

**SPIN**

**CHITRADURGA**

**Report as on March 2006**

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## **Introduction of the District:**

The district of Chitradurga falls in the semi arid region of Karnataka State and situated 200 Kms north of Bangalore, the State Capital. The total population of the district is 1510227 consisting of 772649 male and 737578 female members. The literacy rate among men and women also vary. 74.69 men and 54.62 women only have literacy skills. 45% of the families are below poverty line. The annual rainfall amounts to 540 mm., earlier but due to severe and successive drought the rain fall was much less than the average rains. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry are the main livelihoods of the people. Irrigation is mainly through bore wells resulting in degradation in ground water level and increasing the surface soil salinity. The district has around 5000 SHGs promoted by the NGOs, banks and line departments.

## **Back ground of SPIN:**

SPIN (Self Help Promoting Institutions Network) is a network of Self Help Groups Promoting Institutions in Chitradurga district. It was initiated to ensure the quality of SHGs, maintain uniformity in its concept and to avoid duplications. SPIN intends to achieve this through effective coordination, capacity building of SHG promoting Institutions' staff, SHG members and through proper monitoring.

SHGs are widely accepted by the mainstream development agencies as an alternative approach to reach the poorest. As a result SHG promotion gained momentum and many institutions including banks and line departments like Women & Child Welfare, Agriculture, Watershed, Forest etc., also initiated promotion of SHGs on a large scale. It was found that this large-scale promotion is causing deterioration in the quality of SHGs. This created a need for networking of the institutions that are engaged in promotion of SHGs. MYRADA District Approach Project of Chitradurga initiated the efforts of networking and other like minded institutions joined hands. Personnel connected to the development scenario in Chitradurga, like the Lead District Manager, Canara Bank, the Deputy General Manager NABARD, the Chief Executive Officer, ZP etc., also supported the efforts.

SPIN started functioning from March 99 and 25 Institutions enrolled as members (20 NGOs, 1 bank and 4 Departments). All decisions were taken by the 25 member general body, which appointed an 11 member working committee to execute the decisions with the help of coordinating Institution selected by the general body. SPIN carried out its activities as a non-registered body till October 2001.

## **Reworked Vision of SPIN**

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### **Objectives :**

- Professional & well capacitated CBO's Promoting Institutions are working in the district.
- Qualitative CBOs functioning in the district.
- Linkages are established with development agencies within and outside the district.
- Innovative, cost effective pro poor development programmes and policies are influenced.
- SPIN developed as a Resource Institutions within and outside the district.

### **Strategies to achieve objectives:**

- Effective coordination between member institutions/resource institutions
- Capacity building of CBOs and promoting institutions
- Sharing of information, data, knowledge and skills
- Creating linkages between resource institutions, promoting institutions and SHGs
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Research, Documentation and Lobbying

### **Structure of SPIN**

- ◆ General Body consists of 32 members including 23 NGOs, five Government Agencies and two banks. Besides, two banks and two government agencies are also honorary members. (For organ gram, see annexure 1. For details of services provided by the member NGOS, see annexure 2. For details of organizational diagram, see annexure 3) The General Body meets on 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. So far 46 General Body Meetings have been conducted. (For details of meetings see annexure 4) Meetings were conducted by the member agencies in their respective places in rotation bearing the meeting cost.

- ◆ The Working committee comprises 11 member institutions selected by the general body to execute its decisions. This committee meets as and when it is required. Twelve meetings were conducted as on 31 March 2005.
- ◆ Coordinating Agency is one of the member institutions selected by the general body to coordinate and execute the works decided by the working committee and General Body. SPIN selected Don Bosco - CHITHRA as the coordinating agency.
- ◆ Executive Committee: In May 2005, An executive Committee was selected with the following personnel from different agencies:

Sl.#	Designation	Responsible Person & Agency
1.	President	Fr. Jose Don Bosco Chithra, Chitradurga.
2.	Vice President	Mrs. Kamalamma , Chethaka Hosadurga
3.	Secretary	Mr. Chitrabanu, MYRADA, Chitradurga
4.	Joint Secretary	Mr. Sheshanna Speech Chitradurga
5.	Treasurer	Sr. Levenis Nisarga Hosadrga
6.	Co-coordinator	Mr. Kalappa Grama Chitradurga

- ◆ Coordinating Agency at Taluk Level: To carry out easy and effective communication and to share the responsibilities at taluk level, 6 Taluk level coordinating agencies were identified by the General Body.

### **Financial Management:**

SPIN has no funding source, except contribution and subscription from its members. The coordinating agency provides office space, phone, etc. The member institutions shared administrative expenditure and program costs. All regular members contribute Rs.50/- where as the invitee NGOs contribute Rs.25/- every month towards the administrative expenditure.

### **Inauguration of SPIN:**

SPIN was formally inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2000 by Shri M.R. Srinivasa Murthy, the then Secretary of Rural Development & Panchayath Raj, Government of Karnataka. SPIN also conducted a workshop on SPIN's role and concept on the same day, which was attended by all members, major financial institutions and well-wishers.

### **Registration of SPIN:**

Once SPIN had consolidated its position as a development force to be reckoned with, the members decided to register the institution under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act. Credibility, financial and statutory requirements were other factors, which prompted this decision. SPIN was registered on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2001. and being renewed every year.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

The process that SPIN follows in enrolling members is given below:

- ❖ An NGO wishing to join SPIN, should have completed 3 years from the date of its registration as a society/trust
- ❖ At the time of applying for membership, the NGO should have formed at least 15 Self Help Groups in Chitradurga district. All the SHGs should have bank accounts. If the NGO is less than three years but has promoted more than 15 self help groups it can attend SPIN as an invitee member till it reaches the age of three years. Support for capacity building of staff and SHGs would be provided during this period.
- ❖ The head of the institution should attend three consecutive meetings as an invitee before enrollment. (Staff with decision making power may be authorized to attend)
- ❖ Once the organization attends three consecutive meetings, an evaluation team of SPIN assesses its performance. If certified as satisfactory, the organization is accorded regular membership and has to abide by SPIN's rules and regulations:
- ❖ The member has to take an undertaking (on a bond paper values Rs.20/-) with SPIN stating that it would not indulge in any malpractices, misappropriation of development funds, and would abide by the rules of SPIN to further strengthen its credibility.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

- ❖ The administrative expenditure of SPIN should be shared by the NGO member institutions.
- ❖ If the member Institution spoils its reputation in the community by any sort of malpractice, it will be expelled from the SPIN once it is proved.
- ❖ The member institution which is absent for three consecutive meetings also will be subjected to expulsion.
- ❖ If the member Institution supported by the SPIN to get any program to implement and if such programs are not implemented properly or misutilised in any way, SPIN can take legal action against such member institutions.
- ❖ Member Institutions will give an undertaking on a stamped paper that it agrees to all the terms and conditions and norms of SPIN

## Achievements so far

### 1. Annual General Body Meeting

The Meeting was conducted at Don Bosco on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2005 attended by 24 member institutions where a new executive committee was elected by the forum. M/s M. Thomas & Co., Chennai audited SPIN's accounts.

### 2. Renewal of SPIN Registration:

The Registrar of Societies renewed SPIN's registration till 2006. Though all the Societies were supposed to invest Rs.1000/- while renewing the registration, SPIN was allowed to reduce this amount to Rs.150/-

### 3. Capacity building of SHPI staff and SHG members:

The SPIN has mobilized the following training from different agencies towards capacity building of member NGOs The main Donor are MYRADA, HID Forum, Sanghamitra etc. They are as follows :

Sl #	Topic	Nos. of Participants	No of NGOs	
1	SHG Concept	25	18	'08-06-02 To 10-06-02
2	Training need assessment	23	17	04-06-02 To 06-06-02
3	Financial/Organizational Management	14	10	16-09-02 To 17-09-02
4	Watershed Training Program	25	15	04-10-02 To 05-10-02
5	Leadership Training	18	14	11-10-02 To 13-10-02
6	Watershed Training III Module	22	15	06-11-02 To 07-11-02
7	Financial Management	20	14	13-12-02 To 14-12-02
8	Leadership Training	5	11	11-01-03 To 12-01-03
9	Leadership II Module	13	11	12-04-03 To 14-04-03
10	Vision Building	27	15	22-04-05 To 23-04-05
11	SHG Concept Training	27	11	01-04-05 To 04-04-05
12	Book Keeping Training	40	10	09-06-05 To 11-06-05
13	Gender Training	40	15	18-03-05 To 20-03-05

14	Exposure on RC	35	11	28-03-05 To 30-03-05
15	EDP I	30	10	07-09-04 To 09-09-04
16	EDP II	23	8	16-07-05 To 17-07-05
17	Rain Water Harvesting	57	22	15-10-05
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>30</b>	

#### 4. CBOs Status of SPIN NGOs as on 30-03-2006

The member NGOs organized 3031 SHGs along with 3500 SHGs organized by Stree Shakathi and started the process of organizing Federation of CBOs for monitoring purpose. 10 NGOs have gone a step forward to organize Resource Centre of CBOs for self-management. The details are as follows :

Particulars	SHG	Federation	RC Proposed
Grama	615	6	
Don Bosco	224	15	3
Nisarga	205	14	1
Chethaka	70	2	1
Broad	219	12	2
IDS	75	6	1
Boomthayi	152	1	1
Speech	120	3	-
Ashrayadhama	20	1	-
Sadhane	110	1	-
Prazwal	30	1	-
Baduku	75	4	-
Bhayajyothi	50	-	-
Darshan	87	-	-
Devadasi/SC/ST Sangha	15	-	-
Janapriya	75	4	1



SJM	100	-	-
Vandana	200	4	2
Myrada	1000	40	13
Gods	124	3	1
Stree Shakathi	3500	-	-
Sandesh	113	3	1
AYRDO	20	-	-
MS&ES	19	-	-
LRMS	50	-	-
Vishwa Chetan VS	90	4	-
Vishwa Chetan GS	60	1	-
Dalith World	46	-	-
Surya GS	50	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7514</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>27</b>

### 5. Program linkages:

SPIN attended the meetings of the following committees:

- ◆ District SGSY Committee
- ◆ District standing committee
- ◆ District Watershed Committee
- ◆ District core committee
- ◆ DLBC, SHG Core committee of banks

SPIN continued its efforts to influence the policies in favor of the SHGs and to widespread its image among other development institutions. The executive committee members/SPIN Taluk Coordinators attend these meetings.

- Meeting with HIDF to facilitate capacity building for the NGO staff based on the Training Need Assessment on 14.04.2003.
- The DWDO was met by the office bearers of SPIN to request regarding the fund release of DPAP program taken by small NGOs

- A representative from German Agro Action namely Heinz Peters met the SPIN members and congratulated the splendid work done by the network. 31 members from 24 NGOs, representatives from NABARD and DANIDA also attended the meeting.
- Twelve monthly general body meetings were held in various NGOs Offices, sponsored by different NGOs on rotation.
- Two students sponsored by German Agro Action made a study of the working of SPIN and the outcome of the study was presented to the representatives of SPIN along with their recommendations. (Report Enclosed)

**5. Watershed Program:** As the short-listed NGOs who were members in SPIN faced problems later in getting the program, SPIN informally put up their case with the higher authorities. The previous training programs and hand on experience with smaller programs enabled most of the member NGOs to get into the Sujala Watershed Program. During the reporting period there are nine regular NGOs and three invitee members implementing the program.

The NGOs repeatedly complained regarding the ambiguity regarding the implementation of NWDPR (After the Sujala implementation, the Watershed Department wanted to abruptly call off the NWDPR program). In this regard, the partner NGOs namely GRAMA, Divya Bharathi, Don Bosco and BROAD conducted a meeting on

**6. Water & Sanitation:** Eight NGO members of SPIN were successfully implementing the Water and Sanitation program of DANIDA which will be completed by 2005.

**7. Networking for sustainability of RCH Program:** As part of covering the entire district with RCH program, the NGOs, namely, BROAD, Pragathi, Janapriya, Chethaka and Grama were implementing RCH program with the help of community resource persons who are specially trained.

**8. Support to Member NGOs :** As part of strengthening the CBOs of upcoming NGOs who have limited resources, the following support was given to the NGOs given below :

- ❖ CBOs Books
- ❖ CBOs Training
- ❖ CBOs Audit
- ❖ NGOs – HELP, CHETAKA DALITH WORLD, JANPRIYA, SURYA ASHRAYA DHAMA, BHOOMITHAI OKKUTTA, BROAD, SPEECH, BADUKU.

**9. Training & Workshop:**

- **Training on Gender Issues:** 35 staff from 14 NGOs attended a 3-day training program on Gender Issues from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at Jagruthi Training Centre, Holalkere.
- **Vision Review Training :** The members of SPIN felt that the vision proposed earlier had to be revisited and reformulated to answer to the changing District Development Scenario and needs. Hence SPIN approached MYRADA and HID Forum to fund and facilitate the vision review workshop. 27 Staff from 17 NGOs participated in two days programme held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2004. The programme has been sponsored by MYRADA and facilitated by HID Forum.
- **EDP Training :** It was felt by all the SPIN Members that their staff need training in EDP as lot of EDP Programmes are being offered by different Agencies to the CBOs. Hence, we approached and requested MYRADA to organize the same. A total of 5 days training was designed for SPIN NGO Staff and as a first stretch, a 3 days training was completed on 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004. 31 Staff from 11 NGOs attended and II module of training was held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005 on marketing aspects.
- **RC workshop :** One day workshop was organized at CIDOR Holalkere to sensitize SPIN NGOs to have a system of sustaining the CBOs and consolidating efforts of the NGOs after the withdrawal of the project. A total of 19 participants from 16 NGOs attended the programme and they have been exposed to near by RCs at Chikkajajur, Chitrahally and Malladihally.
- **Workshop on DRIP:** Seven NGOs represented SPIN during a workshop on DRIP organized by NABARD at Iswarya Fort, Chitradurga.
- **Workshop on Linkages:** Regional Office of Canara Bank, Davangere organized a workshop on the modifications and support the network suggested regarding the credit linkage processes in the district. The Regional Manager, Canara Bank, Davangere, Dy General Manager, RBI, Bangalore, Lead District Manager, Dy. General Manager, NABRD and 20 SPIN member NGOs were present during the workshop.
- **Consumer Club in Schools :** Members of SPIN attended meeting convened by D.C. on formation of Consumer Club in Schools in Chitradurga District
- **Training on SHG Concept and Book Keeping :**
  - (a) 4 Days Training was held under the sponsorship of Sanghamitra for 20 NGOs staff on SHG Concept and 3 days training on book keeping for 25 NGO Staff/Book Writers and an exposure to H.D. Kote Project was held during the month of March 2005.

(b) One day refresher training on CBO Concept was organized for 80 Staff from 11 NGOs in two batches were held during the month of January 2006.

(c) 3 Days Training for NGO Staff and Book Writers was organized during the month of February and March 2006 in 3 batches covering 90 participants from 10 NGOs.

### **10. Evaluations:**

At the invitation of the Deputy Commissioner three member NGOs of SPIN evaluated Continuous Education Centres of Molakalmur, Hiriur and Challakere and the report was submitted to the DC.

### **11. Image of SPIN:**

SPIN and its work was being referred in the State Level meetings regarding the development work it does in Chithradurga District. Organizations like AWAKE, NABARD, DANIDA, Government Departments like Women & Child Development, Watershed and Forest Department approach SPIN whenever SHG related development works to be undertaken.

**12. Credibility Alliance:** Mr. Erick, Nagarika Seva Trust attended the SPIN Monthly meeting and oriented on the new policies to check the credibility of the NGOs. He insisted on the self-evaluation by each NGO, before someone else assessing the NGOs' credibility and pointing out the shortcomings. Certain areas were identified like financial and administrative management to be improved by the NGOs.

### **13. Linkage with other Networks:**

- **SPAN Network of Bellary District:** Twenty network representatives of Bellary NGOs visited the SPIN meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2003 and had an interaction on the rules and regulations, membership details, statutory processes etc. They were impressed with the wide network which SPIN had with the Banks and development departments and how it helps the members to have better development interventions.
- **PRADAN Network of Ananthpur District:** 16 NGO representatives of the Ananthapur network visited SPIN during its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2003 and interacted regarding the activities taken up by the network and the linkage processes and capacity building.

- **Grameena Mahila Okkutta:** Ms. Akkamma, President of GMO attended the SPIN meeting and discussed regarding formation of a district level Federation at Chitradurga. Grama took the responsibility of further popularizing the idea.
- **Chamarajnagar NGO Network :** 14 members from the NGOs Network in Chamarajnagar attended SPIN Meeting on 15-03-2005 and interacted with SPIN Network Members.
- **Grama Ganaraja Vedike meeting with SPIN :** Mr. Hanumantharaya Reddy representative GGV attended the SPIN Meeting and discussed about various steps and possibilities for NGOs to intervene in this aspect and making people aware of various Government Programmes and right to get the same.
- **Chaithanya NGO, Pune:** Executive members of Chaithnya NGO from Pune came and had an interaction with the members of SPIN on 20-07-05 at MYRADA Office. The focal point of discussion and sharing was “Sustainability of NGOs through Networking as experienced by SPIN”
- **IRMA from Hyderabad:** Mr. Bhargava and Mr. Gopalakrishna from IRMA, Hyderabad had interaction with SPIN Members and shared their views and method of working on Promotion of Livelihood Activities.

### **13: Study of SPIN:**

- A study on the working of SPI was done by Ms. Steffy from Germany
- Another Study as part of the MSW study on the Sustainability of NGOs was done by Ms. Sowmya from Kuvempu University, Shimoga.

### **14. Other Activities:**

- **Intervention in NLBA:** SPIN conducted several meetings with NABARD and the interested member NGOs regarding Non Land Based Activities under 3-M project. MYRADA prepared a draft proposal and shared the same with other members to apply for the programs and get financial assistance from NABARD.
- Awareness programme on Raith Mithra, total sanitation campaign & rural employment guarantee scheme : - SPIN NGOs took up the task of

creating awareness to the people on the above aspect in all the panchayaths of Chitradurga District during the month of May 2006.

- SPIN NGOs met the Deputy Commissioner to appraise their problems due to the intervention of Gramin Koota and its different approach to community and expected impact on the existing SHGs organized by NGOs ICDS & others Departments.
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006, all the SPIN member NGOs participated in the Program on World Water Day at Guru Bhavan organized by the Deputy Commissioner.
- Mr. Heinz Peters from GAA addressed the SPIN Members sharing his views on the Cooperation between the GAA and the SPIN and on the sustainability of SPIN and their support to SPIN. He shared that it may be possible for the GAA to assist the SPIN on further capacity building and also part support for a full time executive coordinator and office running expenses within a time-frame.

#### **Details of members from Banks and Line Department:**

<b>Sl. #</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>
1	Mr. Basavesh	Pragathi Gramin Bank	JCR Extension Chitradurga	22847
2	Ms. Lakshmi, Officer, SHG Cell	DCCB (Bank)	Chitradurga	9449321875
3	Mr. Sridhar, Training Co-Ordinator	IDF	Vidya Nagar, Chitradurga	9448664830
4	Dy. Director	Women & Child Welfare Dpt	1st Cross V.P.Extn Chitradurga	430462
5	The Program Coordinator Dy Secretary Council Secretary	SGSY	Z.P. Chitradurga C.E.O.	422516 422486
6	Director/Joint Director	RUDSETI	Housing Board Colony, Kelgote Chitradurga	08194-223505
7	D.W.D.O.	Watershed Department	D.C.R.M. Complex APMC Yard Road Chitradurga	222015

**Honorary members**

1.	The Dy. Conservator	Dept. of Forests	Chitradurga	430402
2.	The Lead District Manager	Canara Bank	Chitradurga	423014 9448852788
3.	AGM,	NABARD	Chitradurga	9448283010

**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2006-07**

Sl#	Name of the organization	Name of the person	Designation
1.	DON BOSCO – Chitra	Fr. C.M. Jose	President
2.	Darashan Educational, Rural/Urban Development Trust	Ms. Lalitha Krishnamurty	Vice President
3.	MYRADA Chitradurga	Mr. P.S.Chitrabanu	Secretary
4.	Ashraya Dhama (Anathamakala Ashrama)	Mr. B.K.Thippeswamy	Joint Secretary
5.	SPEECH	Mr. Sheshanna,	Co-Ordinator
6.	NISARGA	Sr. Levenis D’Souza	Treasurer
7.	JANA PRIYA Seva Kendra	Sr.Nathalina	Member

**Taluk Co-Ordinator**

Sl#	Name of the organization	Name of the person	Taluk
1.	SVS	Mr. Ramesh	Chitradurga
2.	MS & ES	Mr. P.Madappa	Challakere
3.	BROAD	Mr. Manjunatha	Molakalmuru
4.	IDS	Mr. H.F. Akki	Hiriyur
5.	GODS	Mr. Ravi Kumar	Holalkere
6.	CHETAKA	Mrs. Kamamma	Hosadurga

