



Association for India's Development (AID)
SF BayArea Chapter

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AID (Association for India's Development) is a U.S registered non-profit organization that supports a wide variety of social development projects, towards an improved life for the poor and underprivileged in India. As an organization focused on tackling poverty, AID supported projects span areas such as literacy, healthcare, micro-credit, livelihood development and women's empowerment.

AID believes that the causes for poverty in any particular region in India are many and interrelated and any 'solution' should be holistic and involve the active participation of the 'beneficiaries' themselves. Towards this, AID works with well-established grassroots NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) in different Indian states.

The San Francisco Bay area chapter of AID was formed in August 1997. We are now a committed set of volunteers, whose main efforts include project proposal reviews, fundraising and awareness generation, community service and miscellaneous administrative work. We also organize talks by leading personalities in social development from India and the US.

The following are some of the Projects being supported or under consideration by our Chapter –

- **100 Block Plan (HBP)** [A 'block' is typically about 60-70 villages]
AID is actively involved in a plan adopted by many organizations in India under the umbrella of All-India People's Science Network (AIPSN). This large-scale people's movement, encompassing several blocks in various states, strives to empower the underprivileged through initiatives in the areas of health, women's empowerment and education .
- **Mahila Swayamvikas**
Location – Near Pune, Maharashtra. *NGO involved* - Mukthabai Mahila Swayamvikas Pratisthan.
Livelihood generation for women by training them in bag making.
- **Watershed Development**
Location – Juna Mozda, Gujarat. *NGO involved* - Michael and Swathi (AID Fellows)
Encouraging the use of watershed techniques. Helping build 'bunds' for water and soil conservation.
- **Empowering the Chenchu Tribes**
Location - Nallamala Hills, Andhra Pradesh. *NGO involved* - SAKTI
Aims to develop eco-tourism with the tribals as active partners
The Chenchus are being encouraged to document their knowledge of the local flora and fauna using GIS/MIS systems and to utilize those systems for eco-tourism.
- **Association for the Mentally Handicapped**
Location - Near Bangalore, Karnataka. *NGO involved* - Association for the Mentally Handicapped.
Aims to provide a livelihood and some level of independence to the students by training them in basic dairy farming techniques.

AID strongly believes in being involved with the projects that it supports and project visits are an integral part of its working. AID also has instituted a Fellowship ('*Saathi*') program under which volunteers are encouraged to return to India and involve themselves in these projects or other social development activities on a full-time basis and gain a better understanding of the problems facing the Indian poor.

For more information, please visit www.aidindia.org/sfbay or call Prashant (510) 797-8591.

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