

KROSS annual report 2007-2008



A Journey Towards Integrated & Sustainable Development

OVERVIEW

KROSS is a non-profit making, secular and non-political organization established in 1983. It was registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, in 1989.

KROSS with its ten member organizations renders various kinds of services among more than 6,00,000 poor people in more than 3,000 villages of Karnataka and to many others indirectly without discriminating on the basis of caste, creed and race.

KROSS is registered under 12A and has 80G Tax exemption under Income Tax Act 1961. KROSS is also registered under Ministry of Home Affairs under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.

VISION

KROSS' vision is to build a society based on the values of justice, peace and development.

MISSION

It's mission is to empower the poor and the marginalized and restore to them their human dignity.

GOAL

The goal of KROSS is "To actively participate in achieving the UN's Millennium Development Goals".

OUR APPROACH

- **Participatory:** Involving the poor in their own integrated development.
- **Collaborative:** Building alliances and partnerships with like-minded individuals / organizations.
- **Rights-Based:** Enlightening people about their rights and duties.
- **Community focused:** Enabling the poor to work together for the lasting common good of the entire community.
- **Sustainable:** The impact of development should be continued for a long time.

WE WORK WITH

- Socially and economically poor women in particular; children and unorganized labourers, dalits, tribals and backward classes of all castes, creeds and race.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Transparency & accountability at all levels.
- **High Impact:** Aim at impact on large number of people especially the poor.

- **Gender Sensitive**
- **Cost-Effective:** Low-cost methods are employed.
- **Creative:** Programmes are to be innovative by creating replicable models.
- **Environmentally sensitive:** All programme must respect & protect natural resources.

ACHIEVEMENTS

I Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger

- About 130,000 SHG women practise regular Savings and the money is being revolved as loans amongst themselves.
- During the year 2007-08, about 26,807 SHG women are alleviated from poverty by starting Income Generating Programmes, which have enhanced their income & given them a better quality of life.
- 16,692 women have acquired productive assets and 18,063 women have acquired non-productive assets in their own names.

- The SHG women have lobbied and mobilized various schemes from Government through their own collective action for individual & community benefit.
- A total of 113 poor rural youth have been provided with gainful skills training and are gainfully employed to support themselves and their family members.

II Achieving Universal Primary Education

- 130,000 SHG women have the policy of 100% sending their children to formal schools. This implies that at least 260,000 poor children are free from child labour.
- More than 22,658 children have been enrolled to formal schools and are saved from becoming child labourers.
- More than 4,081 drop out children admitted to formal schools.
- Number of child labourers rehabilitated (besides readmitted to schools): 1,327.

III Promoting Gender Equality and empowering women

- About 130,000 poor and marginalized women in the state of Karnataka have become active members of 7,705 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and are working towards the common goal “Equality, dignity and improved quality of life” for themselves, their family members and community”.
- The SHG members have formed 512 Grass-Root level Federations, for collective bargaining power to tackle common issues and for lobbying and advocacy for claiming their legitimate rights such as basic needs.
- 883 elected women representatives to the Grama Panchayats are emerging with the quality as value based leaders.
- A total of 69,203 women are actively involved in the decision-making process in village courts.

IV & V Reducing Child Mortality & Improving Maternal Health

- 50,837 children are immunized against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DPT).
- 13,860 pregnant women are immunized.
- 62,580 SHG members are sensitized about preventive and promotive health and have improved their health.

VI Combating HIV/AIDS & other Diseases

- A total of 1,698 People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs) have been identified and are provided with medical, nutritional, psycho-social and counseling supports.
- More than 120,000 SHG members have been sensitized about the mode of HIV transmission and the preventive methods and they serve as peer educators.
- 10 member organizations' capacity building is enhanced through trainings.

- Collaboration with like-minded organizations and people have been initiated.

VII Ensuring Environmental Sustainability

- As a result of trainings provided to SHG members, more than 47,768 members have become eco-sensitive.
- A total of 11,697 members using vermin compost in their farming.
- More than 40,179 SHG members discuss issues related to environment at their regular SHG meetings.
- About 23,639 times environmental issues have been taken up by SHGs to protect the nature.
- More than 180 poor and marginalized families have been provided with safe sanitation facilities.
- A total of 108 rural families have been provided with a solution for drinking water problem through constructing Roof top Rain Water Harvesting structure.

OUR COLLABORATORS

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(CAPART) Govt. of India**

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FUTURE PLANS

I Incollaboration with CAPART, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, Govt. of India, KROSS continues to implement the following projects:

- Vocational training of rural youth for employment
- Rural Sanitation programme in selected villages
- Roof water Harvesting in the selected villages
- Lead NGO programme.

II KROSS plans to continue to implement the pilot project on Good Governance in 30 Panchayats.

III KROSS intends to continue identifying People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), care for 2,000 PLHAs and prevent spread of the disease in 500 villages.

IV A project on "Poverty Alleviation of 2,000 families" through micro-enterprise and micro credit.

V Empowering 1,30,000 SHG women & their families for Integrated Development through "Rights-Based Approach".

VI Conducting an intensive nine-month residential course for students of IV Batch to take up value-based leadership in public life in collaboration with of St. Joseph's College, Bangalore.

VII Working in close collaboration with the (Central and State) Governments in implementing their programmes.

SUPPORT US

Kindly support the cause
of the poor in poverty alleviation,
care of the HIV/AIDS infected
& affected, children and widows.

*Your generous contribution of donations to be favoured to
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