

UNNATI

1. Year of Establishment: 1990

2. Mission Statement:

Promote social inclusion and democratic governance so that vulnerable sections of our society, particularly the Dalits, tribals, women and persons with disabilities are empowered to participate in mainstream development and decision making process effectively and decisively.

3. Key Achievements:

- Enable access to public programs reaching the last-mile by capacity development of citizen leaders to demand entitlements and ensure social accountability covering 50,000 households.
- Demonstrated Panchayat Resource Center (PRC) at block level as an instrumentality for effective decentralised governance with people's participation in two States of Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- Collaborated with government of Gujarat in ruling out social audit of MGNREGA covering the entire state.
- Worked closely with National Disaster Management Authority in the preparation of National Disaster management Plan on 2016 and its revised version in 2019.
- Innovated owner driven reconstruction as post disaster participatory housing reconstruction in Gujarat, Bihar and Nepal.

5. Challenges Faced:

Building partnership with stakeholders requires continuous review, reflection and changes in response.

6. Strategies for Success:

UNNATI works on the principle of stakeholder participation and strengthening decentralised governance. Hence, all the programs are designed with participation of CBO and Gram Panchayat's for effective outcome of programs.

7. Lessons Learned:

CBO and Gram Panchayat collaboration is an effective way of improved program delivery and deepening participation in local governance. Partnership builds innovation and provides sustainable solutions as each stakeholder contributes to the cause. People's participation is applicable to all programs including issues of housing and technical areas.

8. Impact Assessment:

At the end of each project, UNNATI conducts reflection exercise with the stakeholders, particularly with the vulnerable community.

9. The Ultimate Strong Point of Success:

Partnership, stakeholder participation and mutual trust and respect.

10. Future Ready:

Learn from the community in the ground and design interventions.

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