

Profile

Sarathi Development Foundation (SDF)



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Organisational brief

Sarathi Development Foundation (<https://www.sarathi.org.in/>) is working for more than 22 years on participatory principles to prioritize and address needs of children, adolescent girls and women in the sphere of integrated community development. It brings credible history of partnership with a wide range of institutions including United Nations, government, corporate, international NGOs, and networks. Our core belief and guiding principles are based on the fact that people have inherent potential to bring change in their lives. It has evolved evidence based participatory methodologies to engage children, adolescents, youth and women in identifying and addressing their needs. This includes innovative and proven strategies like integrated micro planning on need based indicators, community capacities and resource building, children and youth led advocacy system, life skill education, behavioural change communication, community based supportive supervision system, ICT application, government system strengthening and mainstreaming with government services and schemes. These strategies interconnect self, collective and government actions to achieve long term social impact.

Vision

Sarathi Development Foundation aims to see children, adolescent girls, youths, women and wider community are empowered enough to use their potential, wisdom and ability to address their development challenges, be effective members of their community and shape their future.

Our Work and Expertise

Sarathi carries demonstrated capacities to design and implement community based models and resource support for system strengthening especially on children, adolescent girls, youths and women friendly development. It has evolved experience, knowledge and skills in sector specific and integrated community development interventions due to its community based micro planning systems, participatory methodologies and systematic institutional engagement in rural and slum areas.

Our key sectors of work

- Education,
- Child protection,
- Health and Nutrition,
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Livelihood.

Our key areas of experience and expertise

- Integrated Village Planning and Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP)
- Life stage specific programme models (Birth to 24 years)
- Community Capacity Building
- Life Skill and Enterprise Education
- Children and Youths led advocacy System
- Convergence planning and government system strengthening
- ICT based supportive supervision

Key Impact Areas

- Impacted over 4.50 lakhs children and adolescent girls and around 8 lakhs families on education, health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene indicators through community based models in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Awarded and recognised by World CSR Day, USAID, Global Achievers Foundation, Government, Corporate organisations.
- Featured in national and global researches like Voluntary National Report, Owing Her Future by Dasra, Global Report on child and early marriage.
- Evolved and scaled its community based models including community based micro planning systems, children and youth led advocacy, social & behavioural change communication and mainstreaming with government service provisions related to children, adolescent girls, youths and women.
- Strengthening supportive supervision system of National Health Mission through ICT application in five model districts of Uttar Pradesh. It focused on mother child health specific functionality indicators of ASHAs. It is planned to be scaled across the state.
- Developed over 5000 community volunteers, 380 child reporters, 30 child protection committees, 600 women self-help groups and their federation, 10 weavers cooperatives, 75 community resource centers as community development resources for advocacy and collective actions on their issues, feedback and support to line departments of the government.
- Membership with national and global organisations like Campaign against Child Labour, Feedback Lab, GirlsNotBrides, Global Giving.
- Capacity building and model creation on Gram Panchayat Development Planning. It actively engaged community, local governance institutions, department of Panchayati Raj, block and district level task forces.
- Capacity building, community solutions and system strengthening for safe water, sanitation and hygiene. It has demonstrated results in our project districts like Fatehpur, Sitapur.

Team

Sarathi's success in carrying out different programs is largely due to its experienced and well trained team of 132 members, mostly risen from community level implementation to management level. Our team includes community mobilisers, life skill education counsellors, vocational trainers, outreach workers, thematic specialists, monitoring & evaluation coordinators, project coordinators, managers, capacity building facilitators, accounts and administrative staff members and senior management professionals. Our field and project teams are supported and mentored by thematic specialists, coordinators and senior consultants. Sarathi has also developed resource group of 60 consultants for training, research and field support.

Impact Models

Sarathi has implemented several impact driven models engaging community, local governance institutions and government effectively with a focus on child rights, education, health, child protection, water, sanitation, hygiene and livelihood. The following program models are a just reflection of the experiential knowhow and capacities gained by Sarathi while implementing various large-scale projects in partnership with UN agencies, international development agencies, government, and foundations. Exposure to such large donor agencies has built its reputation and strengthened systems and processes, both in its internal operations and engagement with communities, government

and stakeholders. As a result, our works are featured in national and global researches like Voluntary National Report, Owing Her Future by Dasra, Global Report on child and early marriage.

Project Name	Location	Donor/Partner	Brief Description
Disha Children's Project	Firozabad	Child Fund India	DISHA Children's Project is being implemented in urban slums of Firozabad, where children and their families engaged in home-based bangle and glass work. It brings proven life stage approach categorizing and prioritising needs of children, adolescents and youths in age group from birth to 24 years, their families and wider community. It implements proven programme models and practices focused on mother child health & nutrition, education, child protection, adolescents' health, basic life skills, enterprise education, livelihood development. Major strategies include integrated slum planning, community led advocacy system, behavioural change communication interconnected with sectoral service, government system strengthening and linkages.
Saloni Model	Barabanki	Oracle CAF India	Project Saloni focuses on empowering adolescent girls aged 10-19 years, their families and wider community with integrated community development approach in Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh. Core interventions of the project include integrated village planning on children, adolescent girls and community development needs, life skill education through community resource centers, community capacity building, children and youth led advocacy, social and behaviour change communication and mainstreaming with government schemes and mechanisms. Thematic focus of the project is on education, child protection, health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene. It implements innovative strategies like integrated village planning, children and youth reporters, community resource center to bring and address the issues of children, adolescent girls and their families in heart of ground level community development.
Jagrati Model	Bhadohi	Terres Hommes Des	Jagrati project is being implemented in carpet belt of Bhadohi district, where children and their families are engaged in carpet weaving. Program aims preventing child labour by encouraging education, building child led advocacy systems among children to access their rights as per UNCRC, influencing community behaviours and enhancing access to development services like education, child protection, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene and livelihood development. It implements strategies like integrated village planning, children and youth reporters, community resource center, weavers' cooperative, behavioural change counselling, and linkages with government schemes, CSO networking and policy advocacy to reduce child labour and improve their conditions.

ReMind Scale up	Sitapur, Bareli, Kannauj, Bareli , Mirzapur	Catholic Services	Relief	Reducing Maternal and Newborn Death project (ReMiND) Scale up is technology driven initiative being implemented in five high priority districts of Uttar Pradesh. It implements Supportive Supervision Application under the guidance of National Health Systems Resource center (NHSRC) and the National Health Mission, for strengthening ASHA Sanginis to support ASHAs in delivering their key responsibilities at the community level on mother and child health indicators. It also brings a web based dashboard for the ASHA Sangini Supportive Supervision Application which provides both the NHM and project staff timely access to analysed data on critical indicators, their trends and facilitate them to make informed programmatic decisions, identify areas for improvement and do adaptive programming.
Core Group Polio Project	Shahjahanpur	Catholic Services	Relief	Project aims at community mobilisation, demand generation for health services and system strengthening with a focus on mother and child health including polio eradication. It has evolved systematic community mobilisation and capacities aligned with government health delivery system right from community to state level. Our key project strategies are community based micro planning and data management system, home and group communication based behavioural change counselling mechanisms, mainstreaming with mother and child health service delivery platforms like Routine Immunisation Days, Village health and Nutrition days, sector, block, district level planning, review and feedback meetings.
Save Water Project	Fatehpur	Water Aid		Save water is an integral part of Integrated water, sanitation and hygiene project being implemented with district wide approach in Fatehpur district. It aims to achieve water security, access to sanitation facilities & hygiene practices in communities, schools and child health care facilities in rural areas through community-based strategies and convergence with government schemes like Jal Shakti, Swacch Bharat Mission, MANREGA, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan. It implements innovative community based strategies including water budgeting and use behaviours, rain water harvesting utilising traditional water bodies such as wells, ponds, community WASH resources centers, water quality testing, Gram Panchayat Development Planning, toilet facilities and use, hand wash at critical timings, menstrual hygiene management. It systematically engages community, schools, local governance institutions, community-based volunteers and organisations, government and civil society organisations.
Capacity Building for Gram Panchayat Development Planning	Uttar Pradesh	UNICEF		Sarathi provided technical support for GPDP strengthening processes in districts of Lalitpur, Jhansi, Bulandshar, Fatehpur, and Barabanki through training, data base of social registry and training modules development. State level resource support to Department of Panchayati Raj was provided for Training of Trainers on Birth registration, monitoring mechanisms GPDP implementation,

			indicators for model panchayat and capacity building of NGOs engaged in model GPDP processes. State level resource assistance also contributed in facilitating GPDP processes in MPGPs in selected districts
Technical Assistance for Community and School WASH	Sitapur	UNICEF	Sarathi Development Foundation in partnership with UNICEF provided technical assistance in 15 blocks of Sitapur district. Technical Assistance was well integrated with SBM planning and implementation processes at district, block and GP level for capacity and SBCC processes to achieve ODF outcomes. It covered 1280 GPs, 768 primary and upper primary schools, 190 Kaykalp schools, 768 ICDS centers
Truckers Intervention	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh State Aids Control Society (UPSACS)	This project hopes to achieve the goals of preventing HIV/Aids in India. The major strategies adopted are counselling and clinical services, peer education system, behaviour change communication (BCC), creating an enabling environment and establishing linkages with other HIV services.

Awards and Recognition

S. No.	Title	Awarding Organization	Year
1	Profiled in Voluntary National Report for NITI Aayog	Voluntary National Report	2020
2	NGO Leadership Award	World CSR Day	2019
3	Social Services Award	Fatehpur Vikas Parisad	2018
4	NGO's Leadership Award	World CSR	2017
5	Global Giving Annual Badge & Super Star Status	Global Giving, UK	2017
6	Certificate of Appreciation	Alliance for Immunization, UP	2017
7	Certificate of Excellence	Global Achievers Foundation	2016
8	Certificate of Appreciation	USAID, Delhi	2014
9	Dasra Giving Circle Grant Award for Scaling Sarathi Model	Dasra Mumbai	2012
10	Profiled in national research report "Owning Her Future"	Dasra, Mumbai	2012
11	Global Membership	GirlsNotBrides, UK, Feedback Lab, US	2010
12	SHG Promotion Award	NABARD	2003

Current Donors, Partnerships and Collaborations

1. Catholic Relief Services
2. Child Fund India
3. UNICEF
4. Oracle
5. Charities Aids Foundation
6. Water Aid
7. Terres Des Hommes
8. Girls Not Brides, Feedback Lab, Global Giving
9. Campaign Against Child Labour
10. Indian Institute of Management
11. World Vision
12. Government

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District Field Offices: Lucknow, Bhadohi, Fatehpur, Firozabad and Shahjahanpur districts along with its presence in Barabanki, Bareilly, Faizabad, Mirzapur, Kannauj and Sitapur districts of Uttar Pradesh