SAHABHAGI VIKASH ABHIYAN
(Campaign for Participatory Development)
A Brief Profile

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history” - Mahatma Gandhi
GENESIS

Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan (SVA) which literally means Campaign for Participatory Development, started as a collective of several Individuals and Community Based Organizations (CBO) in the year 1993-94 to take up various development activities for upliftment of the down trodden and for the overall development of the local Communities. The members of SVA and its associated CBOs are mostly Small and Marginal Farmers, Tribals, Dalits and Agricultural Workers of Odisha.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Primary objectives of SVA are:

- To Organize Community Groups and strengthen their capacity through appropriate inputs and assistance.
- To promote Self Help Development, that will build confidence and dignity of the local people.
- To promote action that will protect the Environment and Ecology for Sustainable livelihood.
- To assist in strengthening structures which are transparent, accountable to the Community and which will benefit the people in their struggle against poverty and injustice.
- To sensitize the people about discrimination based on Gender, Caste, Race, Region and Religion so as to build a just society.

ACTIVITIES:

Community Based Natural Resource Management

- Support to Local Organizations to implement Integrated Micro Watershed Development Projects.
- Development of degraded Forest land and Promotion of Forest Development Activities.
- Organize Farmer Producer Organizations and similar institutions for marketing of Agricultural and Non Timber Forest Produces (NTFP).
- Promotion of Community Seed Banks to ensure supply of quality seeds to the farmers.
- Promotion of Organic Agriculture and support in marketing of organic produce.
- Facilitation to setup various Agro-Processing units for value addition activities.
- Promotion of various Income generation activities through Self Help Groups of women and men.
- Promotion of Community Based Bio-diversity Conservation activities.

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish a Society where there will be freedom from poverty and injustice and where people play the role as subjects in the Economic, Social, Cultural and Political process of development and where people have constant access to decision making process and the power that affects their life.
Advocacy, Campaign and Public Education Activities
SVA has been taking up Advocacy Campaign and Public Education activities on the following issues:

- Community control and management of Natural Resources.
- Revival of Traditional System of Land and Water Management as against the big dams and non-eco friendly cropping system.
- To enlighten the public on pricing and marketing policy of the State, Union government and the World Trade Organization.
- To establish rights of women farmers in control of production process and to address to the issue of discrimination against women in the field of Wage, Employment, Health and Education.
- To work with Government and like minded Organizations on issues related to Human Rights and Governance.

Training and Capacity Building
SVA provides Training and Consultancy services to CBOs, NGOs, INGOs and various Government Institutions on the following themes:

- Preparation of Micro Level Plan for Rural Development Activities.
- Planning and Implementation of integrated Micro-watershed Development Projects.
- Thrift, Micro-credit and Micro-enterprise and Farmers Producer Organizations.
- Panchayati Raj and Local Self Governance.
- Training of health workers.

Relief and Rehabilitation Program
Activities:

- Support to Local Organizations and Communities to implement Relief and Rehabilitation activities during drought and other natural disasters.
- Providing training to Volunteers in Community Disaster Preparedness activities.

A FEW FIELD ACTIVITIES

1. Sustainable Agriculture:

- Promotion of Organic Agriculture in 550 villages in five districts in Odisha, viz. Kalahandi, Bolangir, Nuapada, Jagaranj and Ganjam and capacity building programme of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Panchayati Raj Institutions, Farmer Producer Organisations and small NGOs. However, it's training programme covers all the districts of Odisha.
- Training and Demonstration for preparation of Vermi Compost, Nadeep Compost, Magic Compost, Blue-Green Algae and various Bio-fertilizers.
- Promotion of low-cost onion godowns and collective marketing of onions.
- Establishment of food grains and oil seeds processing units through SHGs and Producer Groups.
- Facilitation for production of good quality seeds of Paddy, Vegetables, and Oil seeds by the farmers and their marketing.
- Conservation of indigenous varieties of Rice, Vegetables and Oil seeds.
- Promotion of low-cost agriculture tools and equipments such as Mandua Weeder, SVA Weeder, SRI Marker, Mechanized Reaper, Gram Swaran Oil Expeller, etc.
- Promotion of System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in five districts and support to NGOs and others in training on SRI in Odisha, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand and few other states.
- Support to Rural Households from weaker section for Sheep Rearing, Poultry, Dairy and Goatsery under the project “Good Gift” and Western Odisha Rural Livelihood Programme (WORLP).
- Support to Fish farmers for raising Fish Fry and Fingerlings so as to cater to the need of local, small and marginal fish farmers.
- Promotion of Millet Cultivation under the project “Millet Mission” of Government of Odisha.
2. Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisations:

During the period 1995-2010, Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan had organized Farmers informal Co-operatives in several districts to undertake marketing activities and based on the experiences of those activities, SVA promoted Odisha Producer Company Ltd. (OPCL) in the year 2011-12. Subsequently with the support from NABARD R.O. Bhubaneswar, SVA has promoted 40 Farmers Producer Organisations in different districts of Odisha which have been registered under the companies Act of 2013. Role of SVA in Promotion of Producer Companies includes capacity building of the FPOs and also to provide hand holding support to carry out their business activities and eventually become self-reliant. The normal period of SVA’s support varies from 3-5 years.

3. Promotion of Multiple Cropping Pattern:

Sahabhagi Vikash Abhiyan (SVA) has launched a campaign through the FPOs to promote multiple cropping pattern which includes maize, pulses, oil seeds, spices and agro forestry so as to face the onslaught of natural disasters and climate change. Support includes a) Provision of high quality seeds and planting materials on time at reasonable price b) Provision of technical support and finally c) Linkage to industries where the farmers shall get best price for their produces.

4. Promotion of Millets Cultivation

SVA with financial support from Government of Odisha, has been promoting Millet Cultivation in Kalahandi and Nuapada districts. The objective of this programme is primarily to address to the nutritional security of the Tribals and local population as well as to improve agricultural productivity on the rain fed uplands with improved agricultural practices.

5. WADI(TDF) PROJECT

With financial assistance of NABARD under their Tribal Development Funds (TDF), a long term Sustainable Livelihood Development Programme is undertaken in Sinapali block of Nuapada district. The Programme is mostly Orchard based for Landholding farmers and to create income generating activities for land less Farmers & Farmers having less than five Acres of land.

- The WADI project in Sinapali covers 1078 households in 20 villages.
- SVA plans to replicate this model in adjoining districts in the coming years.

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### About us

**LEGAL STATUS:**
- Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (No. 105110001 of 3rd November 2000), Government of India.

*All donations to SVA are exempt of Income Tax under 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961.*

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6. Micro Watershed Development
- Implementation of 30 Micro Watershed Development Projects in Kalahandi, Bolangir and Nuapada districts.
- Soil and Water Conservation activities in 54 villages of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Bargarh districts with support from Odisha Watershed Development Mission under WORLP.
- Assistance to Households from among the poorest families for Livelihood promotion activities such as Dairy, Fishery, Goat keeping, Poultry, Vegetable cultivation, Bamboo Crafts-making, Rope-making, and Carpentry etc.
- Promotion of Forestry activities in degraded lands as well as on Private lands.
- Construction of Water Harvesting Structures and Farm Ponds as means of drought proofing the region.
- Running of a Fish Hatchery at Bilenjore to supply quality spawn and fish fry to fish farmers in western Odisha.
- Various activities concerning Natural Resource Management and Livelihood Promotion.

7. Fluorosis Mitigation Program
- Base line Health Survey and Water Quality testing of drinking water sources of all the villages in Nuapada district to ascertain the problem of Fluorosis in the district.
- Survey of Drinking Water Quality of three blocks in Kalahandi district and two blocks in Bolangir district.
- Public Awareness generation activities among villagers on the problems related to Fluorosis.
- Assisting the villagers to identify safer sources of drinking water.
- Advocacy with Government for Appropriate intervention to prevent Fluorosis in the region.
- Facilitating the Fluorosis victims to get government assistance for their rehabilitation.

8. Rights of Forest Dwellers
- Assisting Forest dwelling families in Kalahandi, Bolangir, Bargarh and Nuapada districts to get settlement of land in forest areas.
- Assistance to the village communities to exercise their rights on Community Forest in their area and to protect and manage them.
- Promotion of Collectives to Collect, Process and undertake Marketing of Non-Timber Forest Produces.

9. Promotion of Agro Industries, Credit and Marketing Cooperatives
- Organizing Self Help Groups and strengthening them to undertake various activities for Livelihood promotion and on issues concerning their overall development.
- Assisting Cooperatives to undertake Micro-finance activities as well to promote various micro enterprises and provide marketing services to its members.
- Promotion of various Agro Processing Industries through farmers collectives.

10. Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (GSA)
- Facilitation for preparation of Micro-plans in 364 villages of Kalahandi, Bolangir, Nuapada and Bargarh districts of Odisha and to facilitate the villagers to mobilize resources for their effective implementation.
- Development and Promotion of various low cost and appropriate technologies in the field of Cottage Industry, Agriculture, Horticulture and allied activities.

11. Technology, Training and Resource Centres
The Technology Training and Resource Centres (TTRC) setup by Sahabha Vikas Abhiyan have been providing an opportunity for the Farmers as well as Development Workers to enhance their knowledge related to Rural Development. Those centres have been recognized very well by the NGOs as well as Government Institutions at the state level for training and exposure visits. The TTRC of Sahabha Vikas Abhiyan are located in the following places:
Bilenjore, Dist-Nuapada; Bhawanipatna, Dist-Kalahandi; Salipada, Dist-Kalahandi; Khariar, Dist-Nuapada and Palkmal, Dist-Bargarh.
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"Many small things done by many small people in many small places using many small ideas can change the world" - Anon