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Ekalavya's Journey 2023-24



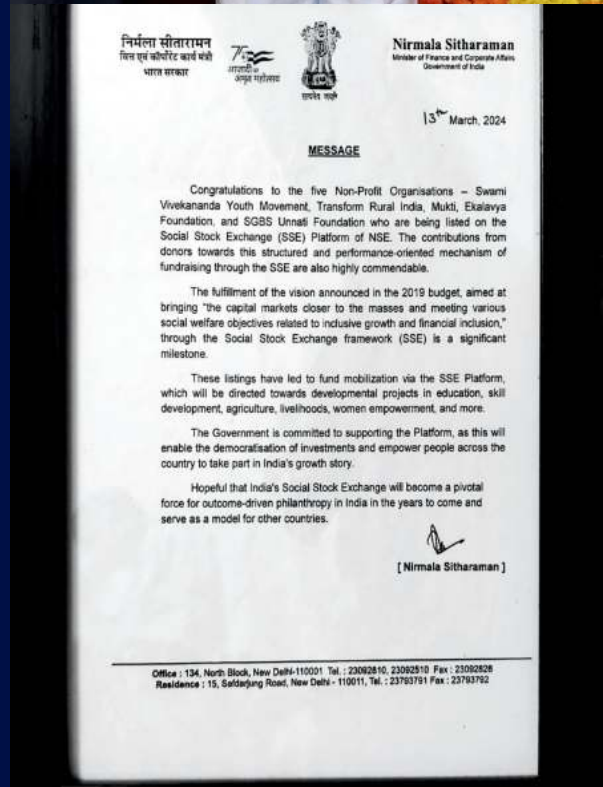
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Ekalavya Foundation Celebrating a Significant Milestone Registration and Listing at Social Stock Exchange - NSE

Hon'ble Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the year 2019-20 budget, has announced setting up of Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in India. It is a separate segment within the existing major Stock Exchanges i.e. NSE and BSE. In the financial year 2023-24, Ekalavya Foundation reached a significant milestone by successfully Registering and raising funds by Listing ZCZP Bond on Social Stock Exchange of NSE in India. Ekalavya Foundation is the 1st Trust in India to reach this significant milestone on SSE platform.

This landmark achievement underscores our commitment to transparency, accountability, and sustainable growth. Through this platform, we were able to raise an impressive ₹ 85.30 lakhs, a testament to the trust and confidence that our investors/donors (Zerodha, NABARD, etc.) have placed in our mission. These funds will be instrumental in driving our initiative to support the marginalized/tribal sections, enabling us to expand our impact and continue making a meaningful difference in these communities we serve. These funds raised from the platform of SSE are being used in Babjipet SLDP project in Asifabad district and supporting 100 tribal families in 10 villages.



About Us

Ekalavya Foundation, a distinguished non-profit organisation, was registered under the Trusts Act in 2006 with the noble aim of uplifting marginalized communities. The Foundation, headquartered in Hyderabad, has made remarkable contributions across various sectors since its establishment. By providing a comprehensive and integrated range of interventions, such as Agriculture and associated Livelihoods, Non-Farm Livelihoods, Natural Resource Management, Health, and Education the Foundation addresses the multifaceted needs of marginalized communities.

Vision

To increase the levels of income and raise the standards of living of the community, especially those belonging to the deprived and marginalized sections through sustained functional interventions in developmental programs with special emphasis on farming, natural resource management, livelihood, health and education.

Mission

- Enhancing production through Natural Resource Management without disturbing ecological balance.
- Empowerment of farmers through collectives.
- Supplementing existing curriculum with value-based inputs in schools.
- Participating in activities to improve the existing health conditions with special focus on rural and urban slum women and girl child.
- Supporting generation of sustainable livelihood activities to increase family income.
- Transfer of technology- Lab to Land and imparting trainings for taking up profitable non-chemical agriculture.
- Creation of basic awareness on laws of the land to empower the citizens on legal issues.

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Chairman's Message

Since beginning of our journey in 2006 from Adilabad district, I have always felt that it is my duty to give back to society and in the course of time, I started getting support from many proactive people who shared the similar vision to bring about real positive changes. Our persistent mission has been to empower rural and tribal communities towards their socio-economic self-reliance. I am proud of the fact that today Ekalavya foundation is not just promoting livelihoods for the Underprivileged but also making earnest efforts in empowering women and enabling them to support their families. Besides, with the community support, we have formed over 172 women clubs in various tribal villages who are effectively steering, managing and monitoring the implementation of our missions in all across the project villages.

Since inception, our flagship mission has been Watershed Integrated management practices to protect, conserve and improve the fertility of farmland and water resources which has enhanced agricultural productivity vis-à-vis income of the watershed community. So far, our Watershed and Natural Resource Management (NRM) activities covered 14888 Hectors of farmland thereby benefitted 9571 families.

Recognizing the exclusion problem of small and marginal farmers from modern agriculture due to resource constraints, we have joined hand with the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a government owned organization to promote the interests of such farmers by facilitating their integration into the agribusiness sector. We have diligently established 27 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), comprised around 10000 shareholders and working with unwavering commitment for their capacity building and value addition.

With the ethos in mind for the progress and empowerment of the marginalized communities, let me take this opportunity to share with you some of our prominent achievements over the preceding year:

This year, we have made a historic entry on the Social Stock Exchange, NSE. This Foundation is the first Trust in India to achieve the distinction of Listing on Social Stock Exchange. Zerodha, NABARD and other individuals have donated for our livelihoods project through SSE-NSE.

Further in pursuance to promoting quality in our interventions, we have engaged professionals to guide and manage our diverse activities. We have also embraced the digital revolution by trying to create an IT network besides increasing in our visibility in social media front.

Over and above, being the registered Awarding Body of PGS Certification for Organic Agriculture, we have successfully covered organic certification for 4743 Hectares of land owned by 7822 farmers. During the year 2023-24 alone, we have covered 787 Hectares of land that has benefitted 896 farmers under PGS Organic Certification.

Before closing I would like to thank all those who extended their generous support in our mission. I acknowledge the contribution made by our sponsors, Shirdi Sai Electricals, Bharat Institutions, Aparna constructions, Kala Jyothi processing Ltd, Value Labs, NABARD, Zerodha, Container Corporation of India, Atlas Copco and CGI for their continuous support in uplifting the deprived and vulnerable communities.

Lastly, I thank all my Trust Board Members, Staff and Volunteers who worked relentlessly with great will and an unparalleled dedication for the betterment of the disadvantaged sections of the society. Without their support, our mission wouldn't have been accomplished in changing so many lives.

P. Venugopal Reddy
Chairman

Our Values



Sustainability

Ekalavya Foundation works towards sustainable development of communities.



Community Participation

We encourage Community Participation in Development and Decision making.



Commitment

We are committed for overall community development wherever we work.



Integrity

We prioritize integrity in all aspects of our operations.



Sensitivity

As an NGO we are always sensitive towards people's needs.



Empowerment

We work on empowering rural communities

Our Milestones

2024

1st Trust in India to have been listed on Social Stock Exchange-NSE

Reached 550 villages, 15000 families, 60000 Students

2023

Brought 13000 ha. land under watershed projects.

Reached 500 villages, 10000 families, 50000 Students, 2 States

2021

Reached to 350 villages and 8000 Families.

Taken a part in formation of 10000 FPCs in India. Formed 15 FPCs

2019

Certificate of appreciation by Dist. Collector as BEST NGO

Reached 200 Villages & 6000 Families

2017

Recognized by NCOF as Regional council- India

Brought 10000 Ha. of land under Watershed projects

2011

Built trust among the community

1 Mega watershed (IWMP) sanctioned by Government of India

2007

6 Watershed Development projects sanctioned by NABARD

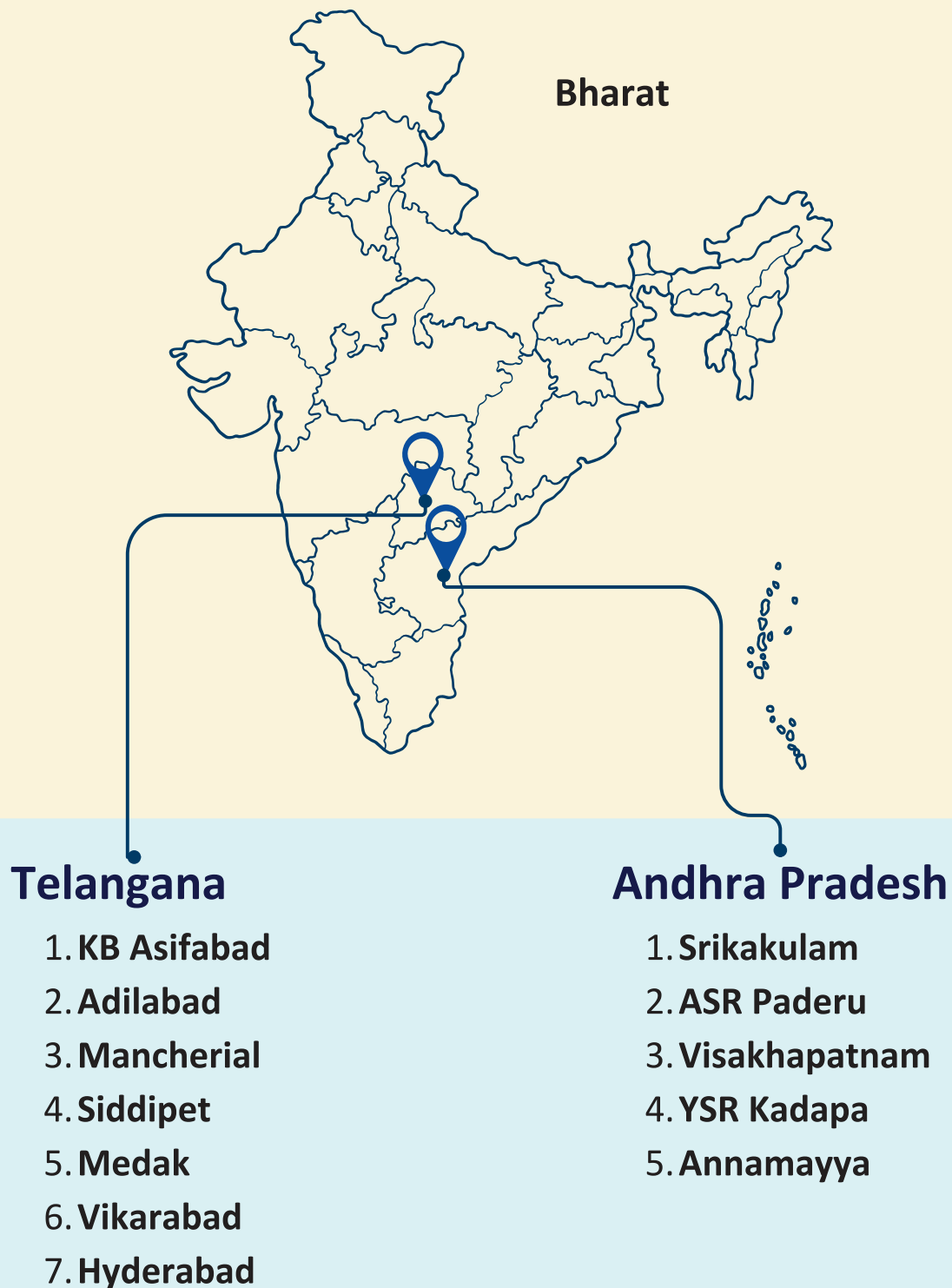
2006

Established in 4 Tribal Villages, 250 Families at Adilabad Dist. of Telangana

Our Partners



Geographical Presence



Governing Team



Sri P. Venugopal Reddy

Chairman

Social Worker



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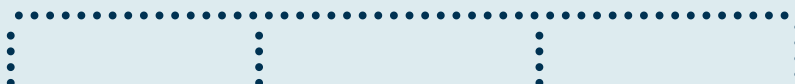


Sri D. Amaresh Kumar

Treasurer

Dist. Agricultural Officer
(Retd)

Trustees



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Management Expert, Ex TCS



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Insurance Officer (Retd)



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Social Worker



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Sri T. Ram Reddy

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Sri P. Gangaiah

Social Worker



Sri P. Narendra

Dty. Director (Retd)
Seed Certification Agency,
Telangana)



Sri JR. Thirupathi

Progressive Farmer

Reflections

I am very impressed with the work done by Ekalavya Foundation. The dedication of the staff and their passion for improving the lives of marginalized communities through good agriculture and other activities is very heart-warming. I wish the team the very best in their future efforts in this field.

- Smt. Binu Priya, Program Head, APAC, CGI

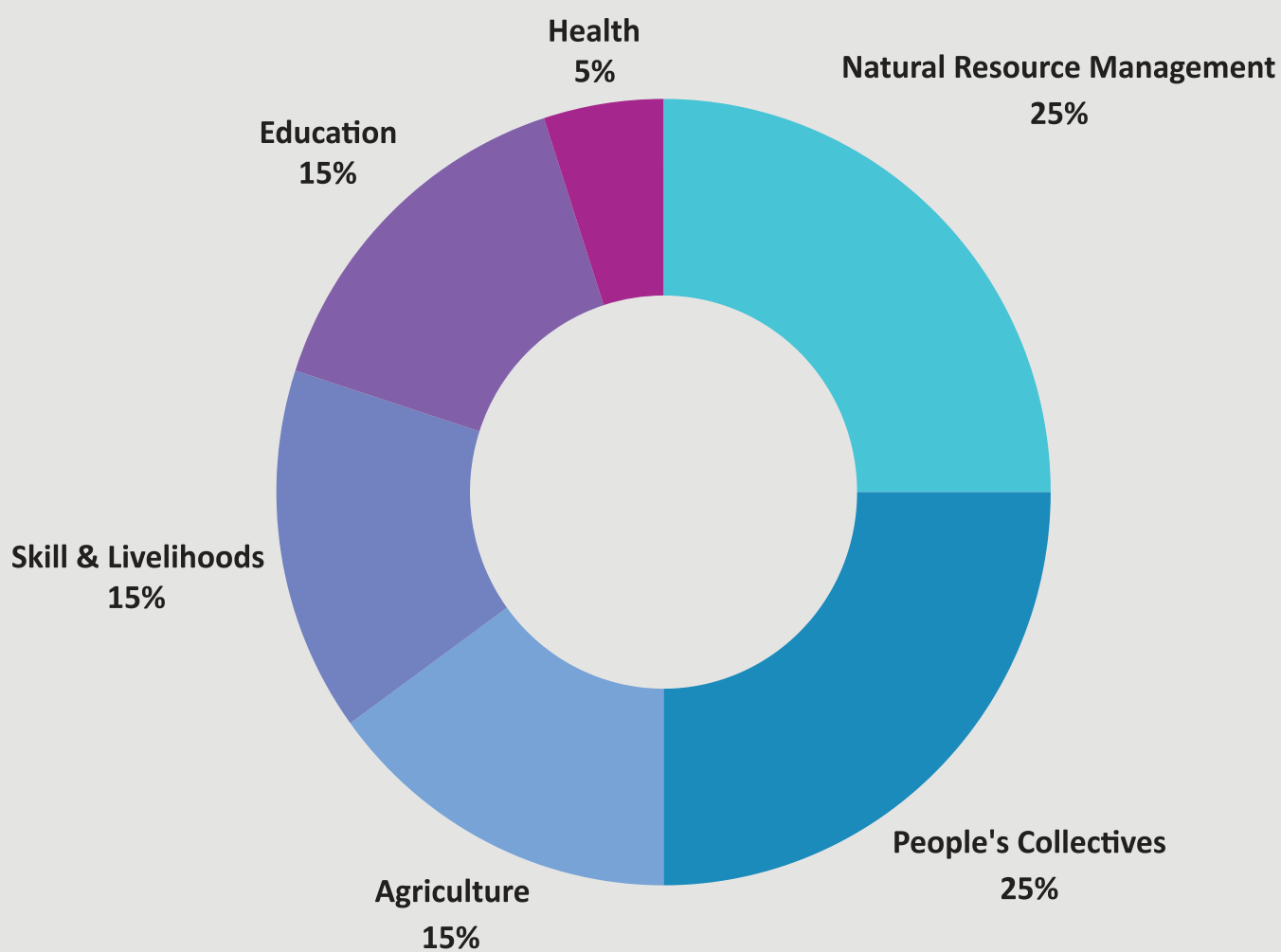
I visited Ekalavya Foundation's activities and met with the beneficiaries of the sustainable livelihood project. They expressed that they are very happy with the enhanced income sources.

- Sri G. Rohit, Manager, FSSD, NABARD, Hyderabad

When I visited the Minimuluru watershed project, I found that the local villagers are very happy with the activities taken up by Ekalavya Foundation. I also observed that 760 acres were converted into irrigation, and now they are cultivating the second crop. This is truly appreciable work by the EF team.

- Sri Pulla Rao, Program Officer, CONCOR, Vizag

Our Thrust Areas



A photograph of three young boys of South Asian descent playing with hula hoops on a dirt path. The boy on the left is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and brown pants. The boy in the middle is wearing a green and white striped shirt and blue pants. The boy on the right is wearing a grey t-shirt and brown shorts. They are all smiling and looking down at their hula hoops. The background is a lush green field with trees.

Ekalavya Foundation has consistently thrived in its commitment to uplift marginalized tribal communities, achieving notable strides across multiple intervention areas. Its initiatives have yielded transformative outcomes, particularly in fostering economic empowerment, promoting sustainable agriculture, enhancing water accessibility, expanding livelihood prospects, and advancing health and sanitation standards.

Highlights of the Year

Walgonda Watershed

- Various structures being undertaken in 273 acres belonging to 138 tribal families.
- Excavation of 8 farm ponds are constructed, providing irrigation facilities to 16 acres of land.
- Capacity Building activity was undertaken among 353 Individuals.

Ganneruputtu Watershed

- Project covers 15 tribal villages, covering 1977 acres of land comprising 516 tribal families.
- Entry point activities among 14 villages.
- 2413 Mtrs Pipeline for providing irrigation in 169 acres.
- 3 diversion check dams providing irrigation for 40 acres.

Ghumnur Watershed

- Project covers 2236 acres of 344 families.
- Entry point activities are undertaken among 334 families.
- Soil & water conservation works are carried out in 20,993 CuM which is benefiting 240 families.

Pochampally Maa Thota

- Horticulture plantation in 400 acres comprising 500 families.
- Inter Cropping patterns are carried out in 138 acres.

SLDP

Sustainable Livelihood Development Project

- 500 tribal families were directly benefitted covering 21 villages.
- Various initiatives such as providing goatery, milch animals, tent houses, grocery stores, Mills ensuring easy access to daily necessities in remote tribal villages.

Climate Proofing Project (CPP)

- Drip Irrigation, Multi cropping unit & Stone bund construction activities are undertaken in 190 acres benefitting 457 families.
- Witnessed a growth of 70% in the net income source of the farmers.

CBBO Project

Cluster Based Business Organisations

- Established 27 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, benefiting 9,889 farmers under sector scheme aimed at promoting 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Education Projects

- Vidya Vahini: It's an attempt to increase creativity and social awareness among 26,678 students of 90 schools.
- Vidya Vikasam: Tuition centers (for I to V standards) shown progress in performance leading to increase in enrolment of 2,293 students.

Organic Farming Extension

- Promoting Organic Farming in 60 acres.
- Tribal Farmers experienced 30% increase in Yield and Income during both rainy and summer seasons
- Provided PGS certificates to 896 Organic Farmers covering 1944 acres

Natural Resource Management

Natural Resource Management involves the sustainable utilization, conservation, and protection of our environment's valuable resources, ensuring their long-term viability for future generations.

5927 Acres
Watersheds



1220
Families
benefitted



Integrated Watershed Development Program

A watershed functions as a vital hydrological hub, capturing precipitation and channelling it through a network of rivulets. At its core lies water, the fundamental resource that sustains life within this region. Alongside water, soil, biomass, and the inhabitants comprise the cornerstone components of a watershed.

The primary goal of watershed management is to optimize agricultural productivity by conserving in situ moisture and implementing protective irrigation measures. This strategy not only fosters socio-economic development but also enriches the land, amplifying both production and income for the local community.

The beauty of the watershed approach lies in its ability to seamlessly integrate land, water, and infrastructure development. This integration is facilitated by the cohesive nature of soil, water, and overall environmental conditions within the watershed boundaries.

Projects undertaken for Watershed Management are meticulously planned and executed, with detailed attention given to location-specific factors and needs:

Walgonda Watershed



The Ekalavya Foundation, with support from NABARD since 2022, has been working on the Walgonda watershed project in Indervelli Mandal of Adilabad district. Activities undertaken in 273 acres and benefiting 138 families, the project budget for the year is Rs. 31.63 Lakhs.

This project targets areas with Morrum and Hard grade soils, mainly in ridge regions, where shallow soil cover hampers water retention. Due to topographical conditions, water flows away quickly, leading to insufficient moisture absorption. The project aims to address these issues by focusing on soil and moisture conservation.

The region predominantly practices mono-cropping, with crops like Cotton or Soyabean due to limited water resources, which restricts biomass availability. To tackle these challenges, the Village Watershed Development Committee (VWDC) has been formed, with over 30% female representation, emphasizing gender inclusivity. The VWDC oversees daily operations and monitors project progress.

Farmers have undergone training sessions on watershed management fundamentals, empowering them to actively engage and contribute to project success.

NABARD DGM's visit to Project area



Rockfill dam construction



Activities done for the year

Component		Amount (in Lakhs)
Trench Cum Bund	- 3300 CuM	6.40
Stone Bund	- 412 CuM	3.07
Pebble Bund	- 850 CuM	3.50
Loose Boulder Structures	- 101 CuM	3.80
Rock Fill Dams	- (6 Units)	1.24
Gabion Structures	- (5 Units)	1.86
Farm Ponds	- (8 Units)	8.25
Total amount Rs. Lacs		28.12

Training sessions held

- Training was conducted on -Book Keeping, Bhuvan Portal, Social security schemes, Women Leadership Development and Roles & Responsibilities to 352 participants.
- GVS (Grama Vikasa Samithi) – Watershed activities, Agriculture, Village level problem identification & Postal Schemes with 111 participants.



Ganneruputtu Watershed

516 Families
benefitted



2000

Individuals benefitted



1977

Acres Covered



Witnessing the profound transformation brought in the lives of tribal communities by the Minumuluru Watershed project, **CONCOR (Container Corporation of India)** delegates have embraced the opportunity to champion yet another endeavour: The Ganneruputtu Watershed project in Hukumpeta Mandal of ASR Paderu district (Aspirational Region).

This ambitious initiative aims to uplift 524 tribal families across 12 villages, encompassing an expansive 1977 acres area over the span of three years. Hence, The Ekalavya Foundation, with support from CONCOR since April'23, has been working on the Ganneruputtu Watershed project. Project total budget is Rs. 200 lakhs and the duration of the project is from April 2023 to March 2026.

*Our project achieved **REMARKABLE SUCCESS** as the local community actively engaged in our activities through their voluntary efforts – **SRAMA DANAM**, igniting a profound connection between Ekalavya Foundation and the hearts of the locals.*



Activities for the year

Component	Amount (in Lakhs)
Entry Point Activities (EPA) Distributions	15.12
HDPE Pipe Line works in 4 Villages	18.20
Diversion Check Dams (3 Units)	2.02
Drinking Check Dams	1.43
Dug out Ponds (2 Units)	2.28
NRM Survey	0.43
Waste Decomposer, Mixing Drum & Manual Weeding implements distribution	0.43
Total amount Rs. Lacs	39.91



Ghumnur Watershed

344 Families
benefitted



1800

Individuals benefitted



670

Acres Covered



Beneficiary interaction with the Donor



Ghumnur Watershed development project is located in Lingapur Mandal of Komuram Bheem Asifabad district of Telangana.

Inspired by the process & commitment of Ekalavya Foundation to enlighten the Ethnic Groups in various locations of the society, **ATLAS COPCO** came forward to have a hand in hand in the development of the underprivileged and marginalized tribal groups, sanctioned the Ghumnur Watershed Project. Which is a 4-year project.

This Project also helps to eradicate the Soil Erosion due to watersheds from the Hilly regions directly benefitting 43 famers residing on 105 acres of Land.

This projects spreads its wings on 6 Villages covering 344 families residing, providing water facilities to 670 acres.

Project total budget is Rs. 199.10 lakhs and the duration of the project is from Jan 2024 to 2028.

Activities for the year

Component	Amount (in Lakhs)
DPR Preparation	0.42
EPA: Tent Material Distribution	3.50
Community kitchen Shed	1.66
Rangoli & Volleyball Tournaments	1.00
Exposure Visits	0.13
Project Launching Program	0.15
Trench cum Bund excavation (2101.6 CuM)	5.52
Nala Trainings (9369 CuM)	9.02
Farm ponds (33 CuM)	9.35
Continuous Contour Trenches (190 CuM)	0.50
Drone Surveying	3.50
Total amount Rs. Lacs	34.75



Training on NRM works to beneficiaries

Climate Proofing for Sustainability

457 Families
benefitted



2200
Individuals benefitted



667
Acres Covered



- The aim of the Project is to lessen the impact of climate change by employing diverse adaptation techniques. As part of this endeavor, we are implementing water conservation activities and agricultural adaptation strategies.
- Supported by **NABARD**, this initiative is carried out in collaboration with the Shyamprasad Institute for Social Service (SISS) at Indervelli Mandal of Adilabad District of Telangana.
- The Climate Proofing Project commenced in 2019 in the Indervelli mandal of Adilabad district, with a duration of four years. It received funding of Rs. 50 lakhs from NABARD and has already benefited 457 households across 5 villages.

Training sessions held:

- For Villagers with experts on - Awareness campaign on Organic Farming with 31 participants
- GVS (Grama Vikasa Samithi) – Awareness on Organic Farming & Postal Schemes with 55 participants.



Beneficiary with Drip irrigation

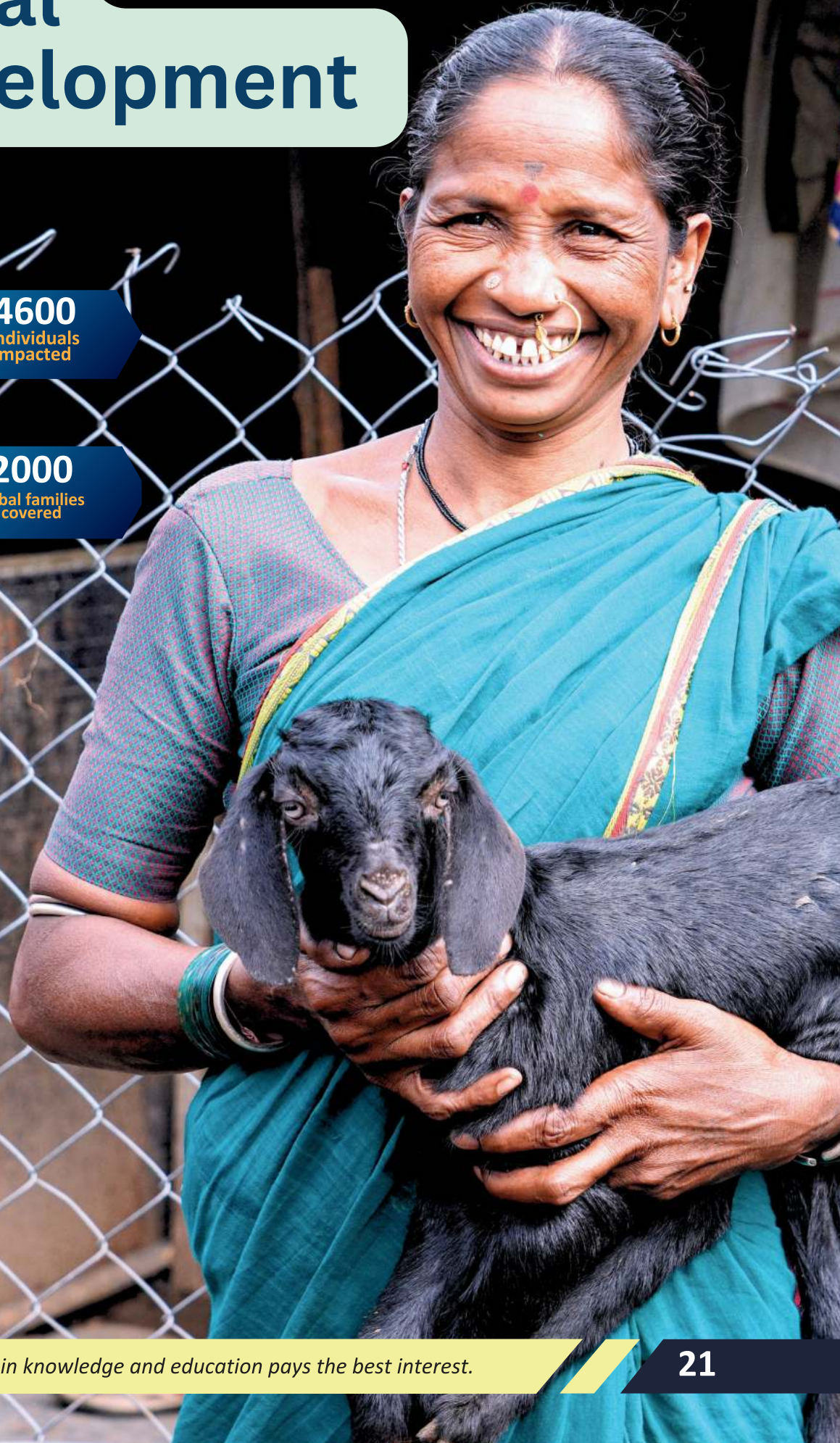
Tribal Development



4600
Individuals
Impacted



2000
Tribal families
covered



Livelihoods through Maa Thota



This project, supported by **NABARD** is spread over 18 habitations under 8 gram panchayats in Indervelli and Sirikonda Mandals of Adilabad, wherein 95% of the population are tribal (Major are Gonds, Lambada and Kolams (PVTG)).

This Project primarily targets on Horticulture Development, Soil Conservation, Water Resource Development, Training and Capacity Building, Women Empowerment and Health Management.

A special focus is on Women Empowerment. Active participation is being sought in activities at personal and community levels thereby enhancing their role in decision making. Apart from that, focus is also on to improve the enrolment of girls in schools and colleges.

The project's success is expected to directly increase the total area dedicated to plantation. This, in turn, is anticipated to inspire farmers to expand their horticulture plantations beyond the project's duration.

A Family with Guavas



117

Ring tanks
constructed



1190

Mtrs of sprinklers



90

Open wells
renovated



110

Trench cum bunds



60000

Fruit plants planted



100

Non-farm livelihoods



4

Goat rearing units



5

Open wells newly
constructed



Training sessions held:

- For Villagers with experts on -Awareness on Plantation Management, Pruning & Livestock development, Book Keeping with 207 participants
- GVS (Grama Vikasa Samithi) – Awareness on Plantation management, Agriculture, Postal schemes, Bank Insurances, Marketing, Seed selection & Health with 86 participants.

Farmer couple with mangoes



Advancing and Unifying Livelihoods

Empowering Communities through Guava Plantations for Sustainable Income Generation

In the Maa Thota project Guava and Mango plantations across a sprawling 400-acre landscape. Launched in the Pochampally region of Indravelly & Sirikonda Mandals, Adilabad District, this initiative aims to ensure sustainable income for tribal communities during non-agricultural seasons.

Now in its second year, the Guava trees have not only taken root but have begun yielding fruit, offering substantial support for income generation. This endeavor marks a significant step toward fostering economic empowerment and enhancing the livelihoods of the local population.

Chikalkar Tukaram, resident of Lachampur Village under project area says that "I harvested 50 kg of Guavas from my field and sold them for Rs. 60 per Kg on my own motorcycle. Expecting nearly another 100kgs of harvest in this yield season. Through this project able to generate income of Rs. 8000 to Rs. 9000 from one acre in this yield season. I thank NABARD from the bottom of my heart and Ekalavya Foundation for the intervention of Maa Thota Project".

The highlight of this project lies in its promise of twice-yearly guava yields for farmers, resulting in an additional income averaging Rs. 60,000 per season. This pivotal factor underpins the success of the Pochampally Maa Thota Plantation Project, facilitating life-changing transformations through sustainable income generation for the community.



Key learnings from the Project

Coinciding with the onset of the second wave of the Covid pandemic and subsequent government-imposed lockdowns. The first challenge we encountered was the urgent need to complete the Detailed Project Report (DPR) within a tight two-month timeframe. Despite this major obstacle, we successfully adhered to the timeline constraints, accomplishing all planned tasks outlined in the DPR action plan. These tasks included preliminary meetings, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), beneficiary selection, household surveys, participatory net planning, and soil sample collection.

Out of 400 acres, 42 acres recorded a zero-survival rate after the third year of plantation marking a minor setback in this project. Upon analysis, the following are the key insights:

Observations

- Adequate time was not spent on preparation of DPR due to paucity of time.
- Wells were excavated before the plantation season. Farmers in their anxiety went for commercial crops followed by fruit plants leading to plant mortality.
- Availability of high-quality plants was a challenge as they were located far from the project area, requiring 3-4 days for transportation. Heavy rains damaged roads during the shifting process, necessitating consolidation of the plants at a single location. To mitigate delays, farmers utilized bullock carts to transport the plants to their villages. multiple shifts resulted in plant damage.
- The sanctioned project cost was insufficient for certain plant varieties compared to market prices, leading to compromises on plant quality.

Key Learnings

- Decided to construct to open wells for irrigation facilities only after receiving a firm confirmation from the beneficiary farmers.
- Decided to collaborate with reliable suppliers and nurseries to ensure consistent access to hi-quality seedlings.
- Planning to develop incentive program to encourage farmers to remine committed to arched farming.
- We note to keep all the above learnings while preparation of the DPR.

Sustainable Livelihood Development - A hope

A Pilot Project with the Support of NABARD



Sustainable Livelihood Development Program (SLDP) endeavours to transform these villages into thriving communities, characterized by cultural richness, education, and good health. The overarching goal is to equip residents with robust livelihood skills, ensuring their financial stability and sustainability. With a focus on fostering economic vitality and fostering strong social bonds, SLDP represents a multi-faceted, resource-

intensive endeavour aimed at comprehensive development. It seeks to leverage investments and manpower to facilitate holistic progress concerning livelihoods, community welfare, and natural resource management.

As part of its support mechanisms, SLDP will offer handholding assistance to individuals seeking to initiate enterprises or economic activities, leveraging their newly acquired vocational skills



CGM NABARD, PO-ITDA are launching the pilot project

This pioneering initiative, spearheaded by NABARD, marks a significant milestone in India's developmental landscape. Designed to foster sustainable growth, the project focuses on empowering communities through advancements in non-farm livelihoods, animal husbandry, and skill development.

The project will directly benefit approximately 501 households residing in 21 tribal villages across Sirpur-U and Lingapur Mandals in the Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, spanning a duration of 3 years. This Project budget was Rs. 275.89 Lakhs.

110 Goat rearing units 	21 Backyard poultry units 	3 Floor & Mini rice mills 	5 Vegetable & grocery shops 	3 Painting & xerox centres 
36 Sewing Machines 	13 Milch animal units 	3 Leaf plate making units 	1200 Backyard arched units 	4 Carpentry Shops 
20 Kitchen garden units 	2 Tent house & brass band units 			

Training sessions held:

- For Villagers with experts on -Tailoring, Backyard Poultry, Health Awareness, Postal Schemes with 347 participants.
- GVS (Grama Vikasa Samithi) – Awareness on Health, Book Keeping, Postal Schemes, SLDP programs & PESSA Act (1/70 Act for Tribals) with 218 participants.

Beneficiary family with their flour mill



A Tailoring Shop revolutionized lives by enhancing financial autonomy



Mainubai's transformation from a divorced tribal woman facing financial hardships to a thriving entrepreneur is truly inspirational. Following her divorce, she encountered numerous challenges in sustaining herself and meeting her basic needs, resorting to working as a farm laborer to make ends meet.

However, her fortunes changed when the "**Sustainable Livelihood Development Project**," initiated by the Ekalavya Foundation in collaboration with NABARD in 2021, reached Komuram Bheem district - Sirpur U & Lingapur Mandals. Through this initiative, she was provided with a sewing machine, igniting her passion for tailoring and transforming her life trajectory - when the project was started in her village, Pamulawada.

Mainubai grabbed the chance to learn tailoring eagerly when she came her way through the training sessions held by Ekalavya Foundation. Even though she had only finished 10th grade, she saw it as a chance to change her life. With help from the project, she got Rs 48,000 and added Rs 9,500 of her own, totaling Rs 57,500 to start her own tailoring shop at Sirpur U Mandal headquarters.

Her perseverance bore fruit, as her tailoring business swiftly blossomed into a thriving enterprise, drawing clientele not only from the local community but also from neighboring areas.

Today, Mainubai's shop stands not only as a means of livelihood but also as a poignant symbol of her unwavering resilience and indomitable spirit in conquering adversity. Now, she has had her dream put into action through this intervention standing for herself and her family by attaining financial independence.

Her success serves as a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work, perseverance, and the belief in one's own abilities.

Before securing her livelihood, she earned approximately Rs 19,000 per season, which proved insufficient for her survival. Now, she is earning an average of Rs 26,000 per month, significantly improving her financial stability.

Mainubai hiring another woman isn't just growing her business; it's sparking empowerment and opportunity in her community. She's a beacon of hope, showing that with determination and support, anyone can overcome challenges and build a brighter tomorrow.

Empowering Lives Through Music

Achieving Sustainable Livelihood by BRASS BAND

Hanmanthrao's evolution from a struggling, unemployed tribal youth to a successful band owner speaks volumes about the potency of determination and seizing opportunities. Let's delve into his inspiring journey.

Hanmanthrao's tale starts in the tranquil village of Kanchanpally, nestled within a tribal community. Despite graduating, he faced the harsh reality of unemployment and poverty in his village. Motivated to carve out a brighter path, he set off to Hyderabad, the bustling city, in pursuit of work.

Un-satisfied by the income generation through various sources, amidst the city's chaos, inspiration ignited within Hanmanthrao like a sudden spark. Reflecting on his childhood passion for playing instruments, particularly in a band, he resolved to return to his village. There, he envisioned the prospect of launching a musical band as a means of livelihood.

Back in Kanchanpally, Hanmanthrao quickly put his plan into action. He began leading village bands at weddings and events, earning Rs 300 per performance. With each gig, he improved his skills, but his dream of owning his band seemed impossible due to money struggles. His dream started shaping due to the Intervention of “Sustainable Livelihood Development Project” by Ekalavya Foundation with the support of NABARD in 2021.

With the foundation's Rs 48,000 support and his Rs 9,500 contribution, the total cost was Rs 57,500. In 2023, Hanmanthrao finally set up his band in Kanchanpally. With renewed determination and foundation support, his band became a hit locally, blending tribal tunes with modern beats, earning respect and recognition.

As Hanmanthrao's band played, spreading joy throughout the village, he knew his journey had reached its destination. From city struggles to embracing his passion at home, his story inspires tribal youth. It shows that with determination and support, dreams can come true.



Learnings from the project

Coinciding with the onset of the second wave of the Covid pandemic and subsequent government-imposed lockdowns. The first challenge we encountered was the urgent need to complete the Detailed Project Report (DPR) within a tight two-month timeframe. Despite this major obstacle, we successfully adhered to the timeline constraints, accomplishing all planned tasks outlined in the DPR action plan. These tasks included preliminary meetings, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), assessment of existing and new livelihood opportunities, beneficiary selection, household surveys etc.

Goat rearing activities accounted for 70% of the entire project. However, after one and a half years, we recorded 189 goat deaths. This was a set back in the project. Upon analysis, the following points were observed.

Observations

- We were unable to handle the diseases and inexperience in claiming in processing insurance claims.
- Lack of experience veterinary staff.
- Lack of skills among beneficiaries for these activities persisted despite conducting short-term training sessions.
- This is a pilot project. NABARD has provided a three-year time frame to complete the project. It took three years to ground 500 activities. There was no sanction for handholding process in the project.

Key Learnings

- Appointed a skilled and experienced veterinary person. Since then there was a significant improvement in reduction of deaths and success in insurance claims.
- Decided to provide a two months internship at running firms for selected beneficiaries.
- After grounding the project a handholding period of at least two years as been recommended to the relevant authorities.



Project through Social Stock Exchange - SLDP

Listed through Social Stock Exchange - NSE

This marks a significant milestone achieved during the fiscal year 2023-2024. The Babjipet Sustainable Livelihood Development Project (SLDP) stands as the inaugural non-profit endeavour under the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) initiative at Babjipet in Sirpur (U) Mandal of Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, spanning a two-year duration from Feb 2024 to Feb 2026. With a budget of Rs. 85.30 Lakhs, generously funded by **ZERODHA** and **NABARD** and individual subscribers.

this initiative sets the precedent for future endeavours. This pioneering project by Ekalavya Foundation under SSE signifies a promising beginning, laying the groundwork for a more impactful nationwide journey. We firmly believe that this project will illuminate the lives of communities through advancements in non-farm livelihoods, animal husbandry, and skill development, fostering sustainable progress and empowerment.



Meeting with the village committee members

To raise awareness about the execution of the Sustainable Livelihood Development Project (SLDP) among tribal communities, we conducted an extensive awareness campaign. This included organizing village-level awareness meetings and engaging in trust-building conversations with community leaders to garner local attention and support.

Additionally, we utilized LCD shows at the Babjipet Project area to showcase the positive outcomes of previous SLDP projects, directly illustrating the impact on their lives. These efforts were aimed at ensuring that the tribal people are well-informed and actively involved in the project, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment within the community.

Peoples' Collectives



27
FPCs



482
Farmer Clubs



People's collectives embody community participation in fostering growth and building a better future. Ekalavya Foundation has spearheaded a remarkable journey in establishing these collectives, emphasizing people's involvement and awareness of their role in shaping future trends.

These collectives typically originate at the grassroots level, enabling community members to unite, express their needs, and collaboratively tackle social, economic, and environmental issues.

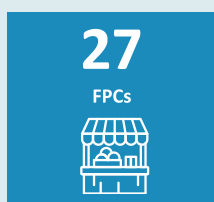
Ekalavya Foundation's efforts have deeply resonated with tribal communities, inspiring them to actively volunteer in various community development initiatives.

Today, these empowered groups are autonomously driving forward their activities, showcasing the transformative power of local engagement and collective action. Ekalavya Foundation's approach has not only instilled a sense of ownership but has also ignited a spirit of self-reliance and empowerment within these communities.

Farmer Producer Companies - CBBO

The Small Farmer's Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), operating under the Ministry of Agriculture, has been at the forefront of fostering the creation and advancement of Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs). Their focus is now on developing an ecosystem to ensure the long-term sustainability and viability of these entities. SFAC has authorized few NGOs as Cluster Based Business Organisations.

Ekalavya Foundation proudly serves as an empaneled as a CBBO entrusted with the task of facilitating the formation and promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)/Companies (FPCs). This initiative falls under the Central Sector Scheme for the Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPCs, reflecting a concerted effort to empower small farmers and enhance agricultural prosperity.



Region wise details

Activity / Region	Adilabad	Kadapa	Medak	ASR Paderu	Siddipet	Vikarabad
Number of FPCs	3	6	4	3	6	5
Registered Members	1856	1814	1215	662	2151	2091
Villages Covered	60	110	18	54	26	44
Number of Directors	34	66	44	30	67	50
Number of Farmer & Women Clubs	52	113	66	38	21	95
Turn Over (Lakhs)	34.54	108.69	33.95	17.55	304.05	163.20

- We conducted Annual General Body meetings across all Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), achieving an impressive 80% shareholder participation. These meetings centered on reviewing the progress of the past year and collaboratively setting action plans for the upcoming year.
- In a significant effort to support farmers, we distributed Power Tillers, Weeders, and Ladders for Pepper Cultivation to 3000 farmers, totaling a value of Rs. [insert amount] Lakhs.
- Furthermore, we initiated awareness campaigns on Soil Enrichment in 150 villages, educating farmers on various methods such as Green Manures, Vermi Compost Preparation, Utilization of Waste Decomposer, Crop Diversification, and Farm Yard Manure.
- To enhance the skills and knowledge of stakeholders, we organized numerous training sessions and exposure visits for farmers, Board of Directors, and CEOs of FPCs. These initiatives aim to empower farmers with the tools and knowledge necessary for sustainable agricultural practices and economic prosperity.

FPC products in a Kisan Mela



Pendlimarri has stood as best FPO of the week



Sustainability & Continuity Management Program (SCMP)

In each project village, we've set up Gram Vikas Samiti (GVS), a team of 4 volunteers (2 men and 2 women). They're the local heroes, ready to keep the developmental ball rolling even after our support ends. We train them in maintaining watersheds, organic farming, basic accounting, and connecting with government agencies for village development schemes. They're like the village encyclopedia, helping with everything from animal husbandry emergencies to community projects.

Role of GVS:

- Regular site visits and inspections are conducted to observe the successful implementation of projects.
- At least one day each month is dedicated to visiting their assigned village to address various challenges and find solutions.
- They are the frontline champions actively engaged in all stages of project planning, execution, and monitoring.
- In the FY – 2023 to 2024, 843 Volunteers in 252 Villages were engaged in sustaining the development program of their villages.



Grama Vikasa Samiti meeting

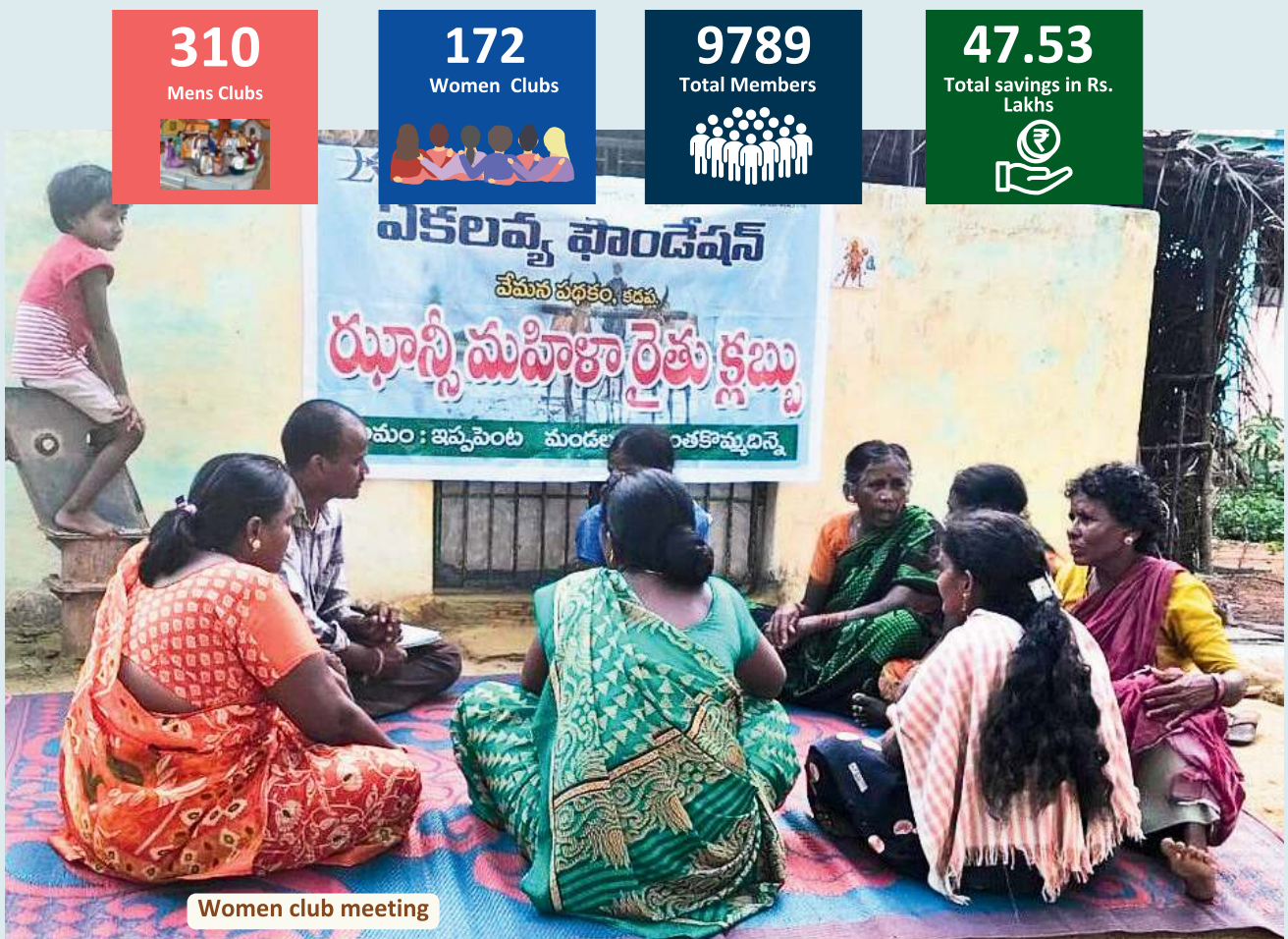
Farmers Clubs

Ekalavya Foundation has established "Farmer Clubs" to unite farmers for the betterment of their village. Club members meet monthly to:

- Discuss new government development schemes and how to put them into action.
- Address village issues and brainstorm solutions.
- Plan village development activities through a Shramadanam calendar.
- Encourage saving and investing habits. Members deposit money in the bank monthly, which can be borrowed during emergencies or crop cycles, helping avoid high-interest debt.
- Aim for at least 80% attendance at meetings.
- Provide regular training on government schemes and related topics to club members.

WOMEN CLUBS (WC)

- Women clubs (WC) are formulated to promote the ownership and involvement of women in developmental activities.
- WC functioning is similar to the farmer clubs and works in close association with the Farmer Club (FC) for the development of the village.
- WC has monthly meetings to discuss the issues related to women and village and try to find out ways to sort them out.



Organic Farming & Certification



1944

Acres of Organic Farming



895

Certificates issued



Promotion of Organic Farming

Ekalavya Foundation aims to expand its Organic Agriculture significantly on a larger scale in Adilabad district, Telangana. This ambitious vision seeks to tackle various challenges related to conserving natural resources, producing healthy food, and boosting farmers' incomes. Financial support for this endeavour is graciously provided by **CGI India**.

This Project took an initiative in the year 2022 by the support of CGI at Indervelli – Harkapur Mandals of Adilabad district, Telangana. It spreads its wings over 6 villages covering 60 acres.



Training sessions held:

- For Villagers with experts on - Soil testing & Soil Enrichment, Seed Treatment & Jeevamrutham preapration, Vermi compost manufacturing with 103 participants.
- GVS (Grama Vikasa Samithi) – Awareness on Organic Farming & Postal Schemes with 80 participants.
- We Proudly say that, due to the Intervention of Organic Agriculture the health and soil conditions of the farms has shown a good progress discarding the effects caused by Chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- Our Vermicompost, Jeevamrutham, Organic fertilizers have gained importance as they not only save health but also farmers budget by 30%, showing the profit rate by 30% than the normal farming due to the demand of the consumer goods.
- Lot of Awareness programs are carried among locals especially Women to improve crop health & yields.
- Soy Bean & Maize Crop increased yield by 22% & 25% respectively. There by leading the Farmers profit to 32% & 53%.



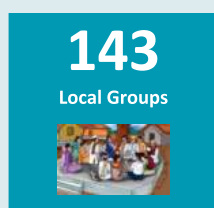
Enhancing Trust through PGS Certification

PGS-India (Participatory Guarantee System of India) ensures quality in a way that involves local stakeholders, including producers and consumers, without relying on third-party certification. The Government of India awarded Ekalavya Foundation a Regional Council-PGS Certification for organic farming, giving farmers two key benefits:

- (1) It saves them from costly Third-Party Certification.
- (2) Farmers can collectively certify their crops, lightening their workload.

These certified products can be sold nationwide through online platforms. Since 2017, the Foundation has been certifying farms in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

In a recent achievement, the Foundation certified 1944 acres of land in Kadapa & Adilabad district. This move has significantly boosted farmers' income by 20%, thanks to better prices for their organic produce in premium markets.



For Certification scan the QR



Woman farmer with PGS certificate

Education for Future



90
High Schools



87
Tuition centres



28971
Students benefitted



Vidyavahini - Strengthening Skills of Govt. School Students

In the rural and Tribal areas, the Government schools face a significant challenge in providing holistic education that goes beyond traditional academic curriculum. Despite recognizing the importance of extracurricular activities in fostering creativity, critical thinking, and social skills among students, many Governments schools struggle to implement such activities effectively due to various constraints.

To address this situation, The Ekalavya Foundation (EF) aims to expand the scale and reach of its educational initiatives through "Vidya Vahini Project," to address these challenges and create a conducive learning environment that empowers government school students to excel academically and pursue their aspirations. A respected school headmaster and one enthusiastic teacher will be selected to lead this project voluntarily within their school.

S.No	District	ZPHS/ ZPSS	Model Schools	KGBV	APSWR	APTWRS	Total Schools
1	Kadapa	47	3	5	3	0	58
2	Paderu	0	4	5	2	21	32
Total		47	7	10	5	21	90



Students are participating in a competition

26678

Total Students participated



8167

Students participated in Essay writing



9789

Students participated in Elocution



8478

Students participated in community Survey



2388

Students participated in Rangoli



645

Students participated in Telugu poetry



Outcomes of activities - Vidya Vahini:

- Imparted Competitiveness among the students.
- Seen Tremendous Growth in the Knowledge, Skills and understanding ability of the students in wide range.
- Due to the Elocution Competitions, will power of students got increased leaving the stage fear behind.
- Increased Participation skills thereby raising the confidence levels of the students.

Vidya Vikasam - Shaping the Future Generation

87

Tuition Centres



2293

Students benefitted



84

Villages covered



Ekalavya Foundation is conducting two-hour tuition classes daily in villages with minimum 20 students in 4 districts of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. These classes will focus on Mathematics, Telugu, and English. Local senior girls with at least an intermediate level of education will be selected as tutors. They will receive proper training and guidance, followed by evening tuition classes.

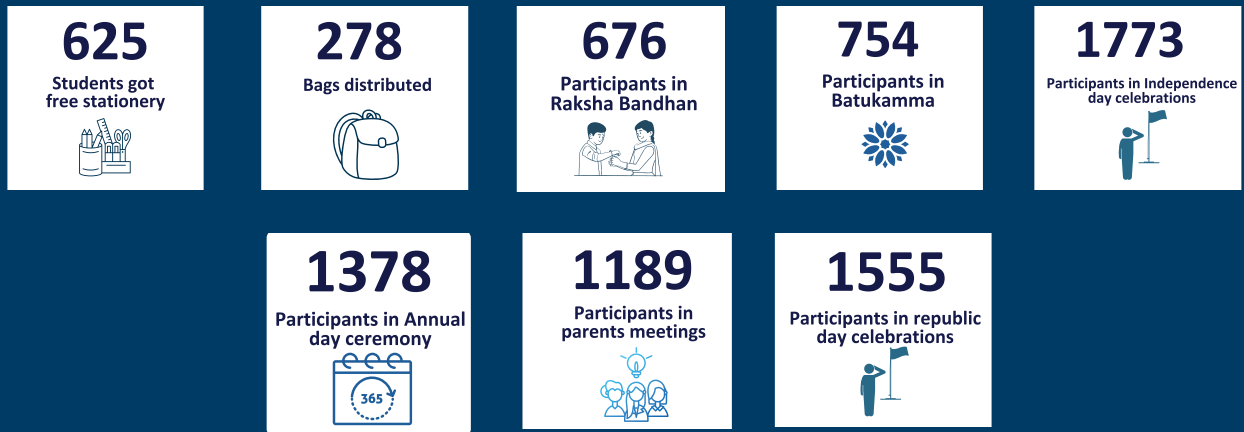
Monthly training sessions will be held for tutors at the Mandal level. These sessions will include reviewing the previous month's progress and planning for the next month.

Tutors will also receive training in extracurricular activities to engage students and improve their interest.

Monthly examinations will assess students' progress and inform coaching plans. Mothers' committees will be formed in each village, meeting monthly to discuss their children's improvement. The Foundation will encourage these committees to cover non-academic expenses, including tutors' monthly honorarium from the fourth year onwards.

A student is playing teacher's role in a Vidya Vikasam centre





Outcomes of the initiative:

- Enhanced the writing skills of the students by 65%
- Growth in Learning, Reading, writing skills by maintaining good attendance by the students.
- Improved learning through Smart Classroom adoption method.
- Our Vidya Vikasam centres made the students write their Home-Works with an ease.
- Students gained confidence by throwing the fear behind regarding the examination process through our “Grand Tests” that are conducted once every 2 months.
- Shaping the student’s skills to get through the Gurukula, Model Schools entrance examinations.
- Apart from the education, students are getting involved in the activities like: Singing, Drawing, Cultural Programs, Speech competitions, poem narrations etc;
- Our major success is that, students learnt the Value of Time, Discipline & belief of people Unity
- This project is a bright stage for the achievement of Learning through Smart, Playful & Joyful method
- Students undergo Yoga, exercise sessions daily to enhance their mental ability & skills.

Students in different costume of Indian role models on the occasion of Independence day



Financial Status

EKALAVYA FOUNDATION 1-8-522/7 CHIKKADPALLI BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024			
PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	2023-24	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	A	5,94,05,853	5,33,64,239
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	B	6,77,429	1,59,173
TOTAL		6,00,83,282	5,35,23,412
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Gross Block (Schedule I)	-	2,50,95,284	2,85,11,638
Less: Depreciation		34,62,759	36,98,755
Net Block		2,16,32,525	2,48,12,883
Current Assets	C	7,44,469	4,88,451
Other Loans & Advances	D	1,41,700	2,00,000
Fixed Deposits	E	2,25,89,079	53,00,000
Cash at Bank	G	1,49,75,509	2,27,22,079
TOTAL		6,00,83,282	5,35,23,412
For Ekalavya Foundation  P. Venugopal Reddy CHAIRMAN DATE : 10/05/2024		Vide our report of even date attached FOR S. KASTHURI RENGAN & CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS   S. KASTHURI RENGAN PARTNER M .NO. 200724 UDIN:24200724BKAKJR4146	
 T. Venkata Rao Secretary			
		D. Amaresh Kumar Treasurer	

EKALAVYA FOUNDATION			
1-8-522/7 CHIKKADPALLI			
INCOME AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024			
PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	FY-2023-24	FY-2022-23
		(RS)	(RS)
INCOME			
GRANT	I	67,74,250	50,79,253
DONATIONS	J	2,70,03,549	5,03,13,901
NSE -SSE DONATIONS		85,30,000	-
INCOME FROM PROJECTS	K	16,20,146	-
OTHER INCOME	L	17,95,199	16,52,387
TOTAL		4,57,23,144	5,70,45,541
EXPENDITURE :			
CSR Project Expenses	M	2,33,17,890	3,53,30,061
GRANT Project Expenses	N	77,05,293	1,26,65,361
Skill Development project	O	5,91,797	50,97,741
NSE- SSE Expenses		3,26,917	-
Donation paid	P	12,00,000	-
Administration Expenses	Q	30,76,874	44,64,345
Depreciation	R	34,62,759	36,98,755
Excess of Income over expenditure		60,41,614	(42,10,722)
TOTAL		4,57,23,144	5,70,45,541
For Ekalavya Foundation		Vide our report of even date attached FOR S. KASTHURI RENGAN & CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS	
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EKALAVYA FOUNDATION			
1-8-522/7 CHIKKADPALLI			
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2024			
		Amount(Rs)	
	RECEIPTS	2023-24	2022-23
	BANK Balance as on 01/04/2023	2,27,22,079	3,65,68,052
	GRANT	67,74,250	50,79,253
	DONATIONS	2,70,03,549	5,03,13,901
	NSE -SSE DONATIONS	85,30,000	-
	INCOME FROM PROJECTS	16,20,146	-
	OTHER INCOME	17,95,199	16,52,387
	Increase in current Liabilities	5,18,256	
	Decrease in current assets & loans &adv		40,04,118
	GRAND TOTAL	6,89,63,479	9,76,17,711
	PAYMENTS		
	CSR Project Expenses	2,33,17,890	3,53,30,061
	GRANT Project Expenses	77,05,293	1,26,65,361
	Skill Development project	5,91,797	50,97,741
	NSE- SSE Expenses	3,26,917	-
	Donation paid	12,00,000	-
	Administration Expenses	30,76,874	44,64,345
	Purchase of fixed assets	2,82,401	37,40,919
	inc in Current assets and Loans &adv	1,97,719	
	Inc. in Fixed Deposits	1,72,89,079	46,47,072
	Repayment of unsecured Loans		57,56,000
	Decrease in Current Liabilities		31,94,133
	Sub Total	5,39,87,970	7,48,95,632
	CLOSING BANK BALANCES AS ON 31/03/2024	1,49,75,509	2,27,22,079

For Ekalavya Foundation

Vide our report of even date attached
FOR S. KASTHURI RENGAN & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

P. Venugopal Reddy
CHAIRMAN
DATE : 10/05/2024

T. Venkata Rao Secretary
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S. KASTHURI RENGAN
PARTNER
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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

1. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which are to the best of knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts, as required by law, have been kept by the Trust, so far as appears from our examination of those books.
3. The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Receipt and payment Account as dealt with this report are in agreement with books of account.
4. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles in India:
 - (a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31st March, 2024
 - (b) In the case of the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Excess of Income over Expenditure of the Trust for the year ended on that date.
 - (c) In the case of statement of Receipts & Payment, Cash Flow of the Trust for the year ended on that date.

For S.KASTHURI RENGAN & CO.,
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
 (FRN: 008084S)


S.KASTHURI RENGAN
 PARTNER

(M.NO.200724)

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Place: - HYDERABAD

Date: - 10-05-2024



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