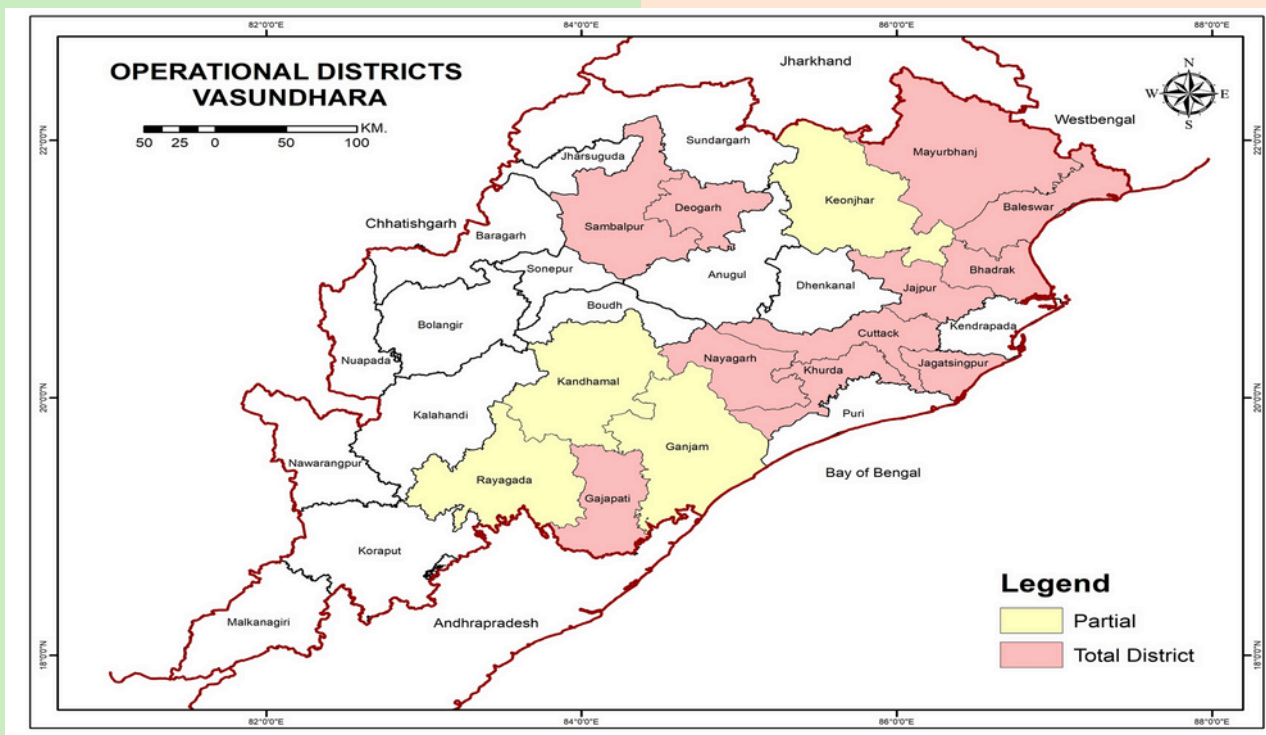




Sowing Seeds of Security and Sustainability

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Districts-15

Blocks-127

Gram Panchayats-1946

Villages-23622

Households-1495237

Population-7 Million

We have
crossed A long
Way of

This
is us

32
years



Celebrating one more
year of Vasundhara's
holistic impact,
enhancing tenurial
security, sustainable
livelihoods, women
empowerment,
biodiversity
conservation,
technology inclusion,
capacity building for
forest-dependent
communities.

Vasundhara aims to create
a more sustainable world
by ensuring the rights of
tribals and forest dwelling
communities, enhancing
sustainable livelihoods,
adopting indigenous
practices to mitigate the
effects of climate change.
Our continued efforts have
highlighted that forests
play a vital role in
sustaining rural livelihoods.



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ACRONYMS

We have shared with you a glossary of terminology that will assist your reading

1. BSKY- Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
2. CBO-Community Based Organizations
3. CR- Community Rights
4. CFR- Community Forest Resources
5. CFRMC- Community Forest Resource Management Committee
6. CFRMP- Community Forest Resource Management Plan
7. CCAs- Community Conserved Areas
8. FRA-Forest Rights Act
9. FRC- Forest Rights Committees
10. IFR- Individual Forest Rights
11. MFP- Minor Forest Produce
12. MSP- Minimum Support Price
13. MJJY- MO JUNGLE JAMI YOJANA
14. NGO- Non-Government Organization
15. ORMAS- Odisha Rural Marketing Assistance Scheme
16. PEO- Panchayat Executive Officer
17. PVTGs-Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups
18. SCSTRTI- Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute
19. SDLC- Sub-Divisional Level Committees
20. SLED- Sustainable Livelihood and Economic Democratization
21. TOT- Trainings of Trainers
22. TRIFED- Tribal Co-operative Federation of India Limited
23. VDVks- Van Dhan Vikas Kendras





Rooted in Excellence

Vasundhara's journey began with a small seed of hope, planted 32 years ago by a group of visionary individuals. They sought to empower rural communities and protect the environment, recognizing the intricate web of life that binds us all. From humble beginnings, Vasundhara grew into a mighty tree, its roots deepening, and branches expanding.

Over three decades, Vasundhara has nurtured countless lives, fostering sustainable livelihoods, and conserving nature's bounty. The organization has walked alongside forest dwellers, farmers, and entrepreneurs, amplifying their voices and strengthening their resilience.

Through innovative initiatives and collaborative efforts, Vasundhara has:

- Empowered women to take charge of their lives and environments
- Supported sustainable harvesting and forest management practices
- Preserved traditional knowledge and cultural heritage
- Fostered community-led conservation and ecological security

As Vasundhara celebrates 32 years of dedicated service, its impact is evident in the thriving ecosystems, vibrant communities, and inspired individuals who continue to grow and flourish. The journey is far from over, but the roots of hope, trust, and collective action will forever shape the landscape of a brighter, more sustainable future.



In the course of our evolution, our community-oriented endeavours have expanded to encompass a deeper focus on the Rights of Tribal and other Forest Dependent Communities, in accordance with the “ The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006” often referred to as the ‘Forest Rights Act’. Additionally our scope has extended to the assessment of the impact of community-based conservation initiatives in the context of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Moreover, a fundamental element of our work revolves around upholding the Rights of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups to their Natural Resource Habitats and ancestral land. As we reflect on our journey, we remain committed to our ethos of empowerment, advocacy and sustainable development, tirelessly striving to create a harmonious equilibrium between communities and their environment. Over the past year, Vasundhara has diligently undertaken extensive efforts to fortify the security of tribal communities.

The Forest Dependents possess a wealth of Cultural, Societal, and Livelihood knowledge and practices.

Is it not better to let them be on their own.

Dear Supporters and Partners,

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional leadership and dedicated team of Vasundhara for the remarkable achievements chronicled in the Annual Report 2023-24. The journey we embark upon is not just one of numbers and statistics, but of lives transformed, communities empowered, and a nation's landscape of policies and governance reshaped for the better.

As I peruse the pages of this report, I am filled with admiration for the unwavering commitment that has made Vasundhara a beacon of hope and transformation for the forest dwellers of Odisha and beyond. The holistic developmental services rendered to these communities resonate deeply, bringing about a positive change that extends far beyond their immediate surroundings.

What brings me particular happiness is the realization that Vasundhara has evolved into a true solutions provider, breaking the chains of societal norms and bindings that have historically oppressed these communities. With each initiative, each program, and each success story, Vasundhara has become a catalyst of change, an enabler of dreams, and a force that empowers the once marginalized to become agents of their own destiny.

Furthermore, the influence of Vasundhara's work on engagement with Government measures is a testament to our collective commitment to not only uplift lives but also to shape the very systems that guide our nation. The impact created echoes beyond the boundaries of the communities we serve, rippling through corridors of power, reminding us of the transformative potential of dedicated action.

As we celebrate these achievements, let us renew our commitment to the path we have embarked upon. Together, we will continue to create ripples of change, empower more lives, and forge a future where Vasundhara's legacy is one of empowerment, equity, and environmental stewardship.

With gratitude and hope,
Ms. Rukmini Rao



Greetings,

I am honored to present the Annual Report for 2023-24, which encapsulates Vasundhara's remarkable journey of empowerment, conservation, and sustainable progress. This year's narrative is one of transformation and collaboration, fueled by the unwavering dedication of our exceptional team. In the pursuit of our vision, Vasundhara has played a pivotal role in shaping policies and influencing government control measures that impact forest-dependent communities nationwide. Our efforts in Tenurial Security have empowered these communities with secure land rights, paving the way for self-sufficiency and environmental stewardship.

Through our initiatives in Sustainable Livelihood and Economic Democratization, we have not only enhanced livelihoods but also fostered economic inclusivity, creating a ripple effect of prosperity. The elevation of women as leaders, as showcased in Women and Women Governance, stands as a testament to our commitment to gender-inclusive leadership and community-driven governance.

Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Governance initiatives have redefined the relationship between communities and their natural surroundings, forging a harmonious coexistence that benefits both. Rigorous Research and Documentation, supported by advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS), have underpinned our actions with precision and impact.

Our dedication to Capacity Building and diligent Monitoring and Evaluation has propelled us to refine and optimize our interventions continually. Amidst these achievements, it is important to acknowledge that Vasundhara has evolved beyond an organization, becoming a true people's movement. Looking ahead, our vision remains steadfast – to be the beacon of hope for forest-dependent communities during their most critical times. Our engagement with government measures is a reflection of our commitment to not just impact individual lives, but to transform entire communities. We stand as a driving force in a journey towards a future where Vasundhara's name is synonymous with empowerment, resilience, and positive change.

With profound gratitude,
Y Giri Rao



2023-24

At A Glance



Vasundhara has identified 1594 community volunteers in the 15 operational districts & 1213 volunteers have been engaged already.



250000 lives directly impacted through this Vasundhara
Created 642 women leaders



MoU signed with SCSTRTI, Government of Odisha, for implementation of the State Sector Scheme "Mo Jungle Jami Yojana"



13,333 villages have successfully constituted or reconstituted Forest Rights Committees through Gram Sabhas.

Mu Jungle
Kahuchi"
Narrative
Series



- 1st time in Odisha's history Paudi Bhuyan PVTGs got the habitat rights.
- Formed 13,333 FRCs with 159,996 members, including 63,998 women.
- Established 1,150 CFRMCs with 12,600 members, including 5,040 women.

THRUST AREAS



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
GOVERNANCE & CLIMATE
JUSTICE



SUSTAINABLE
LIVELIHOOD AND
ECONOMIC
DEMOCRATIZATION



TENURE AND TENURAL
SECURITY



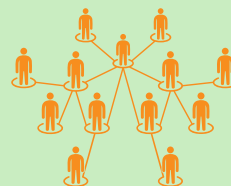
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT
AND GENDER JUSTICE



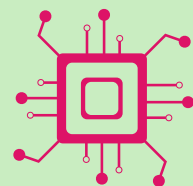
Research,
Documentation
and
Dessemination



Training and
Capacity
Building



Networking and
Alliance Building



Technology
and Innovation



TENURE & TENURIAL SECURITY

OBJECTIVE



OUR REACH



Districts: 15 districts Mayurbhanj, Sambalpur, Deogarh, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Khurda, Nayagarh, Gajapati, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Keonjhar and Ganjam.



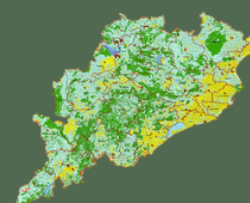
23,622 villages



7 million populations



3.57 out of 6.09 million hectares of recorded forest land



32164 out of 48071 villages are potential



233.83 out of 349.70 lakhs Rural Population



70.46 out of 89 lakhs Rural ST Population



487 forest villages



Habitat Rights to 13 PVTGs

ACHIEVEMENTS



- 5,012 Community Rights (CR) claims initiated Over 5877.41 Hectares of forest land
- 13,333 villages have successfully constituted or reconstituted the Forest Rights Committees through Gram Sabhas
- 5451 PRI members including community leaders and FRC members are oriented.
- Gram Sabhas have received 2,628 Community Rights claims and 2,613 Community Forest Resource Rights claims
- 1,055 CR and CFR claims have been submitted to the Sub-Divisional Level Committees
- Started following up of 1678 pending CFR claims in twelve districts
- 679 pending CFR claims have been approved in the DLC and distributed
- Started working on 93 forest villages in 9 districts to facilitate conversion into revenue villages
- Facilitated 16 forest villages to submit claims at SDLC over 5877.41 hectares of forest land.
- DLCs have approved 9 claims from the forest villages and recommended to Board of Revenue for declaration of the revenue village.
- Facilitated 06 Habitat Right Claims at SDLC to be approved and recommended to DLC
- Deogarh DLC has approved & distributed the habitat rights title to the Paudi Bhuyan PVTG

Our Approach:

Enriching - Enabling - Empowering Gram Sabha



Gram Sabha Level Awareness Camp



Constitution of the Forest Rights Committee



Training of the Forest Rights Committee members



Initiation of Claim Filling Process



Assessment of Nature and Extent of Forest Rights



Mapping of Forest Rights



Joint Forest Right Committees Meeting



Joint Verification of Customary Boundary



Mapping of Customary Boundary in the presence of representatives of Forest Department and Revenue Deptt.



Drafting and Sharing of Verification Report



Finalization of Report as approved by the Gram Sabha



Sharing of Draft Report to Gram Sabha

TENURIAL SECURITY

MEETINGS / TRAININGS



11

District level training and awareness programs on the Forest Rights Act 2006 in 10 districts

Training sessions at the block level.

62



177

Gram Panchayat level awareness programs

Refresher training Program

05



01

State-level consultation program



CONTRIBUTION TO SDG



OUR APPROACH:
ENRICHING - ENABLING - STRENGTHENING GRAM SABHA

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Women Empowerment and Gender Justice

The thematic team aims to empower the forest dwelling women in 15 districts of Odisha by securing their land rights. The team seeks to improve their access to government schemes and services, enhance their ability to use land and forest resources effectively, increase food security, create new livelihood opportunities, and strengthen their role in decision-making both at home and in the community. To achieve these goals, we will focus on building the skills and knowledge of women's groups at village, block, and district levels, with particular emphasis on land access and use, and supporting sustainable livelihoods. The program benefits a diverse group of women, including married, single, widowed, divorced, separated, and differently-abled women, as well as unmarried women.

The initiative will also involve extensive collaboration with local authorities, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders to ensure a holistic approach towards development. Training workshops, awareness campaigns, and capacity-building sessions will be organized to equip these women with the necessary tools and information. Additionally, the program will establish support networks to foster peer learning and mentorship among the women, thereby creating a robust community of empowered individuals.

Special attention will be given to the unique challenges faced by differently-abled women, ensuring that all activities and resources are accessible and inclusive. The thematic team will advocate for policy changes that promote gender equality and the rights of forest-dwelling women, working towards a more just and equitable society.

By the end of the program, we envision a transformative impact where women not only secure their land rights but also emerge as leaders and change-makers in their communities. This empowerment will ripple through generations, fostering a culture of resilience, sustainability, and mutual support.



Secure land rights and improve access to government schemes.



Increase food security and create new livelihood opportunities.



Enhance use of land and forest resources.



Strengthen women's role in decision-making at home and in the community.



Highlight

The women empowerment and gender justice team is committed to enhancing the social, economic, and legal strength of women to ensure equal rights and opportunities. This year, Vasundhara has made significant strides in women's empowerment and gender justice programs.



Leadership Development

20

Women
Leadership
Camps

425

Villages
Covered

642

Women
Leaders
Created

30

Role models
Established



Representation in Committees

13,333

Forest Rights Committees (FRCs)
formed

159,996

Total members

63,998

women members

1,150

Community Forest Resource
Management Committees

5,040

women members

Capacity Building

600

Village-
level
Meetings

425

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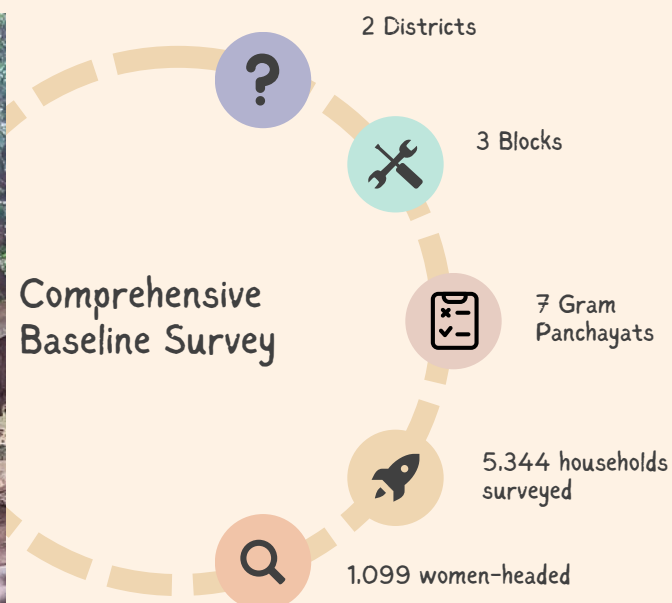
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Gender
mainstreaming
and budget
trainings

04

State-level
trainings on
women's land
rights





To create Women Friendly Panchayat, Vasundhara initiated intensive household survey households in 7 Gram Panchayats across 3 Blocks in 2 districts covering 5,344 household out of which 4,245

were men-headed households and 1,099 women-headed households. The survey focused on the following aspects and the report generated by analyzing the demographic characteristics, income sources, livelihood ownership, disease profiles, social security schemes, land rights and land holding, forest products and its uses, livelihood options, migration patterns, water resource dynamics, literacy and the issues and opportunities of women therein.

Gram Sabha Participation

Increased women's participation in meetings



Empowered women to share views and participate in decision-making

IMPACTS

This year, we have made significant strides in improving the quality of life for our community members across 15 districts of Odisha. Our key achievements include:

1 WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

- 9,551 Individual Forest Rights claims facilitated in women's names

2 SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

- Housing: 313 households benefited
- Employment: 101 new MGNREGA job card applications.
- Pension: 262 pension applications assisted.

- Food Security: 6 new Ration Card applications.
- Health insurance : 4 new BSKY applications.

3 WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- 276 new Producer Groups initiated
- 22 blocks and 83 gram panchayats covered
- 5,642 women engaged in business activities
- Businesses: Mahua, Sal seed, Cashew, Sal/Siali leaf plate, Honey, Tamarind, Turmeric



Sustainable Livelihood and Economic Democratization

The Sustainable Livelihood and Economic Democratization (SLED) program is a cornerstone of Vasundhara's mission, focusing on creating sustainable livelihoods and promoting economic democratization among rural and marginalized communities. SLED integrates environmental sustainability with economic development, ensuring that livelihood initiatives do not compromise ecological balance. This holistic approach aligns with Vasundhara's commitment to sustainable practices across all its programs.

By fostering entrepreneurship, enhancing market access, and ensuring fair trade practices, SLED empowers communities to take control of their economic destinies. The principles of SLED are embedded in every vertical and geographical area where Vasundhara operates, guiding initiatives in forest conservation, rural enterprise development, and community capacity building.

SLED's emphasis on sustainable livelihoods helps build resilient communities capable of withstanding economic shocks. By diversifying income sources and promoting self-reliance, SLED ensures communities are better equipped to handle adverse conditions. The program prioritizes the inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized groups, ensuring that economic benefits are equitably distributed, thus fostering social cohesion.

SLED also encourages innovative approaches to livelihood generation and fosters collaboration between various stakeholders. This multi-stakeholder approach enhances the impact and reach of Vasundhara's initiatives, ensuring they are sustainable, equitable, and inclusive.

Empowerment

Equity

Enterprise

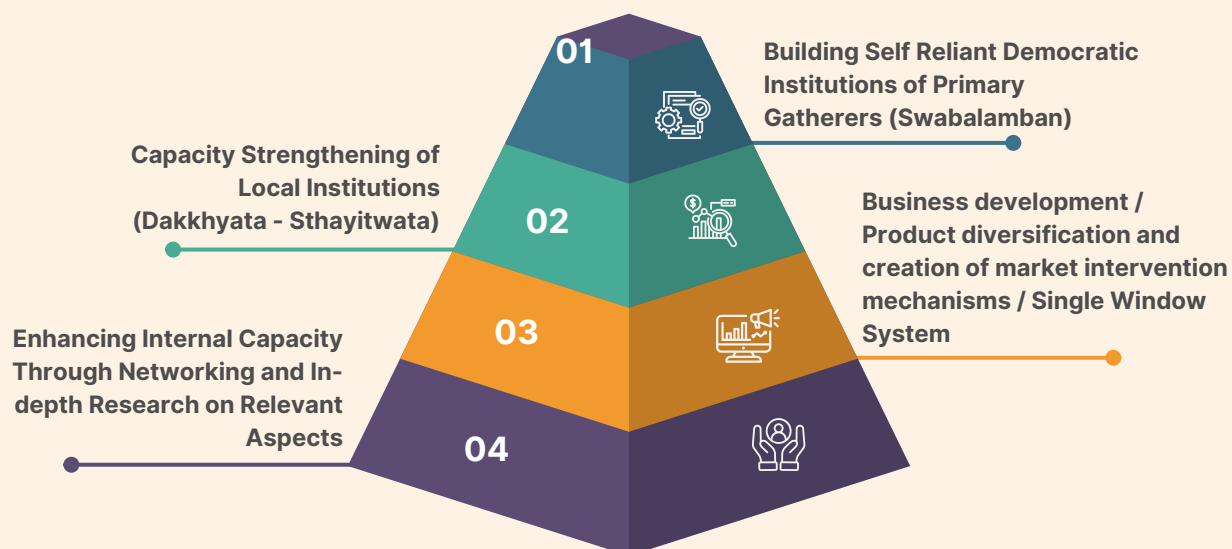
Economy

Ecology



Exploring the
**Leader In
me**

Programmatic Approach 4 tier :



Building Self Reliant Democratic Institutions of Primary Gatherers and Building their capacity is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering communities that rely on primary gathering for their livelihoods. By fostering self-reliance and democratic governance, Swabalamban seeks to create sustainable systems that ensure equitable resource distribution and community-led decision-making.

At the heart of this initiative is the belief that when people are given the tools and knowledge to govern themselves, they can better manage their resources and improve their quality of life. Training programs in leadership, financial management, and sustainable practices are integral components of Swabalamban, enabling participants to acquire the skills necessary to build resilient institutions.

Moreover, Swabalamban encourages the formation of local cooperatives where members can share expertise, pool resources, and advocate for their rights collectively. These cooperatives are designed to be inclusive, ensuring that women, indigenous peoples, and other marginalized groups have a voice in the decision-making process. Through Swabalamban, communities learn not only to sustain themselves but also to contribute to the broader societal framework by participating in democratic processes at local and national levels. The initiative thus serves as a beacon of hope, demonstrating that with the right support and structure, primary gatherers can thrive and influence positive change in their societies.

Business Development and Market Enhancement Strategies

- Implementing a Single Window System is a strategic move to boost business efficiency and effectiveness.
- Emphasizing business development helps Forest Dwelling Producers Groups discover new growth avenues, broaden market presence, and enhance competitiveness.
- Product diversification reduces risks by avoiding reliance on a single product or market, ensuring a steadier revenue flow.
- Market intervention mechanisms, such as regulations and support systems, address market failures and uphold fair competition.
- The Single Window System streamlines administrative processes, reduces monopoly, and facilitates regulatory compliance.

Integrating these strategies has fostered sustainable growth, market exploration, and adaptability in the case of small efforts made by the forest dwellers in earning their livelihood through Minor Forest Products..



Key Programs and Progress so far

Impact assessment in areas beyond the DHH operation area.

Broad Hand Holding

By August 2024, the goal is to reach 50,000 households. Currently, 84% of this target has been accomplished by incorporating 2,100 Producer Groups, which benefit around 200,000 people.

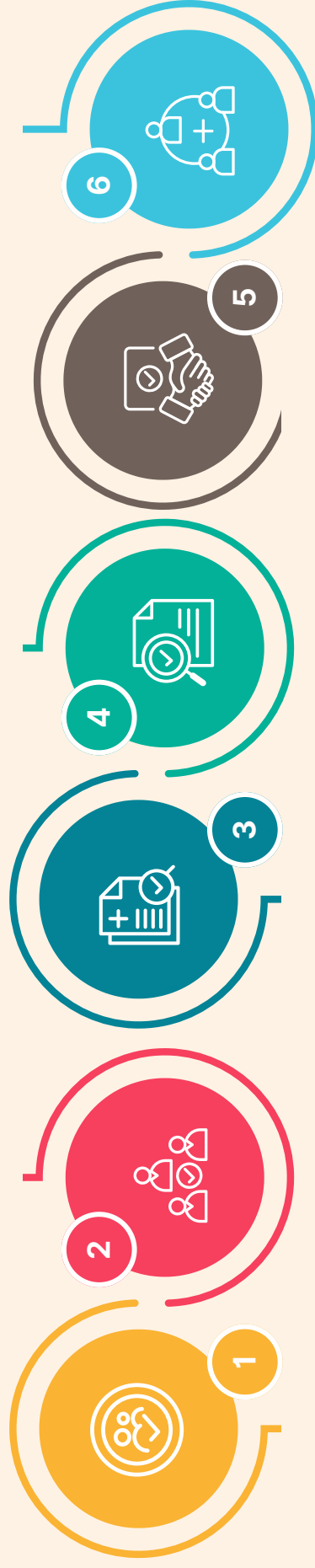
Skill Development

Throughout the program year, 63 skill-building and training exercises have been arranged and carried out, focusing on various aspects of the livelihood cycle such as record-keeping and product diversification.

PVTG's got an exposure to getting united for a cause

Federation of PVTG's

A federation called PVTG has been established, incorporating the Khadia Tribes of Jashipur Block. This federation has initiated the collection of honey and supplying it to the urban market of Bhubaneswar.



Deep Hand Holding

6000 households are supported by Vasundhara's Deep Hand Holding Effort, which includes the formation of 300 Producer Groups encompassing approximately 30,000 people.

Capacity Building

A total of 2963 institution-level awareness programs were conducted by the community organizers and field coordinators of Vasundhara covering around 25 issues along with livelihood practice

Institution Strengthening

Communities with heightened awareness levels and better capacities

Intensive efforts have been made to enhance institutional capacity, instilling confidence in the beneficiaries and empowering them to recognize their capabilities. This has resulted in the emergence of local leaders who can raise awareness among their peers and other group members regarding institutional strengthening.

Key Programs and Progress so far

TRC in Bhubaneswar and New Delhi

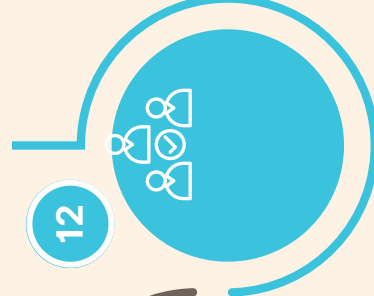
Two Tribal Resource Centers have been set up, one in the State Capital of Odisha and the other in the National Capital, New Delhi. These centers aim to promote the culture of forest-dependent communities, showcase their products, and encourage urban reliance on these goods.

MFP buying Assurance

Secured substantial purchasing commitments for minor forest products from six major corporate partners such as Manorama, Jan Jeevika, Arham, etc. This initiative aims to provide forest-dependent entrepreneurs with a sense of hope.

Govt Dept / Agency Tie up

By actively engaging in alliance building, we have established partnerships and collaborations with government bodies and agencies to access various forms of support, facility linkages, convergence, and resource conservation initiatives. (ORMAS, OLM, TDCC, ITDA, TRIFED, CII, IIT Inc,



State Level MFP Profiling

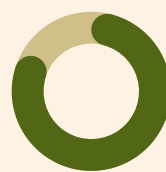
A research project has started to profile MFPs with the integration of cloud technology. This initiative aims to provide a comprehensive overview of availability, seasonality, usage, and trends of MFPs in Odisha for future sharing.

Vanajata Consortium

Vanajata consortium a consortium of forest dependents have been formed and brought into active action to provide solutions to the unsolved issues of the forest dependents.

Networking

Established networks of knowledge groups, non government organizations, and support agencies facilitate sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise.



HH Coverage

50,000 households to be covered, In association with the OLM and ITDA we are able bring the coverage to 84%.



NTFPs

68% of the PG level commodities are market linked.



Skill Building

64% of entrepreneurs have received support through skill-building activities.

~0.25 Million

Number of individuals directly to be involved in the Deep Hand Holding and Broad Hand Holding approaches we have.



6 out of 6

Federations formed and actively engaged in management of the PGs

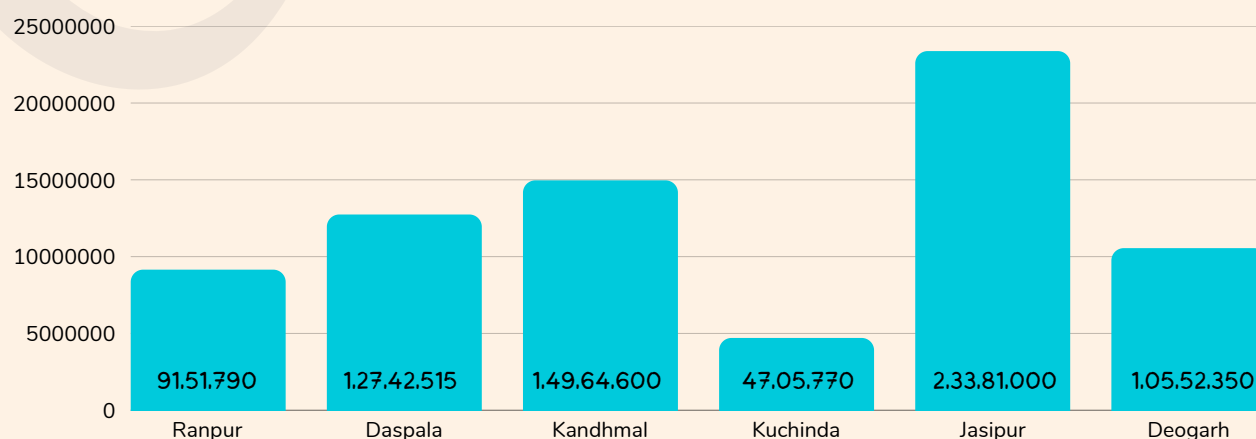
90 produces

Produces dealt by the forest dependents have been addressed upto now.

Business Projection

Where are We?

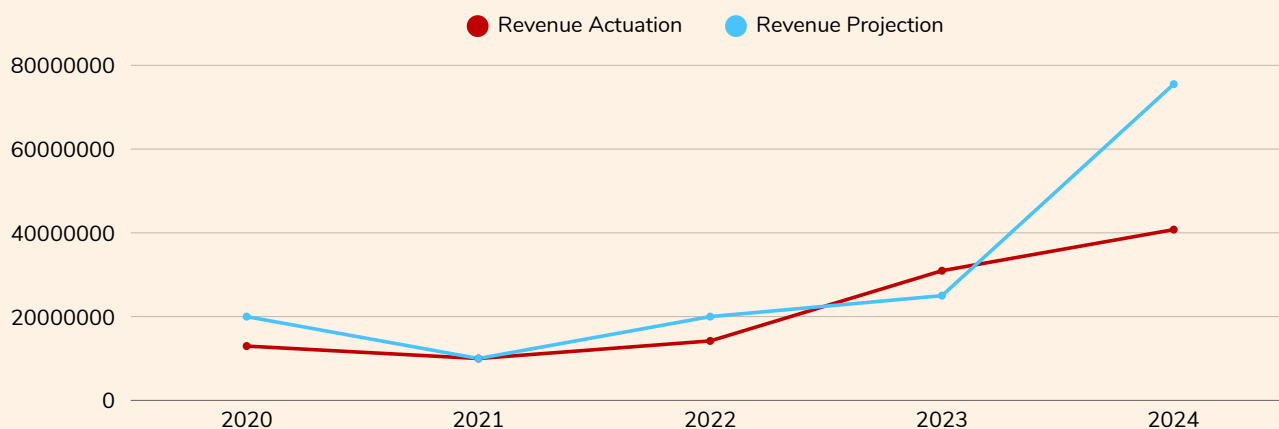
This is the business projection for the project year 2024 i.e. till 31st Aug 2024
7,54,98,025



Vasundhara's field offices and federation members outline projections for the upcoming year, focusing on sustainable agriculture and renewable energy. Plans include capacity building for farmers and artisans, improving infrastructure, and market access. The collaborative efforts aim for holistic development, balancing economic growth with social and environmental well-being for a prosperous future.

Projection vs Conversion

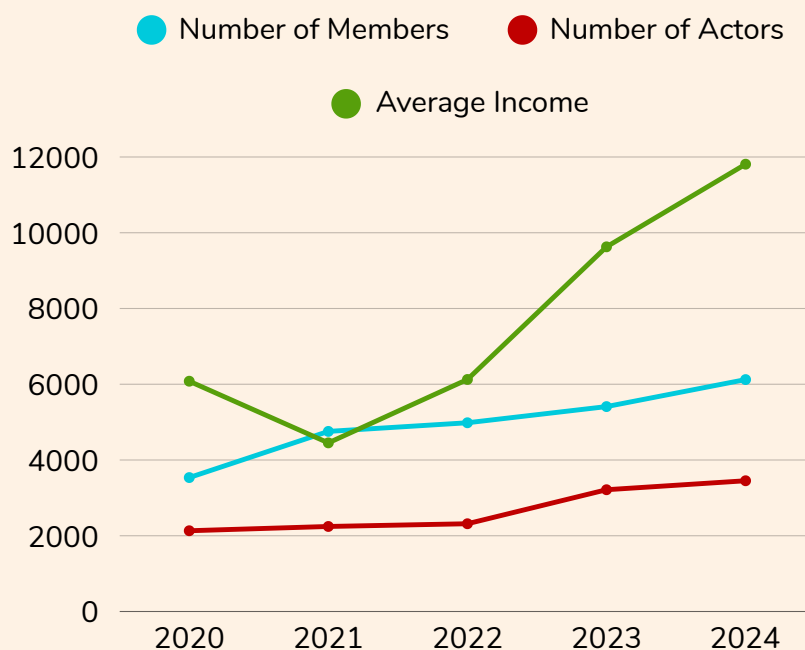
This Graph represents the year on year Revenue data of our DHH operation



Members Actors Avg Income

This graph illustrates the yearly average income of women in our DHH program who depend on the forest.

Our Impact Assessment indicates that households in our designated DHH area can expect to receive an average annual income between 36k to 48k as a result of our direct impact.



This report examines the growth in membership, actors, and average income from 2020 to 2024. The data showcases trends over five years, revealing shifts in participation and financial results.

Membership and Actor Involvement Growth:

- Membership increased from 3,536 in 2020 to 6,123 in 2024, a 73% rise.
- Actor numbers grew from 2,132 in 2020 to 3,452 in 2024, a 62% increase.

Income Analysis:

- Average income declined from ₹6,080 in 2020 to ₹4,452 in 2021, a 27% drop.

Income recovered to ₹6,126 in 2022 and rose to ₹11,810 in 2024, a 165% increase from 2021, indicating successful interventions or market improvements.



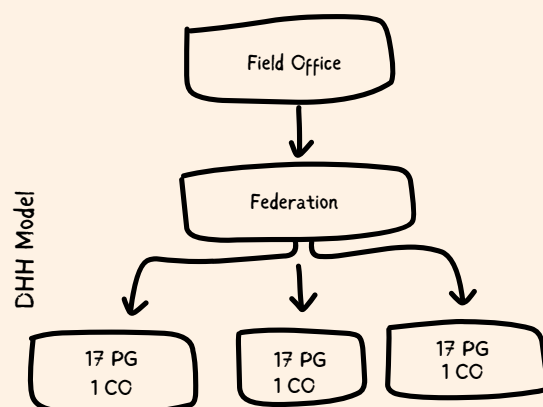
The Comprehensive Livelihood Support (CLS) program implemented by Vasundhara for forest-dependent communities is a well-rounded initiative aimed at improving sustainable livelihoods. It follows a systematic approach that begins with Resource Identification (01), where sustainable forest resources are carefully identified and mapped out. Community Mobilization (02) plays a crucial role in engaging the community members and creating awareness about the various livelihood opportunities available to them.

Subsequently, Skill Development (03) programs are conducted to equip individuals with the necessary training on sustainable harvesting techniques, processing methods, and entrepreneurship skills. Market Research (04) is then carried out to establish connections with potential buyers and assess the market needs in order to tailor the products accordingly. Infrastructure Support (05) is provided to build eco-friendly storage, processing, and transportation facilities for the communities.

Financial Support (06) initiatives are put in place to help communities access financial resources through awareness campaigns and collaborations with financial institutions. Networking (07) efforts are focused on forging partnerships and alliances with stakeholders along the entire supply chain. Product Development (08) introduces innovative value addition techniques to enhance the quality and marketability of the products.

Demand-Supply Management (09) strategies ensure that production aligns with market demand to prevent overproduction or shortages. Lastly, Monitoring and Evaluation (10) mechanisms are established to track progress, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies implemented, and make necessary adjustments to ensure continuous improvement and long-term sustainability of the livelihood support program.

The Field Operation Structure



Between 50 and 55 local institutions are overseen per Field Office as part of the Deep Hand Holding Program, adding up to 311 producer groups under DHH.

360 local institutions per field office are to be overseen as part of the Broad Hand Holding Program, excluding the DHH groups that have been established. We have through our Networking Scope have already reached out to more than 2000 PG's for their inclusion.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR

This outlines the extended plan for the upcoming project year within the Livelihood Intervention program.



Product Clusters

Six product clusters will be established with the implementation of product handling, processing, and supply chain facilities.



Retail - Product Linkage

The focus will be on retailing products from forest-based enterprises to promote sustainability and ensure the livelihoods of entrepreneurs are secure.



Biomass Pellets

Several biomass pellet production units will be established, utilizing forest bamboo species and other invasive species from the forests as raw materials.



Information System

A new information system will be developed to gather people's requirements, facilitate knowledge sharing, and create a platform for sharing knowledge.



Collaboration in OD

We will pursue new collaborations to enhance funding support for community-engaged programs and to implement organizational development initiatives and tools.

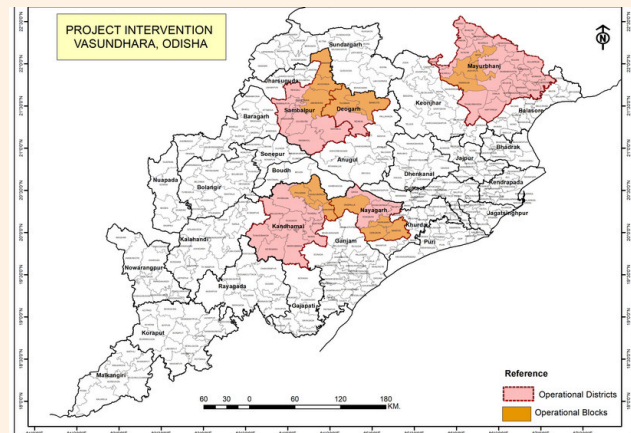
The program aims to:

- Reach 250,000 people through Deep Hand Holding and Broad Hand Holding Programs.
- Establish 8 product clusters with Community Facility Centers for product diversification.
- Ensure 100 days' income for 50,000 households from forest-based practices.
- Efficiently run 2 Tribal Resource Centers and support 50 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in Odisha.
- Enhance skill development, promote sustainable harvesting, establish marketing networks, implement monitoring frameworks, and forge partnerships.

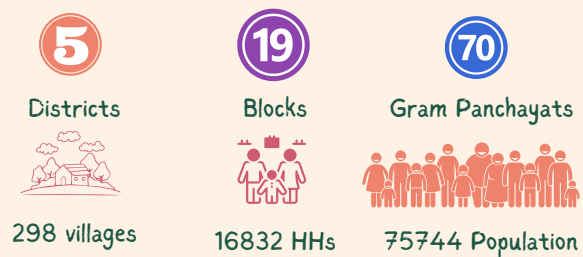
Encourage women and youth participation, promote cultural heritage, ensure transparency, and accountability for holistic development of tribal communities.



THE GLOBAL GOALS



Our Operational cum Learning Area



Outcomes

- Social cohesion
- Gender equality
- Community resilience
- Environmental sustainability
- Economic development
- Cultural diversity



Inspiration

- Instilling confidence and optimism
- Nurturing a sense of agency and belonging
- Inspiring a more inclusive and equitable society

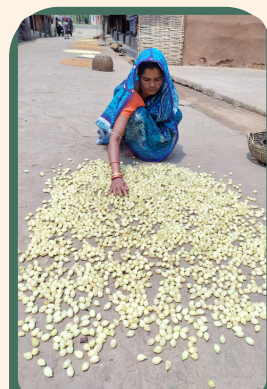


"SLED's initiatives demonstrate that tribal women have the power to shape their destinies and create a brighter future for their communities."



Targeting to add **2000** villages to direct operation by 2025.

250000 lives directly impacted through this intervention



Aiming to develop **2200** more self-dependent producer groups by **2025**.

Forest to Market - The Process



PG Level Meetings



Collection of Leaves



Stitching of Leaves



Drying of Leaves



Procurement by PGs



Packaging and sending to Trader



Machine Stitching



Production Unit



Packaging and sending to Trader



VANAJATA— an exclusive outlet of Forest Products of 16832 Forest Dependent Households

Transforming Lives and Livelihoods of Forest Dependent Communities

"We used to earn by selling Siali leaves to local traders. Our average income was around Rs. 80 per day. After the intervention of Vasundhara, we formed a PG group in our villages and started a start-up for the processing of Sal leaf plates. Now, we earn an average of Rs. 150 per day, excluding operational costs. Last year, we formed our federation, which looks after linking our products with the market and consumers."

Banabhumi Mahila Utpadak Gosthi, led by Ms. Sulochana Jani in Sanakamiti village, Nayagarh, India, has transformed their livelihoods through sustainable entrepreneurship.

A NEW INITIATIVE

The Green Choice Campaign

Supplying Leaf plates and Bowls to 23 temples

Supplying Leaf Bowls to 700 street vendors

Signed MoU with Puri Municipality for supplying leaf bowls to Gupchup and Dahibara Vendors

Harvesting Dreams: A Producer Group's Journey to Prosperity:

In a heartwarming tale of empowerment and economic transformation, Maa Ambika Producer Group, led by President Ms. Janhavi Mahant and Secretary Ms. Sutamani Sinku, at Na'an village under Jashipur, Mayurbhanj achieved a dream come true with the invaluable support of Vasundhara.



Sweet Success: Distress Sell to Fair Price



In the quaint village of Alkudua in Dhalabani, a remarkable transformation has taken place in the lives of the Khadia, a Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Rama Raja Producer Group, with the unwavering support of Vasundhara, has rewritten

their economic story. Previously, the Khadia community struggled to sell their honey, earning a meager Rs. 100 to Rs. 175 per kilogram. However, Vasundhara's dedication to the cause, combined with strategic interventions, revolutionized their honey-selling journey. With newfound bargaining skills, the PVTG now effortlessly commands a price of Rs. 300 per kilogram, right at their doorstep, marking a momentous shift in their fortunes.





RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION

The Research and Documentation Team's primary objective is to ensure that the organization's core areas are meticulously researched, documented and published. The Research and Documentation Team plays a crucial role in supporting and promoting the organization's mission by delivering thorough research and effective documentation.

Key Responsibilities

To Conduct In Depth Research, gather information from diverse sources to address assigned topics and to analyze data to extract meaningful insights and trends.

1

To Develop Detailed Case Studies that showcase significant findings or outcomes and to ensure that the case studies are well-researched and relevant to the organization's goals.

2

To Prepare Comprehensive Reports, compile and synthesize research findings into detailed report and to ensure reports are accurate, clear, and accessible to stakeholders.

3

To Monitor Media Coverage, track and document media coverage related to the organization.

4

Document Organizational Work, maintain thorough records of the organization's activities and projects and to ensure accurate and timely documentation of all relevant information.

5

To Create Media Materials, develop press releases, fact sheets, and other materials for media outreach, achievements and activities.

6

To Manage Social Media Channels, oversee the organization's social media outreach. Create and post content that engages the audience and reflects the organization's work.

7

Regularly updating the Organization's website with new information and content and to ensure that the website is user-friendly and informative.

8

To Publish a Monthly Newsletter for sharing updates and insights, which includes stories, highlights, and key developments from the organization.

9

To build capacity of the staff members of the organization to document their experiences & community engagement to produce it effectively for on wards direction.

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WHAT WE HAVE DONE



Vasundhara Barta

It helps keep all organization members informed about recent developments, upcoming events and important updates. This promotes better understanding about the organization. This regular newsletters keep people engaged and motivated by highlighting achievements, recognizing contributions, and sharing success stories of Vasundhara. This newsletter served as a platform for sharing news, best practices, and insights. Our organization, that engages with the local community or have a public-facing aspect, a well-crafted odia newsletter can enhance the organization's brand image and visibility.



Detailed Process of Conversion of Forest Villages to Revenue Villages

Jungle gaon ru rajaswa gaon ku paribartana ra prakriya (Odia Information Sheet)

This information sheet provides information about FRA, Forest Villages, Revenue Villages, Rules of FRA in Odia Language for easy and better understanding of local communities. This information sheet was prepared by Research, Documentation & Outreach cell and distributed in the Communities.

Mu Jungle Kahuchi

There are many untold stories that never get published as case studies and success stories. Ultimately those stories remain with these communities. Hence, we tried to collect those stories and present them in a storytelling format in the form of a story series "Mu Jungle Kahuchi".





MONTHLY ENGLISH NEWSLETTER - "THE LOOP"

It serves as a platform to share important information about organization such as monthly activities, upcoming events, or strategic goals. Regular newsletters boosted employee morale and engagement by recognizing achievements, celebrating milestones, and sharing success stories. Regular publication of this newsletter demonstrated organizational consistency and professionalism. By highlighting different thematic teams, this monthly newsletters helped understand everyone the broader organizational structure and foster internal networking and collaboration.

Future Targets

1

Research Goals

Innovative Research: We aim to explore new areas or new dimensions in Climate change or climate justice.

2

Publication and Dissemination

We aim to publish at least three papers in top-tier journals and present at two major conferences within the next year.

3

Collaboration and Networking

Building Partnerships: We will establish at least two new collaborative projects with external researchers or institutions.

Professional Networking: We plan to actively participate in professional organizations and attend networking events to build connections in research.

4

Project Management and Leadership

Leading Projects: We aim to lead a multidisciplinary research project to enhance team productivity. **Grant Acquisition:** We will apply for and secure at least one major research grant to support our research works.

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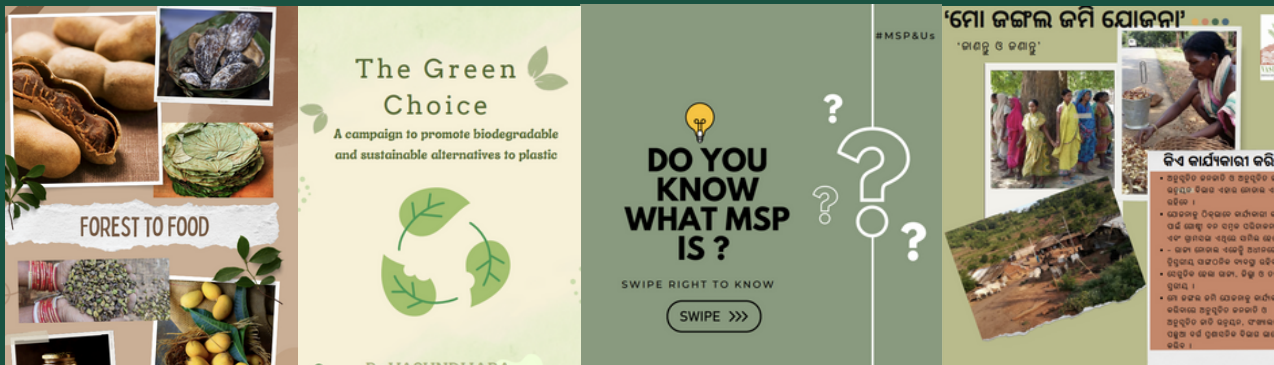
Impact and Application

Practical Applications: We will work on translating our research findings into practical applications or policy recommendations to address some specific issues. **Community Engagement:** We will develop outreach programs to communicate our research to non-specialist audiences and stakeholders.

6

Continuous Improvement

Feedback and Evaluation: We will establish a system for regularly reviewing and improving our research methodologies based on peer feedback and self-assessment.



We prepared 04 campaign materials

Food from the Forest- Through this campaign we tried to make forest products reach the doorsteps of people

The Green Choice- Through this campaign, we tried to encourage urban residents to use biodegradable and sustainable options like sal leaves instead of plastic. We worked in collaboration with Puri Municipal Corporation (PMC) in this campaign.

Do you know what is MSP?– The aim of this campaign was to make people aware about the existing minimum support price of MFP.

Mo Jungle Jarnee Yojana- The aim of this campaign was to make people aware about MJJY and all its rules and regulations in detail.



We developed a number of IEC (Information Education Communication) materials in the form of brochures, posters, videos to make people aware about different government policies and programmes.



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BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Biodiversity and natural resources are contested entities. Multiple stakeholders like the state, market, academia, and communities, have a direct interest in biodiversity. However, unlike other stakeholders, the interest of communities in the local biodiversity is not impersonal. Local biodiversity is an integral part of the communities' livelihood, culture, identity, and existence. Communities are not only directly dependent upon the local biodiversity but also a part of it. This makes the community, the best conservators of the local biodiversity and natural resources. Community participation in the management of natural resources is not only necessary for the democratization of natural resource governance but is also important for ensuring a sustainable stream of benefits from natural resources and biodiversity.

OBJECTIVE :

- Community-led biodiversity conservation
- Democratic governance systems for natural resources
- Environmental and climate justice for forest-dwelling and other communities living at ecological fringes
- Conservation of natural and cultural heritage
- Preservation of traditional knowledge, wisdom, and intellectual properties

How we work ?

INTERVENTIONS STRATEGY

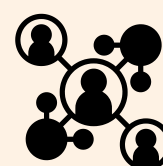
Community based democratic institutions



Community based research and documentation



Networking and knowledge Sharing



Community forest resource management -

CFRMC, CFRMP ?

The Forest Rights Act, 2006 provides a legal framework for community-led conservation and forest resource management. Rule 4 (1) (e) of the act directs the Gram Sabhas with forest right holders under the act to form a committee among its members for governance and management of community forest resources (CFR). This committee is called the Community Forest Resource Management Committee (CFRMC) which acts as an executive arm of the Gram Sabha for the conservation, governance, and management of CFR and to prepare a plan for it known as the Community Forest Resource Management Plan (CFRMP).

1150

CFRMC formed in 15 districts of Odisha

12600

CFRMC members selected/elected by gram sabhas

24

Community Forest Resource Management Plan (CFRMP)
preparation initiated by CFRMCs

We try to assure that CFRMP prepared by CFRMCs must be embedded in the community's history, culture, norms, belief system, and traditional conservation management practices. This can only be established by rigorous research with the community. The CFRMP should have the potential for sustainable utilization of resources for the overall well-being of the community. Also, it should be short, easy to understand and executed by the community.

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CFRMCs drafted their social map, resource map, seasonality calendar, resource utilization map, and governance plan as a part of CFRMP

200+

CFRMC meetings conducted

Training and capacity building on CFR management

06

ToT for FRA cell personnel under Mo Jungle Jami Yojna including one training organised by PRADAN

30

Gram Sabha level training on CFR management

01

month-long intensive orientation program for 5 new team members



Research and documentation as a tool for conservation and governance

Continuous research and documentation with communities on topics related to biodiversity conservation, governance, and climate justice is needed to celebrate and better appreciate the community's effort in this direction. It will also equip the community with new knowledge and insights.

Baseline survey of faunal species in 17 villages covering 5 districts and 11 clusters

Understanding and Building Indigenous People's Resilience to Climate Shocks – Cases of Kondh and Hill Khariya Tribes'. (in collaboration with CIPRED, Nepal, and was supported by the World Bank, of Nepal). The study was supervised by Ms Pasang Dolma Sherpa, ED, CIPRED, and was a part of the planning process of the World Bank intervention on climate change.

Processes and outcomes of community forest management in Ranpur.

Women's and Youth participation in community forest management in Ranpur – A research conducted by TISS interns

A booklet of Odia translation of MoTA guidelines on CFR management

Regular documentation of case stories of community-based traditional forest management from different districts of Odisha.

25 case stories of community conserved areas (CCAs) across Odisha in collaboration with Kalpvriksha.

Prepared an elaborate framework for CFRMC formation and CFRMP preparation based on MoTA guidelines and FRA, 2006, and its rules.

An Odia booklet on the role, responsibilities, and power of Gram Sabhas related to CFR management based on the guidelines and FRA, 2006, and its rules.



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A VILLAGE WHERE FOREST CONSERVATION IS A FAMILY TRADITION FOR WOMEN

The tired eyes of Chanchala Pradhan sparkle once she understands that someone is asking her about her days of *thengopali* or guarding the village forest. She is in her late eighties and struggles to walk and hear properly but once she understands the question, she replies in a shaking but firm voice with a sense of self-pride.

"Today's generation doesn't know what it took us to protect our forest in those days. We were confronted with timber mafias and forest officials to take control of our forest. It is because of our struggle that the forest has grown so dense today," she says while proudly looking towards the hills with lush green forest that overlooks the village. Pramila Pradhan (45) shyly but respectfully nods to her mother-in-law's statement in affirmation.

It has been more than 25 years since Pramila Pradhan, a young woman from Kondh tribe came to Kodalpalli village after her marriage as the daughter-in-law of the village. At that time, she was in her early twenties.

Kodalpalli is a small village of 15 households in Surkabadi GP of Ranpur block of Nayagarh district. The village is surrounded by dense forest and a large part of this forest is covered by cashew plantations. Pramila Pradhan understood the importance of forest in sustaining the livelihood and subsistence needs of her family and other households of the village in her early days while trying to adapt to the new responsibility of being a daughter-in-law.



Networking and knowledge sharing

Networking and knowledge-sharing activities regarding conservation and democratic governance of natural resources has helped to scale up our interventions. This has also assured greater impact and visibility of community initiatives while providing an opportunity to learn from other part of the country and world. In last one year the team has organized 5 regional and 1 state level consultation to discuss the CFR management system. We also participated and shared our experiences in national and international seminars.

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- Participated and presented case stories of Hill Khadiya and Kondh Adivasi's resilience to climatic shock in the South Asia roundtable in Kathmandu, Nepal.
 - Participated and presented case stories on community conserved area (CCAs) from Odisha at the National Conference on CCAs organized by Kalpvriksha and ATREE.
 - State-level consultation on CFR Management with representatives of people forestry forums and CSOs at Bhubaneswar
 - Regional consultation on CFR Management with representatives of PRI and people forestry forums in Jashipur, Mayurbhanj
 - Regional-level consultation on community forest management and the role of people forestry forum in Ranpur, Nayagarh
 - Constitution of a regional-level federation of CFRMCs Bhogabadi and Tumandi GP of Daspalla, Nayagarh.
 - Regional workshop on CFR guidelines with representatives and community leaders from different Gram Sabha and People forestry forums at Jashipur, Mayurbhanj

IMPACTS

Decentralized and democratic governance of forest resources has strengthened. Through CFRMCs, communities now have legal tools to manage the resources they traditionally depend on for their sustainable livelihood.

The biodiversity conservation regime has strengthened due to improved ownership of the local community on the resources

Formation of CFRMCs for CFR management has led the members of local communities especially women to be elevated to leadership positions who are now involved in decision-making from planning to execution of the plan for management of commons.

Training, workshops, and consultations on CFR management have led to improved awareness about communities' rights and responsibilities related to biodiversity conservation among different stakeholders

Improved autonomy and functionality of Gram Sabha have led to the strengthening of Panchayati Raj institutions

Regular documentation and written record of community action toward resource management

Vasundhara's work got recognition at national and international levels in bringing out Indigenous communities' efforts and sacrifices toward biodiversity conservation and contribution toward climate change mitigation.



COMMUNITY-LED CONSERVATION TRIUMPH: SIXTEEN VILLAGES UNITE TO SAFEGUARD A 2200- HECTARE FOREST IN ODISHA

Introduction:

In the heart of Nayagarh district in Odisha, a remarkable story of community-driven environmental conservation is unfolding. Sixteen villages, collectively known as Solah Mauja, have joined hands to protect and rejuvenate a once-barren forest spanning over 2200 hectares. Spearheading this noble cause is the 'Anchalik Hatimunda Jangal Surakshya Au Parichalana Committee,' a committee formed by representatives from each village.

The Genesis of Conservation:

Udayanath Behera, a retired army personnel and the vice president of the committee, recounts the dire state of the forest in its early days. Rampant deforestation, aided by corrupt practices within the forest department, had left the land stripped of life. Faced with this environmental crisis, elders from the sixteen villages convened in 2004, deciding to take matters into their own hands.

Formation of the Committee:

In that pivotal meeting, the decision was made to establish a committee dedicated to the protection and management of their forest. Thus, the 'Anchalik Hatimunda Jangal Surakshya Au Parichalana Committee' was born. With a commitment to enforcing sustainable practices, the committee formulated comprehensive rules and regulations to govern the protection and utilization of forest resources.

Community Contributions:

To fund the ongoing protection efforts, a system of financial contributions was implemented. Every household in the sixteen villages contributes Rs 5 on the first Sunday of each month. This collective effort enables the employment of a dedicated forest guard, whose monthly wage has increased from Rs 1000 to Rs 9000 over the years.

Patrol and Vigilance:

To maintain a watchful eye over the vast expanse of the forest, a patrol system called Thengapali was initiated. Two individuals from each village undertake daily patrols, ensuring the forest remains secure from potential threats. This hands-on approach to surveillance underscores the community's unwavering dedication to safeguarding their natural heritage.

Balancing Resource Utilization:

In recognition of the community's contributions, every household is entitled to receive 50 bamboo and 50 logs from the forest annually. To regulate this process, individuals must obtain a ticket from the committee by paying a nominal fee of Rs 10. The ticket serves as authorization for collecting bamboo and logs and must be presented to the forest guard during the process.

Preserving Biodiversity:

While the community benefits from the forest, there are strict guidelines in place to ensure sustainable resource management. Certain trees, such as sal, piyasal, kusum, bheru, kendu, anwla, harad, mehua, and mangoes, are protected and cannot be felled. This conservation-minded approach preserves the biodiversity of the forest and safeguards its ecological balance.

Village Classification:

Among the sixteen villages actively participating in forest protection, twelve are classified as revenue villages, while the remaining four are designated as hamlet villages. The revenue villages include Kiridaspur, Koska, Kantabania, Khaidapada, Gabadiha, Jaimangal, Jaimadeipur, Dimripatna, Chakasahi, Baluan, Maladipur, and Sanahamara. The hamlet villages comprise Gabadiha Harijansahi, Godisahi, Chakasahi, and Nua Kantabania.

Conclusion:

The collaborative efforts of these sixteen villages in Nayagarh district serve as a shining example of grassroots conservation. Through their shared commitment, they have not only revived a once-depleted forest but have also established a sustainable model for coexisting with nature. This inspiring initiative underscores the transformative power of community-led conservation in preserving our precious natural resources for future generations.



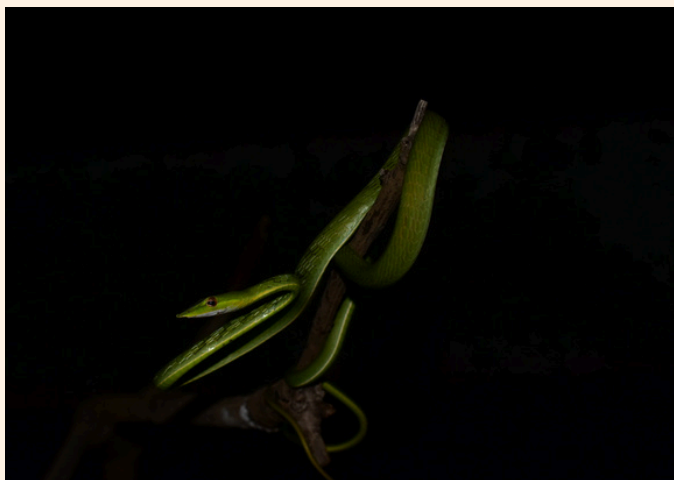
BASE-LINE FAUNAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY IN CFR AREAS



Villagers looking at the pictures of faunal species from their CFR areas Sundartaila, Ranpur



Presentation of faunal survey result to the community at Kodalpalli, Ranpur



Green Vine Snake (*Oxybelis fulgidus*)



Chameleon (*Chamaeleo zeylanicus*)



Paradise Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone bourbonensis*)



Jerdon's Nightjar (*Caprimulgus atripennis*)

NETWORKING AND ALLIANCE BUILDING

To create impact at a larger scale, it is imperative to convene like-minded individuals or organizations onto a unified platform. This facilitates the sharing of information among grassroots organizations regarding their needs, challenges, and best practices, enabling them to collectively amplify their voices through the platform."

MISSION AND PURPOSES

01

Community ownership over natural resources

Ensuring ecological and economical sustainability

06

02

Self-reliant communities

Caring and dignified communities

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03

Biodiversity conservation

Conservation of natural and culture

08

04

Preservation of traditional knowledge, wisdom and intellectual properties and heritage

Climate resilience and adaptability

09

05

Assertion for climatic and environmental justice

Equitable benefit sharing

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Collaboration is key to a shared vision: a future where, forest conservation and community well-being go hand in hand.

ACTIVITIES

04

district-level workshops for (NGO) and (CBO) in Odisha

04

district-level coordination meetings with government officials

08

district-level workshops for (NGO) and (CBO)

01

State Level coordination program under Tenurial Security program

03

regional level workshops under Biodiversity conservation governance and climate justice program.

01

state level workshop under Biodiversity conservation governance and climate justice program.

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NGOs/CBOs across Odisha are invited for potential collaboration to improve the livelihoods of tribal forest dwellers.

IMPACT

Successful collaboration with Tribal Co-operative Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) & Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS)



Collaboration with O2 new artisan producer organizations
We have participated in two exhibitions organized by Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS) (Bhubaneswar and Puri), facilitated through our partnerships with Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS) and Tribal Co-operative Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).



IMPACT



79 NGOs and CBOs have agreed
for a fruitful collaboration.



District-level CBOs
and NGOs
consultation
workshop at
Nayagarh,
Kandhamal, Deogarh
and Mayurbhanj.

Technology & Innovations

OBJECTIVES

To spread the use of mapping technology and awareness among forest dwelling community

To aware local youth on technology and extend of Forest resources and access.

To support District administration on CFR mapping exercise to speed up FRA process.

To train Local youth on GPS to map their traditional boundary

Activity

CFR Mapping :



District	Year	CFR Mapping/Village	Revenue Forest(H)	Reserved Forest (H)	CFR Are (H)
Nayagarh	2023-24	255	9001.221	25667.815	34669.036
Deogarh/sambalpur	2023-24	172	28231.447	7090.184	35321.631
Balasore	2023-24	7	353.6	477	830.6
Mayurbhanj	2023-24	90	2537.290	2489.190	4945.74
Total	Total	524	31938.601	33234.999	75767.007

Forest village Mapping

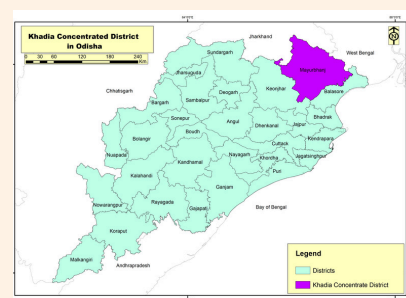
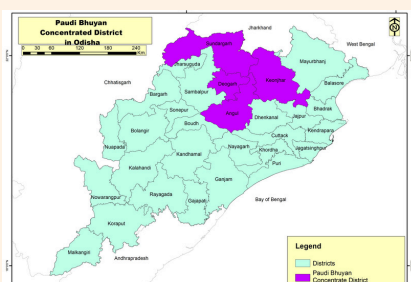
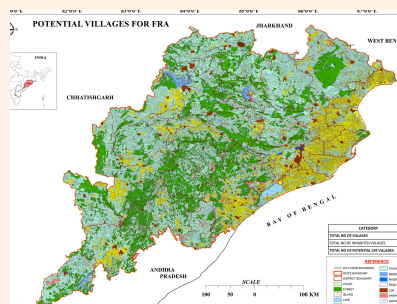
Conversion of forest village to revenue villages in 3 districts of Odisha.

District Name	Total Number of CFR Mapping	Total Reserved Forest (Hect)	Total CFR Area (Hect)
Keonjhar	5	549.06	549.06
Deogarh	2	362.88	362.88
Mayurbhanj	2	132.66	132.66
Total	9	1044.6	1044.6

Impact

• MAPPING OF 75767.007 HA OF FOREST LAND AS CFR.

• OUT OF WHICH 33234.999 HA ARE IDENTIFIED AS RESERVED FOREST



DETAILS OF PROJECT 2023-24

Sl No	Name of The Project	Supported by	Project Period	Project Grant amount
1	General support & Project Support for instituional strengthening	THE FORD FOUNDATION	1st Sept 2020-31st august 2025	18 Lakh USD
2	Upscaling Community Tenure Rights in India PHASE III	The Tenure Facility	1st Jan 2023 -31st Dec 2024	9,81,839 USD / 8.05 Crore INR
3	United Universalist Holdeen India Program	United Universalist Association	1st Nov 2023 -31st Oct 2024	63.79 Lakh INR
4	Leaving No One Behind Securing Land & LivelihoodRights for women & Excluded communities in India	Welt Hunger Hilfe	1st Jan 2023 -31st August 2026	1.80 Crore INR
5	Strengthening Effective implementation of Forest Right Act 2024 (2024)	Right Resources Innitiative	1st Feb 2024- 31 Dec 2024	55.98 Lakh INR



WE HAVE TAKEN STRONG STEPS TOWARDS AN UNIFIED VISION AND GOAL
"ONE TEAM. ONE VASUNDHARA"

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2023-2024

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VASUNDHARA
PLOT NO 1731/C, DASH MOHAPATRA COMPLEX, NEAR MARUTI VILLA (PHASE II),
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ODISHA, INDIA.

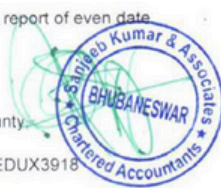
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

SOURCES OF FUNDS	SCH	2023-24 AMOUNT (Rs.)	2022-23 AMOUNT (Rs.)
CAPITAL FUND			
As per last Balance Sheet.		2,37,02,695.74	2,19,74,474.31
Add: Surplus/(deficit) during the Year		20,01,553.10	17,28,221.43
TEMPORARY RESTRICTED FUND			
(UN SPENT GRANT)	01	49,04,009.88	2,56,73,558.49
Corpus Fund(IC)	02	4,36,584.55	4,25,573.55
Corpus Fund(FC)	03	14,78,097.06	14,78,097.06
Pension & Gratuity Fund	04	29,67,601.36	27,81,274.30
Staff Development Fund (FC)	05	14,89,857.78	17,52,787.78
Staff Welfare Fund (SWF-FC)	06	12,73,345.58	13,23,729.58
Staff Welfare Fund (SWF-IC)	07	17,887.24	17,887.24
Temporary Loan		60,000.00	-
Community Empowerment Revolving Fund (CERF)	08	65,68,550.36	64,98,150.80
TOTAL		4,49,00,182.65	6,36,53,754.54
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
FIXED ASSETS	09	1,18,49,390.30	1,10,79,590.30
INVESTMENT		0.00	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES			
Cash & Bank Balance	10	2,35,19,845.38	4,43,09,002.19
LIC OF INDIA (Pension & Gratuity Scheme)		29,67,601.36	27,81,274.30
Loans & Advances	11	1,06,663.00	1,28,625.00
Community Empowerment Revolving Fund (CERF)	12	43,14,405.00	43,14,405.00
Grant-in-aid Receivable	13	24,59,686.86	17,37,333.00
Tax deducted at source		2,67,091.75	1,67,679.75
Security Deposit	14	78,705.00	68,705.00
Bank Interest Accrued on Term Deposit		1,29,523.00	1,49,261.00
Less		3,38,43,521.35	5,36,56,285.24
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS			
Liabilities for Expenses	15	7,92,729.00	10,82,121.00
		7,92,729.00	10,82,121.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,30,50,792.35	5,25,74,164.24
TOTAL		4,49,00,182.65	6,36,53,754.54

The above Balance Sheet, to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the funds and liabilities and assets and properties of the organisation for the year ended on 31.03.2024.

As per our separate report of even date

CA Sanjeeb K. Mohanty
Partner
UDIN:24054142BKEDUX3918
Date: 18.07.2024



Y. Giri Rao
Secretary

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AT/PO- KIIT CAMPUS, BHUBANESWAR-751024
ODISHA, INDIA.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)		INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)	
	2023-24	2022-23		2023-24	2022-23
PROGRAMME EXPENSES					
To Upscaling Community / Tenure Facility II	-	90,05,954.00	By Grant-in-Aid (Schedule -I)	5,74,57,866.47	4,59,13,209.00
To Upscaling Community / Tenure Facility III	2,22,42,148.00	20,10,786.00			
To Strengthening Effective / R R I 23 VASU 01	36,81,649.00	-	By Bank Interest	15,33,108.00	11,21,920.89
To General Support / Ford Foundation	1,45,11,515.47	1,13,67,879.00	By Bank interest Acrued on term Deposit	1,17,477.00	1,68,064.00
To Unitarian Universalist / UU 05	-	19,98,974.70			
To Unitarian Universalist / UU 07	-	40,14,710.00	By Institutional Consultan	76,262.00	-
To Unitarian Universalist / UU 08	-	5,15,340.96	By Other Receipts	3,000.00	8,031.00
To Unitarian Universalist / U U 09	24,36,345.00	24,42,780.00			
To Unitarian Universalist / UU 10	19,15,405.00	-	By Reimbursement of Expenditure	32,864.00	-
To Livelihoods / WHH	24,54,493.00	1,60,001.00			
To Strengthening Effective / R R I 22 VASU 01	-	53,46,187.00	By Interest on TDS Refund	-	3,760.00
To Annual Meeting / RRI 22 VASU 02	-	7,04,468.00			
To CIFOR	-	6,25,000.00			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
- Tenure Facility III	32,65,580.00	38,00,852.00			
- General Support / Ford Foundation	30,90,007.68	55,720.35			
- Unitarian Universalist / U U 09	5,45,930.02	51,077.00			
- Unitarian Universalist / U U 10	6,04,398.08	-			
- Livelihoods / WHH	4,95,593.36	-			
- Strengthening Effective RRI 23 VASU	5,83,577.86	16,75,193.45			
- Strengthening Effective RRI 22 VASU	86,417.00	4,09,402.00			
- CIFOR	7,492.00	-			
- F C General	1,67,812.90	-			
- Audit fees	-	4,28,000.00			
To General Fund	97,348.00	79,456.00			
To Deletion of Assets	5,774.00	-			
To Loss on Sale of Asset	675.00	-			
To Depreciation	10,26,863.00	7,94,982.00			
To Excess of Income over Expenditure	20,01,553.10	17,28,221.43			
	5,92,20,577.47	4,72,14,984.89		5,92,20,577.47	4,72,14,984.89

The above Income and Expenditure Account, to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of all the Income and Expenditure of the Organisation for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024.

As per our separate report of even date

CA Sanjeeb K. Mohanty,
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UDIN:24054142BKEDUX3918
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2023-2024

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CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		PROGRAMME EXPENSES	
- Cash-in-hand	42,758.00	By Upscalling Community / Tenure Facility III	2,22,13,492.00
- Cash-at-Bank	2,32,66,244.19	By Strengthening Effective /R R I 23 VASU 01	36,81,649.00
- Term Deposit	2,10,00,000.00	By General Support / Ford Foundation	1,45,04,046.47
To GRANT-IN-AID		By Unitarian Universalist / U U 09	25,32,245.00
- Foreign	3,59,65,964.00	By Unitarian Universalist / U U 10	18,57,920.00
To Bank Interest		By Livelihoods / WHH	24,48,984.00
- Foreign	14,41,904.00	By Staff Welfare Fund	48,586.00
- Indigenous	3,12,647.00	By Staff Development Fund	2,62,930.00
To Institutional Consultancy	76,262.00	By RRI 22 VASU 01	70,564.00
To Other Receipts		By Unitarian Universalist / U U 8	10,000.00
- CERF	7,463.00	By ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
- General Indian	3,000.00	- Tenure Facility III	30,68,688.00
To Loan & Advances		- General Support / Ford Foundation	30,65,018.68
- Foreign	6,740.00	- Unitarian Universalist / U U 09	5,75,430.02
- Indigenous	65,385.00	- Unitarian Universalist / U U 10	5,74,098.08
To Temporary Loan	60,000.00	- Livelihoods / WHH	4,68,892.38
To Sale of Assets		- Staff Welfare Fund	23,817.00
- Foreign	26,600.00	- Strengthening Effective RRI 23 V/	5,83,577.86
- Indigenous	3,000.00	- Strengthening Effective RRI 22 V/	1,57,217.00
To Foreign		- CIFOR	7,492.00
- Reimbursement of Expenditure	32,864.00	- Unitarian Universalist / U U 8	7,000.00
		- Tenure Facility II	3,77,100.00
		- F C General	1,74,341.90
		- CERF Expenses	10.44
		- General Fund Expenses	97,348.00
			91,80,031.34
		By TAX DEDUCTED AT SOURCE	
		- Foreign	69,179.00
		- Indigenous	18,484.00
			87,663.00
		By LOANS & ADVANCES	
		- Foreign	50,163.00
		By ASSETS	
		- Foreign	18,32,712.00
		By House Rent Security(F C General)	10,000.00
		By CLOSING BALANCE	
		- Cash-in-hand	35,439.00
		- Cash-at-bank	1,24,84,406.38
		- Term Deposit	1,10,00,000.00
			2,35,19,845.38
	8,23,10,831.19		8,23,10,831.19

The above Receipts and Payments Account, to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the movement of cash of the Organisation for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

As per our separate report of even date

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