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## Best practices in social sector: A compendium 2023

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### Introduction

Development comes along with sufficient investment made in the social sector. The social sectors includes component such as education, health, social security, food and nutrition security, women and child development, livelihood and skill development. The government needs to sustain the systems in the social sector by building useful strategies, policies and their implementation which can create a positive impact.

The report deals with the initiatives taken by different stakeholders in the social sector. It focusses upon several fields like education, health, women empowerment, skill development, digital skilling, COVID-19 etc. The following report summary elaborates over initiatives concerned with skill development and women empowerment.

### Key Highlights

#### Skill Development

##### *PRAYATNA: SPECIAL PROJECT FOR TRANSGENDERS*

- It is a livelihood and enterprise training program for transgenders in Delhi-NCR. The program aims to help beneficiaries from transgender group to attain a basic quality of life and impart entrepreneurship skills to run their own enterprise.
- A total of 150 beneficiaries had enrolled, out of which 129 have been certified.

##### *PROJECT EXCEL: PROGRESS OF THE MARGINALISED IN GUJARAT*

- The project is implemented from 2021-2024, it aims to enhance income and livelihoods of 10,000 households in Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar in Gujarat by promoting entrepreneurship.
- As of now, 15 soochna sathis have been trained, 3100+ households have been informed and 2,069 households are linked to government schemes.

##### *STRENGTHENING HANDLOOM IN SAHASPUR: A PILOT*

- The initiative aims to enable handloom weavers and local artisans for market-oriented skills for enterprise sustainability.
- The initiative has scaled up the sale of products as well as it had elevated the brand image of the products.

##### *RURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE IN GOALPARA, ASSAM*

- Under this initiative, youth of the rural regions in Goalpara are being provided training to increase confidence and other competencies in the field of entrepreneurship development.
- Beneficiaries of the programme have been able to secure bank loans easily. In the last year, 50 training programmes were conducted, covering 1,304 candidates out of which 992 have settled into entrepreneurial roles.

### *NAVPRAVARTAN: A STARTUP ZONE IN CHANPATIA, WEST CHAMPARAN*

- The initiative aimed towards turning the COVID-19 adversity into opportunity by providing innovative solutions to the returnee migrants.
- 57 entrepreneurs have been allotted space under Chanpatia startup zone. While 141 other entrepreneurs are in line for allotment of seats.

### ***Women Empowerment***

#### *NAVCHETNA BAKERY - LIVELIHOOD GENERATION DANTEWADA (CHHATTISGARH)*

- The Navchetna bakery is run exclusively by women who were trafficked and rescued, and members of transgender and differently abled community.
- The bakery was initially set up with a minimal cost of 10 lakh and now, the bakery is equipped with high-end machinery.

#### *AABHA SAKHIS IN MADHYA PRADESH- ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO TAKE LEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS*

- The Aabha Sakhis are encouraging people to take up legal electricity connections and pay their electricity bills on time. Along the way, they are also changing the way society views women.
- A total of 1,859 connections have been set up at a village level by Aabha Sakhis, and people are now paying their bills on time.

#### *BIZ SAKHI: COMMUNITY BASED MENTORS FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PROMOTION AND EMPOWERMENT (KARNATAKA)*

- Biz Sakhi is an initiative that aims to improve access to entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for women in both rural and urban areas, through increased awareness, psychosocial support, enhancing employability and business skills capacity, facilitation of linkages and mentorship support.
- 88% of the women reported an increase in agency with respect to household decision making after going through the program.

#### *GAURA SHG - FOOD PROCESSING (UTTARAKHAND)*

- Gaura SHG was formed in 2018, when community resource persons (CRPs) from UNDP-Uttarakhand State Rural Livelihood Mission (USRLM) visited the village of Valli in Pauri Garhwal district to provide information about forming SHGs and the associated benefits of the same. The prospect of getting financial assistance and support for livelihood activities was lucrative and soon five women in the village came together and formed the SHG.
- In about one year, the SHG has been able to sell enough to cover their expenses and earn a nominal profit.

#### *GAUTHAN - MULTI ACTIVITY CENTRES FOR LIVELIHOOD GENERATION IN CHHATTISGARH*

- This initiative aims to build multi activity centers that create livelihood for local women through the involvement of women's SHGs.
- Cow Dund worth more than Rs 116 crore has been purchased in Gauthans under the Godhan Nyay Yojana.

**Read More:** <https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-05/Best-Practices.pdf>

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