

NGO: Samerth Charitable Trust

Background:

Samerth is a non-profit organization, founded in 1992, that works towards the development of a humane, sustainable, and equitable society. The focus is on improving the conditions of marginalized communities and to that extent Samerth helps vulnerable communities to gain access to their social and economic rights and their programs are developed as per the requirements of the respective communities.

IDRF Partner Since: 2009

Focus Area(s): Governance and Innovation, Environmental Sustainability, Education and Health
([hyperlinks to Environmental Sustainability](#), [Education and Health](#))

Location: Gujarat

Project Title: Ensuring Social protection of marginalized Parkar Koli community through availing entitlement documents and government social security schemes.

Details:

IDRF supports the marginalized Parkar Koli community in Kutch district, Gujarat, through the construction and revival of water structures to ensure a year-round supply of water for household use, irrigation, and animal husbandry. The Kolis work as agricultural laborers, or daily wage earners. Most of them are unable to access government programs as they don't have basic documents like Aadhar cards, Voter IDs, Ration cards, etc. IDRF is helping 794 families from 34 villages obtain ID proof and open bank accounts to access government benefits, healthcare, education, and better livelihood options.

