

**Sanchal Foundation  
Annual Report 2007-2008**

**Highlights of three years of the Ford Grant**

- To familiarise people with the Right to Information Act, 23 training workshops were organised that resulted in at least 145 applications being submitted.
- These were supplemented with 26 advocacy meetings with the various authorities and 12 public hearings on how the Act was being used.
- 28 cultural events and 34 public meetings were organised in various places to debate the provisions of the 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- There were 2 National Conferences on the subject of the National Urban Renewal Mission that also debated issues of governance.
- 52 research studies were conducted, many of them with extensive community participation to establish alternative planning norms.
- 71 student volunteers and 126 professionals from different disciplines assisted in the preparation of these studies.
- The results of the studies were disseminated through 24 booklets, 35 pamphlets, 45 posters, and 49 presentations.
- 377 workshops and consultations with community groups were critical to the data collection, analysis, and dissemination process.
- There were 550 public meetings and seminars through which the Centre's staff tried to facilitate greater public participation in governance.
- 55 exposure visits were organised for community activists so that they could obtain a wider perspective on the issues facing them.
- 36 reports, 50 papers, and 13 visual exhibits (including films) carried this message of public participation into the public domain.
- It is estimated that perspectives of at least 40 organisations with whom the Centre has worked may have significantly changed.
- As many as 18 new organisations and alliances may have emerged to take up a variety and range of issues from domestic work to waste management.

No.	Activity	2005-2006		2006-2007		2007-2008	
		T	A	T	A	T	A
1	Research studies	6	15	10	28	6	9
2	Media releases	6	13	6	15	12	3
3	Media consultations	2	2	4	18	4	11
4	Institutional interactions	20	32	24	19	24	42
5	Booklets	6	3	6	10	6	11
6	Pamphlets	6	12	12	13	6	10
7	Books	3	3	3	5	4	2
8	Posters	10	18	20	(12)	10	15
9	Reports	-	10	6	12	6	14
10	Papers	-	14	12	17	12	19
11	Volunteers	10	31	40	15	10	25
12	Professionals / resource	30	45	30	43	30	38
13	Presentations	10	13	12	16	10	20
14	Visual exhibits	2	3	3	3	10	7
15	Exposure visits	3	1	4	5	5	49

16	Workshops / consultations	34	115	100	133	60	129
17	Seminars / meetings	-	114	100	233	120	203
18	Internal training	4	16	12	15	12	6
19	Advocacy meetings (RTI)	4	2	4	13	8	11
20	Public hearings (RTI)	4	2	4	8	8	2
21	Training workshops (RTI)	-	7	6	8	6	8
22	Applications (RTI)	-	30	50	59	50	56
23	Cultural events (74 <sup>th</sup> Am.)	6	0	6	4	12	24
24	Public meetings (74 <sup>th</sup> Am.)	2	3	4	29	4	2
25	National conference (74 <sup>th</sup> Am.)	1	0	1	0	2	2

### Funding pattern

	Funding Sources	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
1	Ford Foundation	28,06,239	36,44,073	12,27,131
2	Other Grants	17,51,300	11,99,608	11,72,321
3	Independent Income	4,16,357	4,15,838	4,79,039
4	<b>Totals</b>	<b>49,73,896</b>	<b>52,59,519</b>	<b>28,78,491</b>

The other grants have been mainly from Action Aid for the Urban Change and Resistance project which tried to document the changes in three cities and how people in these cities tried to resist those changes and propose plans of their own.

The grant from Ford shows lower receipts in 2007-2008 but that is because there were higher receipts from previous years which were carried over. The Ford budget was also extended up to November of 2008.

In the current year, Hazards Centre has received sanction for another two-year proposal from Ford for **Urban Governance, Alternatives, and Sustainability** from February 2009-January 2011 for a total of \$170,000.

In addition, there is another grant from Christian Aid for two years on **Climate Change and Urban Settlements** from September 2008-August 2010 for a total of Rs 40 lakhs.

Another grant has been received from Water Aid for an **Evaluation of Drinking Water Sources in Delhi** for Rs 7.5 lakhs from February to May 2009.

Finally, Action Aid has granted provisional sanction for a proposal on **Urban Resistance and Alliance Building** for Rs 7.5 lakhs from March to December 2009.

All these grants will, hopefully, enable Hazards Centre to carry out its various activities in about 30 cities for the next two years, as also some in the rural areas too.

One more grant has been routed through Sanchal Foundation for the **Bhalaswa Lok Shakti Manch** for an amount of about Rs 1.5 lakhs for a period of one year beginning in June 2008, and Hazards Centre expects to raise more funds for at least five other such community groups over the next year.