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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2011

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2011, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Sewa International Inc		D Employer identification no 20-0638718
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (713) 244-4992
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$
	4510 Colony Hills Dr		985,565
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Sugar Land, TX 77479		F Name and address of principal officer	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
J Website www.sewausea.org		H(b) Are all affiliates included? If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		H(c) Group exemption number	
L Year of formation 2003		M State of legal domicile GA	

Part I Summary

A G o v e r n a n c e & R e v e n u e	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEWA INTERNATIONAL IS A HINDU FAITH BASED CHARITY THAT SERVES REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, GENDER & NATIONAL ORIGIN. MISSION IS TO "SERVE HUMANITY IN DISTRESS", AID LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM. SEWA HAS 38 CHAPTERS IN 22 US STATES. MAKES GRANTS TO OTHER NFP ORGS.			
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,000	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0	
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
	R e v e n u e	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
		9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	833,436	985,565	
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	185	0	
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	833,621	985,565	
13		Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	303,079	1,226,407	
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0	
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0	
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	
16b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		15,969	
E x p e n s e s	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	42,296	170,644	
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	345,375	1,397,051	
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	488,246	(411,486)	
	N e t A s s e t s o r F u n d B a l a n c e s	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
		21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	885,875	474,389
		22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	885,875	474,389

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer Venkata Santhanarman	Date 11/15/2012			
	Type or print name and title Venkata Santhanarman, Vice President Finance				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN	Preparer's signature SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN	Date 11-15-2012	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00428541
	Firm's name M D & Associates LLP	Firm's EIN 713-774-6533			
	Firm's address 8303 SW Fwy Ste 570 Houston TX 77074				

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Part III**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Sewa International is an organization run by dedicated volunteers, heralding from all sections of the community. Mission is "Serving Humanity is Serving God". It funds and executes projects to serve the poor and underprivileged regardless of color, caste, gender or religion.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 91,254 including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
BHUTANESE REFUGEE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 48,158 including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
VARIOUS PROJECTS RELATED TO HAITI RELIEF, JAPAN TSUMAI, PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF, KENYA SCHOOL PROJECT WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ENTITY DURING THE YEAR. THESE WERE BASICALLY HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE NATURAL DISASTERS WHICH AFFECTED THE COMMUNITIES WORLD WIDE

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 1,183,657 including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
VARIOUS PROGRAM EXPENSES RELATED TO FLOOD RELIEF, REHABILITATION AND SUCH ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

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4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses **1,323,069**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J.	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.	25b	X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.	35b	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No"

response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or If the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	1a	3
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	3
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	X
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	X
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only)
available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy,
and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the
organization ▶ Venkata Santhanarman (713) 533-4669 4510 Colony Hills Dr Sugar Land, TX 77479

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Manohar Shinde Director	1.00	X						0		0
(2) Radhesyam Dwivedi Director	1.00	X						0		0
(3) Ramesh Bhutada Director	1.00	X						0		0
(4) ANIL DESHPANDE VP MARKETING	10.00			X				0		0
(5) ARUN KANKANI COO/EVP	30.00			X				0		0
(6) Babulal Gupta Vice President Admin	10.00			X				0		0
(7) Darshan Soni Vice President Organization	30.00			X				0		0
(8) Sree Sreenath President	30.00			X				0		0
(9) SWADESH KATOCH DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS	5.00			X				0		0
(10) VASUDEV SINGH DIRECTOR- GET INSPIRED PROGRAM	8.00			X				0		0
(11) Venkata Santhanarman Vice President Finance	20.00			X				0		0
(12) VIDYASAGAR TONTLAPUR MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR	5.00			X				0		0
(13)										
(14)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and director/trustee)							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Director	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee					
(15)											
(16)											
(17)											
(18)											
(19)											
(20)											
(21)											
(22)											
(23)											
(24)											
(25)											
1b Sub-total											
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A											
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	0	0	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions) . .	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶					
Program Service Revenue	2a	INDIVIDUAL N ORGANIZATI	Business Code	985,565	985,565		
	b		900099				
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		985,565			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶					
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b	Less direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b	Less direct expenses b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
	b	Less cost of goods sold b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See instructions ▶		985,565	985,565	0	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21.				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	1,226,407	1,226,407		
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.				
10 Payroll taxes.				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.				
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other.	170,644	96,662	58,013	15,969
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.				
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.				
17 Travel.				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
23 Insurance.				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses.				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,397,051	1,323,069	58,013	15,969
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
A s s e t s	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	805,714	1	440,445
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	74,173	2	33,944
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	5,988	11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	885,875	16	474,389	
L i a b i l i t i e s	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
N e t A s s e t B a l a n c e s	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	852,021	27	474,389
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	33,854	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	885,875	33	474,389
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	885,875	34	474,389

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	985,565
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,397,051
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(411,486)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	885,875
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	474,389

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				Yes	No
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O					
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a			X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b			X
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c			
2d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis				
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a			X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b			

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Sewa International Inc

Employer identification number

20-0638718

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 ☐ A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III-Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III-Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box _____ ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? _____

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under

Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.

If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	147,439	305,002	426,551	833,436	985,565	2,697,993
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or bus under sec 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	147,439	305,002	426,551	833,436	985,565	2,697,993
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						2,697,993

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	147,439	305,002	426,551	833,436	985,565	2,697,993
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,021	1,841	27	185		3,074
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1,021	1,841	27	185		3,074
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	148,460	306,843	426,578	833,621	985,565	2,701,067
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.89	%
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.71	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.11	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

**Schedule F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

- Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) South Asia			Grant making		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total					
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)					

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 ☐

Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)			South Asia	FOR EDUCAT					
(2)			South Asia	ALTERNATE					
(3)			South Asia	REHABILITA					
(4)			South Asia	FOR EDUCAT					
(5)			South Asia	FLOOD RELI					
(6)			South Asia	FOR EDUCAT					
(7)			South Asia	CHILD HEAL					
(8)			South Asia	FREE STUDE					
(9)			East Asia and the Pacific	TSUNAMI RE					
(10)			South Asia	SELFLESS S					
(11)			South Asia	WELFARE FO					
(12)			South Asia	YOUTH PROG					
(13)			South Asia	YOUTH PROG					
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

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Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713) ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Sewa International Inc

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01. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)

THE ORGANIZATION DIRECTORS/ OFFICERS ARE FURNISHED THE DRAFT FINANCIALS BY THE VP FINANCE.

THOSE ARE APPROVED AND THEN FORWARDED TO OUTSIDE CPA FOR FINALIZING THE TAX RETURNS

02. Conflict of interest policy compliance (Part VI, line 12c)

WHENEVER THERE EXISTS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE BOARD THEN THE NECESSARY

DIRECTOR/OFFICER SHALL ABSTAIN FROM THE DELIBERATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAID

DISCUSSION

03. Form 990 unavailable to public (Part VI, line 18)

THE FINANCIALS ARE REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTORS/ OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE TAX RETURN

IS CIRCULATED TO THE EXECUTIVE TEAM BEFORE BEING FILED WITH THE IRS

04. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)

THE ORGANIZATION WEBSITE IS VERY DESCRIPTIVE INFORMING ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE

ORGANIZATION. THE TAX RETURN IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY LOGGING TO www.guidestar.org

Name(s) as shown on return

FEIN

Sewa International Inc

20-0638718

Description	Amount
AGRASEN TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 902,000
AKSHAR BHARATHI	5,100
ALTERNATE SOLAR POWER PROJECT	7,200
ANDHRA PRADESH FLOOD N REHAB	25,000
AP SCHOOL PROJECT	7,500
AROGYA RAKSHAK	1,460
DEBRA HOSTEL GWALIOR	4,770
EKAM PROJECT	27,230
GOPAL DHAM PROJECT	10,000
HINDU SEVA PRATISHTAN	29,265
SEWA BHARTI AP	500
VANAVASI KALYAN ASHRAM	27,262
YFS BENGALURU	24,250
YFS HYDERABAD	18,920
BRE PROJECT	1,800
MANGALORE BLIND SCHOOL	5,000
MATRUCHHAYA MP	400
ORISSA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT	63,000
RIWATCH ARUNACHAL	13,000
SIKKIM EARTHQUAKE	10,000
HAITI RELIEF	5,000
JAPAN TSUNAMI	10,000
KENYA SCHOOL PROJECT	23,750
PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF	4,000
Total:	\$ 1,226,407

Description	Amount
FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 5,408
BHUTANESE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM	91,254
Total:	\$ 96,662

Description	Amount
ADMINISTRATION CHARGES	\$ 58,013
Total:	\$ 58,013

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Description

Amount

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

\$ 15,969

Total:

\$ 15,969



Family Services Initiative



Building a Community Support Network

What?

- Sewa will begin the family services program by helping to create a structure for the community and by the community to help families in urgent situations
- Sewa will work with the community to help facilitate people in need with helpful information or by providing a volunteer that can help

Why?

- Usually we are not prepared to handle life's unexpected situations alone, so we approach our family and closest friends for support and assistance. However, we may find that we do not have suitable resources within this small circle either due to a lack of relevant skills or constraints of time and distance.
- Therefore, our aim is to help individuals and their families get through difficult times or crisis situations with the caring and compassionate support of our Family Services volunteers.

Ways to Help:

Health/Medical Guidance
 Family Support
 Crisis Support
 Health Insurance & Other Service Access
 Food preparation & Meal Delivery
 Transportation
 Spiritual Counseling & Moral Support
 Operational Support
 Translation

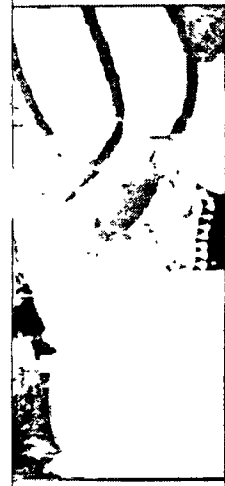
**For more information please visit
www.sewahouston.org**

Tear along dotted line and hand in slip to Sewa Volunteer

**Interested in Volunteering? Fill Out the Information Below and
 Become a Registered Volunteer.**

Name: _____ Special Skills: _____
 Address: _____ Language: _____
 City & Zip: _____ Occupation: _____
 Phone: _____ Volunteering area of interest (from above list): _____
 Email: _____
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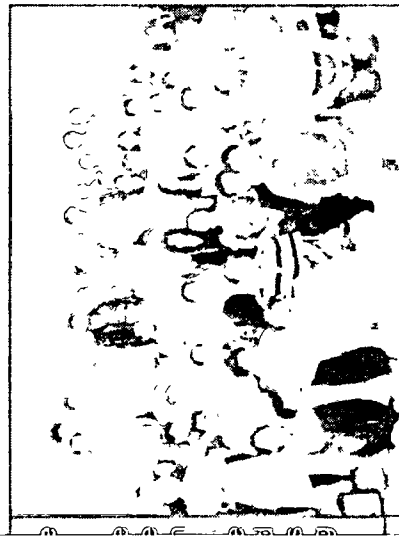


Vision Care

Twenty-two Bhutanese refugees were diagnosed and prescribed glasses at the eye camp held on March 8th, 2010 by Dr. Indira Menon. This was a boon to many who do not have either Medicare or Medicaid. Further tests were prescribed to those identified with Glaucoma and other complications.



Empowerment Projects



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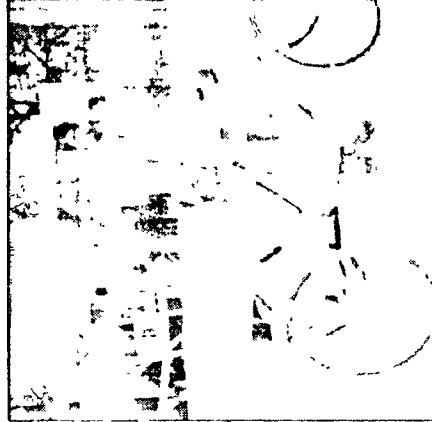
—Hari Bhakta Pyakurel,
National Bhutanese Empowerment Conference

Counseling, Yoga & Meditation

Sewa International volunteers organized counseling sessions across various chapters to help Bhutanese refugees cope with new living conditions. Classes of Yoga, meditation and healthy lifestyle practices were conducted. Under a joint project with the Adv. of Universal Education, the



towards social causes, Ekan-Oneness was started with a vision of "Right to health for every child". Sewa International is supporting this initiative in providing medical coverage to 42 orphanages in Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.



Livelihood Project in Delhi, India

Kalandhar Colony, with a population of more than 40,000 is one of the biggest slums in New Delhi, India. People work as contract laborers or do other small time jobs for their livelihood. Sewa International sponsored 10 cycle rickshaws and a maintenance unit thus supporting 11 families. Beneficiaries repay the cost over a 24 month period which would be used to support future beneficiaries thus making it a sustainable livelihood project.

between Oct 2007 and Nov 2007, chapters Washington D.C Maryland Virginia, Francisco Bay Area and Chicago sent numerous collection centers in their respective areas for people to donate non-perishable items. Twelve Bay Area locations collected 174 tons of food



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Sewa USA
20 Metros • 22 States
34 Chapters • 1,000 Volunteers
70,000 Hours of Annual Service

Bihar Flood Relief

With three successive years of floods, the state of Bihar in India has been one of the worst flood affected areas. Sewa International through partner organization Seva Bharati has been involved in rescue relief and rehabilitation work by setting up medical camps; providing dry food packets and clothing, rebuilding clinics, and a children's hostel



Haiti Earthquake Rehabilitation

The disastrous earthquake of 7.0 magnitude in Haiti affected nearly 3 million people and left tens of thousands dead. In a country where over 80% are below the poverty line, and 54% in abject poverty, more than two thirds of the labor has no formal jobs.



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Bhutanese Refugee Empowerment

The population in Bhutan mainly consists of two communities the Drukpas and the Lhotshampas. In 1985, conflict between these two communities resulted in a mass exodus of Lhotshampas to Nepal. Starting from then until 1994, more than 110,000 Lhotshampas took refuge in seven UN-administered camps in Nepal living in very poor conditions.

The United States eventually volunteered to resettle 60,000 of these refugees, with the remainder destined to go to other developed nations. In 2008, they began arriving in the United States in what the UN has described as one of the world's largest resettlement efforts ever. These refugees are given only a few months of support from the government and the resettlement agencies. After that, they are required to become self-sufficient. The most pressing needs are for financial assistance, employment, and basic material needs. They also require support to help them make the transition to this new land.

These are poor families who cannot afford to buy essentials such as blankets, winter jackets, and toys for their children. Many have no jobs or are students and have no income. Although the VolAGs (Voluntary Agencies), or resettlement agencies, provide some support for the first few months, it is not adequate.

Though many of the refugees are educated and can speak English, many of them have remained unemployed. And because agency support and government aid is not available to them for an extended period of time, the assistance of Sewa International is quickly becoming a lifeline for many of these families.

Sewa International USA is providing:

Sewa International USA has taken up a nationwide project to help these families. Currently, our chapters in various cities, along with various local organizations, are working to fulfill the immediate and longer-term needs of these refugees with several more chapters gearing up to help. Sewa International USA is providing:

Financial help

Essential materials such as blankets, winter jackets, clothes, toys etc

Employment assistance

Job search assistance

Sponsorship of vocational training

Job fairs

Mobility

Help in acquiring driver licenses

Sponsoring or donating used cars

Help in transitioning to a new environment while preserving their culture

Help in conducting cultural events

Mentoring and friendship

Rides to their preferred places of worship



Each chapter may only provide certain services depending upon availability of resources. We welcome any Bhutanese refugees who need help to contact us at the information provided below.

Locations:

Sewa International USA is currently conducting the BRE project at the following locations:

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Appasamy

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Ekam- Domex Clean Hospital Drive

Join Us in Clean Hospital Drive at 24 Government Hospitals in 20 districts of TamilNadu during the Joy Of Giving Week, 2011

Please visit our website and register online at <http://www.domex-ekam.org/index.html>

Please find the details of the districts and hospitals, contact numbers of community coordinators, Ekam district coordinators and central coordinators sent as attachment

To view our event, visit http://joyofgivingweek.ning.com/events/ekam-domex-clean-hospital-drive?xg_source=msg_app_event

All this is happening only because of the great support from the Joy of Giving Week team and motivation of the local coordinators who are all volunteers from various NGOs like NDSO, TNVHA and TNForces, Government permissions and Domex providing the materials for cleaning !!

Let us all celebrate the Joy Of Giving, Love and Oneness -)

Click here to download community coordinators list for mobilising volunteers

URGENT NEED: Support BAS Project

Request for the Support of Emergency fund for Bala Arogya Suraksha project

The emergency fund would be used mainly for the following items

1 Drugs- This would be supplied by the dealer with whom we have tied up immediately to the concerned hospital on credit basis and at non profit basis

2 Equipment- Either repairing of the equipment would be done or it would be bought from a vendor who supplies the equipment at subsidised cost on credit basis

3 Lab Support- We have tied up with Lalpath lab who come to the hospitals take the blood samples and give the correct reports in time They subsidise the cost by 40% to us and we pay them on credit basis

4 Manpower - NRHM is providing the salaries for the nurses and we monitor them along with the units

5 Referral treatments in other hospitals especially to private hospitals- whenever any baby is sick and intubated and needs ventilatory support which may be usually not available we shift the babies to the nearby networked private hospital

Urgent need

Support IVIG and Save a Child !!!

We currently need IVIG support for children suffering from Guillian Barre Syndrome which is a life saving drug and which is not available in Government hospitals

We would be needing support for approximately 500 children this year across TamilNadu and on an average each child may need 30gms of IVIG that is Rs 45,000/- per child

We have got a drug supplier who is supplying IVIG at Rs 7,500/- for each 5gms vial at 40% subsidised cost

**EKAM signed an MOU with Harris Jayaraj**

EKAM Foundation has signed an MOU with Indian Cinema's Popular Music Director "Harris Jayaraj" as their brand ambassador for their programme for under privileged children's development and other social activities

Click here to view the MOU


Part of the collections made at the program "On the stage with Harris Jayaraj" will be donated to EKAM Foundation

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Bala Arogya Suraksha Project



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Latest event

" Reviving Sustainability "

A workshop to explore sustainable development opportunities for The Dangs



5th and 6th June 2012 | At Navasari Agriculture University, Navsari



Organized by

YOJAK Center for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development, Pune, Maharashtra

Navasari Agriculture University, Navsari, Gujarat

Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust, Surat, Gujarat

INTRODUCTION

India is one of the fastest growing countries in the world in terms of GDP. Food importing country of 1970's has become food surplus country in just 40 years. Unfortunately, some areas were left out in this development approach due to various reasons. They are mainly tribal areas situated in various parts of the country. Ironically these areas are rich in natural resources and provide vital ecosystem services like Carbon sequestration, water recharge etc. The Dangs (Gujarat) is one of them. As current development policies are not effective for development of these areas, out-of-box thinking is necessary to achieve development in this area.

ABOUT DANGS



Dang lies in Sahyadri Mountains, a biodiversity hotspot in the world. The Dangs is located between 105 and 1317 meters altitude above sea level. Most of the villages are situated in forest areas. The four major rivers in the Dangs are the Gira, Purna, Ambika and Khapri. A special feature of the Dangs is the fact that the watershed limits coincide with the administrative boundaries. There is hardly any rainfall runoff entering from any adjoining areas to the Dangs. The district receives an annual average rainfall of about 2373 mm. The rainfall is spread over a period of about 90 days. Dangs is a

tribal district. There are 13 tribes residing in Dangs, but majority population is of Bhils, Kokanas and Varlis. Three other tribes are declared as Primitive tribal Groups who are still living in pre-agriculture stage of hunter-gatherers. Apart from social stratification in tribal groups, one can observe traditional natural resource based

stratification in these groups. Bhils are mainly hunter gathers and in timber trade, Kokanas rely on agriculture, Kotwalis are mainly bamboo based artisans whereas Kathodis are Kath making groups.

LAND USE

There is high pressure on land in the district, since majority of the land is forestland (59%) and only a limited amount of land is available for agriculture to support a growing population. Another limiting factor is that 68% of the land is situated on a slope. The forestland is predominantly reserve forest, with restricted access for the local population and also some protected forest. The total forest area of the district is about 1062 Sq km (850 Sq km Reserved Forest and 212 Sq.km of protected forests). The second category in land use is cultivable land 36.5% of the total area of the Dangs. In comparison to these two main categories, the land used for grazing (0.15%) and the non-cultivable waste land (0.88%) is very limited. There is literally little space for infrastructural development or expansion of agricultural lands.

GENESIS OF WORKSHOP

The Dangs is one of the poorest districts identified by Planning Commission of India. The area is facing acute poverty and rate of migration is high. Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust, Surat is a non-government organization working in Dangs for last 5-6 years on issues related to education, health and allied issues. While working with tribal community, organization realizes that it is necessary to intervene in root causes of poverty and migration to make any improvement in situation of local community. At the same time, various development programmes with good financial support are being implemented by government and other NGOs to improve natural resources and local community. Unfortunately many of these programmes are not getting desired results except few. So it is necessary to understand why these programmes are not getting desired results. The organization also felt that Local community has specific ideas about their development and it is necessary to understand them before planning any development activities for them.

A study was organized with the help of YOJAK Center for Research and Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development, Pune based organization engaged in research based sustainable development planning.

Study includes primary data collection, review of secondary data and interviews of local community, development practitioners, researchers, government officials, bankers and other interested in local development.

The study was limited to identifying constraints and possible intervention sectors. It is imminent and necessary to identify economically feasible, locally possible and socially just technological options for actual interventions in identified sectors. It was also felt necessary to share these options with local community before planning any intervention as it is for them and will be largely by them in future.

This workshop was planned with this background to involve various experts from leading agriculture universities, government institutions, and NGOs. The workshop was to discuss technological intervention regarding agriculture, forest, and land & water management. Local community was invited to be part of the workshop to understand the technologies and provide their inputs.

CURRENT SITUATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF DANGS – RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

WATER

Even though the Dangs has a high annual rainfall (2200 mm) compared with the average rainfall of the whole of Gujarat (852.68mm), both drinking water and water for irrigation is scarce. The lack of adequate recharge structures is one of the main reasons for this lack of water.

Groundwater is main source of drinking water. Availability and demand situation has imbalance in the area. Groundwater availability has fallen from 122mcm in 1984 to 72mcm in 1997. It must have worsened further in last 13 years.

Irrigation water situation is not very difficult. Open wells are major source of irrigation. As they are limited, total irrigation is limited in the area. Surface water resource is negligible due to inaction as well as topographical limitations of the area.

FOREST

The dangs old name was Dandakaranya means bamboo forest. It is main land use of the area. More than 59% land is under forest area. The area is biodiversity-rich with more than 550 species of plants found in the area. Unfortunately the forest is being harvested in uncontrolled way for last many years. The so called scientific management of forests has replaced diverse forest into teak monoculture. Rich tradition of Malki trees has also converted into teak plantation in the boom of scientific management. Forest is only source of fodder for animals in the area. All villages are dependent on forest fuel wood on same forest.

LAND

It is major livelihood source of the area. Most of the people are dependent on land for their subsistence. At the same time it is the limiting factor. Only 40% land is out of forest. So there is limited scope for horizontal expansion of agriculture. Land quality is very poor with low organic matter and other nutrients. Water storing capacity of land is very limited.

Due to the absence of any storage mechanism and the decreased forest cover, large scale soil erosion takes place and the topsoil is getting completely washed away. The traditional slash and burn cultivation practices also contribute to the erosion since there is no tree canopy to break the intensity of the heavy rainfall. The decreased soil conditions lead to poor yields, uneconomic returns, reservoir sedimentation, and the reduction of storage capacity, ecological imbalance and flash floods.

LIVEHOOD PROFILE**Agriculture**

Agriculture is main livelihood activity in the district. This is mainly at subsistence level and production is mainly for self consumption. The average land holding is 1.58 ha but most of it in parts and on slopes. Irrigation is very low with only 13% of cultivable land is under irrigation. Rice, Nagli, Chick pea, ground nut and Varai are major crops of the area. Agriculture pattern is shifting from Ragi to rice. Very low use of chemical fertilizer is a characteristic of the area.

Labor

Labor is an important livelihood activity which is mainly for cash income. The labor is involved in agriculture, forest and migrant labor for agriculture, construction, miscellaneous work. Local labor rates are very low compared to standard wages of Gujarat or NREGA minimum wage rate.

Animal Husbandry

Animal husbandry is mainly practiced for bull power and not as an income generation activity. There are strong tribal cultural reasons for the same. Infrastructure facilities regarding modern animal husbandry are poorly developed in the area.

Forest based livelihood

Forest is another important livelihood option for cash income as well as subsistence support. Villages are entirely dependent on forest for fuel wood purpose. Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFPs) like Mahua flowers and seeds are being collected by tribals for centuries for self consumption and sale. Other NTFPs are teak seeds, medicinal plants, honey, bamboo and gum.

Forest is an important source for labor both through forest department's work as well as bamboo harvesting by Pulp Company. Communities like Kotwalis are entirely dependent on forest for livelihood as they are artisans who make bamboo baskets and other products.

Migration

It is important source of cash income. The migration ranges between 40 to 75% as per remoteness of village. The main push factors for migration are lack of employment opportunities, farming as the only source of income, lack of land, no irrigation facilities and therefore no opportunities for cultivation during winter and summer and shortage of water. The main pull factor is the possibility to earn cash and to have another source of income besides agriculture. Average duration of migration is 7 months mostly after monsoon season but landless people migrate in lead periods of monsoon too.

CASE OF HYBRID RICE PROMOTION

High yielding varieties of rice mostly hybrids were promoted in the area by extension agencies and private sector companies to overcome low productivity of local rice. This single step has multi dimensional effect on entire system of Dangas.

Seed security is lost and farmers are dependent on markets for seed. They are paying 'quoted' price for rice seed.

As hybrid varieties are less tolerant to vulnerable situations like heavy rains in Dangas, average loss due to climate conditions has increased in last few years.

Shift from traditional nutritious Ragi to rice has compromised nutritional security of the tribes.

Increase in production cost has led to increased debt on farmers.

Loss of traditional vegetable cultivation system 'Vavali' on bank of rivers has been reduced in small pockets as these lands are mostly switched to rice cultivation.

These are wide ranging impacts directly affecting quality of life in this tribal area as affecting livelihood, health, sufficiency and traditional knowledge of the community.

EVENT REPORT (WORKSHOP AT NAVSARI UNIVERSITY)

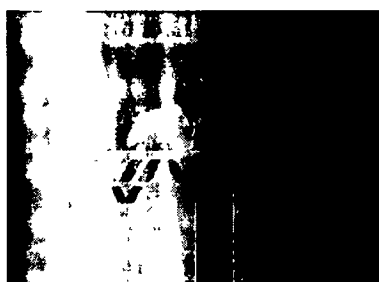
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INAUGURAL SESSION



University in the presence of Chief guest Dr. M.C. Varshneya, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Anand Agriculture University, and organizing committee members Shri Himanshubhai Bhat, President, Dr. Ambedkar Vanvasi Kalyan Trust, Dr. Gajanan Dange, President, YOJAK, Pune and Shri Bhagavatiprasad Mundhra, Chairman YOJAK, Pune Dr. A.N.Sabalpara Director of Research, Navasari

Deans, professors and other faculty members from various colleges and departments from University were present along with villagers from 50 villages each of Dang and Tapi districts.



Dr. Varshneya in his Key note address highlighted need to combined efforts by voluntary organizations, government institutions and local community for sustainable development. He emphasized on technological interventions supported by community institutions in Dangs. He provided various examples of technological interventions possible in Dangs area. He suggested the establishment of dedicated centers for Bamboo research and Dangli cattle conservation in Dnags He also urged for up-scaling the activities of Millet research center.

Dr. A.R. Pathak in his inaugural address praised the effort of joint workshop and ensured that university will provide all possible support in sustainable development of Dangs. He explained various efforts of university for hilly areas and appealed community members to increase their contact with university through KVKs and various departments

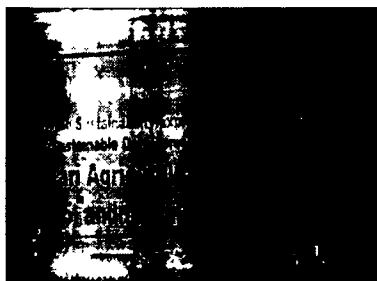
Dr. Gajanan Dange provided an overview of current situation of natural resources in Dangs. A detailed presentation was given to audience regarding situation of water, forest, livestock, land resources etc. Community members actively participated in the session by providing local examples of situation

Shri Uday Lature, Director, YOJAK proposed vote of thanks.

SESSION 1 AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY – ISSUES AND POSSIBILITIES

The session was chaired by Dr. A.N.Sabalpara, Director of Research, Navasari Agriculture University and co-chaired by Shri Kapil Sahasrabuddhe, Vice-President, YOJAK.

Rice Productivity



Dr. Vashi, Navasari Agriculture University gave detailed presentation on situation of rice, possible interventions in Dangs, need of promotion of improved varieties, possible help university can provide. Participants enthusiastically asked various questions as rice is close to their heart. Salient points of his presentation:

Hybrid rice variety promotion has resulted into nominal overall productivity increase in rice in the area.

There is an urgent need of promotion of improved varieties

Seed production should be taken up at village level

Approaches like community rice seedling nursery should be adopted for uniform transplanting, healthy growth of seedling, and for avoiding climate stress

Millets – possibilities in Dangs

Dr. P.P Choudhary, Head, Hill Millets Research Station, Navasari Agriculture University shared his views on Millets possibilities in Dangs. Millets was major crop some 20 years back, but rice has replaced the same. Following are salient points of his talk

Low rate of millet seed replacement is observed

'Raab' making process needs to be reduced/stopped at earliest

New agronomical practices need to be demonstrated

Participants were keen to know about more drought and pest resistant varieties in millet. Dr. Choudhary shared information about varieties developed by university and its characteristics. He also shared that they have some seed for distribution on pilot basis and farmers' clubs should take lead in the process

SESSION 2 DIVERSIFICATION, POST-HARVEST ACTIVITIES, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The post lunch session was chaired by Dr. Gajanan Dange, President YOJAK. The session was regarding diversification of agriculture, post harvest activities and resource development.

Shri Parag Pandi, from University gave information about post harvest operation and possible opportunities in Dangs regarding same. He asserted need to group based processing units in villages.

Shri Rajendra Dahatonde, in-charge, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Nandurbar shared his experiences of agriculture and forest based enterprises from Nandurbar district. Nandurbar area has geographic and environmental conditions similar to Dangs and is predominantly habituated by tribal community. KVK Nandurbar has worked with the tribal community from Navapur, Dhadgaon and Akkalkuwa to establish Mini Rice Mills, Small Processing units comprising of Oil Expeller, Mahua Extraction plant, Dal mill, Aonla candy unit and Palash Sharbat unit. He discussed about investments required. The presentation gave confidence to community members that they can also undertake similar activities in their home areas

Dr. N.L. Patel, Dean Horticulture College, Navsari Agriculture University gave detailed presentation regarding horticulture situation, possible intervention, efforts of university. He emphasized on use of low cost bamboo based shed nets for cultivation of vegetables. He stressed that the situation in Dang is very useful for such practices as people have small land holdings, high wind velocity, and heavy rainfall. The situation demands more than traditional agriculture and fortunately we have simple technologies for the same. He requested community to visit shed net units in the college and appealed them to use university technical support for their betterment.

Dr. I. A Mehta, Joint Director, Gujarat Land Development Corporation gave detailed presentation of Watershed development in Gujarat and Dangs. He shared information about possible watershed interventions in Dangs and appealed community to participate in Watershed development programmes implemented by government.

Shri. Mori, Chief Executive Officer, DHRUVA an organization promoted by BAIF gave excellent presentation on activities of DHRUVA in Dangs. He shared their six point agenda of Agri-Horti-Forestry based livelihood, Soil conservation, Water Resource Development, Value addition, Micro-finance and Micro enterprises. He has suggested various activities which were tried by DHRUVA in Dangs area. He has shown DHRUVA's willingness to provide all kind of support to work in Dangs area.

In the last presentation of the day, Dr. A. Das, Navsari Agriculture University shared their experiences of various experiments carried out in Dangs under National Agriculture Innovation Programme. He shared possible activities to be implemented by local community for agriculture productivity improvement in the area. He emphasized on soil and water conservation and development in the area for long term benefits.

SESSION 3

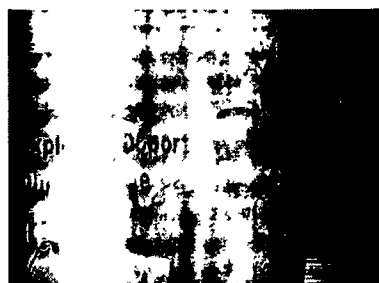
Day 6



The day was started with recap by Dr. Dange on Day 1 presentations and issues raised by various speakers.

Dr. R.G. Patil, shared his experiences regarding soil and water management practices useful in Dangs. He showed their research regarding soil and water situation in the Dangs and highlighted need to immediately take corrective measures for it. On management side, he has given three point agenda – promotion of micro irrigation technologies for water management, use of low cost poly houses for cultivation and

nutrient management for better productivity. An innovative idea emerged out based on their research is community drip irrigation considering small land holding in the Dangs. The technology is low cost and useful for group of 3-5 farmers with single water source. The farmers were very interested in such solutions and asked lot of questions regarding same.



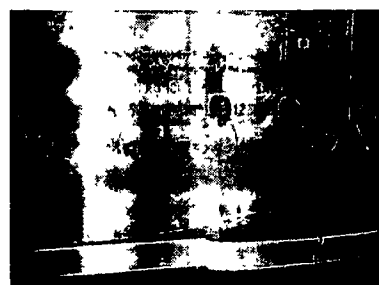
Shri Milind Thatte, Vayam, Jawhar, Thane, Maharashtra discussed about Forest Rights Acts and its usefulness in Dangs area. He shared their experiences of getting community forest resource rights provided under act. He emphasized that along with individual rights, villagers should work for community rights. He shared example of Mendha-Lekha village which has received community rights. The village has started selling bamboo from their forest and earned Rs 1 crore in one year. Village has put aside some percentage of this income for forest management and conservation and remaining amount will be

used for community welfare. He gave information about the Act, how to use it and extended his support if community is interested in undertaking process for community forest rights. Many community members have shown interest in activities and met him personally for guidance.

Shri Sunil Deshpande, Sampoorna Bamboo Kendra, Lavada, Amaravati, Maharashtra shared his work with bamboo artisans and gave very inspiring presentation of strength of bamboo as major economic product in the forested areas. In his talk, he discussed types of bamboo, its uses, possible commercialization of bamboo products, technology required etc. He emphasized on providing prestige to bamboo artisans and suggested exploring local markets along with outside markets for bamboo products.

Dr. D D Choug gave presentation on Livestock management and possibilities in Dangs.

SESSION 4: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGIES AND ACTIVITIES EMERGED FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF DANGS:

Seed security is lost and farmers are dependent on markets for seed. They are paying 'quoted' price for rice seed.

As hybrid varieties are less tolerant to vulnerable situations like heavy rains in Dangs, average loss due to climate conditions has increased in last few years.

Shift from traditional nutritious Ragi to rice has compromised nutritional security of the tribes.

Increase in production cost has led to increased debt on farmers.

Loss of traditional vegetable cultivation system 'Vavali' on bank of rivers has been reduced in small pockets as these lands are mostly switched to rice cultivation.

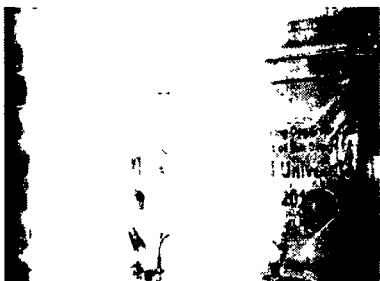
Reviving Nagli (Millet) as main crop through

Propagation of latest varieties

- ban on sale and promotion of other nursery techniques
- extra training of improved varieties
- improvement in technology and product making
- setting
- best Technology - Low cost technology, promotion of low cost equipments like mini rice mill, small processing equipments, village level primary processing units for grains
- Area - Low cost net based vegetable production, bamboo plantation on private land
- Area - Low cost water harvesting structures, low cost micro irrigation, low cost
- technology
- State - to promote research on bamboo, millets, and Dang cattle through dedicated
- State - to be in Dang

CONCLUSION

The workshop was concluded in the presence of Dr A.R. Pathak Hon. Vice Chancellor, Navasari Agriculture University, Mahasarakham, Vansda Shri D.N. Solanki, Dr. Varshneya, Ex- Vice Chancellor Anand Agriculture University, Gajanan, President YOJAK, Pune, Dr. Derasri, Director of Extension Education, Navasari Agriculture University, Shri. Mukhbhai Patel, President, Dr. Ambedkar Trust.



Dr. D. Pathak gave feedback from various sessions of the workshop to the honorable dais

Workshop participation certificate were given to participants at the hands of Hon. Vice Chancellor and Mahasarakham Vansda

Dr. Vansda emphasized on planning of natural resources for sustainable development and need of special research for Bamboo, Dang Cattle and Millets in the region.

Maharaja Vansda gave his blessings for this unique combination of government organization, NGOs and community and promised all support for development in Dang. His presence gave very emotional touch to this workshop.

Dr. A. Pathak, Hon. Vice Chancellor in his concluding remarks declared a special committee headed by Vice Chancellor, Navasari Agriculture University to develop Sustainable Development Plan for Dang. The committee will comprise of Director of Research and Extension Education, Navasari Agriculture University, Dr. M.C. Varshneya, Ex Vice chancellor, Anand Agriculture University, Shri Dasharathbhai Pawar, Dang Vikas Parishad, Gajanan Dange, YOJAK and Representative of Dr. Ambedkar Trust. He has promised all kind of possible support from university for efforts in Dang.

Shri. U. Pathak extended warm vote of thanks to university and community members for successful organization of workshop.

Community members were taken to visit various departments and research activities of University after lunch.

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Achievements

(Experiences/Memoirs)

The major achievement of HSP is in creating a band of selfless, dedicated women to do social service with missionary zeal. They have been infused with a purpose and goal in their life. Young women with necessary educational background are trained in such a manner that they will be able to face all difficulties and challenges with confidence in their chosen field of social service. Initially, sevavratris dedicate 3 years for social service. In many cases the sevavratris have served for more than 3 years. There are instances of sevavratris serving for more than 15 years and some have expressed that they will serve for life. The creation of a band of more than 3000 such sevavratris is a great achievement.

Apart from the above, the HSP has also trained persons who unlike the full time sevavratīs do social service part time in their area. They are also equally dedicated and selfless, like the full time sevavratīs. The creation of a selfless human resource necessary for social service in this age of commercialization is HSP's achievement.

HSP believes that education is the base for the betterment of the society and hence lays emphasis on it. The HSP has started the Gurukula system of education which is notably different from the usual education we find in schools. One such Gurukula is reserved entirely for girls. A new type of nursery education is evolved after some research, which has won the appreciation of all who have visited the nursery schools. Training is given to Anganavadi teachers also. An All India training camp for such teachers from other states was organized. The Central Social Welfare Department has invited the HSP to train the organizers of Awareness Generation Camps who in turn train poor women in rural areas.

Modern life marked by stress and strain has disturbed many mentally and emotionally. Medical advice is very costly for an ordinary person. To serve their needs a project called 'Prasanna Apta Salaha Kendra' is started. Qualified doctors from NIMHANS (the premier institute of the country in the field of mental health) counsel the needy. More than 1000 mental cases, 700 family cases and 500 rehabilitation cases have been served and got relief from this center. In view of the increasing demand the HSP has opened two more branches in Bangalore. A 'Child Guidance Clinic' has been started recently. There are invitations from other states to start such service centres. Smt Pankaja, the coordinator of Prasanna Apta Salaha Kendra was decorated with an award as 'Vidyaratna' in 1998. The Indian Psychiatric Association of Karnataka honoured the Kendra in the year 2002 for its services. Many institutions like Guild Associations, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Junior Chambers, Inner Wheel, Peoples Education Society, etc., have recognized and appreciated the activities of the Kendra. The Kendra has conducted workshops at Pune and Aurangabad besides many districts in Karnataka with the help of NIMHANS.

HSP is actively interested in dealing with environmental problems. It has prevented deforestation. It has championed the movement for Eco-preservation. Shri. Anant Hegde, who has been working in this movement for the last 25 years in Western Ghats is an awardee of the Karnataka Government. The most important aspect in this regard is documentation of Bio Diversities. The Pratishthana has selected persons from various villages of Sagar, Thirthahally and Hosanagara Taluks and trained them to do the survey of all species of life and plant. This programme is undertaken with the collaboration and guidance of the Indian Institution of Science, Bangalore. The data collected has been published. This is done with a view to prevent the modern tendency of patenting the heritage old things.

In other fields of activities like Yoga, learning of Sanskrit and organizing women in various activities, the Pratishthana has achieved substantial success. This is evident from the statistical data: (1) A day long Surya Yajna and Samuhika Surya Namskars is organized every year on the occasion of Rathasaptami. A large gathering of over one thousand three hundred persons including several hundred women performs 108 Surya Namskars at a stretch. (2) Similarly six hundred ladies from all sections of the society performed Lalita Sahasra Nama Japa & Yajna at Marsoor Lalitavana. (3) Deepa Puja is becoming popular in many towns, villages and slum localities where women belonging to different sections of society come together participate in good numbers. In 2002-03 in more than two hundred places nearly 18,000 women participated in Deepa Puja programme. Sevavratīs visit houses and advise people to lead a better life. This includes work towards eradication of untouchability, alcoholism, and such other bad practices. The number of houses contacted in this regular-family-contact-programme by the sevavratīs is increasing every year.

The Pratishthana has given more attention to poor, backward and tribal people. The Sevavratīs have stayed in the colonies of tribal and nomadic people like Harina Shikari in Bijapur, Beggars Colony in Bidar and several slums areas in Bangalore city. They are conducting Shishuvihar, Sanskrit Kendra, Bhajan Mandalies, Free Tuition Classes in these areas. More than 30% of our activities are confined to this section of the society.

The sevavratīs are the key to all the work done by the Pratishthana as they are the persons who visit houses for regular contact programme, run schools, and mobilize women for all activities. District wise camps are organized periodically for women. The participation of women in these camps is amazing. For example at Bidar more than 1000, at Bijapur more than 3000 women participated. The 'Matru Sangama' conducted at Mangalore on 6th Feb 2000 was unique in the sense the number of participants was more than 46000. In this camp women from all walks of life (from Beedi worker to editor of a leading magazine) participated. It also included students, workers, housewives, factory labourers, and intellectuals like professors, lecturers, doctors, advocates etc.,

Achievement may be said to be considerable. Yet the Pratishthana's endeavour is to achieve still more to build a vibrant, strong, organized, harmonious, self-reliant, and an ideal society. The Pratishthana has decided to continue the movement of social transformation through sevavratīs with the active and willing co-operation of public at large.

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Preface

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We are happy to present a short resume of the service activities carried out by Sewa International during the past one decade between 1998 & 2008. Sewa International is a voluntary service organization working with the cooperation of our brothers and sisters living in several countries all over the world, with headquarters at Delhi in Bharat.

All the workers are motivated with the ideal of selfless service to our brethren in distress and sufferings of all kinds, may be because of Poverty or deprivations of the basic human needs or discrimination or because of calamities either man-made or natural.

Human beings are gifted by God with the faculty of compassion which makes a person respond to the sufferings of others and motivates that person to do something to mitigate the misery of the sufferers, which brings some personal satisfaction and peace of mind. This has given birth to many philanthropic individuals and charitable organizations.

The Hindu seers, sages and saints have all exhorted and made it obligatory for every person to offer selfless service or Sewa to all beings as a bounden duty with a noble attitude of mind "Serve man Serve God", rising above mere compassion or just charity. Sri Guruji Golwalkar, the second chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has given a most beautiful and significant guide line, for every Sewa worker, very succinctly in a letter written to me on 14th of January 1970. It will be beneficial for all to quote that particular portion in his own words:

"Let our workers keep their minds free and work for our people, our Dharma in the right spirit, lend a helping hand to all our brethren who need help and strive to relieve distress wherever we see it. In this service no distinction should be made between man and man. We have to serve all, be he a Christian or a Muslim or a human being of any other persuasion; for, calamities, distress and misfortunes make no such distinction but afflict all alike. And in serving to relieve the sufferings of man let it not be in a spirit of condescension or mere compassion but as a devoted worship of the Lord abiding the heart of all beings, in the true spirit of our Dharma of surrendering our all in the humble service of Him who is Father, Mother, Brother, Friend and everything to us all. And may our actions succeed in bringing out the glory and effulgence of our Sanatana-Eternal-Dharma".

This is the basic philosophy which is inspiring the workers of Sewa International all over the world. It may not be wrong to mention here that the humble and selfless services being rendered by Sewa International has been recognized and appreciated by some eminent persons, including a few holding responsible positions in the Governments of their respective countries.

Still much more remains to be done. We are stretching our efforts to the extent of the available resources of men and material. With the extended cooperation of our brothers and sisters all over the world we desire to do more. I pray the Almighty to bless us with the strength of mind and body not only to carry on the Sewa work in a selfless and efficient manner, but also to motivate and mobilize greater support for Sewa International from more and more number of people around.

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Youth For Seva

There is a growing desire among the youth in India to volunteer their time and talent for community development. But most of them are not currently involved in volunteering work because of three major reasons:

1. Not knowing where to start.
2. The fear that it may be too much of responsibility.
3. Concern that it cannot be done with their limited time availability

"Youth for Seva"(YFS) was formed in April 2007 to fill this gap so that youth with an intention to volunteer and with different time commitments can easily find meaningful opportunities to serve the community.

The mission of YFS is to Inspire youth to volunteer, connect them to the grass roots projects, and provide ongoing support and training to the volunteers and the NGOs.

Youth for Seva is a project of the 'Hindu Seva

Pratishthana.'(www.hinduseva.org), which has been in the forefront of social service for nearly three decades.

YFS is privileged to have many prominent people on its advisory board who have been guiding the youth and providing support

YFS is also proud to have a very dedicated team of volunteers in the executive board

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A unique opportunity for college students and new college graduates to change the world. Do you want to help others and make an impact locally, nationally and internationally? Then consider volunteering with Sewa International USA!

Sewa International USA encourages young adults to volunteer and provide a helping hand to one that needs the most. The projects are designed to develop personality, build leadership and team work, empower visionaries and provide experience in helping the community. It is an opportunity to put Swami Vivekananda's vision of Sewa into action.

The project duration varies from one month to six months to fit both the requirements of the volunteer and the project. The opportunities are available in various countries such as India, USA, Guyana and Suriname. The projects are available in the following fields:

- Basic Education
- Technical Education
- Self Employment
- Women Empowerment
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From Editor's Desk

The catastrophe in Leh, Laddakh and the surrounding rural areas saw RSS swayamsevaks and Sewa volunteers rushing in for providing succour to the flash flood affected. The disaster in Leh and the villages around is difficult to contemplate, the terrain being rugged and air being thin. It is more than a fortnight and the govt agencies are yet to provide normal power, water supply and communications. A senior political leader like Shri L. K. Advani is on record asking his party Parliamentarians to donate at least Rs 10,000/- from their salaries to Sewa Bharati J & K.

Laddakh is sparsely populated area as compared to the rest of the state of Jammu & Kashmir and yet providing relief is a Himalayan task. It is in this trying hour that we need to extend our hand and go a mile longer to help the flood affected people. SI invites donors and well wishers to join hands for providing relief to the flood affected population of this tough terrain.

Relief And Rehabilitation Efforts By Sewa Organisations on in Leh

Hundreds of people got killed and thousands are missing and numerous were injured in worst ever cloud bursts and flash floods in Leh which caused unprecedented destruction in the entire district in general and Leh town in particular on August 6. In these adverse conditions, volunteers of Sewa International, Sewa Bharati, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyaratni Parishad (ABVP) and the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram started all-out rescue and relief operations. The leaders of all these organizations met the Dy Commissioner Leh, Chief Executive Councillor of LDHC and Brigadier Dutta of Army and submitted them written letters extending full support to relief and rescue operations. They appreciated the relief operation by all these organizations.



In the meantime, the Sewa Bharati J&K through its unit in Leh in association with the Ladakh Phande Tsongpa had already established a relief operation camp in Leh and is looking after the needs of the affected people.

In Jammu, the Sewa Bharati organized an emergency meeting in which social workers of many organizations were present to chalk out the strategy to provide immediate relief to the victims of the disaster. All members paid homage to those who died in the disaster and formed a relief committee under the name of Ladakh Aapada Sahayata Samiti to assist the victims and affected families in Leh. Brig (Retd) Shri Suchet Singh has been unanimously elected president of the Samiti. Dr Kuldeep Gupta is secretary and Shri Abay Pargal will be treasurer. As an immediate measure, some cash donations were immediately transferred from Jammu to the group of Sewa volunteers working in Leh. They purchased whatever relief material they could get from the nearby local markets and started distributing them. According to latest reports, a relief package of 2,000 blankets, a set of utensils for 500 families, 2,000 clothes and 500 shoes is on the way and will soon reach the calamity site. Some injured from Leh who have now arrived at Jammu.

are also being contacted by Sewa Bharati workers to provide them necessary help.



According to Shri Suchet Singh on an average a family requires at least 4 quilts, 4 blankets and equal number of mattresses, 4 pillows and a big dam. All this material is necessary for high altitude places like Leh where the temperature goes below zero degree Celsius during winter months which start October, latest by early November. The approximate cost of these items works out to Rs 6,500 per family of four members. In clothing sweaters, warm shirts, inners, jeans/warm trousers, jackets are required. The average cost works out to around Rs 8,000. As regard to the utensils the minimum requirements are one pressure cooker of at least 5 liter capacity, 6 plates for lunch/dinner, 6 glasses, 6 katon, 2 patila wih lids, 2 buckets per family. The approximate cost works out to around Rs 2,000.



"The cost of constructing dwelling units comprising two rooms (one room 12X12 and the other one 12X15 including kitchen) in mud with tin roof will cost approximately Rs 2-2.25 lakh without labour component for which we intend to involve the beneficiary. The estimates are only tentative and may vary depending upon the requirements of the site. Similarly, the requirement is based on an assumption of four member family the factual position can be assessed only after the connectivity is restored", Shri Suchet Singh added.

Sewa International Aid Appeal For Cloudburst And Flash Floods In Leh (J&K)

CLOUDBURST, resulting into flash floods, triggered by sudden overnight heavy rain on the 6th August 2010, killing approximately 150 people as per latest report and over 500 people missing. Many people are still believed to be trapped under debris of buildings. Five villages – Nimmo, Basgo, Shapoo, Faing and Ney, apart from Choglamsar and Leh town have been very badly hit, where all communication systems, bus stands, Hospital and many other buildings have been washed away. Leh airport inundated with mud and water has been rendered non functional.

A distance of 150 kilometers – from Pang village on the Rohtang – Leh highway up to Nimoo on the Leh – Srinagar highway has been hit, hence the road connectivity to the city has been cut off from the rest of India.

SEWA INTERNATIONAL, started relief activities in association with local partner organization Sewa Bharati Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir from the early morning of August 6, 2010 by providing food and temporary shelter to the affected.

There is an urgent need to provide relief to the flood affected. SEWA INTERNATIONAL, Bharat, (a registered organization with FCRA facility) appeals whole heartedly the benevolent to help these unfortunate victims. Your support will help reduce the sufferings of these people in the flood affected area of Leh, Laddakh. Sewa International is constantly helping the flood victims to bring back their life to normal. Laddakh is the region under J & K state and is predominantly Buddhist.

SI has been serving the local community through computer training classes and supporting the construction of school and hostel building
 "Of all the righteous acts, help rendered to those needing it, is the most righteous"



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From Untouchable to Businesswoman

By GUY TREBAY

PLENTY of people exchanging free hugs in Times Square last Sunday traveled a long way to reach New York, but it's safe to say that few covered anything like the distances Kakuben Lalabhai Parmar had. This is not just a matter of mileage, although certainly it's a hike from Madhutra, a rural village in the western Indian state of Gujarat, to 42nd Street

At a practical level, Ms Parmar's trip required a series of unusual conveyances, among them a bullock cart, a trishaw, the flatbed of a Jeep and the open-topped shuttle bus she rode to reach an airport before boarding a form of transport she had seldom seen up close before, let alone ridden.

At a deeper cultural level, her journey is yet stranger and more wonderful, embodying as it does a half-century of global feminism and the evolutionary arc of modern India. In the cattle-herding community Ms Parmar belongs to, one among a cluster of groups categorized by the Indian constitution as "scheduled castes," women were traditionally bound not just to their region or village but to the home.

"My group was treated as untouchables," said Ms Parmar, 50. And if the community was untouchable, its female members were still more disadvantaged by being invisible. Married at 14, the mother of seven, Kakuben Lalabhai Parmar was well into adulthood before she came face-to-face with a man who was not a close relative.

Yet here she was in Midtown Manhattan last weekend, wrapping her arms around the strangers who gather there regularly to dispense affection, some of them understandably astonished at the apparition clad in a mirror-spangled skirt and a tie-dyed shawl, her throat and hands and arms lavishly adorned with the homemade tattoos that are a form of what Ms Parmar termed "affordable beautification" in the far reaches of Gujarat.

And here she was, too, a businesswoman setting up shop at the Asia Society, where a group of artisans gathered for three days to sell their wares; and at CVS buying bargain shampoo and \$1 hair ornaments for her five daughters, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Sunday

morning, pointing out to this reporter that the cooking vessels of the 12th Dynasty of Egypt (from about 1800 B C) look exactly like the pots she uses to cook dal at home.

Not a lot seemed to faze her. She took in stride urban commotion, the assorted indignities of travel, the novelty of seat belts, in-flight movies and also elevators, escalators, yellow cabs, mattresses and the abundant forms so standard in life that could be unnerving to an illiterate whose signature is a print of her thumb.

"I already experienced the biggest change in my life," she said, speaking a Gujarati dialect through an interpreter, "when I first got the chance to come out of my house and participate in society." Ms. Parmar's moment of liberation came roughly 20 years ago, when the not-for-profit Sewa Project formed a unit in her village to help preserve endangered handicrafts and, equally, to provide the people who make them a form of alternative employment. "We never even thought of getting income from selling this stuff before," said Ms. Parmar, who sews patchwork embroideries that incorporate vivid threads and reflective shards laboriously cut by hand from mirror scrap she buys by the pound.

The cloth, at least, may be familiar to readers, since it is the kind used in the making of a slouchy "It" bag being hauled around this summer by Cameron Diaz, Nicole Richie and other celebrity entities.

The price tag on a satchel made from mirrored patchwork and bearing the label Simone Camille is about \$2,000, a sum equivalent to two years of Ms. Parmar's income. Yet even on the modest \$60 a month she earns sewing pillow covers that require almost a week's work and that sell in her local market for \$15 a pair, she has become the family's chief breadwinner. She holds title to her own cattle, has a personal account with a microfinance credit union and is quick to point out that while this may seem insignificant to a New Yorker accustomed to such symbols of Western wealth as reliable electricity and plumbing, it is considered a vast change in circumstance for a woman from rural India, even now.

"When I was a girl, all the assets belonged to the father or the husband or the brother," Ms. Parmar said Friday. Squatting on the floor of the Asia Society's grand marble lobby, she demonstrated her technique for cutting mirror shards into diamond, oval and triangular shapes and a pointed form called a "crow," using the sharpened edge of a terra cotta roof tile. She multitasked ceaselessly, stopping to spread out pillow covers for one buyer's approval, and explain the eye-dazzling motifs she uses to another, all the while keeping a sharp eye on the sales totals, eyeglasses perched at the tip of her nose.

"In those days, the husband was in charge of everything," she explained to a visitor. "What could you do, with no skills and no education?" Now as a globetrotter, an informal ambassador for Sewa and the Crafts Council of India — one of a growing number of groups committed to preserving traditional folkways in India, a country where, by some estimates, 40 million to 60 million people gain at least part of their living making handicrafts — she finds herself in circumstances she could never have foreseen.

She flies around the world on her own. She takes taxis. She shops at Walgreens and somehow manages to domesticate the experience of visiting a world-class museum like the Met by finding creative kinship there between her own utilitarian patchworks ("We never wasted a scrap of fabric," she said) and a Malian mud cloth or a Sudanese tent divider embroidered with Venetian trade beads and cowrie shells. She proselytizes in an easy and natural way for the importance of educating women, getting them out of the house and into jobs.

Thanks to the work she does now, she says, with a high-pitched hoot, her role in family life inverts that played by the generations of women who came before her.

"Now that I have my own business and make my own money, my husband shows me respect," Ms. Parmar said. There are even occasions, she said, when he helps her out with her accounts. "He's my secretary," she added with a laugh.

School Kit Drive By Seva Sahayog

Volunteers at Seva Sahayog come together every year to help provide brand new school kits to school going under privileged children. The

aim is to bring smiles to these children as they take their next leap in learning. The beneficiaries have experienced the joy of having a new school bag, books, pencils and crayons on the first day of school. Sahayog hopes to create that moment of smile for the underprivileged children in the society.

Some facts regarding school kit drive are as follows:

- 10,000+ is the number of donors for school kit
 - 100 NGOs benefited from the drive
 - 150+ coordinators registered for the event
 - 100 companies empanelled for the drive
 - 600+ volunteers participated in assembly and distribution
 - In 2010, more than 26,000 school kits were collected.
- Spread over Six Sundays from 9 to 3 pm everyone 4 to 50 yr old had a task to assemble over 200,000 items for 20,000 school kits

School Kit Drive By Youth for Seva ,Hyderabad.



- The first project taken up by YFS Hyderabad was the school kit drive • It was designed in time for the start of the school year

- A school kit consists of 1 school bag, 6 long note books, 1 compass box, 2 pens and 20 labels

- The kit was designed to prevent dropouts from schools due to financial constraints and lack of motivation to study further

- The call for 'Gift a School Kit for Rs 250' was well received and funds for 2400 school kits were collected by YFS volunteers within 2 months

- These kits were then distributed by the volunteers in various government schools across the city and rural areas of AP

Titbits:

- 1. Nine years back, Shri S.S. Narayanan**, a retired Assistant Executive Engineer of Madras Port Trust, found that Rs. 40,000 had accrued in his father Sankaranarayanan's savings bank account, being the monthly Railway pension over the years. As all the sons and daughters of retired Station Master Sankaranaraynan were leading contented lives, and were looking after their parents Sankaranaraynan – Rukmini well, the father advised Narayanan, to use the amount in such away to benefit the needy in the society. Within a week, Narayanan and his siblings together added Rs 10,000 to it and donated the amount to Madhava Seva Samiti, which identified meritorious school going children of daily wage earners in Chetput, Chennai (Tamilnadu, Bharat), for the last eight years, the interest proceeds of the amount is awarded to nine such children in memory of Sankaranaraynan – Rukmini at functions organised by Seva Bharati. This year the function saw two college students receiving similar awards, thanks to the thoughtful donation by Shri Sundar Nathan, a software professional working on E – learning projects in the US. He has instituted, on the advice of his mother Smt Saroja, a growing corpus in memory of his father late B Viswanathan, a top business executive in his lifetime.
- 2. Vanshidhar project high school** under Bhandra block at the Lohardaga-Ranchi road (Jharkhand, Bharat), comprises more than 700 girls in 6th to 10th standard. The double-storied school building earlier functioned from six rooms, including the office. "Now it has nine rooms with three of them constructed with the guru dakshina of our students," said Meera Bakhla, principal of the school. "Earlier we used to merge two or three sections to run classes in a single room but thanks to our students and their guardians who came forward for the noble cause," Meera Bakhla said. "Parents of majority of girls are daily wage earners but their eagerness towards their children's education surprises us," said Muneshwar Mahto, Mathematics teacher of the school. More than

80 per cent of the students passed the Matriculation examination conducted by the Jharkhand Academic Council this year. It is to be noted that the district is infested by Naxal terrorism involving blasting of school buildings.

3. Shri Devinder Sharma is a food and trade policy analyst. He also chairs the New Delhi-based Forum for Biotechnology & Food Security. In 1999, he persuaded farmers of Punukula village in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh, Bharat, to go in for bio fertilizers. A few farmers began experimenting with Non-Pesticidal Management (NPM) practices. A year later, the highly contaminated environment began to change for the better. Soil and plant health looked revitalised, and the pests began to disappear. Such was the positive impact both environmentally and economically that by 2004 the entire village had stopped using chemical pesticides. Restoring the ecological balance brought back the natural pest control systems. Along with the pesticides, the pests too disappeared. Surrounding villages promptly emulated this. By now 3,18,000 farmers in 21 districts of Andhra Pradesh are using compost manure and earthworm to enrich the soil. The health of farmers greatly improved with the disappearance of pesticides. Cost of farming too fell by 35 percent. Farmers of Ramachandrapuram in Khammam district had been bogged down by debts as a result of use of chemical fertilizers. After they took to bio fertilizers, in just two years, 386 of them could redeem the lands they had mortgaged.

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***"The fragrance of flowers spreads only in the direction of the wind.
But the goodness of a person spreads in all direction."***

- Chanakya