

**Kalapandhari Magasvargiya Adivasi Gramin Vikas
Sanstha (KMAGVS)**

Annual Report 2023-24

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Chairperson's Message

Chairperson's Message: A Year of Transformation and Hope

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the strides Kalapandhari Magasvargiya Adivasi Gramin Vikas Sanstha (KMAGVS) has made in its mission to uplift the marginalized communities we serve. The year 2023-24 was marked by significant achievements, despite the numerous challenges we faced.

Our focus on child protection, women's empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods has yielded positive outcomes, empowering individuals and communities to take charge of their futures. This year, we reached over 35,000 individuals, including 17,000 children, through our various programs. These efforts were made possible through the unwavering support of our dedicated team, donors, and partners.

We initiated new projects and expanded existing ones, with a particular emphasis on education, health, and economic development. Our disaster response initiatives were especially critical in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations affected by climate-related events. Moreover, our environmental sustainability efforts have seen tangible results, as more communities embraced organic farming and conservation practices.

Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our impact, particularly in areas of child rights, women's entrepreneurship, and environmental sustainability. We will continue to innovate and adapt our strategies to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of this journey. Together, we are creating a brighter, more equitable future for all.

B.P. Suryawanshi

Founder & Director, KMAGVS

2. Executive Summary

The year 2023-24 has been one of profound impact and growth for KMAGVS. Our programs focused on child protection, women's social entrepreneurship, livelihood development, and environmental sustainability have touched the lives of thousands, fostering a sense of empowerment and hope among the communities we serve.

Key Highlights:

Child Protection:

We prevented 810 child marriages and protected 195 children from child labor. Our outreach expanded to 148 villages, significantly increasing our impact in rural areas.

Women's Social Entrepreneurship:

We trained 443 women in entrepreneurial skills, leading to the creation of 159 new businesses. Our programs have not only improved income levels but also enhanced the social status of these women in their communities.

Livelihood Development:

We provided training to 443 rural entrepreneurs, resulting in sustainable economic upliftment for over 2,000 individuals. Our initiatives have directly contributed to poverty reduction in some of the most disadvantaged regions.

Environmental Sustainability:

We engaged 126 villages in conservation and organic farming practices, leading to a 20% reduction in the use of hazardous chemicals in agriculture. This year, we also planted over 10,000 trees as part of our reforestation efforts.

Disaster Response:

Our disaster response initiatives provided critical relief to over 7,366 families affected by drought and other natural disasters. Our preparedness programs have also trained over 2,000 community members in disaster management techniques.

This report provides a detailed account of our achievements, financial performance, and the strategic direction for the upcoming year. It also includes stories of change that illustrate the profound impact our work has on individuals and communities.

3. Organizational Overview

History and Background

KMAGVS was established in 1986 with the vision of creating a society based on human values and ecological balance, where the poorest and most marginalized have equal opportunities to participate in the development process. Over the past 37 years, KMAGVS has grown into a leading NGO in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra, known for its work in child protection, women's empowerment, and sustainable development.

Mission

Our mission is to develop natural and human resources by building strong grassroots organizations and collective efforts, ensuring the participation of marginalized communities in the development process. We aim to create sustainable development models that can be replicated across rural India, focusing on education, health, livelihood, and environmental conservation.

Vision:

A society where every individual, regardless of their socio-economic background, has access to opportunities for personal and community development, leading to a just and equitable society.

Key Organizational Developments in 2023-24

Strengthening Leadership:

This year, we brought in new leadership with extensive experience in child protection and community development. These leaders have been instrumental in scaling up our programs and improving operational efficiency.

Program Expansion:

We launched new vocational training programs focused on beauty and wellness, retail marketing, and digital literacy. These programs have empowered young women and men to gain skills that are in demand in the job market.

Infrastructure Development:

We upgraded our Children and Adolescents Resource Centers (CARC) with new educational tools and digital resources, enabling us to reach more students and provide better academic support.

Partnerships:

We forged new partnerships with local and international NGOs, as well as government agencies, to expand our reach and improve the effectiveness of our interventions. These partnerships have been crucial in securing funding and resources for our projects.

4. Key Achievements in 2023-24

Child Protection Initiatives

KMAGVS has been at the forefront of child protection efforts in the Marathwada region. Our initiatives focus on preventing child marriage, reducing child labor, and providing psychosocial support to vulnerable children and their families.

Key Statistics:

810 child marriages prevented:

Through a combination of community awareness programs, legal interventions, and support services, we successfully prevented 810 child marriages across the districts of Latur, Osmanabad, and Nanded.

195 children rescued from child labor:

These children were reintegrated into the educational system, with some receiving additional support through our vocational training programs.

2,400 children benefited from Children's Resource Centers (CARC):

These centers provided academic support, life skills education, and vocational training to children aged 5-18 years.

Initiatives:

Community-Based Child Protection Committees (CBCPCs):

We established and strengthened CBCPCs in 126 villages, empowering local communities to take an active role in child protection.

Awareness Campaigns:

Our teams conducted over 200 awareness sessions on child rights and the dangers of child marriage and child labor, reaching more than 25,000 community members.

Collaboration with Childline India Foundation:

Our Childline team responded to 323 calls for help, rescuing children in distress and ensuring they received the care and protection they needed.

Women's Social Entrepreneurship Development

Our social entrepreneurship initiatives are designed to empower marginalized women by providing them with the skills and resources needed to start and grow their businesses. These programs have not only improved the economic status of the participants but have also had a ripple effect on their communities.

Key Statistics:

443 women trained in entrepreneurial skills:

This year, we focused on training women in areas such as retail marketing, beauty and wellness, and digital literacy.

159 new businesses established:

These businesses, supported by Anik Finance, have created jobs and generated income for over 500 families.

Financial Support:

Rs. 1.29 crore was disbursed in micro-loans to women entrepreneurs, enabling them to start or expand their businesses.

Initiatives:

Skill Development Workshops:

We conducted over 50 workshops covering various aspects of entrepreneurship, including business planning, financial management, and marketing.

Mentorship Programs:

Experienced entrepreneurs mentored our participants, providing them with practical advice and support as they navigated the challenges of starting a business.

Market Linkages:

We facilitated connections between our women entrepreneurs and local markets, helping them to sell their products and services more effectively.

Livelihood Development Initiatives

KMAGVS continued its efforts to reduce poverty and economic imbalance through livelihood development programs. These programs are designed to provide sustainable income opportunities for the most disadvantaged members of society.

Key Statistics:

443 rural entrepreneurs trained:

Our training programs focused on enhancing skills in agriculture, handicrafts, and small-scale manufacturing.

2,000+ individuals benefited:

The livelihoods of over 2,000 individuals were improved through our initiatives, with many moving from subsistence living to a more stable income.

85% success rate:

More than 85% of the women trained were successful in establishing their own businesses, contributing to a significant reduction in poverty levels in their communities.

Initiatives:

Agricultural Training Programs:

We provided training in organic farming, water conservation, and sustainable agricultural practices, helping farmers increase their yields and income.

Handicraft Cooperatives:

We supported the formation of cooperatives for women engaged in traditional crafts, providing them with training, tools, and access to markets.

Small-Scale Manufacturing Units:

We assisted in the establishment of small manufacturing units, producing goods such as textiles, food products, and household items.

Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

Our environmental sustainability initiatives aim to promote the conservation of natural resources and the adoption of sustainable practices in rural communities.

Key Statistics:

126 villages engaged in conservation activities:

These villages have adopted practices such as water conservation, biodiversity preservation, and organic farming.

20% reduction in chemical use:

Through our organic farming programs, we achieved a significant reduction in the use of harmful chemicals in agriculture.

10,000 trees planted:

As part of our reforestation efforts, we planted over 10,000 trees in areas affected by deforestation and soil erosion.

Initiatives:

Organic Farming Training:

We trained over 1,000 farmers in organic farming techniques, helping them to improve soil health and increase crop yields without the use of harmful chemicals.

Water Conservation Projects:

We implemented water conservation projects in drought-prone areas, including the construction of check dams, rainwater harvesting systems, and the promotion of efficient irrigation techniques.

Reforestation Campaigns:

Our tree-planting campaigns involved local communities, schools, and volunteers, helping to restore degraded landscapes and improve the local environment.

Disaster Response and Preparedness

KMAGVS played a crucial role in disaster response and preparedness across the Latur, Osmanabad, and Nanded districts. Our efforts focused on providing immediate relief to those affected by natural disasters, as well as preparing communities to better handle future crises.

Key Statistics:

3,000+ community members trained:

Our disaster preparedness programs equipped over 3,000 community members with the skills and knowledge needed to respond effectively to disasters.

Disaster Preparedness Training:

We conducted training sessions on disaster risk reduction, first aid, and emergency response, helping communities to build resilience against future disasters.

5. Financial Performance

KMAGVS had a strong financial performance in 2023-24, with total income of Rs. 1,78,67,486 from various donors and partners, including CRY Mumbai, Childline India Foundation, UNICEF, and others. Our financial management practices are designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and the effective use of resources to maximize impact.

Income and Expenditure Overview

Total Income: Rs. 1,78,67,486

Expenditure Breakdown:

Child Protection: Rs. 65,00,000 (36.4%)

Women's Empowerment: Rs. 40,00,000 (22.4%)

Livelihood Development: Rs. 30,00,000 (16.8%)

Environmental Initiatives: Rs. 20,00,000 (11.2%)

Disaster Response: Rs. 15,00,000 (8.4%)

Administrative Costs: Rs. 8,67,486 (4.8%)

Visuals:

Charts showing income vs. expenditure, breakdown of funds by program area, etc.

Key Financial Highlights:

Increased Funding: We saw a 2% increase in funding compared to the previous year, enabling us to expand our programs and reach more beneficiaries.

Efficient Resource Utilization:

95% of our funds were directly utilized for program implementation, with only 5% allocated to administrative costs.

New Funding Partnerships:

We secured new partnerships with international donors, enhancing our financial sustainability and enabling us to scale our operations.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

KMAGVS has implemented robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems to ensure the effectiveness of our programs and the achievement of our strategic objectives. Our M&E

processes involve continuous data collection, analysis, and feedback, enabling us to make informed decisions and improve our interventions.

Key M&E Activities in 2023-24:

Digital Monitoring Systems:

We expanded our use of digital tools for data collection and analysis, including mobile apps and cloud-based platforms. This has improved the accuracy and timeliness of our data and has allowed us to monitor progress in real-time.

Impact Assessments:

We conducted impact assessments for our major programs, including child protection, women's empowerment, and livelihood development. These assessments provided valuable insights into the effectiveness of our interventions and identified areas for improvement.

Beneficiary Feedback Mechanisms:

We established feedback mechanisms that allow beneficiaries to provide input on our programs. This feedback is used to refine our strategies and ensure that our programs are meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

Key Insights:

Child Protection:

Our impact assessments showed a significant reduction in child marriage and child labor in our project areas, with a notable increase in school enrollment rates.

Women's Empowerment:

The majority of women who participated in our entrepreneurship programs reported increased income, improved self-confidence, and greater involvement in community decision-making.

Livelihood Development:

Our livelihood programs were successful in increasing household incomes and reducing poverty levels, with many beneficiaries reporting a higher standard of living.

7. Future Plans and Strategic Goals

Looking forward to 2024-25, KMAGVS is focused on expanding its impact through the following strategic goals:

Scale Up Child Protection Initiatives:

Expand our child protection programs to cover additional villages and reach more children. We aim to prevent 1,000 child marriages and protect 300 children from child labor in the coming year.

Enhance our collaboration with government agencies and other NGOs to strengthen the child protection infrastructure in the region.

Enhance Women's Entrepreneurship Programs:

Introduce new training modules on digital marketing, e-commerce, and financial literacy to help women entrepreneurs access new markets and increase their income.

Develop financial products tailored to the needs of women entrepreneurs, including low-interest loans and microinsurance.

Expand Environmental Sustainability Efforts:

Increase the number of villages participating in our organic farming and conservation programs. We aim to engage 150 villages in the coming year.

Launch new reforestation projects to combat deforestation and soil erosion, with a target of planting 15,000 trees by the end of 2024-25.

Strengthen Disaster Preparedness:

Train an additional 3,000 community members in disaster management and establish emergency response teams in all our project areas.

Develop early warning systems and disaster preparedness plans for communities at high risk of natural disasters.

8. Donors and Partners

We extend our deepest gratitude to our donors and partners whose unwavering support has been instrumental in achieving our goals. Your contributions have enabled us to reach new heights in our mission to empower marginalized communities and foster sustainable development.

Key Donors and Partners:

CRY Mumbai

Childline India Foundation

UNICEF

Anik Finance

Acknowledgments:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to:

Our Donors:

For your generous financial support and commitment to our cause.

Our Partners:

For your collaboration and shared vision in improving the lives of the communities we serve.

Our Volunteers:

For your dedication and hard work in supporting our programs and initiatives.

9. Case Studies and Stories of Change

Case Study 1: Child Marriage Prevention

Sandhya's Story

Sandhya, a 16-year-old girl from a small village in Latur district, was on the verge of being married off by her parents. However, thanks to the prompt intervention of our Childline team, her marriage was stopped just hours before it was due to take place. Sandhya was counseled and reintegrated into the educational system, where she is now thriving. Her story is a powerful testament to the impact of our child protection initiatives.

Outcome:

Sandhya is currently enrolled in school and plans to pursue higher education.

Her family received counseling and support, helping them understand the importance of education and the risks associated with child marriage.

Case Study 2: Empowering Women Through Entrepreneurship

Sakshi's Story

Sakshi, a resident of Limbgaon, grew up in poverty, with limited opportunities for education or employment. Through our Women's Social Entrepreneurship Development program, she received training in retail marketing and was able to start her own small business. Today, Sakshi

is financially independent and is using her success to support her family and mentor other women in her community.

Outcome:

Sakshi's business has grown steadily, providing a stable income for her family.

She has become a role model in her community, inspiring other women to pursue entrepreneurship.

Photographs: Sandhya and her family, Sakshi in her business environment, etc.

11. Closing Remarks

As we conclude this report, we look back with pride on our achievements in 2023-24 and look forward with hope to the future. KMAGVS remains committed to its mission of empowering marginalized communities and fostering sustainable development. We invite all our stakeholders to continue supporting us in this journey of transformation.

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