



SEWA's Sangini Child Care Centres

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The Partnership

Profile of SEWA

SEWA is the leading women's empowerment organisation supporting 106 co-operatives through its Cooperative Federation

Key facts

- **SEWA** is a national union of over 2.5 million women workers of the informal economy in 18 states of India.
- **SEWA's Mission:** Holistic empowerment of poor self-employed women through their own membership-based organizations like co-operatives
- **SEWA has promoted 115 co-operatives** in the field of:
 - Services (e.g., Childcare, Domestic Workers)
 - Savings and Credit and Savings
 - Artisans
 - Labour
 - Livestock
 - Agriculture

History



1972: Founding of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)

1996: SEWA becomes member of the National Co-operative Union of India

1992: Creation of India's first Women's Cooperative Federation - Gujarat State Women's SEWA Co-operative Federation Limited

SEWA's value proposition for Co-operatives



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Training



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Marketing services



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Consulting services



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HR/Admin/IT services



Sangini Child Care Centres

SEWA's co-operative Sangini set up in 1985 operates 12 Child Care Centres to empower women and educate children



Sangini: Child Care Centres

- SEWA operates **12 Child Care Centres** in **Gujarat**
- **Child Care Centres** are operated by **trained teachers**
- **Target group:** Children between 0-6
- Each **Child Care Centre** has **30 children**
- Teacher to student ratio is 1:15



Problem addressed by Child Care Centres

- **Education & Nutrition:** Large number of young children receive inadequate education and nutrition is a focus in our centres
- **Women's Empowerment:** Mothers in low income families struggle to balance their work along with raising children. This affects their ability to earn money



Sangini Child Care Centres

Sangini's Child Care Centres support children with education, nutrition and health, while simultaneously enhancing women's income

Value proposition Child Care Centres



Education

- **Child Care Centres** organize recreational and educational activities
- Older children go to school and learn to **read and write**



Nutrition

- Children at **Child Care Centres** receive **2 nutritious meals in addition to milk and fruits** every day
- **Special attention** is given to **malnourished children** and the **special needs of children**



Healthcare

- **Child Care Centres** organize regular **health check-ups** and provide referrals if needed
- **Child Care Centres** organize **immunization** for children



Capacity Building

- **Teachers** at Child Care Centres are **exposed to** new ideas and approaches to **parenting, education and health**



Women Empowerment

- **Child Care Centres** provide women the opportunity to dedicate their full attention to their **work**, thereby **doubling their income**

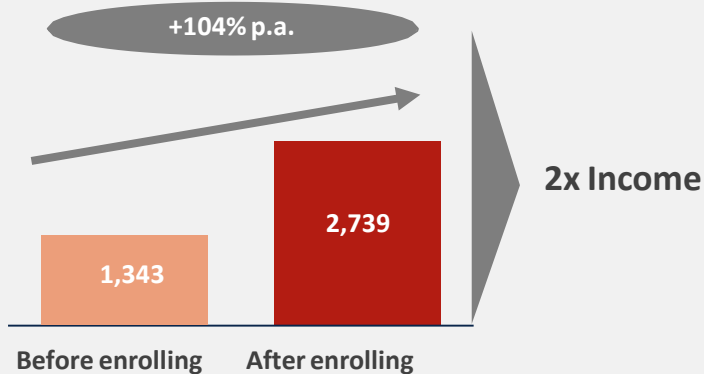


Impact of Child Care Centres

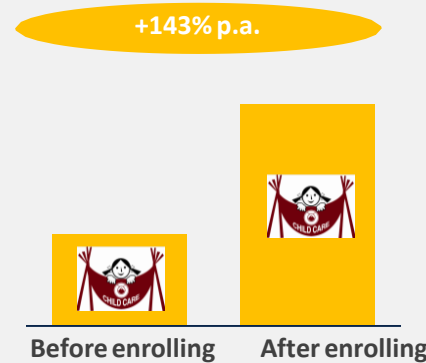
Child Care Centres have a positive effect on women's incomes and mental health

Mother's Income [Rs]

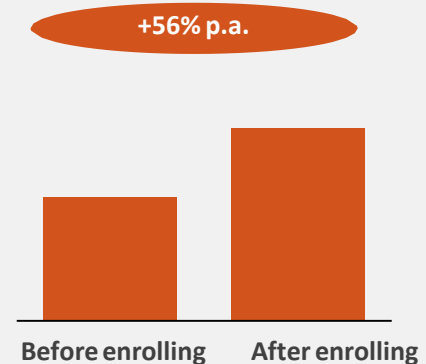
Average increase in mother's income from enrolling



Income increase at SEWA Centres



Income increase at non SEWA Centres

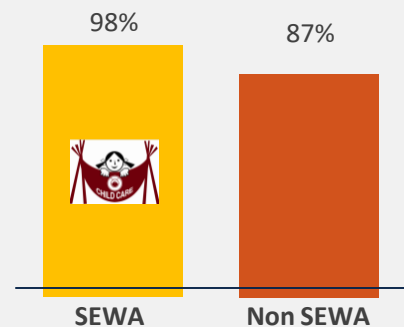


Mother's Mental State

Reduction of stress for mothers [%]



Reduction of stress for mothers [%]

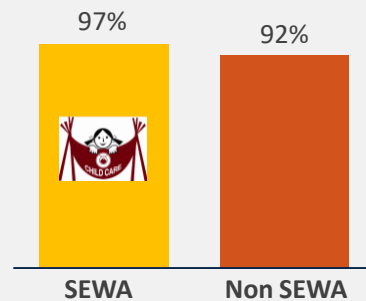


Impact of Child Care Centres (cont.)

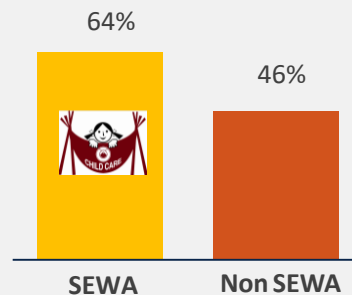
SEWA's Sangini Child Care Centres positively influence children's health, learning and education

Children's Health

Mothers reporting **no pending immunizations** for their children

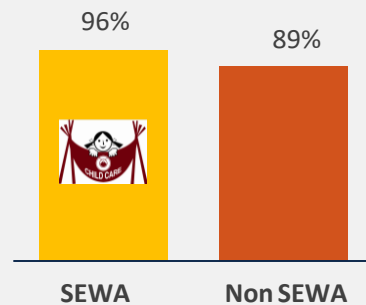


Mothers reporting **better nutrition habits** in their children

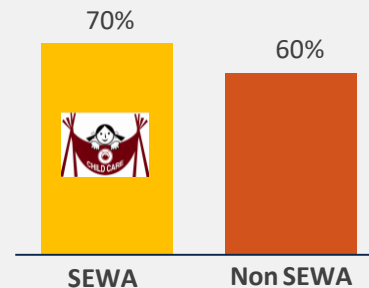


Children's Education

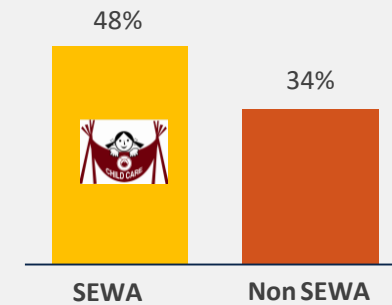
Children between 3-6 who know the alphabet and counting (1-5)



Mothers reporting that their children speak more



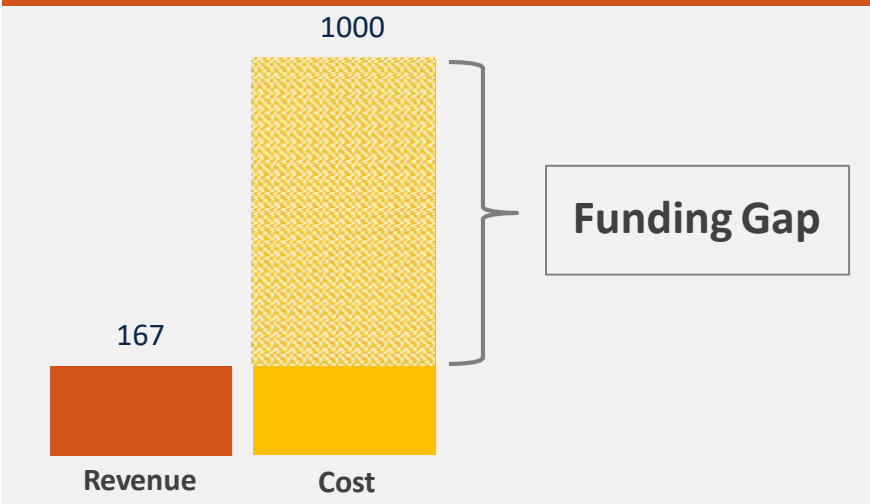
Mothers reporting that their children have learnt more



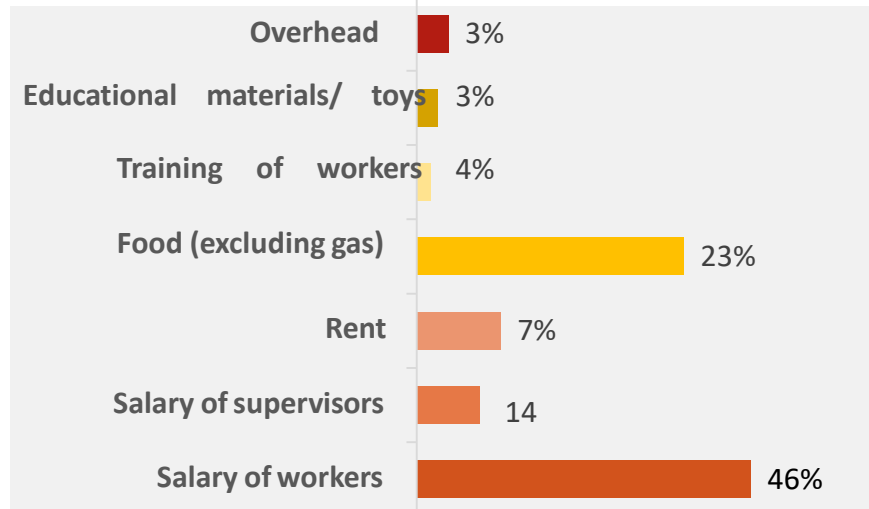
The Funding Gap

Child Care Centres face a major funding gap, requiring external support

Funding Gap [Rs]



Cost Drivers [%]



- Sangini's Child Care Centres face a major **funding gap** of Rs 700 per child despite parents' contribution of Rs 300 per child **plus community contributions**
- **Salary of workers** as major cost driver **cannot be reduced** as workers receive **minimum wage** and **minimum teacher/student ratio of 1/15** needs to be maintained
- **Limited potential to reduce cost**
- Despite **co-operatives' long term initiatives** to become **sustainable**, by e.g. running higher end daycares for cross-subsidizing, **external funding is required**

To have an impact on the life of children and mothers supported by Sangini's Child Care Centres, please contact info@lokswasthyasewatrust.org

