Vision
Our vision is to empower women through natural resource management. Our main concept is local production, local consumption and local procurement. We want to establish as many millet cultivation villages as possible to enhance people’s own livelihoods. We are also aiming for increased production of millets through intensive marketing and involvement of the political sphere. Through the MINI Network, we are conducting a dialogue with the civil society and universities and reaching out to a broad public. We are additionally working to get millets in to the PDS, MSP, MDM and other governmental programmes. Our Alternative Public Distribution System through committees (APDS) also plays a crucial role in our work.

Objectives
Promotion of sustainable intensive agriculture and use of non-conventional energy resources, is our main objective to reach female empowerment. Other objectives are work against violence on women, to provide counselling for deprived women and to eliminate gender bias in building modern society by creating social, economic and political awareness among women. We are also carrying out projects aimed at promoting healthy and hygienic habits and a sustainable management of drinking water, along with improvement of local environment and medical, educational and sanitation facilities. Finally, we are aiming for the young population where we work to develop leadership qualities among the youth and to cultivate hygiene behaviour and practices among the community and school children. We are also working with nutritional information in schools, organizing millet food recipes competitions and rallies.
**Major Accomplishments**

- Increased production of millets. 20 years ago there was no millet production in our operating district - today we have included 30 villages in two mandals in millet cultivation.
- Have created a good market and provision for economic incentives for millet production.
  - Recently won an award and a cash price of 1,25 lakhs for presenting the idea of introducing millets in public food systems at inverted start ‘One MP- One Idea’ program.
- Accessibility to millets for the landless.

**Synergizing with MINI**

Before joining the Network five years ago, our main focus was on increased production of millets. With MINI, we now have a stronger emphasis on a rights based approach. We are including the women of Sanghams in all our programs. From originally starting work in five villages, we have now reached a total number of 30 villages - a major achievement! During this process, MINI has been supportive and helpful.

**The Story of Medapureddy Ramulamma**

*Committee member, Cheedi Valasa Village*

Ten years ago, Medapureddy Ramulamma experienced heavy losses in her harvest due to lack of rain. When coming to the village Cheedi-valasa, she was introduced to millets, and soon after switched over to the nutritional, climate resistant crop. Every month, she has enough to feed herself and her family, and a surplus for selling. The financial support of Rs. 2500/- per acre was a big help in the transition. Today she is a committee member of the village and experiences huge differences in her professional and her personal life. ”I know have a good recognition in the society and I can easily reach out to governmental officials and politicians for lobby work”, she says.