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THE QUIET GOOD NEWS

A MONTHLY FROM MISSION SAMRIDDHI

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ON A NEW PATH

NEW PROJECTS. NEW INITIATIVES



THE INITIATIVES HAVE BROUGHT IN A RENEWED SURGE OF ENERGY AMONGST THE MISSION SAMRIDDDHI TEAMS, AFTER THE LULL OF LAST YEAR'S LOCKDOWN.

Taking forward our Cluster Development Programme we introduced multiple new projects across India, including initiatives leading to more integrated community development. From improving child nutrition to sustainable livelihoods, institutional development and holistic education, Mission Samriddhi initiated thirteen new projects this year, covering rural and remote parts of Odisha, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tamilnadu and Maharashtra. We look forward to working closely with some of the most vulnerable communities in the country, on issues significant in improving the human development indicators. This issue of 'The Quite Good News' is to celebrate the inspiring work of the development accelerators, Mission Samriddhi will be collaborating with, to achieve the goals of sustainable development.



**TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH
AND NUTRITION STATUS OF
2500 CHILDREN IN THE AGE
GROUP BETWEEN
06 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS,
IN 78 TRIBAL DOMINATED
VILLAGES AND HAMLETS
THROUGH ACTIVE
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
AND ACTION IN ODISHA.**



Swasthya Swaraj Society - A people's movement for Swaraj in Health has been working since 2014, serving and empowering the underprivileged communities in a predominantly tribal block of Thuamul Rampur, Kalahandi district in Odisha with the aim of improving the social determinants of health. The organisation is trying to bring a constructive change in people's lives by empowering them and increasing their participation in development while strengthening government health and nutrition systems. Mission Samriddhi will be supporting Swasthya Swaraj Society to reduce undernutrition amongst children.

Objectives:

- Reduce child mortality
- Reduce undernutrition in 1500 children of age group 06 months - 6 years by 50% involving mothers, Anganwadi centres and Government.
- Improve the nutritional status of 1000 school going children of age group 7 – 12 years by making 14 government primary schools (non-residential) into child-friendly schools and supplying supplementary nutrition through community participation.
- Enhance the capacity of 12 Anganwadi centres in 50 revenue villages and developing them as preschool nutrition and education centres.
- Establishing a proper food supply chain from Anganwadi centres to all the hamlets under each Anganwadi with the active participation of communities.
- Create awareness among Anganwadi workers, school teachers and parents on the importance of nutrition.



**STRENGTHENING
LIVELIHOODS
THROUGH
SYSTEMATIC
INTERVENTIONS
AROUND ON-FARM
AND OFF-FARM
LIVELIHOOD**

Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA)

collectivizes women to form Self Help Groups (SHGs), build their capabilities, and strengthens livelihood systems in remote areas of North East India. The project supported by Mission Samriddhi aims at enhancing the livelihoods of women and youth by promoting producer groups, develop capacities of Self Help Groups to run successful enterprises, and promote scientific agricultural and piscicultural practices. This project will work in two economically backward, remote, and poverty-prone Gram Panchayats of Jorhat and Morigaon blocks with 1000 families (belonging to BPL and other vulnerable categories)

Objectives:

- Intensive engagement in villages to strengthen livelihoods through systematic interventions around on-farm and off-farm livelihoods.
- To capacitate women farmers to improve their agriculture productivity through the adoption of new technologies.



**STRENGTHENING
CONVERGENCE CELL
TO FACILITATE
COMMUNITIES
ACCESS MGNREGA IN
ASSAM**

Mission Samriddhi is supporting **Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA)** in the formation of a Convergence cell to address the challenges of MGNREGA and facilitate community and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for smooth implementation of schemes under MGNREGA. This cell would cover 1 lac families in 70 blocks of Assam and will strengthen Panchayats in these blocks through MGNREGA.

Objectives

- To build momentum around the programme in the state of Assam. This cell will facilitate in conducting awareness campaigns, community meetings, facilitating people's participation in planning and execution, assist villagers in easy access of MGNREGA-related information and timely payment process.
- To increase individual assets related to irrigation, agriculture, and other livelihoods.
- To address policy-level issues, share knowledge, and leverage support from govt. schemes to alleviate rural poverty in Assam thereby creating a bridge between the community and the Government.
- The cell will form a coordinating secretariat among the CSOs who are working in the rural areas of Assam with the objective of livelihoods promotion of poor and marginalized communities.



**PROJECT SAMARTH-
SUSTAINABLE
LIVELIHOOD
PROMOTION THROUGH
PROCESSING AND
MARKETING OF
AGRO-FOREST
PRODUCT IN TRIBAL
REGIONS OF
SONBHADRA, UTTAR
PRADESH**

Since October 2020, **Banwasi Seva Ashram (BSA)** has been working in 5 clusters of Sonbhadra District, Uttar Pradesh under Mission Samriddhi's Cluster Development Program. Through Project Samarth, Mission Samriddhi will be supporting BSA in the promotion of two sustainable livelihood initiatives.

1. ***Organic wild honey harvesting-*** This initiative will be instituted under the guidance of Dr Gopal Paliwal and CBeeD. 25 Beneficiaries will be trained in the 1st phase. These beneficiaries will then become master trainers and empower more in the future.

Objectives :

- To disseminate practical knowledge of scientific honey-wax collection from the colonies of rock bees by organizing formal training camps.
- Offering backward forward linkages for the marketing of the harvest.

2. ***Solar Dryer with Biogas and food processing unit-*** 20 women from 2 SHGs will be involved in this initiative. The SHGs will form multiple sub-groups and divide the work amongst them based on cleaning, cutting, drying, grinding, and packaging.

Objectives:

- Livelihood generation for rural women.
- Saving agriculture produce waste.
- Promote revival of indigenous herbs in the area.



**ESTABLISHMENT OF
STATE PROJECT
MANAGEMENT UNIT,
DEPARTMENT OF
PANCHAYATI RAJ
GOVERNMENT OF
JHARKHAND**

Mission Samriddhi is supporting **Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN)** in the establishment of the State Project Management Unit (SPMU) in Jharkhand. The main goal of this project is to pilot the idea of “strengthening local governance”.

PRADAN has come up with a framework that will define the engagement areas to strategize this intervention.

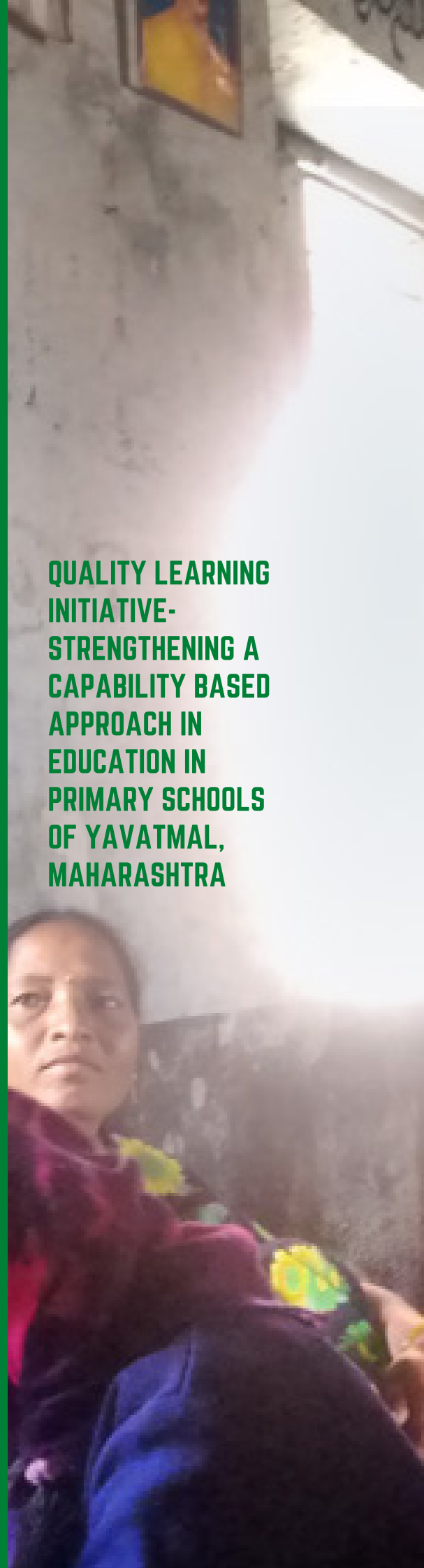
The prototypes are Civic literacy, Gram Panchayat Organization Development, PRI-CBO Convergence, Gram Panchayat help Desk, Gram Panchayat Planning process, Strengthening Gram Sabha, Agriculture by Gram Panchayat, Education by Gram Panchayat, FRA by Gram Panchayat and MGNREGA by Gram Panchayat.

Objectives:

- Strengthening the Citizenship base.
- Strengthening the institutional capacity of Gram Panchayats.
- PRI -CBO collaboration.
- Strengthening linkages with line department.
- Monitoring Governance.



**QUALITY LEARNING
INITIATIVE-
STRENGTHENING A
CAPABILITY BASED
APPROACH IN
EDUCATION IN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS
OF YAVATMAL,
MAHARASHTRA**



India Education Collective (IEC) is working through its approach in Decentralisation of Education Governance (DEG), Teacher Collective (TC), and interventions with Assessment to address the existing problems in the Primary schools. IEC works with equal participation of the Panchayats and the communities thereby strengthening the local governance in the villages. This approach aligns with Mission Samriddhi's approach to strengthening local self-governance and bringing about change through a cluster of villages as a unit.

This project is being implemented in the Maregoan Block, Yavatmal district of Maharashtra through 4 partners – India Education Collective, Mission Samriddhi, Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust (GSMT), and Gyan Prakash Foundation (GPF). It will impact 5000 students in 104 schools covering 57 Gram Panchayats in 1st year scaling up to 350,000 students across 1200 Gram Panchayats by end of 3rd year. For the Teacher collectives approach, intensive engagement with 27 Zila Parishad schools, 800 students, and 35 teachers will be done in Boutoni and Hathwanjri clusters of Maregoan block.

Objectives:

- Increase in stakeholder participation, especially parents and elected representatives in decentralised education planning process.
- To work with DIET for planning and execution of teacher collectives across the block. This will address the issue of demotivated teachers and instill in them a sense of leadership.



**IMPROVING
CONVERGENCE WITH
THE GOVERNMENT OF
TAMIL NADU TO
IMPROVE EDUCATION,
STRENGTHEN
VOLUNTEER
PARTICIPATION AND
USE OF ICT.**

India Literacy Project (ILP) has over the last few years been working closely with the Government schools and the State Governments. In Karnataka, ILP has been working with the Government (Samagrah Sikshana Karnataka, DSERT, Department of Pre-University Education and WCD) to provide a comprehensive learning environment for improved learning outcomes and provide guidance to students to chalk their career pathways. Mission Samridhi would be supporting ILP in enabling children in government schools to access education during the COVID crisis. This initiative will reach at least 1000 schools, 2000 teachers, and 50,000 students.

Objectives:

- Enable children studying in government schools to cope with the learning loss that occurred due to COVID-19 and non-functional of schools, with the identification of village-level volunteers called “SikshaSaathi”.
- Enable teachers and students in government schools to access open education resources across Tamil Nadu, through the enhancement of convergence with the Government.
- Increase ILP’s volunteer base.

India Literacy Project is implementing “Multi-Dimensional Learning Spaces” - a programme based on the learning framework which transforms schools into centers of learning with digital infrastructure, content, experiential learning tools, and trained teachers. The programme is being implemented in Mission Samriddhi's MSHARP and Non-MSHARP clusters in Yavatmal, Osmanabad, and Wardha. ILP will be the knowledge partner while Mission Samriddhi will be the funding and implementing partner in this initiative. This project is being initiated in 14 Zila Panchayat schools benefitting 1600 students and capacitating 26 teachers.

Objectives:

- Improve the science learning levels of children in government schools and create an interest in science by relating it to real-world concepts. Introduce basic computer literacy for students in schools that have computing infrastructure (PCs).
- Initiate a programme that enables Government school stakeholders to use innovative tools and processes that will improve classroom engagement in science and help children learn the desired skills.



**DANIRASA
FOUNDATION'S
CENTRAL KITCHEN
BUILDING, CHENNAI**

Danirasa Foundation has been running a community kitchen in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, and feeding 3000 underprivileged children with nutritious breakfast. During the COVID-19 crisis, they fed 7 lac meals to migrant workers. They have been doing all this from their kitchen on the ground floor which is complete but they want to build the 1st and 2nd floors. 1st floor will be for Chapati and Idli making while the 2nd floor will be a residential training center for mass cooking.

Mission Samriddhi supported Danirasa Foundation in funding the construction of this community kitchen. Upon completion, they will have the facilities to serve 30,000 underprivileged kids. Moreover, they will be a central kitchen that can be leveraged by Mission Samriddhi/other NGOs, during disasters.



**SUPPORT FOR
SITILINGI GRAM
PANCHAYAT
DEVELOPMENT,
TAMIL NADU**

Tribal Health Initiative (THI) is a collective organisation comprising of a base hospital and a pro-active outreach programme of health care, organic farming, women entrepreneurship, craft, education and awareness-creation in the local community. The project is sited in the Sittilingi valley, a reserve forested area, 92 km from Dharmapuri and 85km from Salem.

On January 6th, 2020, Ms. Madheswari, one of the senior nurses working in THI took the oath as Panchayat President of Sittilingi. Mission Samriddhi supported Madheshwari in meeting the development requirements of her Panchayat through Tribal Health Initiative.

10 New borewells with hand pumps and solar street lights in 10 hamlets were installed under this project.

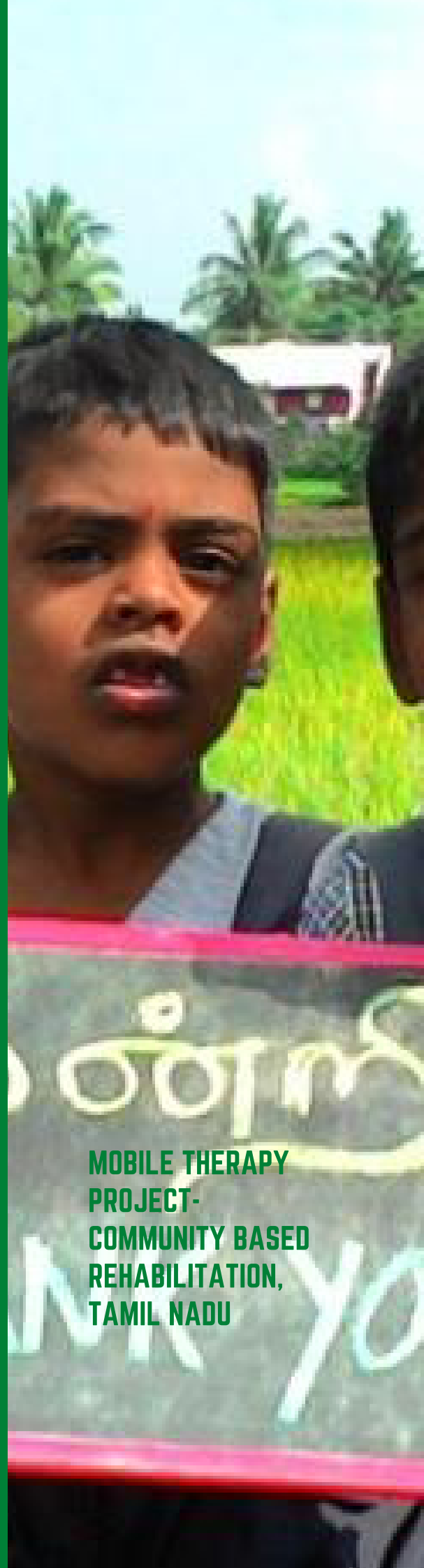


**STRENGTHENING OF
ON-FARM
LIVELIHOODS
THROUGH FARMER
PRODUCER
ORGANISATIONS**

ISAP works to revitalise and transform rural communities through access to expert knowledge, technical innovations, livelihood and business skills for farmers, women, and rural youth. The main goal of this project is to empower small and marginal farmers by improving their livelihood through resource optimization, skill-building, institutional development, and market integration. Mission Samriddhi will be supporting ISAP in the formation of 10 Farmer Producer Organisations (3 in Wardha, 2 in Yavatmal, and 5 in Sonbhadra) to empower 5000 small and marginal farmers.

Objectives:

- To improve the livelihood and income of small and marginal farmers.
- Promote balance use of fertilizers to improve soil health status.
- To promote IT and financial literacy amongst farmers at the grassroots level.
- Increase in share of small and marginal farmers in the value-chain by introducing value addition and market integration through the FPO model.



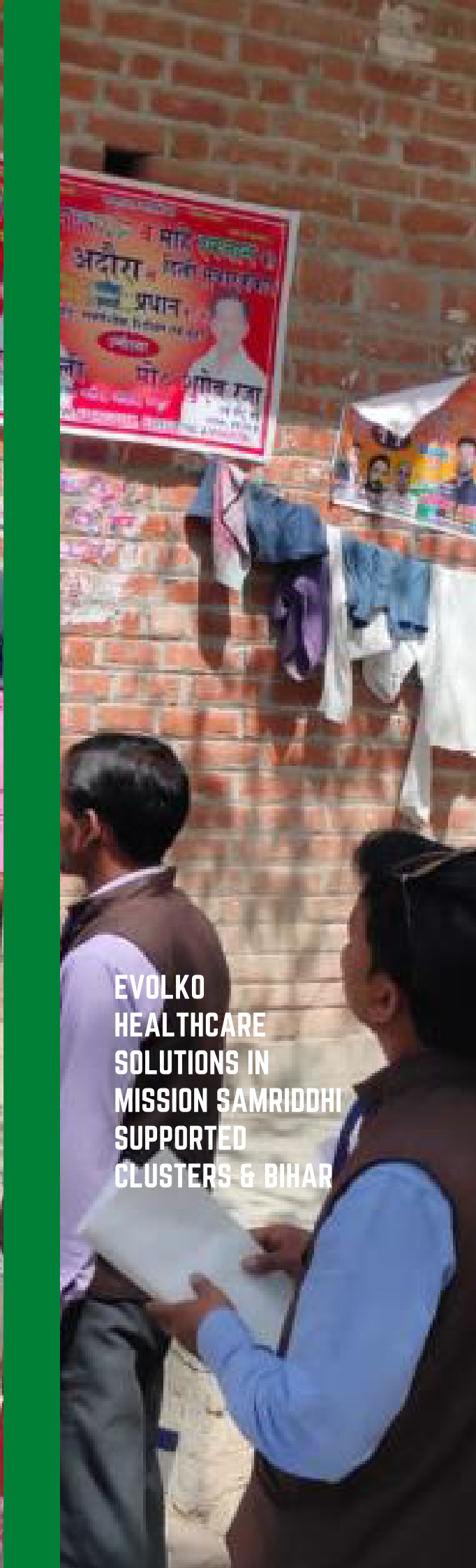
**MOBILE THERAPY
PROJECT-
COMMUNITY BASED
REHABILITATION,
TAMIL NADU**

Sristi Foundation has been working on empowering disadvantaged and disabled people. Mission Samriddhi is supporting Sristi Foundation in implementing the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme in 47 villages of Mailam Block, Tindivanam Taluk, Tamil Nadu. Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) is a multi-sectored, bottom-up strategy that ensures that the convention makes a difference at the community level. A key element of this project is delivering health and therapy services at the doorstep of children with disabilities.

The target group is children (0-18 years aged) with disabilities in the project area. Sristi Foundation has identified 355 individuals with disabilities among which 100 members are children with intellectual disabilities.

Objectives:

- To meet the basic needs of people with disabilities.
- Enable access to health, education, livelihood, and social opportunities for disabled people.
- Promote social inclusion for disabled people



**EVOLKO
HEALTHCARE
SOLUTIONS IN
MISSION SAMRIDHI
SUPPORTED
CLUSTERS & BIHAR**

Access to professional medical consultation and follow-up is very limited, especially in rural India. In the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more essential that Mission Samriddhi clusters get appropriate and timely medical advice and monitoring. Teleconsultation and healthcare via telemedicine is an option to make this more accessible.

EVOLKO- a healthcare-based solution for villages spans the complete patient treatment lifecycle; it is deployed in medical facilities, patient homes, and village medical camps. Mission Samriddhi is partnering with EVOLKO in creating a cadre of trained ESHARs who will assist patients in getting advice from a professional /specialist - building capacity and providing livelihood options to the community across Mission Samriddhi supported clusters in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chattishgarh.

Mission Samriddhi is also supporting **JEEViKA**, Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP) to pilot this project in 100 Gram Panchayats in 5 Districts of Bihar. In phase II the project will be expanded to over 8000 Gram Panchayats.



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