WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH NGOs:
A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF GULBARGA DISTRICT
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Name :

2. Place : Village: _______________
           Taluka: _______________

3. Age :
   1. Below 18 Years [ ]
   2. 18 to 25 Years [ ]
   3. 26 to 40 Years [ ]
   4. 41 to 50 Years [ ]
   5. More than 50 Years [ ]

4. Educational Qualifications :
   1. Illiterate [ ]
   2. Primary [ ]
   3. Secondary [ ]
   4. Under-Graduate/ Pre-University [ ]
   5. Graduate & Above [ ]

5. Religion :
   1. Hindu [ ]
   2. Muslim [ ]
   3. Christian [ ]
   4. Buddhist/Jain [ ]
   5. Any Other________________________ [ ]

6. Caste :
   1. Scheduled Caste [ ]
   2. Scheduled Tribes [ ]
   3. Other Backward Castes [ ]
   4. Others [ ]

7. Occupation of the Respondent :
   1. Unemployed/ Housewife [ ]
   2. Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, etc. [ ]
   3. Small Business/ Home Industry [ ]
   4. Organized Sector Employment [ ]
   5. Seasonal Employment/ Unorganized Sector [ ]
   6. Self-employment through Self-Help Groups [ ]
8. Marital Status :  
   1. Unmarried/ Single [ ]  
   2. Married [ ]  
   3. Widows [ ]  
   4. Divorcee/Separated [ ]

9. Residential Status :  
   1. Own House [ ]  
   2. Rented House [ ]  
   3. Temporary Stay/Hut [ ]

10. Nature of Family :  
   1. Joint [ ]  
   2. Nuclear/ Single [ ]

11. Decision Making Authority in Family aspects:  
   1. Parents/ Parents-in-Law [ ]  
   2. Husband Alone [ ]  
   3. Husband and Wife [ ]  
   4. Own Decision [ ]  
   5. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

12. Number of Children :  
   1. None [ ]  
   2. 1-2 [ ]  
   3. 3-4 [ ]  
   4. 5 and more [ ]  
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

13. Whether Children are going to School to get Education?  
   1. Yes [ ]  
   2. No [ ]  
   3. Not Applicable [ ]

14. If no to above, mention the reasons:  
   1. Education is not Useful to Gain Employment [ ]  
   2. Already completed Higher Education [ ]  
   3. Children not interested in Education [ ]  
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

15. Do you think education is needed for girls now?  
   1. Yes [ ]  
   2. No [ ]  
   3. Can’t Say [ ]
16. If yes, to the above, mention the level of education needed for girls today.
   1. Basic Education [ ]
   2. Higher Education [ ]
   3. Technical / Professional Education [ ]
   4. Any Other__________________________________________ [ ]

17. Purpose of education for girls:
   1. To get Good Employment based on Education [ ]
   2. To get better marriage prospects [ ]
   3. To know reading & writing and gaining knowledge [ ]
   4. Any Other__________________________________________ [ ]

18. Future of girls is depends on:
   1. Education level of the Girls [ ]
   2. Employment of the Girls [ ]
   3. Husband & Good Family after Marriage [ ]
   4. Any Other__________________________________________ [ ]

19. Equal participation for women is required for:
   1. Social Status & Family Decision Making [ ]
   2. Economic Independence [ ]
   3. Children’s Education [ ]
   4. Any Other__________________________________________ [ ]

20. Marital Relations with your Husband:
    1. Cordial and Best [ ]
    2. Co-operative & Understanding [ ]
    3. Satisfactory [ ]
    4. Not Satisfactory [ ]
    5. Not Applicable [ ]

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

22. If you approve dowry practice, mention the reasons:
    1. Essential to lead new life for couples [ ]
    2. Believe in Social Culture related to Dowry [ ]
    3. Can’t Able to Oppose the Elders and Society [ ]
    4. Any Other__________________________________________ [ ]
23. Mention how to improve status of women in the society:
   1. By Women’s Higher Education
   2. Employment of Women
   3. Initiating Self-employment for Women
   4. Any Other_______________________________

24. Your Social Status in Your Family:
   1. Fully Equal with All Members
   2. Equal with Females & Not Equal with Men
   3. Somewhat Equal with All
   4. Not Equal

25. Mention the extent of your Social Life Satisfaction:
   1. Fully Satisfied
   2. Satisfied to a Greater extent
   3. Not Satisfied

ECONOMIC PROFILE AND SELF-HELP GROUPs

26. Name of Self-Help Group & Address: ______________________
                                ______________________.

27. Year of Establishment of SHG : ____________

28. Aims/ Objectives of SHG:
   1. Rural Women Empowerment & Organization
   2. Provide Self-employment
   3. Economic Cooperation
   4. Avail Govt. Schemes, Support & Facilities
   5. Any Other_______________________________

29. Who motivated you to form or join Self-Help Group?
   1. Self Motivated
   2. Family Members/ Relatives
   3. Panchayat Members/ Elders in Village
   4. NGO
   5. Members of SHG

30. Since how many years, you are member of Self-Help Group?
   1. Less than 05 Years
   2. 06 to 10 Years
   3. 11 to 15 Years
   4. More than 15 Years
31. Your role in Self-Help Group:
   1. President [ ]
   2. Secretary [ ]
   3. Treasurer/ Accountant [ ]
   4. Just Member [ ]

32. Your Role in Income Generating Activity:
   1. Independently Owned Self-employment (Sole Proprietorship) [ ]
   2. Jointly Working with SHG Members [ ]
   3. Unemployed/ Housewife [ ]
   4. Occupation has no Relation with SHG [ ]

33. If you are independently owned Self-employment on your own, mention the kind of self-employment:
   1. Animal Husbandry, Poultry, etc. [ ]
   2. Handicrafts, Artistic Works, etc. [ ]
   3. Small & Petty Shops, Vegetable Selling, etc. [ ]
   4. Skill based Work: Tailoring, Embroidery, etc. [ ]
   5. Caste based Work: Weaving, Pottery, etc. [ ]
   6. Any Other_______________________________________ [ ]

34. If you have engaged in independently owned self-employment, mention how Self-Help Group is helped your enterprise?
   1. Capital Investment [ ]
   2. Savings Mobilization [ ]
   3. Loans Facilities [ ]
   4. Links with Banks, Financial Institutions, NGOs, etc. [ ]
   5. Social Contacts [ ]
   6. Any Other_______________________________________ [ ]

35. If you are working jointly in income generating activity managed jointly by all members of Self-Help Groups, mention the nature of income generating activity:
   1. Handicrafts, Artistic Works, etc. [ ]
   2. Bakery Items Preparation, Confectionaries, etc. [ ]
   3. Home Industry/ Cottage & Small Scale Industry [ ]
   4. Sericulture, Vermiculture, etc. [ ]
   5. Any Other_______________________________________ [ ]
36. Mention the Advantages you got due to Self-employment through Self-Help Groups:

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37. Mention the Disadvantages you got from Self-employment:

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38. Mention your personal annual income before joining to Self-Help Group:

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39. Mention your personal annual income after actively involved in Self-Help Group Activities:

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40. Worth of properties owned by you (in your personal name):

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41. Your Family Annual Income (Including your income):

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42. Have you borrowed any loans from Self-Help Groups?
   1. Yes [   ]  2. No [   ]

43. If yes to above, mention amount of such loans:
   1. Less than Rs. 5000 [   ]
   2. Rs. 5000 to Rs. 10000 [   ]
   3. Rs. 10001 to Rs. 25000 [   ]
   4. More than Rs. 25000 [   ]
   5. Not Applicable [   ]

44. Purpose of Loans borrowed from SHG:
   1. Domestic/ Personal [   ]
   2. Self-employment/ Income Generating Activities [   ]
   3. Any Other__________________________________ [   ]

45. After involving yourself into SHG activities, your status in family is:
   1. Fully Increased [   ]
   2. Increased to a Greater extent [   ]
   3. No Change [   ]
   4. Decreased [   ]

46. Apart from economic income or financial benefits, mention the benefit which you have got from the participation in Self-Help Group activities:
   1. Social Status & Respect [   ]
   2. Equal in all aspects in Family & Society [   ]
   3. More Freedom & Self-Confidence [   ]
   4. Social Contacts [   ]
   5. Any Other [   ]

47. Frequency to attend SHG meetings:
   1. Always [   ]
   2. More Frequently [   ]
   3. Rare [   ]
   4. Never [   ]

48. Interest(s) influenced while decision making in SHG:
   1. Domination of Few Members [   ]
   2. Interests of Forward Castes, Rich, etc. [   ]
   3. Suggestions of Panchayat/ NGO [   ]
   4. Equal interests of all members [   ]
   5. Any Other__________________________________ [   ]
49. Women are aware about their rights to equality in all aspects due to women empowerment activities in your village. Do you agree?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

50. If yes to above, mention the following social practices, systems and habits, which degraded the status of women, are declined in your village?
   1. Dowry Practice [ ]
   2. Devadasi Practice [ ]
   3. Child Marriage [ ]
   4. Domestic Violence [ ]
   5. Gender Inequality/ Female Illiteracy [ ]
   6. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

ROLE OF NGOs IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SHGs

51. Name of NGO that helped to start SHG: _________________________

52. Mention the area served by NGO:
   1. National level [ ]
   2. State Level [ ]
   3. Hyderabad-Karnataka Region [ ]
   4. District Level [ ]

53. Type of support gained from NGO:
   1. Guidance from NGO Members to start SHG [ ]
   2. Assistance through Seed Money to SHG [ ]
   3. Loans to SHG [ ]
   4. Self-Employment Training to SHG Members [ ]
   5. Overall Management of SHG [ ]
   6. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

54. If your SHG is gained guidance from NGO, mention type:
   1. Motivation & Encouragement to women [ ]
   2. Highlighted Benefits of SHG to women [ ]
   3. Influence in decision making from time to time [ ]
   4. Conflict resolution in SHG [ ]
   5. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]
55. Mention the kind of help you got from NGOs in forming and managing SHG:
   1. Helped SHG- Bank Linkage [ ]
   2. Conflict Resolution in SHG Management [ ]
   3. Leading Authority in solving problems of SHG [ ]
   4. Any Other______________________________ [ ]

56. Frequency of Visit to SHG by NGO members:
   1. Weekly [ ]
   2. Monthly [ ]
   3. Whenever Needed [ ]
   4. Never [ ]

57. If your SHG gained Seed Money, mention the amount:
   1. Up to Rs. 2500 [ ]
   2. Rs. 2500 to Rs. 5000 [ ]
   3. Rs. 5001 to Rs. 10000 [ ]
   4. More than Rs. 10000 [ ]

58. Mention the loans, if any borrowed by SHG from NGO:
   1. Up to Rs. 5000 [ ]
   2. Rs. 5001 to Rs. 10000 [ ]
   3. Rs. 10001 to Rs. 25000 [ ]
   4. More than Rs. 25000 [ ]

59. Purpose of Loans provided by NGO to SHG:
   1. Initial Capital to start Income Generating Activities [ ]
   2. Working Capital for Self-employment [ ]
   3. Purchase of Machinery, if any [ ]
   4. Any Other_______________________________________ [ ]

60. If NGO is providing self-employment training to SHG members, mention the area of such training:
   1. SHG Management [ ]
   2. Handicrafts/ Artistic works [ ]
   3. Preparation of Bakery Items, Confectionary, etc. [ ]
   4. Small & Cottage Industry [ ]
   5. Home Industry [ ]
   6. Technology based Occupations (DTP Work, etc) [ ]
   7. Any Other_______________________________________ [ ]
   8. No Training is Given [ ]
61. Apart from the above stated training, mention the NGO has provided any financial assistance to members of SHG to start self-employment individually:
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No. [ ] 3. Don’t Know [ ]

62. If yes, to above, mention the purpose of financial assistance:
   1. Purchase Machinery/ Equipments [ ]
   2. Establish Self-employment personally [ ]
   3. Working Capital Requirement [ ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

63. Mention the expertise you gained from training from NGO in income generating activities:
   1. Training is Fully Useful [ ]
   2. Gained Expertise, but not useful [ ]
   3. Not Useful, Need More Training [ ]

64. Role of NGOs in SHG meetings:
   1. Encourage active participation by all SHG members [ ]
   2. Promotion of Discussion in SHG meetings by all members [ ]
   3. Ensure regularity of meetings [ ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]

65. Role of NGO in Marketing and Sales Promotion of the Income Generating activities conducted by SHG:
   1. Organize Trade Fairs/ Exhibition regularly [ ]
   2. Prepare & Distribute Brochures on SHG products [ ]
   3. Make publicity in villages to buy SHG products [ ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]
   5. None/ Not Applicable [ ]

66. Apart from its general role, whether NGO has made efforts to solve the problems in SHG in particular and in your village in general:
   1. To gain Bank Linkage to SHG [ ]
   2. To solve Grievances among SHG members [ ]
   3. Alcoholism in Village [ ]
   4. Prevention of Child Marriage in Village [ ]
   5. Prevention of Domestic Violence, Gender Violence, etc. [ ]
   6. Promotion of Female Education [ ]
   7. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]
67. How do you rate the role of NGO in women empowerment through SHGs?
   1. Excellent [ ]
   2. Good [ ]
   3. Satisfactory [ ]
   4. Not Satisfactory/ Poor [ ]

68. If there are no satisfactory or poor remarks about NGOs, mention the reasons:
   1. Poor Coordination between SHG & NGO [ ]
   2. Expertise of NGO is poor [ ]
   3. NGO members work on their own will [ ]
   4. Any Other ________________________________ [ ]
   5. Not Applicable [ ]

69. Mention whether NGO is increasing awareness of rural women regarding the welfare schemes of the Government formulated for the welfare of rural women in particular and village people in general:
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ]

70. Apart from Women Empowerment through Self-Help Groups, do you know whether NGO is also undertaken to develop other areas for rural development?
   1. Yes [ ] 2. No [ ] 3. Don’t Know [ ]

71. Mention, how NGOs are effective in solving problems of rural women and rural women empowerment?
   1. Fully Useful & Effective [ ]
   2. Highly Useful & Effective [ ]
   3. Somewhat Useful & Effective [ ]
   4. Not At All Useful & Not Effective [ ]

72. What is the status of women, after NGO has taken up women empowerment activities?
   1. Fully Increased [ ]
   2. Increased [ ]
   3. Not at all increased [ ]

Signature/Thumb Impression of the Respondent

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