



Welcome to Grama Vikas



Late **Dr. N.K.A Iyer**
Founder of **GRAMA VIKAS**



GV

- ✓ Registered as a society in 1979 by late Dr N K A Iyer and his friends.
- ✓ GV is working in 2 Districts in Karnataka state - KOLAR & RAICHUR

Goal

Empowering marginalised rural communities with emphasis on protecting rights of children and women and strengthening livelihoods through sustainable natural resources management.



GV Believes in

- There is no better investment than investing in CHILDREN
- Unless women take lead the development process is never completed



GV Believes in

- Unless farmer's most precious resources – The Soil, The Water, The Vegetation and The Seed are conserved and protected the future of rural India is very bleak.
- Unless the health of the community is protected thru proper environmental sanitation and protected water supply measures economic situation of the family can not be improved.





Geographical area and target population Kolar

- Grama Vikas is operating/ Facilitating in 171 villages covering 17 Grama Panchyats located in the interior parts of Mulbagal taluk in Kolar district and Raichur taluk in Raichur district
- The total population covered 56306, 66% belong to SC/ST, 10% to OBC and 24% to General category. Around 77% of families depend on rain-fed dry land farming for their livelihoods.
- Kolar and Raichur districts are chronically drought-affected.
- The people are dependent on minor irrigation tanks in Kolar district as the district has no perennial rivers and on rain for livelihoods in Raichur district.
- Almost every alternative year brings in a drought. Most of the forest cover in the districts has disappeared.



GV Focus areas

- Integrated Child Development
- Natural Resources Development and management – Organic agriculture
- Empowering of Grama Panchyats
- Strengthening of people institutions such as:
 - Bala Vikas Samithis & Federation
 - School Management committee & Federation
 - Children's Club & Federation etc., for Sustainability
- Networking with like minded NGOs to promote NGOs networks to reach out more number of stakeholders
- Working as Knowledge partner.



Our present Donors

- ChildFund International, USA from 1983 in Kolar district
- RABO Bank Foundation, The Netherland from 2011 in Raichur district.
- AVANTIKA Foundation, Bangalore from 2015



Our past Donors

- NOVIB of The Netherlands from 1981 to 2007 (Supported Grama Vikas for 26 years)
- COMMUNITY AID ABROAD of Australia from 1982 to 1997 (supported Grama Vikas for 15 years)
- SDC-INTER Co-Operation of Switzerland from 1996 to September 2005 (supported Grama Vikas for 09 years)
- UPS Foundation, USA from 2009 to September 2011
- Implemented and Facilitated 2 World Bank Projects
 - Women Empowerment project in 50 villages
 - Karnataka community based Tank Management project in 40 villages.



Our past Donors

- UNICEF – Zilla Panchyat from 2010 to 2013 in Raichur district
- Sir Dorabji Tata Trust from 2011 to 2014 in Raichur district
- ARGHYAM Foundation from 2011 to 2015 in kolar district



Our Achievements

- Promoted a strong Rural Women's Federation (GMO) at the district level and it is completely independent of Grama Vikas since 2002.
- Federation was recognised by the District administration to help it in monitoring the Government projects.
- Grama Vikas has promoted State Level Confederation of rural Women's Federations through GMO.
- Supported about 2000 girls to continue their education
- Two Dalit children won silver and bronze medals in the International art exhibition that was held in Korea

Our Achievements

Two Dalit women got the following awards for their outstanding work

Mrs. M.G. Papamma/Chinnappa was given WOMAN of the year award-2007 by INDIAN EXPRESS GOUP OF PAPERS.

Pappamma were mother of sponsored children.

Mrs. Papamma/Papanna got RAJYOTSAVA award-2008 for Organic farming and native seed conservation.

One of SHGs got an award from FEVORD-K for its outstanding work.





Our Achievements

- One of the SHG member who was trained in seed conservation was invited to present a paper in an International workshop on Seed that was held in Bangkok.
- Our work with one Grama Panchayat made it a model Panchayat and the President who was a dalith woman sent to China for an exposure visit by Government of India.
- Brought back farmers to agriculture in two villages which lead to overall development of the village.
- 100 Crore liters water conservation thru Farm Ponds and minor irrigation TANKS REHABILITATION.



Learning's from 34 years of grass root level experience

- An Integrated child development project is the best entry point to rural development
- Vacuum of leadership at village level can be filled by women's groups
- Restoration of traditional water-harvesting structures.
- Complete institutional and functional transparency can bestow tremendous strength to the organisation
- Rural development is possible only through an integrated approach to:
 - Poverty alleviation programs
 - People 's institutions
 - People centered advocacy & convergence

Long association ship with the community is detrimental to the development.

Recognition and Awards



- ✓ In 1998, GV received an appreciation from ChildFund India and the following few lines from the letter are as follows:

“It was great learning experience for each one of the us especially empowerment of women in developmental activities. The spirit of service, commitment and involvement of your staff in the development of the people you work with is really commendable and we congratulate you on demonstrating your project as a model CCF project”

- ✓ GV was given away an award by the Co-Ordination Committee of Voluntary Associations in Karnataka on 27th October 2004

- ✓ The wards bagged by our stakeholders were biggest awards for GV



ORIGINAL WATER HOLDING CAPACITY WILL BE RESTORED THROUGH DESILTING

2 FULL CROPS A YEAR

ENOUGH FOOD STOCKS AT HOME

AVAILABILITY OF GREE FODDER AND HAY

LIVESTOCK INCREASES

BIOMASS DEVELOPMENT

DRY LAND FERTILITY THROUGH SILT APPLICATION INCREASES

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT TAKES PLACE

CULTURAL LIF REMAINS

BENEFITS FROM A COMPLETE NEED BASED TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT

FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

CHILD LABOUR SITUATION WILL BE AREESTED

NUTRITION IN THE FORM OF FISH AND MILK

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

MIGRATION OF BIDRS STOP

ELECTRICITY WILL BE SAVED

REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL OPEN WELLS

DRINKING WATER AVAILABILITY THROUGH OUT THE YEAR

GROUND WATER TABLE IMPROVES

Thank you

