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A WORD FROM PRESIDENT

STEP TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE RURAL LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Dear All,

Greetings from Vikasganga Sanstha.....!

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As President, I am honored to lead Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, a dedicated organization working to uplift vulnerable communities while safeguarding our natural resources, environment, and wildlife. With global challenges like climate change, floods, rising temperatures, water scarcity, and natural calamities, our mission has become more crucial than ever.

For the past 29 years, we have tirelessly pursued sustainable conservation and development for people, nature, and wildlife. Thanks to our collective efforts, we've made significant strides in soil and water conservation, livelihood improvement, livestock development, plantation and grassland development, child education, women's empowerment, and the formation and promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). To date, we have reached over 158,000 households and, in our commitment to biodiversity, have planted over 350,000 traditional and fruit trees.

Today, I invite you to join us in our mission. Every donation, every hour volunteered, and every shared message strengthens our cause. Thank you for your unwavering dedication. Together, we can secure a brighter, sustainable future for generations to come.



Ranjit Krushnarao Bobade

President of Vikasganga Sanstha



INTRODUCTION

Established in 1996 as a non-profit organization in Ghatanji, registered under Bombay Public Trust Act (1950), Societies Registration Act (1860) and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act to enable national and international funding. It is dedicated to rural and tribal poverty reduction through sustainable Natural Resources Management (NRM), primarily in drought-prone areas. It strives to improve living conditions in rural and tribal areas by promoting eco-friendly land and water management and enhance rural socio-economic status, focusing on community-based institutions, farmers' producer organizations, and overall sustainable development. It is active in eight districts across Vidarbha, Marathwada and Western Maharashtra, covering 558 villages.

Its emphasis is on soil and water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and soil erosion prevention through plantation, grass seeding, and farm bunding. It places significant emphasis on community participation in every stage of its programs, from initial planning through to implementation. This participatory approach aims to achieve long-term sustainability by empowering local communities with knowledge and skills. The organization provides training, technical support, and capacity building to both farmers and self-help groups, fostering better understanding and active involvement in its initiatives.

In addition to its environmental and agricultural focus, it is also dedicated to child education, women's empowerment, and the development of Agri-Allied rural businesses. These efforts are tailored to address the pressing agrarian crisis, which has a substantial impact on marginalized farmers, aiming to alleviate their challenges and support their economic resilience.

GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION

To empower marginalized communities to take an active role in their own development. By fostering faith, unity, equality, brotherhood, and peace, the organization aims to support these communities in becoming central participants in shaping their futures and improving their socio-economic conditions.

VISION

To promote sustainable development initiatives, such as Natural Resource Management (NRM) and education, to address the needs of underrepresented and marginalized communities. The organization envisions a future where land can sustain its population, and where disadvantaged communities live with dignity, justice, socio-economic equality, and peaceful co-existence across different societal groups.

MISSION

To create and provide meaningful opportunities that support the holistic development of vulnerable groups, including women, children, youth, and marginalized farmers. By encouraging active participation, the organization seeks to enhance their capacities within developmental processes, securing a just and dignified living for these communities as valuable contributors to society.



VIKASGANGA WORK AREA

District in Maharashtra :

Yavatmal, Wardha, Amravati, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Hingoli, Ahmednagar & Nashik

Operational Area: State Maharashtra

Districts covered: 08

Blocks covered: 40

Villages covered: 558

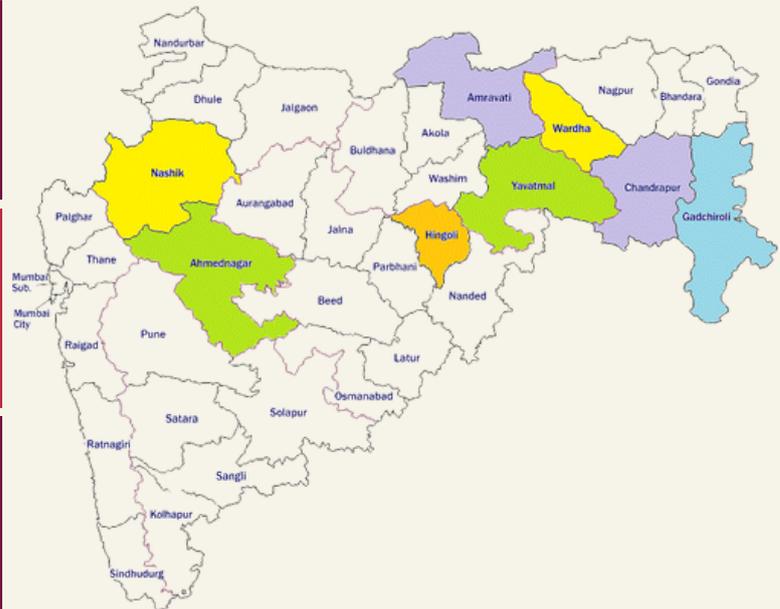
Total Beneficiaries covered: 55380

Farmers – 48120

Women – 2332

Labours – 408

Old Age Orphan peoples – 08



OUR TRUSTEES



Mr. Ranjit K. Bobade

President

A founding member of Vikasganga Sanstha, Mr. Bobade is dedicated to helping the rural poor, especially landless farmers for 29 years. He has been working with Bhudan Yadnya Mandal to provide farmland to the landless, with support from philanthropic organizations.



Dr. Prashant G. Kasare

Vice-President

An orthopedic surgeon and social worker, Dr. Kasare actively contributes to societal improvement, environmental causes, and support for the needy through his work with a team of social workers in Yavatmal.



Mr. Amit P. Gadbail

Secretary

A BSc (Agri) graduate and agriculture technology expert, Mr. Gadbail helps farmers adopt efficient and eco-friendly agricultural practices, aiming to lower their costs and improve productivity.



Mr. Rajeshwar C. Virutkar

Co-Secretary

Also, a founder of Vikasganga Sanstha and a retired government servant, Mr. Virutkar, from a farming family, uses his background to advocate for the upliftment of rural farmers.



Mrs. Savita D. Mohade

Treasurer

A teacher and active member of Vikasganga, Ms. Mohade focuses on supporting poor students in rural areas through educational activities.



Dr. Puja S. Mankar

Member

A government doctor specializing in BAMS, Dr. Mankar dedicates her efforts to improving the health of rural women through Vikasganga's social initiatives.



Mr. Bhojraj R. Timande

Member

A model farmer involved in agri-business, Mr. Timande supports local farmers by reducing input costs and combining agricultural marketing efforts through a Farmer Producer Company.

Each of these members contributes uniquely to Vikasganga's mission of uplifting rural communities, whether through agriculture, education, health, or social welfare initiatives.



OUR ADVISORY BOARD

Here is a summary of each additional member's role and contributions

Mr. Subhash Mankar

A seasoned NGO professional with a B. Com degree, Mr. Mankar has over 35 years of experience in NGO accounting. He has contributed to several organizations, including Dilasa Sanstha, Sarv Seva Farms, and Dharamitra. His longstanding association with Vikasganga brings valuable expertise in financial management.

Mr. Ekanath Dagawar

A retired Executive Engineer, Mr. Dagawar serves as Secretary of Bhudan Yagna Mandal in Maharashtra, furthering the land reform movement initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave. He assists Vikasganga with guidance on supporting landless people by helping them cultivate Bhudan-distributed land.

CA Pravin M. Gandhi

A respected Chartered Accountant in Yavatmal, Mr. Gandhi has been Vikasganga's consultant auditor for 23 years. He advises on accounting, ensuring compliance with tax regulations, GST, and legal matters, which strengthens the organization's financial stability.

Adv. Umesh Bawankar

Serving as Vikasganga's Consultant Advocate, Mr. Bawankar offers legal guidance on Charity Commissioner work and compliance, helping the organization maintain legal standards.

These members bring specialized skills in finance, legal matters, and social service, providing Vikasganga with comprehensive support to achieve its mission.

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr. Vinod Gujalwar

Assistant Director

A Civil and Environmental Engineer, Mr. Gujalwar brings over 25 years of diverse experience in civil engineering, watershed management, and education. Notably, he worked as a third-party inspector for Maharashtra's "Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan" initiative, earning the prestigious "Jalnayak" award. He joined Vikasganga in 2017 as a Watershed Expert, leveraging his expertise to improve water conservation efforts.



Mr. Prashant Chaudhari

Assistant Director

With a background in agriculture (BSc Agriculture) and a decade of experience in agricultural marketing and development, Mr. Chaudhari works on sustainable agriculture solutions to support rural farmers. Since joining Vikasganga in 2020, he has focused on sustainable farming practices that promote the long-term wellbeing of farmers.



Miss Deepa Sayare

Head Accountant

A commerce post graduate with an M. Com degree, Miss Sayare has been with Vikasganga since 2012. She is skilled in accounting, auditing, and managing project finances, ensuring accurate documentation and financial oversight for various organizational projects.

These members contribute valuable expertise in engineering, sustainable agriculture, and financial management, enhancing Vikasganga's impact on rural development.



YEARS OF MILESTONE

Here is a summary of Vikasganga Sanstha's key milestones and initiatives over the years

1996

Establishment

Vikasganga Sanstha was founded in Pandhurna (Khurd) village to support farmers and students in Zilha Parishad Schools, focusing on rural improvement.

1998

Women's Empowerment

The organization began promoting women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to boost the rural economy. Additionally, campaigns were conducted to raise awareness about Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) for ecological and livelihood enhancement in forest-adjacent villages.

2004

Horticulture for Economic Growth

New horticulture techniques were introduced through the Agriculture Department to encourage farmers to adopt cash crops, enhancing farm income.

2005

Student Life Skills Development

A program was implemented to teach life skills to village students, focusing on cleanliness, safety, and social responsibility.

2006

Health Initiatives

Health and sanitation drives, including Jalswarajya and Fluoride Removal Projects, promoted clean drinking water and village cleanliness. Kitchen gardens were introduced to improve nutrition.

2007

Environmental Conservation through Organic Farming

Cotton farmers were trained in organic farming techniques to reduce chemical use and promote ecological sustainability.



YEARS OF MILESTONE

Here is a summary of Vikasganga Sanstha's key milestones and initiatives over the years

2008

Soil and Water Conservation

Projects like farm bunding, CCT, and nalla deepening/widening were launched to address soil erosion and support sustainable agriculture.

2012

Formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

The Yashodhara Farmer Producer Company was formed to help farmers earn higher prices for their produce, strengthening their financial stability.

2017

Child Education and Livelihood Sustainability

Bridge classes were introduced to support rural child education, along with Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) programs to increase water availability for farmers.

2019

Covid-19 Support

During the pandemic, Vikasganga provided essential supplies to support community survival amid hardships.

2020

Ecosystem Nurturing

Initiatives focused on strengthening rural institutions (Gram Panchayats, SHGs, VDCs), setting up organic input centers, promoting plantation efforts, and implementing waste management.

2022
&
2023

Livelihood Support from Livestock and Small Business Units

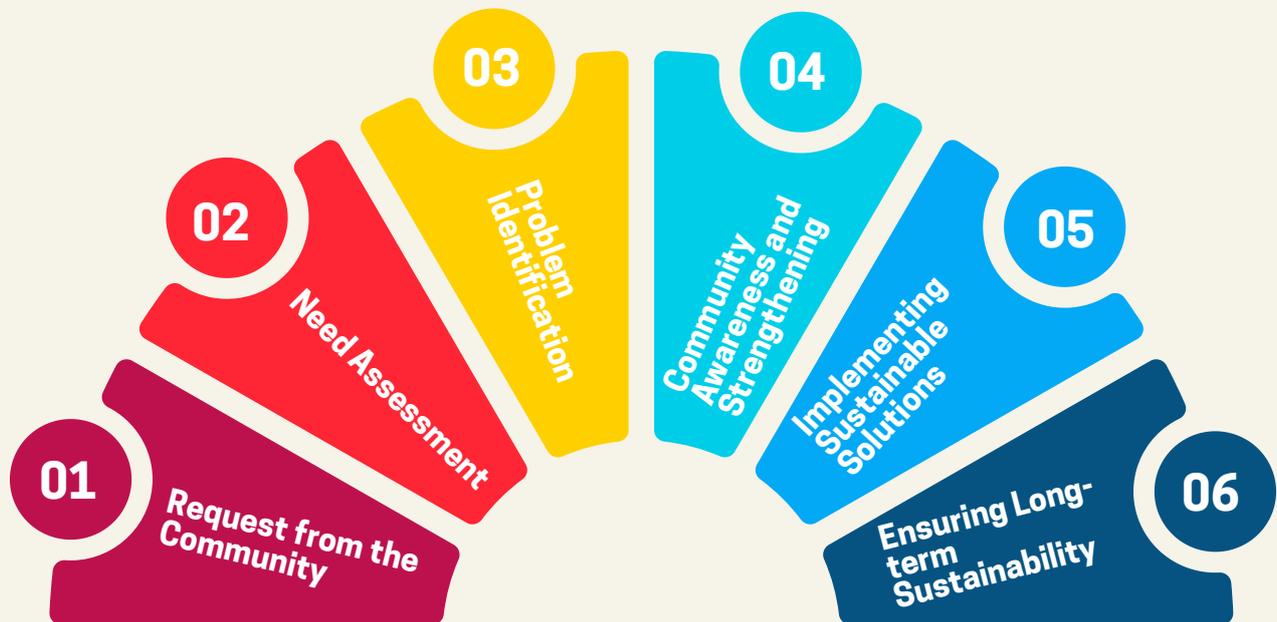
To boost rural livelihoods, Vikasganga promoted traditional agri-allied businesses like goatery, poultry, and dairy. Training programs and small business setups, including tailoring, grocery, spices grinding, and solar drying units, were also introduced, especially for women's empowerment.

These milestones illustrate Vikasganga's ongoing commitment to rural development, emphasizing sustainable agriculture, health, education, and economic empowerment.



APPROACH OF WORK

HERE'S A SUMMARY OF VIKASGANGA SANSTHA'S APPROACH TO ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS



01

Request from the Community

Community members present issues through village meetings or direct communication with Vikasganga, submitting an authorized request letter to initiate support.

02

Need Assessment

Upon receiving the request, Vikasganga conducts a need assessment by visiting the community and engaging with relevant stakeholders to define the exact needs.

03

Problem Identification

Based on the assessment, an expert team identifies the root causes and devises appropriate solutions.

04

Community Awareness and Strengthening

Vikasganga organizes awareness programs to educate and empower the community and stakeholders, ensuring the solution is impactful and sustainable.

05

Implementing Sustainable Solutions

The team then implements sustainable solutions with active community involvement, aiming for effective and lasting outcomes.

06

Ensuring Long-term Sustainability

The community is educated on maintaining the solution, and the responsibility is eventually handed over to authorized local bodies for ongoing sustainability.

This process ensures that Vikasganga's interventions are tailored, effective, and capable of providing long-lasting benefits to the community.



CUMULATIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF VIKASGANGA SANSTHA

MORE THAN 1.58 LAKHS FAMILIES HAVE BEEN BENEFITTED THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Vikasanganga is committed to uplifting the rural economy through social and economic development, fostering a sustainable ecosystem, and empowering rural communities. The organization focuses on identifying and addressing issues affecting rural society, with solutions that promote long-term sustainability. Through collaboration with philanthropic institutions and active community engagement, Vikasanganga works continuously to achieve sustainable development and improve rural livelihoods.



In addition, Vikasanganga Samajsevi Sanstha has taken a leading role in mitigating the impacts of natural crises and pandemics on vulnerable communities. The organization focuses on strengthening community infrastructure and maintaining a sustainable ecosystem. Through a range of targeted initiatives, Vikasanganga actively works to build resilience and support long-term stability for those most affected, as highlighted in this report.



ALIGNING WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



- Empowering farmers and women through livelihood and water resource management programs for a poverty-free future

1 NO POVERTY **2 ZERO HUNGER** Nourishing communities through sustainable agriculture and programs against malnutrition
- Promoting healthy lives through sustainable farming practices and various hygiene programs

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING **4 QUALITY EDUCATION** Empowering communities with knowledge for sustainable growth while working with
- Fostering gender equality among adolescents through skill development programs

5 GENDER EQUALITY **6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION** Promoting sustainable water management in schools with the emphasis on sanitation and hygiene
- Creating prosperity through farmer entrepreneurship via farmer producer companies

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH **9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE** Driving agricultural innovation for sustainable development through gap trainings
- Promoting inclusive growth and opportunities for all women, Children and farmers through 360 interventions

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES **13 CLIMATE ACTION** Mitigating Climate Change through sustainable agriculture
- Conserving Biodiversity & ecosystems through strategic interventions in waste management & sustainable agriculture.

15 LIFE ON LAND **16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS** Fostering fair and transparent agricultural water management and equitable natural resource governance



Soil and Water Conservation work (NRM Project)

CUMULATIVE OUTREACH



20305+

Families Benefitted



132

crore liters

Water Storage Capacity increased



182

Total Villages





- By improving food security through sustainable farming practices and increasing agricultural productivity.



- By increasing agricultural incomes through enhanced irrigation and improved crop yields.



- By empowering local economies through the establishment of WUGs and fostering community-based governance of water resources.



- By enhancing community resilience to climate variability through water conservation efforts and sustainable agricultural practices.



- By promoting community-led water management and governance structures, ensuring equitable access to water and fostering local development.



OVERVIEW OF WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT VERTICAL

- Vidarbha, the eastern region of Maharashtra, relies heavily on agriculture, yet faces significant challenges in soil and water management across its 11 districts. In six of these districts, Vikasganga is addressing critical issues in soil degradation and water scarcity, which have worsened due to siltation in water storage structures. This silt accumulation reduces storage capacity, impacting water availability and the agricultural economy, especially in a region already limited in irrigation resources. The shortage of drinking water further aggravates the situation.
- Recognizing the need for effective soil and water conservation, Vikasganga has been actively working in Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) and Natural Resource Management for the past 17 years. The organization has implemented a range of land and drainage treatments, developing structures like the Doha Model and recharge pits to boost water retention in reservoirs. Watershed treatments, such as farm and compartment bunding, tree plantation, and grassland development, have also been introduced to prevent soil erosion and enhance groundwater levels.
- Since 2008, Vikasganga has led rainwater harvesting projects, constructing RWH structures tailored to local conditions with support from donors and community contributions. These efforts aim to restore the original water-holding capacity of reservoirs, improve agricultural productivity, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of Vidarbha's rural economy.



Achievements till March 2024

The details of Soil & Water Conservation work completed by Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha are summarized in the following table.

Sr No	Year	Name of Activity	Villages	Beneficiary	Length (M)	Hector	CUM	Name of Donors
1	2008-2011	Farm Bunding	05	105	-	347	-	Sir Ratan Tata Trust through CINI
		Phad Irrigation Systems	01	08	-	4	-	
2	2012-2017	Nalla Deepening & Widening (Doha Model)	04	49	9447.5	1263	65677	Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai
		Recharge Pit	05	102	-	102	24021	
		Phad Irrigation Systems	-	-	-	07	-	
		Drip & Sprinkler Set	-	146	-	146	-	
3	2017-2018	Nalla Deepening & Widening (Doha Model)	06	2138	14968	1595	94679	1.Tata Communication Ltd through CInl Jamshedpur 2.Arpan Foundation USA
		Recharge Pit	03	07	-	07	1649	
		Dam De-siltation	07	280	-	03	62046	
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	12	54	-	54	62046	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	03	73	-	98	-	
		Drip & Sprinkler Set	-	61	-	61	-	
4	2018-2019	Nalla Deepening & Widening (Doha Model)	09	2319	12777	1040	145663	1. Tata Communication Ltd through CInl Jamshedpur 2.Jalasandharan Vibhag and Bembala Patbandhare Vibhag Govt. of Maharashtra under Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan
		Recharge Pit	01	05	-	05	1177	
		Dam De-siltation	61	3113	-	61	611940	
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	02	22	-	22	25278	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	01	44	-	92	-	
5	2019-2020	Nalla Deepening & Widening (Doha Model)	05	1366	7407.5	947	97234	1. Tata Communication Ltd through CInl Jamshedpur 2.Bembala Patbandhare Vibhag Govt. of Maharashtra under Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan
		Farm Pond (Size 25mx20mx3m)	01	22	-	21	21790	
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	01	41	-	138	-	
6	2022-23	CNB Repairing & its Nalla de siltation (Kumbhari)	01	21	558	36	558	Reliance Foundation
		CNB Nalla De siltation (Hiwardhara)	01	17	463	42	2502	
		Nalla De siltation (Koli BK)	01	6	216	12	3493	
		De siltation of Talav, Pond & Nalla	12	152	-	31	4533	CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.
7	2023-24	Nalla Deepening & Widening (Doha Model)	6	775	5208	266	29883	Reliance Foundation
		Dam De-siltation	14	1329	-	717	26124	CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.
		Farm/Compartment Bunding	19	297	-	380	37828	Reliance Foundation
		Recharge Pit	1	1	-	-	114	Reliance Foundation
Grand Total			182	12233	51045	7124	1318233	

The cumulative water storage achieved through the Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) structures has led to significant improvements in agricultural productivity and community welfare.



KEY IMPACTS OF RAINWATER HARVESTING (RWH) PROJECTS



1. Increased Water Availability

- **Total Water Storage:** 132 crore liters (1,318,233,000 liters) with 20% seepage losses factored in.
- **Usable Water for Irrigation:** 106 crore liters (1,060,000,000 liters), providing the capacity for protective irrigation.
- **Irrigation Coverage:** Approximately 4,240 hectares of land can be supported for irrigation, essential for enhancing agricultural resilience.

2. Enhanced Crop Yields

- Farmers can now grow both kharif (monsoon) and rabi (winter) crops, increasing the cultivation cycle and potentially boosting yields by 30-40%.
- Protective irrigation allows for improved crop water availability, facilitating higher productivity.



3. Improved Water Security

- Water levels in nearby wells and borewells rose, addressing summer water shortages for local villages.
- This has contributed to reduced labor for women in sourcing water during dry seasons and alleviated drinking water issues for livestock.

4. Soil Conservation and Fertility

- Measures like farm bunding and plantation have curtailed soil erosion. This enhanced soil structure has resulted in improved fertility, further supporting crop productivity.
- The application of dam silt in farmland has enriched soil quality, promoting sustainable agricultural practices.



KEY IMPACTS OF RAINWATER HARVESTING (RWH) PROJECTS



5. Economic Benefits to Farmers

- Enhanced crop yields have led to an estimated 20% increase in farmers' income.
- The shift toward cash crops (such as vegetables, soybean, and gram) reflects diversification and increased economic resilience in farming practices.

6. Adoption of Modern Irrigation Techniques

- Growing demand for micro-irrigation systems (drip and sprinkler) indicates an adaptation to more efficient farming practices and confidence in agricultural investments.



7. Social and Economic Upliftment

- The ability to cultivate varied crops has raised the social and economic status of farmers, leading to improved livelihoods and community well-being.

Conclusion

The RWH projects have demonstrated a remarkable multifaceted impact enhancing agricultural productivity, improving water security, and promoting socio-economic benefits for farming communities. As these benefits continue to unfold, the sustainability and resilience of agriculture in the region stand to be significantly strengthened, promoting long-term food security and economic stability. Continued efforts in soil and water conservation will be crucial for maintaining these positive trends.

It is assumed that, cumulative water storage in the RWH structures developed under the projects would be 132 crore liters (1318233000 liters) of water considering approximately 20% seepage losses. Usable water for protective irrigation would be 106 crore liters (10600000 liters). Crop Water required for 1 Ha land for Protective irrigation is 2.5 lakh liter. So, the area to be covered under protective irrigation from stored water would be approximately 4240 hectares land. This will prove to be helpful in recharging nearby wells and borewells thereby increase in irrigation area and enhancing crop yield up to 30 to 40 percent.

OVERALL IMPACT OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WORK COMPLETED IN PAST YEARS

The implementation of Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) projects has led to remarkable positive outcomes within just two to three years. Here's a succinct summary of the observed impacts:

Key Impacts of Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) Projects

1. Increased Water Storage

De-siltation of dams has significantly enhanced water storage capacity, allowing more water to be available for irrigation.

2. Reduced Soil Erosion

The establishment of farm bunding and plantation efforts has effectively slowed down soil erosion, contributing to better land management.

3. Improved Water Levels

Water levels in wells and borewells in nearby villages have significantly risen, providing reliable water sources during the summer months. This alleviates the burden on women who previously had to travel long distances for water.

4. Livestock Water Security

The initiatives have permanently resolved drinking water issues for cattle, supporting the local agricultural economy.

5. Enhanced Agricultural Irrigation

Approximately 975 hectares of land are now supported for protective irrigation. This is expected to not only increase crop yields but also enhance farmers' incomes by about 20%.

6. Crop Diversification

Farmers are now able to grow both kharif and rabi crops, thus improving their agricultural output and contributing to increased food security.

7. Adoption of Micro-Irrigation

There has been a noticeable demand for micro-irrigation systems (sprinklers and drip systems) over the past five years. This indicates farmers' capacity to grow multiple crops within a single year.

8. Economic Upliftment

Farmers' social and economic status has improved due to the cultivation of cash crops like vegetables, soybean, and gram, leading to higher incomes and better livelihoods.

9. Enhanced Soil Fertility

The application of dam silt to farmland has significantly improved soil fertility, resulting in enhanced crop productivity.

Conclusion

The outcomes of the RWH projects highlight their transformative impact on water availability, agricultural productivity, and the socioeconomic conditions of farming communities. The improvements in irrigation and soil health, alongside the shift towards cash cropping, demonstrate a sustainable model for rural development and increased resilience against climate variability. Continued focus on these initiatives will further strengthen the benefits for the community and ensure lasting impacts in the agricultural sector.

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Agriculture Activity Project



40905

Families Benefitted

**CUMULATIVE
OUTREACH**



434

Total Villages



Promotion of Modern Agri Techniques - Drone



Empowered small and marginal farmers by increasing income through collective action and sustainable agricultural practices.



Enhanced food security by improving agricultural productivity and access to markets for rural farmers.



Promoted the inclusion of women in FPOs and leadership roles, fostering equality and empowerment.



Created sustainable livelihood opportunities through FPOs and capacity building programmes for rural communities.



Focused on uplifting tribal and marginalized communities through targeted support and resources.



Collaborated with government institutions and SFAC to strengthen FPOs and drive sustainable development.



1. BETTER COTTON (BC) PROJECT



- **Project Title** - Better Cotton (BC) Project
- **Funded By** - CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd.

Vikasganga is implementing BCI Project with the support of CottonConnect South Asia Pvt Ltd in the recognized cotton belt i.e., Yavatmal and Amravati districts.

Sr No	District	No of Blocks covered	No of Villages covered	No of Farmers benefitted
1	Amravati	9	111	14000
2	Yavatmal	15	203	20800
Total		24	314	34800

The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) is the largest cotton sustainability program in the world. BCI exists to make global cotton production better for the people who produce Cotton, for the environment it grows in and for the sector's future. BCI aims to transform cotton production worldwide by developing Better Cotton as a sustainable main stream commodity.

OBJECTIVES

BC has the specific aims of reducing the environmental impact due to cotton production, improving the livelihoods and economic development in cotton producing farmers. It is increasing commitment to Better Cotton through the supply chain for growers. The goals of Better Cotton are articulated through the following BC Principles.



BCI Program is run on its seven principles:

The basic aim of the project is to produce sustainable good quality cotton and work for the betterment of cotton crop growing farmers. Awareness generation and training are the important components of the project.

Major focuses on following points.

- Optimum use of Fertilizers, Pesticides and Water in Cotton crop production.
- Production of sustainable good quality Cotton.
- Care to be taken while picking and storage of cotton.
- Follow Health and Safety measures while handling and spraying pesticides.
- Promotion of Organic Pesticides and fertilizers for production of cotton crop
- Awareness on Child labour

MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

Key Activities and Impacts of the BCI Project:



2. Farmer Training on Sustainable Cotton Practices

- Focused on integrated nutrient management (INM), including crop rotation, composting, and intercropping.
- Promoted adoption of best practices for cotton farming.

1. Soil Testing

- Conducted for 1,136 farmers to assess nutrients, organic carbon, and pH levels.
- Recommendations improved soil health and reduced fertilizer costs.



3. Health and Safety Training for Farm Workers

- Emphasized safe pesticide handling, use of PPE, and proper disposal of materials.
- Resulted in reduced poisoning incidents.



4. Awareness Campaigns

- Conducted in 314 villages to highlight the environmental and cost benefits of reducing chemical use.
- Encouraged adoption of sustainable farming practices.



MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT



6. Tree Plantation Program

- Planted 60,877 traditional and fruit trees across 314 villages.
- Promoted environmental and community benefits with a "1 Farmer 1 Tree" initiative.



8. Organic Input Centers

- Established 24 centers to produce and supply organic inputs like Vermicompost and bio-pesticides.

5. Biodiversity Enhancement

- On-farm activities included plantation and water harvesting structures.
- Off-farm activities involved traditional plantings and soil conservation measures.
- Positive impacts included increased beneficial insects, biodiversity, and organic farming adoption.



7. Promotion of Organic Inputs

- Demonstrated the use of bio-pesticides, scouting, and traps to reduce reliance on chemicals.



MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT



9. Decent Work Initiatives

- Campaigns against child labor included audio shows and banners.
- Linked disadvantaged beneficiaries to government schemes, supporting enterprises for 77 individuals.



10. Soil & Water Conservation

- De-siltation of tanks, ponds, and streams improved soil fertility and crop yields by utilizing nutrient-rich silt.

Overall Impact

These initiatives collectively enhanced soil health, reduced input costs, protected the environment, improved farmer livelihoods, and promoted sustainable cotton farming practices.

Sr No	Name of district	Number of village	No of beneficiary farmers	No of trolleys silt spread in farms	Area of farm land covered in Ha	Additional water storage increased in CUM
1	Yavatmal	07	171	4249	308.73	12747
2	Amravati	05	383	2706	345.7	8118
Total		12	554	6955	654.43	20865



Biochar Demonstration

2. FORMATION AND PROMOTION OF 10000 FPOS UNDER CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME

- **Project Title** – Formation and Promotion of 10000 FPOs under Central Sector Scheme
- **Funded By**- Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) New Delhi
- **Area of Operation** – 05 blocks of Yavatmal district, 02 blocks of Wardha district, 03 blocks of Chandrapur district, 05 blocks of Hingoli district, 04 blocks of Ahamadnagar district, 01 block of Nashik district.

Agriculture sector plays a very important role in both economic development and Nation building. India is globally in the fore front of development of agriculture. The goal is to increase the income of rural farmers. However, more than 86% of farmers in the country are small and marginal. There is a need to facilitate our farmers with access to improved technology, credit, better input and more markets to incentivize them to produce better quality commodity. For this, Aggregation of small, marginal and landless farmers into FPOs will help enhance economic strength and market linkages of farmers for enhancing their income. Keeping this in mind, Government of India has launched a new Central Sector Scheme titled "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)" with a clear strategy and committed resources to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs in the country.

Under this project SFAC Delhi allocated 20 blocks to form 20 FPOs (one in each block) of Hingoli, Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Wardha, Ahamadnagar and Nashik district to Vikasganga Samajsevi Sanstha, Ghatanji as CBBO for Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organization. In every FPO minimum 300 farmers would be the shareholder members which includes Marginal, Small, Medium, large farmers and land less farmers from the block. Different agricultural related activities are promoted and conducted to increase farmer's income. All the process of formation and promotion of FPOs will be conducted under the guidance of District Level Monitoring Committees (D-MCs) members. Also, State Government department ATMA/Agriculture/Horticulture will guide and support to CBBOs.

Details of 20 blocks allocated to Vikasganga by SFAC to form and Promote FPO's

Under this project 20 FPOs have been formed and promoted in the blocks of Hingoli, Chandrapur, Yavatmal, Wardha, Ahmadnagar & Nashik district by electing 5 active directors and 5 promoters for the smooth and successful implementation of FPO activity. Efforts are made for gathering minimum 300 share holder farmers to each FPOs separately. Farmers meetings and trainings were conducted timely for awareness of farmers so that they can join the FPO activity and receive benefits of FPO services. Further following planning was done for the future activities of FPOs as per their selected produces.

Sr No	District	Block
1	Hingoli	1.Hingoli, 2. Basmat, 3. Aundha 4. Sengaon 5. Kalamnuri
2	Chandrapur	1.Chandrapur, 2. Mul. 3. Chimur
3	Yavatmal	1.Ghatanji, 2. Digras, 3. Maregaon, 4. Zari 5. Arni
4	Wardha	1. Arvi, 2. Karanja
5	Ahamadnagar	1.Sangamner, 2. Rahata, 3. Srigonda, 4. Parner
6	Nashik	1. Igatpuri



MAJOR ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT

1. Production Improvement

- Detailed discussion was held with the farmers and BoD in a training to increase the qualitative production. A team of experts and selected producer farmers guided the farmers and BoD. New farmers were also made aware about joining the FPO.
- Discussion was also held with the farmers and BoD to adopt newer technologies.



2. Value Addition

Fruitful discussion was held with the farmers and BoD of the FPO's to run following activities.

- Setting up of processing unit in the area of FPO.
- Developing well-known brand of FPO's produce.
- Providing storage facility to the commodity produce to gain more income.
- To connect with well-established market place for selling the produce.
- To convert the produce in to more valued product after processing.



OUR FPC's PRODUCTS





ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AND FUTURE ASPECT OF FPOS REGARDING THEIR CROP PRODUCE

PADDY CROP

Good quality paddy seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to increase crop yield and reduce input costs.

Proposed Initiatives:

- Establishment of a Paddy Processing Unit to convert paddy into high-quality rice.
- Collective procurement of paddy among FPO members.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO BE RUN BY THE FPOS

After detailed discussion held with the BOD and producer farmers, it was decided to run following business activities.

1. Collective buying and selling of commodities through FPO

2. Establishment of processing unit in the area of FPO.

3. Making land available for setting up a processing unit, Warehouse facility and Procurement of commodity produce.

4. To link with input companies, technical service providers, marketing/processing companies, retailers, Custom Hiring Centre etc.

5. Developing value chain by processing and production of value-added products.

6. Branding and Packaging of products of FPO.

TURMERIC

Good quality turmeric seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to enhance yield and lower costs.

Proposed Initiatives:

- Purchase of a Turmeric Processing Unit for converting turmeric into powder for market sale.
- Collective procurement and sale of turmeric by some FPOs.
- Development of warehouse facilities for FPOs in Hingoli district

COTTON CROP

Quality seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers to boost yield and reduce input costs.

Proposed Initiatives:

- Establishment of Custom Hiring Centers (CHC) for renting out agricultural tools and equipment.
- Proposed establishment of a Ginning and Pressing Unit through government schemes for the FPO business.

SERICULTURE

Mulberry plot set up on shareholder farms under a government scheme for cocoon production.

Support Provided: FPO provides services to increase sericulture production.

Business Activity: Procurement and sale of cocoon for the benefit of shareholders.



OVERALL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Various supportive business activities have been implemented for shareholder farmers across different crops, which include:

- Supply of agricultural tools and organic inputs.
- Plans for warehousing and processing to enhance market readiness and value addition.
- Emphasis on collective efforts for procurement and sale to enhance profitability and reduce market risks for farmers.

These initiatives taken by the FPOs focus on improving agricultural productivity, enhancing quality, and ultimately increasing the profitability for the farmers involved.



ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED AND FUTURE ASPECT OF FPOS REGARDING THEIR CROP PRODUCE

SOYBEAN

Inputs Provided: Good quality soybean seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers.

Future Initiatives:

- Plans for procurement and sale of soybean in the future.
- Supportive activities such as supplying solar/electric shock machines, tarpaulin, and organic pesticides.

ONION, GRAPES, LEMON, GUAVA

Inputs Provided: Good quality seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers.

Future Initiatives:

- Decision to undertake procurement and sale of onion in the future, with similar plans for other fruits.
- Future construction of storage and processing units to enhance value addition.



BUSINESS TRANSECTION OF 20 FPOS THROUGH VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL RELATED ACTIVITIES IN YEAR 2023-24

Sr No	Name of FPOs	Preliminary Produce (Crop) of FPO	Activities implemented	Business transection Year 2023-24 in Rupees
01	Andhari Vyaghra FPC Ltd. At. Chandrapur, Dist. Chandrapur	Paddy	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Spray Pump,, Tarpaulin, Paddy Seeds, Gram, wheat seeds,	Rs. 10,70,800/-
02	Mansun FPC Ltd. At. Mul Dist. Chandrapur	Paddy	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials Paddy Seeds, Plastic Bags, etc	Rs. 6,60,800 /-
03	Mrudhani FPC Ltd. At. Chimur Dist. Chandrapur	Cotton	Agri Input sale like Seeds & Pesticides	Rs.1,04,097/-
04	Prajashakati FPC Ltd. At. Hingoli Dist.Hingoli	Turmeric	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity	Rs. 6,05,000/-
05	Anapurna Natural FPC Ltd. At. Basmat Dist Hingoli	Turmeric	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity, Sale of Drip & Sprinkler through FPC shop	Rs. 24,96,702/-
06	Krushivishva FPC Ltd. At. Aundha N. Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	Procurement and Sale of Turmeric commodity	Rs. 2,15,00,000/-
07	Durdarshan FPC Ltd. At. Kalamnuri Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	Procurement and Sale of Soyabean commodity	Rs. 26,15,000/-
08	Kayadhu Krishi Samrudhi FPC Ltd. At. Sengaon Dist. Hingoli	Turmeric	Procurement and Sale of Gram commodity, sale of Organic pesticide & Compost, Pheromen trap etc	Rs. 9,27,000/-
09	Wardha Karanja MH FPC Ltd. At. Karanja Dist. Wardha	Orange	Procurement and Sale of Agri commodity Cotton, CHC Center	Rs. 15,70,000/-
10	Green vishva FPC Ltd. At. Arvi Dist. Wardha	Vegetable	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Spray Pump, Mulching Paper & Liquid fertilizer, Agri input center	Rs. 9,91,535/-
11	Cottongold FPC Ltd.At. Ghatanji Dist. Yavatmal	Cotton	Purchase & Sale of Agri related materials Feroman trap, Yellow stick, Nano Urea, Zataka Battrey, Decomposer & Neem Oil, Set up of Agri equipment bank (Tractor, Rotavator, Panji, Shredder). CHC Center	Rs. 6,01,399/-
12	Soyafarma FPC Ltd. At. Arni Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	Purchase & Sale of Agri related materials Tadpari, Zataka battery, Spray pump etc. Agri input supply of Seed & Pesticides	Rs. 1,76,400/-
13	Reshimgold FPC Ltd. At. Digras Dist. Yavatmal	Sericulture	Procurement and Sale of Cocoon, Chocky rearing, Input material like Stray, Lime, Vijeta PW, Nursery Plant etc	Rs. 25,34,530/-

BUSINESS TRANSECTION OF 20 FPOS THROUGH VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL RELATED ACTIVITIES IN YEAR 2023-24

Sr No	Name of FPOs	Preliminary Produce (Crop) of FPO	Activities implemented	Business transection Year 2023-24 in Rs
14	Soyagold FPC Ltd. At. Maregaon Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	Purchase and Sale of Agri related materials like Plastic tarpaulin, light trap, Solar fencing, Spray pump, A Sale of Agri inputs like seed & Pesticides etc	Rs. 34,22,248/-
15	Mrugzari FPC Ltd. At. Zari Dist. Yavatmal	Soyabean	Purchase & Sale of Agri related materials like Yellow stick trap, Fish oil, Solar Zatkan Battrey, spray pump, Tarpaulin, Blue stick Trap and Jute sacks, Input supply like Seed & Pesticides	Rs. 7,56,530/-
16	Kolwade Parisar Shetkari Producer Company Ltd At. Sangamner Dist. Ahmednagar	Pomegranate, Onion and Vegetable	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-
17	Sindhutai Shetkari Mahila Producer Company Ltd At. Rahata Dist. Ahamadnagar	Rose and Guava	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-
18	Shrigonda Natural Growers Farmer Producer Company Ltd At. Shrigonda Dist. Ahmednagar	Onion, Lemen and Grapes	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-
19	Parner Farmer's Pride Producer Company Ltd At. Parner Dist. Ahmednagar	Sorghum, Onion and Green Gram	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-
20	Vaitrana Organic Farmer Producer company Ltd At. Igatpuri Dist. Nashik	Rice, Onion	At starting stage due to which business activities are not started	Rs.00/-



3. LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Average household income increased by more than 15000 for all of the beneficiaries under goat & poultry based livelihood programme.



Knowledge partnerships and dissemination trainings conducted with various organizations on goat & poultry based livelihood



Women specific projects paved the way for the women to become equal stakeholders in the socio economic structure of the society



From all of the projects combined, Vikasganga achieved trainings with more than 2074 women



From all of the projects combined, Vikasganga achieved trainings with more than 11200 women



Farmer Field School



3. LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- **Project Title** - “Resilient and self-reliant rural communities leading towards sustainable and thriving economies”
- **Funded By**- Reliance Foundation, Mumbai
- **Area of Operation** - 120 villages from Ghatanji, Arni & Kalamb blocks of Yavatmal district

The rural economy is primarily agriculture-based, with farming and allied activities significantly influencing the economic and social lives of rural communities. To promote sustainable livelihoods and economic upliftment, Vikasganga, with support from the Reliance Foundation, is implementing a Livelihood Development Project. The project covers 120 villages across the Ghatanji, Kalamb, and Arni blocks of the Yavatmal district.

The main objective of the project is strengthening the existing stake holders like Gram Panchayat, Gram Sanghatan, SHGs, Government department staff, NGOs representative etc.; which will play important role in the development of the villages and rural economy.

The project is divided in to three main themes under which following activities were completed.

1. Climate Resilience for Sustainable Development (CR4SD)

- 28 Gram Panchayats adopted climate adaptation measures after awareness and training.
- 47 Gram Panchayats prepared and publicly displayed village Crop Water Budgets.
- Soil and water conservation efforts created 6.29 lakh CUM of additional water harvesting capacity.
- Efficient water management covered 410.31 hectares of land.
- Drinking water access improved in 21 villages, benefiting 725 households through repairs of old sources.
- 1244 households established Reliance Nutrition Gardens, gaining access to nutritional vegetables.
- Climate-adaptive measures benefited 1562 farmers, covering 1049.76 hectares.

2. Integrated Value Chain Development (IVCD)

- 1398 villagers adopted improved agricultural practices and technologies across 559.48 hectares through demos, modern tools, and research seeds.
- 3 Farmer Producer Companies were mentored for business growth and shareholder benefits.

3. Diversifying Rural Incomes Via Women Entrepreneurship and Empowerment (DRIWE)

- 1405 SHG women members trained in tailoring and goat rearing for livelihood diversification.
- 78 SHGs facilitated financial access through banks.
- Income generation activities (IGA) awareness and training reached:
 - 444 individuals for agri-allied and entrepreneurship opportunities.
 - 1196 women to improve existing livelihoods.
 - 782 individuals linked to government schemes by updating essential documents (Aadhar, PAN, Ayushman Bharat, etc.).





Livelihood
Development
Activities





Crop Diversification





Village Map Activity (PRA)



Mass Campaigning



4 AGRICULTURES AND AGRI ALLIED LIVELIHOOD

- **Project Title** – ADARSH FARM Project
- **Funded By**- Reliance Cement Company Limited (RCCPL) Mukutban Dist.Yavatmal
- **Area of Operation** – 10 villages from Zari Jamani block of Yavatmal district

Farming is not only the economic backbone but also a key socio-cultural element in the local community. The intervention aims to accelerate the shift toward structured farming practices. Some horticulture aspects will be piloted across villages based on the feasibility for farmers. Once the groundwork is strengthened, efforts will focus on addressing critical needs of support livelihoods like development of livestock under the project, supported by Reliance Cement Company Pvt Ltd (RCCPL) at Mukutban, Tq. Zari Jamani, Dist. Yavatmal, focuses on the improvement of livelihoods in the nearby 10 villages (Mukutban, Pimparwadi, Adegaon, Pimprad, Bailampur, Yedshi, Hirapur, Rajurgota, Ruikot, Bhendala) adjacent to the RCCPL Cement Plant.

Key strategies include:

Livestock Focus

Efforts will shift towards livestock management (goat rearing and poultry), based on feasibility and challenges, with a continued focus on irrigation water and livestock management systems.

Water Conservation and Livestock Enhancement

As part of the allied livelihood roadmap, water conservation and livestock enhancement will be introduced, with the ultimate goal of integrating and enhancing sustainable livelihoods.

Structured Farming

Promoting horticulture pilots and strengthening farming practices.





ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Development of model demo plots for cotton, vegetable, and pulses cultivation.

Awareness and exposure programs conducted for farmers.

Training and support for goat rearing and dairy farming, aimed at improving income levels.

The project aims to close the livelihood cycle by converging the demand for resources and support systems in agriculture, livestock, and water management.





OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

- Increase the income of Cotton growing farmers by adopting best practices and maintaining climate elements
- Increase the income of Vegetable growing farmers by adopting best practices and maintaining climate elements
- Increase the income of Pulses growing farmers by adopting best practices and maintaining climate elements.
- Increase the income of Horticulture farmers by adopting best practices and maintaining climate elements
- Quality seed production- Gram.
- Agro Entrepreneurship Development Activities.
- Marketing and Branding Support.

SUMMARY OF THE BENEFICIARY

Total 230 beneficiaries were benefitted through the project activities as follows.

Sr. No.	Types of Beneficiary	Total
1	Cotton Growing Farmer	42
2	Vegetable Growing Farmer	25
3	Pulses Growing Farmer	32
4	Goatary Farmers	70
5	Dairy Farmers	71
Total		230



OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

5. VATSALYA COMMUNITY KITCHEN

- **Project Title** - Vatsalya Community Kitchen
- **Funded By**- Local Community Contribution
- **Area of Operation** - Naskari (Pardi) village from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

H'ble Shri. Nimesh Bhai Shah, the distinguished social worker from Caring Friends, Mumbai has guided Vikasganga to start Community Kitchen for old age people. Thus, "Vatsalya Community Kitchen" was started in Pardi Naskari village of Ghatanji taluka in Yavatmal district from November, 2017. Object behind running community kitchen was to serve food to old aged people who have no family to look after, sleep without eating food at occasions and face problems of survival. Senior Citizens ages between 60 to 90 years have been provided two times of food a day at the Vatsalya Bhojanalaya.

Initially, there was inclusion of only 19 needy old age male-females in community Kitchen. The old age people have feelings that someone is caring them, they are looking good and happy. A great moral support they received from Caring Friends and Vikasganga team. The individual beneficiary pays contribution of Rs. 200/- as their share per month against feeding them to two times a day. Shri Dnyaneshwar L. Dhurve with his spouse use to cook and serve food to these old people for which they get Rs. 1200/- per head per month from the organization. Body weight of these old persons has been enhanced and seems glow on their faces. In the year 2023-24 there are now 09 old age beneficiaries availing benefits of Vatsalya Community Kitchen.



OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

6. CLIMATE CHANGE FUTURE LEADER COMPETITION

- **Project Title** - Climate Change Future Leader Competition
- **Funded By**- CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation** - 203 villages from 14 blocks of Yavatmal district & 111 villages from 09 blocks of Amravati district

Climate Change Future Leader Competition was organized by Vikasganga with the support of CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation for the awareness aimed to engage and empower young minds (Children) to become advocates for environmental sustainability. Following are the three stages of competition.

1.

Essay writing - In this activity participants write a essays addressing the impacts of climate change and proposing innovative solutions.

2.

Quiz Competition - A dynamic quiz challenged participants' knowledge on climate change science, environmental policies, and sustainable practices.

3.

Elocution Competition - Participants delivered persuasive speeches on climate change-related topics, showcasing their public speaking skills and ability to communicate effectively.



Judges were selected the best three participants from the above three stages of competition and Prize was given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd number candidate. This Climate Change Future Leader Competition not only showcased the participants' passion and commitment to addressing climate change but also underscored the importance of community engagement in environmental initiatives.



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OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

EMPOWERING WOMENS THROUGH HEALTH CAMP, SEWING & STITCHING TRAINING, MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE MANAGEMENT AWARENESS & LIVELIHOOD PROJECT & DISTRIBUTION OF LESS SMOKE STOVE

7. HEALTH CAMP FOR RURAL WOMEN'S (CERVICAL CANCER & BREAST CANCER)

- **Project Title** - Health Camp for rural Women's (Cervical cancer & Breast cancer)
- **Funded By-** CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation** - 32 villages from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

Rural women are not more aware about Cancer diseases and poor awareness may lead to poor uptake of screening modalities and delay in diagnosis. One factor that has been consistently shown to be associated with late diagnosis and treatment is a delay in seeking help for cancer-like symptoms.

Cervical cancer & Breast cancer is the most common cancer observed among the females in rural part of India. For better survival rates of cancer patients, the knowledge and awareness of cancer and its screening are important. Screening tests can also help to find cancer at an early stage, before symptoms appear. When abnormal tissue or cancer is found early, it may be easier to treat or cure. Screening leads to early detection and a better chance of survival. By the time symptoms appear, the cancer may have grown and spread. This can make the cancer harder to treat or cure.

A one day Health checkup camp was organized with the support of CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation and local Government Health Department for the awareness of rural women's about Cervical cancer & Breast cancer. Dr Dharmesh Chavhan (Taluka Health Officer, Ghatanji) guide the present rural women and Dr Mehul Salve (MBBS, DNB) Gynecologist and Obstetrician, Infertility treatment and Laparoscopic Surgery Specialist), Dr Pooja Mankar, Dr Nikita Patil, Dr Rutushree Raut were support for the health checkup and their Nursing staff with Asha workers present during the camp.

During the camp total 89 suspected women's from 32 villages of Ghatanji block were registered in the Health Camp and 70 women's were actually participated in checking process of Health Camp. Following are the details of the health checkup camp.

Sr. No.	Particular	Nos	Remark
1	Total Patients Checkup	70	General checkup of Cervical & Breast Cancer was done by team of Doctors.
2	Suspected Brest Cancer Patients	19	List and letter of suspected patient was given to Taluka Aarogy Adhikari for further process. From 19 womens only 15 womens were ready for testing.
3	Suspected Cervical Cancer Patients	15	Cervical samples were sent for further testing and reports were received. No one is detected for Cervical Cancer. From 15 womens only 05 womens were ready for sonography and it was done. No primary symptoms of Brest Cancer were seen from Sonography report.





OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES



8. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME: SEWING AND STITCHING TRAINING FOR WOMEN'S

- **Project Title** – Vocational Training Programme: Sewing and Stitching Training for Women's
- **Funded By**- CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation** – Khapari village from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

Under the Vocational Training Programme Sewing and stitching (Tailoring) Training drive was undertaken at Khapari village for the six-month period for 40 women with support of CottonConnect Farmer community Foundation. Main motto of the training was to generate employment for rural women at village level and earn additional income for their family.

Objective of the training

To generate employment for women by imparting skill-based training for the women from the Cotton growing area.

Economic empowerment of women.

Connect women to Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) to develop business/livelihood.

Development of business, to develop the tailoring work as sustainable business.



Skill Based Trainings - Tailoring





Impact of the activity:

After the completion of tailoring training by trainees they build their confidence of sewing & stitching and 04 women's were started their own business at their own house. From this business they earned money which will be support to their family. The following are the names of womens who started their business



OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

9. MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE MANAGEMENT AWARENESS & LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

- **Project Title** - Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management Awareness and Livelihood Project
- **Funded By-** CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation
- **Area of Operation** - 81 villages from Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

Yavatmal district is a tribal district and its economics are totally depend on the Agriculture. Womens living in villages are less educated and not well aware about their health issues. They are not more aware about Menstrual period and not take sufficient care about it. Due to unavailability of sanitary pad at village level women's use other materials like cloths during its menstrual period which will adverse effect on its health and create serious health issues. To solve these issues we implemented Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management Awareness and Livelihood Project in Ghatanji block 81 villages with the support of CottonConnect Farmer Community Foundation (CCFCF).

In this project various activities like Awareness meetings, training of rural Women's on Menstrual cycle were conducted. After the village level meetings and training rural women's are aware about the Menstrual cycle and their effects on body. They willing's to use Sanitary Pad. So for the availability of sanitary Pad at village level some the active women's from them are selected for the business of sanitary Pad. Some special type of training were given to that women's so that they can manage their small business with little earnings. These women's called as Sangini a small entrepreneur and support to their family. Total 145 Women's entrepreneur (Sangini) were developed from the villages, so that their livelihood will be sustained by selling of Sanitary Pad and Sanitary Pad will be available at village level to village women's.

Following are the various points were covered in the awareness meetings & trainings of rural women's.

- Awareness on Menstrual cycle
- Benefits of Sanitary Pad & its use.
- Various diseases cause if it is not use.
- Safe disposal of Sanitary Pad
- Business strategy.
- SHGs income generation programe.
- Existing condition of Womens & their menstrual cycle issues.
- Importance of Pad



OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

10. DISTRIBUTION OF SMOKELESS COOK STOVE

- **Project Title** – Distribution of Less Smoke Cook Stove
- **Funded By**- DREAM NGO Tiosa Dist Amravati
- **Area of Operation** – Ghatanji block of Yavatmal district

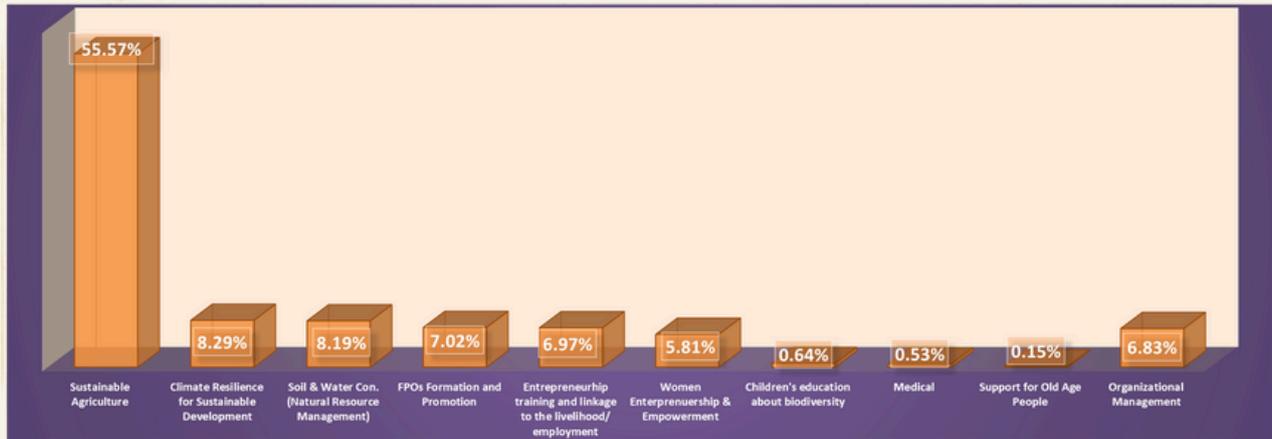
To save the environment and for betterment of health of rural women 500 Nos of Less Smoke Cook Stove were distributed to the villagers of Yavatmal and Chandrapur districts. The stoves were made available by the DREAM NGO Tiosa Dist. Amravati. Cost of one Cook stove is Rs 3499/- so approximately convergence of Rs. 17,49,500/- was done for the women empowerment.

Following are the benefits of Less Smoke Cook Stove.

- Indirectly reduce use of fuel wood up to 40 to 50%, tremendous reduction in cutting of trees thereby save the environment.
- Due to no smoke generation, it reduces the issues of eyes of women and hence protective to health of women.
- Due to light weight and mobility, it can be handled by women easily and comfortably move at any safe place in rainy season.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



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