

**Name of the NGOs** : **Society for Human & Environmental**  
**Development**

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**Year of establishment & registration** : 14th December 1982

**Act under which registered /regn. no.** REG.NO Bombay 717 / 1982 GBBSB  
Dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 1982 and with the  
Charity Commissioner under No  
F- 7938 (Bombay)

**FCRA no. if available** : Registration Number and date No.  
**Aims/Mission/Vision** 083780143 No. II/ 21022/ 68 / (406) /  
85 FCRA III dated 5th March 1985

**Substantive area of work** : Kalina, Dharavi, Sagbaug, Jogeshwari,  
Saphale

**Geographical coverage:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Population</b>
Dharavi	10 to 12 Lakh.
Jogeshwari	06 Lakh.
Kalina	60,000
Sagbaug	50,000
Saphale ( Tribal Block)	1 Lakh.

**Approximate Annual Budget (Rs. in lakh): 67, 73,270.98**

**Source of Funds:**

Particulars	HELPAGE	Smile Pre-Primary	SOCIAL WELFARE	AVERT	Inter Aide	FHI Pahse -I	FHI Pahse -II	FVTRS	MDACS	LUXEMBOURG	MAVIM	TOTAL
<b>Op. Bal. as on 1/4/2008</b>	239,7 06.77	-	9 8.50	26, 215.75	32,646 .80	100,2 32.92	-	-	-	2,793.54	7,3 32.99	409,0 27.27
Add:- Grant Received	276, 075.00	276,4 00.00	243,9 88.00	638 ,050.00	302,07 8.00	3,510, 616.00	-	130,00 0.00	684,05 8.00			6,061,2 65.00
Add:- Interest	8, 326.00	4 94.00	8 05.00	1 ,061.00	82 7.00	1, 300.00	-	-	70 8.00	405.46	1 89.00	14,1 15.46
Add:- Temperory Adv.			23,20 0.00				264, 663.25		1,00 0.00			288,8 63.25
<b>Total Rs.</b>	524,1 07.77	276,89 4.00	268,09 1.50	665, 326.75	335,551 .80	3,612,1 48.92	264, 663.25	130,00 0.00	685,76 6.00	3,199.00	7,5 21.99	6,773,2 70.98
Less:- Expenditure Incured	250,6 04.50	243,4 70.00	216,19 0.00	594, 156.00	313,74 2.25	3,612, 148.82	263, 663.25	48,01 2.00	437,12 3.00		1,9 75.50	5,981,0 85.32
Less:- Repayment of Adv/Grant				71 ,170.75		0.10				3,199.00	5,5 46.49	79,9 16.34
<b>Closing Balance 31/3/2009</b>	273,5 03.27	33,42 4.00	51,90 1.50	-	21,809 .55	0.00	1, 000.00	81,98 8.00	248,64 3.00	-	-	712,2 69.32
Cash At Bank	268,7 15.47	33,2 47.00	51,29 8.00		15,598 .00		1, 000.00	74,58 6.00	5,18 9.00			
Cash In Hand	4,7 87.80	1 77.00	60 3.50		6,21 1.55		-	7,40 2.00	243,45 4.00			

**No. of employees:** 27

paid: 27

Volunteer: 32

**Collaboration with:** N.A.

### **Major achievements / Publications/ Awards:**

There have been such tragic terrorist actions, terrible bomb blasts and killings in riots in Mumbai and elsewhere that our Society has undertaken mass action through our Centres in the major slums and ghettos of Mumbai towards peace, non-violence, and communal harmony---hoping desperately to stop the killing or maiming of so many innocents. We need urgent action and intervention that will have a positive effect on attitudes that lead to bomb blasts if the violence is to stop as it must. “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind “ is what our great sage and leader Mahatma Gandhi said, but too much of what he taught us is being forgotten. Hatred and revenge are being instilled instead. We feel strongly that those who can try to actively stem the tide of hatred and wanton killing with callous impunity must do so. We work at the grassroots to counter the negative influences of those with vested interests which ensnare the most vulnerable among the young especially where seeds of anger and violence may already have been sown and nurtured. We try and forge an active involvement for peace with non-violence for national Integration.

**(S.H.E.D.) got established and involved in 1983 in the slums of Mumbai, at the request of the Dharavi slum community after our President and CEO first went there, and saw groups of children huddled around big black reused Bitumen drums which were being utilized to brew illicit alcohol. These children were being lured out of School by being tempted with a good salary and a free daily lunch, to work in the production of this illicit liquor, and then it was bottled and smuggled past the police**

### **ACTION INITIATED**

There was then a 'Dada' for every street, and under the mafia lords in Dharavi, the crime rate was horrendous. Disturbed by all this, our President and CEO who had gone there were able to arrange for a meeting with almost

ninety mafia “Dadas” and asked them what future they planned for their youth and whether they considered an alternative to a life of criminal activities for the youngsters. While succeeding in convincing them that there could be a better and more promising future while abiding by the law. They agreed that if Vocational Training could be set up they would see to the safety of the Centre. This was vitally important as no teachers were willing to go inside the Dharavi slum at that time. So, we established The Society for Human and Environmental Development, SHED, by the end of February 1983. We then managed to start our first Vocational Training Institute at the Dharavi slum with a dedicated band of workers. The Training included a vast number of skills. Included also are Character and Leadership development, Citizenship and Democracy, Values of Truth, Integrity, Understanding, Communal Harmony and Non-Violence. Our aim and our hope was to bring about a social transformation in the ethos of the people of this vast slum, especially targeting the youth who poured into this slum at an alarming rate of 300 every day. Only a third of the yearly migrants later move on elsewhere.

**SHED then established Balwadis for over 900 children. More SHED Centres were established in the slums of Jogeshwari, Kalina, Sagbaug Marol and in 60 villages of Thane District.**

For over two decades SHED has been deeply involved in a movement for Peace, Non-violence and Communal Harmony in these largest slums in Mumbai in an effort to counter the wave of hatred and killing that has been engulfing us. I do believe that it is partly because of this work that the 'Dadas' influence is no longer there now. We have spread this movement to young people in Hyderabad and Delhi too.

In 1983 we were deeply involved in relief and rehabilitation work after riots in Bhiwandi and many areas of Mumbai, and re-equipped 6000 homes and rehabilitating 132 widows, **placing Hindu Social workers in the shattered Muslim areas, and Muslim Social workers in similar Hindu areas, for rehabilitation and to create communal harmony. We got 700 homes rebuild for both.**

**Our President interacted with rioters even in the Red-light District of Mumbai, Kamatipura, taking Bhajjan singers from The Gandhian Centre Mani Bhavan. After sitting amidst the rioting area with the**

**group singing Gandhiji's favourite Bhajjans, the rioting women, children and men joined in. (Attached newspaper report) In another area of daily stabbings she went and spoke with the people of both groups and then each side promised to stop, thus bringing about an end to the killings.**

Again, after the 1992 outbreak, S.H.E.Ds personnel were fully involved in help and rehabilitation work with funds from The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and a few others in spreading harmony, and thus brought about an amazing sense of communal understanding in Dharavi, population 12 lakhs, and Jogeshwari 6 lakhs, where there had been terrible communal rioting, burning and killings. All the children and widows were rehabilitated. Vocational training was provided to train youngsters and widows till they could earn a decent livelihood with dignity and honour. In fact we had represented to the Government the needs of a large number of the children who lost their fathers, and after recommendation and certification by the State Government, funding was received by them from the Dept of Communal Harmony in Delhi. These children are mostly grown up now. With our involving them in our movement for Communal Harmony, National integration and Non-Violence, these children are not revengeful, but are working for understanding and peace with us.

**This created a great faith in SHED among the vast slums covering about 14 lakh people, and other victims and those affected have been working for Communal harmony and understanding. If you ask even a child at a SHED Balwadis about National integration, the Freedom movement, Communal Harmony, they will speak, or paint a scene or write an article, with no prompting, on the importance of Qaumi Ekta, Communal Harmony or National Integration and togetherness.**

**SHED has imparted Vocational Training to over 80,000 youngsters. These young men and women/girls have all been a part of our National Integration sessions that include these Gandhian values at all our centres.**

**112 Youth Groups and an Ekta sports group are doing wonderful work and are fully supported by all communities, and religious bodies such as**

**the Temple, Church and Masjid groups. This itself is a commendable achievement, in slums where terrible things took place. After those riots, Advocate Khan and Mrs Mariam held regular counselling sessions and classes for the numerous traumatized youth. These young people have been involved with us in spreading messages of harmony and understanding, and have worked voluntarily and actively for social causes. They have been depicting themes through annual Ganesh Mandals in which each group conducts month long workshops in different areas on social causes especially Communal Harmony. Their involvement has the backing also of the elders and all religious heads, and involvement of youth of all the communities. Each mandal is well planned and executed, with vast numbers of members.**

**All the communities have been actively participating and there have been large numbers of peaceful yet joyful programmes. We have been asked to spread this all over Mumbai, and would like to do so if only we had the requisite funds!**

**14 active Mahila Mandals were established by us five years ago in Dharavi and others in Jogeshwari and the village project for empowering women and there are also adolescents girls' groups. They are now strong womens groups who help on every crucial issue with conflict resolution, in maintaining peace and harmony through programmes on National Integration.**

We train slum members through street plays, Poster making, conduct meetings to work on various issues concerning the communities. Various study camps and study circles are also organized to make the community aware and involved.

**SHED** works with School children to develop secular values among children in Dharavi 5 schools and Jogeshwari 5 Schools having different religious backgrounds. **SHED** has organized Communities for exposure to values and organized public meetings. **SHED** also has a street Play training programme for Youth. The broad objective of the training is to develop skills that will enable them to work effectively in their own communities, to develop in them an attitude for peace and communal harmony, and to give people of different faiths opportunities to interact with each other in a free atmosphere. Youth from communally sensitive areas representing different faiths attend this programme in the slums and rural villages.

We have spread this movement with dedicated, quiet effort and without fanfare and have frequent interaction now on peace and non-violence through discussions, Street Plays, and competitions of essays, elocution as well as drawing, song and poetry competitions and give prizes for the best. We may not have much money but we have fabulous people who care and are deeply committed to make our movement for Communal harmony, National integration and Non-Violence real.

**SHED stands for:**

- 🏠 Understanding.
- 🏠 Respect.
- 🏠 Religious Tolerance.
- 🏠 Communal Harmony.
- 🏠 Non violence.
- 🏠 Amity.
- 🏠 Attitude of Openness.
- 🏠 Brotherhood and Sisterhood.
- 🏠 Togetherness.
- 🏠 National Integration.
- 🏠 Unity amidst Diversity