the Consultation Proceedings. Heads of several government departments, leading industries, NGOs and Academic Institutions participated. The workshop helped GRAAM draft an evidence-based Skill Policy with multi disciplinary inputs and perspectives for the state of Karnataka.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



PROJECT BRIEF

GRAAM has undertaken a "Community Need Assessment" Study to aid Stelis Biopharma Limited, a leading pharmaceutical company based in Bengaluru to help design and execute a new set of CSR activities. The assessment was undertaken in thematic areas such as education, health, employability and disaster management. The pharma company has developed innovative programs leveraging its capabilities as a pharma company with the core focus of its intervention toward Health and Hygiene, Education, and Employability livelihoods of underserved communities. The company is committed to improving the quality of life of the less privileged and working towards a more equitable society is channelized through the company's Foundation.



Accomplishments

- Under Doddaballapur, Bashettihalli Gram Panchayat, Bisunavahalli, Ellupura, Arehalli Guddadahalli, Varadanahalli, and Raghunathapura were identified to carry out In-depth Interviews (IDI) and Focus Group Discussions (FGD) and also to collect GP and village secondary data
- GRAAM provided Program Strategy with the name "Education and Youth Empowerment



Project Sponsor

- Stelis Biopharma



Project Location

Doddaballapur, Karnataka



Project Duration

May 2022 to September 2022



Project Team

- Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- Dr. Shivakumar Nayka
- Mr Bhagavan BR
- Dr. Rajendra Prasad P.
- Mr Naveen Kumar C
- Mr Ravi CS

Program (Stelis EYE)". Focus on Human and Social Capital Development, with long-term socio-economic and environmental significance.

- Program Logic Model for each initiative was provided. Program milestones with clear monitoring and evaluation plan provided.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

EXAMINING THE PARTICIPATION OF ST'S IN MGNREGA AND THE STATUS OF ACCESS TO COMMUNITY FOREST RESOURCE RIGHTS: A STUDY OF TRIBAL LIVELIHOOD IN CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT, KARNATAKA



PROJECT BRIEF

The study had the primary objective of assessing the extent of participation of STs in the scheme, compared to other communities at the national level and state level, and to shed light on inter-state variations in the same. It was also commissioned to examine the factors which shape implementation of STs & PVTGs in MGNREGA, challenges faced by them and to examine the implementation processes, enablers and barriers shaping the extent of their participation in the scheme.



Project Sponsor

- ♦ National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)



Project Location

Primary Data: Chamarajanagar, Karnataka
Secondary data: All India



Project Duration

March 2022 to December 2022



Project Team

- ♦ Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
- ♦ Dr Ananya Samajdar
- ♦ Dr Rajendra Prasad
- ♦ Dr Swamy HM
- ♦ Ms Usha CR
- ♦ Ms Meher Suri



Accomplishments

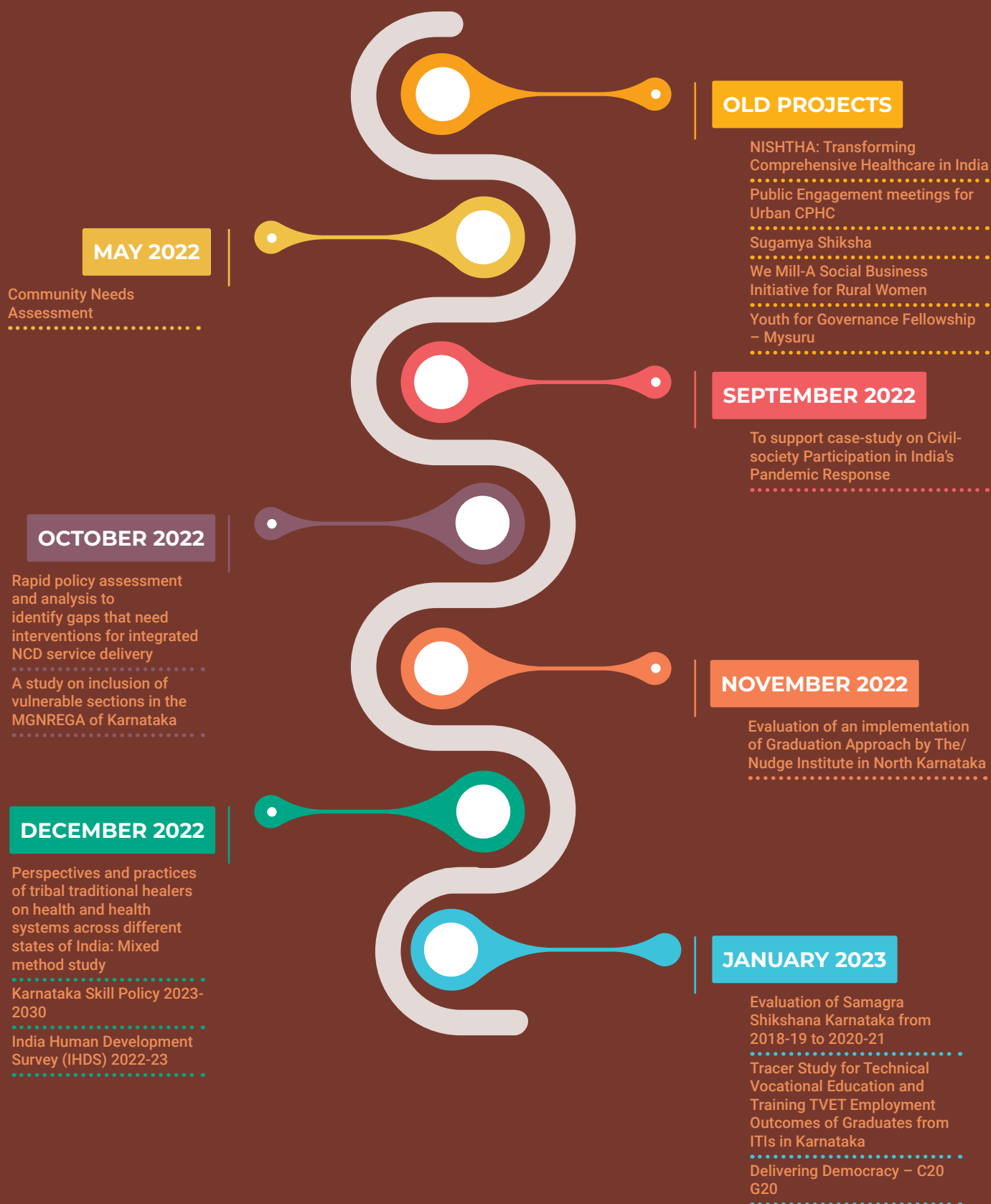
- ♦ Team examined the procedure adopted in settling the land rights and community rights claims under FRA 2006
- ♦ We assessed the implementation of FRA community rights in the selected study location. We did a comprehensive field study and understood exclusion errors
- ♦ Team studied the functioning, duties and responsibilities of the Forest Rights Enforcement Committee and other related statutory committees in the district
- ♦ A study on the challenges and difficulties faced by the communities with regard to availability, storage, and disposal of small forest produce was done.
- ♦ Finally, a report was submitted to the sponsor.



GRAAM Recommendations

- ♦ Application Submission – Review & Settlements: The application should be registered and acknowledged at Grama Panchayat. Grama Panchayat should forward the application with remarks for acceptance or rejection verifying basic records
- ♦ FRC and GPs should play the role of application scrutiny and recommendation body. The application should then be discussed at the District Level Committee and Rejected Applications should be verified by District Level Committee
- ♦ In order to address rejection and exclusion issues, time bound and Block Level Camps / Public Hearings in a campaign mode and proper spot verification by the concerned authorities for resolving rejection and exclusion issues may be organized by the District Administration. Stipulating a timeline for each stage i.e., from claim application to award, shall not only benefit the beneficiary, but also the administration
- ♦ FRCs should be strengthened beyond settlement IFR and for long-term sustainability for social development, livelihood and conservation of forest

PROJECT TIMELINE



CELEBRATORY MOMENTS

EVENTS AT GRAAM

National Youth Festival – Dharwad



Y4G International Youth Day



G20 C20 Curtain Raiser & Events



CII CSR NGO Mela



**CSR conference
at The School
of Governance
and Public
Affairs (SGPA),
XIM University,
Bhubaneswar**



**Delivering
Democracy –
Retrospect
and Prospect**



Year-long 'Youth for governance' fellowship initiative ends

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The year-long Youth for Governance Fellowship (Y4G) in Mysuru, a fellowship programme conducted by Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) in association with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) to increase youth participation in govern-

nance and encourage youth to be agents of change, concluded on Monday.

The valedictory programme was conducted at the JSS Medical College, Mysuru with Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics virtually addressing the youth as a keynote speaker.

Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM chaired the programme. Dr. Praveen Kulkarni, Vice-Principal, JSS Medical College, Dr. Anil Bilimane, the faculty of JSS MPH, and Dr. Anushuman from PRIA were present.

Prior to the valedictory programme, the Y4G fellows presented a research report with findings from four community-based

participatory studies. These studies range from emotional awareness wellness in adolescent populations, zero waste management, the ecological impact of development on Chamundi hills, and the role of local communities in keeping the lakes of Mysuru alive and clean.

Addressing the youth, Dr. Shalini highlighted the findings from the recently approved Karnataka Youth

Policy 2022 and stated that Karnataka comprised 30% of the youth population. She emphasised that the State has a huge youth force and that the future belonged to them. However, she shared her concern expressing whether the youth were ready for the future.

Talking about the programme, Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta said that Y4G was envisioned as a platform

for working towards the development of Mysuru. He noted that Mysuru is home to several educational institutions and suggested they all come together in achieving the city's development and GRAAM would be happy to play the role of catalyst in this experiment. He said the Civic Engagement Index of Youth is 0.228 in the country and Political Participation Index is only 0.35.

'Dearth of training in unorganised sector'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mysuru: Only 22% of those in the unorganised sector had completed formal training in the state and a major gap had been created both socially and economically between the trained and untrained youth, said Shalini Rajneesh, additional chief secretary to the Department of Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics.

The officer spoke at the valedictory ceremony of a year-long Youth for Governance Fellowship (Y4G) programme conducted by the Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), in association with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) to increase youth participation in governance and encourage youth to be agents of change that concluded on Monday.

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prised 30% of the youth population.

She emphasized that the state has a huge youth force and that the future belongs to them.

She also spoke about malnutrition and concerning health issues among youth and suggested that if enthusiastic youth could wholeheartedly work with the necessary training and skills, they can take India to greater heights.

Basavaraju R Shreshta, executive director, GRAAM, chaired the programme. Dr Praveen Kulkarni, vice-principal of JSS Medical College, Anil Bilimane, faculty of JSSMPH, were present.

GRAAM's report on 21st century skills released

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A comprehensive report titled '21st Century Skills in India: State of the Sector Report 2022' brought out by Mysuru-headquartered Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) under UNICEF's YuWaah project was released in New Delhi.

Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, launched the report at the national conference on "Democratising Digital: Breaking Barriers for 21st Century Education" held on October 11.

In a statement here on Wednesday, GRAAM, a public policy research and advocacy initiative in India, said the report helps build a collective understanding on the India-centered assessments and interventions of 21st century skills.

GRAAM's Executive Di-

rector and Principal Investigator of the report Basavaraju R. Shreshta said the 21st century skills is a complex and fragmented space with multiple terminologies, definitions, content frameworks and players.

Therefore, to systematically study, map and analyse the space to promote a coherent understanding of the status of this sector, UNICEF commissioned the writing of the State of the Sector Report on 21st century skills in India to GRAAM.

"The report talks about the significance of 21st century skills, state of the policy on such skills in India and in-depth landscape analysis of organisations imparting them, followed by noting the challenges faced in the implementation of the new age skills, best practices and opportunities", said Mr. Shreshta.

The 21st century skills are imperative for the development of human capital of the country, he said.

BALANCE SHEET 2022-23

GRAAM FINANCIAL
REPORT 2022-23Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement
Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2023

(Amount in Rs)

Particulars	Note No.	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
FUNDS:			
Restricted funds			
Earmarked funds	2	2,774,475	1,320,970
Staff benefit fund	3	1,073,012	850,257
Asset fund	4	1,225,970	1,338,597
Designated funds			
Staff welfare fund	5	1,132,450	1,102,989
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6	19,991,315	10,346,429
TOTAL FUNDS		26,197,222	14,959,242
ASSETS:			
Fixed assets	7	1,225,970	1,338,597
Current investment	8	15,846,444	11,329,202
Current assets	9	11,282,473	7,287,272
TOTAL ASSETS - A		28,354,887	19,955,071
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	10	1,911,169	4,782,013
Long term liabilities	11	246,496	213,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES - B		2,157,665	4,995,829
NET ASSETS (A - B)		26,197,222	14,959,242

Significant accounting policies and notes referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report of
even date

For MSSV & Co.,

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No. : 0019875

D R Venkatesh

Partner

Membership No. : 025087

Date : 26/09/2023

Place: Bengaluru

For and on behalf of Board of Trustees of Grassroots
Research and Advocacy Movement

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Mr. Purushotham. J

Trustee

Dr. Basavaraju R

Executive Director

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022-23

Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended March 31, 2023

(Amount in Rs)

Particulars	Note no	For the year ended March 31, 2023	For the year ended March 31, 2022
INCOME			
Unrestricted			
Donation		192,804	97,796
Income from activities	12	26,909,577	10,320,629
Interest income		705,198	632,407
No longer payable		2,504	111,948
Interest on income tax refund		169,483	52,115
Restricted			
Earmarked fund income	13	14,575,337	17,028,417
TOTAL		42,554,902	28,243,312
EXPENDITURE			
Personnel cost	14	14,972,995	14,431,597
Program expenditure	15	14,976,857	14,107,321
Operational expenditure	16	2,794,704	2,471,845
No longer receivable		665	-
Depreciation	7	277,423	391,366
TOTAL		33,022,644	31,402,129
Surplus / (Deficit)		9,532,258	(3,158,817)
Less: Provision for income-tax		-	-
Net movement in funds	17	9,532,258	(3,158,817)

Significant accounting policies and notes referred to above form an integral part of statement of Income and Expenditure

This is the Statement of Income and Expenditure referred to in our report of even date

For MSSV & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No. : 0019875


D R Venkatesh
Partner
Membership No. : 025087

Date : 26/09/2023
Place: Bengaluru



For and on behalf of Board of Trustees of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement


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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2022-23

Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended March 31, 2023

(Amount in Rs)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
Opening Balance	A	2,920,580	257,225
Add: Receipts			
Grants received		16,083,448	15,820,930
Donation received		192,804	97,796
Receipts from activities		28,170,969	9,932,673
Advance receipts of activity		-	1,588,785
Redemption of FD's and Interest Received		-	6,284,138
SB Interest received		131,011	89,766
Income Tax Refund for the year 2019-20		2,473,150	828,650
Deposits received		-	200,000
	B	47,051,382	34,842,738
Less: Payments			
Personnel cost		14,374,939	10,937,660
Program expenditure		14,804,617	12,969,595
Operational expenditure		2,780,182	2,335,788
Rates and taxes		6,579,179	5,627,575
Purchase of fixed assets		164,796	300,546
Investment in fixed deposits during the year		4,000,000	-
Bank charges		14,522	8,219
	C	42,718,235	32,179,383
Closing Balance	(D=A+B-C)	7,253,727	2,920,580

Significant accounting policies and notes referred to above form an integral part of Receipts and Payments Account

This is the Receipts & Payments Account referred to in our report of even date

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GRAAM STATUTORY INFORMATION SHEET

Organization	Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)
Act under which Registered	Registered under Indian Trust Act, 1882 vide No. MYS-4-00514-2013-14
PAN Number	AACTG0684L
GST Number	29AACTG0684L1ZA
12A	Unique Reg. No. AACTG0684LE20214
80G	Unique Reg. No. AACTG0684LF20196
FCRA No.	094590241 Dated:08/07/2020
Bank Account Number	0566101069434
Name of the Bank	Canara Bank
Branch Code	000566
Address	6, GANGA TEMPLE ROAD, JAYALAXMIPURAM, MYSORE-570012
IFSC Code	CNRB0000566
Name of the Chairman of Board	Mr. Arjun M Ranga
Name of Chief Functionary & Designation	Dr. Basavaraju R, Executive Director
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GRAAM is a development research and public policy engagement initiative in India. Our extensive expertise spans over policy research, program evaluation, community engagement, policy engagement, impact consultation and academic engagements. We work in collaboration with all the four key stakeholders of development i.e. Government, Citizenry, Civil Society Organizations and Corporate. Complementing strengths of each sector is essential to achieve the development goals. GRAAM aims to ensure the 'voices' of the communities at the grassroots are significantly accounted for in the process of development.



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