

## **Useful information about the NGO's**

### **What is an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization)?**

NGO maybe defined as a group or association having a definite cultural, educational, economic, religious or social programme rather than commercial objectives. They are entirely or largely independent of government. Generally NGO's operate at the village level or at the state level. Some NGO's operate at the national level too. But there are many NGO's who even operate at international level. NGO's include charitable and religious associations that mobilize private funds for social welfare activities.

NGO's or Non-government organizations are also known as Voluntary Organizations, Voluntary Agencies, Voluntary Development Organizations and Non-Governmental Development Organizations, although they differ in many aspects from each other. NGO's include independent cooperatives, associations, women's groups and Citizen Groups which spread awareness and influence public policy.