

A Non-Profit Organisation (NPO), Safhi aims to help people improve their social, economic and physical environment through interventions at the household level, making the community self sustaining.

Registration details

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Registration Details:

In accordance with **Societies Registration Act** XXVI of 1961, West
Bengal vide Registration Number: S/

88428 of 1997-98

Date: November 5, 1997 as a Non-Profit

Organisation (NPO)

Place: Kolkata, West Bengal

FCRA Registration:

Safhi is Registered with **FCRA** vide certification No. 147120559 of 8^{th}

December 2000

Tax Exemption:

80 G certificate for the exemption U/S 80 G of I.T Act 1961 Donation made to SAFHI shall qualify for deduction U/S 80 G of I.T Act, 1961 subject to limit.

Registration U/S 12 A of I.T Act, 1961:Tax exemption status U/S 11

Certificate U/S 194 J (2) of the I.T Act, 1961: It confers the right/ entitlement of SAFHI for non-deduction of TDS

Name of Chief Functionary &

Designation

Mr. Amit Roy, President

Management:

Elected Governing body members constitute Safhi Governing Body. An Executive Committee comprising the President, Secretary and Treasurer look after the regular management of the Organisation.

No Governing Body Member receives any remuneration or honorarium from the Society.

Accounting Policy

Basis of Accounting: All Income and Expenditure for the financial year are accounted for on accrual basis.

Fixed Assets: Fixed Assets acquired out of Safhi's own funds are stated at cost, less depreciation.

Depreciation: Cost of aforesaid fixed assets is being depreciated on written down value mentioned in the manner and at the rates as per Income Tax Act 1961. Capital expenditure to be incurred based on approval vide resolution adopted by the Governing Body.

Bankers: Axis Bank and State Bank of India

Financial and Record Keeping Skill:

Completely computerised accounting processes. The transactions of all the branches are transferred to Head quarter at Kolkata through ODBC server for update with day end accounts at head quarter. Financial and project related MIS reports are generated automatically to provide management inputs for monitoring and efficiency. An outsourced Internal Auditing system helps to detect weaknesses and devise corrective action.

Self Help Groups' Accounts are maintained as per the instructions issued by respective State Governments from time to time.

Strengths

Professional Strength:

Safhi engages about 30 full time professional across the nation and has a panel of 300 trained Investigators and Supervisors who are working regularly with Safhi.

Wide Ranging Skills:

Professionals with Safhi include specialists in the area of Sociology, Anthropology, Soil & Water Conservation, Integrated Watershed Management, Medicine, Health, Rural Development, Economics, Statistics, Public Administration, Environment, Natural Sciences, Marketing Management, Architecture, Regional Planning, Communication and IT.

Our Beliefs

- Development has to have a local footprint
- Community support is the key to success
- Livelihood sustenance demands strong linkages
- Focus on security, not survival.

Our Rational Premise

Sustenance is in earning our livelihood. Security is strength. We define achievement as growth over the past to be invested in the future

Our Response

We hold hands to stride along, not plead. We extend our arms to lay the foundation for our children. We propagate human initiatives. Perceived in а dynamic environment, characterised by a shift in state policy from centrally managed supply driven approach to a decentralised demand driven community Safhi engages local approach, communities in a dynamic process of improving citizen access to justice, creation of livelihoods, restoring community cohesion, promoting solidarity across communities, and environmental protection & management of the microecosystems up to bio-regions

The fifteenth year since inception witnessed remarkable strides in new initiatives of Safhi besides continuing its activities in the areas of Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Land & Water Management and Water/ Sanitation Programmes.

Rehabilitation & Resettlement Programme

State: West Bengal

District: Hooghly

Partner Organisation: The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited

Funded By: World Bank

Project: Rapid Social Assessment Study at Bandel Thermal Power Station-Under Coal Fired Power Station Rehabilitation Project



Scope of work: The Social Assessment based on a sample survey among villagers in the immediate vicinity of the Bandel Thermal Power Station helped in the following-

- Ø to document adverse impacts of the Power Station's operations on agricultural fields or on residential areas;
- Ø to identify any encroachment/squatting on the Power Station's Land which will be required on the proposed project interventions:

- Ø to identify any additional requirement of land based on actual proposed interventions;
- Ø to identify any existing communication channel between the Power Station & the Community and how to improve it;
- Ø to assess the perception of the local community with regard to the Project Social Responsibility, which will provide input for preparing the CSR Policy.



Output: The Corporate Social Framework Responsibility has been designed both at Corporate Level and Site Level to assist in the formulation and implementation of Community Development Schemes with cells at appropriate levels to assess and address the needs of the local community.

Status: Completed

Environmental & Sanitation Programme

States: West Bengal

Districts: 24 Paragans (N)

Partner Organisation: UNICEF, Zilla Parishad & Dept. of Panchayats & Rural Development, W.B

Project:

 Implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign at Amdanga Block by setting up of Rural Sanitary Mart (RSM) Production and Promotion of Arsenic removal domestic filters through Sanitary Mart







Scope of work: To deal with Arsenic contamination, organising regular awareness generation on water quality testing and installation of arsenic free hand pumps by involving the Community & Self-Help Groups in the said districts. Production of low cost Arsenic free water filters, awareness generation and installation of low cost sanitary latrines

Output: Production & installation of low cost sanitary latrines in beneficiary homes

and also production of low cost Arsenic Removal Domestic filters as a part of supplementary Total Sanitation Campaign at Amdanga, 24 Parganas (S), West Bengal

Beneficiaries: 50129 persons benefited through installation of 7957 Sanitary Latrines

Status: Ongoing

Construction of Toilet Block in Educational Institution.

States: West Bengal

Districts: 24 Paragans (N)

Partner Organisation: District water And Sanitation Cell, North 24 Paraganas Zilla Parishad.

Project:

 Implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign in Educational Institution at Amdanga Block by constructing Toilet Blocks.



Scope of work: Construction of Toilet Units In different educational Institution (Primary/High school/Jr. High school/SSK) to facilitate hygienic & clean environment. Construction will done in strict compliance of the existing Guideline of the Panchayats & Rural Development Department.

Beneficiaries: The schools benefited by this project are listed below:





SI No	Name of the Panchayat Samity	Name of the School	No of Toilet Blocks Sanctioned
1		Bodai High School	3
2		Bargachia Adasha High Madrash	3
3		Rampur High School	2
4		Madhabpur High School	3
5	Amdanga	Baikunthapur Satish Smriti Vidyamandir	3
6		Sikira High School	3
7		Bera Beria Bhagirath Adarsha Vidyalaya	3
8		Adhata High School	3
9		Sadanpur Uludanga Tulshiram High School	3
SUB - TOTAL			26

Status: Ongoing

Rural Industries Programme

State: West Bengal

District: Murshidabad District, Jangipur

Subdivision

Project: Rural Industries Programme for Jangipur Subdivision in Murshidabad

District, West Bengal

Funded By: Small Industries Development Bank of India



Scope of work: The programme implementation by SAFHI includes-

- § Identification of viable industrial ventures
- § Identification of technical and managerial support institutions for development and support to rural entrepreneurs
- § Identify and motivate rural entrepreneurs, including non IRDP functionaries in rural and semi urban areas
- § Help upgrade skills of entrepreneurs
- § Assist in preparing project reports and secure bank finance
- § Assistance during the disbursement and implementation stage of projects
- § Assistance in marketing
- § Training and motivation







Output: Identification of possible industrial ventures, identification technical & managerial support institutions who will provide support to rural entrepreneurs, identification & motivation of rural entrepreneurs

Status: Ongoing

Training, Capacity Building & Entrepreneurship Development

Project: Rural Industries Programme for Jangipur Subdivision in Murshidabad District, West Bengal

Project Area: Jangipur Subdivision, Murshidabad District

Partner Organisation: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Project Status: On going

Scope of work:

- of viable industrial Identification ventures
- Identification technical of and managerial support institutions for development and support to rural entrepreneurs
- Identify motivate entrepreneurs, including non IRDP functionaries in rural and semi urban areas
- Help upgrade skills of entrepreneurs
- Assist in preparing project reports and secure bank finance
- Assistance during the disbursement and implementation stage of projects
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Project Activities:

- Publicity of the programme through media
- Formation of project monitoring and review committee
- Selection of entrepreneurs through interview.
- Arrangement of training programme for the selected entrepreneurs.
- Identification and selection of specific trade
- Marketing survey
- Preparation of selected project report
- Submission of project report for Bank finance
- Follow-up with entrepreneurs and Banks

Particulars	Achieve
	ment
Counseling & guidance to	858
entrepreneurs	
No of entrepreneurs identified	293
No. of training programme	1
No. of entrepreneurs trained	33
No. of trained entrepreneurs linked	24
up with Bank	
No. of project report prepared	242
No. of loan application Submitted to	163
Bank	
No. of Bank financed unit	123

No. of self financed unit	15
Total amount financed by Bank	4401265
Total self financed amount	947179
Total unit grounded	138





Population, Health & Nutrition

State: Orissa

District: Jajpur & Jagatsinghpur Districts

Project: Midterm Evaluation of MNGO Scheme under NRHM/RCH II Programme

Funded By: National Rural Health Mission, Orissa



Scope of work: The Study provides a quantitative and qualitative review of the status of RCH-MNGO/FNGO Programmes in 2 districts of Orissa, namely Jajpur and Jagatsinghpur Districts. In doing so, the study concentrates on the following major areas.

- Impact assessment (Coverage Access and use of RCH Services by Project Population)
- **Process** Involved (Planning, Implementation and Management of the Programme Role of each stakeholders, the good practices and key lessons learnt)
- Institutional Arrangement (To assess the institutional arrangement the Project has made for Management of the RCH-NGO Programme). Identification of constraints (gaps and bottlenecks) faced by MNGO/FNGOs in the project implementation process.

Output: Assessing the impact of the RCH-NGO project; identifying important programme and institutional strengths and weaknesses of MNGOs/FNGOs in the Project Area; reviewing the physical and financial progress/achievements MNGO/FNGOs; assessing access. availability and utilization of Health & Family Welfare Service by community served under the project and assessing and recommending for further funding continuation for of MNGO programme by the agency.

Status: Completed

Health Clinic

SAFHI is running a charitable dispensary in McCluskiegunj, near Ranchi. purpose of the centre is to provide basic health facilities to the poor and disadvantaged communities residing in nearby areas. Qualified doctors' services are made available in terms prescription referrals. and Primary diagnosis and referrals are also made for cases of STIs along with awareness building measures on prevention of HIV/AIDS. Free distribution of medicines is also done through this centre.

Pulse Polio Immunization Campaign

SAFHI has been working as basic health provider for the poor and disadvantaged communities residina around Luskigunj, Ranchi. SAFHI undertakes oral polio vaccination drive in conjunction with the Block authorities on declared vaccination days. A total of 103 children were vaccinated. It was noted that more than 70 percent of listed families has brought their children for polio vaccination themselves. All necessary cooperation was received from concerned PHC.



Implementation of an Innovative Neem Based Project

State: West Bengal

Project: Economic and Environmental sustainability of poor tribal women through plantation, processing and marketing of neem products

Project Area: Tribal villages in Raghunathpur Block-I, District Purulia, West Bengal

Project Beneficiaries: 165 Poor Tribal Women

Funded By: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

Scope of work:

 To adopt participatory approach through formation of self help group of poor tribal in planning, designing and implementation of environmental and economical activities for development.

- To give training and information and promote the self- help group for alternative technology based economic activities through processing of neembased products.
- To generate additional income for sustainability of poor tribal through development and dissemination of appropriate technical and managerial know-how and through the marketing support.

Output: Capacity Building and Training organized for the women

Organized various training programmes on technical aspects of project implementation including techniques in plantation and maintenance of neem plants, techniques in collection of neem seeds, cleaning, drying, storing, and processing of neem seeds, neem leaves and neem flowers.



Plantation of Neem and Other species:

A total number of 2100 neem and other species have been planted involving tribal women in the selected villages.

Post Plantation Maintenance Activities

Post plantation activities includes the activities such as soil work around the plant's root, addition of organic fertilizer

and pesticides, watering, maintenance of fences on a regular interval basis by the women beneficiaries



Market Survey for Neem Products:

Safhi is creating awareness among the villagers to adopt environmental friendly bio fertilizer and pesticides made out of neem for agriculture. A detail list of Neem product buyers in West Bengal and other neighboring states have been prepared and contacts have been developed for marketing of neem products in future.

Selection of sites and purchase of land for Construction of Neem Processing Unit:

Safhi has purchased a land measuring 10 decimal in project village for construction of Neem processing unit.

Status: Ongoing

Impact Assessment of Mobile Phones

State: West Bengal

District: Kolkata

Project: Socioeconomic Impact of Mobile

Phones in Kolkata Slums

Funded By: Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

Scope of work: To assess economic impact, usage, social impact and value of mobiles and expenditure on mobiles.

Output: Translation of survey instrument & pretesting the same, Sampling of slums,

data collection by selection of households in slums, and data entry.

Status: Completed
Evaluation of Road Safety
Programmes conducted by NGOs

State: Orissa

Project: Midterm Evaluation of MNGO Scheme under NRHM/RCH II Programme

Funded By: National Rural Health Mission Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Scope of Work

Targeting of the proposal in terms of geographical area - The programmes carried out by the NGOs are assessed based on their geographical focus. The profile of the geographical area in which the programmes are executed is compiled to include representative NGOs all over India in such a way that North, South, West, East and North East regions are covered, thus establishing the effectiveness of the programmes carried out across all the zones by the NGOs.

Targeting of the proposal in terms of beneficiary/audience - The list of beneficiary/audience covered under the projects are assessed to establish whether the programme is targeted at the right audience for raising road safety awareness among people with a higher need for awareness.

Adequacy of beneficiary/ audience coverage- The mix of the audience/beneficiary are assessed in terms of categories covered such as Truckers, Students, Govt/Pvt Sector Office employees, Local businessmen / traders, Women etc

Impact on awarenes /knowledge of road safety among target groups - The impact of programmes executed by the NGOs are evaluated in terms of greater and wider application of road safety measures such as wearing helmet and

seat-belts, usage of zebra crossing, initiatives such as safe routes to school, proper driver selection methods, vehicle management and journey route management etc.

Impact on road accident incidence - Statistical records on accidents available with the local transport authorities Motor Vehicle Department, Police etc are analyzed to arrive at the trend of accident frequencies in the geographical area covered by the NGOs.



Coverage of the Road Safety Programmes

More than 500 NGOs have received grantin aid from MORTH during the years 2004 - 2009. 20% i.e. 100 NGOs were selected out of the total Universe i.e. 500NGOs for the study in such a manner that majority of the states in India were covered to obtain a clear overview about the efficacy of the programmes conducted by the NGOs across all the zones. Adequate care was taken to include representative samples from North Eastern states.

Status: Ongoing

SAFHI has published booklet on:

 "Khadya Prakriakaran- Udyogider Janya Kichu Tahtya- Ki janben- Keno Janben" Scope of Food Processing published by South Asian Foundation for Human Initiatives, Sponsored by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of West Bengal

- "Biponon O Bajar Samiksha Bishoye Dakshata Bridhi ebong Shiksha Bishoyak Karmasala" Skill cum Technology up gradation programme on Marketing & Market Research, Techniques: published by South Asian Foundation for Human Initiatives, Sponsored by DST, Govt. of West Bengal
- "Tant Shilpe Naksha Tairy ebong Prajukti gata Unnayan Bishaye Bishesh Prashikshan Karamasala" A booklet on
- Handloom: published by South Asian Foundation for Human Initiatives, Sponsored by Small Industries Development Bank of India



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