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# **GDC Fellowship Programme on Women's Economic Empowerment**

## **INTRODUCTION** »

The Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and its sister organisation the Lok Swasthya SEWA Trust (LSST), in partnership with the Global Development Centre (GDC), Research Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) are pleased to announce the launch of the GDC Fellowship Programme on Women's Economic Empowerment.

Based on SEWA's experience of more than 47 years in India, in 2012, the Government of India invited SEWA to set up similar interactions and exchanges with five African countries, namely Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa, Ghana and Senegal. This programme was called SETU Africa, 'setu' meaning bridge in Indian languages. SETU Africa aims to provide support by way of sharing experiences and also concrete capacity-building inputs, based on SEWA's own years of tested and tried experiences at the grassroots level.

SEWA believes that mutual learning and cooperation among member-based organizations and government agencies of India, Africa and South Asia will strengthen each of these organizations.

The objective of the current training programme is to promote South-South cooperation and mutual learning on how to achieve women's economic empowerment in a sustainable manner.

## **PARTNERS** »

### Global Development Centre (GDC)

Established at RIS, the Global Development Centre (GDC) aims to institutionalize knowledge on India's development initiatives and promote their replication as part of knowledge sharing in Asia and Africa with the help of its institutional partners, including civil society organisations. It attempts to explore and articulate global development processes within a micro framework and works as a unique platform to collate and assimilate learning processes of other countries towards promotion of equity, sustainability and inclusivity based on a multi-disciplinary and multi-functional approach.

For more information: [www.gdc.ris.org.in](http://www.gdc.ris.org.in)

### Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) is a New Delhi-based autonomous policy research institute that specialises in issues related to international economic development, trade, investment and technology. RIS is envisioned as a forum for fostering effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on global.

The focus of the work programme of RIS is to promote South-South Cooperation and collaborate with developing countries in multilateral negotiations in various forums. RIS is engaged across inter-governmental processes of several regional economic cooperation initiatives. Through its intensive network of think tanks, RIS seeks to strengthen policy coherence on international economic issues and the development.

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## Lok Swasthya Sewa Trust (LSST)

The Lok Swasthya SEWA Trust (LSST) was established in the year 2005 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat by the LokSwasthya Mandli (SEWA's health co-operative) to improve the well-being of informal women workers and their families. The health co-operative is managed by informal women workers with an approach that leads to sustainability.

LSST organises women for self-reliance, both financial and in terms of decision-making and helps them obtain full employment at the household level translating to better socio-economic and health status. The Chairperson of LSST is always a woman from the informal sector, hence recognising their leadership and centrality to all that we do and have accomplished. In addition to our grassroots action, we bring the issues of women workers directly to the attention of policy-makers and legislators at district, state, regional, national and global levels, and in their own voices.

To achieve its vision of empowering women, LSST takes up women's felt needs and demands from the grassroots level and coordinate with local, state and national level government functionaries and institutions. As a result it works closely with local governance committee such as panchayats and their sarpanch, Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) and Municipal Corporations among others to ensure proper implementation and outreach. LSST works in a service-cum-rights-based approach with communities of informal workers which throws up new avenues for constructive local action and appropriate changes at the policy level. Following in Gandhi's footsteps, LSST work towards decentralising control, strengthening decision-making by women and placing resources and, information, in their hands to enable them to do effective planning, implementation and monitoring. For more information: [www.lokswasthyasewatrust.org](http://www.lokswasthyasewatrust.org)

### **COURSE CONTENT** »

- Ways to achieve women's economic empowerment in a sustainable manner.
- Exposure-Dialogue Programme on organising women at grassroots level into their own sustainable organisations.
- Social Security from the worker's perspective
- Integrated approach of SEWA for full employment and self-reliance.
- Understanding Government of India's flagship programmes of the National Rural Livelihood Mission(NRLM) and Ayushman Bharat (primary health care and tertiary care through health insurance) from community perspective.

### **DURATION-14 DAYS** »

23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **OBJECTIVE** »

The key objective of the GDC Fellowship programme is to share India's knowledge and experience through government's ongoing transformative flagship programmes for women's economic empowerment and self-reliance with partner countries.

### **VENUE** »

Ahmedabad and Delhi



## **GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF THE GDC FELLOWS** »

This training programme organised by the LSST and the GDC is for civil society organisations and mid-level government officials from Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Bhutan.



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