

PRAYATNA SAMITI

STRENGTHENING LIVELIHOODS AND RIGHTS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ECOLOGICAL
SUSTAINABILITY
AND BIODIVERSITY

LOCAL
DEMOCRACY

FOOD
SECURITY



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IN INDIA, market-driven agriculture has led to a decrease in cultivation of traditional food crops over the last decades. At the same time, increased use of chemical fertilizers has caused soil degradation. In many rural areas, this development has had a negative impact on food security of small farmers and their families.

FOUNDED IN 1989, Prayatna Samiti works to enhance the rights and livelihoods of local and indigenous communities in Udaipur district in southern Rajasthan, India.

THE SWALLOWS OF FINLAND and Prayatna Samiti have started a three year project in 2017. Supported by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the project aims to improve food security and livelihoods of small farmers in ten villages by promoting ecologically sustainable agriculture and cultivation of nutritious food crops that have traditionally been cultivated in the area. The project also supports participation of local communities, especially women, in natural resource management.

THE PROJECT PROVIDES:

- Support for cultivation of local millets, fruits and vegetables for improved food security and livelihoods of small farmers
- Nurseries, home gardens and seed banks
- Training on ecologically sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, forestry and good governance
- Awareness raising on health benefits and importance of traditional crops in maintaining biodiversity
- Support for local Biodiversity Management Committees and their cooperation with local government
- Training for women's self help groups and support for women to participate in Biodiversity Management Committees

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