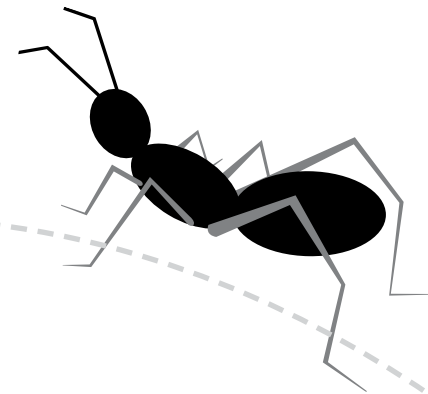


NAVAM
ANNUAL REPORT 2006-07
the year of consolidation

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chapter 1 The Nav Maharashtra Community Foundation (NAVAM)

Annual Report 2006-07

In many ways, the four years since the formation of the Nav Maharashtra Community Foundation (NAVAM) in the July of 2003 have been very interesting and eventful. As we are a non-profit, autonomous, non-sectarian philanthropic organisation, we have established partnerships with several NGOs/ CBOs doing meaningful work with rural communities in Maharashtra. Our association with them has been mutually beneficial, teaching us useful lessons as we collaborate for social change on issues of importance to us all.

For one, it has reinforced our conviction in the philosophy of Rina Niradesh... a desire to give back what we receive from the community. More importantly, it has brought us closer to several committed groups of social workers, academicians, media persons and industrialists who provide guidance for projects and help us raise funds for the cause of philanthropy.

Perhaps the most important and interesting activity in the years since our inception has been NAVAM's partnership with the Corporate Sector, designing and monitoring Corporate Social Responsibility

(CSR) initiatives. This in turn has forged a symbiotic relationship between NGOs strapped for funds for their projects and companies looking for worthy causes to initiate their CSR endeavours.

By facilitating these partnerships NAVAM continues to focus on:

Its Vision of organised philanthropy and
Its Mission of sustained support for innovative and replicable initiatives in rural Maharashtra

The last financial year (2005-06) has been the 'year of establishing credibility' for NAVAM.

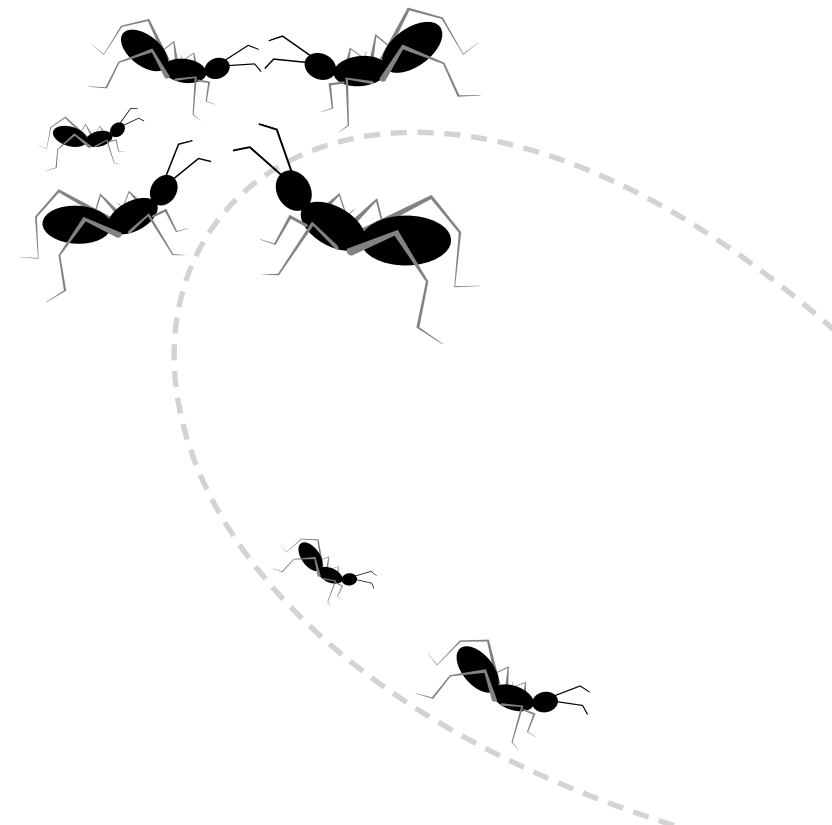
chapter 1

Summary of the activities in the year 2006-07;
'the year of consolidation'.

- Monitoring of grants
- Implementation of the 'Grooming Sparks'
project and supporting appropriate projects
presented by the 'Sparks'.
- Fund-raising
- Association with Corporate Social Responsibility
initiatives
- Networking and collaboration

We support numerous projects and in the
following pages, we have described some in more
detail. They illustrate the need for and the extent
of our sustained support.

Education, Health Care and Human Rights continue
to be the focal areas of support from Navam. The
grants made in this regard are mentioned in the
next chapter.



chapter 2 Projects Supported Education

Project 1 Residential school for tribal children

(Predominantly from Katkari and Dhangar communities)

Organisation: Shramik Sahayog

District: Ratnagiri

Description

This initiative is an experimental project in the educational sector. The project aims at providing quality education to the children of Dhangar and Katkari tribes (recognised as tribal communities in rural Maharashtra). Both the communities have been deprived of education because of their lower socio-economic status and habitation in remote areas. Their nomadic lifestyle also hinders success in traditional models of schooling.

In its third year of existence (2006-07) the schools' total enrolment stands at 33 students. This year Shramik Sahayog (a local NGO) has focused on a combination of vocational and traditional education, thereby attempting to curb the high dropout rate in the Katkari community. The

organisation has begun working towards this goal by convincing parents of the need to educate their children. Shramik Sahayog encourages 'hands-on' learning using a 'project method' to motivate and encourage students' interest and involvement. They have endeavoured to give a multifaceted exposure to children through initiatives such as arranging exchange programmes with tribal students from other states. The method has a special focus on music and dance, both for entertainment and to inculcate team spirit. 'Hands-on,' learning has led to greater involvement as well as encouraging creativity while developing analytical and evaluative skills in the children.



Projects Supported

Education

Project 2 Balwadi

Organisation: Gramin Mahila Vikas Sanstha
District: Latur

Description:

The project implemented in the Devni Tehsil of Latur District of the Marathwada region aims at providing improved Early Childhood Education (ECE) to children within the age group of 3 to 6 years. While the project was limited to Laman Tandas for the first two years, other villages will also be covered in the coming year.

By adopting a few progressive changes, the project now uses the Montessori method for teaching, focusing on experiential learning. All activities of these Balwadis are designed with the characteristics of the local community in mind.

Currently, enrolment stands at a total of 731 children from 26 Balwadis with an average of 28 children per Balwadi. The number of students per Balwadi will be restricted to a maximum of 30. The number of Balwadis has increased from 10 to 26

this year - a direct result of the involvement of 16 new villages. These communities had shown interest in starting a Balwadi in their villages. Villagers and parents have formed committees to monitor the activities of the Balwadi running in their village. One batch of students has enrolled in the nearest primary school run by the Zilla Parishad (Z.P.) and children from the Balwadis run by Gramin Mahila Vikas Sanstha are reported to be doing much better than those who had not attended any Balwadi.



Projects Supported

Education

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Project 3

Balwadi Teachers Refresher Course

Organisation: Centre for Learning Resources (CLR)

District: Pune

Description:

After completing two years of teaching, the teachers and the local coordinating agency (Gramin Mahila Vikas Sanstha) have requested for an Advanced Training module for 13 teachers. The aim of such a step was to train the experienced teachers so that they can in turn train new teachers, in addition to running their own Balwadis. After reviewing the situation and ensuring the teachers' commitment and desire to learn more, Navam contacted the Centre for Learning Resources (CLR), a Pune based professional Pre-primary teachers training institute to provide advanced training to 13 teachers.



Projects Supported Education

Project 4 Improving Reading and Writing skills of children from the Zilla Parishad schools in the Mulshi Taluka

Organisation: Kshitij
District: Pune

Description

This project aims at improving reading and writing skills of children from Zilla Parishad (Z.P.) schools. The project was initiated because it was found that even a child from VII Grade could not write his/her name properly. Similarly, reading skills were very rudimentary and therefore the comprehension of what they read was completely missing. This has resulted in non-performance in secondary school examinations, thus affecting the confidence of children. An extreme but inevitable outcome of this discrepancy is a dropout from school due to continuous non-performance.

This project was implemented with the assistance of local village facilitators who, thrice a week,

conduct scientifically designed sessions with children from grade I to IV. The facilitators are trained to use specially designed child-friendly books and organize many interesting word games.



Projects Supported

Health

Project 5

Arogya Sahayogini

(Supported by Indian Funds)

Organisation: AWARD

District: Satara

Description

The project focuses on issues relating to women's health, namely the Reproductive Tract Ailments (RTAs). It has been implemented in the hilly region of Satara district and involves training a member of local Self Help Groups of women as 'Arogya Sahayoginis', to become 'village health workers'. Once trained, these women provide treatment and referral services to other villagers, particularly women, who often overlook the initial signs of illness. In addition to addressing women's health issues, they also disburse medicine and give advice on common ailments such as cough, cold and diarrhoea, etc. After completing their training, the Arogya Sahayoginis organised medical camps in each village in collaboration with their trainer NGO 'Mausam'.

Projects Supported

Health

Project 6 **Arogyasakhi**

Organisation: Sanwad
District: Ratnagiri

Description

This project focuses on the concept of 'Right to health' and issues related to women's health and involves the training of women from local Self Help Groups to become village health workers. Both the above projects appear similar but they have a few different components and the involvement of the villagers is different in each project. In addition, these groups of women also function as a pressure group on government health systems by calling for accountability regarding government run health services, monitoring their efficacy, and making villagers aware of their right to health through strong and consistent advocacy work. The villagers have contributed for purchasing a medicine kit for the village,



Projects Supported

Livelihood Management

Project 7

Animal Fund

Organisation: Samaj Vikas Sanstha, Gramin Mahila Vikas Sanstha, Wadmauli Lokvikas Sanstha, Shramik Sahayog

District: Osmanabad, Latur, Beed and Ratnagiri

Description

This initiative, aimed at facilitating female empowerment in the Marathwada region, was supported with Indian funds. In the Marathwada region the direct beneficiaries of this project are women who are members of different Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The goat fund project helps women gain animal assets in their own name. It also helps them in generating and supplementing family income. An important by-product of this arrangement is that it improves women's socio-economic status within the family. Animals were also donated to residential schools in Chiplun, in order to facilitate culturally appropriate experiential learning. Milk and eggs also supplement the children's nutritional requirements.

Present status

Organisation	Grant	Animal Type	Animal No.	Current Animal No.
Samaj Vikas Sanstha	Rs. 6,000	Goat	3	10
Gramin Mahila Vikas Sanstha	Rs. 25,000	Goat	10	30
Wadmauli Lok Vikas Manch	Rs 12,500	Goat	5	6
Shramik Sahayog	Rs. 12,500	Goat Cow Bullock	2 1 1	3 2 1
Total	Rs. 56,000		22	52



chapter 3 Capacity Building Grooming Sparks

Navam believes that there are many young social workers and leaders who, although committed and dedicated, do not have the necessary exposure or access to current information. We realised the importance of recognizing their potential and helping them gain some of the necessary tools for bringing about a revolution in the development sector in rural Maharashtra. We have therefore initiated a capacity building program for social entrepreneurs who have potential 'Spark', or, in the local language, 'Thingi'.

Almost all the participants head or work for NGOs dedicated to Health, Education, Socio-economic Development and Income generation activities for the rural population, public advocacy initiatives, legal literacy programmes, etc. The project involves interactions of the 'Sparks' with experts from such diverse but relevant sectors as law, education, agriculture, human rights, economics, politics, sociology, medicine, public advocacy, etc. Participants are exposed to innovative, experimental and unconventional projects. By visiting their locations, they are kept updated and informed of government policies, development

philosophies, global trends and their impacts on the lives of people. They also meet regularly as a group, allowing them to form a strong network with other individuals committed to addressing issues of social justice through forums ranging from education to human rights and empowerment.

By the end of the year all participants are expected to develop an innovative project in their area of operation. Navam has promised to review these projects and provide support for those evaluated as needed and viable. While the second batch (of eight participants) has completed its training, two are in the process of drafting proposals. Two others have already executed health and education projects. For the third batch of Grooming Sparks, a special selection process based on interaction, interview, presentations and work experience was devised and 20 participants were short-listed. Of these, 10 will be selected.



Capacity Building

Grooming Sparks

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Details of 'Thingi' (Grooming Sparks)

Particulars		First batch (2004-05)	Second batch (2005-06)	3rd batch (As on March 07)
1	No. of participants	8	8	10
2	No. of Sessions conducted	5	9	2
3	No. of Topics covered	32	43	12
4	No. of Field visits	6	11	1
5	No. of Resource persons	32	41	12
6	Projects Supported	1	3	1
7	Projects under consideration	1	1	-



chapter 4 Financials

Financial statement for the period from
1.4.2006 to 31.3.2007

Particulars		Total Amount (Rs.)
A	Opening Balance	3,904,868.86
B	Funds Received	394,682
C	Funds Expended	
1	Administrative Expenses	70,832
2	Grant-making Expenses	
	Grants Disbursed	1,102,859
	Thingi Training	125,529.5
	Evaluation & Monitoring	24,805
	Networking	8,355
	Fund Raising	88,881
	Operational Expenses	432,629.87
	Sub Total	1,783,059.37
	Total Annual Expenditure (1+2)	1,853,891.37
	Closing Balance (A+B-C)	2,445,659.49
	Interest earned for the Period	193,720

OUR APPEAL

Our vision for tomorrow requires generous funding. We appeal to one and all- individuals, corporate entities, government agencies, national and international institutions; to help us realise our dream. Our dream is improving the health services for all Indians.

chapter 5 Associations

Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives


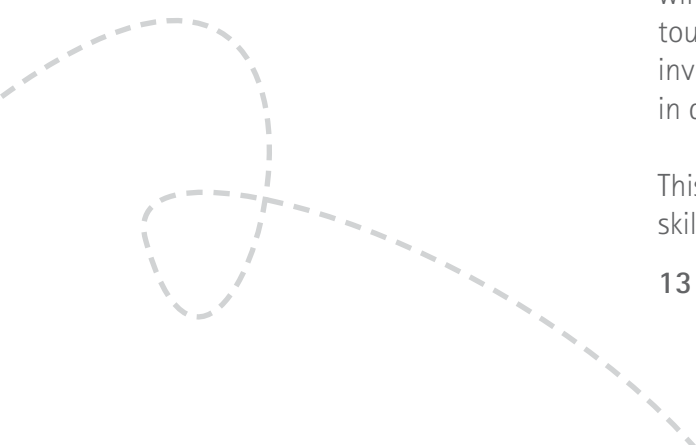
Association 1 SKF India Limited

Navam has helped SKF India Limited, Pune, in designing their CSR initiative and setting up a Sports Academy and sport activities for disadvantaged children in collaboration with the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) and a local sport's trust. This initiative consists of a combination of activities including but not limited to sports training facilities, competitions, scholarships, supplementary diet programs, sports equipments, etc. Underprivileged children from PCMC schools have greatly benefited from this activity, as exemplified by company sponsorship and training of a football team which recently won the final of Gothia Cup qualifier in Pune from among 19 other teams. All the members of this winning team will now compete in the Gothia Cup tournament in Sweden. The cricket team has been invited to participate in several exhibition matches in different parts of Maharashtra.

This activity has not just improved sporting skills. These children have shown remarkable

improvement in their scholastic achievements and the teachers vouched that the children have become responsible and disciplined students. The parents too felt that their children were more focused and they did not waste any time on unnecessary matters.

This year an additional initiative will be started, and would involve training girls in self-defence and grooming a hockey team for girls from the PCMC Schools.



" Navam helped us in designing our dream CSR project for Pune unit. Their wide network with community organizations, government departments ensured collaboration among all the interested parties. Their commitment is contagious and many employees are taking keen interest in the CSR initiatives."

*Mr. Rakesh Makhija
Managing Director
SKF India.Ltd.*

Associations

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Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives

Association 2

Thermax

Through its Social Initiative Trust, Thermax has been involved in urban and rural community development. Navam helped Thermax in monitoring its Water Shed Development project in Pondhe village in Purandar Taluka, selecting and appointing a CSR official and designing the blue print for an English Medium school for children living in the slums, among other things.

Associations

Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives

Association 3 KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd

KPIT Cummins and its employees have contributed towards the rehabilitation of flood-affected people in Chiplun taluka. After collecting reliable information from its partner NGOs about the extent and scale of damage caused by the floods and providing it to KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd., the company became interested in the long-term rehabilitation of flood-affected people. The initiative was aimed at helping those affected in regaining their livelihood tools. The help included building 'Bandhan' (A traditional Kathkari method of catching fish), building and distributing fishing boats, providing dry fish to widows, distributing seeds to farmers, and distributing musical instruments to Kathkaris. These measures have aided rehabilitation by assuring Kathkaris their means of livelihood. The beneficiaries have decided to repay 35% of the donated amount to Self Help Groups of local women so that the resources can be used for future commonly perceived needs of the community.

" Navam brings to table a lot of experience on community related issues. We have found them to be good partners in strategizing, planning and executing our social initiatives."

*Mr. Shrikant Kulkarni
Senior Vice President, Human Resources
KPIT Cummins Infosystem Ltd.*



Associations

chapter 5

Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives

Association 4 DGP Hinoday

DGP-Hinoday has a foundry in Urse village and the company wished to contribute for the well being of the villagers as part of their corporate social initiative. Navam helped to identify the community's urgently felt needs.

The first year of the project focused on building a strong base for science education in collaboration with Vidnyan Vahini, a Pune based NGO. In the current year the focus was on teachers' training programmes wherein Vidnyan Vahini conducted sessions on science teaching for secondary teachers.

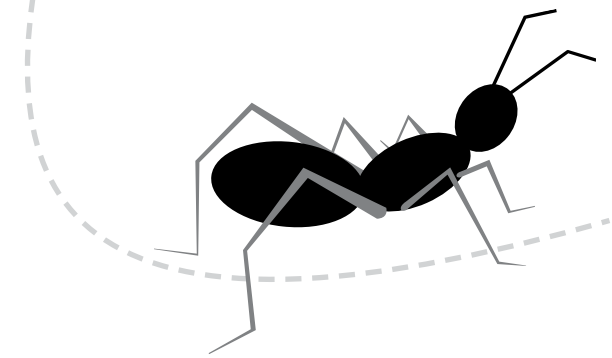
DGP Hinoday will now begin a comprehensive School Development project with the help of Navam during the coming academic year. The project will incorporate all the stakeholders involved with the school (students, teachers and parents) and include inputs for capacity building of all the teachers, counselling, parent teacher meetings etc.

chapter 6 The Year Ahead

New Developments and Future Plans

We realise that as more and more projects take shape, the need for funds will always be felt and local NGOs must begin to garner support from local resources to sustain these projects. To achieve this goal, Navam is actively considering the possibility of establishing a forum for organised philanthropy. Towards this development, Navam would provide inputs to NGOs to hone their fund raising skills through networking and the establishment of collaborative partnerships.

These are just a few of the initiatives that Navam is currently involved in. In order to continue our mission of aiding rural development by connecting available resources with projects that need them, we are always looking for funds. We welcome every assistance: financial, logistical or otherwise.





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