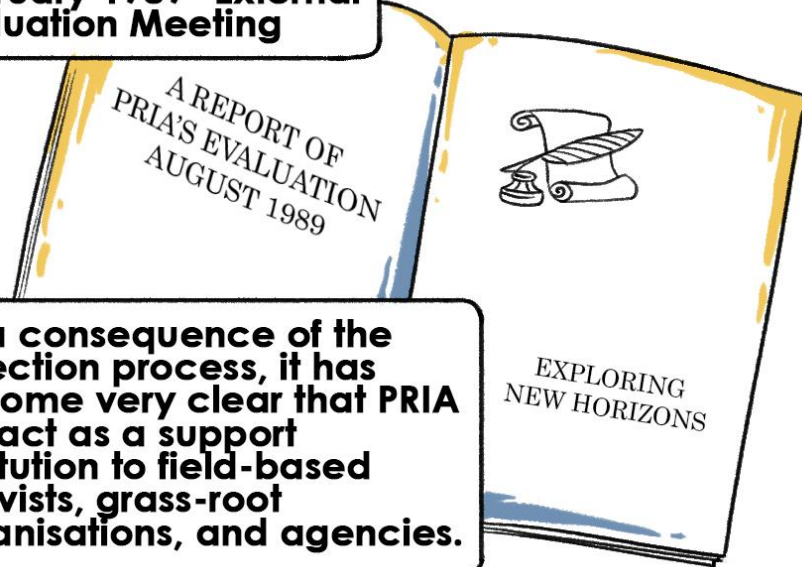
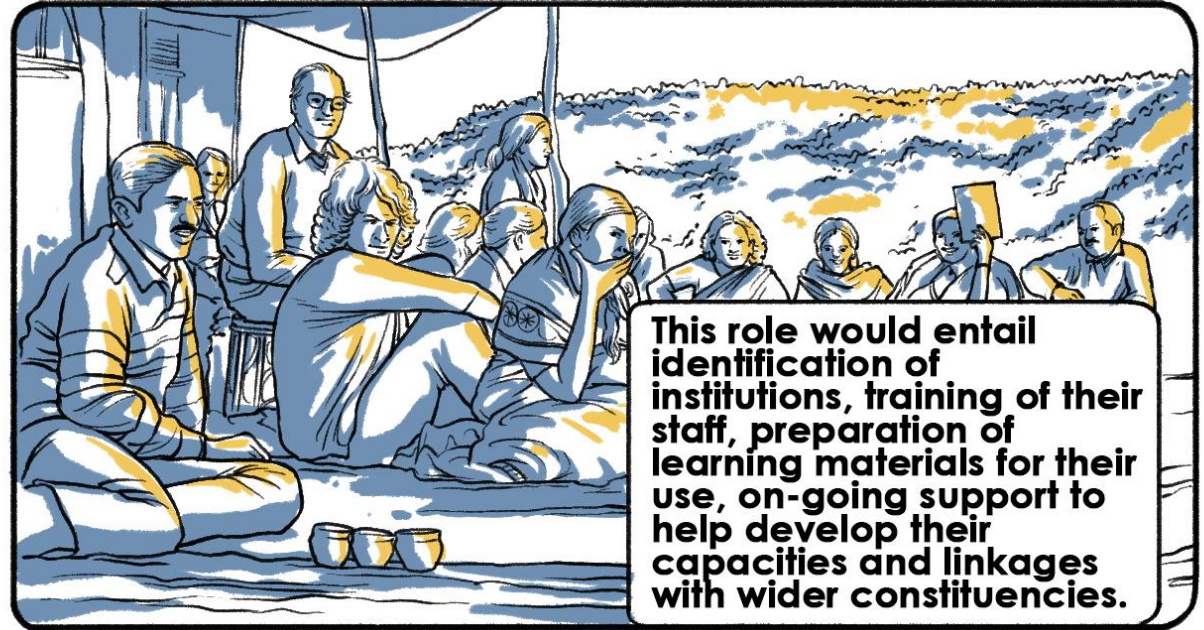


Incubating CSOs

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As a consequence of the reflection process, it has become very clear that PRIA will act as a support institution to field-based activists, grass-root organisations, and agencies.



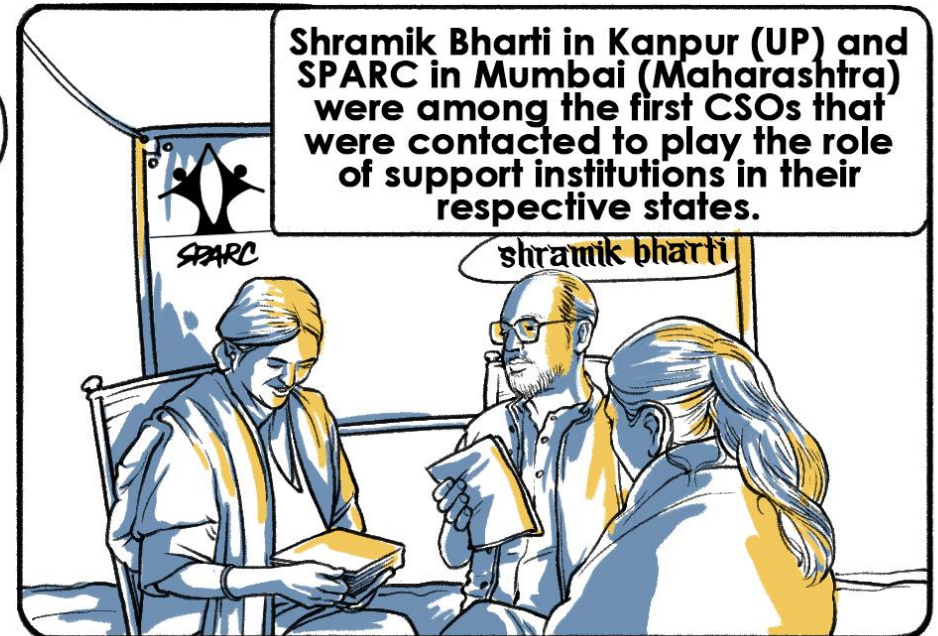
This role would entail identification of institutions, training of their staff, preparation of learning materials for their use, on-going support to help develop their capacities and linkages with wider constituencies.

After the evaluation meeting, Dr. Rajesh Tandon is sitting in his office and thinking



PRIA alone cannot play the role of support functions from Delhi. This requires building on regional knowledge and local linguistic capacity. Thus, we need to strengthen existing support institutions and if necessary, incubate new support institutions in different parts of the country which can play similar functions with large number of grassroots organisations in different states and regions of the country.

Shramik Bharti in Kanpur (UP) and SPARC in Mumbai (Maharashtra) were among the first CSOs that were contacted to play the role of support institutions in their respective states.

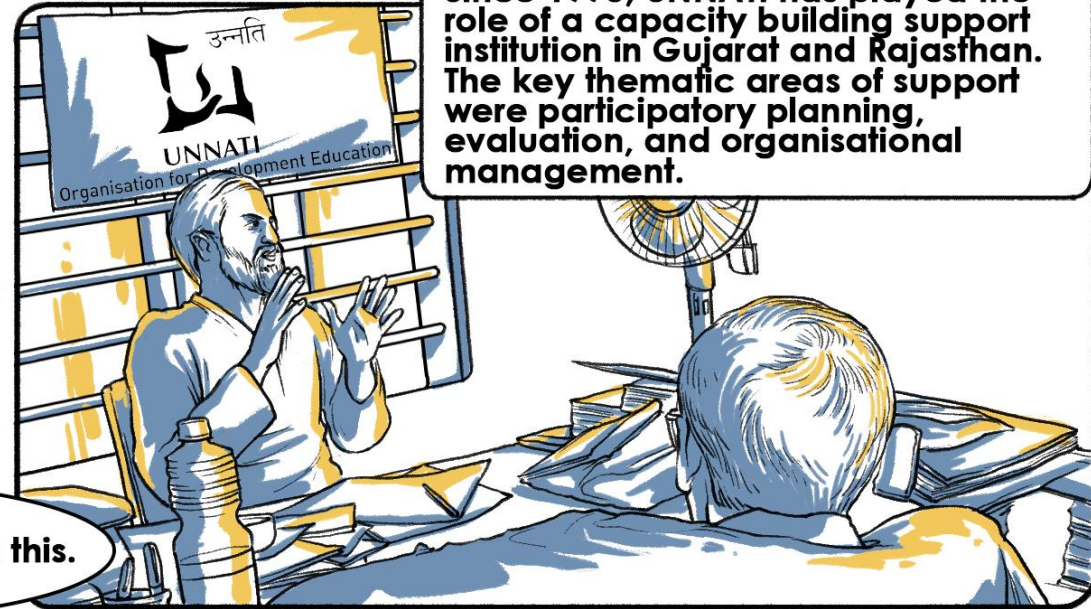


Binoy! Since you are planning to settle in Ahmedabad (Gujarat), let's think about establishing a support institution for CSOs in Gujarat



Yes Rajesh Bhai, let's do this.

Since 1990, UNNATI has played the role of a capacity building support institution in Gujarat and Rajasthan. The key thematic areas of support were participatory planning, evaluation, and organisational management.

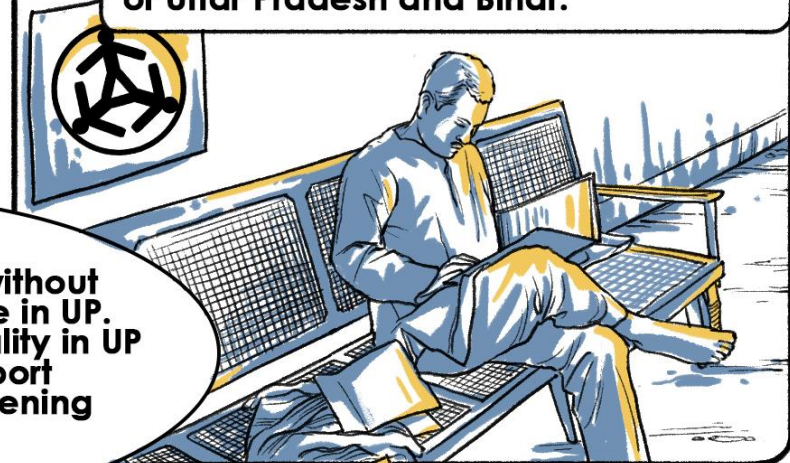


Hello Rajesh Bhai, I am working as Training officer in Nehru Foundation. But want to do something at the grassroot level especially in UP.



Do one thing, take leave without pay and stay for some time in UP. Understand the ground reality in UP and think of starting a support institution in UP for strengthening grassroots CSOs.

SAHBHAGI SHIKSHAN KENDRA (SSK), a support organization and a Center for Participatory Learning and Action, was founded in 1990 to promote and strengthen civil society organizations of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.



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- Samarthan – Madhya Pradesh
- SPARC – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Sahayi – Kerala

- CINI - West Bengal
- CYSD - Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
- RDT - Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh

Incubating new grassroots CSOs, called MiND Fellows since late 1990s, support functions continue to be actively performed.

