

1.	Full Name of the Organisation:	Mahiti Trust			
2.	Acronym of the Organisation:		3.	Year of Establishment:	1994
4.	Full Address of the Organisation:				
House No.: G-2/1		Street Name/No.: Om Shantinagar		Locality: Vejalpur	
Town/City/Post Office: Vejalpur, Ahmedabad			District: Ahmedabad		
State: Gujarat			Pin Code: 380051		
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6.	Total No. of Staff:				
Programme: 18		Support: 03		Volunteers:	
7.	Mission of the Organisation (max. 100 words):				
<p>Vision Envisaging a just society without oppression, discrimination, injustice by abolishing discriminations created by unjust social structures and to improve the livings standards of exploited/marginalised sections while making them self-reliant in Gujarat state, India.</p> <p>Mission Mahiti's mission is to empower the poor, discriminated and marginalised communities with focus on women to bring about concrete and sustainable changes in their lives and also to address issues of injustice through strong organisation of people and their leadership.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To empower women and youth by strengthening leadership for effective political participation and to fight against social injustice. ▪ To develop natural resources and to promote better access and control over natural resources for the marginalised communities. ▪ To develop local resources to strengthen livelihood options for the marginalised communities. ▪ To improve and provide civic amenities. ▪ To improve and provide health facilities. ▪ To mobilise women to address the issues of marginalised communities. 					
8.	Main Sectoral/Thematic Areas of Work:			9.	Nature of Expertise:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender Justice and Women Empowerment ▪ Micro Finance ▪ Strengthening Regional Level Micro Finance Institutions ▪ Natural Resource Management such as Drinking Water Resource Management, Watershed Management, Soil and Moisture Conservation, Agriculture and Disaster Management ▪ Protection of Children's Rights ▪ Youth Empowerment specially for vocational trainings ▪ Health, Hygiene and Sanitation ▪ Reproductive and Child Health ▪ Social Justice and Human Rights 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing capacity building on Micro Finance, Women's Savings and Credit Groups, Self Help Groups ▪ Strengthening various Village Level Institutions/Community Organisations ▪ Drinking Water Resources Management and Sanitation ▪ Reproductive and Child Health 		

10. Countries Where the Organisation Has Worked in the Past 10-15 Years	
Asia Pacific: India (Specially in Gujarat)	Africa:
Latin America and Caribbean:	Middle East:
Europe:	North America:
11. Affiliation to any National /International Networks:	
National:	International:
Name:	Name:
Location of Secretariat:	Location of Secretariat:
Contact Details:	Contact Details:
12. Illustrative Projects Implemented in Other Countries (Max.10 Projects; Max. 250 words for each project):	
Name of the Project 1:	Name of the Project 2:
Year of Implementation:	Year of Implementation:
Partner Organisations:	Partner Organisations:
Resource Provider/Client:	Resource Provider/Client:
Major Activities Taken During the Implementation:	Major Activities Taken During the Implementation:
Name of the Project 3:	Name of the Project 4:
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13. Any Other Information:	<p>Since 1981, Mahiti – Rural Development Centre has been working as a grass-root organisation. In 1994, it was formally registered as a society and public charitable trust. It works in the most difficult area of Bhal region which consists of coastal area of Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Surendranagar, and Anand district of Gujarat State, India. Bhal is a region where salinity ingress is very high, the land is very saline, the ground water is saline and has no irrigation facilities. This area also has a very strong caste system and is still dominated by the culture of feudalism. Mahiti works for the rights of specific social groups called Dalits (Scheduled Caste) and Kolis (Other Backward Caste) with focus on women. Mahiti focuses on mobilising and organising the poor, discriminated and marginalised communities in accessing their rights and development through empowerment and human rights based approach.</p> <p>Thrust Areas/Strategic Programmes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Socio-Economic Empowerment of the poor discriminated and marginalised communities with focus on women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area level women’s savings and credit cooperatives as a medium for empowerment. Facilitating integrated development programmes by mobilising government and other resources for sustainable livelihood for these communities. Addressing issue of drinking water through innovative experiment and policy advocacy. Promoting and strengthening community based health programmes. Creating spaces and developing vocational skills for youth for their development. Community based disaster mitigation programme. Social Justice Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing, capacitating and supporting a cadre of voluntary leaders for social action which addresses issues of discrimination, atrocities and other forms of injustices. Legal Aid and Counselling Centre