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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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As the Director of Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS), it is my privilege to summarize the strides we made in the fiscal year 2022-2023, a period marked by profound impacts and steadfast progress towards our enduring mission. Since 1995, MGVS has been a catalyst for positive change in Maharashtra, addressing the urgent needs of its most vulnerable communities through integrated initiatives in health, education, water conservation, sanitation, livelihood, and empowerment.



This year, our projects have touched lives across the spectrum, with our Water Conservation and Sanitation initiative creating 41 lakh cubic meters of water storage and significantly benefiting over 20,000 residents. Our Health Care and Support endeavors notably reduced HIV prevalence from 2.29% in 2009 to 0.37% in 2022-23 and our Childline-1098 Project handled 1,403 cases, ensuring safety and care for children in distress. Our empowerment of 255 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through the Rural Livelihood Development program has fostered economic self-reliance among women, enhancing their social and economic standing. In our commitment to transparency and accountability, report includes detailed Project Budgets and Expenditures, underscoring our judicious management of resources to maximize impact. So far with an overarching reach of over 20,00,000 beneficiaries across 18 districts and 600+ villages, our efforts underscore a deeply rooted belief in sustainable development, fueled by community resilience and collective action.

Our gratitude extends to our donors, partners, volunteers, and staff, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in our achievements. Looking ahead, MGVS is poised to further its impact, driven by a vision of equity and sustainability for all. Together, we forge ahead with renewed vigor, committed to our mission of building a more just and equitable society.

Date: March 18, 2024

Signature

## 2 INTRODUCTION

Since 1995, Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has been at the forefront of social transformation in Maharashtra's most vulnerable districts. Founded with the vision to establish a society where equality prevails and access to natural resources and basic needs is guaranteed for all, MGVS has dedicated itself to the upliftment of the underserved. Our mission—to transition from welfare to sustainable development, ensuring long-term sustainability—is driven by integrated programs focusing on health, education, livelihood, water conservation, sanitation, and empowerment.

**VISION:** To create an equitable society where everyone has access to natural resources and the essentials for a dignified life.

MGVS's journey began in the drought-prone areas of Marathwada, where the scarcity of water and lack of basic amenities posed severe challenges to the local communities. Recognizing the urgent need for a concerted effort to address these issues, MGVS initiated projects aimed at water conservation, health awareness, and livelihood enhancement. Our core values of equity, inclusiveness, sustainability, and community empowerment have guided our endeavors, enabling us to reach out to the marginalized sections of society effectively.

Our holistic approach prioritizes critical sectors. In health, we improve access and awareness on issues like HIV/AIDS. Education targets literacy, especially for disadvantaged children. Livelihood efforts tackle poverty through sustainable employment creation. Water conservation and sanitation projects combat Marathwada's water scarcity, enhancing security and agricultural productivity. Women's empowerment fosters gender equality, empowering women as agents of change. The impact of MGVS over the years has been profound, touching the lives of thousands across Maharashtra. Our work has been recognized and supported by various government bodies, international organizations, and the local community, enabling us to expand our reach and deepen our impact. As we look to the future, MGVS remains committed to its vision of a just and equitable society, where every individual has the opportunity to lead a life of dignity and fulfillment. Our journey continues, driven by the belief that sustainable development is achievable through collective action and community resilience.

**MISSION:** To transform the lives of the underprivileged through comprehensive programs that address health, education, water conservation, sanitation, livelihood, and empowerment of women and youth, aiming for welfare and sustainable development.

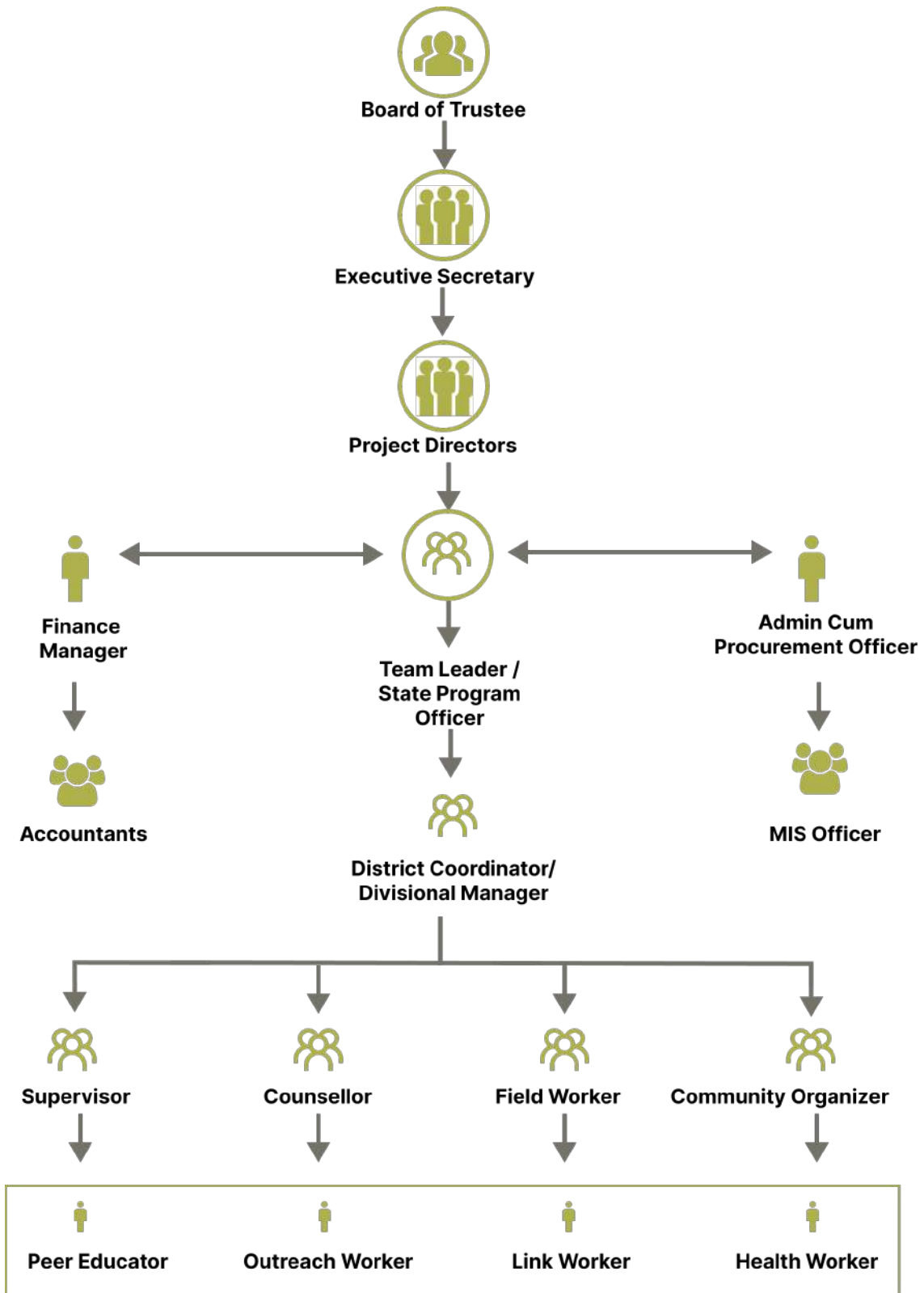
## 2.1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MGVS Board of Trustees have able and committed members who have many years of experience in rural development and represent various aspects of the society – rural entrepreneurship, business, farming, and health.

Table 1: MGVS Board of Trustees and Their Experience

SN	Name	Experience
1	Mansukh Zambad <i>President</i>	Industrialist, farmer, and social worker with over five decades of experience in grassroots development.
2	Popatrao D. Patil <i>Vice President</i>	Progressive farmer with over five decades of experience in extending agriculture knowledge and demonstrating sustainable farming practices.
3	Appasaheb J. Ugale <i>Secretary</i>	Social worker and engineer with 30 years of experience in pioneering community-based water conservation and healthcare initiatives.
4	Shivaji B. Aware <i>Member</i>	Social worker and management professional with 40 years of experience in administration and rural development.
5	Alka Kishor Patil <i>Member</i>	Rural entrepreneur guiding SHGs and women on livelihoods for 20 years.
6	Sunita G. Shejul <i>Treasurer</i>	Social worker with 20 years of development experience in facilitating community mobilization, especially for women empowerment.
7	Bhausahab K. Gunjal <i>Member</i>	Member of district and state committees on child protection and care with 30 years of experience in the development sector, holding a post-graduate degree from the UK.

## 2.2 GOVERNING STRUCTURE



### 3 YEAR AT A GLANCE

#### Geographical coverage

**18** Districts | **3** Divisions | **600+** Villages | **20,00,000+** Beneficiaries

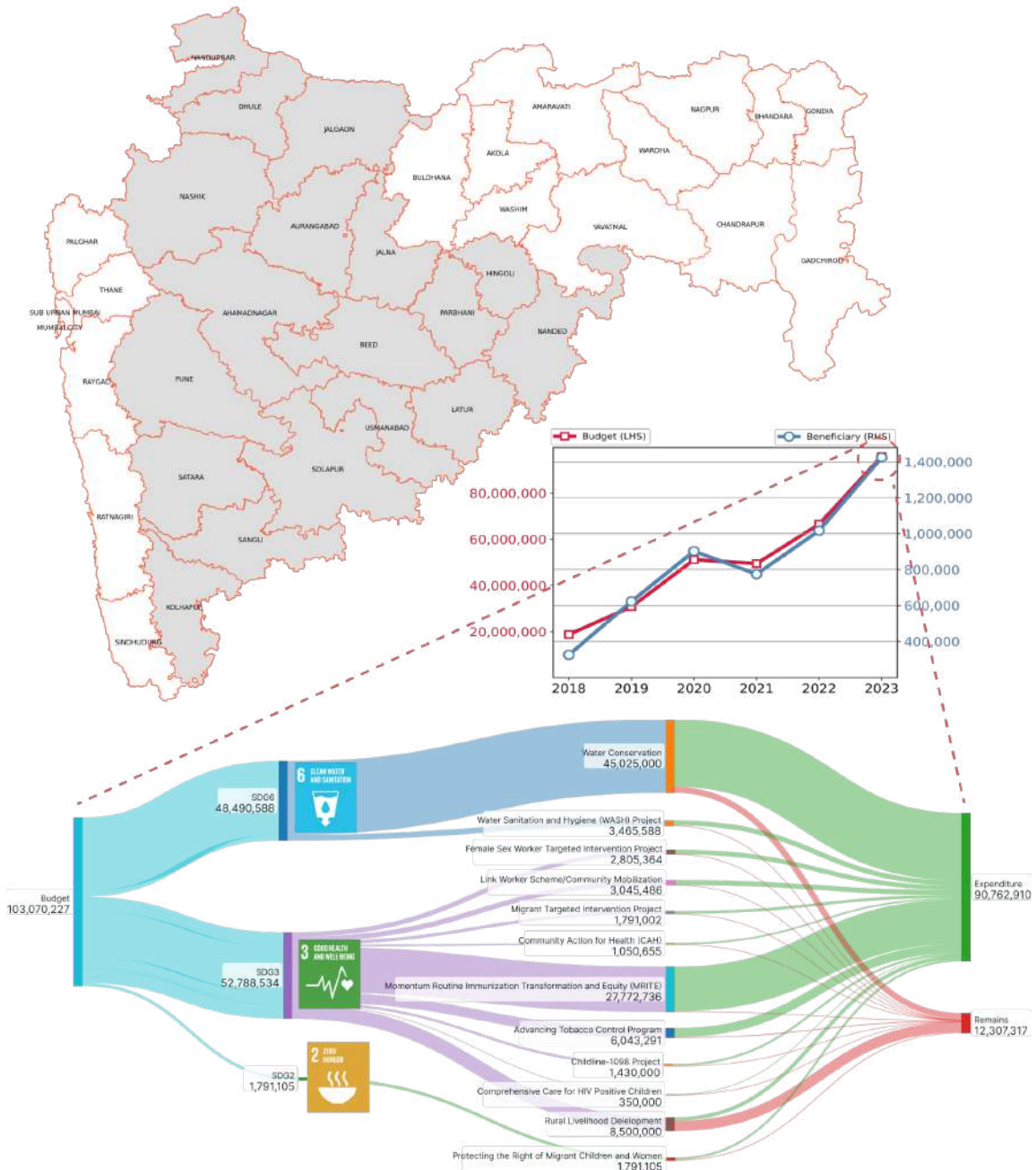


Figure 1: Infographic overview for fiscal year 2022-2023 showing the allocation of funds and the impact on beneficiaries of MGVS's key programs in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra.

## 4 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 4.1 WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT

The Water and Sanitation project showcases our NGO's dedication to tackling water scarcity and sanitation challenges, contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. Our efforts in water conservation and sanitation improvement reflect our commitment to public health, environmental sustainability, and community well-being. Through strategic initiatives in water management and hygiene education, we aim for a lasting impact, striving for a future where every community enjoys access to clean, sustainable water resources.

#### 4.1.1 WATER CONSERVATION

The Integrated Watershed Development Project, spearheaded by MGVS, encompasses 27 villages across Vaijapur and Kannad blocks of Aurangabad, Shirampur of Ahmednagar district, and Amalner Block of Jalgaon District. Aimed at strengthening drinking water sources, this initiative seeks to empower community organizations, conserve runoff, raise groundwater levels, promote efficient water management practices, improve agricultural methods, and enhance household income, thus ensuring sustainability and resilience in water-stressed regions.



Figure 2: Water storage in a desilted riverbed



## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Created 41 Lakh CUM water storage via desilting and constructing check dams, significantly enhancing water availability.
- Constructed 28 new cement check dams and over 158 recharge shafts, increasing groundwater recharge across 27 villages.
- Desilted and revived 8 percolation tanks and 67 nalas, improving the efficiency of water conservation efforts.
- Implemented 14,460 orchard plantations and provided drip/sprinkler sets to farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture and efficient water use.
- Expanded irrigation to 13,538 Ha of land and installed over 380 units of Vermi compost & Amrutjal, boosting agricultural productivity and soil health.

## IMPACT

The project markedly enhanced water resilience, elevating agricultural yields, water management, and community livelihoods in drought-prone regions, benefiting over 20,000 residents by fostering environmental sustainability and economic growth through innovative water conservation and agricultural practices.

### 4.1.2 WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

The WASH project was launched to address the urgent need for improved sanitation facilities and practices in Aurangabad district, the project expands its reach across three districts in Maharashtra, aiming to secure a healthier future for 7,000 public school children. It focuses on enhancing water access and sanitation in schools, addressing public health, and promoting children's well-being.



Figure 3: Teaching the essentials of hand hygiene.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Installed water filtration units in 15 schools across Pune, Solapur, and Aurangabad districts.
- Trained 180 teachers and committee members on WASH; educated 1958 children on ecological child rights.
- Taught 3809 children 20-second handwashing techniques.
- Introduced 8 vermicomposting and 3 Amrutjal units in schools, training 550 children on their preparation and use.
- Developed and distributed educational materials on sanitation and hygiene to all project schools, enhancing student and teacher knowledge.

## IMPACT

The WASH project significantly enhanced public health and hygiene in project schools across Maharashtra by installing water filtration units, training teachers on sanitation practices, and educating children on hygiene and ecological rights. It led to a substantial decrease in waterborne diseases, improved hygiene habits among thousands of students, and fostered a sustainable environmental culture within the community.

## CONCLUSION

### IMPACT OF WATER CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES IN MANOOR VILLAGE

In Manoor village, Maharashtra, MGVS's three-year water conservation initiative dramatically increased groundwater levels from a mere 1.03 meters in June 2019 to 12.44 meters by September 2022. This transformative project turned a drought-prone area into a water-sufficient community, highlighting the power of sustainable environmental practices and community effort.

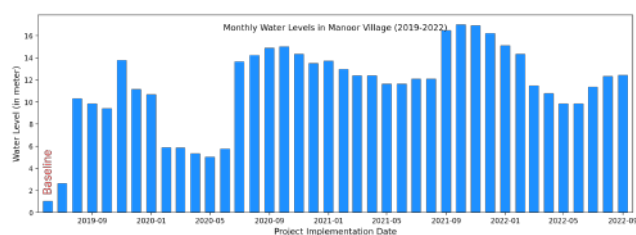


Figure 4: Manoor's Groundwater Table: 2019-2022, A Remarkable Turnaround

Our engagement in water and sanitation highlights a journey towards mitigating water scarcity and enhancing hygiene practices. Significant progress, driven by innovative

solutions and community collaboration, underpins our vision for universal clean water and sanitation access. Inspired by our accomplishments, we continue to extend our reach, committed to promoting sustainable water and hygiene practices worldwide, aligning with our overarching mission.

## 4.2 HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT

Our "Health Care and Support" initiatives are at the core of our mission to enhance public health and well-being, aligning closely with Sustainable Development Goal 3. Through innovative strategies and community engagement, these projects aim to address a broad spectrum of health challenges, embodying our commitment to creating a healthier society. This approach not only underscores the importance of comprehensive health care but also reflects our dedication to the global health objectives set forth by the World Health Organization.

### 4.2.1 FEMALE SEX WORKER TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECT

In collaboration with the Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS), our NGO has been at the forefront of providing crucial health services to 1,300 female sex workers (FSWs) in Aurangabad. This project was meticulously designed to address the acute health risks faced by FSWs, focusing on preventing and controlling STDs and HIV/AIDS. By ensuring community involvement at every stage, from planning to evaluation, we've fostered an environment of trust and active participation among the beneficiaries.



Figure 5: Outreach to high-risk communities for social benefit programs.

### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Distributed a total of 283,652 condoms among female sex workers, greatly exceeding our initial distribution, which contributes to the ongoing effort to promote safer sex practices and reduce sexually transmitted infections.

- Conducted 2,628 HIV testing sessions, identifying 4 reactive cases, coupled with 4,776 STI clinical visits, leading to the complete treatment of 79 STI cases, ensuring early diagnosis and effective treatment.
- Successfully facilitated the issuance of yellow ration cards to 92 female sex workers, enabling 83 of them to start receiving benefits, thereby enhancing their access to essential nutrition and food security.
- Empowered 59 female sex workers by assisting in the creation of their voting cards, thus granting them the right to vote and fostering their inclusion in the democratic process.
- Filed and secured approval for childcare proposals under the 'Bal Sangopan Yojana' for 4 children, providing essential care and support for the children of female sex workers.
- Surpassed the target population goal by engaging 1,401 female sex workers, which is 107% of our initial target, with 941 from urban and 460 from rural areas, highlighting the extensive reach and inclusiveness of our intervention.

## IMPACT

The project's remarkable outreach to 1,401 female sex workers surpassed targets, advancing sexual health and democratic inclusion, as evidenced by the widespread distribution of condoms and facilitating voting rights. Honored with an award from the District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU) for exceptional work in HIV/AIDS prevention and care in the area, we've bolstered welfare access and healthcare, achieving more than mere disease prevention—our work has signified a leap towards societal acceptance and empowerment.

### 4.2.2 LINK WORKER SCHEME/COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Launched in 2009, the Link Worker Scheme (LWS) has been a pivotal force in Aurangabad, targeting high-risk groups with crucial HIV/AIDS prevention and control measures. This project has dynamically adapted over 14 years, expanding its reach to 100 high-risk villages. Our objective was clear: reduce HIV prevalence and empower communities with knowledge and resources for prevention and care.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Reached out to 19,483 individuals from high-risk groups (HRG), bridge populations, and vulnerable communities, out of which 14,404 were tested for HIV and 7,211 were screened for STIs. Additionally, 16 newly identified people living with HIV (PLHIV) were connected to ART centers for treatment.



Figure 6: Strategic village-level meeting involving ASHA/ANM/VCPC stakeholders and target groups.

- Successfully linked 70 PLHIV to the government's social welfare scheme, the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana, ensuring they received the benefits designed to support their well-being.
- Established 200 condom depots across 100 high-risk villages under the Link Worker Scheme (LWS), distributing a total of 72,846 condoms to HRG, bridge populations, and vulnerable groups to promote safe sexual practices.
- Enhanced awareness about HIV/AIDS and STIs through the creation of 50 new wall paintings and the execution of 27 street play events in villages. These initiatives reached approximately 24,250 individuals, increasing their understanding of these health issues.
- Conducted 12 group and individual advocacy meetings with key stakeholders, including the district collector, civil surgeon, district health officer, district TB officer, ART center staff, Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Integrated Counseling and Testing Centers (ICTCs), and Tahsildar for support to the LWS project.

## IMPACT

Since the inception of LWS, we've witnessed a transformative reduction in HIV prevalence rates from 2.29% in 2009 to 0.37% in 2022-23 among the general population, with the ANC prevalence rate dropping to 0.03%. This dramatic decline is a testament to the scheme's effectiveness in raising awareness, promoting safe sex practices, and ensuring community

members know their HIV status. Furthermore, the elimination of HIV cases among targeted high-risk groups in specific villages underscores the profound impact of our community mobilization efforts.

### 4.2.3 MIGRANT TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECT

The "Migrant Targeted Intervention Project" focuses on enhancing the health and safety of Aurangabad's migrant workers. This initiative, backed by the Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society, aims to provide vital HIV/AIDS prevention services to this mobile population. It emphasizes awareness, testing, and treatment, aiming to integrate these workers into a comprehensive health care system and improve health equity.



Figure 7: Health check-up camp and awareness program for migrant workers.

### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Engaged 58,035 workers through HIV/AIDS sensitization initiatives, identifying 12,719 individuals as high risk, highlighting the project's extensive reach and impact on the migrant worker community.
- Implemented 71 health camps, screening 5,166 workers for HIV and 3,806 for STDs, with subsequent examination and treatment for those diagnosed, ensuring critical health interventions.
- Established 54 condom depots, distributing 27,600 condoms and conducting usage

demonstrations for 12,307 workers, promoting safer sexual practices among the migrant population.

- Conducted 196 outreach activities, effectively raising HIV/AIDS and STD awareness among 4,536 workers, distributing informational leaflets to enhance knowledge and prevention strategies.
- Facilitated COVID-19 vaccinations for 1,737 workers at their workplaces, contributing to the health and safety of the migrant community during the pandemic.

## **IMPACT**

The project has significantly increased HIV testing, condom usage, and COVID-19 vaccination among migrants, fostering awareness and self-initiated health checkups. Requests from construction sites, hotels, and companies for our health camps reflect a growing self-awareness. This comprehensive effort has not only curbed HIV/AIDS spread but also empowered workers, aligning with our mission to promote overall health and well-being in the community.

### **4.2.4 COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HEALTH (CAH)**

The “Community Action for Health (CAH)” project is a key initiative under the National Health Mission that actively involves community members in the 55 villages across two blocks of Aurangabad to enhance and monitor public health services. This approach empowers the community, fostering a collaborative environment for health service improvement. By emphasizing a collaborative healthcare model, the project strives to create a society that is proactive in leading and overseeing public health enhancements.

## **ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

- Established a District Planning and Monitoring Committee under the CEO of Zilla Parishad with 15 members. Conducted a district workshop for Jan Aarogy Samiti, training 225 Community Health Officers (CHOs).
- Initiated monitoring and evaluation of health service quality at Primary Health Centers and Sub-Centers through the DPMC Committee.
- Engaged over 50,000 community members in health rights awareness, leading to active involvement in health service assessments and demands for timely, quality, free health services during public hearings.



Figure 8: Orientation meeting for Community Health Officers with the Chief Executive Officer of Z.P present.

- Covered and monitored health services in 55 villages, 55 Sub-Centers, and 11 Primary Health Centers across Vaijapur and Gangapur blocks.
- Organized 11 Primary Health Center meetings with health officials, attended by 275 people; held 55 Sub-Center meetings with 825 participants; and conducted 35 VHNSC trainings, educating over 945 members.

## IMPACT

Through CAH, we've seen a significant increase in community engagement in health service monitoring, leading to improvements in healthcare quality and accessibility. This initiative has not only reduced healthcare disparities but also enhanced overall satisfaction with public health services, demonstrating our NGO's commitment to fostering a strong community-healthcare provider partnership.

### 4.2.5 MOMENTUM ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION TRANSFORMATION AND EQUITY (MRITE)

The Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (MRITE) initiative, backed by USAID and JSIPL since January 2022, is our strategic response to COVID-19 in Maharashtra's districts of Aurangabad, Ahmednagar, Beed, Nanded, and Nashik. It targets enhanced vaccine awareness and uptake, focusing on marginalized and hard-to-reach populations across five districts. This project exemplifies our commitment to public health equity and vaccine accessibility.





Figure 9: COVID-19 vaccination drive for sugarcane cutter workers at their workplace.

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Held advocacy meetings across 5 districts to enhance vaccination support, with 6 at the district level, 38 at the block level, and 300 at the village level.
- Conducted 920 Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) sessions and 861 vaccine express sessions, improving vaccine accessibility and changing behavioral attitudes towards vaccination.
- Organized 33 mega vaccination camps and 235 community mobilization sessions, significantly boosting vaccination rates.
- Increased project visibility through 70 hoardings and promoted vaccination via 99 special-day events, integrating health messaging into community celebrations.
- These strategic efforts culminated in a substantial increase in community engagement and vaccine uptake, demonstrating the project's profound impact on public health.

## IMPACT

The impact of MRITE has been profound, significantly improving vaccination rates across targeted districts and reaching a wide audience with vital vaccine information. Through its comprehensive approach, MRITE has not only increased vaccine demand and uptake among marginalized groups but also contributed to the overall reduction of COVID-19's impact in these communities.

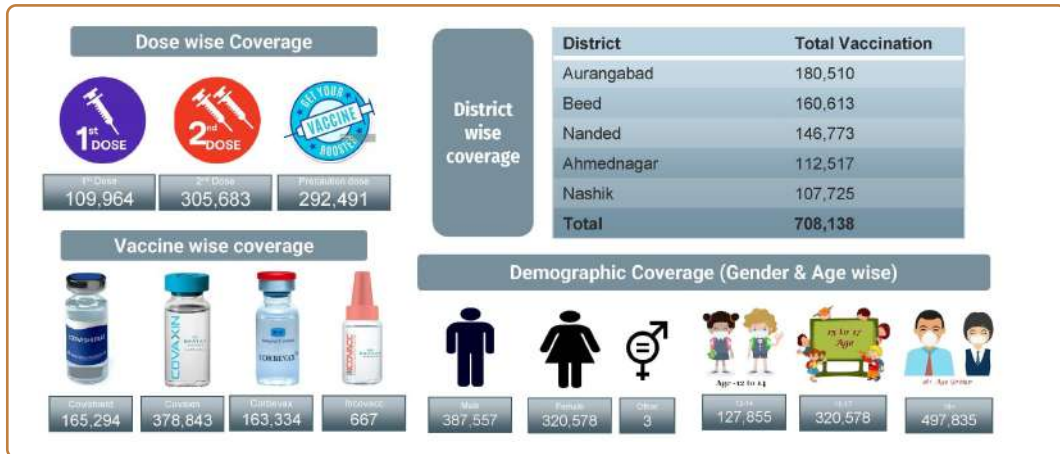


Figure 10: Vaccine coverage under MRITE projects.

#### 4.2.6 ADVANCING TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

The Advancing Tobacco Control Program (ATCP), operational since 2007 and already making strides in 18 districts across Maharashtra, is set to widen its impact. With an expansion into five additional districts in the Amravati division, ATCP's reach will soon encompass 23 districts, reinforcing its commitment to enhancing public health policies and strengthening tobacco control frameworks. This program targets a wide array of objectives from policy advocacy to enforcement and compliance, aiming to curb tobacco use across diverse communities in Maharashtra.

#### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- In collaboration with ATCP-team, Government of Maharashtra issued a series directives on tobacco control, declaring health and educational institutions smoke-free in Nandurbar, Dhule, Jalgaon, and Hingoli districts.
- Collaborated with Tata Memorial Hospital to draft guidelines for FCTC Article 5.3 and Tobacco Vendor Licensing, awaiting approval.
- Conducted two state-level, eight key officials, and eight enforcement workshops, directly engaging 1,683 officials and hosting 58 piggyback workshops to sensitize 4,120 stakeholders on tobacco control.
- Formed the "Alliance For Tobacco Free Maharashtra" to unite state and district level efforts against tobacco use.
- Enforcement actions resulted in 21,738 challans under COTPA 2003, collecting fines of Rs.34,67,272 across 18 districts.



Figure 11: State-level coordination meeting on tobacco control with Chief Secretary of Maharashtra and key officials

## IMPACT

The program's multifaceted approach has led to significant policy shifts and increased awareness of tobacco control measures. By fostering collaborations and strengthening enforcement mechanisms, ATCP has made substantial strides in tobacco control, contributing to healthier communities across Maharashtra.

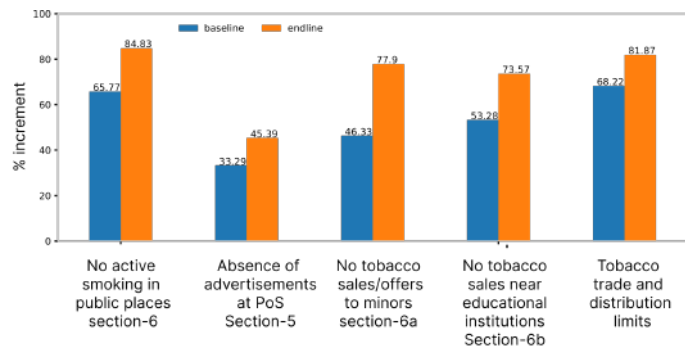


Figure 12: Improved tobacco control in 18 districts via COTPA compliance.

## CONCLUSION

Our "Health Care and Support" initiatives have significantly advanced towards Sustainable Development Goal 3, impacting thousands and strengthening health equity. Our journey, fueled by evidence-based strategies and deep community ties, positions us for future innovations and broader impacts, reaffirming our commitment to universal health and well-being.

### 4.3 WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

In its steadfast commitment to nurturing the well-being of women and children, Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has launched impactful initiatives focusing on child protection and the rights of migrant women and children. Through strategic collaborations and targeted interventions, these projects align with the broader objectives of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, reflecting our dedication to creating a safe and supportive environment for the most vulnerable segments of our society.

#### 4.3.1 CHILDLINE-1098 PROJECT

The Childline-1098 Project, spearheaded by Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS), stands as a cornerstone initiative dedicated to ensuring the care and protection of children in need across Aurangabad. This project not only aligns with our NGO's vision but also embodies the mission of the Ministry of Women and Child Development under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme, emphasizing "child protection and rights".



Figure 13: Elimination of Child Labour Week awareness activity with the district collector, CWC, Police Department, DWCD, and the Childline team, along with the Labor Department

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Handled 1,403 cases through the 1098-helpline, comprising 70 medical aid cases, 95 shelter assistance cases, 193 abuse protection cases, 377 education sponsorship cases, 63 missing child reports, 447 parental support requests (for begging, counseling), 95 emotional support and guidance cases, and 63 child marriage interventions. Additionally, conducted 11,097 phone call tests to raise awareness about 1098 and support children through allied systems.
- Established a Child Advisory Board Committee under the District Collector to regularly review case interventions and children's needs, securing support from the allied system, government officers, police, DWCD, Child Welfare Committee, education and health departments, SJPU, and other NGOs. Held quarterly meetings, totaling four in the year, with the District Collector and these stakeholders.
- Organized a week-long awareness campaign from June 12 to June 20, 2022, to eliminate child labor, and a Child Safety Day (CSD) event from November 14 to November 21, 2022, raising awareness among approximately 30,000 people and 10,000 children in public places and schools. The inauguration was conducted by the District Collector and the CWC chairperson.
- Celebrated World Anti-Child Trafficking Day in collaboration with the allied system, including DWCD, the Deputy Commissioner of Child Labor, CWC President, Railway Police, DCPU, and Childline at the Aurangabad railway station, reaching about 20,000 people with messages against child trafficking.
- Launched a signature campaign in Aurangabad's public places to promote awareness of 1098-helpline, engaging 12,000 people and 4,000 children, and conducted awareness programs in over 120 schools through poster exhibitions and events, informing around 20,000 children about the service.

## IMPACT

Through its comprehensive approach, the Childline-1098 Project has significantly impacted child protection within the community. By enhancing awareness, strengthening support systems, and ensuring targeted interventions, it has collectively contributed to creating a safer environment for children. This showcases the project's pivotal role in promoting child welfare and effectively supporting needy children.

### 4.3.2 PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF MIGRANT CHILDREN AND WOMEN

Seasonal migration for agricultural labor, particularly in Maharashtra's sugarcane fields, reflects deep-seated disparities exacerbated by flawed policies. Originating from the drought-stricken Marathwada to more prosperous Western Maharashtra, these laborers face exploitative conditions, jeopardizing their human rights and perpetuating cycles of poverty and bonded labor. The "Protecting Rights of Migrant Women and Children" project aims to address these challenges in 40 villages, focusing on the most vulnerable.



Figure 14: On-site engagement with migrant families to understand their challenges

### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Tracked 8,484 members of sugarcane migrant families, including both male-headed (4,641) and female-headed (3,843) households, to provide support and services.
- Registered 2,052 migrants as sugarcane workers, thereby giving them formal identities and reducing their vulnerability.
- Established 40 migrant committees with 1,447 members across 40 villages, offering training sessions to empower them in advocating for migrant rights and welfare.
- Facilitated school admissions for 14 children in their source villages and linked 16 migrants to the E-Labor Card for better access to services.
- Started a non-residential school at Abdulpur Tanda in Paithan Taluka, providing three meals a day to 115 children and linking 160 children to the Bal Sangopan Yojna.

- Engaged 1,366 stakeholders, including Village Child Protection Committees (VCPC), health workers, and educators, in 120 village meetings to collaborate on migrant support.

## IMPACT

The project significantly enhanced migrant welfare, with 26 children securing education grant cards and a notable reduction in dropout rates. Migrant Workers Committees empowered workers through targeted training, improving access to services and self-employment opportunities. Enhanced tracking and collaboration with government schemes and local institutions (CO, ZP) have ensured better educational and health support, with future commitments to ID issuance and educational facility monitoring bolstering these efforts.

## CONCLUSION

Our endeavors in child protection and migrant welfare represent a step towards realizing a society where women and children live with dignity, free from exploitation and adversity. By bridging gaps in awareness, legal support, and access to education and healthcare, MGVS has not only addressed immediate needs but also laid the groundwork for sustainable change. As we reflect on our journey, we remain inspired to continue our efforts, driven by the belief that every small effort contributes to a larger narrative of hope and empowerment.

## 4.4 OTHER ACTIVITIES

In our dedicated pursuit to address critical needs within our communities, Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has initiated projects aimed at nurturing the health, education, and economic well-being of those we serve. Through our concerted efforts in the Aurangabad district, we focus on providing comprehensive support to HIV-positive children and enhancing rural livelihoods, reflecting our commitment to fostering sustainable development and well-being.

### 4.4.1 COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN

Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has embarked on a vital mission since 2003, focusing on the health and well-being of 855 HIV-positive children in Aurangabad district, many of whom are orphans or living with single or foster parents. The Comprehensive Care for HIV Positive Children project aims to offer holistic care, including medical, nutritional, and educational support, significantly improving the lives of these vulnerable children and their caretakers.



Figure 15: Children thriving with the aid of educational support

## ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Interventions have led to increased parental involvement in the healthcare of HIV-positive children, highlighting a shift towards more attentive caregiving practices.
- A notable rise in regular ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) center visits among children reflects enhanced access to vital healthcare services, showcasing improved healthcare utilization.
- Integration with government welfare schemes like Mata Bal-Sangopan Yojana & Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana has provided essential financial support to families, ensuring economic security.
- The enrollment of 174 children into the CLHA School emphasizes the project's focus on empowering HIV-positive children through education, fostering their independence and long-term well-being.
- Monthly nutrition sessions have increased awareness among parents about their children's nutritional needs and preventive healthcare, improving overall health management.

## IMPACT

The Comprehensive Care for HIV Positive Children project has markedly transformed the lives of 855 HIV-positive children in Aurangabad, enhancing parental engagement, health-



care access, and social welfare support. With significant strides in educational enrollment and nutritional awareness, the initiative is a beacon of hope, ensuring a brighter, healthier future for these vulnerable children and their families.

#### 4.4.2 RURAL LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has launched the Rural Livelihood Development Program in Aurangabad district, engaging 255 SHGs across 34 villages. Focused on enhancing local livelihood opportunities, the program offers training in skills such as tailoring, handicrafts, and agricultural techniques, alongside business management. Women are at the forefront of this initiative, receiving support to start their ventures, leading to empowered communities and improved household incomes.



Figure 16: Discussion session with a self-help group focusing on savings strategies

#### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- Provided practical skills training relevant to local opportunities, including tailoring, handicrafts, and agricultural practices, to empower 255 SHGs across 34 villages in the district, fostering economic self-sufficiency.
- Facilitated entrepreneurship among women through guidance on business planning, marketing, accessing credit, and legal compliance, encouraging the establishment of personal ventures.

- Conducted leadership training for women to assume roles within Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and the community, enhancing their communication, conflict resolution, and advocacy skills.
- Strengthened the capacity of SHGs through organizational development, networking, and collaboration, improving their overall capabilities and impact on the community.
- Launched 86 Dairy Units, 7 Kirana/General Stores, 3 Clothing Stores, and a Stitching Unit in Sasegaon, diversifying income sources for SHG members.
- Established 4 Poultry and 16 Goatry Units, strengthening rural livelihoods and enhancing economic resilience among community members.

## **IMPACT**

The Rural Livelihood Development Initiative by MGVS has significantly transformed the economic landscape of Aurangabad's rural areas. Through targeted skills training and support for entrepreneurship, women have become key drivers of local economic growth. The successful establishment of various income-generating units not only enhances household incomes but also instills a sense of agency and confidence among community members, marking a sustainable path toward economic stability and empowerment.

## **CONCLUSION**

Through thoughtful engagement and targeted initiatives, MGVS has gently contributed to the betterment of our community in Aurangabad. The Comprehensive Care for HIV Positive Children and Rural Livelihood Development programs have not only addressed immediate needs but have also laid the foundation for lasting change. By fostering parental engagement, healthcare access, and economic empowerment, MGVS has paved a path toward a brighter future, embodying the essence of community resilience and hope. These initiatives stand as testaments to the power of collective action and compassion in overcoming adversity.

## 5 COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT AND ASSESSMENT

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In the year 2022-2023, Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) has left a profound impact on the communities it serves, anchored by our unwavering dedication to sustainable development and empowerment. Our integrated approach across water and sanitation, health care, women and child development, and livelihood projects has brought about tangible, positive change to Maharashtra's most vulnerable.

Our Water Conservation initiative achieved monumental success, creating 41 lakh CUM of water storage, constructing 28 new cement check dams, and desilting 67 nalas. This effort directly benefited over 20,000 residents, revolutionizing water availability and agricultural productivity in 27 villages. The WASH project further underscored our commitment to hygiene and public health, installing water filtration units in 15 schools and educating over 3,809 children on essential hygiene practices.

In health care, our targeted interventions reached critical populations with essential services. Over 1,400 female sex workers received comprehensive health services, including the distribution of 283,652 condoms and completion of 2,628 HIV tests. Our Link Worker Scheme/Community Mobilization project dramatically reduced HIV prevalence from 2.29% in 2009 to 0.37% in 2022-23, showcasing our ability to effect significant health improvements.

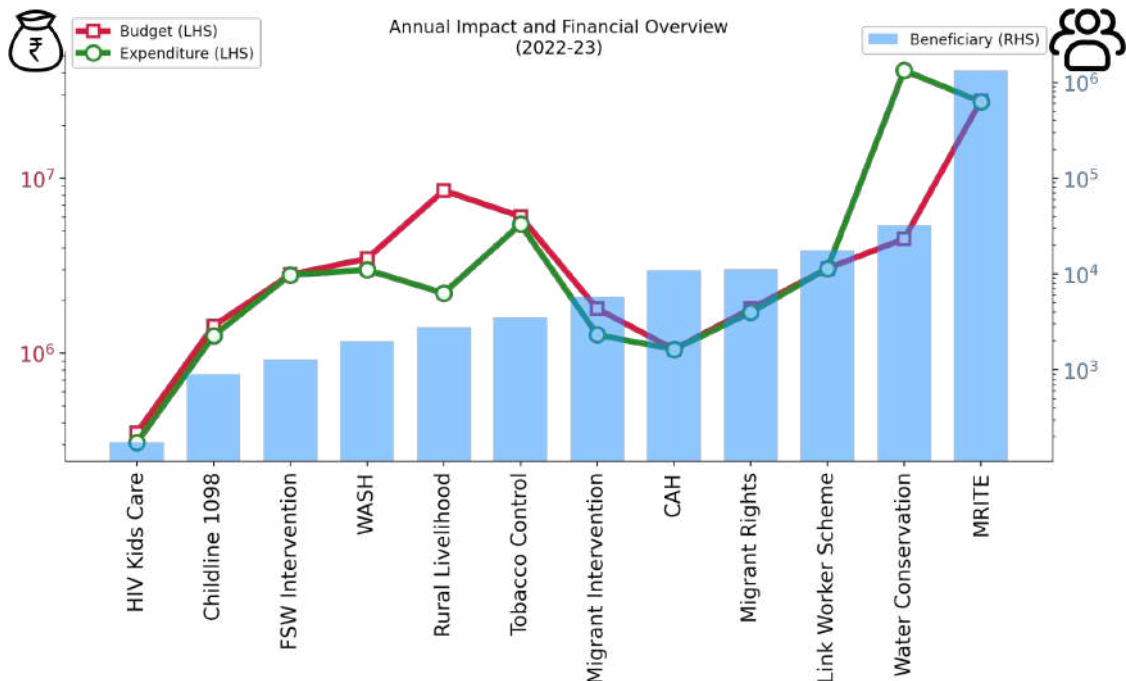
The Childline-1098 Project handled 1,403 cases, providing crucial support to children in distress, while our efforts to protect migrant children and women tracked 8,484 family members, ensuring their rights and well-being. Our Rural Livelihood Development program empowered 255 SHGs across 34 villages, enhancing economic self-sufficiency and fostering entrepreneurship among women.

The cumulative effect of our activities across all sectors is staggering. We've not only addressed immediate needs but have also set the groundwork for lasting societal change. As MGVS moves forward, the successes of the past year fuel our commitment to our mission. So far with over 20,00,000 beneficiaries reached through our projects, spanning 18 districts and 600+ villages, our journey towards an equitable society continues with renewed enthusiasm, underpinned by the belief in sustainable development through community resilience and collective action.

## 6 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Table 2: Project Budgets and Expenditures

Project Name	Budget	Expenditure
Water conservation	45,025,000	41,313,126
Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project	3,465,588	2,990,167
Female Sex Worker Targeted Intervention Project	2,805,364	2,800,740
Link Worker Scheme/Community Mobilization	3,045,486	3,044,184
Migrant Targeted Intervention Project	1,791,002	1,705,589
Community Action for Health (CAH)	1,050,655	1,048,699
Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (MRITE)	27,777,236	27,373,406
Advancing Tobacco Control Program	6,043,291	5,453,014
Childline-1098 Project	1,430,000	1,256,038
Protecting the Right of Migrant Children and Women	1,791,105	1,270,899
Comprehensive Care for HIV Positive Children	350,000	307,048
Rural Livelihood Development	8,500,000	2,200,000



## 7 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, generous donors, enthusiastic volunteers, supportive government bodies, and resilient communities we serve. Your collaboration and steadfast support are the pillars of our journey toward creating an equitable society. Your contributions are invaluable, and together, we achieve remarkable strides in fostering sustainable development and uplifting vulnerable populations.



## APPENDIX

### CONTACT DETAILS

Category	Details
Organization Name	Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS)
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Registration Details	Societies Registration Act, 1860: Reg. No: MHA-29/95 A, bad, Date: 10/1/95; Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950: Reg. No: F3290 (A, bad) Date: 27th February 1996
12A Registration	AABTM2715M E20214 Validity: AY. 26-27, Date: 28/5/21
80G Registration	AABTM2715M E20214 Validity: AY. 26-27, Date: 28/5/21
FCRA No.	083750093 Dated valid up to 31/3/2027
PAN No.	AABTM2715M
NGO Darpan UID	MH/2016/0099100
CSR 1 Registration	CSR00001362 dated 09-04-2021

## SALARY SLAB & GENDER DISTRIBUTION

Gross Monthly Salary Slab(Rs.)	Male	Female	Total
Upto 5,000	4	21	25
5,000-10,000	16	15	31
10,000-25,000	9	4	13
25,000-50,000	15	20	35
50,000-1,00,000	1	2	3
More than 1,00,000	0	0	0

## TRAVEL AND BOARD COMPENSATION

Category	Details
Total Cost of International Travel by All Personnel (Including Volunteers & Board Members)	No International Travel Expenses Incurred (Rs. 0.00)
Details of Board Members Who Have Received Remuneration/Reimbursement During the Financial Year	No Remuneration Paid to Board Members (Rs. 0.00)

**OFFICE & RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS**





### PROJECT & MEDIA SNIPPETS

