

ABOUT US

Manav Garima Foundation (MGF) is a grassroots organisation working with the Valmiki community which is engaged in unclean occupation of manual scavenging – cleaning underground drainage & septic tanks and human excreta from open defecation sites manually. MGF also works with sanitation workers engaged in cleaning streets, housing & commercial complexes and waste collections. MGF aims at eradication of manual scavenging, promoting the use of safety equipment among sanitation workers and for overall socio-economic empowerment of the community.

In 2003, our journey started by Janvikas as a small initiative of supporting a community leader who started addressing issues of deaths of manhole (underground drainage cleaning) workers and eviction of pavement dwellers where community lived. It was realized that the issue is very serious in urban areas and need urgent interventions, a long-term programme called "Garima" (also known as Manav Garima widely) was evolved. Now it is a registered organization and has hived off from Janvikas. Janvikas continues to provide unconditional support to MGF wherever required. Based on our experience in Gujarat, Janvikas also supported 10 CBOs across 5 states from 2010 to 2018 on this issue. Some of these CBOs today have become well known for their meaningful contribution in their respective states.

Currently we work with **3,000+** households of the **Valmiki community** in five towns: **Ahmedabad, Petlad, Khambhat, Sojitra, and Nadiad.**

SUPPORT OUR WORK

You can support our work for the following:

- Education of children.
- Training youth for alternate livelihoods.
- Purchase of safety gadgets for sweepers working in unorganized sectors to develop a good practice of safe cleaning.
- Fellowship support for community workers.
- Community leadership development training.



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Dignity | Safety | Empowerment



MANAV GARIMA FOUNDATION

OUR VISION

MGF envisions where society becomes more civilized in maintaining cleanliness and civic bodies become more accountable towards total eradication of manual cleaning of underground drainages/septic tanks and unsafe cleaning of streets & waste collection.

OUR MISSION

To engage with society, civic bodies and sanitation workers towards the use of technology and safety equipment in cleaning occupation. Secondly to empower the Valmiki community through education, alternate livelihoods, nutrition & hygiene, leadership development etc so they live a dignified life.



OUR FOCUS AREAS



Ending Manual Scavenging & Promoting Safe Sanitation

We work to end manual scavenging and prevent sanitation worker deaths through awareness, legal action, safety technology, access to compensation for families of deceased workers and implementation of the 2013 law.



Foundational Learning (Grades 1-5)

Our community learning centres strengthen children's literacy, numeracy and science through activity-based learning, trained educators, teaching materials and parental engagement.



Career Guidance & Youth Development

We support youth with career guidance, English communication, computer skills and opportunities for education and employment.



Dignified Livelihoods

We promote self-employment and alternative livelihoods for young women and men through skills training and support in areas such as driving, beauty services, mobile repair, food carts & self-employment.



Safety & Hygiene in Cleaning Work

We promote safety equipment, healthy workplace practices and practical solutions for safer and more dignified sanitation work.



Nutrition & Hygiene

We encourage sustainable practices that improve nutrition, hygiene and overall community well-being.



Access to Entitlements

We help families access government schemes, essential documents, entitlement cards and basic civic amenities.

OUR IMPACT

1,141



Manual scavenging sites demolished



1,927

People supported to exit manual scavenging

11,145



Sanitation workers provided safety equipment



₹23.22 cr

Compensation secured for 179 families affected by sanitation worker deaths

31,934



People supported to access entitlements



4,718

Youth supported to shift to alternative livelihoods

1,861



Community leaders trained



4,324

Children supported to enroll in schools

2,036



Families supported to access permanent housing