ACTION FOR AGRICULTURAL RENEWAL IN MAHARASHTRA



50 AFARM Golden Jubilee Year





Golden Jubilee Journey

Action for Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra (AFARM) is an association of Voluntary Organisations working for Rural Development in the state of Maharashtra. AFARM's identity emerged from an acute need for an Apex Institution to coordinate efforts of Voluntary Organisations working in field of Drinking Water & Agricultural Extension. It is one of the first and foremost organisations to operate as association of Voluntary Organisations in India.

This year AFARM is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Over the 50 years, AFARM has gone through the transformation to address the needs of the changing scenario. This transformational journey is depicted below.

1969-1979

- Groundwater Exploration & Borewell Drilling
- Handpump installation, Repairing and Maintenance

1979-1989

- Geohydrological Survey, Agriculture Credit and Extension Services
- Soil and Water Quality Testing
- Agriculture and Water Conservation Trainings

1989-1999

- Capacity Building of VOs for Watershed Development
- Support Programme for Earthquake affected area
- Technical Consultancy Services
- Tribal and Weaker Section Development
- Women and Adolescent Girls Development

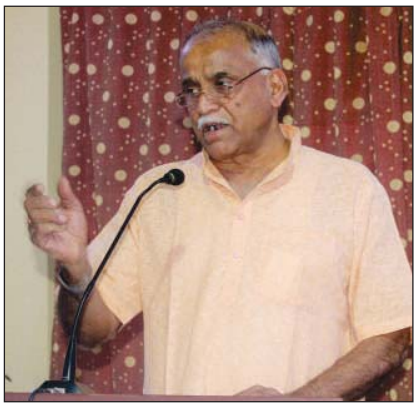
1999-2009

- Resource Organization for Watershed Development
- Training Center Establishment
- Participatory Agriculture Development
- Training on Low Input Sustainable Agriculture
- Participatory Aquifer Management

2009-2019

- Participatory Irrigation Management
- Training on Climate Resilient Agriculture
- Organizational Development of Small Voluntary Organizations
- Skill Development and Livelihoods Promotion

From the Desk of Chairperson



It's my pleasure to present AFARM's Golden Jubilee Year Report. AFARM was established in the year 1969 to address the acute need for an Apex Institution to coordinate efforts of Civil Society Organisations working in field of Drinking Water & Agricultural Extension in the state of Maharashtra. AFARM's journey of 50 years can be depicted in 5 phases.

In first decade, the focus of AFARM was on ground water survey, drilling of bore wells & installation of hand pumps, Training of Gram panchayats & rural youths on Hand pumps repairs and maintenance. In the next decade core area of AFARM's work was remained as agriculture credit & extension, soil & water testing and trainings about ground water conservation.

The third decade was focused on capacity building of various stakeholders and technical services to voluntary sector for planning & implementation of watershed development program. In this decade, Marathwada was struck by earthquake, thousands of people died, billions of rupees destroyed affecting thousands of families. The biggest blow was on people's confidence. AFARM accepted the challenge to make affected community to stand back confidently through various relief programmes. AFARM association with its members undertaken various programmes for development of weaker section, women and adolescent girls.

At the beginning of a new millennium, AFARM has been emerged as Resource Organisation for providing training in watershed development. This has resulted in establishment of its training centres at Marathwada and Pune region. Simultaneously, AFARM initiated participatory agriculture development, kitchen garden, participatory aquifer management programs. During this period, AFARM has capacitated thousands of stakeholders from Government & Non-Government agencies, Grampanchat Members, Community based Organisations leading to clarity and precision in their thinking.

In the current decade, rural Maharashtra, predominantly agriculture sector is facing various challenges including Climate change, depression in Rural youth, unemployment, Digital gap etc. To overcome these challenges, AFARM has undertaken various initiatives including Participatory Water Management, Climate Resilient Agriculture, Skills Development, Micro enterprises promotion and other livelihoods resources development to reduce the agrarian distress in the state.

AFARM is one the first and the foremost association of likeminded voluntary organisations representing all parts of Maharashtra. AFARM provided common platform for various organisations, institutions & experts to discuss & deliberate on various issues concerning rural communities in Maharashtra. AFARM has not restricted itself for soil and water conservation, but it extended its horizon with focus on food security, poverty eradication through implementation of integrated watershed Development, Sustainable Agriculture, Irrigation, Skills development leading to fulfilment of its goal. It's a unique example in the country.

This Annual report gives overview of how AFARM in its own way, has contributed during the year in addressing the core challenges, the state is facing in the areas of Water, Agriculture, Livelihoods, Climate Change, Practical Knowledge etc.

In its journey, AFARM has capacitated its member and associate organisations for rural development in Maharashtra. It's an acknowledgement of AFARM's Success. With the active involvement of experts from its institutional members, AFARM could reach out to decision makers in state govt with charter of demands with respect to drought mitigation , agriculture development, rural Employment Generation, Panchayat raj etc.

The various eminent personalities have contributed in the fifty years of journey of AFARM, the prominent personalities include Fr. Fonseca, Dr. Dada Gujar, Dr. Mukund Ghare, Dr. Dwarakadas Lohiya etc. AFARM Members, Partner organisations, Funding partners have a major share in this growth process. Much of success has come because of untiring efforts and devotion of AFARM Team who have stood back with AFARM along with AFARM members in its difficult times. That is why AFARM is in its gratified form now a days. I have significant faith that journey of AFARM will continue boundlessly.

Mr. Pramod Deshmukh

Chairperson

About AFARM

Vision

To act as a platform for Civil Society Organisations to promote Sustainable and Equitable Development.

Mission

To build the capacity of Civil Society Organisations through Action Research, Advocacy, Field Level Implementation, Support and Consultancy Efforts to expedite Effective Development of the Poor at Grassroots and at Policy level.

Objectives

- **Advancement of Education:** Promotion and provision of appropriate, fundamental and advanced education, training and counselling, by adopting suitable means and measures.
- **Relief of the Poor:** Provide a forum for consultation with interested stakeholders for sustainable agricultural development efforts aimed at upliftment of the downtrodden by improvement of means of their livelihoods.
- **Medical Relief:** Creating awareness in the areas of water quality, hygiene, sanitation, disposal of garbage, clean environment for ensuring healthier life for society at large.

Key Program Areas

- Rural Livelihoods Promotion
- Research & Documentation
- Training & Capacity Building
- Networking & Advocacy

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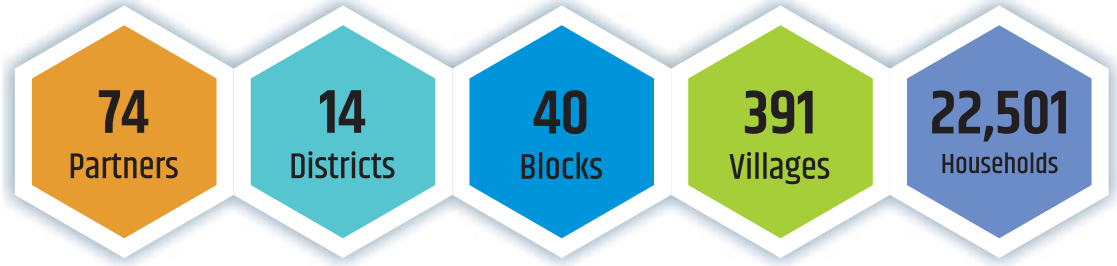
Year at a Glance

Programme Outreach

A total of 22,501 Households from 391 villages of 40 blocks from 14 districts are directly impacted through the variety of projects implemented by AFARM through its 74 project partner NGOs. In addition, 80,077 Households have benefited from training & capacity building interventions.



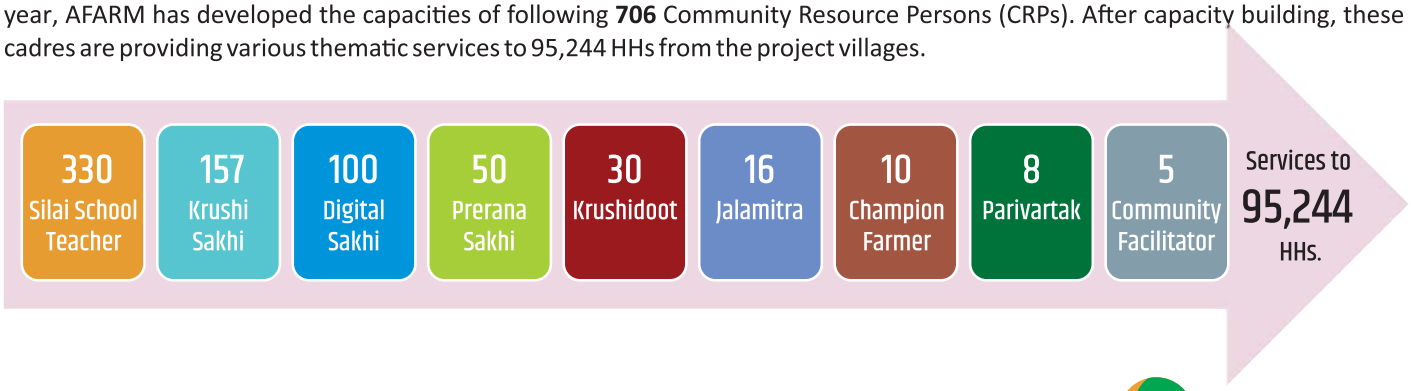
Community Institution Building



AFARM has built capacities and nurtured **1038** Community Institutions in project villages. These Community Institutions are mainly engaged in collective procurement of agriculture inputs, marketing of produce, management of collective enterprises like Dal mill, Mother poultry unit, Custom hiring centers, Agri.-nurseries, accessing government resources & entitlements. These empowered community institutions could mobilize various govt. schemes for the benefits of **19,902** members. The valuation of the government resources mobilized by them amounts to **Rs. 310 Lakh.**

Community Cadre Building

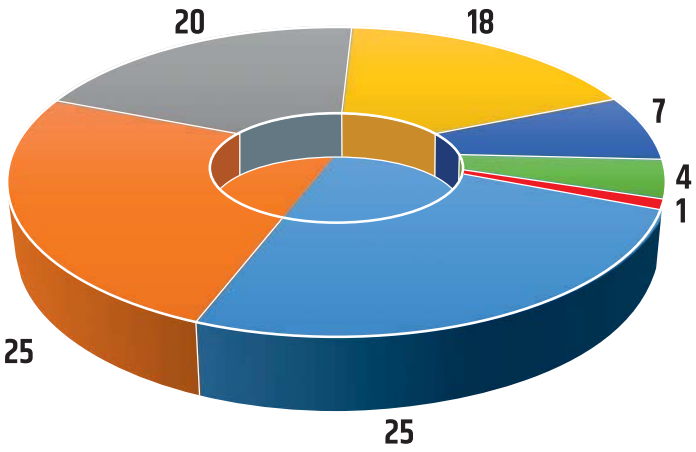
AFARM has been always at the forefront in developing Community Cadre depending on the thematic focus of the projects. This year, AFARM has developed the capacities of following **706** Community Resource Persons (CRPs). After capacity building, these cadres are providing various thematic services to 95,244 HHs from the project villages.



Training and Capacity Building

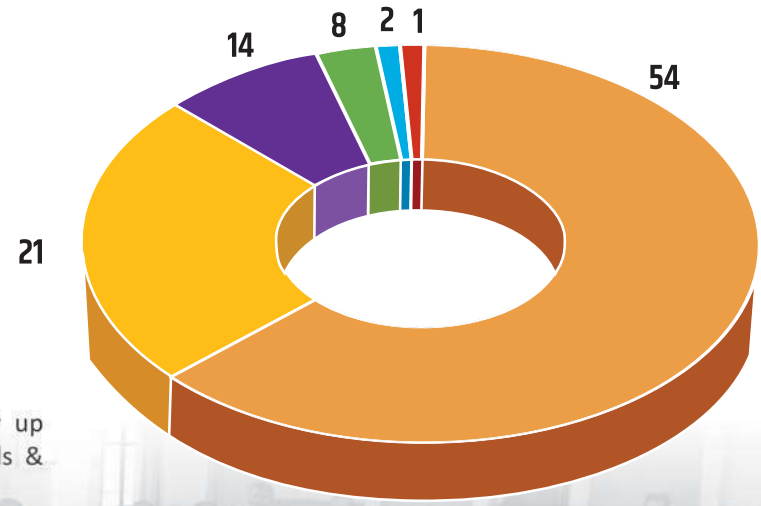
AFARM has built capacities of about **80,077** persons through variety of training sessions & extension services under ongoing projects. The main target groups / stakeholders trained include community members, women farmers and potential women entrepreneurs whereas areas of training largely included sustainable agriculture, skill development & mobilization of government entitlements

Subjectwise Percentage of Stakeholders Trained



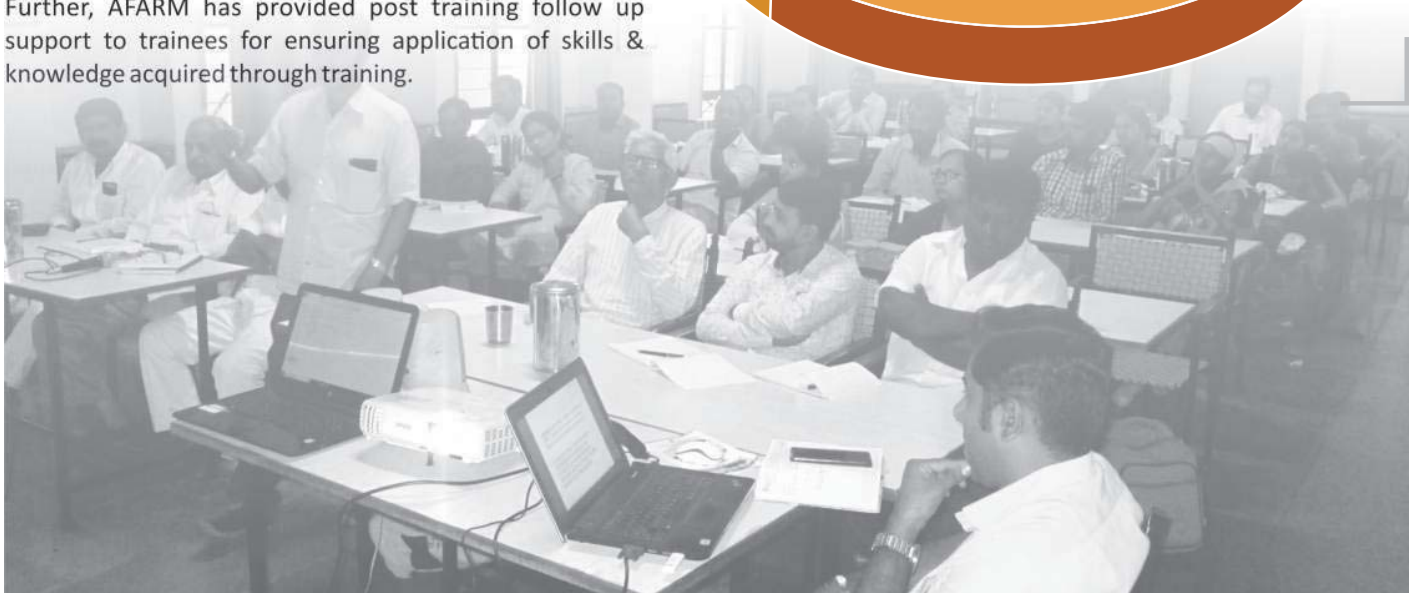
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Skill Development
- Social & Livelihoods Security Scheme
- Digital Financial Inclusion
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Community Institutional Building
- Community Cadre Building

Categorywise Percentage of Stakeholders Trained



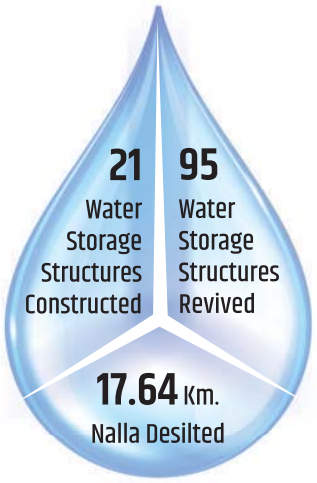
- Community Members
- Woman Farmers
- Farmers
- Potential Woman Enterprenuers
- NGO/CBO
- Community Resource Persons

Further, AFARM has provided post training follow up support to trainees for ensuring application of skills & knowledge acquired through training.



Watershed Development Interventions

The watershed development interventions are implemented in **42** drought prone Villages from **6** districts of Maharashtra benefitting **2508** small & marginal rainfed farmers in terms of increased their drought resilience.



3770 Ha.
Area Protected from Soil Erosion

772 Ha.
Grass Land Developed

3099 TCM
Rain Water Harvested

935 Ha.
Area under Protective Irrigation

Sustainable Agriculture

AFARM is engaged in promotion of environment friendly Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture **(LEISA)** to build resilience in agricultural productions system. The Package of Practices (POP) of sustainable agriculture are being promoted in **289** Villages. In all **25356** small & marginal farmers (18856 women farmers & 6231 male farmers) have been trained in practices of sustainable agriculture. This knowhow acquired by farmers reflecting in adoption of PoPs of sustainable agriculture in their fields.

8439
Farmers adopted PoPs of Soil Health Managment

9085
Farmers adopted PoPs of Integrated Pest Management

1493
Farmers adopted PoPs of On Farm Water Management

The adoption of PoPs by farmers resulted in average increase in crop production by **17%** & Reduction in cost of production by **23.75%**

Skills Development and Livelihoods Enhancement of Rural Women

The role of rural women among the farming communities is very prominent /important in agriculture centric livelihoods activities. Hence, AFARM's interventions are focused on Skills and Enterprise Development, Livelihoods Enhancements, Digital Financial inclusion of Rural Women leading towards their empowerment & thereby ensuring inclusive development. These interventions are implemented in **139** villages spread across 36 blocks in various districts of Maharashtra.

16,036
Women Entrepreneurs benefitted from Skills Development Training

9542
Women Entrepreneurs benefitted from Enterprise Management Training

5058
Women Entrepreneurs Expanded their Enterprises

2108
Women Entrepreneurs Accessed Credit from Financial Institutions

Community Institutions Building and Capacity Development



AFARM has strategically mobilised marginalised sector of community through adoption of the participatory processes and empowering them to develop vibrant Institutions in order to ensure the long term sustainability of project interventions and the impact on the project community. The Community Institutions are oriented from beginning of the project to take up the responsibility on their own and manage the evolved project processes when AFARM starts withdrawing from project implementation. AFARM has always provided handholding support to these Community Institutions for their sustainability and linking them with various resource organisations including Government Line Agencies, Financial Institutions, Krushi Vidyan Kendras, and Private Service Providers etc.

Community Institutions Formed & Nurtured

During Reporting year, AFARM has facilitated formation and nurturing of **1038** community institutions. Categories of these Community Institutions are as follows...



Producer Group

The Producer Group (PG) is a group of about 20 members/ HHs having common livelihoods activity either on-farm, off-farm or non-farm, for collectivisation and accessing technology, inputs, finance and marketing of their produce. The livelihoods activities are based on the available skills, resources and interest of the producer group or member of groups.



These Producer Groups are encouraged and supported to procure collectively farm inputs directly from manufacturers, consequentially avoiding middlemen. Similarly, Producer Groups are mentored to market their produce collectively in order to fetch better prices to achieve economics of the scale.

Village Organisation

Village Organizations (VOs) are governed by a Management Committee (MC) of 9 or 11 members selected by members of producer groups. The key functions of the Village Organizations include accessing government programs and services relevant to sustainable agriculture and livestock-based livelihoods, establishing linkages with service delivery mechanisms.



Members of VOs are acquainted with the information of the available government schemes and the process of preparation of the convergence plans. Such convergence plans are aimed at mobilising/leveraging funds from government line agencies for the benefit of Members of the PGs so that they can strengthen/expand their livelihoods activities.

Water User Group

Water Users Groups (WUGs) are having representation of all farmers from influence area of water harvesting structures. AFARM has facilitated formation of WUGs and trained them on role & responsibility and contribution/share of WUG and Water Management.



These WUGs are engaged in: i) Planning and implementation of the interventions, ii) Contributing the agreed user's share for creation of community as well as individual assets, iii) Crop planning and adoption of efficient water management practices, iv) Raising user charges for operation and maintenance of the community water structures and v) Resolving conflicts within WUGs.

Self Help Group

The women in the project villages are mobilised and organised in the form of Self Help Groups (SHGs) to provide common platform for the women for their self-help. AFARM has made intended efforts to improve the functioning of the existing SHGs, to rejuvenate non-functional SHGs and establish new SHGs of resource poor households.

The SHGs formed and supported are integrated in the project activities such as Agri Business Center, Custom Hiring Center, execution of soil and water conservation activities, accessing social security schemes and entitlements. Apart from financial services, the poor women's ability to develop systems, practices and a culture to manage finances, are being developed.

All the productive/active SHGs are linked to the banks for accessing finance for expansion of their initiatives.



Village Development Committee

Village Development Committees (VDC) are constituted as an executive arm and subcommittee of Gram Panchayats.



The members of VDCs are trained in project management as these committees are equally responsible for smooth and transparent functioning of the project. The functions performed by VDCs includes:

- Planning and review of the project implementation.
- Provide updates to Gram Sabha/GP about status of project implementation.
- Ensure mandatory contribution from the WUGs.
- Conflict resolution.
- Setting the policy, rules and regulations for post project management and also surveillance of its implementation.

Services provided by Community Based Organistaions (CBOs) for its members

AFARM with support of these CBOs could mobilise various social security & livelihoods enhancement schemes of government meant for the target group. As a result in all **19,902** households benefited from the schemes such as Sukanya Samrudhi, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima, Pradhanmantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima, Pradhanmantri Awas, Atal Pension, Ayushman Bharat, Gopinath Munde Apghat Bima, Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar, Dindayal Upadhyay Antyoday, Rashtriya Samajik Sahayata, Pashudhan Bima Scheme, Pradhanmantri Pik Bima, MGNREGS, Unnat Sheti Samruddha Shetkari Abhiyan, Pulses development, Tribal Development etc. These CBOs were able to access government resources for its members to the tune of **Rs. 310** lakh.



In all **23** CBOs are engaged in collective procurement of inputs benefiting **1804** Members whereas **10** CBOs are engaged in collective processing and marketing of produce benefiting **322** Members.



Community Cadre Development

In order to ensure post project sustainability of the project processes & to promote back stopping mechanism, AFARM has been always at the forefront in developing Community Cadre depending on the thematic focus of the projects. AFARM has developed the capacities of **706** community cadre during the year. After capacities were built, these various cadres have provided following various services to **95,244** HHs from the project villages.

330 Silai Teacher Served 25,600 HHs.



Services Provided • Tailoring skills imparted

157 Krushisakhi Served 30,433 HHs.



Services Provided • Promotion of sustainable agriculture practices • Facilitation for collective procurement of agri. inputs • Accessing Govt. Schemes for financial inclusion

100 Digitalsakhi Served 25,069 HHs.



Services Provided • Digital financial literacy • Facilitating digital modes of payments • Accessing government entitlements for financial inclusion

50 Preranasakhi Served 8000 HHs.



Services Provided • Community organisation • Hand holding support to VO's for financial inclusion • Accessing Government schemes

30 Krushidoot Served 4013 HHs.



Services Provided • Knowledge dissemination to farmers about climate resilient agriculture practices. • Community contribution mobilisation

16 Jalamitra Served 764 HHs.



Services Provided • Social mobilization • Water literacy campaign • Assistance in Preparation of layouts for SWC undertaking measurements & maintaining records

8 Parivartak Served 1365 HHs.



Services Provided • Community organisation • Hand holding support to VDCs • Water literacy campaign • Agriculture technology dissemination

Aspirations can take you to greater heights

In 2015, the sustainable agriculture project was started by AFARM in Kalamb with Farmers Producer Organisation's (FPOs) creation as an intention. Initially, trained cadre of Krushisakhis motivated people to adopt sustainable agriculture practices to reduce the cost incurred in farming



and improve the sustainability and uniting farmers to institutionalize a producer's company. In these efforts of connecting farmers was a key aspect. A total of 1296 members from 10 villages of Kalamb block invested their Rs. 500 each in shares of the FPO. Thus Rs. 6,48,000 was collected as share capital of FPO. Mrs. Archana Bhoyar is a Chairperson of Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) as well as serves as a secretary of Lakshmi Mahila Self Help Group at Kalamb.

Krishi Seva Kendra came into a reality on 6th June 2018 as one of the much-needed services to FPO members. Under the UMED-AFARM partnership initiative, initially Rs.5,00,000 and later Rs.15,00,000 were granted for the agriculture service centre. The purpose of agriculture service centre was to stop frauds which are made against farmers in the market. Providing quality products at reasonable rates was also under consideration.

Mrs. Archana said, "In the very first year, 200 farmers accepted us as a trusted service centre. Hence turnover was around Rs.25 lakhs. In October 2018, we started buying-selling businesses. We had bought 480 quintals of soyabean for which we earned Rs. 3 lakhs after selling. The farmers got the benefit as they need not wait and sit for their desired prices and rates in the market. We bought it at a mutually acceptable price from them. Subsequently, they evaded the cost of labor and transportation due to the facility of Seva Kendra by and large. We made payments through RTGS and cheques based on whichever was their preference." She mentioned with vigour in her voice.

AFARM's not only moral but also technical support paved the way for the business. She said "there was an inferiority complex and false assumption about businesses can only be run by men. AFARM has provided support in demolishing those misconceptions." She further said that the most of the Board of Directors of FPO are now master in negotiation, inspecting the quality of products and determining the rates of it".

In terms of marketing, FPO team has built up good networks and channels in the market. Many challenges FPO faced during this journey. Initially People did not believe in capabilities of Women BoD members. But they collectively overcame all the adversities and built trust through their actions and efforts.

A life-changing and the monumental experience happened in the life of Mrs. Archana Bhoyar. On 16th October, our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi felicitated Mrs. Archana Bhoyar for her exemplary achievement and work toward women empowerment and sustainable agriculture. It was a dream come true being honoured by the Prime Minister of the country. Later she presented her work in front of World Bank delegation in the iconic Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai. It was a proud moment for her family as well.

Under her able leadership, FPO has set target of INR 70 lakhs turnover for the year 2019. Farmers from 24 villages are customers of agriculture service centre now. She says proudly "we had sown a seed as a small group which has now grown like a gigantic banyan tree of Seva Kendra. As people say Rome wasn't built in a day. I wish to continue this work with full of our potential."



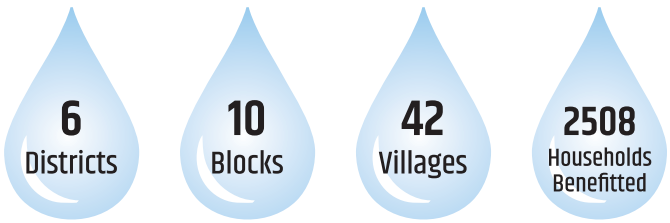
Watershed Management Interventions



In future, India's water availability is predicted to be miserable if proper steps are not undertaken to deal with management of the available water resources in the country. Implementing good watershed management practices and approaches can go a long way and help India potentially better manage and increase its water resources. Watershed Development & Management interventions have always been a core of AFARM's work.

Outreach

Watershed development interventions are implemented in the drought prone areas of seven districts viz. Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Pune, Satara, Solapur, Latur & Osmanabad. The geographic & demographic coverage of Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) works is as follows.



Objectives

- Promote and nurture community driven decision-making systems for water resources planning & management.
- Enhance the physical access of water on the farm and expand cultivable area under protective irrigation through improved on-farm water use efficiency.
- Achieve drinking water security for the population in project villages.
- Achieve soil moisture security for the rainfed crops.
- Reduce the risk of extreme climate events on agriculture production.

Strategies adopted

- Project villages are selected based on community needs for addressing water issues for drinking and agricultural purposes.
- Village meetings, trainings, exposure visits, village camps, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) etc. were conducted for community mobilization in planning and implementation.

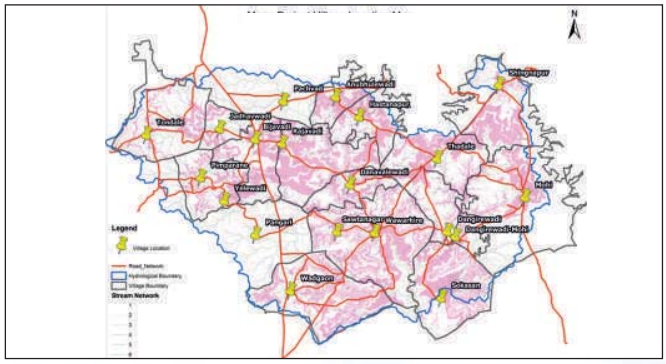


- Water User Groups have been formed around each of the water harvesting structures and built their capacities for effective operation and maintenance of created structures for aiming towards Effective Water Management.
- Intensive drainage line survey was conducted to determine the gradient of nala, cross-sections, potential length of

water spreading in the drainage system. This has helped in site selection for construction of new water harvesting structures.



- Detailed geological mapping was done for the identification of the recharge potential areas based on the geological conditions. Identified recharge potential areas were selected for implementation of watershed measures to enhance the groundwater recharge & optimal use of available financial resources.



- Moisture conservation treatments have been restricted to only those fields which are suffering from sheet and rill erosion to a greater extent and the area treatments were executed in catchment of these structures to ensure sustainability of water harvesting structures.
- Moisture security to rainfed crops have been provided to the land owned by the small and marginal farmers not having access to irrigation water. Landholders located away from main streams have been benefited through in-situ soil moisture conservation.
- Water augmentation interventions are planned based on the availability of surface runoff. Water storage capacities in the drainage have been enhanced through nala desilting and deepening to harvest runoff generated out of high intensity rains. Depth of deepening and de-silting has been determined by geological study.



- Existing water conservation structures located in potential recharge zone were taken up for desilting for enhancing its water storage capacities.
- Preference has been given for repair, restoration and enhancing the storage capacities of existing water harvesting structures and creating decentralised new water bodies in the potential recharge areas.



Key Achievements

3770 Ha
Area Protected from Soil Erosion

95
Structures De-silted

21
New Structures Constructed

3099 TCM
Water Storage Capacities Created





- The in-situ soil moisture conservation works undertaken included Continuous Contour Trenches, Water Absorption Trenches on waste land & Farm Bunding in cultivated land. Whereas existing water harvesting structures desilted are Cement Nala Bunds, Percolation Tanks and Earthen Nala Bunds. Newly created water harvesting structure mainly included are Cement Check Dams and Earthen Nala Bunds.
- AFARM has motivated the village communities particularly members of Water User Groups to contribute their share to the tune of 10% of the investment being made for the creation of these structures. As a result, community has contributed an amount worth of Rs. **56.67** lakh for the execution of these works leading to community ownership over the assets created under the projects.

Outcomes

935 Ha
Increase in area under protective Irrigation

772 Ha
Increased area under grass land

316 Ha
Increase in area under Second Crop

74 Ha
Waste Land brought under crop cultivation

67 Ha
Land became fertile through deposition of silt

15 Ha
Increase in area under horticulture crops







Enhanced drought resilience through Rainwater Harvesting

Sekhapur is a small village in Ashti block of Beed District having around 260 households. Nearly 80% of the households are small and marginal rain-fed farming households. The primary livelihoods source for the villagers is Agriculture. More than 90% agriculture is rain-fed and depends on erratic monsoon rainfall.

In Sekhapur, the stream flows from the mountain through the undulating land. A substantial area of agricultural land is covered by this stream. There were few water bodies damaged & defunct due to their non-maintenance by the villagers.

The village receives average or below average rainfall, thereby disturbing the crop cycle. This also results in low agricultural production with higher cost of cultivation. More than 75% of the cultivable land is cultivated under Kharif season and rest is used either for Rabbi or left uncultivated due to unavailability of irrigation. The agriculture had become a non-affordable activity for the people. This has result in regular migration of more than 50% villagers to sugarcane cutting area as seasonal labour migrants.

AFARM started the work in the village Sekhapur through Special Initiative (SI) Project supported by AWO International. For the purpose of creating demonstration, SI Project focuses on in-si-tu soil moisture conservation work with few selected farmers to enhance their agricultural productivity. The project focus has been on the restoration of soil and moisture conservation and water conservation and for that the desilting of existing two Cement Nalla, (CNBs) were undertaken. Every structure renovated has added water to the extent of storage capacity. These structures constructed on stream in Sekhapur have demonstrated its result.

The Cement Nala Bunding (CNB) work has resulted in increasing the water level in bund itself and has been instrumental in increasing the water level in 9 open wells and 7 bore wells at the downstream side. The farmers, whose lands are located in the command area where these CNB is desilted,

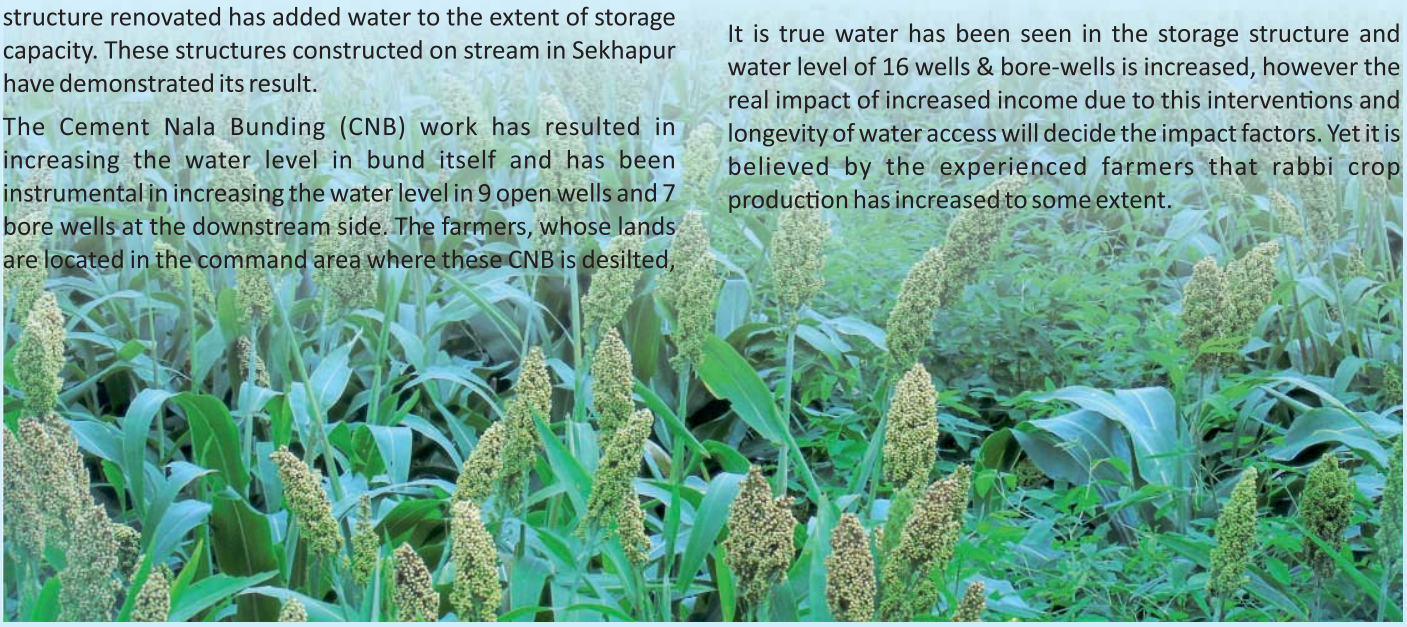


have started taking the second crop. According to the beneficiary farmers of the area, the production has increased by 15% to 20% due to assured protective irrigation facility to the rainfed crops.

According to Mr. Devrao Nivruthi Bade, Mr. Namdev Maruti Bade & Mr. Dhyandev Muralidhar Bade a small land holder rain-fed farmers from the village Sekhapur , “More than 42 acres of land has been brought under cultivation in this rabbi season. People who were hardly able to water crop only once, are now able to access the water twice to their crops“.

Villagers claim that Water storage period has increased by one to two months. Desilting and deepening of two cement nala bunds, has contributed a lot for the storage of the sufficient water in these structures.

It is true water has been seen in the storage structure and water level of 16 wells & bore-wells is increased, however the real impact of increased income due to this interventions and longevity of water access will decide the impact factors. Yet it is believed by the experienced farmers that rabbi crop production has increased to some extent.



Sustainable Agriculture



AFARM has always taken various initiatives to propagate sustainable farming systems to sustain farmers, resources and communities by promoting farming practices and methods that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities. There are several aims associated with sustainable agriculture, including conserving water, reducing the use of fertilizers and pesticides and promoting biodiversity in crops grown and the ecosystem. Sustainable agriculture also focuses on maintaining economic stability of farms and helping farmers improve their quality of life.

AFARM is promoting environment friendly, low external input sustainable agriculture (LEISA) to build climate resilience in agricultural production system by reducing the risk of extreme climate events. The Package-of-Practices (PoPs) promoted include:

- Soil-health improvement
- Drought resilient seed varieties
- On farm water management
- Weather based crop management
- Diversified cropping system
- Integrated pest management



These PoPs are aimed to increase farm productivity and crop diversification through the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices, quality enhancement by way of less chemical residue in agricultural produce, healthier produce, market-oriented crops with a clear potential for income security derived from the integration of farmers in corresponding value chains.

Outreach

The sustainable agriculture interventions are being undertaken in villages where the farmers are more susceptible to extreme climate events and are in greater distress.

11
Project Districts

23
Project Blocks

290
Project Villages

25,356
Farmers Trained

AFARM has imparted know-how of sustainable agriculture to 25,356 farmers with focus on enhancing climate resilience in rainfed farming. Out of these farmers, **18,856** were female farmers who benefited from training & extension activities.

Extension Methodologies Adopted

AFARM has provided agriculture extension services to farmers for the cultivation of prominent crops like Cotton, Soyabean, Pigeon Pea, Wheat, Maize, Gram in rainfed regions and Onion & Sugarcane in canal command areas of Maharashtra.

AFARM has used following extension methods/ tools for the transfer of agriculture technologies to the targeted farmers.

- **Need assessment meetings –** to assess the problems in agriculture technology adoption and suggest possible solution,
- **Farmer trainings –** to impart knowledge regarding advanced technologies,
- **Demonstrations and trials –** to demonstrate the technologies and practices tested in the farmers' fields,
- **Study tours –** to learn & acquire new technologies established in similar agro-climatic situations,
- **Farmer Field School (FFS)** to bring together concepts and methods from agro ecology, experiential education and community development,
- **Use of audio visuals** in the form of VCDs, posters, developing and distribution of Resource Material – as a ready reference to the farmer to promote appropriate technologies,
- **Agro advisory services** to farmers through mobile SMS.

These methods respond directly to the information needs of small & marginal farmers and woman farmers who have been largely neglected in conventional extension systems. This offers farmers the opportunity to learn by sharing, by being involved in experimentation, discussion and decision-making. This strengthened the sense of ownership in technological packages and evolving new knowledge and skills.

AFARM has invited researchers, scientists and professors from research institutes, Krushi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) & training institutes as expert resource persons to impart training to farmers. The face-to-face dialogue and discussions among farmers and resource persons has resulted in development of farmer's linkages/ partnerships with resource institutions.











Package of Practices Promoted



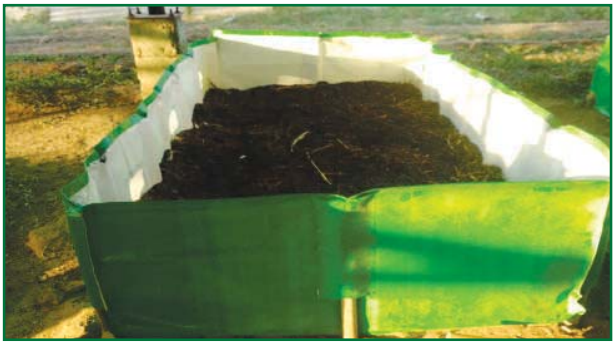
1. Biological Seed Treatment



5. Raised Bed Cultivation with Drip Irrigation



2. Sowing Through Broad Bed Furrow (BBF) Planter



6. Vermi Composting



3. Paddy Cultivation using SRI Method



7. Integrated Plant Nutrient Management



4. Improved Crop Husbandry



8. Integrated Pest Management



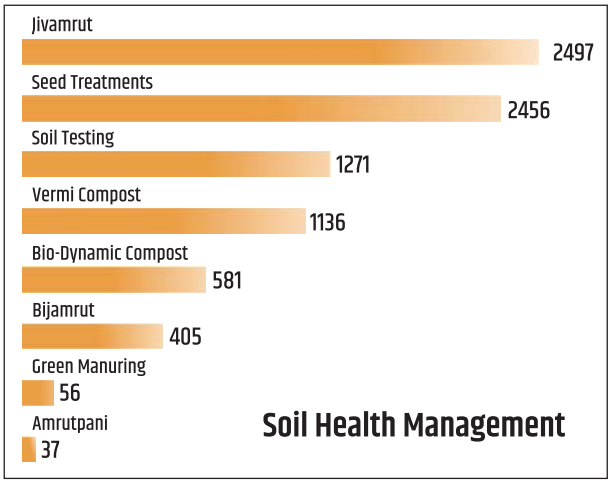
9. Mulching for Soil Moisture Management

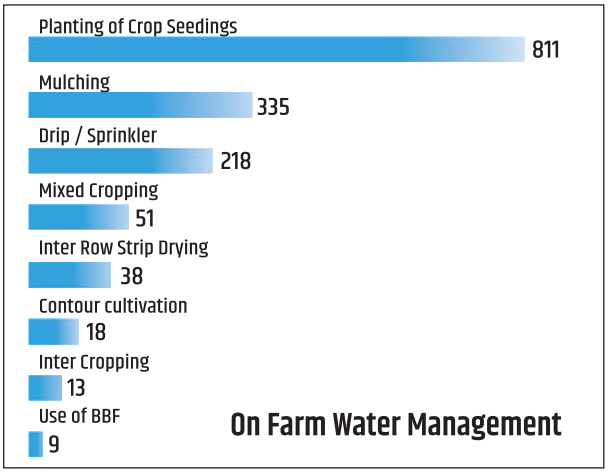


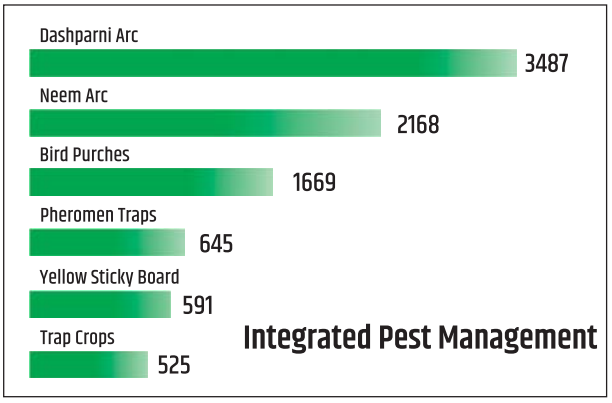
10. Nutritional Gardening

Adoption of Package of Practices

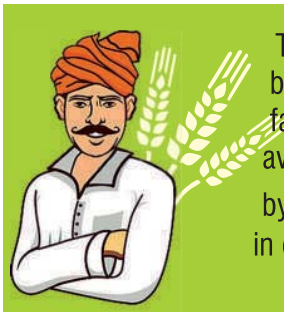
The adoption of technologies / practices by the targeted farmers are monitored / tracked by the project team with the support of respective community resource persons. The results of the analysis of recorded data depict the number of farmers adopted practices as follows:







Benefits Realised



The major quantitative benefits realised by the farmers are increase in average crop production by **17%** with reduction in cost of crop production by **24%.**



The major qualitative benefits realised by the farmers are improvement in soil demography including soil texture, structure, porosity and thereby water holding capacity, increased humus content, resulted improvement in soil fertility and thereby productivity

His Trash Became his Gain

The canal command area of Ghod river basin from Shirur block in Pune district of Maharashtra is an area where the cultivation of sugarcane and onion is very extensive but both these crops if cultivated with traditional methods have a high requirement of water and are expensive to cultivate. In view of this, AFARM with the technical support of Vasantdada Sugar Institute under the 'Mission Sunehra Kal' project have come up with innovative ways to promote water management by introducing new techniques of farming such as trash mulching and ratoon management in sugarcane cultivation and raised bed farming in onion cultivation. Farmers were introduced to these new practices of farming and given vigorous trainings, along with visits to plantations where these processes proved successful, in hopes to persuade farmers to adapt the same.

Mr. Somnath Satras is one of the participating farmers from village Uralgaon. He belongs to an ancestral farming family and had been farming for over twenty years but barely earned enough to provide for his family. He was approached by AFARM along with other farmers of his village to attend trainings and educated them on sustainable ways of agriculture.

AFARM introduced the concept of trash mulching to the farmers along with drip irrigation and optimal use of fertilizers.

When the time came to try out these techniques, Mr. Somnath was initially hesitant as the concepts were entirely foreign to him, but with the informative workshops and trainings provided by AFARM, he was persuaded to give trash mulching a go at his sugarcane plantation. He soon reaped the fruits of his labour, as his first try yielded a whopping 100 tonnes of sugarcane per acre which made him use the same technique a second time which yielded an impressive 80 tonnes per acre. He now has cultivated his plantation for an astonishing third



time and expects an 80 tonnes ratio this time around as well. He aspires to adopt the technique for the record fourth time around if he gets the expected yield for the third attempt.

It wasn't all easily sailing though, the drip irrigation system failed to irrigate his fields as the water of the river being used was high in mineral / salt content which lead to the repeated clogging of the drip irrigation pipes and due to the overgrowth of leaves it became difficult to access and irrigate deeper, central parts of the field. Even after these minor setbacks the practices of increasing space between the bunch of crops and other technical assistance, Mr. Somnath was able to save water due to the trash mulching process. With the trash mulching, the frequency of irrigation application / rotation got extended from 7 to 15 days which in turn saved a considerable amount of water.

Mr. Somnath states that AFARM's intervention has impacted his life profoundly. His cost of production has significantly reduced and yield has increased by 20 tonnes per acre. He thanks everyone involved that made his livelihood better and also drove him to be a more environmentally conscious farmer.



Skills Development and Livelihoods Enhancement of Rural Women



With the fast growing industrial & service sector economy, agriculture dependent population is decreasing steadily in India, still about 50% population is dependent on agriculture economy. Therefore, skill development of agriculture dependent communities is very crucial in improving employability, productivity & economy as a whole. Further, the role of women from the farming communities is very prominent in agriculture centric livelihoods activities. Hence, AFARMs interventions are focused on Skills Development & Livelihoods Enhancement of Rural Women leading towards their Empowerment & thereby ensure inclusive development.

Outreach

32	36	139	16,036
Districts	Blocks	Villages	Benefited women

Focus of the Interventions

- Institution building, up-skilling and entrepreneurship development, credit mobilisation, post training handholding support by the subject matter specialist.
- Ensure the improvement in livelihoods conditions of resource poor families by graduating them from income generation activities to micro enterprises.
- Facilitate the involvement of women in primary processing, quality enhancement and marketing of produce.
- Secure entitlements for the poor households by accessing government programs & resources.
- Equip rural women with the knowledge they require to allow for better financial decision making.
- Sensitize and prepare rural women for a cashless economy.

Strategies Adopted

- AFARM has strategically emphasised on developing Community Cadre/Community Resource Persons in the form of Digitalsakhi, Krushisakhi, Preranasakhi & Silaisakhi in the project villages to provide thematic services to the women members of the communities.



- Women from small & marginal farmers, landless households, having higher proportion of SCs & STs have been organised in to livelihoods groups. Further such groups have been federated at village level in the form of Village Organisation through adoption of the participatory processes and empowering them to evolve into an organisation of poor.

- Handholding and troubleshooting support to these community institutions has been provided for the sustaining their groups and linking them with the long-term objectives & other resource organizations.



- The resource poor households are graduated from income generation activities to micro enterprises by improving their access to improved inputs, technology and financial resources. Enterprise specific skills development are imparted through training & capacity building events and need based handholding support by the subject matter specialist.





- Entrepreneurship development training has focus on enterprise management, business planning and credit mobilisation and market linkages. It includes linking producer groups with input suppliers and manufacturers to ensure access to quality inputs and to reduce the cost of procurement of inputs through collective procurement of inputs.



- The members of these organisation are provided with the information of the available Government schemes and the process of preparation of the convergence plans, follow up support to ensure that these organisations mobilize funds for livelihoods development.



- Pro-poor marketing facilities through (i) Training of micro entrepreneurs on quality, grading, packaging, primary processing (ii) Establishing marketing link with the traders and wholesalers by the producer groups. (iii) Collective procurement of agri. inputs and marketing their produce, through the producer group at the village level.



Key Achievements

- Capacities of **16,036** women entrepreneurs have been built in skill development, enterprise management & livelihoods enhancement. This has resulted in initiation & expansion of enterprises by the **5058** women entrepreneurs under the technical handholding of business development professionals. These entrepreneurs are engaged across farm, livestock & non-farm-based enterprises. Number of entrepreneurs for each sector is depicted below.

2898 **Livestock based Enterprises** (Dairy, Poultry, Goatry Management)



1891 **Non-Farm Enterprises** (Tailoring, Shop keeping)



269 **Agri based Enterprises** (Vermi-compost, Pulses processing, production of Vegetable, Mushroom and Pomegranate)



- In all **48** Collective Enterprises are established in which **428** members are engaged in successfully managing collective enterprises. The collective enterprises mainly included Plant Nursery, Custom Hiring Centre, Poultry Mother Unit, Dashparni Ark production, Agri Inputs Trading, Dal Processing, Organic rice production & marketing, mini rice mill, chilli grinder, puffed paddy rice, potato wafers, oil mill, animal feed production and stitching of gunny bags.
- **421** Women Entrepreneurs have been able to access formal Credit from financial institutions like Banks & Micro Finance Institutions and expanded their businesses
- **1928** Women Entrepreneurs have been able to demand a higher premium/price for their products/services as a result of improvement in the quality of their product & services thereby could increase her contribution/ share in household income resulting in increased their participation in household financial decision making.
- **910** Women entrepreneurs have started regular use of the digital modes of payments in their business-related transactions and making utility payments.







Transformation is a Conscious Choice

"Enhancing Livelihoods Security for the Rural Women in Maharashtra through Sustainable Agriculture & Entrepreneurship Development" is a flagship program of AFARM. The Project is built around a comprehensive, multi sector approach that focuses specifically on capacity building of women through community-based organisations for livelihoods development. The program started in April 2018, with 10,000 women from 50 villages of four districts of Maharashtra - Pune, Nasik, Thane and Ahmednagar.



Yogita Santosh Yerande is one of the project participants belongs to a remote village called Thugaon, Ambegaon block, Pune district. She took initiative and was excited to participate in the project.

Agriculture is the only source of income for her family; they own only 2 acres of land forcing her family to work in the neighbouring farm field as farm labour. The annual family income from the farm and labour work was Rs. 25,000/-, which was not enough to fulfil the basic needs of her family of 6 people.

She heard about this project from one of her friends and she decided to grab this opportunity to bail out her family from the financial distress. Since, she was passionate about tailoring, she chose this as her enterprise and joined the producer group called Durgamata. Being a part of this project, she received skill training which helped her to improve the quality of stiching and learnt new designs. She also got the knowhow about enterprise management.

This was the trigger that got her excited to restart the enterprise and support her family financially. She received a support of Rs. 7,500/- from the project as part of a revolving fund, she pitched her own contribution of Rs. 1,500/- and purchased an advanced sewing machine. The outcome of her passion about tailoring was that her business bloomed in full swing and very soon she became famous because of mouth to mouth publicity. She started getting orders from the adjoining villages; she got many more orders in the summer seasons when most of the marriages happened. She earned sum of Rs. 10,000/- to her kitty within these three months. Now, she is earning Rs. 3,000/- per month regularly from her enterprise, and she has taken charge of her family's financial affairs. Her business has grown at an enormous pace with the timely inputs provided by AFARM and it's partner organisation, SAMPARC-Pune.

Ratan's success story begin with one cow

Mrs. Ratan Mandalkar is one of the dairy micro-entrepreneurs resident of village Patas of Daund block of Pune district. She got selected as one of the women entrepreneur in digital sakhi project in June 2017. She says that her journey began initially with one cow and many difficulties. Now, she is the owner of 9 cows and 1 buffalo. She is grateful to Digital Sakhi program for all the support and assistance that has been provided to her over two years. Now, the enthusiastic diary entrepreneur is also supplying value added products like curd, paneer, ghee etc. prepared from the milk as per the demand.



Ratan mentions that she attended series of training sessions on upskilling and entrepreneurship development. She learnt about how to secure the best quality of ingredients for feed, specific way for milking and appropriate vaccinations for cows. With this information and an entrepreneurial drive, Ratan built a permanent shelter for 9 cows and is currently selling 90 litres of milk every day to nearby diary.

From providing appropriate quantity and quality of fodder, to using cow dung for manure through composting, to providing value added products door-to-door, Ratan lives and breathes the business.

Through her sincerity and quality of products, she is getting positive customers responses and thus profit in the long run. "I am becoming well-known within my community. Other micro women entrepreneurs respect me when I provide them easy solutions. I have also used to share my experience with dairy farming with the entire community", she remarks.

Ratan has been able to use profits to buy a two-wheeler and to set up a small restaurant for his son to provide another source of livelihoods for the family.

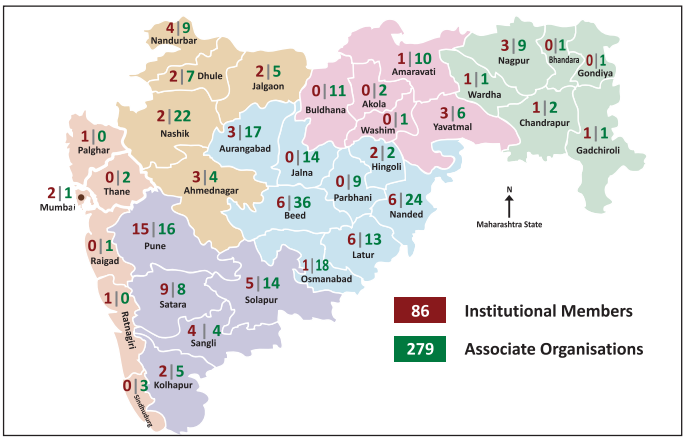
Ratan feels empowered as a women entrepreneur building a real business in the dairy sector in Daund. She says, "I don't feel tired of the work rather I enjoy it a lot as I can contribute to my family income" .

Networking and Advocacy



Institutional Members & Associate Organisations

At the beginning of the financial year, there were 90 Institutional Members and 5 Honorary Members on the AFARM General Body. During the year membership of four Organisations namely Gomukh-Pune, Janarth- Aurangabad, Indapur Taluka Gram Vikas Pratishthan-Indpaur and Investment in Man Trust-Pune have been discontinued due to non-payment of annual membership fees making a total of **86** at the end of the year. District wise spread of these members is mapped below.



At the beginning of the year, there were 211 Associate Organizations; out of these 67 organizations were de-listed for non-payment of annual subscription; whereas 125 organizations were enrolled as new Associate Organizations making a total of **279** at the end of the year.

Regional Meetings

Regional level meetings with members and associate organizations were organized by AFARM to improve &



strengthen communication & coordination between AFARM & its network members. Total 5 such regional meetings were conducted in Nagpur, Amaravati, Latur and Aurangabad. Overall 253 representatives of voluntary organizations have participated in these meetings. Topics like regional development issues, challenges and opportunities before Voluntary Organizations, Role of AFARM and its services were discussed in these meetings. These meetings were facilitated by respective Executive Committee members. Apart, these meetings proved useful for experience sharing and peer learning.

Organisational Development of Small Voluntary Organisations



Being an association of voluntary organisations from all over Maharashtra and also having implemented and being implementing the projects on integrated rural development through the member organisations, AFARM enjoys the leading position in having presence in the state as whole and also of having working on most of the development topics pertaining to the rural development and Agriculture based livelihoods development in specific. AFARM's Institutional Knowledge, State-wide Network, Linkages & Collaborations with Government Departments and available Training Infrastructure are the major contributory factors for strengthening the voluntary sector



There is always a demand from the member organization for support in micro planning and capacity building of the organisation along with skill enhancement of the staff. Considering the demand, AFARM is implementing a training and capacity building of selected small NGOs in the areas of Organisational Development who are starving for their existence/have just established the organisation.

The aim of the program is to provide handholding support to the selected organisation for process-oriented capacity building and enhancement of organisation's development perspective. During the year, AFARM continued its support to total **45** small NGOs for enhancing their management skills with special reference to organisational programme development to sustain impact on target communities. During the year, capacities of the participating NGOs have been built in areas of Operational Systems, Micro Planning, Proposal Development, Resource Mobilization, NGO Management, Strategy Planning through training series of 21 days followed by technical handholding etc.

Project Partnerships

This year AFARM could accommodate **74** organisations as its grassroots project implementation partners for the projects implemented through network of organisations under the leadership of AFARM. Details of these project partnerships are as follows.



Under these partnerships, AFARM has provided a total grant funding of **280** Lakhs to these partner organisations during the year. Apart from funding, AFARM has provided training and capacity building, reference materials and on the job technical handholding support to these partner organisations for effective implementation of the above initiatives.

State Level Workshop on 'Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Development in Maharashtra'



The farming communities in the State of Maharashtra are facing numerous challenges threatening their livelihoods. This leads to widespread agrarian distress forcing farmer suicides. With this backdrop, Central as well as State Governments have taken various initiatives including farm loan waiver schemes in the last year. This year more than 20,000 villages in the state have received less than 50% agricultural yields due to wide spread drought. More than 40% of the state is struggling to get access to water for basic needs and is reeling from drought and its water tanker economy is booming.

Central as well as State Government is trying to mitigate the situation and implementing flagship initiatives such as Jalyukta Shivar, PoCRA, SMART etc. Still the gap between stated objective and reality is not matching up to the mark.

In view of this AFARM had organised two State Level Stakeholder Consultations on the issues of agriculture in Maharashtra at Nagpur and Pune. More than 170 experts, activists, people's representatives, academicians & policy makers attended the said consultation.

The panel discussions took place on i) Drought-Challenges and Mitigation, ii) Safe Food, iii) Role of Soil, Water, Weather in agricultural growth, iii) Post harvest Management & value addition. Based on the deliberations, the following charter of demands for effective implementation of government policies and programmes have been drafted collectively.

At the end of workshop, the charter of demands are confirmed with the participating members and submitted to all MLAs and MPs for their consideration. It is being followed up with them for appropriate changes in the prevailing policies and programmes.

The Charter of Demands for effective Implementation of Government Policies and Programmes

- All works from sowing to harvesting of crops of rainfed marginal farmers, should be in the list of eligible works under MGNREGS to protect the rainfed farmer from erratic and uncertain rainfall. It shall be treated as drought risk reduction initiative.
- Village should be considered as unit for the estimation of crop loss / failure instead of circle as a unit for effective implementation of Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme (PMFBY). Further, Satellite imageries & remote sensing / GIS data shall be used to for the same instead of decade old method.
- Farmers are demanding agri. commodity prices as per the recommendations of Dr. Swaminathan Committee report i.e. C2 plus 50% profit; Therefore, State Government should declare the policy and take follow up with Central Government for its implementation.
- Government should make the policy for not importing any agriculture commodity in rates lower than declared minimum support price, in order to ensure the security of getting higher price in the Indian market to the farmer. Farming should not be considered under Free Trade Agreement.
- Central Government should develop action plan and strategy for "Doubling Farmers Income by 2022 in consultation with all stakeholders.
- Government should stop partnership and interference of national and multinational private companies with Government Research institute and Agriculture universities. Central Government should make optimum provision of funds for the research work of such government institutes in the budget.
- Central Government should take decision immediately on the basis of decision taken by Telangana State with respect to direct support to farmers and declare the National Agriculture Policy,in order to entrench the farming generation.
- Integrated Drought Management Policy Committee should be formed by the State Government and it should be implemented through forming of new Department of Drought Planning and Mitigation.
- In situ soil moisture and water conservation on watershed basis should be priority of State Government. Watershed Development should be implemented on scientific basis. Government should provide proper attention for the development of degraded lands, implementation of Climate smart agriculture technology interventions should be top most priority.
- There should be concrete policy for usage of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems in Sugarcane & Horticulture crop cultivation.

Association with VIBHA – VANI

VIBHA VANI, an initiative of Vijnana Bharati, registered to develop a national consortium of grassroots Voluntary Development Organisations to form the largest people's movement of science oriented social organisations and institutions for nation building by promoting science and technology interventions for the benefit of masses. More than 1000 Voluntary Development Organisations spanning more than 15 states are associated with VIBHA VANI. Being a National Coordination Committee member, AFARM has taken the lead in the activities of VIBHA-VANI in the State of Maharashtra for the benefits of AFARM Members and Associate Organisations.



Participation in India International Science Festival (2018)



Ministry of Science and Technology in association with Vijnana Bharati has organised the India International Science Festival (IISF 2018) during 5th –8th October 2018 at Luknow. Prior to national level science festival, AFARM had organised an orientation workshop on IISF–2018 for the voluntary organisations in Maharashtra at NCCS, Pune on 11th September 2018. The said workshop was attended by 48 representatives of VOs from Maharashtra State. As a part of IISF 2018, Conference of Voluntary Development Organisations was organised by VIBHA VANI. The said conference was attended by 425 Organisations and Institutions from all across the country. Conference passed a declaration – VISION 2022 to develop integrated Sustainable Development Models across the nation with a focus on inclusive development by 2022.

Documentation and Information Dissemination services

Based on field experiences, AFARM develops various learning aids and resource materials for the benefit of Stakeholders along with its members and associates. AFARM resource materials cover the Themes such as sustainable agriculture, livestock-based livelihoods, watershed development, climate resilient agriculture, entrepreneurship development, digital financial inclusion, water management and community development.

During the year, AFARM has developed following Resource Materials for the benefits of interested stakeholders.

In addition to above, previously/earlier produced publications, video films and flex posters were made available to more than 22,000 individuals participated in the training events and also to those interested in the subject matter at donation price.

Resource Material



News Bulletin

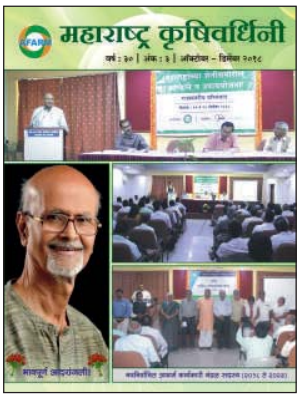
Four editions of **"Maharashtra Krushivardhini"**, a quarterly bulletin (popularly known as AFARM Newsletter) have been produced and circulated to more than 600 NGOs, CBOs, CSOs, and Government departments engaged in various facets of rural development in the State of Maharashtra.

The main themes covered in the bulletin in the year 2018 – 2019 were: Challenges before Agriculture, Agriculture Technology, Agriculture Products, Organic Farming, Water Conservation-Schemes & Acts, Dryland Farming, Drought Mitigation measures, Water Conservation, success stories of Voluntary Organizations etc.









ARARM Services

Apart from the quarterly news bulletin, AFARM has regularly circulated updated information/news relevant to NGO sector such as call for proposals by donor agencies, Government resolutions/circulars, update pertaining to legal compliance including FCRA through email, SMS and verbal communications from time to time for the benefit of AFARM members and associate organizations..

Members Feedback on AFARM Services

AFARM has undertaken rapid survey amongst it's members to understand needs of various services for it's members. The outcome of the survey is depicted below.

Nos.	Services	% of Members
1	Technical support through field visits	92
2	Training related to NGO Management	92
3	Preparation of Project Proposal	90
4	Preparation of Project Report and Documentation	84
5	Midterm – End Term Evaluation & Impact Assessment	79
6	Resource Persons for Organizational level training	78
7	DTP services for Brochures, Annual Report etc.	60
8	Support for Legal Compliances	59
9	Accounts Keeping & Audting	51
10	Registration under 80G and 12A	49
11	Accreditation of organisations	49

AFARM is preparing action plan to provide these services to it's members.



Monitoring & Evaluation Services



AFARM being a service support organisation, plays a vital role in providing project management services including planning, monitoring, evaluation & impact assessment to various stakeholders. Accordingly, AFARM has completed **8** Monitoring and Evaluation assignments during the year. These assignment/services were awarded by Central and State Government and Corporate CSRs. Assignment specific details are as follows.



Special Monitoring of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan 2018

Outreach: Ranchi & Giridih districts of Jharkhand & Damoh and Chhatarpur districts of Madhya Pradesh

Client: Ministry of Rural Development, GoI



National Level Monitoring of Rural Development Programs (Phase I)

Outreach: 60 GPs from Amreli, Gir, Somnath, Devbhumi Dwaraka, Porbandar, Kachchh districts of Gujarat

Client: Ministry of Rural Development, GoI





Special monitoring of Sabki Yojana Sabaka Vikas Campaign

Outreach: Bharuch, Dahod, Vadodara, Chotaudepur districts of Gujarat

Client: Ministry of Rural Development, GoI



National Level Monitoring of Rural Development Programs 2018-19 (Phase II)

Outreach: 40 GPs from Bagalkot, Belgaum, Dharwad and Bijapur Districts of Karnataka.

Client: Ministry of Rural Development, GoI



Third Party Evaluation of Jalyuta Shivar Abhiyan

Outreach: 90 works from 57 Villages from 7 Blocks of Nanded District

Client: District Collector, Nanded



Third Party Monitoring of Soil Water Conservation Works Implemented By Tata Trusts.

Outreach: Morshi Cluster of Amravati District and Pandharkwada, Umarkhed & Kalamb Cluster of Yavatmal District

Client: Tata Trusts, Mumbai



Rapid Assessment for the Planning of Integrated Water Resources Management.

Outreach: 30 villages from Solapur, Osmanabad & Latur districts in Maharashtra

Client: L & T Financial Services, Mumbai



Rapid Assessment for Planning of Agriculture & Livestock-based Livelihoods Development Interventions

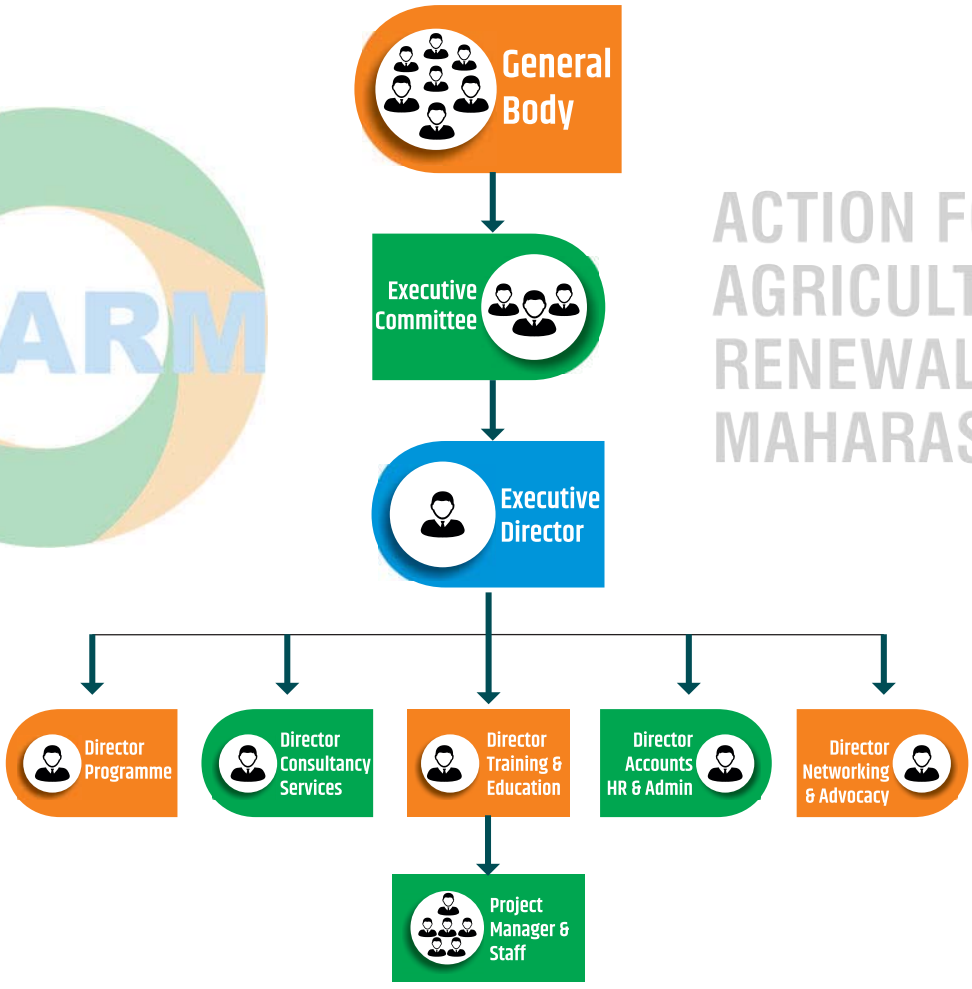
Outreach: 18 villages from Man & Koregaon blocks of Satara district

Client: Cummins India Foundation, Pune

Governance and Management



Organizational Structure



ACTION FOR AGRICULTURAL RENEWAL IN MAHARASHTRA

General Body

AFARM General Body comprises of 86 Member Organisations and 5 Honorary Members during the current year. The General Body considers and adopts reports on activities and audited Statements of Accounts of the Society. The list of Member Organisations is given in Annexture II, whereas the following five esteemed personalities have served AFARM as Honorary Members who have provided Thematic strategic inputs to AFARM management during the year.

Dr. Venkat Mayande, Pune	Ex. Vice Chancellor, Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University, Akola
Smt. Seema Kulkarni, Pune	Gender Expert, SOPECOM , Pune
Shri. Ramchandra Sable	Agro Meteorologist, Pune
Shri. Pradeep Purandare	Water Resource Management Expert, Aurangabad
Dr. Narayan Hegde	Senior Veterinarian, Ex-Chairperson, BAIF, Pune





The 46th Annual General Meeting of AFARM was held on 20th November 2018 at S.M.Joshi Sociologist Foundation, Pune. A total of 62 Members of the General Body attended the said meeting. The General Body adopted the Annual Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the financial year 2017-18 & set policies and strategies for the organisation, elected Members for the Executive Committee & nominated Honorary Members on the General Body.

Executive Committee

New Executive Committee Members were elected in the General Body meeting held on 18th November 2018 for the period 2018 – 2023. Details of Executive Committee members are as follows:

Name	Designation	Name of Representing Organisation
Mr. Pramod Deshmukh	Chairperson	Sanskruti Samvardhan Mandal, Nanded
Dr. Madhukar Gumble	Vice Chairperson	Apeksha Homeo Society, Amaravati
Dr. Sudha Kothari	Treasurer	Chaitanya, Rajgurunagar, Pune
Mr. Mahesh Siddheshwar	Secretary	Appropriate Rural Technology Institute (ARTI), Pune
Dr. Venkat Mayande	Member	Honorary Member, Pune
Smt. Vasudha Sardar	Member	Nav Nirman Nyas, Daund, Pune
Smt. Manisha Khale	Member	Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Aurangabad
Dr. Kishor Moghe	Member	Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust, Yavatmal
Mr. Pramod Zinjade	Member	Mahatma Phule Samaj Seva Mandal, Solapur
Shri. Hanumant Deshmukh	Member	Yuvagram Vikas Mandal, Beed
Smt. Deepali Deshmukh	Member	Abhinav Manav Hitwadi Sanstha, Satara

AFARM Executive Committee (EC) is responsible for managing the organisational affairs and implementation of decisions of general body. In all, six bimonthly meetings of EC took place during the year for periodic reviews of the ongoing projects and provided the line of action to the Executive Director. Further, EC provided approval to annual work plans and budgets, annual reports and annual Statement of Accounts, took strategic decisions and ensured statutory/legal compliance by the Management.

EC has played the role of alliance building and liaison with the support agencies. In addition, the role performed by EC includes proper management of the funds and movable and immovable properties of the society and also to accept donations and voluntary contributions in cash or in kind or any other form for carrying out the aims and objectives of the society.

Staff Strength

A multi-disciplinary team of 85 full time professionals (69 male and 16 female) were working with AFARM under the leadership of the Executive Director.

Sr.No.	Specialisation	Male	Female	Total
1	Agriculture Extension	20	2	22
2	Agriculture/Civil Engineering	19	0	19
3	Community Development	12	2	14
4	Support Staff	8	3	11
5	Admin and IT	2	6	8
6	Accounts	5	3	8
7	Animal Husbandry	3	0	3
	Total	**69**	**16**	**85**

The various achievements described in this Annual Report are the deliverables achieved by the team Members working in line/respective departments namely Program, Training & Capacity Building, Research & Documentation, Networking & Advocacy supported by Administration and Accounts.

Since 2016-17, AFARM has started Best Team Award in recognition of team's contribution in attainment of objectives of the organisation. This year Participatory Watershed Development and Ground Water Management team, was



selected as the Best Team for the year 2018-19, whereas the project team Enhancing Livelihoods Security for the Rural Women in Maharashtra & Team Research & Documentation were selected as first & second runner up respectively.

Transparency Disclosures

- No remuneration, sitting/ meeting fees or any other form of compensation was paid to any board member.
- Travel reimbursement made to board Members for attending the board meetings amounted to Rs. 2,91,414/-
- The monthly Salary paid to staff is as summarised below.

Sr.No.	Monthly Salary Slab (Rs.)	Male	Female	Total
1	< 15000	5	2	7
2	15000-25000	32	10	42
3	25000-35000	23	2	25
4	35000-45000	5	1	6
5	45000-60000	2	1	3
6	>60000	2	0	2
	Total	**69**	**16**	**85**



- No expenditure incurred on international travel by board members and staff for organisational work whereas expenditure incurred on air travel within the country by staff members for organisational work amounted to Rs.3,13,615/-
- **Statutory Auditors:** Mr. Sudhir Sabne, Vasant Apts. 106/2, Dr. Ketkar Marg, Erandwane, Pune-411004
- **Internal Auditors:** MKRK & Co., Flat No. 3, Shrinivas Guarav Apt., Mayur Colony, Kothrud, Pune
- **Bankers:** Bank of Baroda, Pune Camp Branch, Moledina Road, Pune-411001

Legal Status

Legal Status	Registration Number with Date
Society Registration No	MAH/135 Date – 28/10/1969
Trust Registration No	F-5319, Date – 18/11/1969
Income Tax Registration No. (12 A)	CH/P/PNA/2245/1976-77, Dated 10/02/1977
Income Tax Exemption (80G)No.	Pn/CIT/12A(a)/80G/215/2008-09/2950
Permanent Account No.	AAATA3756F
Service Tax Registration No.	AAATA3756FST001
FCRA Registration No.	083930013, dated 14/01/1985,Valid upto 30/09/2021
Goods & Service Tax	27AAATA3756F1ZW
Niti Ayog Registration No	MH/2016/0099114
Credibility Alliance Accreditation No.	C.A./50 /2014

1. AFARM complied with statutory requirements of Society and Trust Act, Income Tax Act, 1961 and FCRA 2010, rule 2011.
2. Donor requirements as per partnership agreements were duly fulfilled.
3. Rigorous audit procedures were followed by an auditor appointed by the Annual General Body.

Offices & Training Centers

Registered Office	3C, Shankarshet Road, Pune – 411042	
Head Office	2/23, A-B, Raisoni Park, Market Yard, Pune – 411037 (MS) Phone - 020-24264641, 020-24268302, Fax - 020-24266303 E-mail– admin@afarm.org, Website-www.afarm.org	
Training Centre, Pune	A/P: Ranje, Kondhanpur Road, Tal: Bhor, Dist: Pune	
Regional Training Centre, Latur	A/P: Sakhara, next to Manjra Sugar Factory, Barshi Road, Dist. Latur	
Project Offices	• Yavatmal	Wardhmannagar, Behind Hotel Sukhkarta, Darvha Road, Yavatmal
	• Aurangabad	Bajaj Vihar, C – 8, Oasis Chowk, Aurangabad
	• Shirur	Bhairavnath Society, Baburao Nagar, Vighnaharta Hospital, Pune.
	• Phaltan	Flat No. B 7, Parnakuti Apartment, Golibar Maidan, Phaltan, Satara

Financial Overview

AMOUNT IN RUPEES

ABRIDGED AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	F. Y. 2018-19	F. Y. 2017-18	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	F. Y. 2018-19	F. Y. 2017-18
Trusts Funds or Corpus	61,180.65	61,180.65	**Immovable Properties [at cost]**	14,679,099.00	15,376,776.00
Other Earmarked Funds	54,251,425.46	56,609,025.46	**Investments**	30,469,905.00	22,929,987.00
(Created under the Provisions of the Trust Deed or Scheme or out of the Income)			Movable Properties	4,812,706.98	5,906,437.00
Loans (Secured or Unsecured)			**Loans (Secured or Unsecured)**		
From Trustees			Loan Scholarships		
From Others:			Other Loans		
Liabilities			**Advances**		
For Expenses	4,791,143.28	5,322,081.08	To Trustees	-	
For Funds	67,781,121.04	108,858,348.00	To Employees	190,285.00	547,215.00
For Rent and Other Deposits	1,225,705.00	1,055,217.00	To Contractors	-	
For Sundry Credit Balances	9,310,782.95	3,453,960.85	To Lawyers	-	
			To Others	24,188,381.20	29,953,539.93
			To Sundry Deposits	119,009.00	121,389.00
			Income Outstanding		
			Rent	-	-
			Interest	1,046,721.00	1,167,422.92
			Other Income	-	-
Income & Expenditure Account			**Cash & Bank Balance**		
Balance as per last Balance sheet	5,412,960.19	4,818,818.67	[a] In Current Account	-	-
Net Surplus during the year	2,098,759.84	594,141.52	[b] In Saving Account	69,397,831.92	104,694,890.02
	7,511,720.03	5,412,960.19	[c] With the Trustees	-	-
			[d] Cash on Hand	29,139.31	75,116.36
Total	**144,933,078.41**	**180,772,773.23**	**Total**	**144,933,078.41**	**180,772,773.23**

ABRIDGED AUDITED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

EXPENDITURE	F. Y. 2018-19	F. Y. 2017-18	INCOME		F. Y. 2018-19	F. Y. 2017-18
			Rent		**963,600.00**	**916,050.00**
Expenditure in respect of properties	-	-	Interest (Realised / accrued)			
Establishment Expenses	-	-	On General Investments : on			
Remuneration of Trustee and head of the Math	-	-	Fixed Deposits	1,149,987.00		1,201,606.00
Legal Expenses	-	-	Saving Bank Account	556,252.50		249,943.30
Audit Fee	220,000.00	160,100.00	Other Interest	435,901.00	2,142,140.50	134,009.00
Contribution and Fee	-	-				
Amounts written off		653,902.00	Dividends		155,955.74	336,420.19
Misc. Expenses	20,205.33	2,014.75	Donations in Cash/ Kind		12,763.43	1,600.00
Depreciation	915,810.00	666,555.00	Profit on sale of assets			306,447.00
Amounts transferred to Reserves or Specific funds	-	-				
Expenditure on the objects of the Trust : including Input notional costs.			**Income from the services provided for attainment of objects of the Trust**			
Watershed Development	104,336,818.20	73,951,180.67	Watershed Development		101,709,020.40	71,745,189.30
Relief of Poverty	19,239,287.54	8,641,201.97	Relief of Poverty		20,702,133.72	9,412,174.02
Tribal and Weaker Section Relief	-	-	Tribal and Weaker Section Relief		-	-
Advancement of Education	72,160,900.61	29,991,081.72	Advancement of Education		72,160,462.21	28,991,567.24
Relief of Distress & Flood	-	-	Relief of Distress & Flood		-	-
Medical Relief	-	-	Medical Relief		-	-
Others	207,111.83	3,994,023.31	Others		1,046,370.36	5,665,641.89
	197,100,133.52	**118,060,059.42**				
Excess of Income over expenditure transferred to Balance Sheet	2,098,759.84	594,141.52				
TOTAL	**199,198,893.36**	**118,654,200.94**	**TOTAL**		**199,198,893.36**	**118,654,200.94**

The above Balance Sheet to the best of my/ our belief contains a true account of funds and liabilities & of the Property and /Assets of the Trust.

As per my separate report of even date

S B SABNE
Chartered Accountants

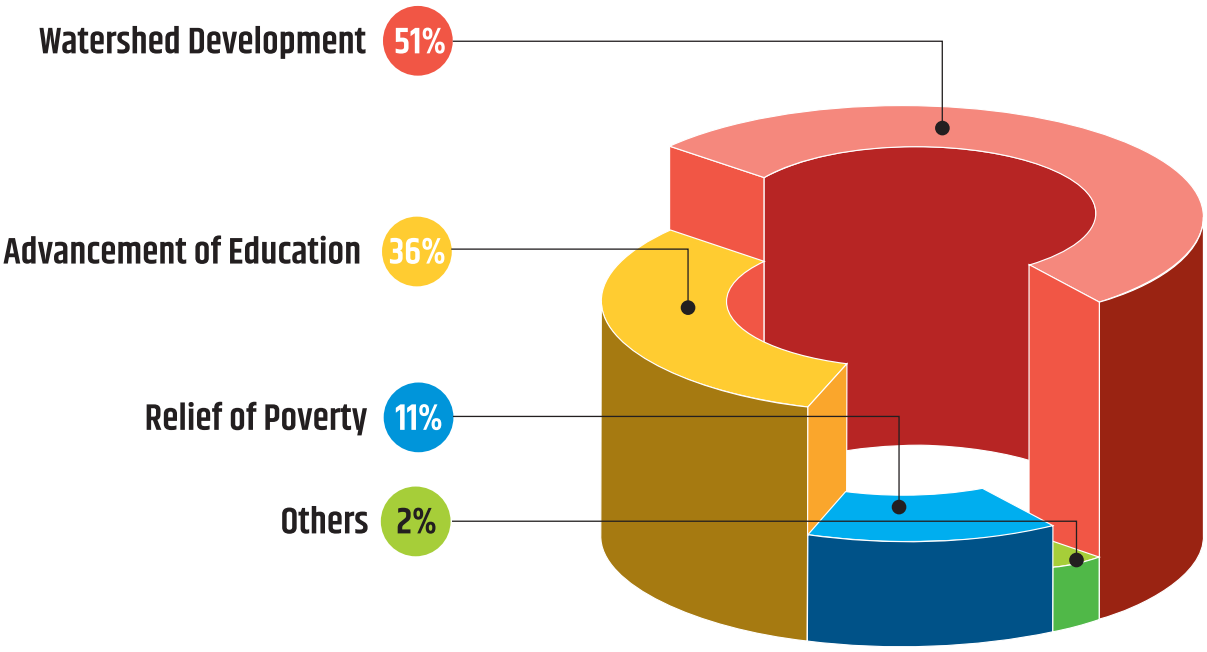
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Date: 16-09-2019

FOR AFARM, PUNE 411 037.

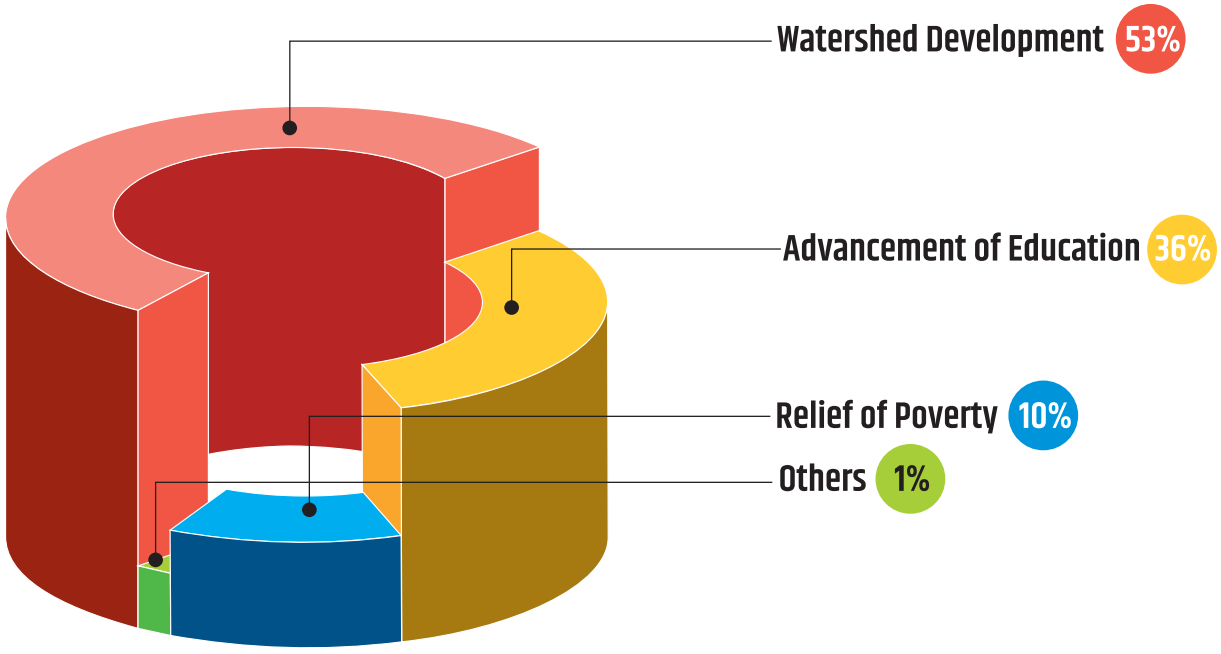
CHAIRPERSON **TREASURER**

Income



Rs. 19,91,98,893

Expenditure



Rs. 19,71,00,133

Abbreviations

Board of Directors	BoD
Broad Bed Furrow	BBF
Cement Nala Bandh	CNBs
Community Resource Persons	CRP
Community Social Organisations	CSOs
Continuous Contour Trenches	CCT
Corporate Social Responsibility	CSR
Entrepreneurship Development Programme	EDP
Executive Committee	EC
Farmer Field School	FFS
Farmer Producer Organizations	FPO
Foreign Contribution Regulation Act	FCRA
Geographical Information System	GIS
Gram Panchayat	GP
Hectares	Ha.
Households	HHs
International Science Festival	IISF
Krushi Vigyan Kendra	KVK
Low External Inputs Sustainable Agriculture	LEISA
Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act	MGNREGS
Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission	MSRLM
Package of Practices	PoP
Participatory Rural Appraisal	PRA
Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme	PMFBY
Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture	PoCRA
Project Management Unit	PMU
Producer Groups	Pgs
Research and Documentation Institutes	R & D Institutes
Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes	SC & ST
Self Help Group	SHG
State of Maharashtra's Agri-business and Rural Transformation Program	SMART
Soil and Water Conservation	SWC
Special Initiative	SI
System of Rice Intensification	SRI
Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative	SSI
Thousand Cubic Meter	TCM
Village Development Committee	VDC
Voluntary Organisation	VO
Water Users Groups	WUG

Institutional Members (2018 – 2019)

Annexure I

Sr. No.	Year of Membership	Name of the Member Organisation
1	1970	Marathwada Sheti Sahayyak Mandal, Adalat Road, **Aurangabad**
2	1970	Agricultural Development Trust, **Pune**
3	1971	Social Centre, Market Yard, **Ahmednagar**
4	1971	Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal, **Nashik**
5	1971	Maharashtra Arogya Mandal, **Pune**
6	1972	Jnana Prabodhini, **Pune**
7	1972	Rural Agricultural Institute Narayangaon (RAIN), **Pune**
8	1973	Verala Development Society, Tal. Miraj, **Sangali**
9	1975	Yusuf Meherally Center, **Mumbai**
10	1978	Decospin Charitable Trust, Shahapur, Ichalkaranji, **Kolhapur**
11	1980	Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, A/P Pachod, Tal. Paithan, **Aurangabad**
12	1981	Gramayan, **Pune**
13	1985	PIRENS, A/P Loni Bk., Tal. Rahata, **Ahmednagar**
14	1985	Manavlok, Tal. Ambejogai, **Beed**
15	1986	Yerala Project Society, **Sangali**
16	1987	Gramin Shramik Pratishthan, A/P Budhoda, Tal. Ausa, **Latur**
17	1987	Sanskruti Samvardhan Mandal, Sagroli, Tal. Biloli, **Nanded**
18	1987	Jeevan Sanstha, **Pune**
19	1988	Vanarai Trust, **Pune**
20	1988	Matrumandir, A/P Devrukh, Tal. Sangameshwar, **Ratnagiri**
21	1989	Apeksha Homeo Society, Gurukunj, Mozari, Tal. Teosa, **Amaravati**
22	1989	Gramin Vikas Mandal, A/P Bansarola, Tal. Keij, **Beed**
23	1989	Institute for Rural Development and Social Services, **Jalgaon**
24	1989	People's Institute of Rural Development (PIRD), Nanded Road, Tal. Ahmedpur, **Latur**
25	1989	Jankidevi Bajaj Gramvikas Sanstha, Akurdi, **Pune**
26	1989	Shanti Seva Mandal, **Palghar**
27	1990	Rural Communes, **Mumbai**
28	1991	Samaj Bharati, Netaji Nagar, **Latur**
29	1991	Sandhi Niketan Shikshan Sanstha, A/P Barhali, Tal. Mukhed, **Nanded**
30	1991	Nav Nirman Nyas, Pargaon (Salo-Malo), **Pune**
31	1992	Shramajivi Janta Sahayyak Mandal, **Satara**
32	1992	Mahatma Phule Samaj Seva Mandal, Tal. Karmala, **Solapur**
33	1993	The Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram, Post Shirpur, **Dhule**
34	1993	Progressive Friends Circle, A/P Mukhed, **Nanded**
35	1994	Bal Vikas Mahila Mandal, India Nagar, **Latur**
36	1994	National Institute for Sustainable Development, **Pune**
37	1994	Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust, Wani, **Yavatmal**
38	1995	Sampark, Bhaje, Tal. Maval, **Pune**
39	1995	Yuva Gramin Vikas Mandal, Dharur Road, Tal. Keij, **Beed**
40	1995	Vanasthali Rural Development Centre, **Pune**
41	1995	Khandala Taluka Vikas Pratishthan, Tal. Khandala, **Satara**
42	1995	Jnana Prabodhini, Harali, **Solapur**
43	1996	Shri. Tirupati Educational and Rural Devt. Foundation, A/P Ramnagar, Tal.Devpur, **Dhule**
44	1996	Gayatri Foundation, **Nandurbar**

Sr. No.	Year of Membership	Name of the Member Organisation
45	1996	Janseva Mandal, **Nandurbar**
46	1997	Chaitanya, Rajgurunagar, Khed, **Pune**
47	1997	Institute of Social Awareness and Reform, **Yavatmal**
48	1997	Sarvangin Manav Vikas Sanstha, Tuljabhawani Nagar, **Latur**
49	1999	Smt. Narsabai Mahila Mandal, A/P Wadgaon, Tal. Mukhed, **Nanded**
50	1999	Appropriate Rural Technology Institute (ARTI), **Pune**
51	2000	Rugna Seva Prakalp, Tal. Miraj, **Sangali**
52	2001	Muktai Sanskrutik and Kala Vikas Mandal, Pharande Nagar, **Nanded**
53	2002	Krushi Va Gramin Vikas Sanstha (Arud Foundation), **Nandurbar**
54	2002	Rural Foundation, **Nandurbar**
55	2002	Shramik Janta Vikas Sanstha, Tal. Jawali, **Satara**
56	2003	Maharshi Vivekanand Samajkalyan Sanstha, Tal. Akkalkot, **Solapur**
57	2007	Adarsha Mahila Gruh Udyog, Chandra Nagar, **Latur**
58	2007	Bappa Pratishthan, **Pune**
59	2008	Pratik Sevabhavi Sanstha, A/P Upali, Tal. Wadawani, **Beed**
60	2011	Shantidoot Pratishthan, A/P Manor, Tal. Palghar, **Palghar**
61	2011	Devghar Bahuuddeshiya Samajik Va Gramin Vikas Sanstha, At Wadgaonwadi, Post Wadgaon(Ganja), Tal. Lohara, **Osmanabad**
62	2011	Abhinav Manav Hitwadi Sanstha, Tal. Godoli, **Satara**
63	2011	Dnyanamrut Trust, Tal. Phaltan, **Satara**
64	2011	Gram Parivartan Sanstha, Tal. Khatav, **Satara**
65	2011	Abhinav Bharat Samaj Seva Mandal, Tal. Karmala, **Solapur**
66	2011	Vaishvik Vikas Sanstha, Umarkhed, **Yavatmal**
67	2012	Prabodhini, A/P Takli Dhokeshwar, Tal. Parner, **Ahmednagar**
68	2012	Society for Empowerment of Villages and Agriculture, **Satara**
69	2012	Late Shivajirao Patil Gram Vikas Prabodhini, A/P Sainik Takali, Tal. Shirol, **Kolhapur**
70	2012	Love and Care India Trust, **Nagpur**
71	2012	Nagpur Diocesan Development Association (Shramadeep), Koradi Road, Mankapur, **Nagpur**
72	2012	Bhartiya Manav Vikas Sevabhavi Sanstha, A/P Bolegaon, Tal. Biloli, **Nanded**
73	2012	Omkar Mahila Vikas Pratishthan, Karanje, **Satara**
74	2012	Shree Mahalaxmi Samajik Vikas Sanstha, **Satara**
75	2013	Bharatiya Bahuudeshiya Khadi Va Gramudyog Shikshan Sanstha, Tal. Ashti, **Wardha**
76	2014	Maharashtra Shetkari Shetmajur Vikas Sanstha, Katol, **Nagpur**
77	2014	Jyoti Bahuuddeshiya Sevabhavi Sanstha, Tal. Paithan, **Aurangabad**
78	2014	Dr. Ramabai Ambedkar Mahila Vikas Sanstha, A/P Keij, **Beed**
79	2014	Jayvantrao Ghyar Patil Sevabhavi Sanstha, Adarsha Colony, **Hingoli**
80	2014	Social Education Welfare Association for Multipurpose (SEWAM), Tal. Malegaon, **Nashik**
81	2015	Help Institute for Natural Development (HIND), A/P Neknur, Tal. Beed, **Beed**
82	2015	Vichar Vikas Sanstha, Tal. Warora, **Chandrapur**
83	2015	Abhinav Kala va Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Gokulnagar, **Gadchiroli**
84	2015	Haritkranti Pratishthan, P. Wanleswadi, Tal. Miraj, **Sangali**
85	2017	Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Paryavaran Va Sheti Vikas Pratishthan, **Jalgaon**
86	2017	Astitva Samajik Vikas va Sanshodhan Sanstha, Sangola, **Solapur**

Institutional Member's Key Achievements

Annexure II

Name of Member Organisation	Key Achievements
Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Dist. Aurangabad	• Dr. A. Dyalchand, Director awarded with Children's Nobel Prize 2019 for the rights of the child from the World's Children's Prize Foundation, Sweden.
Help Institute for Natural Development, (HIND) Dist. Beed	• Krishi Samman Award for excellent work in Water Conservation and Management from Doordarshan, Mumbai
Vichar Vikas Sanstha, Dist. Chandrapur	• Recognized as "Excellent Organisation" by Adarsh Gaon Sankalp and Prakalp Samiti (3rd Prize)
Jayvantrao Ghyar Patil Sevabhavi Sanstha, Dist. Hingoli	• National Level Transparency Key awarded by Guide Star India.
Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal, Dist. Nashik	• Prominent contribution in inculcating English learning system in Adivasi children. • Resource unit for Agricultural and Educational Development in Palghar, Nandurbar and Dhule District Centres.
Chaitanya, Dist. Pune	• Facilitated the formation of Sarathi Gramin Mahila Swayamsevak Sangh -An association of Chaitanya facilitated federations in Maharashtra • E-learning certificate course on SHG Federation management started in partnership with Jharkhand State liveihoods promotion society. • Promoted WISE, Sec 8 not for profit company for Research & Documentation.
Nav Nirman Nyas, Dist. Pune	• Smt. Vasudha Sardar awarded with Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar 2019 by Lokmat Sakhi Sanmman
Samparc, Dist. Pune	• Received Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaja Nation Power Award 2018. (District Level) to Amitkumar Banerjee for his excellent service in Child Development and Community Development.
Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust, Dist. Yavatmal	• Grant and accelerator award by YES Foundation for promoting Good Governance.



Details of Ongoing Projects

Annexure III

Watershed Development



Name of Project
Water Conservation Project

Period
November 2017
To March 2022

Geographical Coverage
Aurangabad
7,085 HHs from 28 Villages

Funded by
BAJAJ Distinctly Ahead



Name of Project
Ghod River Basin
Development Project

Period
April 2016 To March 2020

Geographical Coverage
Ahmednagar & Pune
4,815 HHs from 40 Villages

Funded by
ITC Limited



Name of Project
Jalvaibhav Water Resources
Management (IWRM) Initiative -

Period
October 2018 to March 2020

Geographical Coverage
Osmanabad, Latur & Solapur
15,000 Farmers from 30 Villages

Funded by
L&T Financial Services



Name of Project
Participatory Watershed
Development & Ground Water Mgt.

Period
April 2017 to March 2019

Geographical Coverage
Satara
5,352 HHs from 14 Villages

Funded by
Cummins

Sustainable Agriculture



Name of Project
Poverty Reduction & Promotion of
Food Security for Poor &
Vulnerable Communities

Period
Jan 2016 to Dec 2019

Geographical Coverage
Solapur & Beed
607 HHs from 4 Villages

Funded by
AWO International



Name of Project
Mahila Kisan
Sahaktikaran Pariyojna

Period
September 2016 to March 2020

Geographical Coverage
Yavatmal, Amaravati,
Buldana, Washim
19,500 HHS from 309 Villages

Funded by
Umed



Name of Project
Holistic Rural
Development Project (HRDP)

Period
July 2018 to June 2019

Geographical Coverage
Satara
3569 HHs from 8 Villages

Funded by
HDFC BANK

Skills Development & Livelihoods Enhancement



Name of Project
Enhancing Livelihoods Security for the Rural Women in Maharashtra

Period
April 2018 To March 2023

Geographical Coverage
Pune, Thane, Ahmednagar & Nashik 20,000 Women from 100 Villages

Funded by
IndiGo



Name of Project
Digital Sakhi Programme

Period
July 2017
To July 2020

Geographical Coverage
Pune, Osmanabad, Solapur
1100 HHs from 30 Villages

Funded by
L&T Financial Services



Name of Project
Silai School Project

Period
April 2011
To March 2020

Geographical Coverage
31 districts
310 Villages

Funded by
USHA

Project Partners

Name of Project	Name of Project Partner
Jalvaibhav –Water Resources Management (IWRM) Initiative -	1. Abhinav Bharat Samaj Seva Mandal, Solapur 2. Jiyamukti Manavseva Sanstha, Latur 3. Yuva Gram Vikas Mandal, Beed
Poverty Reduction and Promotion of Food Security	1. Mahatma Phule Samaj Seva Mandal, Solapur
Enhancing Livelihoods Security for the Rural Women in Maharashtra	1. Chaitanya, Khed, Pune 2. Samparc, Maval, Pune 3. Bhavtal Pratishthan, Junnar, Pune 4. Chaitanya, Junnar, Pune 5. National Institute for Sustainable Development, Pune 6. Chaitanya, Akole, Pune 7. Shramik Janta Vikas Sanstha, Satara 8. Maharashtra Prabodhan Seva Mandal, Nashik 9. Baglan Seva Samiti, Nashik 10. Social Education Welfare Association for Multipurpose (SEWAM), Nashik 11. Manav Adhikar Sauvardhan Sanghatan (MASS), Nashik
Digital Sakhi	1. Parisar Vikas Sanstha, Purandar, Pune 2. Gramin Mahila Swayamsidha Sangh, Khed, Pune 3. Sahityaratna Loksahir Annabhahu Sathe Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Osmanabad 4. Disha Samajik Vikas Sanstha, Barshi, Solapur 5. Abhinav Samaj Seva Mandal, Karmala, Solapur 6. Astitva Samaj Vikas Va Sanshodhan Sanstha, Sangola, Solapur

Name of Project	Name of Project Partner
Silai School	**Phase I** 1. Shri Venkateshwara Bahuudeshiya Sanstha, Kolhapur 2. Shramik Janata Vikas Sanstha, Satara 3. Mahalaxmi Sanstha, Satara 4. Gram Jeevanadhar Samajsevi Sanstha, Ratnagiri 5. Jai Kisan Sanstha, Beed 6. Bhartiya Manav Sevabhavi Sanstha, Nanded 7. Mahatma Phule Sevabhavi Sanstha, Nanded 8. Lokprabodhan Sanstha, Latur **Phase II** 9. Rugna Seva Prakalpa, Sangli 10 Abhinav Bharat Samaj Seva Mandal, Solapur 11. Bird, Ahmednagar 12. Social Education Welfare Association for Multipurpose, (SEWAM), Tal. Malegaon, Nashik 13. Mata Adishakti Samajik Pratishthan, Dhule 14. Yahamogi Bahuudeshiya Vikas Sanstha, Nandurbar **Phase III** 15. Ashish Gram Rachana Trust, Aurangabad 16. Love & Care India Trust, Nagpur 17. Navchetana Yuva Manch Va Gramin Vikas Sanstha, Pune 18. Arunoday Bahuudeshiya Sanstha, Parbhani 19. Devghar Bahuddeshiya Gramin Samajik va Gram Vikas Sanstha, Tal Lahara, Osmanabad 20. Lokranjan Bahuudeshiya Sanstha, Jalgaon **Phase V** 21. Manoday Samaj Kalyan Sanstha, Washim 22. Shantidoot Pratishthan, Hingoli **Phase VI** 23. Anubhav Pratishthan Trust, Raigad 24. Ashray Bahuudeshiya Sanstha, Thane **Phase VII** 25. CARD, Jalna 26. Samajik Kranti Bahuudeshiya Sanstha, Buldhana **Phase VIII** 27. Gagankirti Education Society, Palghar 28. Vichar Vikas Samajik Sanstha, Chandrapur 29. Atharv Foundation, Sindhudurg 30. Indian Social Welfare Society, Godiya 31. Ramsagar Gramin Vikas Babudeshiya Sanstha, Bhandara **Phase IX** 32. Konkan kala va Shikshan Sanstha, Sindhudurg 33. Abhinav Kala va Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha, Gadchiroli

Name of Project	Name of Project Partner
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