



# **Annual Report 21-22**

## **Summary:**

Corona's feud continued into 2021. The restrictions imposed by the Central and State Governments at the end of March 2020 to curb the spread of Corona continued to a more or less extent. That affected the work. The pace was slow but we continued working.

In addition, the Central Government has made it mandatory for voluntary organizations registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to open an account at the main branch of the State Bank of India in New Delhi. We had to run around under Corona's controls but were relieved when the account was opened in June 21.

Due to the changes made by the government in the Income Tax Act, the organization had to re-register under the IT Act and then also apply again for the tax relief for the donors under Sec. 80-G.

The time limit for registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act was coming to an end so the process of renewing the registration took a lot of time and the work was done successfully. On the last day of the year - March 30 - we received a certificate renewing the registration of the organization. Registration is renewed till 2026.

Due to this we could not accept or better say avoided accepting foreign grants / donations except for one exception.

Workers of ceramic units in Than suffer from silicosis. We had a meeting with these workers on 23/01/21 which was detailed in last year's annual report. At the end of the meeting, it was decided that we should conduct a study covering 1000 workers. It was launched in the last financial year. After completing that study in the year of the report, we were able to publish the report and we started making presentations based on it and we started getting positive results from the presentations.

We continued follow up in the complaints filed before the National Human Rights Commission. However, we did not file a single new complaint during the year.

In PIL 110/2009 Hon'ble Supreme Court passed an order in 2017, directing state Governments to pay financial assistance of Rs. 3/- lakh to the families of the workers who lost their bread winner due to silicosis. The organization has been making representations to the state government since 2017 for the

implementation of that order but has not been successful. NHRC is also one of the respondents in this petition so we also wrote the Commission to intervene.

During COVID restrictions we remained connected to the outside world by attending webinars organized by various organizations. Our efforts continued to inform the public about our problems and our efforts through media. Taking advantage of the reduced travel due to the Corona, we scanned all the PTRC publications.

During the year we received Rs. 2,98,736/- as grant, donation and interest and we spent Rs. 5,08,757.60 on the objectives of the organization.

### **Efforts to locate silicosis patients:**



During the reporting year, 11 new cases of silicosis were found and 10 patients died. We contacted 2013 workers during the year out of which 742 workers were contacted for silicosis and the rest for survey. Our staff visited Than for 111 times, Dhrangadhra for 42 times, Morbi for 6 times and Rajkot for 8 times. He also visited Satapar, Piyava, Vavdi, Wankaner, Mulchand, Rajpar, Chuli, Devcharadi etc. villages also. The visits were for finding new patients as well as studying the benefits of ESI and other labor laws for workers in Than. During these visits the organization is introduced, silicosis is introduced, organization publications are distributed. As a result of these visits, the understanding of occupational diseases also continues to grow in these areas among the workers.

On September 7, Jagdish Patel held a meeting with silicosis victims in Dhrangadhra. Visited Than on 8 September and visited the victims. On 29th October, he had another meeting in Dhrangadhra. Deepakbhai had a meeting with the victims on 2 January in Dhrangadhra. The decision of the



Dhrangadhra Victims Association to hold a meeting at Anand Sompura's Lati once a month in the evening, if possible, on no moon day, continued to be implemented. These meetings are attended by an average of 8-10 victims.

On November 20, Ahmedabad-based journalist Shri Darshan Desai and his colleague visited Than with us and interviewed silicosis victims. On November 21, We visited the Simpulo unit in Morbi and discussed the issues with their officers. We then visited some of the silicosis victims and guided them. On November 22 we visited ESI dispensary and Dr. Ramesh Rawal and silicosis victims in Dhrangadhra, On 23 he gave a lecture to the students about silicosis in MSW College, Surendranagar.

On February 15, Jagdish Patel visited Than and met the victims with them and guided them to avail benefits from ESI. On 16 February, he visited the office of the ESI Corporation in Surendranagar and discussed the problems of workers in Than. He also visited the office of the local labor commissioner and the office of industrial safety and health. Although the officers were not present, they spoke over the phone. We followed up on the claims made by the families of those who have died due to silicosis for assistance of Rs. 1 lakh. He attended a monthly meeting with the victims at Dhrangadhra in the evening. In the meetings at Dhrangadhra, the planning to visit and present memorandum to the local political leaders as well as elected MLA was discussed. The memorandum was signed by the workers was ready but the leader could not be reached even after several attempts. On the 17th, he visited Than again and while talking to the workers, we came to know that the ESI Corporation has started contacting 38 workers named in NHRC complaint to collect information to process their claims. On the 18th, we called on Dr. Vithlani, head of TB & Chest diseases, Rajkot Civil. In the evening, we held a meeting with the local advisory committee in Rajkot.

At the end of March, when some officials of ESI Corporation, Ahmedabad visited Than for processing claims Mr. Deepak Rathod accompanied them to offer the help they needed.

### **Khambhat:**

On 13th October, we visited Savitaben Chimanbhai Vaghri in Vasana of Khambhat. After the death of her husband due to silicosis, she received assistance of Rs. 1 / - lakh but she complained to the organization that remaining Rs.3/- lakh has not been paid to her. In this regard, the organization had lodged a complaint with the Human Rights Commission in which the commission had recommended the state Government to take remedial action. During the visit, we learned that the state Government had not taken any action. We got a letter from the family to that effect and forwarded it to the commission.

Miteshbhai Mahida was given the task of collecting information on silicosis deaths in Khambhat after 2017. Like how many of them could get financial assistance from the Government, how many are living

with silicosis at present etc. After he submitted his report, we visited the victims on January 3 and browsed the medical documents in their possession.

Visited Khambhat with Miteshbhai on 14th February. We had submitted a written application for allotment of space for the organization to the Khambhat municipality. We visited the municipality office and met the officials and elected members for necessary follow up.

The news of the death of Waris Ali, a silicosis victim at Khambhat, was cracked by a local volunteer on March 4. His financial situation was so poor that his family could not have afforded funeral. He had only elderly mother in the family. We immediately arranged to send Rs.5000/-for last rites.

On 29th March we visited Shri Kishan Bhil, Kamlesh Kalidas, Lalitaben etc. in Khambhat.

### **Rajkot Civil**

For workers who have been exposed to silica for a long time but have not yet been diagnosed with silicosis or have just been diagnosed with TB, or have taken frequent TB medicine courses and are still not recovering, we planned to take them to Rajkot Civil for diagnosis at the expense of the organization. Due to Corona, the program could not be implemented for a long time. Finally, on December 30, Deepakbhai Rathod took 7 patients to Rajkot Civil Hospital for diagnosis. The details are as under:



Date	Dhrangadhra patients	Than patients	Morbi patients	Patients from other places	Total	No of patients diagnosed with silicosis
30/12/21	07	00	00	00	07	00
10/01/22	02	00	00	00	02	00
18/01/22	01	00	00	00	01	00
10/03/22	03	00	00	00	03	00
	13	00	00	00	13	00

### **Advocacy:**

The state government has to pay compensation of Rs. 3 / - to the families of the workers who died due to silicosis as per the order of the Hon'ble Court dated 11/04/2017 in the PIL 110/2006 which is currently being heard in the Supreme Court. This order is not yet implemented in Gujarat. For this, the organization started making representations from 2017 itself. The details of the representations made during the year of the report are as follows. You will see that we propagated this matter through the media also.

On 7/06/21 we wrote a letter to the Governor of the state seeking his appointment but no reply was received. We also wrote a letter to the Minister of State for Labor and Employment on 15/10/31 seeking his appointment but there was no reply.

No	Addressed to	Date
1	Chief Secy., Gujarat	12/06/21
2	Chief Minister, Gujarat	07/08/21
3	National Human Rights Commission	10/10/21
4	Sri Mayur Raval, MLA, Khambhat	12/03/22

### Legal work:

Complaints filed before the National Human Rights Commission between 2019 and 2020 for assistance to 28 workers who died due to silicosis in Surendranagar, Rajkot and Morbi districts and 57 workers who fell victim to silicosis have progressed slowly during the year. The details of the complaints lodged are as under:

No	Complaint no	District	Nos. of deaths	Living with silicosis	Date of complaint
1	1278/6/0/2019	Morbi	3	3	20/09/19
2	1217/6/24/2019	Surendranagar	8	26	20/09/19
3	1218/6/21/2019	Rajkot	2	3	20/09/19
4	1067/6/3/2020	Anand	1	0	28/07/20
5	624/6/24/2020	Surendranagar	1	0	27/07/20
6	641/6/24/2020	Surendranagar	1	0	28/07/20
7	671/6/24/2020	Surendranagar	12	25	05/08/20
	Total		28	57	

Among the ongoing complaints, in the complaint of Than victims, in the reply given by the Director, Department of Industrial Safety and Health, Department of Labor and Employment, Government of Gujarat, requested the commission to summon ESIC as a respondent. The Commission accepted the demand and issued notice to the Regional Director, ESIC, Ahmedabad. Proceedings were initiated by the corporation in this regard.

In our complaint No. 499/6/5/2010 regarding the silicosis victims of Jambusar before the Commission, the Commission had directed the District Collector, Bharuch to raise the issue before the Labor department of Rajasthan. After many attempts, we succeeded in getting the Bharuch Collector to write to the Labor department of Rajasthan but nothing came of it. We wrote a letter to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in this regard on June 21.

A closer look at the State Insurance Corporation's annual report reveals that the number of people diagnosed with silicosis by them is in the thousands. NHRC which has been directed by the Supreme Court to ensure that the Silicosis victims get compensation. We wrote to the Commission on 09/08/21 to make sure ESIC has paid compensation to them but there was no response.

We also made a presentation with the Commission demanding consolidation of all our complaints of Surendranagar district but there was no response.

### Guests:

- ✚ On December 1, Dr. Mihir Shah, Scientific Officer, NIOH, visited PTRC and discussed the issues around diagnosis of occupational diseases.
- ✚ Amulya Nidhi, a well-known social worker from Indore, visited silicosis victims in Khambhat on December 6

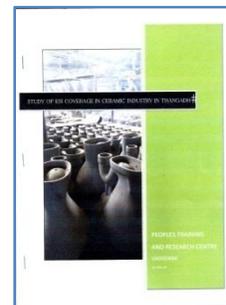
### Visits:

- ♣ On 31st December, visited social worker Shri Ramesh Panchal in Vadodara and introduced him to the organization and presented publications.
- ♣ On January 6, we paid a courtesy call on Lord Bhikhu Parekh at Vadodara. He had released the 100th issue of "Salamati" in 2006. We presented him organization's latest publications.
- ♣ On March 6, we visited Dr. Muhammad Hussain, a leading member of the Muslim Doctors' Association in Vadodara, gifted him the organization's publications and proposed a meeting with his members on occupational health.
- ♣ Visited Anand District TB Officer Dr. Phulmali on 5th March and discusses situation of silicosis and silicoTB in the district.
- ♣ Visited Dr. Anil Patel at Vadodara on 15th March and gifted him the publications.
- ♣ We called on Zubair Zabuawala in Vadodara on March 19 and presented him with the organization's publications and got introduced about his work.
- ♣ When I had to attend the Ratanpur Youth Camp on March 6, I presented the publications of the organization to Shri Binit Modi, Mudita Vidrohi, Hidayat Parmar, Jagruti Thakkar, Shri Kiran Chavda, head of Lok Niketan Sansthan.

### Research:

A study was carried out in Than to know the coverage of ceramic unit workers under social security laws like ESI Act and PF Act. About 1000 ceramic workers participated in the study. Report was prepared and shared with the Government as well as the ESI Corporation and the National Human Rights Commission. (A copy of the report is available free upon request.)

The workplace environment in factories has a detrimental effect on the health of the workers. Hence it is important to monitor the environment. Schedule II of the Factory Act has been provided for it in the Factory Act and the registered factories are required to provide information on work environment in Form 37 of the state factory rules. An Industrial Hygiene Laboratory was set up under the Vadodara Department of Industrial Safety and Health to monitor compliance with the above provisions. Information obtained under the Right to Information Act on how many units were visited by this laboratory during 2017/2018/2019, how many samples were collected from where, how many of those samples were found to be violating the



standards, what action was taken in case of violation, how many workers fell victim to occupational disease etc. The information was analyzed and a report was prepared.

After looking at the annual report of the Employees State Insurance Corporation, we prepared comparative study and prepared an article based on it.

### **Helping workers to get ESI services:**

1. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month in all the ESIC offices across the country under the name of "Suvidha Samagam for redressal of grievances. The insured workers or their representatives can represent the complaint in these meetings. The organization used to attend these meetings regularly but these meetings were closed during the COVID. Sometimes when an online meeting was arranged, we attended the online meetings. We also used email or WhatsApp to send complaints and follow up.
2. In April, we received a complaint alleging that insulin was not supplied to a diabetic patient even though the doctor prescribed it but the worker did not send the details when asked. Therefore, the complaint could not be represented.
3. In May a worker from Halol visited us. He contracted Corona and was treated at a private hospital. According to the announcement made by ESI, such a patient can get the treatment expenditure reimbursed. We helped him claim treatment expenses.
4. In June, a complaint was received that a worker in a unit in Waghodia had his fingers amputated in an accident but no compensation was received. We got the details of the worker and filed the complaint. The local office manager said the contractor could not be traced. He then went to investigate and after investigation said that the accident did not happen at that place. The worker was scared and did not want to pursue. Due to their non-cooperation we could not move the matter further.
5. In July, we visited the Warasia local office as well as the ESI dispensary. Dispensary building was in bad shape. We observed that, a plastic bag was wrapped around the printer for protection from rain water leaking from slab.
6. On 12th August, we attended the check distribution program organized by Vadodara ESI Corporation as a special guest. Cheques were distributed to the families of the insurance workers who died of Covid.
7. The report of the study of Than workers was sent to the Regional Director, ESIC, Ahmedabad on 2/12/21. We also shared the report with the state labor minister. We also registered a complaint on Prime Minister's Office online. In response, the Ahmedabad ESIC sent a letter to the organization seeking information on the units not complying with the law and list of workers who are not covered under the law. The details of the workers could not be given as we promised to keep the details of the workers participating in the study confidential but we could give them a list of the units in which the workers were working. Now, as per the notification issued by the state government under this Act 33 years ago, the units falling under the jurisdiction of Than Municipality were to be covered. Since then, industrial development has been such that we do not know which units are within the limits and which units are outside the limits, so we cannot say with certainty which units violate the law. We could obtain the list by

filing application under RTI with Than Municipality. We shared the information with the ESI Corporation on 9th March. ESIC could have done all this by them, had they wished. We visited the concerned officer in person at the Corporation's office in Ahmedabad and had a discussion.

8. Jaswant Manji Damor of Shankarpura, Jhalod went to work in a stone crushing unit called Bharat Silica in Godhra, and fell victim to silicosis. When we came to know about it we helped him lodge claim for the disablement benefit under ESI Act in the Labor Court in 2006. On 26/02/15, the Hon'ble Court ruled in favor of the worker and asked the ESI Corporation to pay disability benefits. The Corporation filed an appeal challenging the order before the Gujarat High Court. The High Court on 02/07/18 dismissed the appeal reprimanding the corporation. The corporation then paid Jashwantbhai disablement benefit. Jashwantbhai passed away on June 21 of silicosis. His wife claimed the dependent benefit and submitted the required documents. Now the corporation wants treatment papers from them which they do not have. Where is the doctor in this inland tribal village? When needed they visit nearest Govt. primary health care. There is no cure for silicosis but when there is fever, cold, cough, you have to take medicine. The widow does not have treatment documents. For this reason alone a widow is deprived of her legal rights. The procedure is different from the procedure for claiming that a worker dies in an accident in a factory than the death due to occupational disease. We have represented before the Director General of the Corporation on 31/12/21 to amend this rule but no reply. We are making repeated representations on this issue.

#### **Covid Relief:**

- The oxygen concentrator in Khambhat was damaged. When Janisarbai's phone rang in this regard, we requested him to get it repaired and give it to those in need in Khambhat.
- We prepared a note for compensation claim for Corona under ESI Act and Employees Compensation Act.
- We prepared a note on what benefits are available for Corona under the ESI Act and distributed.

#### **Networking:**

The organization maintains relations with the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan (JSA), Asia Ban Asbestos Network (IBAN), Asian Network of Rights of Accident and Environment Victims (ANROEV), Child Rights Collective Gujarat (CRCG) etc.

- We translated JSA English statement into Gujarati.
- We helped create a tool for the survey on quality of protection available for covid at work in Gujarat when restrictions for Covid were lowered and workplaces reopened.
- Made a note on Environmental and Occupational Health for JSA. The note was discussed at the online meeting of the Thematic Committee on Occupational Health and Environment of the JSA on 13 September. the note was modified based on the suggestions received.
- Participated in the online meeting of Asia Ban Asbestos on 17 September. We again attended the ABAN Conference on September 28,29 and 30 September.
- Participated in an online meeting on lung diseases on 18 September

- Organized a workshop on Lung Diseases at the ANROEV Conference on October 28.
- Attended the ANRORV meeting on 12 November
- Participated in the meeting of the steering committee of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan on 17th November.
- Attended ANROEV meeting on November 26
- Presented a presentation on ILO's global estimates of occupational diseases at the General Body Meeting of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, Gujarat on 27th November.
- Presented a presentation on training experiences in a webinar organized by PRIA, Delhi on 30th November.
- Participated in the meeting of the steering committee of ANROEV on December 3.
- Attended a meeting organized by Bandhkam Mazdur Sangathan at Ahmedabad on 4th December and gave a presentation on the hazards of road construction.
- Attended the on-line meeting of Safe in India on December 5.
- Attended the meeting online on 11th December organized by Right to Information Gujarat initiative and shared experiences of requesting information under Right to Information Act.
- Attended a meeting at Surat organized by Prayas Center for Labor Research and Action on 13th December and gave a presentation on the hazards of workers working in the vineyard.
- Visited Waghodia GIDC on 19th December to meet with Bharatbhai Rohit, an accident victim and prepared a case study and sent it to SAIF IN INDIA.
- Attended a meeting of construction workers at Surat on 6th January and discussed with the workers about accidents at work.
- On January 20, took part in an online meeting with the officials of Azim Premji Foundation and discussed the problem of occupational diseases. On request prepared a note on occupational diseases and safety issues for them.
- On January 21, recorded a talk on the issue of occupational health and safety of health care workers for the students of SOCHARA, a Bangalore-based organization, and on January 29, attended online discussion with the students and replied their questions.
- Attended a meeting of the People's Health Movement on January 24.
- On January 30, attended a meeting of the People's Union for Civil Liberties and raised the issue of non-compliance of the Supreme Court order.
- Presented a presentation on Women Workers and Occupational Health in a webinar organized by the Forum for Fast Justice, Palanpur on March 12. The presentation received a good response.

**Participated / Attended / Presentation:**

1. Attended a Health Forum meeting in April
2. Participated in the meeting of National Association of Street Vendors of India in April.
3. Participated in an online meeting organized by the National Human Rights Commission in May on COVID. We spoke about need to protect workers at work, facilities in ESI hospitals and how silicosis patients are more vulnerable.

4. Delivered a speech on OHS Code at a meeting jointly organized by Bandhkam Mazdur Sangathan and Khet Vikas Parishad on 21st August. In this program, Dr. Jagdish Kamath from Vadodara also presented his views on this subject.
5. Lectured on Occupational Health at a webinar organized by Ramaiah Uni., Bangalore on 2nd September.
6. Attended a panel discussion as a member of the panel on the discussion on the study conducted by the Aajeevika Bureau on September 4.
7. On February 2, 2022, gave a presentation on the hazards of janitors and their legal rights for the students of the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad.
8. Attended PUCL meeting held daily on 12th February at Ahmedabad.
9. Attended the youth camp held at Palanpur on March 26 and discussed occupational health and safety with the youth.
10. Attended the release program of new publications by Yajna Prakashan at Ahmedabad on 27th March and gave information to the audience about the programs done in previous years on environment and cancer.

#### **PTRC in the press:**

##### News Channel:

1. On 21st August, Jagdish Patel was interviewed by a news channel – K News Channel in Ahmedabad about the accidents that took place in the factory which was aired on 28th August.
2. On December 28, he recorded two lectures on occupational cancer and occupational lung diseases on the Gujarat Government's "Vande Gujarat" channel.

##### Media:

No	Name	Date	Title
1	Counterview	16/06/21	Contempt? Silicosis deaths: Gujarat govt 'not executing' SC order to pay compensation
2	Sandesh	16/06/21	ગુજરાત સરકાર સીલીકોસીસ અંગે સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટ અને એન.એચ.આર.સીના આદેશ માનતી નથી
3	Gujarat Mitra	05/07/21	ખંભાતના સીલીકોસીસ પીડીતોનું જીવન દુષ્કર, વળતરની આશા પણ ઠગારી નીવડી
4	Gujarat Exclusive	08/08/21	સરકાર અને સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટના હુકમને પાંચ વર્ષ થયા છતાં હાજુ અમલ થયો નથી - પીટીઆરસી <a href="https://gujaratexclusive.in/letter-written-by-peoples-training-and-research-center-to-the-chief-minister-of-gujarat/">https://gujaratexclusive.in/letter-written-by-peoples-training-and-research-center-to-the-chief-minister-of-gujarat/</a>
5	Divya Bhaskar	09/08/21	સીલીકોસીસ પીડીતો માટે સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટના આદેશનું પાલન કરવા માગ
6	Indian Express	27/10/21	98.5% workers in ceramic factories in Thangadh don't have ESI coverage
7	Nav Gujarat Samay	28/10/21	સીરામીક ઉદ્યોગના કામદારોને સામાજિક સુરક્ષાના કાયદા લાગુ પડતા ન હોય તેવી સ્થિતિ
8	Counterview	29/10/21	Despite fatal silicosis, Gujarat ceramic hub 'evades' health insurance, minimum wage
9	Free Press Journal	02/11/21	Gujarat's Thangadh is India's hub of ceramics or hotbed of silicosis?
10	Indian Express	12/12/21	Seeking info from govt via RTI becoming hard: activists

11	Sardar Gurjari	08/12/21	જીવલેણ સીલીકોસીસનો ભોગ બનતા અક્રીક વ્યવસાયમાં જોડાયેલા કારીગરો
12	SAMAY	10/12/21	કાળમુખા સીલીકોસીસ રોગથી મૃત્યુ પામનારના કુટુંબને વળતર માટે લડવી પડતી લાંબી કાનુની લડાઈ
13	Bhumiputra (Mag)	01/01/22	થાનના સીરામીક કામદારોની સ્થીતી અંગે અભ્યાસ
14	Sandesh	15/03/22	ખંભાતના ધારાસભ્યને વીધાનસભામાં પ્રશ્ન પુછવા રજુઆત: સીલીકોસીસથી મૃત્યુ પામનારને સહાય પેટે રુ. ૩ લાખ ચુકવવામાં તંત્રના ઠાગાઠેયા
15	Gujarat Samachar	16/03/22	ખંભાતમાં સીલીકોસીસથી વધુ એકનું મોત: મૃત્યુ આંક ૨૧ સુધી આંબી ગયો
16	Divya Bhaskar	16/03/22	ખંભાત તાલુકામાં સીલીકોસીસે પુન: માથું ઉંચકયું: વધુ એક પીડીતનું મોત
17	ABHIYAN (MAG)	19/03/22	સીલીકોસીસ: કલાત્મક આભુષણોના કારીગરોને થતો જીવલેણ રોગ

### Financial report:

During the year, the organization received Rs. 2,84,536 / - from grants and donations and Rs. 14,200 / - from interest. The organization spent Rs. 508757.60 on the objectives. It means that we spent Rs.2,24,221/- more over our income.

We truly thank all our donors, supporters and sympathizers for believing in us and supporting our work.

### List of donors:

No	Name	Place	Amount
1	Dr.Jagdish Parikh	Ahmedabad	20,000/-
2	Sri Jaydev Goculgandhi	Mumbai	05,000/-
3	Ms Heena Goculgandhi	Mumbai	05,000/-
4	Dr.Jagdish Kamath	Vadodara	05,000/-
5	Anonymous	Mumbai	07,000/-
6	Dr.Vasuben Gokani	Ahmedabad	05,000/-
7	Dr.Sadanand Nadkarni	Mumbai	07,500/-
8	Sri Atul G Raval	Ahmedabad	60,000/-
9	Sri Ramesh Patel	Karamsad	60,000/-
10	Sri Sanjeev Pandita	Jammu	50,000/-
11	Sri Ghanshyam Patel	Vadodara	01,000/-
12	Ms Tarulata Patel	Nadiad	06,000/-
	Total		02,31,500/-

**Our team:**

Corona impacted on donations / grants to the organization. We were compelled us to reduce expenditure. So, we reduced our field staff from 2 to 1. Shri Deepak Rathod continued working in Than, Dhrangadhra and Morbi. We do not have any full time worker at Khambhat but we kept visiting on and off. In Vadodara, Niranjana Patel continued as an accountant