



Role of non-governmental organizations in rural development

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Abstract

India is a land of villages, and the Indian government has implemented a number of rural development programmes to help rural communities prosper. Non-governmental organizations have formed a variety of roles that can affect rural development, thanks to their non-rigid, locale specific, perceived need-based, beneficiary driven and devoted character of service. In addition to government efforts, a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have played a significant role in the development of rural communities. Recognizing that the government would be unable to meet the enormous problems of rural development on its own, non-profit, volunteer, and NGOs were necessary to participate in various phases and activities at the global, regional, and local levels. This research emphasizes the relevance of NGOs in India's rural development. It is a case study of a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in India and other countries in the domains of health, hygiene, and sanitation. The report focuses on women's performance evaluation Participation, skill development, education, entrepreneurship, tourism, and other activities all have a role. This article also examines the process of dealing with the government and the general public, as well as the implementation of non-governmental organization activities and a variety of other issues.

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Introduction

India is a densely populated, primarily rural country, with a long history of non-governmental organizations and volunteerism. The term "nongovernmental organization" was coined in 1945 to distinguish between participation rights granted to intergovernmental specialized agencies and those granted to international private organizations under the United Nations Charter.

In India, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have proliferated in the recent two decades. What is underappreciated, however, is that the transformation of voluntarism into essentially a preferred instrument for developmental intervention has reduced what was once an organic part of civil society to merely a sector - an adjunct of the state's developmental apparatus. Furthermore, as a result of this instrumental appropriation, these self-agencies have lost their autonomy as well as their political transformative potential

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) played a role in rural development, according to a study. Rural development programmes run by major NGOs include agriculture, health, human resource development, community development, and industrial and commerce development. The majority of beneficiaries, non-beneficiaries, NGOs' employees, and employees from other development organizations believed that NGOs rural development work was effective. Even the Indian government has included NGOs in its Five-Year Plans because, unlike charitable organizations in the past, they have commitment, public legitimacy, and a professional approach to people's problems. Despite their great intentions, a significant percentage of NGOs struggle to keep afloat over time, both in terms of organizational and project sustainability. The purpose of this research is to examine the actions of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for the rural poor in India and other countries.

India is a settlement inside India Rural development is the backbone of the country's progress. Infrastructure challenges, malnutrition, literacy, and unemployment continue to hamper rural India's growth. If we want to realize the goal of inclusive growth for everyone, the village must develop in tandem with the city. Rural development is the integration of economic, social, and political growth at the community level in order to improve people's quality of life. NGOs have grown at a fantastic rate, in India alone, there are about 30,000 NGOs that channel 15 percent of foreign financing to poverty alleviation and health and sanitation improvement programmes. It is critical to decentralize decision-making to NGOs in order to develop rural India. This article looks at the characteristics of rural development and the involvement of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in it. It also shows the problems and strategies that might be used to implement development plans in rural area.

India

NGOs aren't a new occurrence in India. The importance of forming certified associations and involving people in rural development has long been acknowledged. Indian culture and social heritage have traditionally valued voluntary labor. NGOs in

India must be legally registered under the Society Registration Act 1860, the Indian Trust Act 1882, the Cooperative Societies Act, 1904, and the Joint Stock Companies

Act, 1956, in order to comply with judicial requirements. In order to receive a

foreign contribution, they must register under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976. The Society Registration Act, however, is where the majority of NGOs in India are registered.

The Ramakrishna Mission and the Hindustan Talim Sangh, for example, are both in the first category. Typically, these groups are created by well-wishers interested in rural development or by expert and educational institutions. Such organizations can operate on a macro level, covering the entire country or state, or on a micro level, focusing on a single town or region. For example, the Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD) serves as a coordinating agency at the national level, while groups like CHETNA serve as coordinating agencies at the regional level

Related Work

1. Women's Empowerment and Village Development

Women's empowerment is an urgent issue of the hour. Women's empowerment enables long-term rural and urban development in India by improving women's economic, social, and political position. To transform the idle society into a self-sustaining society, women must be empowered in these areas. Women's empowerment can be achieved by providing enough educational opportunities, political backing, an effective legal system, and the creation of jobs for women. Women's empowerment is aided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and self-help groups (SHGs), which provide basic education, vocational training, self-employment training, legal aid, women's protection, and self-awareness initiatives. The benefits of business among rural women and the empowerment of rural women through NGOs. Rural women in India were virtually isolated, unable to receive even the most basic amenities. These women are now obtaining social and physical mobility as a result of the development of Women's Self-Help Groups. Microfinance programmes are hailed as a critical tool for reducing poverty while also empowering women. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) organize training programmes for income-producing activities (IGA). Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have a variety of advantages and roles

- They excel at reaching and mobilizing poor and remote communities;
- They assist poor people in gaining control of their lives and collaborate with and strengthen local institutions,
- They complete projects at lower costs and faster than government agencies,

Traditional designs are still produced in rural areas by women micro entrepreneurs for local marketplaces. SHG women make a wide range of vital items, village crafts, and home-cooked snacks. Many people work in the grocery and textile retail industry. For semi-urban and metropolitan markets, these businesses represent a significant supply resource. SHGs are also a viable organized structure for disbursing microcredit to needy entrepreneur women and encouraging their participation in poverty-relieving activities and programmes.

Social service has always been a cornerstone of Indian society, dating back thousands of years.

A slew of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) sprung up in India soon after independence. Agricultural development is the foundation of rural development in developing nations, without it, all rural development initiatives will be fruitless.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) differ in their importance to rural people and their focus on rural concerns

from nation to country. It is impossible to overstate the importance of women's organizations in solving agricultural development difficulties. Women contribute significantly to food production and processing, but men appear to dominate and make more farm choices. The village development programme focuses on offering assistance to villagers in order to give them with instructions for improving their lives.

However, NGOs play an important role in agricultural and rural development, as follows:

- Increasing farmers' ability to earn cash and allowing them to participate in decision making
- Improve food security and augment the farm family's primary food needs while also lowering childhood malnutrition.
- Promotes equitable land access and a secure right to land, both of which are necessary for small-scale farmers to profit from agricultural development

1.1 The Purpose of the NISARG SEWA TRUST -An NGO: To promote Sustainable Rural Living

Human rights, health, women's empowerment, child welfare, education, women's welfare, blind welfare, tribal upliftment, vocational training, and other issues are all addressed by NGOs. "Nisarg Sewa Trust (NST) is a unique NGO that is dedicated to saving the flora and fauna of the world's most neglected desert region."

Because the NST is exclusively sponsored by private donations and receives no government funding, its mission becomes more reflective and critical. NST adds to this duty by actively advocating for good causes such as education, environmental awareness, and financial assistance for female education, environmental knowledge, literature, and addiction treatment camps. When compared to other NGOs, NST fills a distinct niche. NST's unwavering support and fulltime function is admirable, since it serves animals, birds, the environment, and humanity on a selfless basis, exemplifying true social service. NST's small-scale operations are large enough to bring a smile to the faces of people living in rural desert areas. NST is a non-profit organization that stands apart for a number of reasons.

1.2 A Case Study of Jharkhand and West Bengal

The Ram Krishna Mission Lokasiksha Parishad (RKM-LP), the Rural Development Centre (RDC), and the Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development (UIBSRD) are three important NGOs striving to promote cooperative forest management in southwest Bengal (IBRAD). IBRAD is, without a doubt, the state's most renowned JFM NGO. The numerous rural appraisal methodologies are major methods that IBRAD use to promote participatory forestry. These technologies are now extensively utilized to encourage people to volunteer for help.

On the other hand, there are numerous non-governmental organizations in Jharkhand.

The Agrarian Assistance Association Trust, managed by a local villager from Maheshpur, Abdul Aspad Yar Khan, the Society for Rural Industrialization (SRI), and Divyayan, a branch of the NGO, RKM, are the three NGOs working with the villagers in Aunagarha block alone (where this research was conducted). Agriculture and growth in Annagarha's tribal communities, as well as forest

management, have all been influenced by Divyayan IRRADY's operating principles are in sharp contrast to Divyayan's

2. NGO's

The process of project execution becomes an integral component of the NGOs work

People Endeavour for Social Change, (ii) People Endeavour for Social Change, (1) Development Agency for Tribal People (DATP), and (iv) Don Bosco Social Welfare Center (DBSWC) are the four NGOs involved.

The baseline survey done throughout the project's planning period informs the four NGOS scheme formulation Beneficiaries' needs guided the selection of the projects. In each project hamlet, a local committee comprised of four NGOs assisted in the selection of recipients' projects.

Rongmeinaga Baptist Association (RNBA)

The Rongmei Naga Baptist Association/RNBA (Relief and Development) is a Christianbased organization that works in three Northam Nagaland districts. It is a sub-Eastern state of Assam, Manipur section of the organization, and it operates at the NGO level. Initially, the department was established to aid member churches and respond to any crises or emergencies. Under the association, RNBA (Relief and Development) operates and has its own structure RNBA advocates for the poorest and most marginalized members of society, believing that empowerment is the way to social change For over 15 (fifteen) years, it has advocated for community-based, integrated environmental and development programmes

2.1 Various Function of NGOs

Because of the general notion that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are more effective at reaching the poor and reducing poverty, government and external donors have increased their financing for NGOs. In terms of government support, the federal and state governments have launched over 200 programmes through which NGOs can gain direct access to resources for rural development

- Increase the number of people living in rural areas and Aid Government Efforts
- Organize the Poor in Rural Areas
- Educate the Rural Population and Provide training.
- Disseminate information, and
- Allocate resources
- Encourage rural leadership,
- Represent rural people and be innovators;
- Enlist public participation,
- Activate the Rural Delivery System

3. Economic and Social development

The Krishi Gram Vikas Kendra (KGVK) is a non-governmental organization based in Ranchi, Jharkhand that was founded in 1960 under the auspices of the Usha Martine group of companies.

The KGVK's efforts have resulted in significant changes in the villagers' social and economic lives, it is also true that the Usha Martine group of industries has patronized the KGVK for its own purposes rather than for any altruistic aspirations. The organization has been able to regulate the discontent of its employees and the surrounding people through the NGO and its welfare programmes

3.1 NGOs help businesses connect

The Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) component tackled the issue of rural women earning money through informal group activities. The Gujarat Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) has taken on the task of giving marketing assistance to the DWCRA groups in the Banaskantha area. It's the first time a non-profit has been directly involved in business activity in a free market setting.

SEWA has a lot of experience working with rural women and knows how they think and act, it forms informal and official groups based on economic activities, connects them, and keeps track of their development The government helps the DWCRA groups financially and works with SEWA to coordinate their efforts SEWA's DWCRA groups have established a significant capacity to endure the open market's volatility, dangers, and uncertainties. SEWA strives to take a participatory approach to all elements of its work, including identifying economic activity, creating groups, encouraging group cooperation, and offering training it entails mental and physical involvement of women in simplifying their commercial operation for a common good.

3.2 Reflections in the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Tourism

One form of tourist NGO plays an important role in raising public awareness of people's power to interfere with the centre of power and to oppose policies: The pluralistic "right to disagree on policies underpins alternative approaches to development in general and tourism development in particular. In tourism. NGOS serve a variety of functions. Some people are working to improve the policy by criticizing it. These are usually small-scale and based in a specific location Other tourism-related NGOs, such as Tourism Concern in the United Kingdom, have had great success in lobbying against tourism in Burma, where democracy is denied to its people.

A third type of non-governmental organization (NGO) is emerging that is involved in tourist policymaking, but the source of its mandate is unknown. Tourism-related NGOs work on tourist issues because they need to understand how tourism development affects the communities in which they work. To confirm their theoretical frameworks and engage with the actual world. Tourism NGOs working on larger structural concerns must also work on specific issues, locations, and in the context of individuals

4. Interaction Between Government and NGO's

Since independence, there has been controversy about the critical role of non- governmental organizations (NGOs) in government efforts to better the lives of the poor and disadvantaged Despite the fact that official documents and studies stress the importance of expanded NGO participation in government-sponsored development projects, little tangible steps have been done in this area The significance of ongoing conversation between different levels of bureaucracy and the NGO sector to build trust and recognize each other as equal partners in the development of the poor, impoverished, and disadvantaged is becoming increasingly apparent Many NGOS functioning in India learn to live in a condition of distrust and suspicion with the government machinery, particularly at the local level, while NGOs in industrialized nations often enjoy open

engagement with governments. It's crucial to distinguish between growth-oriented development and development with justice, as well as the interactions among the constituents or entities involved in development, including the NGO sector.

NGOs will work in isolated areas, addressing issues that affect ordinary people. The following criteria can be used to categorize the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). To begin with, NGOs adapt government-planned initiatives to specific scenarios while taking into account local needs. Second, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a supportive role in government-led initiatives and programmes. These NGOs may or may not receive government assistance or recognition, even if they directly assist in the implementation of government objectives. Third, NGOs may play a role in giving alternatives to government policies and programmes for various target groups' problems. The Ashish Gram Rachana Trust in Pachod, Maharashtra, has created a community health approach that is seen as a viable alternative to the government's primary health care system. Fourth, NGOs establish backward and forward links to improve their own and the government's efficacy in pursuing development prospects. For example, in Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh, PRADAN, a nongovernmental organization that promotes rural entrepreneurs as a strategy for rural poverty development, carried out projects with backward people. Fifth, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) augment government efforts, particularly in reaching out to less accessible target groups, and sometimes enhance current services in response to other demands of the same target groups.

4.1 New NGOs approaches to Rural Development

In comparison to NGOs focusing on health, education, human rights, water issues, and other issues, the number of NGOs working on agriculture and rural development is substantially smaller. This is despite the fact that India's agriculture industry employs a substantial percentage of the population and confronts significant hurdles in terms of economic growth, equity, and environmental issues. In this setting, the activity of three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is critical for learning lessons and large-scale replication. AME Foundation and Myrada are both based in Bangalore, as is BAIF, which has its headquarters in Pune and a base in Tiptur, Karnataka. All three NGOs have substantial experience working both within and outside of Karnataka. Depending on the nature of the project and the location where their field units operate, each NGO has taken a different approach to rural development.

- Adaptation of Farmer Field School - AME Foundation's Approach
- Institution building for empowering rural women - The Myrada Approach
- Tree-Based Farming System - the BAIF Approach

Finding and conclusion

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a vital role in promoting and implementing various development initiatives. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play an important role in implementing long-term rural development plans. NGOs play a significant role in the effective implementation of government programmes toward sustainable rural development. According to the findings of the study, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in India

play an important part in people's socioeconomic growth. The magnitude of the fund accessible to NGOs, as well as their constitutional and organizational design and operating style, are all important factors in their effectiveness in the development process.

NGOs also have flaws such as a) a lack of financial and management competence, b) a lack of institutional capacity, c) a lack of self-sustainability, d) a lack of interorganizational coordination, e) small-scale initiatives, and f) a lack of awareness of the broader socioeconomic environment. Some NGOs are dominated by professionals with backgrounds in rural development, management, medicine, and related fields. As a result, we can conclude that NGOs can raise awareness among the poor rural population in this manner. It is now the responsibility of society and the nation to educate these remote areas and people about their fundamental rights. Only nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) have the ability to develop rural areas.

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