Gandhian Development
Background: Seva Mandir

- Udaipur, Rajasthan, India
- Est. 1966
- Health, education, gender equality, environment
- Reaches 626 villages and 52 urban settlements, affecting 360,000 people

City Palace, by Lake Pichola
Project aim: to assess the status of Bed’s natural resources and the village’s general socio-economic development

- Develop unused areas into communal farmland
- Land becomes productive source of income, means for self-sufficiency

A woman planting saplings to help regenerate degraded land
Communities participate in their own development according to their particular contexts.

- Grassroots, bottom-up development
- NGO workers embedded in community
- Self-sufficiency, community, and equality
Reflections

- The philosophy of Seva Mandir should be a model for development NGOs in India and elsewhere.
- Development should be motivated not only by economic growth but social and moral imperatives.
Thank you!