



SBI GRAM SEVA PROGRAM: CRITERIA FOR NGO SELECTION

SBI Foundation would implement the strategy of SBI Gram Seva through partnering NGOs across India. SBI Foundation may seek for partnership or NGOs may approach for the partnership with SBI Foundation for SBI GRAM SEVA PROGRAM. In this regard, SBI Foundation standardize the process in the following simple manner for the better operations of the program and facilitating the partnership process

This program will be undertaken by SBI Foundation in partnership with local NGOs in same lead district of SBI having required expertise for the implementation of the project. To start the project and to identify the pros and cons, we propose to take up one Gram Panchayat in each state in lead districts of SBI preferable to. SBI Foundation will conduct the training for the NGOs about our strategy and expectation to achieve the goals and objectives. The NGOs will also be identified and selected by SBI Foundation program managers randomly for the implementation of the SBI Gram Seva. If there are any applications from NGOs for the partnership, the program managers will study about the NGOs in detail and follow the process and systems as per the standard criteria of SBI Foundation. This standard criteria is prepared based on inputs given by Executive Committee for the selection of NGOs.

SBI Foundation will follow the below selection criteria of NGOs for SBI Gram Seva Program;

NGOs who are interested and willing to partner for SBI Gram Seva should be capable to link all Government schemes and mobilize funds or resources from Government or any other sources for the development of villages may apply for SBI Gram Seva Program.

- The applying NGOs should be registered and their presence of works in the lead districts of State Bank of India and RSETI presence is preferable nearby area.
- NGOs registered and presence in the lead districts of SBI may apply for program in same district where the SBI GRAM SEVA is being selected. If the NGOs are not available in the same district, SBI Foundation may prefer to select the NGOs in the same state preferably nearby districts.
- NGOs should be working and have experience in community development, integrated development, and rural development sectors for minimum of 3 years. (Note: the rural development does not mean any particular thematic areas it is rather experienced in integrated approach. For example, NGO may work in environmental works and expertise in Environment may not be qualified)
- NGOs working in multiple states and approaching for partnership of SBI Gram Seva, with their presence pan India may not be eligible for partnership.
- At the time of scrutiny of application the partnering NGO verification of its aims and objectives, the present activities (through Annual Report and audited statement of accounts), its financial soundness (by verifying Balance sheet), the capacity and status of the Managing Committee members etc is required to be done. The office bearers should not be related to each other. **Assets and liabilities statement of management committee** members invariably be obtained from minimum 3 members.

- The organization should have a strong focus on creating impact in the rural communities or worked in the rural development.
- The selected NGO should be working in the similar concept in wider regions and should have created reputation for itself by bringing remarkable changes in the society.
- The selected organization should be working as grass root level NGO who implements the program directly in the field.
- The selected organization heads like Director, CEO, and Trustees are willing to participate and involve and implement the program in the field.
- The NGOs needs to be effective and should be in a position to ensure sustainable mobilization of resources in support of programme and project work, including support from local communities.
- The selected NGOs should meet up all the compliance of SBI Foundation.

The NGOs will be selected by SBI Gram Seva team and will be processed as per the standard operating procedure of SBI Foundation for SBI Gram Seva program. The selected NGOs will be scrutinized as per the due diligence process and system of SBI Foundation. Further, due diligence will also be conducted by our consultant agencies for the selection of the NGOs.