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Welcome to Sanghamitra Service Society

ABOUT SANGHAMITRA SERVICE SOCIETY

Vision :

Sanghamitra visualizes a casteless, classless society, wherein peace, justice, gender equality and sustainable environment prevail, which uphold human dignity and social values

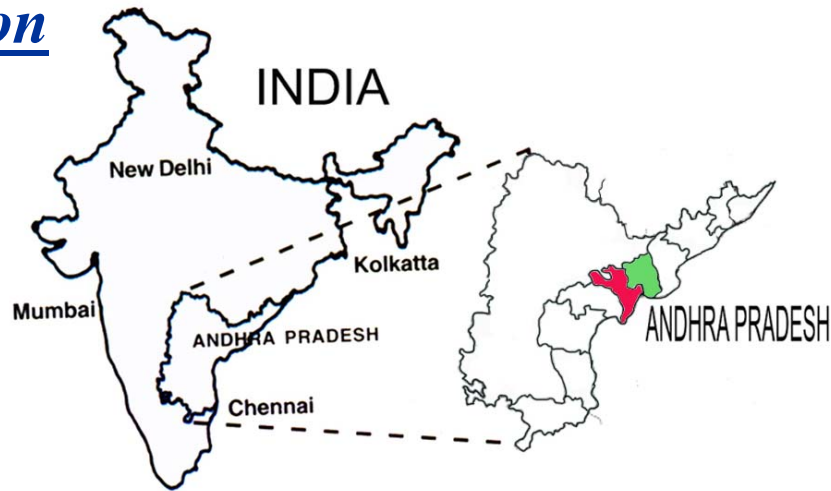
Mission :

To motivate and sensitize the most marginalized dalits, Fisher folk and adivasis particularly women who organize themselves and facilitate them to become the masters of their won destiny with special emphasis on sustainable development and value oriented interventions.

Legal Status :

- Sanghamitra was registered under societies registration Act XXI of 1860 on 3rd September 1984 Regd No : 118/84.
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act 1976 Regd. No : 010260027
- Registered Under Income Tax Act 1961 of Section 12A

Area of Operation



Krishna District
West Godavari District

9 coastal districts + chittor district through Partner NGOs

Activities

- Livelihood
- Natural Resource Management
- Disaster Preparedness
- Relief & Rehabilitation
- Human Rights
- Children Education
- Care & Support for HIV
- Women Empowerment

An Experience from Andhra Pradesh

Objective : To Create a Culture of Disaster Preparedness

1977- Super-cyclone in the Krishna District: 10,000 lives lost, 100,000 livestock deaths, 50,000,000 asset loss and lessons were not learned by the government and NGOs.

1979- Cyclone

1983- Cyclone

1990- Cyclone

1996- Cyclone: 1,500 deaths. Lessons were learned from the cyclone by the government and NGOs. More importance was given to warning and evacuation. NGOs focused on CBDP.

2003- Cyclone: More focus on working together in the area of rehabilitation. Not many lessons learned in the area of integration.

2004- Tsunami & **2005** -Floods : the response, sensitivity and realization of the situation of the NGOs/Govt. was raised dramatically in the areas of preparedness, CBDP, integration, working together, partnerships and institutionalization.

This experience, as outlined above, of cyclones by the government and NGOs since 1977, provides an opportunity for a better understanding, preparedness and response to disasters.

Climate Change Activities

GOAL : Community centered disaster mitigation practices facilitate improved living conditions of the vulnerable coastal communities

PURPOSE : The resilience of coastal communities strengthened in 29 villages of A.P. combating the vulnerabilities of climatic changes

KEY RESULT AREAS :

1. Restoration (896 acres), natural regeneration (430 acres) and protection (4230 acres) of existing mangroves managed by village institutions (EDCs)
2. Ten village based VSSs actively engaged in planting and managing shelterbelts in 1045 acres with multiple species
3. Physical capital assets strengthened the adaptation mechanisms
4. Multiple livelihood options strengthen the coping abilities and resilience of target communities
5. Management of Human and Natural resources strengthens the disaster mitigation measures
6. The AP Coast Net and the partner NGOs are implementing the project more efficiently and effectively in realizing the purpose and out puts of the project

Key points

- Integration with the different stakeholders
- Institutionalization
- Sustainability of the institution and institutionalization
- Required support services?
- Success and replication
- Lobby and advocacy

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