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MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEES

Dear patrons, well-wishers, members, and partners,

Greetings from Marathwda Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS).

We had our own share of challenges in 2021-22 as the nation grappled with the COVID crisis. Just as we thought that the COVID had waned and on it's way out towards the end of the last financial year, the second wave emerged in April 2021 and peaked the following month with even more severe consequences. The cases were spiraling, essential treatments were dearer and hard to get, and deaths were on the rise. India had the highest number of active cases in May 2021. Restrictions were again in place and our works stalled for a period.

We thank you for having been with the communities we serve even while they faced this unprecedented pandemic situation. It was a challenge for MGVS to reach out during this period. Nevertheless, thanks to the concerted efforts and unflinching support from you, we were able to provide relief to those affected and even lend a hand to restore their livelihoods.

During the months that followed, we continued with relief activities – distribution of basic grocery items, and COVID protection kits (masks, sanitizers, gloves, et al) to frontline workers – particularly in the rural and unreached areas. These had helped 1000s of distressed families and enabled frontline workers to reach them during their times of need. The COVID Care Centre that was initiated in March 2021 began to serve those affected with the timely care.

Through all of this, MGVS continued its work in water conservation and management, health and nutrition, organic farming, betterment of livelihoods, Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH), and prevention of HIV-AIDS. Our passionate team has demonstrated the ability to persist towards our mission in face of calamities and show a positive impact among the communities we work with.

Towards the end of the year, we challenged ourselves to protect our communities from the pandemic through the vaccination programme. MGVS, with the support of USAID, and technical partnership with John Snow India (JSI), embarked on the MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (MRITE) project to help administer over 100,000 vaccine eligible persons with the COVID Vaccines. We are hopeful that the communities are better prepared for a healthy and prosperous subsequent year.

We thank our donors, partners, and well-wishers for their continued and committed support that helped us reach out to communities in distress during the pandemic times.

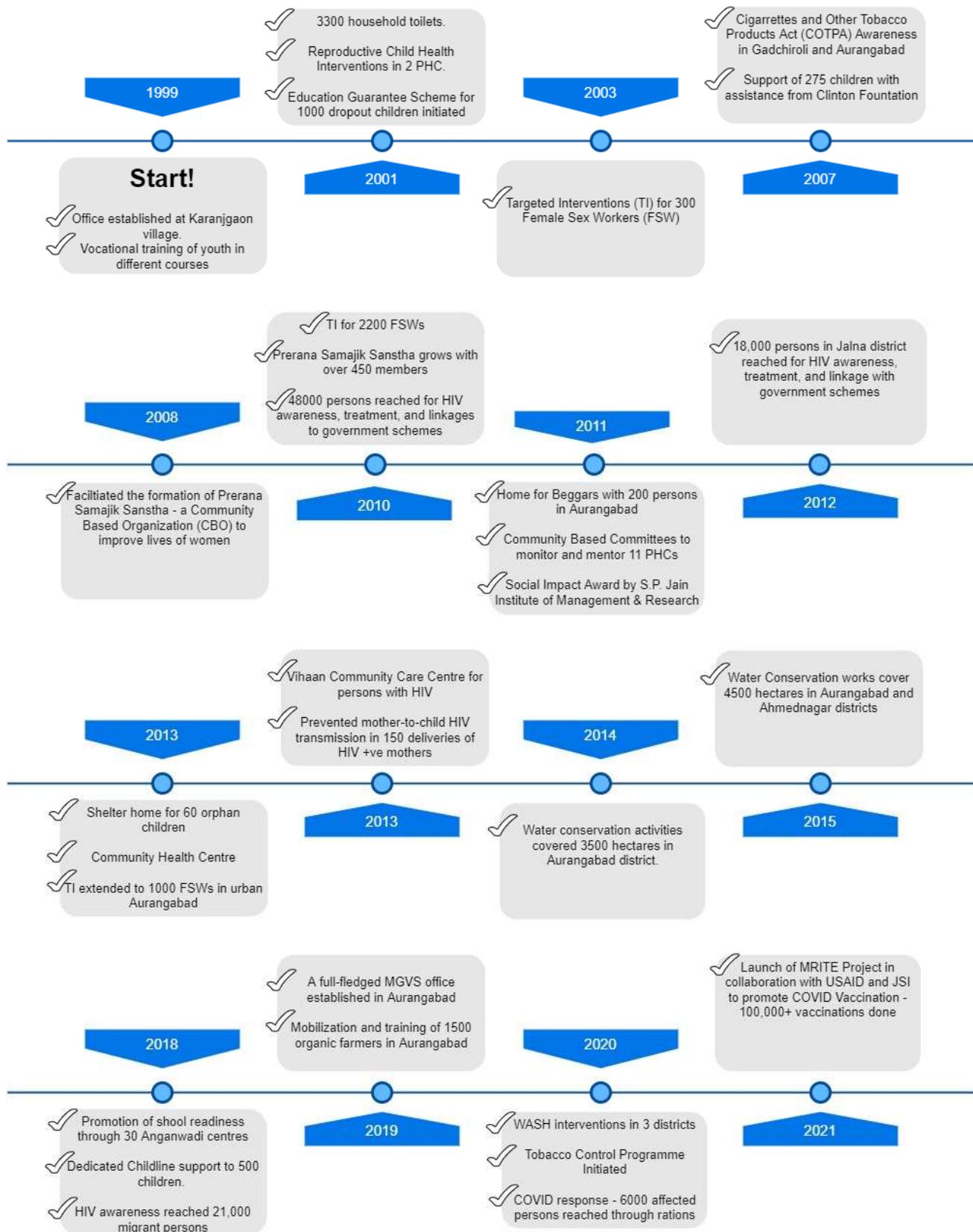


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JOURNEY SO FAR



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND OF MGVS

Marathwada Gramin Vikas Sanstha (MGVS) was founded in 1995 by a team of volunteers and social workers who have worked extensively in remote villages of drought-prone Marathwada region in Maharashtra, India. With modest beginnings in few hamlets of Aurangabad district, the works of the organization has gradually spread to many parts of Maharashtra. The interventions initiated by MGVS have led to social, environment, and economic transformations in several villages of Maharashtra.

MGVS believes in a transformative process that begins with awareness and education on the issues that affect them and facilitation of concerted efforts by communities equipped with the needed knowledge and capacity. These community led interventions have led to increased water availability in drought prone and parched villages, improved incomes, better availability of healthier foods, nourishment of the weakest, knowledge and ability to apply local resources for solutions, and empowered women and the marginalized sections of the communities.

The participatory interventions of the organization particularly in health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and in sustainable livelihoods has been recognized widely as path breaking initiatives. MGVS was able therefore to extend the activities to many districts of Maharashtra with the partnership of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), NGOs, international and national donor organizations, corporates, and local government partners. MGVS has played key advisory roles on state policies and been active in many district and state level committees on policy-making and monitoring of health and nutrition in particular. Further, it has several accolades to its credit that include recipient of the best Health Project for the year 2016, best NGO award from the Maharashtra State, Health Ministry, and the Social Impact Award from S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research Mumbai.

As MGVS promotes social empowerment at the grassroots, it goes without saying that the organization adheres to the good governance principles. It is governed by an able Board of Trustees that meet regularly and involved in dynamic ways. The financial and management systems followed by MGVS ensures transparency, accountability and compliance with statutory requirements. MGVS implements internal policies that relate to anti-sexual harassment, child protection, HIV-AIDS, and others to ensure fairness in dealings with staff, partners, and the society. In evidence of these measures, MGVS is accredited by Credibility Alliance under Desirable norms and listed by GiveIndia.

VISION

A society with equity in access to natural resources and basic needs, and a life with dignity.

MISSION

To work for different causes from welfare to development and from scarcity to long term sustainability and bring changes in the life of underprivileged people of the society by our integrated programmes on health, water conservation & sanitation, education, livelihood, women, and youth empowerment.

LOCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MGVS has its own buildings with office space and residential units. The buildings are in 3 locations of Aurangabad district.

The 8000 Sq feet building of two floors, located in Karanjgaon of Vaijapur Taluka in Aurangabad district, and in a 2 acre area has residential space for children and destitute persons along with working areas for the staff.



Two office buildings of 4500 Sq feet and 1500 sq feet space in Aurangabad city is the liaison and project offices.



The office infrastructure includes adequate furniture, laptops, audio-visual equipment, photocopiers, ambulance, cars, and motorcycles.

PROGRAMMES

The programmes of MGVS are focused to meet the targets for the Sustainable Development Goals 1 -6, and 16 at the local and district levels. The interventions are focused on the marginalized and disempowered sections of the communities. The specific interventions pertaining to the SDGs are as follows -

SDG	Specific Interventions	Details
 <p>1 NO POVERTY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enabling alternative livelihood options for women and marginal farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MGVS mobilizes several SHGs, farmers groups, and Female Sex Workers (FSWs) to share and exchange knowledge on skills for alternative income generation – organic input production, nutrition gardens, etc., - and to facilitate entrepreneurship.
 <p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring access to nutrition entitlements - Provision of dry ration to families in distress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MGVS works with migrant households in 3 districts of Maharashtra to ensure that particularly the women and children get their nutrition entitlements while their families are on the move. - The COVID crisis and the ensued lockdown left many in hunger and distress. MGVS distributed about 2000 ration kits to migrants, homeless, and daily wagers during this time.
 <p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 vaccination - Community Action for Health (CAH) - Advancing Tobacco Control - Prevention and control of STD and HIV/ AIDS - Ensuring access to health entitlements for migrant families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 100,000 COVID-19 vaccinations facilitated from January – March 2022 by MGVS through collaborative interventions with district and block level health authorities, village animators, and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). - MGVS builds the capacities of communities to monitor and provide feedback on government health services through PHCs. - MGVS collaborates with state and district Tobacco Control Cells to ensure effective implementation of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act COTPA. - MGVS facilitates education of communities on safe sex practices, promotion of periodic health tests, and several lakhs of condoms distributed to High Risk Groups (HRGs), FSWs, and migrant workers to reduce transmission of STD and HIV/AIDS. - MGVS coordinates with CBOs, administrative authorities, communities, and village animators, to ensure access to health entitlements for women and children of migrant families.
 <p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring access to education among the migrant population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring access to education entitlements among children of migrant families in Aurangabad, Beed, and Jalna districts. - Distribution of education kits to children of distressed families – children of families with HIV and others in distress.

 <p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitating skills and income generation activities for women - Mobilization of transgender communities for better health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enabled several women farmers to initiate nutrition gardens and organic input production units aimed to improve their nutrition and incomes. - Provision of dry rations to transgender communities during the lockdown. - Mobilization of transgender persons for COVID-19 Vaccination.
 <p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water conservation and management interventions. - Sanitation and hygiene education in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6448 households and 14578 hectares of land have benefited from increased water access and availability. - Handwash stations and good sanitation and hygiene practices among children in 3 schools of Aurangabad, Pune, and Solapur districts.
 <p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>	<p>Interventions to end all forms of violence against children.</p>	<p>MGVS partners with Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in the Child Helpline Project as nodal child protection agency to protect children who live in fear, neglect, abuse, and exploitation.</p>

The specific interventions are as follows -

INTEGRATED WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Marathwada region is infamous for drought and unseasonal rains that have affected their farms, incomes, and livelihoods. Acute distress that results from low incomes and inability to repay farm debts have led some farmers to commit suicide. For the past two decades, MGVS has been engaged with all stakeholders in the communities – farmers, youth, women, community leaders, children, and the elderly – in several villages of Aurangabad, Ahmednagar, and Jalna districts, to bring about a change in the situations of the farmer.

In recognition of MGVS role in building capacities of village organizations, CBOs, NGOs, and communities on water conservation and management, the organization is selected as the District Resource Organization for Vasundhara Watershed Development Agency – an implementing agency for the flagship

Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) of the Government of Maharashtra.

WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT SUPPORTED BY BAJAJ CSR

During the year 2021-22, under the aegis of Bajaj Auto Ltd's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project from 2019-2023, MGVS has worked to improve water access and availability in Khari watershed cluster along the Khari stream. This cluster cuts across Vaijapur and Kannad Talukas of Aurangabad district. The watershed area of 4543 hectares covers the villages - Manur from Vaijapur Taluka and Sasegaon, Khaparkheda, Kanadgaon, Khamgaon, Rohila (Kh.), and Nipani from Kannad Taluka.

The project aims to –

- Enhance in-situ soil moisture conservation
- Harvest rain water
- Improve the recharge of ground water

- Increase the area under irrigation and availability of water.
- Improve water storage capacity of existing water bodies

- Improve agriculture productivity
- Facilitate alternative livelihoods for the landless farmers, women, and marginal farmers.



MGVS, by their philosophy, works on a participatory approach – Community Driven Development (CCD). Thus, local communities are motivated to participate in every stage of development programmes – viz., planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and sustainability. Hence, the SHGs, farmer groups, and Water User Groups (WUGs) participate in the decision-making and implementation process. The WUGs comprise of members who represent small and marginal farmers, landless labourers, women, youth, and village administration. The community members are trained and facilitated to design the water conservation and management interventions for the village and they are actively engaged in the monitoring of the interventions.

With a “ridge to valley” approach, different interventions are undertaken in different slopes. With the capacity building measures undertaken by MGVS in the community, the water users in the watershed area understand how the watershed works and able to comprehend the best interventions suited to the land topography.

In the villages covered by this project, an initial baseline assessment was conducted. This included a household survey - to assess

resources, livelihood options, and water access – and well inventory for baseline information on the ground water levels.

Further to the baseline assessment, the activities that followed included capacity building of the Village Development Committees, WUGs, SHGs, and other groups in each of the villages. Jalmitra, water volunteers in each village, were also trained to facilitate the interventions on water conservation and management. The trained community representatives further designed the interventions or water conservation treatment measures, monitored the implementation of the same, and assessed the impact. After the monsoons ended, it was noticed that the ground water had significantly increased and the farmers expect to plant vegetables and increase their incomes. The farmers also have plans to judiciously manage the improved availability of water.

The small and marginal farmers were also trained on organic farming techniques – vermicompost, other organic compost production, and organic cultivation practices. This helped the farmers to transform their soils to better hold water – an effective means to conserve water.

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) PROJECT

This project to improve sanitation and hygiene behaviours and practices in three selected government schools of Aurangabad, Pune, and Solapur districts, is implemented by MGVS

in partnership with Terres Des Hommes. New Vision and Astitva, the other partners in Pune and Solapur districts respectively, are involved in the implementation of this project in the respective districts in close coordination with MGVS – the lead partner.



Children learn the correct ways for Handwash

The selected schools are –

- Zilla Parishad School, Lasurgaon, Aurangabad
- Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Vidyalay, A/P Pare, Sangola Taluka, Solapur
- Zilla Parishad School Tadpimpalgaon Aurangabad

Along with the above schools, representatives from the nearby schools also participated in the WASH trainings and meetings to improve WASH in their respective schools.

The WASH project intends to increase the access to safe drinking water and engage the children in better sanitation and hygiene practices. In association with a Chilean based Plasma Water Solutions, Plasma Water Sanitation System (PWSS) unit will be installed in

the 3 schools as a pilot project. Besides better WASH, the school students were also motivated to make their school and community environment more “greener” with better waste management and environment conservation measures. These include – organic compost making, seed balls, and tree plantation drives.

Overall, 1465 boys and 1535 girls, and their families benefited from the improved WASH interventions. They demonstrated better handwash practices, use of sanitizers, and other hygiene practices. Besides, they had better knowledge on making of organic composts and waste management methods that they may have imparted to their families.

Due to COVID restrictions on travel and physical/ social distancing, schools remained closed till later part of the year. Hence, it was not possible to install the drinking water filtration units in the 3 schools as was planned. However, meetings were held with the School Management Committees (SMCs) to plan management interventions to sustain the access to clean water and WASH interventions.

PROMOTION OF WATER CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (NRM)

As is evident of Marathwada region, the villages of Babhultel and Naigavhan in Vijapur Taluka of Aurangabad district are distressed by water scarcity and unseasonal rains. The people of these villages rely on handpumps and open wells for their water needs – in the households and at their farms. The women must wait for long hours for their turn to fetch water from the handpumps that are at least 500-600 metres away from their homes. It particularly strenuous during the summers when water runs out and they depend on occasional water tankers.

The community members approached MGVS to assist them with a solution to address their challenges to access water. The MGVS team held several meetings with the community members to assess the situation followed by household surveys and well inventory to validate their situation and available resources. These were followed by formation of the Village Development Committee and Water Users Group to embark on participatory planning and implementation of water conservation and management measures.

With the participation and contribution from the community, de-siltation of water bodies, widening and deepening of streams, and repair of KT Weirs were done. Further, 600 fruit trees were planted in these two villages both as a water conservation measure and to

increase access to incomes and nutrition. These measures are expected to bring about better access and availability of water for their households and 1312 hectares of agricultural land.

This project was supported by CONCERN India Foundation.

PREVENTION OF STD/HIV/AIDS

For the past almost two decades, MGVS has worked with the High Risk Groups (HRGs) to educate them on safe sex practices to prevent Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV. The Peer Educators, trained by MGVS, are from HRGs and are constantly involved in sharing such knowledge with at other HRG members. The **Pediatric AIDS Initiative (PAI)** helped identify children with HIV and take proactive measures to ensure that their lives are not interrupted. Due referral services and support for their nutrition and education is provided through this initiative.

LINK WORKER SCHEME

The Link Worker Scheme was initiated at 2009 in Aurangabad district. The Linked Worker Scheme was started under NACP-III plan by NACO, to create awareness and make the information about HIV and other related STI's to the High risk groups (HRGs) - truckers, migrants, and other vulnerable population. Link Worker Scheme is implemented by MGVS in 100 vulnerable villages of Aurangabad district.

During this reporting period, the Link Workers were involved in

- Building awareness on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) in the villages through various means – street plays, hoardings, IEC materials, and discussions.
- Conduct of HIV / STD testing and referral camps in the villages in coordination with local PHCs.

- Provision of dry rations to those HRG members affected by the COVID induced lockdown and restrictions.
- Established 3 depots for free distribution of condoms for the target villages.
- Established Red Ribbon Centres in the villages - to enhance the knowledge about HIV/AIDS transmission and to encourage peer to peer messaging on HIV prevention and to provide a safe space for young people to seek clarifications of their doubts and on myths surrounding HIV/AIDS.

TARGETED INTERVENTIONS FOR FEMALE SEX WORKERS

MGVS under Maharashtra State Aids Control Society (MSACS) implements Targeted group Intervention (TI) programme in Aurangabad district in which it covered 1189 female sex

workers (FSW) in year 2021-22. The programme advocates safe sex practices among this High-Risk Group through interventions such as free condoms, facilitation of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) tests, linkages with government schemes particularly for ART, and regular medical check-ups.

Further, the communities were also educated on ways to prevent HIV/AIDS through IEC materials, discussions, and other Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) events. The Peer Educators, trained by MGVS, are from HRGs and are constantly involved in sharing knowledge on safe sex practices with other HRG members. Presently, there are 156 Peer Educators who meet regularly for capacity building and support. These interventions have reduced the HIV prevalence rate in the district.



Counseling of Female Sex Workers on Safe Sex Practices

During the year 2021-22, this programme covered 841 women in Aurangabad city and 363 women in rural Aurangabad. The villages covered include Bidkin, Chitegaon, Verul, Daultabad, and Khultabad. The urban suburbs covered include Waluj, Pandharpur, Wadgaon, Satara, Rajangaon, Phulenagar, Kabirnagar, Bhawsingpura, Ambedkarnagar,

Misarwadi, Mukundnagar, Rajnagar, and Ambikanagar.

Apart from the numerous health tests, awareness meetings, and distribution of 2,64,85 condoms, about 20 Persons living with HIV (PLHIV) were identified and linked to Ante retroviral Therapy (ART) centre. Besides,

support groups to support PLHIV are formed and facilitated for peer support.

GENDER EQUITY

PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY

The Marathwada region has a skewed gender ratio of 932 females per 1000 males indicating a male bias in the society. The women also have lower participation in work for incomes, and in education as well. Many also face domestic violence and insecurity at work places.

This project supported by Terres Des Hommes looks at these gender inequities in Aurangabad and Jalna districts and ways to address them. The project interventions are focused on 10 villages in Aurangabad district and 10 villages in Jalna district.

The project is aimed at two outcomes –

- Strengthened capacities of youth to promote gender equality and address issues arising from gender inequality.
- Access to nutritious meals by children, women and girls is improved through promotion of sustainable agricultural practices.

During the year 2021-22, the following were the key achievements –

- Formation and capacity building of 10 youth groups of 10 villages in Aurangabad district and 2 youth groups in 2 villages of Jalna district to check and address gender inequities in the communities. 459 youth (male and female) were trained on gender during this period.
- The Village Child Protection Committees (VCPC) in the focused villages exhibit knowledge and practices to report and stop child marriages.
- 198 marginal women farmers have established nutrition gardens that

supply vegetables for their families throughout the year.

- 122 adolescent girls, 580 pregnant and lactating women, and 56 children have benefited from increased knowledge and access to health and nutrition entitlements.

As a result of these measures, there has been significant drop in domestic violence in the project villages. Although no violence was reported in the project villages during the period, the youth groups have the knowledge and capacity to discourage and report any such violence.

The VCPCs have taken steps to discourage, track, and report child marriages in the project village. As a result, none of the villages reported any child marriage in their villages during the period. However, the VCPCs reported 4 cases of child marriages in Aurangabad and 4 cases in Jalna district. Such cases were reported to the Child Welfare Committees (CWC) of the respective districts for further actions.

The nutrition gardens managed by the 198 marginal women farmers not only brings vegetable to their plates but also help to supplement their incomes and empower them in the household. The knowledge and practices have resulted in better health and nutrition in the households – particularly among the women and girls. The marginal farmers were also trained on organic cultivation, production of organic composts, and seed balls for reforestation.

The knowledge on nutrition and health, and the enabled access to such entitlements has led to timely vaccination, intake of nutritious foods, and proper care of infants.

HEALTH

MGVS is notable for the pioneering interventions on health. As a recognition of this, MGVS was awarded as the best NGO in the health sector in 2011 and 2016 by the

Department of Health of the Government of Maharashtra.

The organization is involved in building capacities of the communities for better access to nutrition and health including such entitlements.

The major focus of CAH process was an improved understanding between the community and the Government health service providers, which is a step forward towards developing the health status of District. It can actually develop the quality of health services in the District as well as the State.

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HEALTH



Meeting for Community Monitoring and Feedback on PHC in Aurangabd district

Community Action for health (CAH) is a monitoring and feedback intervention for government health services through the Primary Health Centres (PHC), and sub-district hospitals. CAH enables community participation for active engagement in the improvement of the health services through community assessment and monitoring mechanisms. It is a kind of social audit of the public health services which serves to facilitate active participation of peoples.

MGVS works with 11 PHCs - 6 in Vaijapur Block and 5 in Gangapur block - that cater to 55 villages to build their capacities on CAH. Each of these PHCs have committees that monitor the health services. Regular meetings of the committees are held along with the beneficiaries to receive feedback on the services and monitor any corrective measures.

Notable changes during the period of this report include –

- Increased demand by the communities for regular monthly meetings at the PHC level to provide feedback on the services.
- District Mentoring Resource Group (DMRG), formed as per the guidelines of the National Health Mission (NHM), monitor the services of the PHCs and Sub-district hospitals.
- In all the 55 villages covered in this project, people are aware of the health services that are provided by the government and role of the health service providers. Hence, there is an increasing demand for deliveries in the PHC, ambulance services, vaccinations, ANC, and health checkup.
- There is increased attendance and availability of the staff and medical

- officers in the PHCs even during the nights.
- The travel plans of ANM, MPW, and Medical Officers are available on demand by the public.
- Plans and updates on any construction activities are on public display.

ADVANCING TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM (ATCP)

ATCP project is implemented in 18 districts of Aurangabad, Pune, and Nasik divisions of Maharashtra state. The project is implemented in collaboration with State Tobacco Control Cell and District Tobacco Control Cell. The districts under consideration in this project include Aurangabad, Jalna, Beed, Hingoli, Parbhani, Nanded, Latur, Osmanabad, Ahmednagar, and Nasik, in addition to 8 districts added from February 2022 – viz, Nandurbar, Jalgaon, Dhule, Pune, Solapur, Sangli, Satara, and Kolhapur.

The key activities during the report period include -

- Conduct of 1,518 meetings with state, district and block level officials.
- Organized one state level workshop with the participation of MD-NHM(IAS), Assistant DIG Police (IPS), Director of health services, Joint director/State Nodal Officer, GST Deputy Commissioner along with more 97 state level officials on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and ban of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS).
- Celebrated World No Tobacco Day on 5th May 2021 in 10 Project Districts and reached more than 2,83,000 people directly.
- Organized one induction training of ATCP staff and Dr. Rana (Dy. Director of South East Asia of The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease on 16& 17-Feb-2022 in Mumbai.
- Became a member of District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) of Solapur district.

- 5 district level workshops were held and chaired by the respective District Collectors out of which one was held in Solapur – a newly selected district.

Specific outputs as a result of the project interventions include –

- 235 key officials trained through the workshops on effective implementation of COTPA, effective penalization in their jurisdictions, Smoke-free/ tobacco free government/ non-government offices and public places.
- 303 Enforcement officials got sensitized through the workshops for enforcement officials, and number of penalizations increased in 10 project districts.
- 619 officials were sensitized through the piggy back workshops conducted for the enforcement officials, NGO representatives, transport department, and others.
- Effective Enforcement Drive conducted in 10 project districts as a result in reporting year under COTPA Section 4, 6A & B. 12,386 penalized and ₹32,54,912 fine collected. Total Gutkha seized by Home department was worth ₹12,70,23,810.
- MGVS participated in 31 District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meetings in 10 old project districts.
- Signage campaign in 4 project districts – Osmanabad, Latur, Ahmednagar, and Nasik.

MOMENTUM ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION TRANSFORMATION AND EQUITY PROJECT

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE) project is aimed to increase equitable immunization coverage particularly among the unreached population. The project contributes to ongoing global efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on immunization services and supports to prepare for and introduce vaccines against COVID-19 once they are available.

The M-RITE is funded by USAID and MGVS is an implementing partner while John Snow India (JSI) provides the technical support.

The main objective of the partnership project is to increase the demand for, distribution and uptake of COVID 19 vaccination among all Gol approved cohorts, particularly for the vulnerable and marginalized populations in the selected districts – Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Beed, Nanded, and Nasik - of Maharashtra.

MGVS adheres to the mixed approach – i.e. direct implementation of the vaccination drive and social mobilization for better vaccination intake. The organization banks on existing relationships with the health (public and private) and administration sector and in

coordination with these, implemented the following activities –

- Inter-sectoral coordination – meetings and liaison with representatives from the health, administration, education, and other key stakeholders/ service providers to ensure a coordinated approach for better vaccination reach.
- Building community awareness through banners, IEC materials, social media, and hoardings.
- Social mobilization through vaccination camps facilitated by local vaccination volunteers, ANM Counselors, and PHC staff, to mobilize eligible persons for the vaccinations.
- Monitoring and reporting to key stakeholders in the districts and blocks to enhance coordination and support.



COVID Vaccination at their doorstep

The focused target groups for the project are the COVID-19 vaccine unreached populations in the selected districts. Since January 2022, with the M-RITE initiative, MGVS team has partnered with the Government and private sector to ensure increased access to vaccination particularly in the remote far-flung areas, elderly destitute persons, disabled persons, tribals, migrant workers, sex workers,

and other marginalized groups. As of 31st March 2022, MGVS has facilitated a total of 94,079 vaccinations in the selected 5 districts - Aurangabad, Nasik, Ahmednagar, Beed, and Nanded.

CHILDLINE PROJECT

CHILDLINE Project across India is supported by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS). MGVS has partnered in this project to be a nodal child protection agency in the country, providing

child protection services to children in need of care and protection. MGVS works in close cooperation and coordination of district administrative departments, judiciary, police departments, civil society, health departments, and other relevant organizations to ensure protection of the children from abuse.



Childline awareness among children

Any calls on issues concerning children to the Childline 1098 is directed to MGVS for support and follow-up. Many of these calls pertain to child marriage, child labour, hunger, and distress among children. MGVS staff and volunteers are involved in counseling and directing them to relevant authorities for further follow-up or action.

During the year 2021-22, MGVS intervened in 841 distress calls and took necessary actions in liaison with the police, judiciary, and district administration.

Case story

Soumya (name changed) is a 14-year-old girl who resides in CIDCO area of Aurangabad city. Her parents arranged her wedding with a 17-year-old boy and the event took place on 15th May 2021 at her home.

Childline in MGVS, when informed of this planned child marriage, took immediate action by informing District Child Protection Unit, District Women & child Development officer, District Child welfare comity, and Police Inspector of CIDCO Police station.

However, the wedding ceremony had already taken place before the coordinated handling of the case. The complete arrangements for the wedding were by Soumya's parents. When the police arrived for the verification, they were told that it was only an engagement ceremony and not a wedding. The caller who informed the Child Helpline was contacted and the person immediately shared the photos of the event. On further scrutiny by the Childline staff/ volunteers and the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) team, it was revealed that the photos captured some incidents evident of a wedding. The parents of both the children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee for further actions.

Ever since this incident, not a single case of child marriage was reported from this area. This indicates an increased awareness on child protection and measures to deter child marriages.

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS, CREDIBILITY NORMAS AND COMPLAINE

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Contact person's Name: Designation Telephone Mobile Number Email Id	Appasaheb Ugale Secretary / project Director 0240-2984416,2341411 Mobile 7798530094 mgvs.vaijapur@gmail.com
Website (with links)	www.mgvsabad.org
Date & Year of Establishment of NGO (Registration No.) {Trust/Society}	MGVS is established in 1995-96 Registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 Reg. No : MHA -29/95 A, bad, Date 10/1/95 Registered under 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 with Validity period	AABTM2715M E20214: Validity: AY. 26-27 ,Date :28/5/21
FCRA No	FCRA regd 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

GOVERNANCE

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.

No of Trustee on Board	7
No. of governing body meeting held a year	5
Total staff in the organization	137
Target population served by MGVS (children, women, farmers, youth, special groups etc)	Children, farmers, rural women and youth, high-risk, vulnerable and migrated people, orphan children, persons with HIV/AIDS, scheduled castes and tribes, transgender population.

The details of the Board Members are as follows –

#	Name	Designation	Experience
1	Mansukh, M. Zambad	President	Industrialist, farmer, and social worker. Has over five decades of experience in grassroots development
2	Popatrao D. Patil	Vice President	Progressive farmer who has demonstrated sustainable farming practices. Has over five decades of experience in extension of agriculture knowledge.
3	Appasaheb J. Ugale	Secretary	Social worker and engineer. Has pioneered several community-based water conservation and health care initiatives in 30-year career in development.
4	Shivaji B. Aware	Member	Social worker and management professional with 40 years of experience in administration and rural development.
5	Alka Kishor Patil	Member	Rural entrepreneur. Has guided many SHGs and women on livelihoods for 20 years.
6	Sunita G. Shejul	Treasurer	Social worker. Has facilitated many community mobilization measures particularly for women empowerment. 20 years of development experience.
7	Bhausahab K. Gunjal	Member	Member of district and state committees on child protection and care. Post-graduate in rural development from Reading University, UK. 30 years of experience in the development sector – both in programmes and organizational management.

Details of salary slabs paid to staff and field workers

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) paid to staff (per month)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5000	6	25	31
5,000 – 10,000	21	20	41
10,000 – 25,000	26	29	55
25,000 – 50,000	7	2	09
50,000 – 1,00,000	1	0	01
Greater than 1,00,000	0	0	0

Total Cost of International Travel by all personnel (including Volunteers & board members)

Rs.0.00.00 (No International travel expenses incurred)

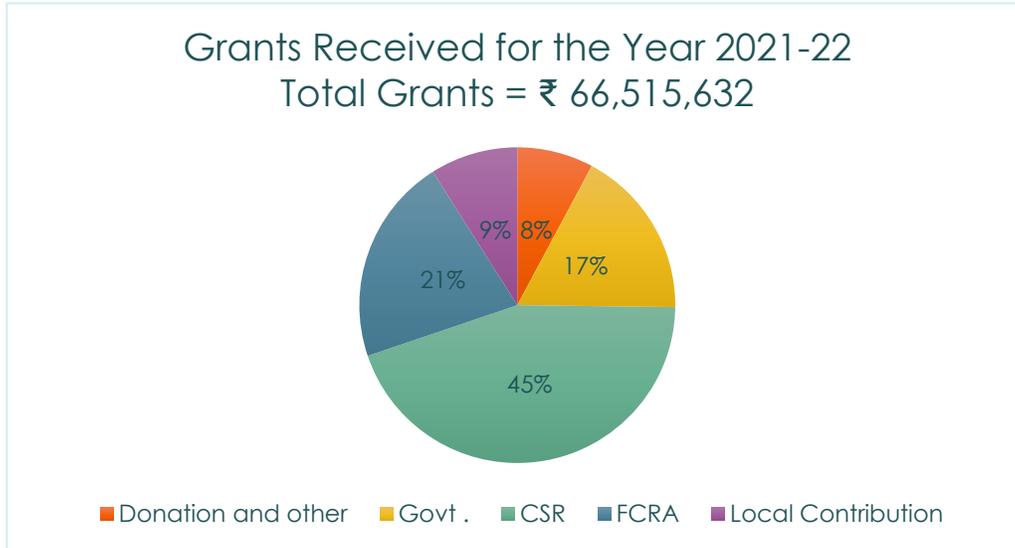
Details of Board Members who have received remuneration / reimbursement during the financial year:

No remuneration paid to board members (Rs. 0.00)

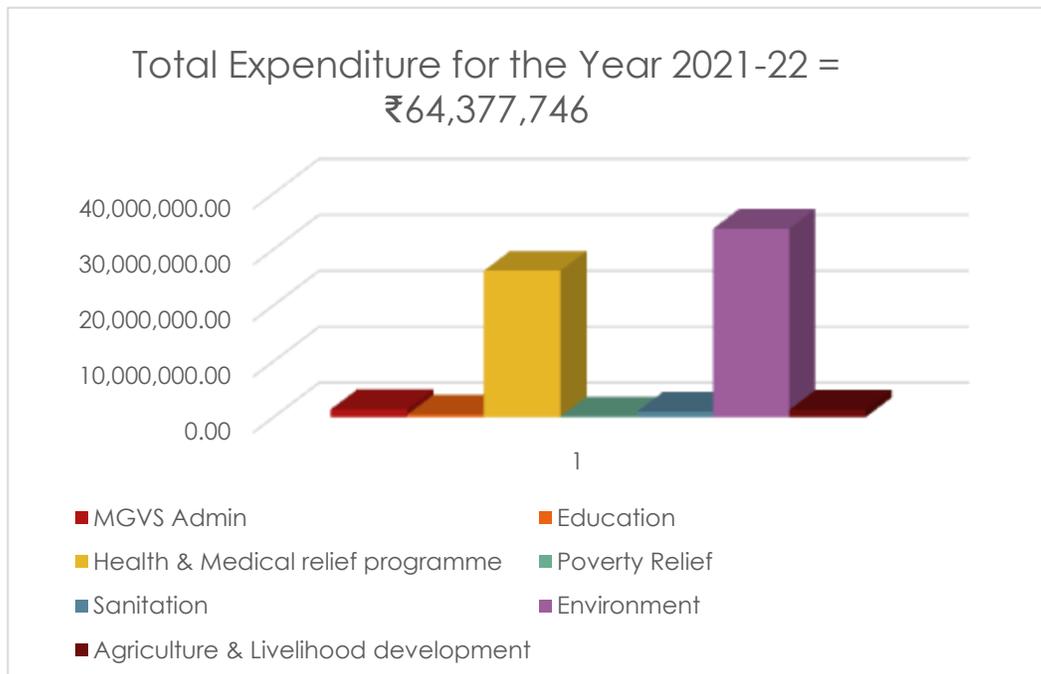
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