CSR Initiatives by GMDC

Parandhoro & Maia-No-Madh

- NH-87: 500 Quarters for employees of Parandhoro and Maia-No-Madh areas.
- School: 1-3 GSD (Gujarat English Medium GSD), 46 person staff ventilated in GMDC employee. Accommodates township students as well as students from surrounding villages.
- Supply of 80 Water Rainbow in surrounding villages through tanker from nearby Gujilal Dam.

Nani Chher (Kutch)

- Township: 174 Quarters.
- Primary School up to 7th Std. (Gujarat English Medium GSD), 46 person staff ventilated in GMDC employee. Accommodates township students as well as students from surrounding villages.
- 60 bed capacity hospital for township.

- In order to rejuvenate the barren land around its Power Plant GMDC has launched two year plantation programmes through Forest Department of Government of Gujarat.
- In collaboration with Gujarat Ecology Commissioner GMDC has also undertaken a five acre project of mangrove plantations.

Radipani (Vadodara)

- Radipani is a small township with 155 quarters. Vocational training has been imparted to women in the fields of tailoring, cutting, and subsidised paper making.
- School: I-3 GSD (Gujarat Medium), at Radipani with 14 person staff ventilated in GMDC employee.
- Borewell provides water for drinking and agriculture.
- A primary hospital has been put up for immediate medical care.

Rajkondi

Since 80s, GMDC has been operating its tribal region of Bhavnath district, Rajkondi, a small hamlet. It is now known as GMDC’s lightest mines housing one of the best quality of lignite in Asia. The hamlet has become a precursor of development in this tribal belt. In order to supplement its rural development programmes, GMDC devoloped several existing Government schemes with proper intervention. The result was an appreciable model of faster step delivery of mining surplus to the future adjoining lignite mines at Rajkondi. Water was put to use at its best. The delivery of water generated through such pipeline network and HR irrigation, brought millions smiles to these small and marginal farmers and made them take crops round the year. Similarly, water to provide income generation and supplement the rural livelihood, a scheme of cow distribution was implemented. This scheme adapted the Public Private Partnership model. Not only these, the same operation was set up covering all the beneficiaries and this operation was linked with the Diamond Dairy of Bhavnath. This scheme generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm amongst the tribal belts. GMDC also organized various training programmes for the women to impart them skills in agriculture, handlooms and poultry.

Relocation of Villages by GMDC

In order to maximise the mining potential in the area, GMDC have relocated two villages with all requisite amenities and infrastructure in taluka talaks of Kutch district after consultation as follows.

- Umre, Taluka Lakhpat(Dbhali): 17 Houses (Plot Area 360Yd*5Yd), Built-up Area 704 Sq.ft, Civil, Panchayat Office and Community Hall, Primary School, O.H. Water Storage Tank, Bus Stand & Temple.
- Talali, Taluka Lakhpat(Dbhali): 95 Houses, Gram Panchayat Office and Community Hall, Primary School, PHC, O.H. Water Storage Tank, Bus Stand, Temple & C.C. Road.

Environment

Natural resources, minerals are the vital components for sustaining the life support system on the earth. Considering the environment concern due to mining, GMDC has taken following steps.

- Massive formation at the mines with reclamation of the mined out areas. The Corporation has planted about over 7 lakh saplings over 492 hectares of land at 14 different projects. The survival rate is over 90%.
- An environment cell reporting to CEO Executive is working to plan, execute, monitor and control environment protection measures from Corporate level to area level.
- Systematic declaration of extent area.
- Suppression of dust by large water sprinklers on mining belt roads.
- For control of Air Pollution in stands at EFY Kadiyali & CHP Goliwala a water scrubber and multi-cyclone system is installed.
- Effluent treatment plant has been working at EFY Kadiyali to control the pollution of waste, the output of this plant is purely recycled and partly used for plantation or polythene of area discharge is being followed.
- Sewage treatment plant to control of pollution of waste in residential colony at Parandhoro for last twenty years.
- Monitoring of the environment at all the working projects to ensure monthly to conduct surveys for air and water. In addition, an external CPCB approved agency is also deployed for monitoring the environmental conditions.
- Environment Audit is being regularly under taken by external agency.

Success Story

Water has been one of the most essential components of evolution, growth and development of human race. GMDC which has been mining for the last 4 decades in the dry and arid areas of Kutch, has admirably scripted a success story. Water conservation initiative at Bhavnath village near Parandhoro Lignite Mines now has 3 water bodies that feeds 201 people and 3000 cattle. The village Sarpans calls this water Amma, the mother of all life. The 4.5 million cubic feet of water body is a living testimony of successful CSR activity.
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

It is in GMDC’s culture to build good relations with the community among which it operates. Deepening of village ponds in Kutch and construction of individual toilets under the ‘Nirmal Grameen Yojana’ are few examples of GMDC’s commitment to immediate environment.

GMDC has been responding to environmental needs, developmental needs in the form of employment generation, education, health care, water sanitation, women empowerment or critical need at the time of natural disasters.

Whether it is earthquake in Kutch or floods in Surat, GMDC was one of the first corporate citizens to respond with merit.

CSR Policy

- To improve the physical quality of life significantly.
- To create opportunities for livelihood.
- To improve the quality and facility of education.
- To raise health awareness, health facilities and to improve sanitation facilities.
- To develop a communication plan to make all interested and potentially interested parties aware of the Strategic Plan for Corporate Social Responsibility, so as to contribute to its implementation.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Assistance for deepening of village ponds in Kutch districts.
- Provision of mobility allowance for village contractors under Narmada Project.
- Construction of individual toilets under the Nirmal Grameen Yojana.
- Regular contribution to CM Relief Fund as and when situation so demands.
- Promoting women empowerment, rural sanitation, road development, tribal development and women empowerment activities.
- Specific training programmes, in collaboration with various Government agencies such as, Khadi Board, Forest Department etc., undertaken at Rampur, Kutch and Antij to improvise rural women and youth through skill acquisition and enhancing the same in income generation.
- Distribution of 55 acres in Khadi and Handicrafts villages near Rampur and helping the villagers to start small co-operative. The local dairy has been linked to Khadi and Village Dairy of Bharuch.
- Undertaking integrated rural development programme in Rampur and Kadi.
- Contributed 50 khadi loans of Rs. 500 each through Rampur Project as part Khadi National Rath 2008.

GMDC : Gramya Vikas Trust (GVT)

A Public Charitable Trust formed in 1999 with the main objective of promoting integrated and holistic development activities in and around the project area of GMDC. In addition to GVT initiatives, GMDC contributes towards the cause of social roads, environment, CM relief fund, donations for purpose of healthcare and social welfare, etc. In the decade gone by, GMDC’s expenses on CSR activities have risen 10 folds. An ample testimony to its commitment to people and the environment.

Lakhpat Welfare Society

GMDC owes its success to its access to untapped riches of natural resources in the form of lignite, brackish and other minerals in the region of Kutch and predominantly, in Lakhpat. Since 1972, GMDC is carrying out its lignite mining operations in Lakhpat. Lakhpat is a region with hard terrain and geographical locations. Once upon a time, Lakhpat used to be a part of the abandoned India. But as the winds of time changed, Lakhpat fell back in the race of the development. The terrain is remote, deserted and scanty human population. With a view to bringing differences to the lives of people of Lakhpat, GMDC set up Society to cater to the developmental needs of this region. The Society aims to carry out various operations in the field of education, water management, health and sanitation, irrigation and agriculture and livelihood, so as to make GMDC’s operations in this region more meaningful and more relevant. The Society also plans to enroll other industrial establishers operating in this region to be a part of this mission through proper government intervention.