

# A Message from the President cum Project Director

#### **Dear Friends**,

The Ministry of Good Samaritan (MGS) has successfully completed another year of dedicated service to marginalized and excluded communities and groups, as it continues its journey towards empowering the underprivileged.

Reflecting on the past year, 2022-23 held significant importance for MGS in multiple ways. Since its establishment in 2001, MGS has consistently prioritized the implementation of a participatory approach to service delivery, ensuring its relevance within the ever-evolving development sector.

Our team has experienced remarkable growth and achievements in various aspects. They have shown great dedication and we take immense pride in their accomplishments.

During this year, MGS focused on building self-sustainable communities through the Participatory Human Development Process (PHDP). The objective was to enable marginalized and disadvantaged sections of society to become self-reliant and capable of addressing their community issues collaboratively, with harmony and unity. Our Human Development Facilitators (HDF) played a crucial role in guiding the communities to independently resolve their challenges by providing training and conducting village-level meetings. Throughout the year, we witnessed significant progress in our field program locations. MGS provided training to village leaders, enhancing their skills and knowledge in areas such as conducting meetings and documentation.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who supported and stood by us throughout the year. We owe our achievements to your unwavering support.

Dr. Rashmirekha Mallick

**President cum Project Director** 

## **MGS - AN OVERVIEW**

Ministry of Good Samaritan, Rayagada is a non- profit secular NGO registered voluntary organization. bearing Regd. No. :1674/363/2001-02. It was founded by Dr. Amson Mallick in the year 2001. MGS is registered under the societies registration Act XXI of 1860 and registered under FCRA Act, 1976 as well as registered 12 AA under I.T. Act, 1961. MGS office address is Gayatri Nagar 5<sup>th</sup> line, Rayagada -765001, Odisha, India.

#### **Our Vision**

To build a just and humane society based on values of equality, love and peace.

#### **Our Mission**

To uphold the human dignity of the oppressed and marginalized, through a process of human empowerment.

#### **Our Goals**

To build sustainable and self-supportive communities.

#### Main Objective

MGS has taken an integrated and innovative development approach through Participatory human development process by creating community based organizations to resolve the poverty issues and raising consciousness level of the people.

#### **Our Approach**

"Go to the people Live among them Love them Listen to them Learn from them Begin with what they know Build upon what they have"

# Focus Areas of MGS FY 2022-23

MGS facilitated on livelihood, water, sanitation, education and social services as its priority area of intervention for this financial year. We established a link between community people and Government as well as private agencies to access assistance, services and funds. We provided awareness programs on health and sanitation, education, environment, etc. We also provided training for capacity building and creating community based organizations.

**Operational Areas:** MGS worked in 2022-2023 FY in 3 districts of Odisha such as Rayagada, Kandhmal and Gajapati . Rayagada block,

# **Our Activities 2022-23**

# 1. Water Projects

In the community of Kulicamp, the residents were facing a scarcity of potable drinking water and had to rely on the nearby river for their water needs. With the guidance and facilitation of MGS staff, the community mobilized efforts by collaborating with the Panchayat office, Block office, and Rural Water Supply & Service (RWS&S) office. Eventually, the RWS&S office approved one tubewell project for the community.



One tubewell water was not sufficient for the community people therefore again they organized a meetings to address this issue. The village representatives drafted a project proposal with the facilitation of MGS staff and submitted to Outreach International through MGS. Recognizing the pressing need of the community, OI approved the project funding. The villagers are now getting sufficient water from the 2 tubewells

# **2. Income Generating Projects**

#### A. Sheep and Goat project :

MGS has taken initiatives to raise the income level of the people in our Field program locations through the implementation of Sheep and Goat project. In FY 2022-23, MGS provided each family 4 female goats one to the Kulicamp Prerana group male goat members These income-generating projects helped them meet their basic needs. Additionally, MGS provided capabilitytraining to leaders building the on organizational development and management.



MGS also offered opportunities for the group/village people to establish linkages with other institutions, such as the Animal Husbandry Office. As a result, the village now has many livelihood opportunities, such as producing organic fertilizer from animal waste and using it for organic vegetation/cultivation.

The income-generating project is continuously developing through the institutionalization of project systems, mechanisms, and sustained capability-building activities, such as training and

orientations of members on related topics. Regular health check-ups for the livestock are conducted by the Livestock inspector of the Veterinary department in Maligaon, Rayagada.

#### **B.** Small Business Project :

MGS transformed the lives of sixty destitute women from Gajapati, Rayagada, and Kandhamal districts by providing cabins/shops s with essential groceries. Previously reliant on labor work, these women struggled with low family incomes, leaving them unable to afford basic necessities like clothing, food, and medicine. With the support of these cabins turned into shops, their income levels increased, allowing them-to lead more prosperous lives by buying nutritious foods,



purchasing books for the children, purchasing medicines, clothes and all basic day to day things. This heartwarming initiative not only empowered the women but also had a positive ripple effect, benefiting the entire community and inspiring hope for a brighter future. MGS also conducted the women empowerment trainings in different locations of Rayagada, Kandhamal and Gajapati districts.

# 3. Adult Literacy Program –

This year MGS has launched an ambitious literacy program in fifteen villages, namely Ghodabadi, Matikeshari, Nandabadi, Kunjabadi, Bada Siguru, Gursubadi, Jhurudi, Dumaguda, Mariguda, Kuljing, BN Pur, SN Pur, Bhakurguda, and Debdola. By this program many adults who never been to the school got the opportunity to learn how to read and write This comprehensive initiative aims to uplift the communities and provide learning opportunities to the adults who were previously deprived of education.

To ensure effective monitoring and support, MGS has assigned dedicated supervisors to oversee the progress of each group of five villages. With passionate and qualified teachers in each village, classrooms are filled with 20 to 30 enthusiastic students, all aged 18 years and above.



The uniqueness of this program lies in its focus on elderly

learners, proving that it's never too late to embrace education. Beyond the acquisition of literacy skills, the program fosters intergenerational exchange, strengthening the fabric of community.

# 4. Transformed Villages –

Several years ago, the PHDP project commenced in the Kuliguda, Kulicamp, and Ghodabadi communities, marking the beginning of a transformative journey. Committed community members rose to the occasion, tackling various challenges and executing impressive projects. They constructed a well-structured CC road, installed a reliable solar water system, illuminated

their streets with eco-friendly solar street lights, and established meeting hall. Through the guidance of the Human Development Facilitator (HDF) and unwavering dedication from community group leaders, significant progress has been achieved.

Regular meetings, attended and led by proactive community members, serve as vibrant platforms for collaboration. They actively engage with agencies and secure funds for sustainable project development.



The communities have now reached the final milestone—the phase-out stage—using a strategic approach. Empowered and skilled, community groups have exceeded expectations, demonstrating their ability to independently manage their needs. They have mastered the PHDP process and achieved self-sustainability. A turnover ceremony was held, symbolizing the official transfer of responsibility from the HDF to capable group leaders, ensuring a prosperous future.

During this pivotal meeting, achievements were celebrated, reflecting on collective accomplishments and planning for future development. Village leaders shared their experiences with the PHDP, showcasing their prowess in mobilizing support, crafting persuasive letters, presenting proposals, and securing grants.

# 5. Expansion PHDP to new field program locations -

The Participatory human development program is an ever expanding program.

PSI or Preliminary Social Investigation is a tool used by MGS to assess various aspects of a newly targeted community where MGS initiates the PHDP (Participatory human development process).

MGS conducted a PSI workshop at Bhujabal village of Kolnora block in Nov 2022 and at Tala Guruthi of Halua Panchayat in March 2023. After PSI MGS expanded the PHDP to 2 villages. The PIP (Problem identification and prioritization) meeting



was conducted at Bhujabala in May, 2023. Now the HDFs are facilitating the village people to address Insufficient sources of water in the farming fields. poor road condition, no sreet light, insufficient sources of potable water, inability to access govt. assistance.( old age and widow pesion) poor Housing condition, no drainage system, insufficient sources of income, , no community bathroom, no funeral home and Unclean village surrounding.

# 6. Gumiguda School :

The academic year of 2022 and 2023 there are total 190 students in the school from standard 1 to standard 8, of which 178 children are in boarding and 12 are day scholars.

There are 117 students are boys and 73 students are girls in the school. There are total 13staff . This academic year 32 students have newly enrolled in class 1. Total 37 students graduated from class 8.This year Students celebrated Teachers day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Annual function and childrens' day with enthusiasm and patriotism.



Through this school many poor and underprivileged children are getting education facility.

# Conclusion -

Throughout this year, MGS has dedicated its efforts to tackle a wide array of pressing issues plaguing the communities it serves. MGS has taken significant strides in resolving water issues, ensuring that clean and accessible water reaches the issue-affected villages. Moreover, MGS has been proactive in addressing the root causes of poverty by creating diverse income sources for the local population. By promoting entrepreneurial ventures, skill development programs, and vocational training, the organization endeavors to empower individuals and enable them to break free from the cycle of poverty.

MGS celebrated remarkable achievements, successfully resolving many issues that had long plagued the communities. Many of these concerns were transformed into well-executed projects, and the impact was profound. Beneficiaries of these projects experienced tangible improvements in their lives, witnessing firsthand the positive change brought about by MGS's dedicated initiatives.

As MGS looks to the future, it remains steadfast in its mission to create sustainable and lasting solutions for the challenges faced by society. Through collaborative efforts and a commitment to making a difference, MGS continues to inspire hope and bring about meaningful change for a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow.

# **Acknowledgement :**

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