

**A Message From Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
SAFP INDIA TRUST PRESIDENT**



Let us consider the following:

Save A Family Plan continues to shower blessings upon thousands of families through the generosity of our benefactors, coordinators, animators, and field workers. However, we need to continue to examine the following as we try to reach out to the poor to be men and women of integrity:

- Do I really love the marginalised as I save my hard earned money to help them and do I pray for them that they may find hope in life?
- Do I find hope in daily life, even though the cultural, social and economic situations of our present world are throwing up a good number of challenges in front of humanity?
- Do I consider the plight of the 1/3 of the world as I make important decisions in my life like buying a new car, a new house, what kind of celebrations I must have, etc?
- Are we happy that our needs are only met and often our wants are still not met?
- Do we share with our friends that our mother earth produces enough food, clothes and shelter for everyone and that many of the people in our world do not have them because some of us hoard them even though we do not need them?
- Do the co-workers of Save A Family Plan consider the poor as their own brothers and sisters and not as someone who receives the help?
- Do we have a condescending attitude towards the poor or do we believe that they are smart, intelligent and capable of taking care of themselves and all they need is a small push from us?
- Do I really believe that the poor stands very close to our mother earth and hence they enjoy a peace which is unknown to most of humanity?
- Do we look at them and say to ourselves: I have a lot to learn from them and hence a prayer in my heart: "Lord teach me"?
- Do I dream about a world where all of us have enough to eat, drink, wear clothes, and live in a decent shelter if only some of us change our lives radically for the better?

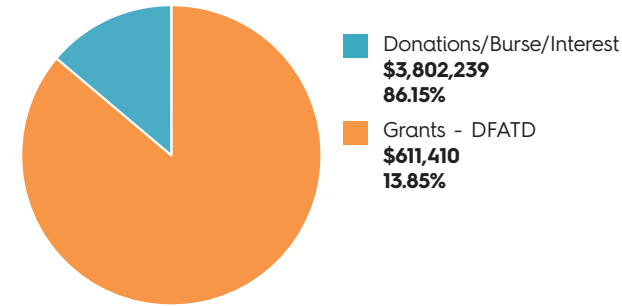
If we continue to examine our lives on the basis of the above, we are closely standing in solidarity with the poor in our world and our lives will be transformed day-by-day. May I thank everyone involved with the wonderful ministry of Save A Family Plan.

SAFP is committed to seeking justice and working with the marginalized and poor of India, regardless of caste, creed, gender, or political affiliation.

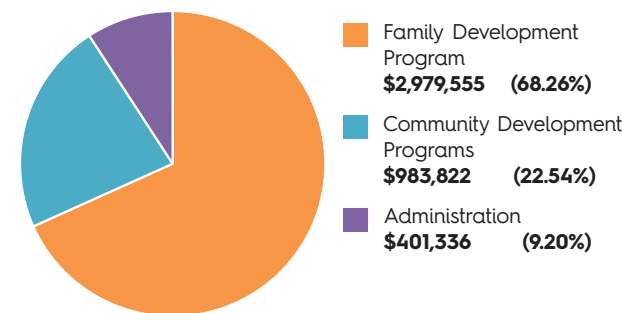
**SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
2014-2015**

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REVENUE \$4,413,649



EXPENDITURES \$4,364,713



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FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP)

The Family Development Program is at the core of SAFP's work to partner with the poor in India and every year, the lives of thousands of families are changed through the incredible generosity of our caring donors. Working with **39** partner organizations, the FDP reaches families in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu. For a period of 6 years, the families receive **\$20** a month and the support needed to help them overcome their poverty-related problems.

This year, **1,119** new families were welcomed into the program, bringing a total of **10,608** participating families. In total, **\$3,031,809** directly reached impoverished families through this program, deposited into bank accounts that are set up for each family. In addition to the monthly financial support that they receive, the families came together in their communities to learn and discuss important topics like financial skills, health and sanitation, food security, child education, environment, gender, and good governance. They also received one-on-one mentorship from our field staff to plan, problem-solve, manage a small business, budget, build savings, and register for government programs aimed at poverty reduction. This year, **\$2,783,237** was accessed by **5,662** families for housing, widow and old age pension, scholarships, and healthcare, a **14%** increase from last year.

Income Generation Projects are at the centre of the program activities, providing families with opportunities to earn more income, develop new skills, and build confidence in their own abilities. This year, 1,961 beneficiaries received entrepreneurial training. The most common small businesses were goat rearing, cloth businesses, cow rearing, tailoring, poultry rearing, petty shops, and seasonal crop cultivation.

One participant in the program shared his experience: "When I was selected for the Family Development Program in 2009, I was completely bedridden and had lost my right leg. I was introverted and depressed and had once tried to commit suicide. I started recovering both physically and mentally with support from SAFP and I started walking with the support of a stick. Gradually I started a goat rearing unit with the support of my wife and son. The field staff motivated me to start a petty shop and awareness classes and motivation trainings helped me to grow mentally which changed my behaviours and attitudes. The Grama Sabha participation helped me to access government resources for house construction. The petty shop has grown to a lottery and tea powder business, the house construction is completed, and my son studies in grade 10. I am so grateful for the opportunity to take part in this program."



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Sustainability through Participation, Empowerment, and Decentralization (SPED) III (2010-2016)

SAFP's current Community Development Program, Sustainability through Participation, Empowerment, and Decentralization (SPED) III, is currently being implemented in **12** states of India through **27** local non-governmental organizations in **540** target communities.

The SPED III Program gives villagers the opportunity to work together to solve their poverty-related issues, while engaging in a process of learning and analysis that leads to local ownership, control, and responsibility. This process involves four key steps:

1. Identifying key issues within the community and analysing as a group in order to build awareness.
2. Engaging in a community-wide planning process to identify steps to solve the issue.
3. Mobilizing local resources to help complete the activities.
4. Evaluating and reflecting on the steps taken to gain knowledge and insight from experiences.

The problems addressed by communities include issues related to economic growth, food security, education, health and hygiene, gender mainstreaming, environment, and governance.



In Year 4 of the SPED III Program, stakeholders continued to be motivated by the changes that are taking place in the target villages and local institutions. Their collective experience in addressing critical issues allowed for greater creativity, participation, and ownership.

This year, **161,186** individuals benefitted from activities undertaken within communities through the SPED III Program. Collectively, the villages were able to mobilize **\$8,377,365** through government programs and local contributions. This means that for every dollar of funding that communities received through the SPED III program, they were able to mobilize **\$13** additional dollars, which dramatically increases the reach and impact of the program activities.

SPED III is being undertaken in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD). For each dollar contributed by SAFP supporters, DFATD contributes \$3, to a total of \$3.5 million over five years.

The initiatives taken by local communities this year had some of the following results:

- 23,482 people attended medical camps
- 12,409 people accessed income generation resources
- 37,367 people got access to safe drinking water
- 18,145 children got access to educational resources
- 6,314 adults attended literacy training
- 39,226 trees were planted
- 36,744 people learned about proper sanitation
- 29,005 people got improved access to transportation systems
- 13,997 people planted kitchen gardens
- 19,265 people got access to proper waste disposal

The SPED III Program is also designed to incorporate gender, environment, and governance into the planning and implementation of all activities as cross-cutting themes. This year, village-level committees in 95% of the communities received training on these three topics to increase their awareness and their ability to address these critical areas.

On behalf of all program stakeholders, we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to all of our donors who have supported the incredible changes taking place this year through the SPED III Program, and to the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development for their generous contribution.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SAFP continues working to reach out to the wider community and build awareness about social justice and global citizenship in a variety of ways. During this year, SAFP staff members gave several presentations to local schools and community groups to inform them about the situation of the poor in India and around the world. Outreach also took place through newsletters and regular posts on the SAFP blog and Facebook page.

SAFP also places strong focus on developing and strengthening relationships with like-minded organizations, such as the Ontario Council for International Cooperation, Pillar Non-Profit Network, Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation (ICN), SOPAR, and Rayjon Share Care Sarnia. SAFP is also pleased to participate in Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) Roundtable discussion on "Maternal, Newborn and Child Health" with MP Lois Brown and MP Susan Truppe. As one of several regional events, this roundtable allowed for discussions on best practices and successful approaches to addressing these critical and focused health issues in a development setting.

HAITI - Empowerment Project

SAFP is currently working in partnership with local Canadian NGO Rayjon Share Care Sarnia on a project called the "Empowerment Project: Rayjon Canada and Haiti". This four year project is designed to build the capacity of Rayjon and its partners in Haiti to better serve the beneficiaries of their core programs: Their Urban Development Program at the Sacred Heart Centre in Cap Haitian and the Rural Development Program in St. Marc.

Through training and mentorship, the capacity of program stakeholders is increasing and leadership is being strengthened at all levels. Improved participatory methodology is being integrated into program activities and new opportunities to provide support to staff and beneficiaries are being identified. Rayjon Share Care Haiti staff members are being capacitated to offer Alpha training to program beneficiaries, which teaches them basic literacy as well as building their self-awareness and confidence. Through networking with SAFP and other like-minded organizations, Rayjon is working to improve services to beneficiaries in these impoverished areas of Haiti.



SPECIAL PROJECTS

SAFP continues to support many small rights/issue based approaches that are designed to address specific and unique regional needs. This past year, **42** partners from **10** states (Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) undertook **58** initiatives. These covered many sectors, including: education, housing, water, sanitation, health and hygiene (HIV/AIDS, leprosy, tuberculosis & malnutrition), income generation, natural resource management and conservation, capacity building, good governance, human rights, human migration and trafficking, violence against women, child labour, and micro-credit.

One special project that SAFP has been supporting is in partnership with the Prem Nivas Social Development Trust based in Lodia, Gujarat which is run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary congregation. This indigenous religious congregation founded in Pondicherry, whose main charism "in God's experience liberating the women to be self-reliant" is reflected in the many initiatives that it undertakes throughout several states of India and in countries such as Africa and Syria. The sisters' work in Gujarat extends to 30 villages throughout the Bhuj Kutch district meeting the urgent needs of a population of approximately 37,500 living in the impoverished interior villages. It is not uncommon for the sisters to endure long hours of unsafe travel just to reach many of these places. By living amongst the poor and experiencing their daily struggles, these sisters truly become one with the people. Along with pastoral care, these sisters provide support through education, income generation activities, health and hygiene awareness, child protection, community development and women's empowerment.

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