



# **Organizational Profile & Activity Report**

**2012-15**

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**SKS Chakshu Foundation - Background:**

SKS Chakshu Foundation came into existence in the year 1993 with a vision to provide basic amenities in the areas of education, enterprise, health and infrastructure and to provide villagers a helping hand in raising their quality of life. The primary interventions initiated and managed by the Foundation are:

- Women Empowerment Programme
- Education
- Rural Health and Infrastructure

**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

SKS Chakshu Foundation believes that empowering a woman is a cornerstone to empowering the community. Over the last 10 years, the Foundation has initiated and established a strong movement to bring them together to lead the social transformation agenda in the villages of the Panvel Taluka. Starting with the creation of Women's Self-Help Groups in 2005, the Foundation has now established 250 SHGs across 84 villages with an overarching Federation body, impacting over 2500 women in the region. This has been achieved through several interventions as listed below:

**1. Financial Inclusion:**

We believe that the first step to empowering the woman's position in society is through financial access. By access to affordable and equitable lending, the women of these communities now have:

- a. Financial support during times of urgent need (e.g., weddings & major healthcare expenses)
- b. The ability to fund their children's education
- c. Earning opportunities through easy financing of flour mills and sewing machines
- d. Capital to start their own micro-businesses

**2. Income Generation:**

We believe the key to fully empowering a woman comes from being financially independent. To provide a platform in this endeavour, we conduct a series of trainings programs through the Federation to further catalyze their Income Generation. Activities include sewing & stitching, masala making, agarbatti making, etc. alongside support on setting up of businesses such as beauty parlors, roti making, crockery rentals, and other micro business.

**3. Legal Counsel through Jankar Training programs:**

The Foundation strives to give women their legal and social rights in the community through its "Legal Jankaar Program", which counsels in local legal cases for domestic issues. Additionally, it organizes awareness programmes and provides ongoing support on:

- a. The procurement of proper documentation from the local government, including land documents, ration cards, Aadhar cards, PAN cards, etc.
  - b. Approaching Gram Panchayats and other local governing bodies to address local issues and community development needs
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**EDUCATION**

In the year 2000 with only 40 students, we started a school at village Shivkar named Rakesh Jain Madhyamik Vidhyamandir for imparting education from K.G. to Std.10th. Now, more than 650 students are benefitting every year and the results of SSC passouts stand at 96%, the best in the District. The school is equipped with branded computers for students with E-learning program and internet installed. Extra curriculum courses are provided free of cost viz. arts, music, dance, mal-khambh, sports training etc. In addition we also run IBT (Introduction to Basic Technology) courses, enabling the students to secure admissions in ITI's under reservation available for IBT certificate holders.

**RURAL HEALTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Our Foundation has an Ophthalmic Centre with an operating theatre at a renowned hospital in Panvel in association with Rotary Club and medical centre at Usarli village. To support additional needs of the region that are funnelled through the SHGs, the Foundation addresses key issues in rural health and infrastructure through interventions such as:

- a. Effective waste management systems through creation of soak pits
- b. Access to clean water through the construction of bore-wells
- c. Training programs and Kitchen Gardens for proper health & nutrition practices
- d. Providing of lighting through the distribution of solar lamps
- e. Distribution of food grains to those without access
- f. Construction of bore wells
- g. Sanitation intervention

Given the socio-economic status of the villages in the Pavel-Nere region, the area faces severe health and social challenges due to poor sanitation practices, including prevalent water-borne diseases and women's safety issues. SKS Chakshu Foundation has taken up an ambitious initiative to make the Panvel Taluka an open defecation free zone. We have set out to achieve this goal through the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) through offering highly subsidized construction of IHHL units in the region and teach them how to dig soak pits for keeping the village surrounding dry and clean for avoiding deadly water borne diseases.

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**3-YEAR ACTIVITY SUMMARY****Women Empowerment Program:**

Sr.#	Particulars	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
<b>Financial Inclusion</b>				
1	Self Help Group Created	175	210	248
2	Members in Self Help Group	1874	2275	2690
3	Villages Covered	64	84	84
4	# Loans Distributed to SHG Members	33	89	156
5	Flour Mills Distributed	30	10	42
6	Sewing Machine Distributed	17	23	27
<b>Income Generation (IG) Activities</b> <span style="float: right;">(<i># women impacted</i>)</span>				
<i>Training programs provided:</i>				
1	Tailoring Courses	90	90	90
2	Candle & Agarbatti Making	52	58	63
3	Beauty parlour management	60	45	40
<i>Ongoing Management of IG Activities</i>				
1	Tailoring Work	12	20	22
2	Chapati & Bhakri Making (Approx.)	400	450	500
3	Papad Making	75	80	80
4	Utensil Rental Business	54	60	60
5	Masala Making	20	25	35
6	Incense Stick Making	35	40	48
7	Beauty Parlour Busiess	2	3	3
8	Flour Mill Business	12	15	16
9	Coconut Crushing Work	5	8	9
<b>Legal Counsel</b>				
1	Jankars Trained in Legal/Govt. Matters	4	4	4
2	Legal counseling provided to	22	25	35
3	Social Counseling provided to	52	57	62
4	Government matters handled	36	40	42
5	Assistance with documentation	255	270	280

**Rural Health and Infrastructure:**

Sr.#	Particulars	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Food-grains distribution	122	131	136
2	Soak Pits & Toilet Blocks Constructed	150	155	257
3	Health & Sanitation Training	340	285	312
4	Solar Lamp Distributed	150	200	150
5	Kitchen Garden Program	50	63	68
6	Health & Sanitation Awareness Program	300	360	410

### Women Self Help Groups



Women attending an SHG meeting in the Panvel Taluka

### Livelihood Activities



Tailoring Classes being conducted



Beneficiary with Flour Mill Machine

### Self Help Group Melava (Annual Gathering of SHGs)



**TOILET PROJECT****LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Sr.No.	Name	Nationality	Occupation	Designation	Contact No.
1	Mr. Nirbhay Jain	Indian	Retired	Chairman	98211-11659
2	Mr. Vijaymull Sand	Indian	Retired	Trustee	97020-11312
3	Mr. Utsav Kapadia	Indian	Business	Trustee	98197-29674
4	Mr. Pradeep Jalan	Canadian (PIO)	Business	Trustee	98217-95255
5	Mrs. Urmila Jain	Indian	Housewife	Trustee	98206-65309
6	Ms. Varsha Jain	Indian	Service	Trustee	98922-32628
7	Mr. Vishal Jain	Indian	Business	Trustee	98901-26000
8	Ms. Anandi Vangal	Indian	Retired	Director – School	98200-25350
9	Ms. Shefali Kapadia	Indian	Business	Director – Special Projects	98211-55841

The team also includes seven staff members, who support the operations from Panvel-Nere Training Centre and Mumbai Administrative Office.