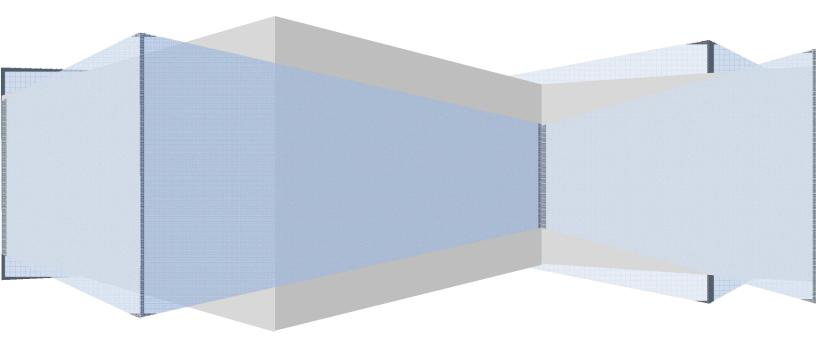
RAJMERU

# ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

## 2020-2021



### **Introduction**

RAJMERU, which is a combination of two Hindi words - Raj (Sand) and Meru (Mountain), acts as a viable platform for discussions, sharing information and experiences with a view to facilitate a process of democratic planning and decision making. The organization is dedicated to enable people to ultimately become the stakeholders in all the developmental efforts. Rajmeru strives to form an egalitarian and just society which discusses, negotiates and advocates various issues of common interest at various levels. Rajmeru is a state level organization RAJMERU consists of CSOs, working at different locations in Rajasthan. It has a wide network with more than 200 CBOs and People's Organizations working in the state on varied issues and concerns. RAJMERU after a long deliberation has made a radical shift in its approach and activities taking into consideration the specificities of the geographical terrain of the state, its arid climate and environment. The organization has also initiated its efforts for addressing issues of the poor people through continuous dialogues at the state level. The core issues being dealt with are drought mitigation, livelihood, Natural Resource Management, Local Self-Governance and Poverty including Poverty reduction elements.

#### Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to present the report of RAJMERU for the financial period 2020-2021. Rajmeru was supported under Strategic Programme support, where following interventions were planned but due to outbreak of the Covid-19 and lockdown for months along with restrictions of movement, many interventions planned could not be implemented as per the plan.

In the current scenario, there have been many changes due to corona virus, there has been a change in the way the government and administration also work. Priorities have changed. The entire focus of the government has been more on protection from corona virus during this time. We also have to change our work strategies due to this COVID-19. There is section 144 is active in Rajasthan so we have changes our work strategies. Emphasis on efforts to increase information dissemination about various schemes and partner organizations participation was given. Rajmeru is committed for the upliftment of the poor and backward classes. None of this would have been possible without the whole hearted support of the Rajmeru members, CSOs, well-wishers and donors. I take this opportunity to thank everyone to make our journey in 2020-2021 a meaningful endeavor.

Chairperson

### Acknowledgement

Rajmeru successfully completed 14 years, and strengthened the bond among CSOs and People's Organizations. Rajmeru worked on issues of livelihood, food Security, water scarcity and its impact on future, disaster management, community capacity building. Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops were organized to address the issues at community and state level. In This year Rajmeru strengthened its networking at state level, and successfully carry forward the work of state level capacity building programme, proper information dissemination at all levels, with the help of CSOs and People's Organizations. Rajmeru is obliged to all whom provided their support and valuable guidance in achieve the goals; none of this would have been possible without their support. Rajmeru is committed for the upliftment of the poor and backward classes, so that they can live a respectable life.

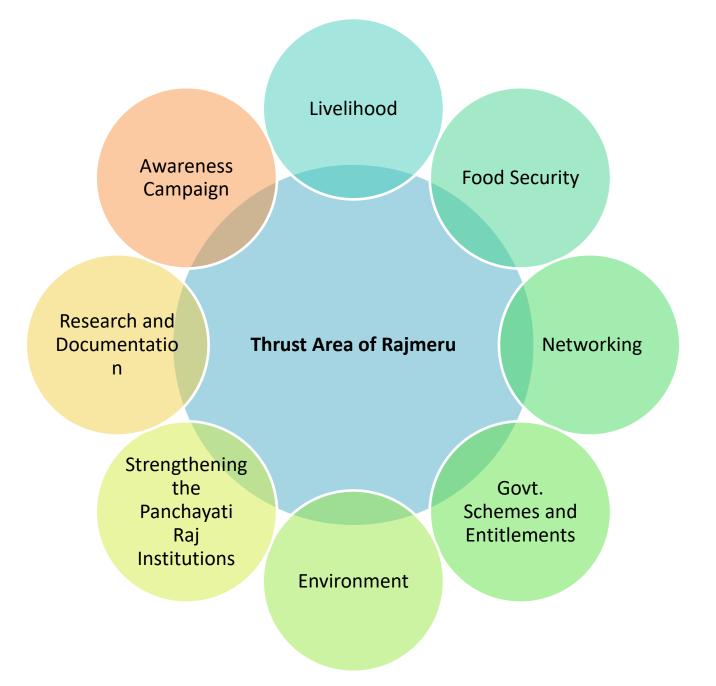
Secretary General

# **Objectives**

To ensure participative decision making process in terms of social, economic, and cultural life of the people

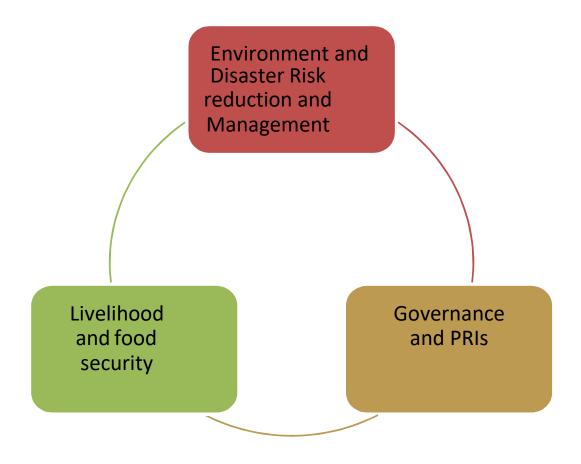
To create a common platform for likeminded individuals and organizations to formulate plans for the welfare of the people.

To ensure collective action on need and critical issues along with different stakeholders, government bodies and other concerned departments.



#### Key Issues

As described in the context analysis part of the proposal key issues and thematic areas for intervention emerging are as follows:



## **DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES**

# 1) Leadership Meetings to facilitate a self-governed mechanism of functioning (Six monthly)

One virtual meeting on dated 27/08/2020 of the network partners was organized where structural issues related Rajmeru functioning were discussed. The new framework of working under current situation during covid time Rajmeru has work under covid time distributed 428 masks in gram panchayat of Abu Road Block and Rajmeru will be of an Advisor or facilitator in this whole process. Rajmeru member is decided to appoint 2 volunteer one in Jodhpur and one in Jaipur for Rajmeru project work implement Organizations in respective areas and coordinated towards the new functioning, where their key leaderships are active in taking up the collective actions in collaboration at various levels.

#### 2) Mask Distribution

Rajmeru was distributed 428 masks in Abu Road. These masks were made by women tailors from local contribution. This activity was conducted in April 2020 during complete lockdown period.

#### 3) Meetings about Rajmeru's Bank Account

A physical meeting was conducted at Rajmeru Office with executive committee members of Rajmeru on dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The agenda of this meeting was related to Rajmeru's Bank accounts opening process under FCRA act.