

South Asia

Voluntary Enterprise

(SAVE - UK)

Promoting...
Social Opportunity

Attacking...
...Poverty

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SAVE (UK) was registered as a non-political and non-religious charitable organisation in 1994 initially to work in India and ultimately in all South Asian countries. It has now gradually developed into an unique organisation working with the help of all communities of the Indian diaspora. SAVE works mainly in **Primary Education, Primary Health Care, Mother and child care, Nutrition, Sanitation, Women's Rights and empowerment and Vocational Training.**

We have funded 20 projects since 1994 and are presently collaborating on 13 projects in 9 states of India - Assam, Bihar, Orrisa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Delhi and West Bengal.



How we work

We work with well known and respected local NGOs in different states of India and develop projects as required and desired by the local people. We assist the local organisations to improve their governance, accountability, project designing and monitoring. We bring self confidence and self reliance to disadvantaged people through awareness programme and vocational training. Projects are evaluated by our locally appointed monitor and by representatives from SAVE (UK) who visit the projects annually. Annual reports and annual audited accounts are secured from our partner organisations before we sanction further funding.

In 2009 **SAVE-India** was established in Kolkata as a fraternal member of the SAVE family which will not only work independently but also support and strengthen SAVE-UK's activities in different parts of India.

Faces of Divided India

The Haves:



- * Four Indians were amongst the world's top 10 richest in 2008, worth a combined \$160 billion. (Forbes.com)
- * By 2017 India is expected to have around 411,000 households with wealth in excess of \$1 million and the aggregate wealth held by these households will be in excess of \$1.7 trillion. (Economist Intelligence Unit)

- * 350,000,000 people in India still live below the poverty line
- * 50% of the world's hungry people live in India.
- * Nearly 90% of pregnant women in India suffer from malnutrition and anaemia.
- * 47% of children below the age of 5 are suffering from sub-nutrition (sub sahara 30%)
- * 85% of the rural population using inadequate sanitation facilities
- * 150 million Indians have no safe drinking water

The Have Nots:



Non-formal Primary Education supported by SAVE

Literacy is essential for the success of democracy. Illiteracy leads to low economic performance, poor health, breeds prejudice and misunderstanding, and may lead to violence.

In India: * Adult Literacy rate 66 % * Female Literacy rate 54% * Only 40% of girls who enrol complete 8 years of schooling * Drop out rate at primary level - 34.2% * Out of school children-over 7 Million

Some of our past and present work over the last 14 years



Slum children visiting railway museum Delhi.



Primary education for slum children, Patna, Bihar,



Non-formal primary education for slum children in Kolkata.



Adult Education in a schedule caste village in Baruipur, W. Bengal.



Non-formal primary education for sex workers children, Baruipur, W. Bengal



Non-formal education in a tribal village Jhargram, W. Bengal.



Primary education for women prisoners children Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.



Primary education in a muslim village in Murshidabad, W. Bengal.



2 of the 10 children from slums receiving secondary education in Kolkata.

Just £5 a month would ensure the daily basic education and a small snack a day for these children.

Primary Health Care Supported by SAVE

- * 1 out of every 3 women in India is underweight
- * Every hour 12 women die in childbirth in India
- * Infant mortality rate 57 deaths/1,000 live births (Bangladesh 52)
- * Maternal mortality: 450 per 100,000 live births
- * 88% of diarrheal death (almost 1 million a year) amongst children are due to unsafe water and poor sanitation and hygiene



A clinic run by CHARM covering a clusters of 12 slums in Patna, Bihar, funded by SAVE-UK. In 2008-09, 6810 patients were treated, on an average 77 patients per session.

*In the past year **SAVE** has been able to support CHARM in only two sessions a week unlike three sessions in previous years. With only £10 a month from 9 NRI's we can fund a third session!*



Training midwives for 5 Tribal village in Jhargram, W. Bengal, funded by SAVE.



Primary health care funded by SAVE in Garcha Road slum, Kolkata.



Primary health care in Monohar Pukur slum Kolkata looking after 500 mothers and children



A **SAVE** funded eye care programme in the slums of Bangalore, Karnataka.

With only £1500 a year we can run a primary health care centre in a slum looking after almost a thousand children and adults.

Sources of statistics: Indian Government, WHO, WFP, World Bank and UNICEF.

Vocational Training Projects supported by SAVE



With funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, a Vocational training school in collaboration with Calcutta Social Project (CSP). Youths are trained as electricians, plumbers and in basic computer skills.

Sevika training (Auxiliary nurse) for young abused women living in a sheltered home in collaboration with the Association for Social Health in India (ASHI) in Kolkata. Lately we are training some of these girls as ECG technicians and Physiotherapists.



Training for trafficked girls and distressed women, rescued by Sanjeevani, a well known NGO, Bhubaneswar, Orrisa. Training is provided in tailoring, embroidery, appliqué works, incense stick making and basic computer skills.



Training in handicrafts for physically handicapped

SAVE supports the work of the 'Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu' (SPASTN), Chennai, in vocational training.



Training in food preparation for physically handicapped

£450 per year will provide training for an Auxillary nurse or a midwife

SAVE works for Women's Rights and Empowerment

- * Almost 9500 women die every year due to dowry related violence
- * on average 10 women are burnt every day due to dowry related violence in India
- * In W. Bengal 40.3% of married women experienced domestic violence and 32% of it is dowry related
- * One third of the world's child brides live in India

The best thermometer to the progress of a nation is its treatment of its women. Swami Vivekananda



Gathering of women in a village in W. Bengal campaigning for their rights and against domestic violence.



Adult education for women in schedule caste village.



Skills development with Sanjeevani - Maa Ghara , Orrisa

In 2009 the Department for International Development, UK, accepted a concept note submitted by **SAVE-UK**, in association with **SAVE India**, for a rights based project to raise awareness against domestic violence, child marriage and gender discrimination, particularly female foeticide. A full application for funding has now been submitted.

£1250 a year will run an adult education programme in a group of villages.

Working with Disabilities

- * Between 5 and 10% of Indians have some impairment or disabling condition.
- * 75% of persons with disabilities live in rural areas,
- * only 34% are employed.

Widespread social stigma, low literacy and few jobs and fewer social facilities are making disabled people amongst the most excluded in India.



SAVE's disability focused projects include a school in Nadia, West Bengal, for the education of 35 handicapped children in collaboration with Paschim Banga Jatiya Bayaska Shiksha Parsad.

SAVE is supporting the work of the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, for children and young adults suffering from cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities.



SAVE supports the work of Ashadeep a very well known and respected organisation in Guwahati, Assam in its work with people with mental illness or disability.

£1450 runs a small school for handicapped children in a rural area.

“So long as millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays no head to them. I do not believe in a God who can not give us bread here, giving eternal bliss in heaven.”

Swami Vivekananda



Fundraising

Public appeal - The most important donors to SAVE are those who make a regular donation to support our work. Gift Aid from the UK Government increases the value of donations by 25%.

Institutional Funding - Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has funded our Vocational School in Kolkata with CSP over five years .

Department for International Development - UK has funded a two year project to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals amongst the South Asian diaspora in Scotland.

Special appeals - Flood Relief - **SAVE** raised £1385 in 2007 and £1435 in 2008 for flood victims in Bihar, Assam and Orissa.

Laparoscope - A maternity hospital run by Sarada



Matri Bhavan, for poor people, run by Sarada Mission



Bihar Flood

Mission for the poor in South Kolkata was in urgent need of a Laparoscope. SAVE-UK contributed £4500 to Sarada Mission.

We all have moral responsibilities to extend a helping hand to those who have fallen by the wayside in our society, which has educated most of us almost free in spite of being poor before we left India. Five pounds per month is not a big burden for a successful NRI but it is life saving for a street child or a young abused girl.

Any doner can indicate their support to any specific project, in any particular state, either in the Gift Aid Form or on-line.

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