

The Role of Non-governmental Groups: Women's Socio-economic Improvement in India

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Abstract: - Jacobs (2000) and McLean (2000) assert the need to extend limits of HRD to incorporate different themes in an assortment of settings. Non-governmental associations (NGOs) give conceivable outcomes and impediments to the financial improvement of ladies in India. The parts of NGOs in serving the financial needs of women give a more extensive, non-customary setting for investigating HRD procedures and administrations at a national level.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Standard HRD writing neglects to basically investigate how NGOs work inside the perplexing way of women's financial improvement in India. These elements apparently can possibly change the poorest districts of India through financial, instructive, and rural techniques (Jha and Kumar, 2000). This examination investigates the qualities, impediments, and potential outcomes of NGOs to serve the financial needs of poor ladies in the complex social setting of India. India's available financial circumstance does not support poor ladies. Financial powers (patriarchy, work, training, and government activities) enormously impact NGOs' needs for women's advancement in India. Every variable influences the unpredictable way of human advancement. This paper looks at the degree to which these four topics impact the needs of NGOs, and their adequacy towards women's advancement in India. An investigate of NGOs enlightens their qualities, impediments, and potential outcomes for women's improvement issues. A concise portrayal of the starting points of NGOs presents a dialog of their qualities and difficulties to decide the degree to which they bolster poor ladies' financial needs in India. Clashing perspectives about NGOs introduce an open door for talk, reflection, and research. At long last, an investigation of proposals for development of NGOs is introduced to advance exchange and activity concerning social and financial strengthening of poor ladies in India.

II. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

This review joins a writing audit to investigate the part of Indian NGOs in serving socio-conservative needs of poor women. Using a women's activist system, Bierema and Cseh (2003) led an examination of 600 AHRD papers distributed between 1996-2000 and found a negligible six percent of themes that concentrated on differences. Such a wide crevice in consideration of various structures shows a need to investigate non-conventional themes that can advise HRD. This article uses an applied system of voluntarism, Gandhian rationality of peaceful resistance, women's activist hypothesis, and HRD to explore the part of NGOs in India. These different majorities of hypothetical and theoretical introductions can serve to extend the parameters of HRD researchers (Roth, 2003). Contending research points of view and ideal models are solid for the domain of HRD – they give researchers access to new inquiries concerning HRD. The lead writer of this article is a female of Indian OK with a solid enthusiasm for differing qualities, woman's rights, and worldwide human improvement issues. The limits of HRD grant get to be distinctly fuzzier as researchers around the world look for normal ground. Numerous Western creators concentrate on procedures, frameworks, and individuals inside associations. Some Eastern researchers consider HRD inside associations, as well as they expand HRD to incorporate the political economy. A couple creators go past workforce issues and urge HRD researchers to consider the wellbeing and prosperity of a country's kin. For instance, Pavlish (2002) noticed the aberrations between the poor nations of the Southern Hemisphere contrasted with those of the Northern Hemisphere as plot by the World Health Organization. She asked HRD researchers and specialists to associate the part of HRD to the aberrations of wellbeing, training, and information that distress occupants of devastated groups. With an emphasis on enhancing the general soundness of the world's kin, Pavlish proposed a human asset display for making, making, teaming up, associating and contributing learning to develop altruistic and supportable social groups. It is inside this wide concentrate on learning capital and minding initiative that this exploration was roused – an investigation into the financial states of women's in poor areas of India and how these elements impact NGO reactions. This point of view is adjusted to creators who stretch techniques for workforce

improvement that can serve a country, and note the significance of adjusting open and private frameworks for the advancement of individuals and associations inside social settings (Jacobs and Hawley, 2003; Naquin, 2002; Holton and Naquin, 2002; Bates and Redmann, 2002). Amartya Sen (1999) concentrated monetary changes in India and found that wage empowers different limits, and contends that financial segregation is a much "more extensive idea" and incorporates extra elements (p.108). Variables, for example, patriarchy, work, instruction, and government activities rose as the primary fundamental elements influencing the financial status of poor women's in India. Culture pervades all parts of life in India, so this examination can add to the comprehension of the mind boggling nature of financial improvement. Each miniaturized scale issue fits into a bigger example of financial connections in the mind boggling web of Indian culture. Women's in poor segments of India experience the ill effects of sexual orientation and social separations that confine their entrance to work and instruction, while government activities battle to give feasible financial upgrades to such underestimated populaces. The thought of global HRD surmises a universe of between connectedness. This review can advise HRD researchers and experts by broadening existing writing and giving a comprehension of a global point of view from a complex relevant area that ought to give experiences about authority in Indian non-benefit associations.

III. METHOD

Numerous business and social reviews databases were looked to investigate the financial status of underestimated women's in India, for example, ABI Inform, ERIC, Wilson SelectPlus, Article First, PsycInfo, Social Sciences Abstracts, Social Services Abstracts, Sociological Abstracts, WorldCat, and Dissertation Abstracts. Likewise, Journals and World Wide Web were used utilizing a various internet searcher called Dogpile.com. Library books from national and global libraries were reviewed on advance and filtered for repeating subjects of Indian NGOs, women's financial status, and women's improvement issues. Key descriptors and watchwords utilized were: NGOs, women's, India, destitution, women's advancement, investigate, social effect, financial matters, human asset, Asia, independent work, women's reviews, culture, administration, sexual orientation, and salary. Ventures were constrained to India and women's monetary issues.

IV. SOURCES OF NGOS AND SOCIO-MONETARY FOCUS IN INDIA

The part of NGOs empowers a more extensive investigation of a non-customary setting for investigating HRD procedures and administrations at a national level. Despite the fact that proof of voluntarism in India goes back to 1500 BC, M.K. Gandhi is most noted for starting a national exertion of "standardized and individual or gathering intentional activities, for the lightening of misery and social and financial improvement of poor people" (Rai and Tandon, 2000, p.4). Numerous early intentional associations in India took after either the Gandhian or religious belief system. The starvation in Bihar amid 1966 and the outcast issue in Bangaladesh amid 1971 impacted an expansion of NGOs bringing about another expert field of chances for HRD (Rai and Tandon, 2000). Rai and Tandon contend that since human capital venture was not a noteworthy objective of numerous NGOs, financial advancement has not been sufficient. As of late, numerous associations in India have endeavored to encourage monetary strengthening by giving access to smaller scale back. A few associations concentrate on strategy issues at national levels by mediating for the benefit of minimized populaces (Rai and Tandon). Normal NGO attributes include: Private possession and control, non-benefit (or maybe not-revenue driven) status, lawful status; important capacity as individuals focused improvement, and not fiscally confident (Bhat, 2000). Beginning theoretical systems for willful associations in India depended on thoughts of self improvement and group benefit (S. Sen, 1999). In an aggregate society, for example, India, willful group benefit goes back to Vedic circumstances. The nonattendance of formal welfare programs provoked families and groups to work cooperatively amid times of emergency. One well known intentional coordinator, Mahatma Gandhi, established a national awareness development in India starting a radical peaceful peace development called satyagraha. Satyagraha started from two Sanskrit words, sat (truth), and agraha (solidness) (M. K. Gandhi, 1983). Numerous Indian NGOs keep on being enormously affected by this Gandhian reasoning (Mathiot, 1998). The Gandhian belief system clarifies why numerous Indians disdain the Western expression "NGO" wanting to utilize the first term "deliberate organizations" (p. 332). In the long run, group associations got to be distinctly formalized. Choudhary (2000) characterized deliberate associations as "a gathering of people who sort out themselves on the premise of willful enrollment with outer and State Control, for the facilitation of some normal interests of individuals" (p. 37). In the Indian setting, the legislature got to be distinctly required in intentional gatherings amid the twentieth century. Amid the 1960s India's legislature turned out to be prominently emphatic trying to accept the essential part of financial development. Because of its powerlessness to successfully actualize this objective, the administration asked for NGO help with destitution destruction programs (Choudhary, 2000). Step by step as time and experience exhibited lessons educated, fundamental changes got to be distinctly apparent. Amid the 1980s the administration center moved to financial strengthening albeit negligible rules were given (Choudhary). The Indian government had elevated monetary objectives, however did not have the learning or ability to execute this new belief system. NGOs were searched out as systems to

achieve these financial objectives. Banter about keep with respect to whether this was a successful strategic procedure. Financial necessities of the Indian populace affected an adjustment in conceptualization for NGOs. In the 1990s ladies were "found" as significant members in the monetary field and impacted NGO needs (Mathiot, 1998, p. 97). A noteworthy division of the Indian individuals experiences critical monetary conditions – thirty-six percent (320 million) of India's populace lives in destitution (M. Sen, 2000). Substantial scale government programs neglected to give alleviation to little scale needs. A current reaction to this alarming circumstance has been the small scale financial procedures of NGOs (Bhat, 2000). A generally held principle of NGOs is that smaller scale fund can make substantial, positive strides toward lightening destitution (M. Sen, 2000). The supporting rationale of this fundamental is that low-pay ladies can't stand to sit tight for full scale improvements to produce results – they require small scale techniques for their essential survival needs and their quest for financial confidence. Introductory foci of new NGOs seem to bolster this claim. Numerous new NGOs start their endeavors with little alleviation extends that permit ladies to pick up understanding, learning, status, and satisfactory financing. These little triumphs enable ladies and fill in as an antecedent to bigger activities..

V. VEFFECTIVE STRATEGIES OF NGOS

Changes of the monetary status of women through the activities of NGOs have been all around archived: Direct financing got to be distinctly accessible through banks, money related associations, contributors, private partnerships, government programs, and subsequently of NGO preparing programs (Jain, 2000). In any case, arrangement of these cases of administrations are not without relevant boundaries. Jha and Kumar (2000) led an investigation of a NGO in a provincial locale of Bihar. They noticed that administration authorities were hesitant to help, depend on, or generally participate with NGOs. NGOs regularly beat these boundaries since region, differences, adaptability, and self-sufficiency are their primary qualities (Ebrahim, 2001; Kumar, 2000; Madon and Sahay, 2002; Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade, 2001). NGOs are various in their tendency, estimate, missions, objectives, and purposes bringing about complex depictions and definitions. Viswanath (1991) characterizes NGOs as "non-legislative, sorted out groups with a reason" (p. 4). Depictions of NGOs incorporate various subjects, including indigenous, middle people, deliberate associations, reformist, visionary, transformist, down to business, hopeful, participatory, change operator, choices, adaptable, inventive, majority rule, and backing (Appell, 1996; Das, 2001; Ebrahim, 2001; Madon and Sahay, 2002; A.K. Sen, 1999; Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade, 2001; Viswanath, 1991). This assorted rundown of portrayals infers that NGOs can work inside numerous hierarchical societies and maintain self-sufficiency. While moderate turning wheels of government organization can make crevices between arrangement plan and execution, NGOs can discover approaches to fill these specialties (Das, 2001; Madon and Sahay, 2002; Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade, 2001; Viswanath, 1991). NGOs look to react rapidly with setting particular projects while government organizations waver, empowering most NGOs to work straightforwardly and intimately with poor women. All things considered they have a more noteworthy capacity to comprehend women's situational needs. Despite the fact that these requirements have dependably been pervasive in India, subsidizing shortages have truly repressed NGOs. A few contemporary subsidizing associations now support sexual orientation value which has extraordinarily impacted NGO needs (Mathiot, 1998). Convenient, Kassam, and Ranade (2002) noticed that most NGOs share a women's activist point of view in light of the fact that many work towards ladies' strengthening as opposed to here and now picks up that don't change society. Most NGOs comprehend and work to dispose of destitution by giving significant projects and administrations. Some receive more elevated amount missions and expect to bring issues to light and enable women's yet this system is not normal. Missions, dreams, objectives, authoritative size, staffing, learning, ability, and financing decide the selection of systems. One effective Indian NGO is the Self-utilized Women's Association (SEWA). SEWA is both an acronym and an Indian word importance benefit (SEWA, 2001). SEWA's inventive option thoughts plan to enable women. Since bigger Indian banks declined to administration poor ladies with their negligible wages, SEWA Bank was framed in light of poor ladies' requests (Rose, 1992). In its 2001 yearly report, SEWA recorded two noteworthy objectives: (1) To arrange ladies for full work at the family unit level, and (2) to help them accomplish confidence. SEWA's "coordinated approach" gives a scope of advantages, for example, managing an account, credit, investment funds, and standardized savings administrations (p. 8). SEWA has gotten both national and universal acknowledgment in light of its endeavors to help financial advancement of poor women in India. Poor ladies with access to credit and funds programs now have the ability to build their pay through small scale advances that extend their organizations and benefits. Gram-Vikas is a blended NGO working with both sexual orientations. Viswanath (1991) led an investigation of Gram Vikas and another NGO called India Development Service (IDS) to decide their viability in serving the requirements of ladies. Viswanath's review contrasted the degree with which every NGO gave manageable financial increases. Gram Vikas' methodologies were more centered around here and now picks up while IDS' systems were long haul. Despite the fact that Viswanath suggested that NGOs ought to receive the Gram Vikas show, it must be understood that obliviousness of long haul needs prevents manageability and strengthening, and supports reliance. Instruction is one approach for

manageability. Absence of instruction frustrates poor women's from understanding their rights, and hinders access to accessible assets. A few NGOs offer essential proficiency instruction and formal preparing programs while others give learning and skill reacting to customer needs. Regardless of whether going about as help specialists, middle people, backers, or change operators, numerous NGOs offer some type of formal or casual instruction to their customers. Enhanced endeavors could expand access to training for poor segments. Be that as it may, NGOs work inside administrative limitations – a few NGOs might be reluctant to dive into national obligations, for example, the arrangement of training. NGO clashes with the Indian government may have come about because of newness in regards to the distinctive models utilized by these diverse gatherings. The legislature has embraced western models of improvement, while most NGOs work inside Indian ideas of independence, group, and otherworldly development (Mathiot, 1998). NGOs comprehend that women's status is a component of socio-social segregations and maladroitness legislative organizations (Mathiot). Working inside these two unique standards can baffle NGOs, governments, and their customers. NGOs have been known to feel for customer disappointments of government organization and pick up women's trust by working inside the social settings while all the while forcing for legitimate change when openings emerge. Since NGOs regularly scrutinize the express, the administration some of the time strikes back with control over NGOs (S. Sen, 1999). Such an adoration detest association with the administration is a fascinating part of government-NGO connections. As most NGOs are privately based inside their customers' unique situations, they have the ability to move between neighborhood needs and government confinements. NGOs comprehend the underlying foundations of persecution and how neighborhood settings minimize and misuse ladies. For instance, NGO specialists don't reprimand religions yet get to be distinctly disappointed with "their twists and manhandle" Most NGOs capacity with an understanding that social segregation makes financial unsteadiness of poor ladies. Not at all like legislative divisions, most NGO specialists inside the ladies' advancement field are females and live near their customers' land areas. These laborers talk nearby dialects and comprehend local contrasts. This ability furnishes NGOs with an imperative use over administrative projects that are more bland. Specialists of NGOs watch, listen, and react to direct proof of the ladies' status. Similarly, poor women's connect with NGOs as a wellspring of trust and bolster knowing they will be heard with deference. Since most poor ladies ask for financial help, this additionally impacts NGO reactions. NGOs can concentrate on small scale, full scale or a mix of issues, all of which are basic for ladies' financial improvement. Quick needs can be fulfilled and getting ready for long haul supportability by means of preparing and advancement while campaigning for change at full scale levels of government. A principle disservice of Indian administrative organizations is that they are staffed by guys; a hefty portion of whom with patriarchal states of mind. Guys are the real leaders of strategies and programs and the fundamental watchmen of ladies' advancement in India. Legislative endeavors of neediness mitigation are often unsuccessful, and a noteworthy reason may be the absence of comprehension of requirements of poor women's by bureaucratic men. An aggregate take a gander at the components that impact the achievement of NGOs in serving the requirements of poor women's in India would include: Alternative methodologies, imaginative techniques, an emphasis on women's issues, dedicated initiative, persuaded staff and volunteers, quicker reaction rates than government, adaptability, access to national and global assets, setting particular projects and administrations, neighborhood workplaces, and creative systems.

VI. THE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING NGOS

The very elements that permit NGOs to achieve accomplishment in serving the requirements of poor women's – differences and self-rule – may likewise be their shortcomings. Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade (2001) watched that despite the fact that NGOs are at first "profoundly law based", as they grow and create they frequently float away from just practices (p.152). Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade additionally noticed that standardization regularly has inconvenient impacts on majority rules system and an otherworldly standpoint inside NGOs. Formal layers of hierarchical structure can keep handle laborers from getting to top administration (Sooryamoorthy and Gangrade). The multiplication of NGOs in India is no certification that they can successfully backer women's issues or serve the necessities of poor women's. Not all NGOs succeed paying little mind to their size or mission. Unpracticed staff, inadequate assets, absence of submitted authority, government organization rivalry, social hindrances, and powerlessness to produce linkages outside their range are a few reasons for disappointments (Choudhary, 2000; Jha and Mishra, 2000; Madon and Sahay, 2002; Mathiot, 1998; Prasad and Madaan, 2000). For instance, Appell (1996) basically addressed whether SEWA is "more ideological than functional" (p. 225). Appell noticed a few crevices in SEWA's belief system: SEWA can't make occupations, it doesn't help individuals in formal areas, it is not participatory, and white collar class specialists are in a large portion of the abnormal state positions in the association (p. 224). The viability and development of NGOs are fervently issues. Would it be a good idea for them to stay little and therefore hazard absence of more extensive effect or relinquish nearby associations and choose hierarchical development?

VII. FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR NGOS

Suggestions for future needs of NGOs change among creators. A few researchers take note of the requirement for propelled authority (Appell, 1996; Mohan, 1973; Viswanath, 1991). Regularly, solid initiative of NGOs is not supported when establishing pioneers resign, or leave the association without progression arrangements and techniques distressfully expected to empower smooth administration moves. A few associations become too vast, dismiss their fair objectives, and conventions disseminate through development and influences of time, bringing about lost touch with customer needs. Quick development inside a NGO can adjust preferences of quicker reaction rates, adaptability, and advancement. Cooperation among NGOs is a typical practice in India. (Manzo, 2000; S. Sen, 1999; Yadama, 1997). Yadama depicted a few favorable circumstances of joint effort among NGOs: Increasing the viability of littler NGOs, helping neighborhood NGOs to actualize local level projects, building validity and trust, encouraging compelling sharing of innovation and data, expanding the ability to manage government officials, getting to business sectors for women's, and improving powerful assessment by nearby and national financing associations. In any case, differentiating perspectives can be found in the writing in regards to the formal of shared work among NGOs. Agreement contrasts with respect to associations and development of NGOs. Brinkerhoff (2003) noticed that a few associations could be counterproductive. Varying belief systems and missions alongside clashes of force and authority may injure joint endeavors. Das (2001) proposed that NGOs could start pilot ventures for new plans. The littler NGO can exploit its adaptability and quick response time to actualize such new thoughts. To hold this preferred standpoint, Das prescribed that NGOs could system and share information of important skill. This might be a decent answer for those NGOs that want to stay little and independent. Notwithstanding which strategy is utilized, it is basic that NGOs stay concentrated on customer needs. NGOs can make better progress proportions by including all partners in basic leadership and authority – not only the special few at the more elevated amounts of the association. Miniaturized scale methodologies are urgent for development of the quick prosperity of poor women's and must be proceeded. Full scale methodologies are basic for long haul manageability without NGOs or different mediators. End of one technique may bring about extreme disregard of poor ladies who are regularly voiceless in the power structures of India. An adjusted approach that uses both miniaturized scale and large scale procedures ought to be considered. Authority should constantly concentrate on maintainable improvement that will discharge poor ladies from dependence on NGOs to accomplish strengthening. (Ebrahim, 2001; P. J. Gandhi, 2000). Faultfinders contend that patriarchal demeanors invade NGOs and they refer to cases of women's laborers sustaining existing conditions (Carr, Chen, and Jhabvala, 1996; Mathiot, 1998). Numerous ladies focused NGOs don't address sexual orientation predispositions in the home. In spite of the fact that India has profound Vedic foundations of value, numerous Indians have dismissed this critical bit of their history. Extra research on the procedures, methodologies, and authoritative elements of NGOs could serve to decorate the acts of NGOs (Manimekalai, 2000; Manzo, 2000; Prasad and Madaan, 2000). In spite of idealistic potential outcomes for the eventual fate of NGOs, they are not resistant to the impacts of bureaucratic awkwardness. NGOs and the Indian government each assume vital parts in starting and improving women's strengthening in India. At the appropriate time, most NGOs withdraw from every territory leaving poor women to battle for themselves until the following guide program goes along. Practical improvement can help women keep away from this cycle of reliance and enable them to settle on their own choices in addition to secure their own particular assets. In this way, the most essential part of NGOs is to go about as vital connections to accessible assets by conquering any hindrance between government authorities, foundations, help organizations, and women. NGOs ought to fuse strengthening preparing and advancement that can help ladies in deciding methodologies to take care of their own issues of patriarchy, work, instruction, and government get to.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Diverse cultural and geographical influences produce complex economic participation of women at work (United Nations, 1997). Sentiments regarding women's economic status vary because of differing conceptual frameworks and insufficient empirical evidence. Understanding how complex factors affect the global workforce and how leadership works in various contexts can provide important insights to HRD theorists and practitioners. Multinational corporations and business expatriates conducting business in India need to understand regional work practices in various contexts within India (Templer, 2002). India is a vast continent with many states so it is not within the scope of this study to cover all states. The state of Gujarat has been chosen as the focus of this research because the lead author is an Indian female familiar with the Gujarati culture and language. NGOs must incorporate women-centered strategies in India to benefit disenfranchised poor sectors. Although the Indian government has recognized the effectiveness of women-centered NGOs, Mathiot cautioned practitioners about the "dangers of cooptation" (p.100). Viswanath (1991) recommended that newer NGOs should plan a gradual and cautious approach of development commencing with small local programs leading to a focus on larger issues and extended geographical regions. The need for contextual common understandings is a frequent refrain in management literature. Viewing organizations through various cultural

lenses has been popular since the 1980s (Hofstede, 1991). Hofstede described it as “the psychological assets of an organization” (p.18). Schein (1992) declared that “ultimately, all organizations’ are sociotechnical systems in which the manner of external adaptation and the solution of internal integration problems are interdependent” (p. 68). An NGO’s capacity to focus beyond “reductionist psychological theories of poverty and development” is its primary asset (Mathiot, 1998, p.96). In practice, however, many NGOs may be undermining their potential impacts by perpetuating patriarchal attitudes. The proliferation of NGOs in India is no guarantee that they advocate women’s issues or succeed in their efforts. Over 95% of the female Indian workforce still labor in unstable informal sectors without benefits or employment security (Mishra, 1998). The Indian government has made slow progress between 1947-1990s by focusing its five-year plans from early issues of welfare and development to current issues of empowerment (Mishra). One remedial possibility is motivated leadership (Appell, 1996; Mohan, 1973; Viswanath, 1991) vital for NGO success because it reflects the culture and ideologies of the organization. Viswanath (1991) noted the importance of fostering leadership capacity within clients in addition to organizational staff. Fostering “a collective spirit” involves sacrificing personal benefits (p. 165) and deliberately initiating and implementing this goal. Other authors (Manimekalai, 2000; Manzo, 2000; Prasad & Madaan, 2000) recommended research to aid deeper understanding of NGO functions and impacts. Critics disagree about the ideal missions and roles of NGOs. Despite recommendations, NGOs cannot be substitutes for ineffective governmental efforts. Each party is dependent upon the other to initiate and enhance women’s empowerment in India. Interfaces between the public and private organizations are poor (Mishra, 1998). NGOs can aid socio-economic and human capital development by acting as intermediaries on behalf of poor women in India.

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