

Event Management

- ◆ Organising meetings from the grassroots levels (*Chaupal Baithaks*: Village Meetings) to block, district and state level
- ◆ Organising training programmes for multiple stakeholders

Resources

- ◆ Performs through a range of committed and experienced staff who work in coherence
- ◆ Affiliated to important national committees and a number of international organisations
- ◆ Works in conjunction with other programme and resource centers of CUTS located in India and abroad
- ◆ Possesses vast networking in Rajasthan with over 1000 voluntary organisations and grassroots' groups

Future Plans

Empowerment

- ◆ Poverty Alleviation
- ◆ Empowering women and weaker sections
- ◆ Raising living standards

Reproductive & Child Health

- ◆ Child protection policy
- ◆ Improving the quality of RCH services
- ◆ Addressing youth's reproductive and sexual health problems

Natural Resource Management

- ◆ Creating environmental awareness
- ◆ Protecting/conserving environment

Good Governance

- ◆ Fight against corruption
- ◆ Raising consumer awareness
- ◆ Improving quality of education

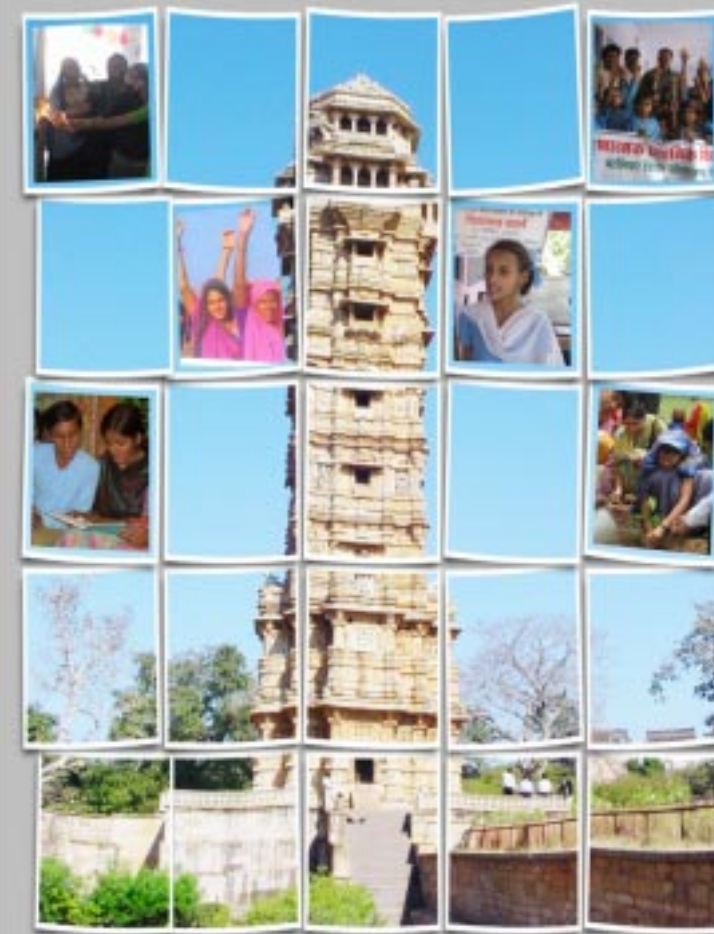
Advisory Committee

- ◆ ML Mehta, Chairman, Former Chief Secretary of Rajasthan
- ◆ Neelima Khetan, *Seva Mandir*, Udaipur
- ◆ Usha Jumani, Jumani Foundation, Ahmedabad
- ◆ Indu Kapoor, Centre for Health Education, Training and Nutrition Awareness (CHETNA), Ahmedabad
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**CUTS Centre for
Human Development**



*To be an innovative centre for
strategic interventions to raise the living
standards of people*



History

In 1983, CUTS, a rights advocacy group, began out of a rural development communication initiative, a wall newspaper entitled, *Gram Gadar* (Village Revolution). It regularly reaches far-flung and remote villages of the Rajasthan State and has been instrumental in providing a forum for the vulnerable communities and under-privileged classes to get justice.

To facilitate intervention process for 'community-based action programmes' at the grassroots level, the Centre for Human Development (CHD) was established in the year 1990 in the village Senti of Chittorgarh district.

Starting with a rural empowerment programme, it has expanded its scope and activities with a focus on issues related to women's empowerment, reproductive and child health, legal literacy including economic and social rights, and natural resource management at the grassroots as well as at the concomitant state policy levels.

Objectives

- ◆ Implementing people-centred projects on health, environment and development with thrust on women, weaker sections of the society and the disadvantaged and empowering people to participate in their own governance and understanding the development process more effectively.
- ◆ Developing internal skills and capacities through training and publication to implement health, environment and development projects, enhancing external activities on civic and political education of people, and building up strong networking between influencers and organisations.



Programme Areas

- ◆ Empowerment
- ◆ Reproductive and Child Health
- ◆ Good Governance
- ◆ Natural Resource Management

Activities

- ◆ Advocacy & interventions
- ◆ Training & capacity building
- ◆ Information dissemination & awareness generation
- ◆ Human development & networking

Recently Concluded and/or Ongoing Projects

Empowerment

- ◆ Micro Credit Project for Poverty Alleviation supported by National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) and *Zila Parishad*, Chittorgarh

Reproductive and Child Health

- ◆ Mother NGO Scheme in Bhilwara and Chittorgarh districts supported by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India
- ◆ Identification of Gaps in Health Services for Mother & Child in Modified Area Development Agency (MADA) areas of Chittorgarh & Bhilwara Districts supported by Joffe Charitable Trust, UK
- ◆ Sexual & Reproductive Health Initiative for Joint Action Network (SRIJAN)-Youth Reproductive & Sexual Health Rights (YRSHR) Network, Rajasthan supported by MAMTA, New Delhi

Good Governance

- ◆ Improving Quality of Elementary Education supported by Save the Children – *Bal Rakshsha Bharat*
- ◆ Consumer Help Line and Awareness supported by the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of Rajasthan

Natural Resource Management

- ◆ National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) supported by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

Publications

- ◆ *Gram Gadar* (Village Revolution)
- ◆ *Aage Badno Hossi* (Women Marching Ahead)
- ◆ *Sasakht Nari Sudrirah Samaj* (Empowered Women, Robust Society)
- ◆ Grassroots Advocacy on Health
- ◆ *Soochna Hi Shakti Hai* (Information is Power)
- ◆ *Logon Tak Nyaye* (Justice for People)
- ◆ *Jaiv Vividhta Ke Samvaahak Guni* (Traditional Healers are the agents of Biodiversity)
- ◆ *Alakh Jaga Hai Gaon-Gaon Mein* (Awakening in Rural India)
- ◆ *Khuli Khidkiyan Khule Darwaze* (Open Windows and Open Doors)
- ◆ *Samooch ki Kahani Mahilaon ki Zubaani* (The Success Stories of SHGs by the Women Members)
- ◆ Participation and Action towards Community Empowerment (Quarterly e-Newsletter)
- ◆ *Bal Darpan* (Quarterly Newsletter)

Achievements

- ◆ Member of District Level Advisory Committees in Chittorgarh & Bhilwara districts
- ◆ Instrumental in setting up NGO forums at district level
- ◆ Strengthened grassroots presence through *Bal Panchayats*, *Bal Sabhas*, Social Justice and Development Committees, *Panchayat Prerna Manch* and Women groups
- ◆ Representations in various national and international forums
- ◆ Ratni Bai Khatik, a CUTS networker, was awarded the international prize 'Creativity of Women in the Rural Life' in the year 2002 by the Women World Summit Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland

