

UN Millennium Development Goals 2015

Lutheran World Service India Trust addresses the Millennium Development Goals through its different program interventions and by complementing & supplementing the efforts of the government.

Goal 1:



Eradicate *Extreme Poverty and Hunger*



Optimum Utilization of Natural Resources to increase productivity

LWSIT addresses this issue by mobilizing the communities through a resource-based and rights-based approach. Development interventions are taken up using participatory methodologies in all stages of development and by keeping human resources at the centre and natural resources under the local ownership as the primary means of productivity and livelihood. LWSIT has been empowering the communities by

developing their capacity through dissemination of knowledge, skill and information to access various pro-poor schemes like social security, food security and National Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Goal 2:



Achieve Universal Primary Education



Supporting first generation learners for continuation of education

Keeping in line with the national mission of elementary education for all, LWSIT sensitizes the parents of the most impoverished families on the importance of education and encourages enrolment and continuation of education of all children of school-going age. It supports community-based study centres to impart guidance to the first generation learners so that they can learn the school curriculum and

continue education meaningfully.



Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women



Equal Access and Control over Resources ensures Gender equality

Gender is considered as a cross cutting issue in all projects operated by LWSIT. Gender mainstreaming and gender-based budgeting has been incorporated. Staff members were trained so as to train and sensitize the men and women in the communities. Mobilization of women to form social structures in order to exercise their collective

initiatives in addressing various social, economic and strategic inequalities is a priority intervention of LWSIT. They are supported and linked with various income opportunities that are promoted and supported by the government and various other financial institutions. Thus social empowerment is complemented with economic empowerment to improve the status of women at the family, community and decision-making levels.



Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality



Prevention of communicable diseases reduces infant mortality

In all the operational communities LWSIT spreads awareness and educates the members of the families on various health problems and issues, as well as on services available with the government. They train the communities to keep a vigil on accessing different preventive and promotive health care services especially for the mother and children. Thus maternal care and child care including immunization is close

to 100% in most of the projects of LWSIT. LWSIT also supports through special nutritional care for the identified undernourished children using locally available food products, thus establishing a self-sustaining mechanism at the community level

in improving nutritional status, breaking the vicious cycle of under-nutrition and disease and reducing children mortality to a large extent.

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health



Maternal care and nutrition for healthy mother and child

Along with health education LWSIT encourages the families so that mothers receive proper care during the ante natal period, have an institutional delivery and proper hygienic and nutritional care. As the mothers from the poorer families suffer from anaemia and malnutrition LWSIT supports the families with different seeds for green leafy and other vegetables so that they can grow a nutrition garden in their home stead land and meet their nutritional requirements.

Goal 6: 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases



Health Education on HIV/AIDS is an integral part of RCH Clinic

Health education is the best vaccine to combat HIV/AIDS and LWSIT continues this strong drive of proper information dissemination on dos and don'ts across the target population through awareness programs, training etc.

Poor sanitation and unsafe water is the root cause of many diseases like- malaria, filaria, diarrhoeal diseases, hepatitis, worm infestation, typhoid etc. LWSIT educates the communities on water and sanitation issues and supports them in developing safe water sources and basic sanitary measures along with mobilization of government resources on water and sanitation. Mosquito-borne diseases like malaria can be controlled by reducing the mosquito population through proper sanitation and avoiding stagnation of water. LWSIT promotes such measures. More over in high malaria prone areas LWSIT encourages use of insecticide impregnated mosquito net.

Goal 7:



Ensure Environment Sustainability



Encouraging Afforestation for environmental sustainability

Rapid environmental degradation is the root cause of disasters, many diseases and death in the of modern age. LWSIT spreads awareness among the communities on the dangers of environmental degradation and involve them in afforestation, soil and water conservation. Moreover the use of excessive chemical fertilizers and pesticides causing damage to the soil and harming the ecological balance in addition to

contamination of food with poisonous substances is an ever-present danger.

Along with environmental regeneration measures LWSIT promotes organic farming practices through training, demonstration, input assistance and linkage building. Community based forest protection groups, eco-groups comprising of students and youth are also promoted to focus on issues of awareness and action.

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Participating in Regional networks

Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

LWSIT as an organization can be cited as locally rooted and globally connected. It is an Associate Program of the Lutheran World Federation, Department for World Service, Geneva, a member of the international emergency

response and development alliance called ACT alliance. LWSIT is also a member of the regional network of Asian Zone Emergency and Environment Cooperation Network (AZEECON), the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP), the National Level network of SPHERE India and the state level Interagency Group (IAG).

Through these networks, LWSIT strengthens its knowledge, information and recognition base and improves upon performances as a humanitarian response and development agency.