
**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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<th>SOCIO ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF THE BENEFICIARIES</th>
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<td>Age : 1) 18-25 2) 26-35 3) 36-45 4) 45 Above</td>
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<td>Martial Status : 1) Unmarried 2) Married 3) Widow/ Widower 4) Divorced/Separated</td>
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<td>Educational Status : 1) Illiterate 2) Primary/ Secondary 3) Under-Graduate 4) Graduate 5) Others (Specify)..............</td>
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<td>Occupation : 1) Agriculture 2) Business/ Self-employment 3) Seasonal/ Unorganized Sector 4) Any Other</td>
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<td>Family Composition :</td>
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2.9 **Family Income Per Annum**:  
1. Less than Rs. 24000 [ ]  
2. Rs. 24001 to Rs. 48000 [ ]  
3. Rs. 48001 to Rs. 1 lakh [ ]  
4. Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh [ ]  
5. More than Rs. 2 lakhs [ ]

III. **Women perception on social aspects**:  
10. **Who make decisions in your family?**  
1. Parents/ in law ( )  
2. Husband only ( )  
3. Husband and Self ( )  
4. Self only ( )  
5. Any Other ____________________________ ( )

11. **If you are not housing any role in family decisions, mention the reasons**  
1. Females inequality in family matters ( )  
2. Elders are respected in family ( )  
3. Self do not have knowledge ( )  
4. Can’t find time to look after family decisions ( )  
5. Any Other ____________________________ ( )
12. Do you believe and approve in the following practices and rituals:
1. Devadasi/ Nude Service (Bettale Seve) to God
2. Dedication of Animals to God
3. Child Marriage
4. Widows’ Remarriage
5. Any Other _______________________________________

13. Mention your opinion on Dowry Practice:
1. Fully Oppose Dowry
2. Based on Elders’ wish approve Dowry
3. Approve Dowry practice

14. As a scheduled caste women, do you or your family members have faced any of the following problems?
1. Verbal Abuse by Forward castes in public
2. Atrocities and harassment by forward castes
3. Caste based Social Discrimination and Alienation
4. Lower Status in Society due to caste
5. Restrictions to enter public places
6. Lower Treatment at Religious, Cultural and Public functions
7. Any Other _______________________________________

20. If yes what was your actions/ measures
1. Registered Complaint with Police
2. Discussed and Compromised in Panchayats
3. Frequent clashes with forward castes
4. Reported to the Scheduled Caste Association
5. Not Applicable

22. What is the conditions of Scheduled Castes Women at present?
1. Improved Considerably
2. Somewhat Improved
3. It is as bad as before
4. Can’t Say

23. How to control the caste based discrimination and gender based inequality in the society?
1. Higher Education of Scheduled Caste women
2. Employment of SC Women in Organized Sector
3. Increased Awareness in Society
4. Legal Controls
5. Separate reservation for SC women
6. Any Other ________________________________

24. The purpose of Education of Scheduled Caste Women.
1. Strong Measure against the Caste & Gender Inequality
2. To Gain Employment
3. To Gain Knowledge about Society & Modernity
4. To get Better Marriage Prospects
5. Any Other ________________________________

25. Have you faced the following problems in your family?
1. Domestic Violence
2. Subjugated position/ Gender Inequality
3. Lower Status due to Caste based Culture
4. Any Other ________________________________

27. Do your children go to schools and Colleges?
1. Yes ( ) 2. No. ( ) 3. Not Applicable ( )

28. If no to the above, mention the reasons :
1. Completed Professional/ Higher Education
2. Dropped the Education
3. Can’t able to bear costly educational expenses
4. Not Application/ Cont’ have children
5. Any Other ________________________________

29. Aims of Education for Children :
1. Good Employment
2. To get Better Marriage Prospects
3. To increase knowledge and modern living
4. To get degree, Name and fame
5. To Curb Social and Gender Discrimination
6. Any Other ________________________________

30. Have you got benefit from the following social welfare schemes formulated for the scheduled castes?
1. Reservation to Children Education & Employment
2. Financial Assistance to Start Self-employment
3. Housing Scheme
4. Reservation to get Job in organized sector for husband/children
5. Any Other _________________________________________  (  )

32. **Worth of Properties owned by Family:**

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33. Mention your family income is sufficient to meet all the family expenses:
   1. More Income compared to expenses ( )
   2. Income is equal to expenses ( )
   3. Income is not sufficient to meet extraordinary expenses ( )
   4. Income is not sufficient to manage all expenses ( )

34. If expenses are more compared to income, mention how you are managing the extra expenses:
   1. Borrowing Loans to meet the expenses ( )
   2. Children are forced to work to generate more income ( )
   3. Work in different activities for more hours ( )
   4. Reduce the expenses ( )

IV PARTICIPATION OF SC WOMEN IN SELF HELP GROUPS

35. Position in Self-Help Group:
   1. President ( )
   2. Secretary ( )
   3. Accountant ( )
   4. Just Member ( )
   5. Any Other ________________________________ ( )

36. Aims and Objectives of your Self-Help Group:
   1. Rural Women Empowerment ( )
   2. Self-employment ( )
   3. To Gain financial Assistance from Banks/ NGOs ( )
   4. Economic Independence for women ( )
   5. Any Other ________________________________ ( )

38. Who motivated you to form and join the Self-Help Groups?
   1. Panchayat Members ( )
   2. Leaders in Own Caste / Scheduled castes ( )
   3. Members of SHG ( )
   4. NGOs/ Voluntary Organizations ( )
   5. Relatives and friends ( )
   6. Any Other ________________________________ ( )

39. Mention the kind of help you got from Panchayat in forming and managing Self-Help Group:
   1. Helped in SHG-Bank Linkage ( )
   2. Conflict Resolution in SHG Management ( )
3. Leading Authority in Solving Problem of SHG ( )
4. Acting as link between SHG and NGOs ( )
5. Any Other ____________________________ ( )

40. **What is your aim to get membership with the Self-Help Groups:**
   1. Economic Independence ( )
   2. Become active with work and socially progressive ( )
   3. To get higher status in Society ( )
   4. To enable improvement to family ( )
   5. To achieve gender and caste equality in society ( )
   6. To promote Saving Habits ( )
   7. To start Income Generating Activity ( )
   8. Any Other ____________________________ ( )

41. **State your employment status before joining Self-Help Group:**
   1. Housewife /Unemployed ( )
   2. Self-employed/ Business ( )
   3. Worker in Unorganized Sector/ Seasonal employment ( )
   4. Any Other ____________________________ ( )

42. **Your economic status before joining into Self-Help Group:**
   1. Poor/Non-satisfactory ( )
   2. Self-sufficient ( )
   3. Self-sufficient but economically dependent ( )
   4. Any Other ____________________________ ( )

43. **Mention the nature of your income generating activities after joining into Self-Help Group:**
   1. Animal Husbandry, Fishing, Pultry, etc ( )
   2. Home food Products/ Bakery Items/ Hotel ( )
   3. Agarbatti/ Candle production ( )
   4. Knitting, Weaving, Stitching, Embroidery, etc ( )
   5. Rural Artistic Works and Handicrafts ( )
   6. Any Other ____________________________ ( )
   7. None ( )

44. **Who supported your Self-Help Group by providing Seed Capital/Initial Investment?**
   1. Gram Panchayat/ Government ( )
   2. Banks/ Financial Institutions ( )
   3. NGOs / Voluntary Organizations/ Anganawadi ( )
   4. Any Other ____________________________ ( )
45. **Mention the benefits you got from the Government, NGOs and Panchayats for starting and managing Self-Help Group:**
   1. Financial Assistance
   2. Training
   3. Solving Problems of the SHG
   4. Any Other ________________________________

46. **Frequency of Meeting**
   1. Weekly
   2. Monthly
   3. Quarterly
   4. Any Other ________________________________

47. **Extent of your Participation in SHG Meetings:**
   1. Always Regular
   2. Somewhat Regular
   3. Occasional Participation
   4. Do Not Participate

48. **Nature of your Participation in SHG meetings:**
   1. Quite sitting
   2. Actively Participate in Discussions
   3. Suggest Opinions, Guidance and Comments
   4. Not Applicable

50. **Percentage of Attendance in the Meetings:**
   1. Less than 25%
   2. 25% to 50%
   3. 50 to 75%
   4. More than 75%

51. **If you are not participating in meetings actively, mention the reasons:**
   1. Lack of Time
   2. Caste based Discrimination
   3. Don’t have adequate knowledge
   4. Any Other ________________________________
54. **Mention the Banks linked to your SHG:**
1. Regional Rural Banks (   )
2. Co-operative Banks (   )
3. Nationalized Banks (   )
4. Any Other _______________________________(   )
5. Not Linked to Banks

58. **Amount of loans borrowed by you from SHG:**
1. Less than Rs. 10000 (   )
2. Rs. 10001 to Rs. 15000 (   )
3. Rs. 15001 to Rs. 25000 (   )
4. More than Rs. 25000 (   )
5. Nil/Not Applicable

59. **Who makes the decisions in income generating activities started by you:**
1. Husband alone (   )
2. Husband and self (   )
3. Self Only (   )
4. Elders and Relatives in the Family (   )
5. Friends and Self Help Group Members (   )
6. Any Other _______________________________(   )

60. **Mention the monthly profits you are getting from Income Generating Activity:**
1. Less than Rs. 1000 (   )
2. Rs. 1001 to Rs. 2000 (   )
3. Rs. 2001 to Rs. 3000 (   )
4. Rs. 3001 to Rs. 5000 (   )
5. More than Rs. 5000 (   )
6. Not Applicable

61. **Mention your social status and respect after joining Self-Help Group Activities:**
1. Increase in Social Status and Respect in Family (   )
2. Increase in Social Status and Respect in Society (   )
3. Caste and Gender Equality in Society (   )
4. No Difference in social status and respect

76. Mention the social benefits you have got in the society after you have involved in Self-Help Group activities:
   1. Decline in caste based Atrocities/ Discrimination in Village
   2. Control on Social evil practices (Devadasi, etc)
   3. Gender Equality
   4. Feeling of Unity in Village irrespective of Castes
   5. More Confidence
   6. Any Other ________________________________

77. Mention your economic status and standard of living after joining into the Self-Help Group activities:
   1. Fully Improved
   2. Somewhat Improved
   3. Not Improved

78. Mention the economic benefits which you have got in society after you are engaged in Self-Help Group activities:
   1. Economic Independence
   2. Work and Autonomy
   3. Financial Assistance from NGOs/ Loans from Banks
   4. Socio-economic recognition
   5. Knowledge in economic activities
   6. Any Other ________________________________

79. Mention the gain you have achieved in your family due to your engagement with Self-Help Group activities:
   1. Decision Making in Family
   2. Recognition and Equal Status in Family
   3. Decrease in Atrocities/ Domestic Violence in family
   4. Freedom to make expenses in family
   5. Any Other ________________________________

83. What are the advantages of Self-Help Groups in your village?
   1. Poverty Reduction and Employment
   2. Equality irrespective of caste and gender
   3. Rural Development
   4. Increase in employment opportunities in village
   5. Any Other ________________________________
85. **How the political activities are beneficial for the Self-Help Groups?**

1. Donate financial assistance to the SHGs ( )
2. Formulate more welfare schemes for development of SHGs ( )
3. Strengthen women’s participation in Polities ( )
4. SHGs are Key factors in Winning Elections ( )
5. Any Other ________________________________ ( )

86. **Mention how Self-Help Groups are influencing the political decisions?**

1. Increased representation in Voting in Elections ( )
2. Group representation in making decisions related to SHGs ( )
3. Group efforts in rural development and women empowerment ( )
4. Any Other ________________________________ ( )

88. **Mention whether the following have reduced after formation of Self-Help Group activities in your village :**

1. Alcoholism, Gambling, Drug Abuse, etc. ( )
2. Untouchability, Devadasi, Child Marriage, etc. ( )
3. Domestic Violence/ Violence against Women ( )
4. Caste/ Gender based Inequality ( )

*Signature/ Thumb Impression of the Respondent*