



SCODWES

(Sahyadri COmmunity Development &
Women Empowerment Society)

WE HELP PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

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Vision

We help People to help themselves for transformation of life with dignity and equality.

Mission

Establish a society that is self-reliant, respectful, dignified living for one and all with abundant opportunities and resources, clean environment all around.

Core Values



Collaboration



Enabling



Equality



Professionalism



Integrity



Compassion

Area of Working



9 Thematic Areas



5 States



29 Districts



120+ Projects



3823+ Villages



4M+ Beneficiaries



350+ Employees



Preface

The year 2025–26 stands as a defining chapter in the journey of the SCODWES® (Sahyadri Community Development and Women Empowerment Society) . It reflects not only continuity of purpose but also a bold stride towards inclusive growth, strategic expansion, and measurable impact.

Building on a strong legacy, this year has been marked by:

- ✔ Strengthened partnerships with Government, CSR, and Community institutions.
- ✔ Data-driven interventions aligned with grassroots realities and global development priorities.
- ✔ Holistic approaches integrating health, nutrition, livelihoods, education, and environmental sustainability.

Our outreach expanded across key thematic areas — **health, sustainable agriculture, women empowerment, education, environment, youth development, research and development and resettlement and rehabilitation**. Each initiative was designed to be community-centric, inclusive, and scalable, ensuring that progress is not just delivered but owned by the communities themselves.

This report goes beyond documenting activities — it captures transformational stories of resilience and empowerment. It reflects our belief that sustainable development is achieved when communities lead their own progress, supported by innovation, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

As we look ahead, SCODWES remains steadfast in its mission: to innovate, converge, and create long-term impact at scale, building a future where dignity, equality, and opportunity are accessible to all.

Acknowledgements

SCODWES® extends its sincere gratitude to all those who have made 2025–26 a year of meaningful progress and impact.

- ✓ Government partners: Your trust and collaboration have enabled us to align with national priorities and deliver programs that reach the most underserved communities.
- ✓ Funding agencies & CSR collaborators: Your continued support has been instrumental in designing and scaling impactful initiatives across diverse sectors.
- ✓ Executive Committee & Advisory Board: Your guidance and strategic direction have strengthened our institutional framework and ensured effective program delivery.
- ✓ Team members, field staff & volunteers: Your tireless dedication under challenging conditions remains the backbone of SCODWES, bringing services directly to the grassroots.
- ✓ Community members, farmers, women's groups & youth: Your active participation and trust have co-created sustainable solutions, making development truly community-owned.
- ✓ Partners & well-wishers: Your solidarity strengthens our mission of building a more equitable and self-reliant society.

Together, we have demonstrated that transformational change is possible when communities, institutions, and partners unite with a shared vision of dignity, equality, and sustainability.

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From the desk of President



Dr. H. C. Boralingaiah
President

It gives me immense pride to present the Annual Report of SCODWES® for 2025–26, a year that marks yet another milestone in our journey of **inclusive, sustainable, and community-driven development**.

This year has been defined by **strategic partnerships, innovative approaches, and dedicated grassroots efforts**, enabling us to expand our reach and deepen our impact across multiple domains:

- ✔ **Health & WASH:** Preventive care, rehabilitation, and improved access to essential services for vulnerable populations, complemented by nutrition and sanitation initiatives that strengthened community well-being.
- ✔ **Sustainable Agriculture:** Climate-resilient practices through watershed development, organic farming under PKVY, and agroecology initiatives. Thousands of farmers enhanced productivity while conserving natural resources. Community seed banks and traditional farming systems reinforced biodiversity and environmental sustainability.
- ✔ **Education & Youth Development:** Investments in school infrastructure, innovative learning systems, and employability skills have bridged the gap between education and livelihoods, fostering confidence and aspirations among rural youth.
- ✔ **Women Empowerment:** Livelihood initiatives, skill development, and rehabilitation centres have enabled women to lead secure, independent, and dignified lives. Our interventions extended to tribal and marginalized communities, ensuring inclusive growth.
- ✔ **Institutional Strengthening:** Farmer Producer Organisations and digital governance initiatives empowered communities to actively participate in development processes, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Our integrated approach ensured that interventions across sectors complemented each other, creating **transformational change at scale**.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our **Board Members, Advisory Council, dedicated staff, field teams, and volunteers**, whose tireless commitment has been the backbone of our success. I also thank our **funding agencies, CSR collaborators, and government partners** for their trust and support in advancing our mission.

As we move forward, SCODWES remains steadfast in its vision: to **scale our efforts, deepen our impact, and build self-reliant communities**. With renewed determination, we continue to transform lives and create meaningful change.

Dr. H. C. Boralingaiah
President

From the desk of Executive Director



Dr. Venkatesh Naik
Executive Director

Greetings from SCODWES®,

It is my privilege to present the **Annual Report for 2025–26**, a year defined by **steady progress, purposeful action, and community-centered impact**.

Our focus this year has been twofold:

- ✔ **Strengthening ongoing interventions:** Ensuring that health, agriculture, women empowerment, and livelihood programs translate into tangible outcomes at the grassroots.
- ✔ **Expanding into critical areas:** Responding to unmet needs with targeted initiatives that remain relevant to the communities we serve.

A key priority has been **enhancing program quality, monitoring systems, and field-level coordination**. These improvements have enabled us to track progress more effectively, adapt to local challenges, and ensure that interventions remain responsive and impactful.

Equally important has been the **strengthening of partnerships** — with government departments, CSR institutions, and local stakeholders. These collaborations continue to be the foundation of our work and the driver of scale and sustainability.

Our **field teams and volunteers** deserve special recognition. Working in remote and challenging conditions, they have sustained operations, built trust, and ensured continuity of services. Their dedication remains the heartbeat of SCODWES.

While we celebrate meaningful progress, we also acknowledge the **gaps that remain**. Looking ahead, our commitment is to:

- ✔ **Deepen impact** by scaling proven models.
- ✔ **Improve efficiency** through stronger systems and processes.
- ✔ **Stay community-centered**, ensuring that development remains participatory and inclusive.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our **partners, team members, and community stakeholders** for their continued support and cooperation. Together, we move forward with renewed determination to build **self-reliant, resilient, and empowered communities**.



Dr. Venkatesh Naik
Executive Director

Chapter I: Overview of the Organisation

Founded in **2005**, the **SCODWES (R.) (Sahyadri Community Development and Women Empowerment Society)** was born from the vision of **Dr. Venkatesh Naik**, a development practitioner driven by the conviction that true fulfilment lies in serving underserved communities. Alongside a group of like-minded individuals, he established SCODWES in Sirsi, Karnataka, with a mission to create meaningful and lasting social impact. In its formative years, SCODWES faced challenges in **resource mobilisation, institutional networking, and sustaining grassroots initiatives**. Yet, guided by resilience, compassion, and a strong sense of purpose, the organisation steadily evolved into a **professionally managed development institution**, rooted in participatory approaches and community needs.

Over time, SCODWES expanded both in **scale and scope**, strengthening its presence across diverse thematic areas and geographies. Today, the organisation envisions reaching **5 million individuals** while creating **sustainable livelihood opportunities for over 10,000 people**, reflecting its long-term commitment to inclusive growth.

Registered under the **Societies Registration Act, 1960**, and headquartered in **Sirsi, Uttara Kannada district**, SCODWES operates across **nine core domains**:

- 1. **Health**
- 2. **Sustainable Agriculture**
- 3. **Education**
- 4. **Women Empowerment**
- 5. **Tribal Development**
- 6. **Resettlement & Rehabilitation**
- 7. **Youth Development**
- 8. **Environment & Ecology**
- 9. **Research & Development**

Through **strategic partnerships** with government departments, corporate institutions, and community stakeholders, SCODWES designs and implements **integrated, need-based interventions** that promote **self-reliance, resilience and sustainable development**. The organisation brings together professionals, grassroots workers, volunteers, and community members, united by a shared vision of improving **social, economic, and environmental well-being**.

Today, SCODWES stands as a **testament to committed action and collaborative effort**, continuing its journey to create **lasting impact among the most vulnerable and least prioritised communities**.

Our Impact in Key Areas

At SCODWES, our holistic approach addresses the interconnected challenges of health, agriculture, education, youth empowerment, women empowerment, tribal development, resettlement, environment, and research. We envision a future where every community member enjoys dignity, self-reliance, and resilience. Join us as we transform compassion into action and vision into enduring reality.

1. Healthcare:

We bridge the healthcare accessibility gap in remote villages by deploying Mobile Medical Units, establishing Primary Health Centres, and operating advanced eLAJ Smart Clinics. In addition, our flagship Vision on Wheels initiative delivers eye care services directly to rural communities, ensuring early detection and treatment of vision-related issues. These facilities and mobile programs bring essential medical services to underserved populations, making healthcare accessible where it is needed most. Our specialized interventions further extend to comprehensive care for endosulfan victims, targeted anaemia reduction programs, and menstrual hygiene initiatives, addressing critical health challenges faced by vulnerable groups. Together, these efforts ensure that quality healthcare touches every corner of Karnataka, promoting preventive care, dignity, and community well-being.

2. Sustainable Agriculture

We empower rural communities by promoting sustainable farming practices, organic agriculture, apiculture, agroforestry, and integrated farming methods that strengthen both livelihoods and ecosystems. Through the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and targeted training initiatives, we enhance food security, diversify income streams, and build resilience against climate risks. These interventions not only boost farmer incomes but also nurture environmental stewardship, ensuring that agriculture becomes a driver of sustainability and empowerment for rural communities.

3. Education

Quality education is the cornerstone of progress, and we work to ensure that every child from marginalized backgrounds has the tools to succeed. Through scholarship programs and school kit distributions, we remove barriers to learning, while school infrastructure development and sanitation and hygiene initiatives create safe, healthy, and supportive environments. At the same time, our flagship AI Shiksha – AI Classrooms program introduces digital learning, STEM labs, and AI-powered tools to bridge the digital divide and prepare students for future careers. Complemented by summer camps and career counselling, these efforts combine academic support, infrastructure, sanitation, and digital empowerment, making education truly transformative for rural communities.

4. Youth Development

Recognizing the transformative potential of young people, we invest in their growth through skill building, vocational training, and job readiness initiatives. By equipping youth with practical competencies, digital literacy, and leadership skills, we enable them to access better employment opportunities and contribute meaningfully to their communities. These programs nurture confidence, innovation, and resilience, paving the way for rural youth to become tomorrow's innovators and change makers who drive social and economic progress.

5. Women Empowerment

Our dedicated initiatives foster economic independence and self-reliance among women by forming Self Help Groups (SHGs), organizing skill building workshops, and conducting capacity enhancement programs. These

platforms enable women to access financial services, leverage government entitlements, and pursue entrepreneurial opportunities. By equipping women with practical skills, financial literacy, and collective strength, we lay the foundation for lasting gender equality and empower them to become drivers of inclusive community development.

6. Tribal Development

We are committed to uplifting tribal and indigenous communities by preserving their rich cultural heritage while improving livelihoods and access to essential services. Through skill-based training and livelihood enhancement programs, we create pathways for sustainable income generation. At the same time, the establishment of tribal service points ensures healthcare reaches even the most remote settlements. Our initiatives also emphasize cultural preservation, supporting tribal art and heritage displays and community-led programs that keep traditions alive. Together, these efforts empower tribal communities to thrive economically and socially, while safeguarding their identity and heritage for future generations.

7. Resettlement and Rehabilitation

For families affected by displacement and development projects, we provide comprehensive support that restores dignity and stability. Our interventions include skill building for income generation, enabling affected individuals to rebuild livelihoods, alongside emergency response programs that address immediate needs during crises. Through community reintegration initiatives, we foster social cohesion and help families adapt to new environments without losing their sense of belonging. Together, these efforts ensure that displaced communities can rebuild their lives with purpose, resilience, and long-term security.

8. Environment and Ecology

Our environmental stewardship efforts focus on conserving natural resources and promoting eco-friendly practices that balance growth with sustainability. Through community-led forest management, watershed development, and agroforestry, we strengthen ecosystems while supporting rural livelihoods. We also prioritize the conservation of sacred groves and mangroves, protecting biodiversity and safeguarding natural heritage. Together, these initiatives create a sustainable balance between economic progress and ecological preservation, ensuring that communities thrive in harmony with nature.

9. Research and Development

Innovation lies at our core. Through rigorous research on tribal development, the impact of endosulfan, conservation of biodiversity and other critical areas, we ensure that our programs are informed by evidence-based insights. Collaborative workshops and strategic academic partnerships further drive continuous improvements in our interventions.

Chapter II: Focus of the Year

The year 2025–26 marked a decisive shift for SCODWES®, as we advanced our vision of holistic and inclusive development by integrating interventions across health, agriculture, education, livelihoods, and social protection. Our focus was on creating sustainable impact through convergence, ensuring communities benefit from interconnected development efforts rather than isolated initiatives.

Health & Nutrition

- ✔ Preventive care, rehabilitation and nutrition formed the backbone of our health strategy.
- ✔ Large-scale outreach through health camps, hygiene awareness, and WASH interventions improved access to essential services for vulnerable populations — especially children, women, and rural households.
- ✔ These efforts fostered better health practices, increased awareness, and enhanced overall well-being.

Sustainable Agriculture

- ✔ Organic farming, watershed development, and climate-resilient practices remained key priorities.
- ✔ Farmers were supported through structured training, seed systems and innovative models such as Jodi Ankana, improving soil health, water efficiency and reducing dependence on chemical inputs.
- ✔ Initiatives aligned with biodiversity conservation, strengthening natural resource management and ecological sustainability.

Education & Youth Development

- ✔ Investments in school infrastructure, sanitation, and experiential learning improved attendance and engagement.
- ✔ Skill-based programmes equipped youth with employability skills, bridging the gap between education and livelihoods while fostering confidence and aspirations.

Women Empowerment

- ✔ Women were supported through livelihood initiatives, skill development, and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- ✔ Protection-based programmes ensured safety, counseling, and rehabilitation for those in distress.
- ✔ These interventions enhanced confidence, economic participation, and social inclusion.

Tribal & Marginalized Communities

- ✔ Integrated livelihood initiatives in agriculture, poultry, apiculture, and skill training promoted income diversification and reduced vulnerability.
- ✔ Traditional knowledge systems were preserved, while resettlement and rehabilitation programmes provided shelter, care, and reintegration pathways.

Environment & Ecology

- ✔ Soil conservation, water resource management, and biodiversity preservation were embedded across all programmes.
- ✔ Community-driven initiatives such as seed banks and agroecological practices strengthened climate resilience and ecological balance.

Research & Development

- ✔ Data-driven planning, monitoring, and evidence-based decision-making supported scalable and effective models.
- ✔ Research strengthened accountability and ensured interventions remained relevant to evolving community needs.

2025–26 was a year of integrated, community-led development. By addressing health, livelihoods, environment, and social protection in a unified manner, SCODWES strengthened grassroots institutions, enhanced resilience, and laid a strong foundation for building **self-reliant and sustainable communities.**



Chapter III:
Impact Creation : 2025-26

Total Projects: 29

Domain wise distributions



- Health - 5
- Sustainable Agriculture - 7
- Education - 3
- Women Empowerment - 5
- Tribal Development - 1
- Resettlement and Rehabilitation - 2
- Development of Youth - 1
- Environment and Ecology - 4
- Research and Development - 1



Health

1. Arogya Bhandu: PHC

The Arogya Bandhu - Primary Health Centre (PHC) Initiative is a community-based healthcare program implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. Established in Castlerock and Diggi villages of Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada, the project addresses critical gaps in accessible and affordable healthcare services in remote and underserved regions.

Before the intervention, communities faced limited access to medical facilities, shortage of healthcare professionals, and low awareness of preventive health practices. The initiative delivers comprehensive primary healthcare services including outpatient care, maternal and child health services, immunization, disease screening, laboratory diagnostics, and health awareness activities.

Special emphasis is placed on marginalized communities such as Kunabi, Marati, Nabik and OBC groups, ensuring inclusive healthcare delivery. By integrating preventive, promotive, and curative services through well-equipped PHCs and outreach activities, the project strengthens rural health systems and significantly improves health outcomes across covered villages.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Arogya Bandhu - PHC Initiative
Focus Area	Primary Healthcare
Geographic Coverage	Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada (Castelrock & Diggi)
Duration	2025-26 (Operational Year)
Funded By	Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Clinical & OPD Services

- ✓ Daily outpatient consultations across PHCs
- ✓ Emergency care and first aid services
- ✓ Referral services for advanced treatment

Maternal & Child Health

- ✓ ANC & PNC care for pregnant women
- ✓ Immunization drives (clinic & sub-centre level)
- ✓ Child health monitoring through Anganwadi visits

Diagnostic & Lab Services

- ✓ Blood tests, sputum tests, and smear collections
- ✓ Water quality testing across villages
- ✓ ECG and basic diagnostic screenings

Disease Screening & Treatment

- ✓ Identification and treatment of Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, TB
- ✓ Screening for eye problems and surgical referrals
- ✓ Monitoring communicable & non-communicable diseases

Community Outreach & Awareness

- ✓ Health education on hygiene and nutrition
- ✓ IEC activities and national health programs
- ✓ Village-level health camps and awareness drives

Family Planning & Public Health

- ✓ LSCS, laparoscopy, and family planning services
- ✓ Ayushman Bharat (AB-Ark) case tracking

Beneficiary Reach:

Coverage:

- ✓ Total Villages Covered: 36
- ✓ Total Population Covered: 10,359
- ✓ Total Households: 2,265

Service Reach (Combined PHCs):

- ✓ Total OPD Footfall: 49,364
- ✓ Lab Services Beneficiaries: 14,202
- ✓ ANC Beneficiaries: 641
- ✓ TB Patients Treated: 28
- ✓ Children Immunized: 2,540+ doses

Disease Screening Insights:

- ✓ HTN Cases Identified: 5,184
- ✓ DM Cases Identified: 1,375
- ✓ HTN & DM Combined: 1,155
- ✓ Eye Cases Screened & Treated (with surgeries): 500+

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ High burden of non-communicable diseases (Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus)
- ✓ Strong outreach to maternal and child population
- ✓ Inclusion of marginalized rural communities

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited access to structured healthcare services
- ✓ Delayed diagnosis of chronic diseases
- ✓ Poor maternal and child health monitoring
- ✓ Lack of preventive healthcare awareness



After Intervention:

- ✓ 49,000+ patient consultations ensured access to healthcare
- ✓ Significant increase in early diagnosis of Hypertension & Diabetes Mellitus
- ✓ Strengthened immunization coverage across villages
- ✓ Regular ANC monitoring improved maternal health outcomes

Health System Impact:

- ✓ Improved rural healthcare accessibility through PHCs
- ✓ Strengthened last-mile delivery via outreach and sub-centres
- ✓ Increased utilization of government health programs
- ✓ High OPD utilization indicating trust and accessibility
- ✓ Large-scale diagnostic coverage (14,000+ lab cases)
- ✓ Improved disease detection and follow-up care

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Smart PHC Model:** Combines clinical care with diagnostics, outreach, and digital reporting
- ✓ **Last-Mile Healthcare Delivery:** Services extended beyond clinics to villages and Anganwadis
- ✓ **Preventive + Curative Integration:** Focus on early detection along with treatment
- ✓ **Inclusive Healthcare:** Strong focus on marginalized rural communities
- ✓ **Data-Driven Monitoring:** Regular tracking of diseases, services, and outcomes

Bringing healthcare closer to communities, this initiative ensures no village is left behind. Over 49,000 patient visits reflect strong trust and accessibility. Early detection of chronic diseases has significantly improved health outcomes. Maternal and child healthcare services have strengthened rural wellbeing. A robust PHC model transforming last-mile healthcare delivery.





2. e-LAJ Smart Clinic

The e-LAJ Smart Clinic Project is a technology-enabled primary healthcare initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with Biocon Foundation to improve healthcare access in underserved rural communities of Uttara Kannada district. Operational since 2023 in Mainalli and expanded to Bandal in 2024, the project addresses critical gaps in rural healthcare such as limited access to medical services, delayed diagnosis, and poor management of chronic diseases.

The initiative delivers comprehensive primary healthcare through fixed clinics supported by structured outreach activities. Key focus areas include screening and management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as hypertension and diabetes, Anaemia reduction, maternal and child healthcare, and early detection of cancer.

By integrating digital tools, doorstep services, and community awareness programs, the project ensures early diagnosis, continuous follow-up and preventive healthcare. The e-LAJ model significantly reduces healthcare access barriers while improving health outcomes and quality of life among rural populations.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	e-LAJ Smart Clinic
Focus Area	Primary Healthcare & NCD Management
Geographic Coverage	Mainalli (Mundagod Taluk) & Bandal (Sirsi Taluk) of Uttara Kannada District.
Duration	July 2023 - Ongoing
Funded By	Biocon Foundation
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Clinical & Diagnostic Services

- ✓ OPD consultations and treatment services
- ✓ Laboratory testing and diagnostics
- ✓ ECG screening and oral cancer screening

Disease Screening & Management

- ✓ Identification of Non-Communicable Diseases (HTN, DM, CVD, COPD)
- ✓ Anaemia screening and treatment
- ✓ Cancer and stroke case identification and follow-up

Outreach & Field Activities

- ✓ Household surveys and community screening (Part A, B, C-back)
- ✓ Rescreening and follow-up of identified cases
- ✓ Mobile healthcare and doorstep services

Awareness & IEC Activities

- ✓ Community awareness sessions on health and hygiene
- ✓ IEC programs on preventive healthcare
- ✓ Health education campaigns

Health Camps & Community Engagement

- ✓ Regular health camps in remote villages
- ✓ Beneficiary mobilization for screening and treatment
- ✓ Strengthening community-health linkages

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✓ Total Villages Covered: 35
- ✓ Total Population Covered: 14,313
- ✓ Total Households: 3,519

Service Reach (Combined Clinics):

- ✓ Total OPD Footfall: 27,885
- ✓ Lab Patients Covered: 8,953
- ✓ Lab Tests Conducted: 11,003
- ✓ ECG Screenings: 1,211
- ✓ Oral Cancer Screenings: 516

Disease Identification:

- ✓ HTN Cases: 1,057+
- ✓ DM Cases: 509+
- ✓ Anaemia Cases: 1,711+
- ✓ Skin Diseases: 1,380+
- ✓ Cancer Cases Identified: 86+

Outreach Activities:

- ✓ IEC Beneficiaries: 3,261+
- ✓ Health Camp Beneficiaries: 1,794+

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ High prevalence of NCDs and Anaemia
- ✓ Strong outreach to rural and underserved populations

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ No accessible healthcare facilities in target villages
- ✓ Delayed diagnosis and unmanaged chronic conditions
- ✓ High dependency on distant healthcare centers

After Intervention:

- ✓ 27,000+ patient consultations improved healthcare access
- ✓ Early identification of NCDs through systematic screening
- ✓ Regular follow-up improved disease management



Health & Behavioral Impact:

- ✓ Increased awareness on preventive healthcare practices
- ✓ Improved early diagnosis of cancer and cardiovascular risks
- ✓ Strengthened trust in local healthcare systems

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ Large-scale screening and diagnostic coverage
- ✓ Increased utilization of healthcare services
- ✓ Reduction in untreated chronic disease burden



What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Tech-Enabled Smart Clinic Model:** Combines digital tools with rural healthcare delivery
- ✓ **Fixed + Outreach Hybrid Model:** Ensures both clinic-based and doorstep services
- ✓ **Strong NCD Focus:** Early detection and continuous follow-up
- ✓ **Mobile Healthcare Support:** Bike ambulance and field-level diagnostics
- ✓ **Holistic Care Delivery:** Covers preventive, curative, and awareness aspects

Transforming rural healthcare through smart, accessible clinic models. Over 27,000 patient consultations delivered in underserved communities. Early detection of chronic diseases improving long-term health outcomes. Strong outreach ensuring healthcare reaches every doorstep. A scalable model redefining rural primary healthcare delivery.

E-Laj SMART CLINIC

Case Study

Mrs. Choudi Ishwar Gouda, a 51-year-old female from Khurse, belongs to a rural family background and has limited education (4th standard). Before visiting e-LAJ Smart Clinic, she was suffering from generalized weakness and stress. She was unable to perform her daily work, which affected her family's income, as they depend on daily wages for their livelihood. Due to her worsening condition, she visited the clinic on 03/11/2025 with complaints of generalized weakness and fatigue.

On medical examination and investigation, her Haemoglobin level was found to be 7.2 g/dL, confirming Anaemia. The medical team screened her thoroughly and initiated appropriate treatment with iron supplementation along with dietary advice to improve iron intake. She was also counselled regarding the importance of medication compliance and nutritional awareness.

At her follow-up visit on 02/12/2025, her Haemoglobin level had improved significantly to 10.8 g/dL. She reported reduced weakness and was able to resume her daily activities.

She expressed happiness with the services provided, as earlier there were no medical facilities within a 20 km radius. Previously, seeking treatment meant losing a day's wages and income, but after the establishment of e-LAJ Smart Clinic, healthcare services became accessible at her doorstep.

This case highlights the importance of accessible primary healthcare, early diagnosis, proper supplementation, dietary counselling, and regular follow-up in the successful management of Anaemia among rural patients.





3. DFT Community Health, Livelihood, Education development Programs -DFT (Health Domain)

The health interventions under the Desai Foundation Trust (DFT) partnership focused on strengthening preventive healthcare access, early diagnosis, and health awareness across rural communities in Haveri and Uttara Kannada districts. The project addressed critical gaps in last-mile healthcare delivery by organizing structured health camps, awareness programs, and mobile healthcare services. Key interventions included general health camps, eye screenings, gynaecological and paediatric care, along with large-scale hygiene and menstrual health awareness initiatives. Special emphasis was placed on women, children, and underserved populations to improve health-seeking behaviour and reduce disease burden. The introduction of mobile healthcare services through “Vision on Wheels” further enhanced accessibility in remote villages. By integrating clinical services with awareness and outreach, the project ensured both immediate healthcare support and long-term behavioural change. The initiative has significantly contributed to improving early diagnosis, strengthening preventive healthcare practices, and building healthier rural communities.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Health Programs - DFT
Focus Area	Preventive Healthcare & Community Health
Geographic Coverage	Haveri & Uttara Kannada Districts
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Desai Foundation Trust (DFT)
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Health Camps & Clinical Services

General Health Camps	12
Eye Screening Camps	7
Gynaecological Health Camps	6
Paediatric Health Camps	12

Awareness & Preventive Health

- Health & Hygiene Awareness Campaigns
- Menstrual Hygiene Management Sessions

Mobile Healthcare

- Vision on Wheels outreach services

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Beneficiaries
General Health Camps	3,882
Eye Camps	1,156
Gynaecology Camps (Women)	1,592
Paediatric Camps (Children)	2,144
Health & Hygiene Awareness	1,12,761
Menstrual Hygiene Awareness	32,250
Vision on Wheels	4,581
Total Reach	1,58,366+

Demographic Insight:

- High coverage of women and children
- Strong rural and underserved population outreach
- Large-scale awareness-driven engagement

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- Limited access to healthcare services in rural areas
- Low awareness on hygiene and menstrual health
- Delayed diagnosis of common diseases

After Intervention:

- 1.58 lakh+ beneficiaries reached through integrated services
- Significant increase in preventive health awareness
- Early detection through structured screening camps

Behavioural & Health Impact:

- Improved hygiene and sanitation practices
- Increased awareness and adoption of menstrual health practices
- Strengthened health-seeking behaviour

Measurable Outcomes:

- Awareness programs reached 1.12 lakh+ individuals
- Menstrual hygiene outreach exceeded targets by ~3x
- Strong utilization of camp-based healthcare services

What Makes This Project Different

- Integrated model combining clinical care + awareness + mobile services
- Strong focus on preventive healthcare and behavior change
- Large-scale outreach with high community participation



- ✓ Mobile healthcare ensuring last-mile service delivery
- ✓ Gender-focused approach with emphasis on women’s health

Delivering healthcare where it is needed the most, this initiative reached over 1.5 lakh rural beneficiaries through camps and awareness programs. Strong emphasis on preventive care improved hygiene practices and health-seeking behaviour. Women-centric interventions significantly enhanced menstrual health awareness. Mobile healthcare services ensured last-mile access in remote villages. A scalable model strengthening community health systems.

Case Study-1

Case Study : Sagar Ramesh Gouda
Name : Sagar Ramesh Gouda
Village : Amarkodla
Taluk : Ankola
District : Uttara Kannada

Sagar Ramesh Gouda is a resident of Amarkodla village in Ankola Taluk and is Sagar is actively involved in his daily work and responsibilities. For a long time, he often felt tired, weak, and had low energy. This made it difficult for him to do his regular work properly, but he did not realize that it was due to a health problem. In 2025, Sagar attended an Anaemia Test Camp organized by SCODWES with the support of Desai Foundation Trust. The test was conducted by the CF. His haemoglobin level was found to be 8.5, which showed that he had moderate anaemia. This helped him understand the reason for his tiredness and weakness. After the test, the SCODWES health team explained to him about anaemia and the importance of eating healthy, iron-rich food. He was advised to eat green leafy vegetables, ragi, jaggery and dates. He was also given iron and folic acid tablets and told to take them regularly. Sagar followed the advice sincerely. After three months, his haemoglobin level was checked again and had increased to 10.9, showing good improvement. Now, Sagar feels healthier, more active, and confident. He is able to do his daily work with better energy, and his overall health and quality of life have improved.





4. Water, Wash Health Initiative (Health Domain)

The Health Domain interventions under the Water, WASH & Health Initiatives Project, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with Godrej Foods Limited, focused on improving hygiene practices, preventive healthcare access, and health awareness across nine villages in Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district. The initiative primarily addressed critical gaps in personal hygiene, menstrual health, and early detection of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Through structured awareness programs, school-based interventions, and community health camps, the project emphasized behavior change and preventive healthcare. Special focus was placed on women and school children, enabling them to adopt safe hygiene practices and make informed health decisions. The intervention contributed to improved community health outcomes, reduced health risks, and strengthened awareness on sanitation and preventive care.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Water, WASH & Health Intitiatives- Hoskote
Focus Area	Public Health, Hygiene, Preventive Healthcare
Geographic Coverage	Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural (9 Villages)
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Godrej Foods Limited
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Hygiene & Awareness Interventions

- Personal Hygiene Management (PHM) camps in schools
- Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) awareness programs for women

Preventive Healthcare Services

- Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening camps
- Identification of high-risk individuals

Community Awareness & IEC

- Wall paintings promoting hygiene practices
- Community mobilization and behaviour change communication

Beneficiary Reach

Total Beneficiaries: ~2,785 Category Beneficiaries
Students (PHM Programs)1,285 Women (MHM Programs)1,000+ General Community (Health Screening) 500+

Key Achievements		
✓ PHM Camps	:	40
✓ MHM Camps	:	40
✓ NCD Screening Camps:		8
✓ Wall Paintings	:	8

Impact Created

Before Intervention

- ✓ Limited awareness on personal and menstrual hygiene
- ✓ Low access to preventive healthcare services
- ✓ Minimal early detection of non-communicable diseases

After Intervention

- ✓ Increased adoption of safe hygiene practices among students and women
- ✓ Improved awareness of menstrual health and sanitation
- ✓ Enhanced access to health screening services

Health & Social Impact

- ✓ 1,000+ women educated on menstrual hygiene
- ✓ 1,285 students sensitized on personal hygiene
- ✓ 500+ individuals screened for NCDs
- ✓ 100+ high-risk individuals identified for further care

Measurable Outcomes

- ✓ 100% achievement of planned activities
- ✓ Strengthened community-level preventive healthcare awareness
- ✓ Increased health-seeking behaviour in rural communities

What Makes This Intervention Unique

- ✓ Strong behaviour change approach combining awareness with outreach
- ✓ Focus on preventive healthcare rather than reactive treatment
- ✓ Dedicated emphasis on women and adolescent health
- ✓ School-based model ensuring long-term habit formation

Improving rural health outcomes through hygiene awareness and preventive care. Over 2,700 beneficiaries reached across 9 villages. Significant increase in hygiene awareness among women and students. Early detection of NCD risks strengthened community health resilience.





5. Dabur: Distribution of Nutritional and Hygiene Supplements to enhance community wellbeing.

The Health & Nutrition Programme, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with Dabur India Ltd., is a community-focused initiative aimed at improving health, hygiene, and nutrition among rural and semi-urban populations. The project focuses on enhancing access to essential healthcare products and promoting preventive health practices across multiple taluks including Sirsi, Joida, Dandeli, Kumta, Haveri, and Castlerock.

The initiative involves large-scale distribution of health and nutrition products to vulnerable groups such as economically disadvantaged families, school children, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), frontline workers, police personnel, and public institutions. Alongside distribution, the programme emphasizes awareness on personal hygiene, immunity building, and preventive healthcare.

By supporting both individuals and institutions, the project strengthens grassroots health systems while encouraging behavioral change. The initiative plays a crucial role in improving community health outcomes, reducing vulnerability, and promoting healthier lifestyles through accessible and practical interventions.

Project Snapshot

Project Nam	Health & Nutrition Programme
Focus Area	Health, Nutrition, Hygiene, Preventive Healthcare
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi, Joida, Dandeli, Kumta, Haveri, Castlerock
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Dabur India Ltd. (Direct Supply of Items)
Implementing Agency	SCODWES
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Product Distribution & Health Support

- ✓ Large-scale distribution of health and nutrition products
- ✓ Supply to health centres, schools, SHGs, and institutions
- ✓ Coverage of frontline workers including police personnel

Community Outreach & Awareness

- ✓ Awareness on hygiene practices and preventive healthcare
- ✓ Promotion of immunity-building and nutrition habits
- ✓ Engagement with rural communities and institutions

Institutional Strengthening

- ✓ Support to public health centres and schools
- ✓ Strengthening last-mile delivery of health products

Monitoring & Distribution Management

- ✓ Systematic tracking through invoice-based distribution
- ✓ Multi-location distribution planning and execution
- ✓ Efficient logistics and reporting systems

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Total Beneficiaries Reached	38,366
Locations Covered	6+ Taluks
Distribution Points	30+ events

Geographical Spread:

- ✓ Sirsi, Dandeli, Kumta, Haveri, Joida, Castlerock

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Vulnerable families
- ✓ Women and children
- ✓ SHGs and community groups
- ✓ Frontline workers and institutions

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited access to basic health and hygiene products
- ✓ Low awareness of preventive healthcare practices
- ✓ Gaps in last-mile health product distribution

After Intervention:

- ✓ 38,000+ beneficiaries received essential health support
- ✓ Improved access to hygiene and nutrition products
- ✓ Strengthened outreach through institutional channels

Health & Behavioral Impact:

- ✓ Increased awareness on hygiene and sanitation practices
- ✓ Improved immunity and preventive health behavior
- ✓ Better adoption of healthy lifestyle practices

System-Level Impact:

- ✓ Strengthened linkage between community and health systems
- ✓ Efficient distribution model across multiple locations
- ✓ Enhanced support to frontline institutions



Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ Large-scale outreach across 6+ taluks
- ✓ Strong distribution efficiency through tracking systems
- ✓ High beneficiary coverage within a short duration

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Mass Outreach Model:** Reaches large populations in short duration
- ✓ **Preventive Healthcare Focus:** Promotes behavior change, not just distribution
- ✓ **Institution-Linked Delivery:** Strengthens schools, SHGs, and health centres
- ✓ **Efficient Distribution System:** Invoice-based tracking ensures accountability
- ✓ **CSR-Driven Public Health Model:** High impact with simple interventions

Reaching 38,000+ people with essential health and nutrition support. Improving hygiene awareness and preventive healthcare practices. Strengthening community health through institutional partnerships. Supporting vulnerable populations with accessible health products. A scalable model for community-based public health outreach.





Sustainable Agriculture

1. FPOs: 10000 FPO, NAFED and NCDC FPOs

The Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme, implemented by SCODWES as a Cluster-Based Business Organisation (CBBO), focuses on strengthening collective farming systems and enhancing farmer incomes through institutional development, market linkages, and enterprise promotion. Supported by the Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka, the programme spans multiple districts including Uttara Kannada, Haveri, Gadag, and Udupi.

The initiative supports the formation and strengthening of 52 FPOs, enabling small and marginal farmers to aggregate produce, access inputs, and engage in value-added business activities. It provides end-to-end handholding support covering governance, compliance, financial management, training, and market integration.

By promoting collective action, improving access to certifications (FSSAI, AGMARK), and facilitating large-scale business operations such as procurement, processing, and export, the programme transforms traditional farming into a market-oriented enterprise model. The initiative significantly contributes to improving farmer incomes, building rural entrepreneurship, and creating sustainable agricultural institutions.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme
Focus Area	Agriculture, Farmer Collectives, Market Linkages, Enterprise Development.
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada, Haveri, Gadag, Udupi
Duration	2021 - 2030
Reporting Period	April 2025 - March 2026
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Institution Building & Governance

- ✓ Formation and strengthening of 52 FPOs
- ✓ BOD selection, CEO & CA appointments completed
- ✓ Business plans and DPRs developed for all FPOs

Capacity Building & Training

- ✓ 240 Lead Farmer Trainings (CBBO)
- ✓ 124 trainings conducted for FPCs
- ✓ CEO & Accountant capacity building programs
- ✓ Exposure visits conducted for 34 FPOs

Business & Market Linkages

- ✓ Procurement of 500 MT maize and export to Sri Lanka
- ✓ Launch of UK Pearl Mart (market platform)
- ✓ Buyer-Seller Meets and trade participation
- ✓ Establishment of oil processing & cold storage units

Certification & Compliance

- ✓ FSSAI licenses for 7 FPOs
- ✓ AGMARK certification for 4 FPOs
- ✓ MIS portal updates (~85% completion for 26 FPOs)
- ✓ Ongoing audit and compliance monitoring

Networking & Expansion

- ✓ Addition of 8 new FPOs from NAFED
- ✓ 4 FPOs designated as reference sites
- ✓ Participation in national and state-level events

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Total FPOs Supported	52
Farmers Covered (Indirect)	10,000+
Lead Farmer Trainings	240
Exposure Visits	34 FPOs
FSSAI Certified FPOs	7
AGMARK Certified FPOs	4

Impact Created

Institutional Impact

- ✓ 52 fully functional FPOs with governance and compliance systems
- ✓ Strengthened collective bargaining power for farmers

Economic & Market Impact

- ✓ Large-scale procurement and 500+ MT maize export
- ✓ Improved farmer incomes through aggregation and market linkage
- ✓ Establishment of value chain infrastructure (processing units, cold storage)

Capacity & Skill Impact

- ✓ 240+ farmer trainings improving agricultural practices and business skills
- ✓ Enhanced leadership among FPO CEOs and BOD members



System-Level Impact

- ✓ Integration with digital platforms (MIS, ONDC, LMS)
- ✓ Strengthened ecosystem for agri-entrepreneurship
- ✓ Improved certification enabling better market access

Recognition & Achievements

- ✓ State-level awards and national recognition
- ✓ Participation in international and national trade events

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **End-to-End FPO Ecosystem:** From formation to market linkage
- ✓ **Strong Business Orientation:** Focus on procurement, export, and enterprise
- ✓ **Government Convergence Model:** Works closely with state schemes
- ✓ **Scalable Institutional Model:** Replicable across regions
- ✓ **Market-Driven Agriculture:** Farmers transitioned from producers to entrepreneurs

Building strong farmer institutions across 4 districts. 52 FPOs enabling collective farming and market access. 500+ MT produce linked to national and international markets. Enhanced incomes through aggregation, certification, and value addition. A scalable model driving farmer-led agri-enterprises.





2. Su-Krishi

The Su-Krishi Project, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with GIZ under the SuATI initiative, is a comprehensive agroecology-based program aimed at transforming farming practices in Uttara Kannada district. The project focuses on promoting sustainable agriculture through biodiversity conservation, natural farming practices, and community-led institutional development.

Covering five clusters and over 5,000 farm families, the initiative integrates training, seed conservation, organic input production, demonstration farms, and market linkage activities. Key interventions include establishment of Bio Resource Centres (BRCs), Community Seed Banks, nutrition gardens, and women-led collectives.

By encouraging the use of local inputs and reducing dependency on chemical farming, the project enhances soil health, improves farm productivity, and strengthens climate resilience. The initiative also promotes traditional food systems and supports farmer entrepreneurship through structured market linkage platforms, creating a sustainable and scalable agroecological model.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Su-Krishi - Agroecology Transformation Project
Focus Area	Sustainable Agriculture & Agroecology
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada (5 Clusters - Sirsi, Siddapur, Yellapur, Joida)
Duration	Jan 2024 - Nov 2025 (Reporting Year: 2025-26)
Reporting Period	GIZ (SuATI Initiative)
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Capacity Building & Training

- ✓ 60+ training programs on natural farming, livestock, soil health, and marketing
- ✓ Practical sessions on bio-input preparation and agroecology practices

Institutional Infrastructure Development

- ✓ Establishment of 4 Bio Resource Centres (BRCs)
- ✓ Creation of Community Seed Bank with indigenous varieties
- ✓ Establishment of Custom Hiring Centres for farm equipment

Biodiversity & Conservation

- ✓ Conservation of 34 traditional paddy varieties
- ✓ Establishment of paddy and tuber conservation blocks
- ✓ Germination testing and seed multiplication

Demonstration & Field Implementation

- ✓ 10 model demonstration farms (Integrated Farming Systems)
- ✓ Promotion of nutrition gardens (2000 kits distributed)
- ✓ Documentation of cost of cultivation and best practices

Women Empowerment & Livelihoods

- ✓ 26+ women collectives trained and linked to markets
- ✓ Skill development (tailoring, value addition, micro-enterprises)

Market Linkage & Entrepreneurship

- ✓ Buyer-Seller Meet with 230+ participants
- ✓ ₹4.39 crore trade facilitated
- ✓ 27 entrepreneurs onboarded on e-commerce platforms

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✓ Farm Families Covered: 5,000+
- ✓ Clusters Covered: 5
- ✓ Villages Covered: 15+ (cluster-based)

Program Reach:

- ✓ Training Programs: 60+
- ✓ Farmers Trained: 500+ (direct intensive training)
- ✓ Nutrition Garden Beneficiaries: 2,000 households
- ✓ Women Beneficiaries: 26+ collectives

Infrastructure Created:

- ✓ Bio Resource Centres: 4
- ✓ Custom Hiring Centres: 5
- ✓ Demonstration Farms: 10
- ✓ Seed Bank: 1



Biodiversity Impact:

- ✓ Indigenous Paddy Varieties Conserved: 34

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ High dependence on chemical farming
- ✓ Limited access to organic inputs and sustainable practices
- ✓ Weak market linkages and farmer institutions

After Intervention:

- ✓ 5,000+ farmers introduced to agroecology practices
- ✓ Increased adoption of natural farming and bio-input usage
- ✓ Strengthened farmer institutions and community ownership

Agriculture & Environmental Impact:

- ✓ Improved soil health through organic inputs
- ✓ Increased biodiversity through conservation of traditional varieties
- ✓ Enhanced climate resilience through diversified farming

Livelihood & Economic Impact:

- ✓ ₹4.39 crore trade facilitated through market linkage
- ✓ Increased income opportunities through diversified farming
- ✓ Strengthened value addition and entrepreneurship

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100% achievement of planned infrastructure and activities (as seen in activity table on page 7)
- ✓ Strong adoption of agroecology practices across clusters
- ✓ Functioning community institutions ensuring sustainability

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Agroecology-Based Model:** Focus on biodiversity, soil health, and sustainability
- ✓ **End-to-End Ecosystem:** Training → Production → Conservation → Market linkage
- ✓ **Strong Community Ownership:** FPOs and collectives driving implementation
- ✓ **Market-Linked Agriculture:** Direct linkage through Buyer-Seller platforms
- ✓ **Scalable Cluster Model:** Replicable across geographies

Transforming agriculture through agroecology and community-led models. 5,000+ farmers engaged in sustainable farming practices. Reviving traditional seeds and strengthening biodiversity. ₹4.39 crore market linkage boosting rural livelihoods. A scalable model for climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture.





3. PKVY-Joida

The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is a flagship organic farming initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, in Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada. The project promotes sustainable agriculture by encouraging farmers to adopt organic practices, reduce chemical inputs, and improve soil health.

The initiative follows a cluster-based approach, organizing farmers into Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups to enable community-led organic certification. Key interventions include farmer mobilization, baseline surveys, capacity building, exposure visits, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) support for organic infrastructure.

Through training on bio-input preparation, soil management, and pest control, the project strengthens farmers' knowledge and skills. By integrating certification, infrastructure support, and market linkage opportunities, PKVY enhances farm productivity, sustainability, and income while promoting environmentally responsible agriculture.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) - Joida Cluster
Focus Area	Organic Farming & Sustainable Agriculture
Geographic Coverage	Joida Taluk, Uttara Kannada
Duration	2025-2027 (Year 1: 2025-26)
Reporting Period	Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Cluster Formation & Farmer Mobilization

- ✓ Formation of 19 PGS groups across 19 villages
- ✓ Mobilization and enrollment of farmers
- ✓ Baseline survey and documentation

PGS Certification & Digital Registration

- ✓ Registration of all groups on PGS-India portal
- ✓ Documentation, verification, and endorsement processes
- ✓ Peer appraisal and data upload

Capacity Building & Training

- ✓ 19+ training sessions on organic farming practices
- ✓ Demonstrations on bio-inputs (Jeevamrutha, composting)
- ✓ Field staff training on certification and implementation

Exposure & Knowledge Exchange

- ✓ Exposure visits to organic farms and biocentres
- ✓ Practical learning on sustainable agriculture models

DBT Infrastructure Support

- ✓ Distribution of organic farming infrastructure (Vermicompost units, honey boxes, bio digesters)
- ✓ Preparation and approval of DBT action plans
- ✓ Monitoring through GPS-tagged documentation

Market & Promotion Activities

- ✓ Participation in organic trade fair (8,000+ visitors)
- ✓ Promotion of organic produce and farmer linkage

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✓ Farmers Covered: 416
- ✓ PGS Groups: 19
- ✓ Villages Covered: 19
- ✓ Total Area: 380 hectares

Capacity Building:

- ✓ Training Sessions: 19+
- ✓ Farmers Covered in Training: 100%

Exposure & Outreach:

- ✓ Farmers in Exposure Visits: 70+

DBT Support (Year 1):

- ✓ Farmers Supported: 81
- ✓ Infrastructure Units Distributed: 133
 - ✓ Honey Boxes: 93
 - ✓ Vermicompost Units: 30
 - ✓ Bio Digesters: 3
 - ✓ Others (Drums, Mats): Limited distribution

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Small and marginal farmers
- ✓ Inclusion of tribal communities (Kunabi)
- ✓ Mixed cropping systems (paddy, arecanut, tubers)



Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ High dependence on chemical inputs
- ✓ Limited awareness of organic farming practices
- ✓ Weak market linkage for organic produce

After Intervention:

- ✓ 416 farmers transitioned towards organic farming systems
- ✓ Increased adoption of bio-inputs and eco-friendly practices
- ✓ Strengthened farmer institutions through PGS groups

Behavioural & Agricultural Impact:

- ✓ Improved soil health awareness and management
- ✓ Increased confidence in organic certification process
- ✓ Enhanced knowledge on sustainable agriculture practices

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100% PGS group registration achieved
- ✓ Large-scale farmer mobilization across 19 villages
- ✓ Structured DBT support strengthening farm infrastructure

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Cluster-Based Organic Model:** Community-driven certification approach
- ✓ **PGS Certification System:** Enables low-cost, farmer-led certification
- ✓ **Integrated Support System:** Training + infrastructure + market linkage
- ✓ **Strong Institutional Framework:** 19 organized farmer groups
- ✓ **Sustainability Focus:** Promotes long-term soil and environmental health

Driving the transition towards sustainable and organic agriculture. 416 farmers organized into certified organic farming groups. Strengthening soil health and reducing chemical dependency. Empowering farmers through training, certification, and infrastructure. A scalable model for community-led organic farming ecosystems.



4. PKVY-Khanapur

The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) - Khanapur Cluster is an organic farming initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, in Belagavi district. The project promotes sustainable agriculture by encouraging farmers to adopt eco-friendly, chemical-free farming practices through a cluster-based model.

Under this initiative, farmers are organized into Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups, enabling community-led organic certification and strengthening farmer institutions. The project integrates capacity building, exposure visits, soil health management, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) support for organic infrastructure.

By focusing on bio-input preparation, sustainable crop management, and certification processes, the program enhances farmers' knowledge and adoption of organic practices. The initiative aims to improve soil fertility, reduce input costs, and enhance farm productivity while ensuring long-term environmental sustainability and livelihood security for rural farming communities.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) - Khanapur Cluster
Focus Area	Organic Farming & Sustainable Agriculture
Geographic Coverage	Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District
Duration	2025-2027 (Year 1: 2025-26)
Reporting Period	Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Cluster Formation & Farmer Mobilization

- ✓ Formation of 21 PGS groups across 6 villages
- ✓ Farmer enrollment and documentation
- ✓ Baseline survey and data compilation

PGS Certification & Registration

- ✓ Registration of all groups on PGS-India portal
- ✓ Completion of peer appraisal data upload
- ✓ Documentation and endorsement processes

Capacity Building & Training

- ✓ 21 training sessions across multiple locations
- ✓ Training on organic farming, soil health, and pest management
- ✓ Practical demonstrations of bio-input preparation

Exposure & Learning Activities

- ✓ Exposure visits to Biocentre Belagavi and KVK Mattikoppa

- ✓ Practical demonstrations on organic farming techniques

DBT Infrastructure Support

- ✓ Distribution of vermicompost units, cow mats, and biodigesters
- ✓ Preparation of DBT action plans for all farmers
- ✓ GPS-based monitoring and documentation

Soil & Water Testing

- ✓ Sample collection initiated across all PGS groups
- ✓ Coordination with laboratories for soil health assessment

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✓ Farmers Covered: 409
- ✓ PGS Groups: 21
- ✓ Villages Covered: 6
- ✓ Total Area: 420 hectares

Capacity Building:

- ✓ Training Sessions: 21
- ✓ 100% group coverage achieved

Exposure & Outreach:

- ✓ Farmers Covered: 70+
- ✓ Exposure Visits: 4 conducted

DBT Support (Year 1):

- ✓ Farmers Supported: 91
- ✓ Infrastructure Units Distributed: 98
 - ✓ Vermicompost Units: 81
 - ✓ Cow Mats: 16
 - ✓ Biodigesters: 1

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Small and marginal farmers
- ✓ Mixed cropping systems
- ✓ Cluster-based rural farming communities

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- ✓ Limited awareness of organic farming systems
- ✓ Weak farmer organization and certification access

After Intervention:

- ✓ 409 farmers organized into structured organic farming groups
- ✓ Increased adoption of organic inputs and sustainable practices
- ✓ Strengthened farmer institutions through PGS groups

Behavioural & Agricultural Impact:

- ✓ Improved knowledge on soil health and organic inputs
- ✓ Increased confidence in certification and documentation
- ✓ Adoption of eco-friendly farming practices

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100% PGS registration and documentation completed
- ✓ Strong training coverage across all groups
- ✓ Structured DBT support strengthening farm infrastructure

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Cluster-Based Organic Farming Model:** Strong group-based approach
- ✓ **Complete PGS Certification System:** End-to-end registration and documentation
- ✓ **Integrated Capacity Building:** Practical and technical training approach
- ✓ **Structured DBT Planning:** 1,300+ infrastructure components planned
- ✓ **Sustainable Agriculture Focus:** Reduces chemical dependency and improves soil health

Strengthening organic farming ecosystems at the grassroots level. 409 farmers organized into certified farming groups. Enhanced knowledge and adoption of sustainable practices. Infrastructure support enabling organic input production. A scalable model for community-led organic agriculture.



5. PKVY-Channagiri

The Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) - Channagiri Cluster is an organic farming initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Davangere. The project promotes sustainable and chemical-free agricultural practices through a cluster-based approach, strengthening farmer institutions and enhancing soil health.

During the 2025-26 implementation phase, the project focused on supporting farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) interventions, specifically introducing Jodi Ankana in mango orchards. This technique improves nutrient management, enhances plant spacing efficiency, and supports effective application of organic manure. By integrating traditional farming knowledge with structured government support, the initiative enables farmers to adopt eco-friendly practices, reduce dependency on chemical inputs, and improve long-term productivity. The project contributes to sustainable horticulture development while strengthening farmer capacity and resilience.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) - Channagiri Cluster
Focus Area	Organic Farming & Sustainable Horticulture
Geographic Coverage	Channagiri Taluk, Davangere District
Duration	2025-2027 (Year 1: 2025-26)
Reporting Period	Department of Horticulture, Davangere
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

DBT Support & Infrastructure

- ✔ Distribution of 30 Jodi Ankana units through DBT
- ✔ Support provided to 30 farmers for orchard development
- ✔ Field-level implementation and monitoring

Sustainable Agriculture Promotion

- ✔ Introduction of paired planting system in mango orchards
- ✔ Promotion of efficient organic manure application
- ✔ Encouragement of eco-friendly horticulture practices

Farmer Engagement & Support

- ✔ Field guidance on layout and spacing techniques
- ✔ Awareness on benefits of organic orchard management
- ✔ Continuous follow-up and technical support

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✔ Farmers Supported: 30
- ✔ DBT Components Distributed: 30 (Jodi Ankana)

Demographic Insight:

- ✔ Small and marginal farmers
- ✔ Mango orchard growers
- ✔ Farmers transitioning towards organic practices

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Conventional orchard practices with inefficient spacing
- ✔ Limited knowledge on organic manure management
- ✔ Higher dependency on chemical inputs

After Intervention:

- ✔ 30 farmers adopted Jodi Ankana system in orchards
- ✔ Improved spacing leading to better crop management
- ✔ Enhanced efficiency in organic input application

Agriculture & Environmental Impact:

- ✓ Improved soil fertility through better manure utilization
- ✓ Increased sustainability in orchard management
- ✓ Reduced dependency on chemical fertilizers

Behavioral Impact:

- ✓ Increased awareness on scientific organic practices
- ✓ Adoption of improved horticulture techniques
- ✓ Strengthened confidence in sustainable farming

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100% DBT distribution achieved
- ✓ 30 orchards improved through Jodi Ankana intervention

What Makes This Project Different:

- ✓ **Focused Horticulture Intervention:** Targeted support for mango orchards
- ✓ **Jodi Ankana Innovation:** Improves spacing and nutrient efficiency
- ✓ **DBT-Driven Model:** Direct and transparent farmer support
- ✓ **Low-Cost, High Impact:** Simple intervention with long-term benefits
- ✓ **Sustainable Farming Approach:** Promotes organic manure utilization

Strengthening sustainable horticulture through targeted interventions. 30 farmers supported with Jodi Ankana DBT components. Improved orchard management and organic input efficiency. Promoting eco-friendly practices in mango cultivation. A focused model for sustainable and productive horticulture systems.





6. JSW: Integrated Farming System

(JSW Foundation Collaboration - Cement, Steel, Better Every day).

The Sustainable Agriculture Development Project, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with JSW Foundation, focuses on strengthening rural livelihoods through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) across multiple villages in Sandur Taluk, Ballari district. The project covers clusters supported under JSW Steel, JSW Cement, and JSW Better Everyday initiatives, collectively targeting small and marginal farmers.

The initiative promotes a holistic farming model integrating crops, livestock, agroforestry, and organic inputs to ensure diversified income and climate resilience. Key interventions include farmer mobilization, capacity building, exposure visits, establishment of IFS model farms, and promotion of nutrition gardens.

By reducing dependency on chemical inputs and encouraging sustainable practices, the project enhances soil health, improves productivity, and strengthens household nutrition. The integrated approach ensures long-term livelihood security while building farmer capacity to adopt resilient and self-sustaining agricultural systems.

Project Snapshot

Focus Area	Sustainable Agriculture & Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Sandur Taluk, Ballari District
Implementation Model	Integrated Farming System (IFS)
Funded By	JSW Foundation
Project Coverage	3 Clusters (12 Villages)

Geographic Coverage- Cluster-wise

Cluster 1 (Funded By: JSW Cement)

- ✓D. Anthapura
- ✓Chikkanthapura

Cluster 2 (JSW Steel)

- ✓Talur
- ✓Basapura
- ✓Nagalapura
- ✓Joga

Cluster 3 (JSW Better Every day)

- ✓Hale Madapura
- ✓Hosa Daroji
- ✓Kodalu
- ✓Lingadahalli

Key Activities Conducted

- ✓Farmer awareness meetings on IFS
- ✓Technical trainings with KVK & Agriculture Department
- ✓Exposure visits to progressive farms & research institutions
- ✓Establishment of IFS model farms
- ✓Distribution of:
 - ✓ Nutri garden kits
 - ✓ Organic inputs (Trichoderma, Pseudomonas, Waste Decomposer)
- ✓Soil testing & nutrient management guidance
- ✓Promotion of:
 - ✓ Organic farming
 - ✓ Crop diversification
 - ✓ Livestock integration
- ✓Strengthening farmer-to-farmer learning systems

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage Overview

Indicator	Numbers
Villages Covered	10 to 12
Farmers Directly Reached	900+
Farmers Trained	300+
Exposure Visit Beneficiaries	360+
IFS Farms Developed	300
Nutri Gardens Established	360
Farmers Using Organic Inputs	360

Activity Achievement

Activity	Achievement
Awareness Meetings	48
Trainings Conducted	12
Exposure Visits	12
Field Demonstrations	12
Wall Paintings	20+
Staff Deployment	5 per cluster

Impact Created

- ✓ 300 IFS model farms established
- ✓ 900+ farmers reached across clusters
- ✓ 360 farmers adopted Nutri Gardens
- ✓ 10-20% increase in crop productivity
- ✓ ₹8,000 - ₹15,000 additional annual income per farmer (vegetables)
- ✓ ₹2,000 - ₹5,000 reduction in input costs per farmer

Agriculture & Productivity

- ✓ Adoption of integrated and diversified farming systems
- ✓ Improved soil fertility and water management practices
- ✓ Increased crop yield and farm resilience



Livelihood Impact

- ✓ Multiple income streams through:
 - ✓ Crops
 - ✓ Vegetables
 - ✓ Livestock integration
- ✓ Reduced dependency on single crop income

Sustainability Impact

- ✓ Shift towards organic and low-cost farming practices
- ✓ Reduced use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides
- ✓ Improved climate resilience in agriculture

Nutrition & Social Impact

- ✓ Improved household nutrition through kitchen gardens
- ✓ Increased women participation in farming decisions
- ✓ Strengthened community-level agricultural learning systems

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ Cluster-based large-scale implementation (multi-company CSR integration)
- ✓ Strong focus on Integrated Farming System (IFS) as a sustainable model
- ✓ Combination of:
 - ✓ Training
 - ✓ Demonstration
 - ✓ Input support
- ✓ Clear income + nutrition + sustainability linkage
- ✓ Strong collaboration with:
 - ✓ KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra)
 - ✓ Agriculture Department
- ✓ Focus on long-term farmer ownership and replication

The JSW-supported Integrated Farming System initiative has transformed agriculture practices across 10+ villages in Ballari district, reaching over 900 farmers. With 300 model farms established and 360 nutrition gardens created, the project has significantly improved farmer income, soil health, and climate resilience, while promoting sustainable and diversified farming systems at scale.





7.Establishment of Community Seedbank

The Community Seed Bank Project, implemented by SCODWES with the support of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bengaluru, is a strategic initiative aimed at conserving indigenous paddy landraces of the Western Ghats region in Uttara Kannada district. In the face of rapid loss of traditional seed diversity due to hybridization and changing agricultural practices, the project establishes a community-led system for seed conservation, multiplication, and sustainable usage.

The initiative follows a participatory approach, combining infrastructure development, farmer capacity building, and scientific documentation of traditional varieties. A dedicated Community Seed Bank facility was established at Kadlemane, Kagal, designed to serve as both a storage and knowledge hub.

Through structured training programs, seed quality testing, and a unique “1:3 seed return model,” the project ensures sustainability and continuous seed multiplication without external dependency. By integrating traditional knowledge with scientific practices, the initiative strengthens farmer self-reliance, enhances climate resilience, and preserves agro-biodiversity, positioning itself as a scalable model for community-led sustainable agriculture systems.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Community Seed Bank
Focus Area	Biodiversity Conservation & Sustainable Agriculture
Geographic Coverage	Kumta Block, Uttara Kannada District
Duration	July 2025 - March 2026
Funded By	German Consulate General, Bengaluru
Implementing Agency	SCODWES
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Infrastructure Development

- Establishment of Community Seed Bank facility with scientific storage design
- Creation of exhibition and knowledge space with 600+ seed varieties
- Integration of traditional and modern storage systems

Training & Capacity Building

- 10 structured training programs conducted
- Coverage of full crop cycle: seed testing, transplanting, harvesting, storage
- Training of 500+ farmers across multiple villages

Seed Collection & Documentation

- Collection of indigenous paddy landraces from local farmers
- Scientific identification and documentation with KVK support
- Creation of detailed seed database (traits, duration, adaptability)

Seed Testing & Distribution

- Germination and viability testing of seeds
- Distribution of 465 kg quality seeds to farmers
- Transparent tracking and documentation system

Institution Building

- Formation of Sahyadri Beeja Bhandara Trust
- 200 farmer members enrolled
- Community-led governance structure established

Beneficiary Reach

Indicator	Value
Farmers Trained	507
Villages Covered	7+
Indigenous Varieties Conserved	600+
Seeds Distributed	465 kg
Trust Members	200

Future Reach Potential (Projection):

- 1,200+ farmers by 2028-29
- 800+ acres coverage through seed multiplication

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- Rapid loss of indigenous seed diversity
- High dependence on external seed purchase
- Weak storage systems and post-harvest losses

After Intervention:

- 600+ indigenous paddy varieties conserved
- Functional community-managed seed system established
- Reduced dependency on external seeds

Livelihood & Economic Impact:

- Elimination of seed purchase cost
- Reduced pesticide and fertilizer usage
- ~25% reduction in post-harvest losses

Environmental Impact:

- Strengthened agro-biodiversity conservation
- 100% adoption of chemical-free storage methods
- Increased climate resilience (drought, flood, pest tolerance)

Social & Institutional Impact:

- 200-member farmer-led Trust established
- Revival of traditional agricultural knowledge
- Increased youth and community engagement



What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Living Seed Library:** Conservation of 600+ indigenous varieties
- ✓ **Self-Sustaining Model:** 1:3 seed return system ensures no external dependency
- ✓ **Community Ownership:** Managed by registered farmer Trust
- ✓ **Knowledge Hub:** Combines conservation + education + demonstration
- ✓ **Scalable Model:** Expandable without additional seed procurement

Reviving traditional seeds, securing future agriculture. 600+ indigenous varieties conserved and documented. 500+ farmers empowered with scientific and traditional knowledge. Self-sustaining seed system eliminating external dependency. A replicable model for biodiversity conservation and climate resilience.





8. Project Golden Hives

Project Golden Hives (Phase II), implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with ANZ, is a women-centric livelihood initiative designed to strengthen economic independence and leadership among rural women in Uttara Kannada district. The project promotes beekeeping as a sustainable micro-enterprise, enabling women to transition from unpaid or seasonal labor to income-generating entrepreneurs.

Implemented in Bankanala and Sugavi Gram Panchayats of Sirsi block, the initiative primarily engaged women from marginal and tribal communities. Through structured capacity-building, exposure visits, and continuous handholding support, beneficiaries were trained in hive management, honey extraction, value addition, and market engagement.

By organizing women into Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) and linking them with Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and digital marketplaces, the project fostered collective entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, and long-term livelihood security. The initiative not only enhanced income opportunities but also strengthened women’s decision-making power, confidence, and social standing within their households and communities.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Project Golden Hives - Phase II
Domain	Women Empowerment & Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi Block (Bankanala & Sugavi GP), Uttara Kannada
Duration	April 2025 - March 2026
Funded By	ANZ
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Mobilization & Institution Building

- ✔ Identification of 50 women beneficiaries (“Bee Mothers”)
- ✔ Formation of 10 Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs)
- ✔ Baseline survey and community mobilization

Capacity Building & Skill Development

- ✔ 3-phase structured training on scientific beekeeping
- ✔ Exposure visits to Madhu Bee Nursery
- ✔ Training on honey processing, value addition, and entrepreneurship

Livelihood & Enterprise Development

- ✔ Distribution of 200 bee hives (4 per beneficiary)
- ✔ Training on honey extraction, packaging, branding, and pricing
- ✔ Development of quality standards for market readiness

Market Linkage & Financial Inclusion

- ✔ Participation in Buyer-Seller Meet (Sirsi)
- ✔ Product listing on Market Mirchi & Buy from Rural platforms
- ✔ Institutional linkage with Tudavi FPC

Monitoring & Sustainability

- ✔ Continuous technical support and mentoring
- ✔ Strengthening of FIGs for collective enterprise growth
- ✔ End-line evaluation and documentation

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Women Beneficiaries	50
Gram Panchayats Covered	2
Farmer Interest Groups	10
Bee Hives Distributed	200

Demographic Insight:

- ✔ Majority women from marginal, tribal, and low-income rural households
- ✔ First-time women entrepreneurs transitioning into income-generating roles

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Limited access to independent income opportunities
- ✔ High dependence on seasonal agriculture and household income
- ✔ Low exposure to enterprise development and market systems

After Intervention:

- ✔ 50 women actively engaged as beekeeping entrepreneurs
- ✔ 10 functional FIGs promoting collective action and peer support
- ✔ Enhanced access to structured markets and digital platforms

Economic Empowerment:

- ✔ Establishment of a sustainable secondary income source
- ✔ Increased financial contribution of women to household income
- ✔ Reduced economic vulnerability and seasonal dependency

Social & Leadership Empowerment:

- ✔ Improved confidence, mobility, and leadership among women
- ✔ Active participation in household and community-level decision-making
- ✔ Emergence of women as local entrepreneurs (“Bee Mothers”)



Entrepreneurship Development:

- ✔ Women trained across the entire value chain (production to marketing)
- ✔ Exposure to market systems, pricing, and customer engagement
- ✔ Strengthened collective enterprises through FIGs

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✔ 100% beneficiaries trained and engaged in livelihood activity
- ✔ Functional women-led groups sustaining enterprise activities
- ✔ Successful participation in both offline and digital markets

What Makes This Project Different

- ✔ **Enterprise Model:** Positions rural women as primary economic actors
- ✔ **End-to-End Capacity Building:** From skill training to market integration
- ✔ **Collective Strength Approach:** FIG-based model enhances peer learning and scalability
- ✔ **Digital & Market Inclusion:** Bridges rural women with formal and online markets
- ✔ **Sustainable Livelihood Design:** Ensures long-term income beyond project duration

Empowering 50 rural women as entrepreneurs through sustainable beekeeping livelihoods. Strengthening financial independence, leadership, and decision-making capacity. Building women-led enterprises connected to local and digital markets. A scalable model advancing inclusive economic growth and long-term women empowerment.





Education

1.Community Health, Livelihood, Education development Programs-DFT (Education Domain)

The Education interventions under the DFT project focused on enhancing learning outcomes, life skills, and holistic development among children and youth in rural communities. The program addressed gaps in experiential learning, personality development, and engagement beyond formal education systems. Key initiatives included summer camps, personality development training, Bal Health Melas, and STEM-based learning interventions. These activities aimed to improve student participation, build confidence, and foster critical thinking skills. The program emphasized interactive and activity-based learning methods, enabling students to develop communication skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. Special focus was placed on creating engaging learning environments that complement school education and promote overall development. By integrating education with health awareness and skill-building activities, the initiative contributed to improving both academic and personal growth of children. The program has strengthened the foundation for quality education and youth readiness in rural areas.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Health Programs - DFT
Focus Area	Education & Youth Development
Geographic Coverage	Haveri & Uttara Kannada Districts
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Desai Foundation Trust (DFT)
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Learning & Engagement

- ✓ Summer Camps
- ✓ Personality Development Trainings

Health & Education Integration

- ✓ Bal Health Mela

Innovation in Learning

- ✓ STEM Lab Activities

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Beneficiaries
Summer Camps	3,009
Personality Development	4,466
Bal Health Mela	6,505
STEM Lab	489
Total	14,469

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Children and adolescents
- ✓ School-going rural students
- ✓ Focus on skill and personality development

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited exposure to experiential learning
- ✓ Low confidence and soft skills among students
- ✓ Limited STEM exposure

After Intervention:

- ✓ 14,000+ students engaged in structured programs
- ✓ Improved communication and life skills
- ✓ Increased interest in learning and innovation

Educational Impact:

- ✓ Enhanced participation and engagement
- ✓ Improved confidence and personality development
- ✓ Strengthened experiential learning

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ High participation across all activities
- ✓ Strong reach through school-based interventions
- ✓ Improved student engagement

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ Focus on experiential and activity-based learning
- ✓ Integration of education + health awareness
- ✓ Strong emphasis on life skills and personality development
- ✓ Inclusion of STEM-based learning approaches
- ✓ Scalable rural education model

Enhancing learning beyond classrooms, the program reached over 14,000 students through interactive and skill-based interventions. Students developed confidence, communication skills, and creativity. STEM initiatives introduced innovation-driven learning. Health-integrated education improved awareness and well-being. A strong model for holistic youth development.





2. Swasth Bharath Program-BNF

The Swasth Bharath Program, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with Britannia Nutrition Foundation (BNF), focuses on reducing Anaemia and malnutrition among children, adolescents, and women in Uttara Kannada district. Covering Sirsi, Mundgod, and Haliyal blocks, the program adopts a lifecycle approach targeting children (0-5 years), school-aged children (6-9 years), adolescents (10-19 years), pregnant women, and lactating mothers.

The initiative integrates health, nutrition, and behavior change interventions, including growth monitoring, Haemoglobin testing, supplementary nutrition, and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) awareness. Special emphasis is placed on identifying and treating Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), alongside Anaemia prevention through iron supplementation and fortified nutrition.

By strengthening community systems through Anganwadi workers, teachers, and nutrition volunteers, the program ensures sustained behavioral change. The project contributes significantly to improving nutritional outcomes, reducing Anaemia prevalence, and promoting healthier communities through preventive and curative interventions.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Swasth Bharath Program (BNF)
Focus Area	Health & Nutrition
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi, Mundgod & Haliyal (Uttara Kannada)
Duration	2023 - Ongoing (2025-26 Phase)
Funded By	Britannia Nutrition Foundation
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Nutrition & Health Interventions

- ✓ Monthly growth monitoring of children (0-5 years)
- ✓ Identification and management of SAM & MAM cases
- ✓ Distribution of nutrition supplements (ghee, jaggery, groundnuts)
- ✓ Food baskets for anemic pregnant women & low BMI lactating mothers

Anaemia Reduction Initiatives

- ✓ Haemoglobin (Hb) testing (baseline & endline)
- ✓ Distribution of iron-fortified biscuits to children
- ✓ Awareness on iron-rich diets and Anaemia prevention

Maternal & Child Health

- ✓ Counselling for pregnant and lactating women
- ✓ Promotion of breastfeeding and complementary feeding
- ✓ Mosquito net distribution for newborn protection

School-Based Interventions

- ✓ Nutrition, WASH, and hygiene awareness sessions
- ✓ Celebration of health-related days (Nutrition Week, Deworming Day, etc.)
- ✓ Competitions and engagement activities for behavior change

Capacity Building & Community Engagement

- ✓ Training of AWWs, ASHA workers, teachers
- ✓ Suposhan Sakhi & Nutrition Champion engagement
- ✓ SBCC sessions for families and communities

WASH & Infrastructure Support

- ✓ Handwashing stations and water facilities in schools
- ✓ Improvement of sanitation infrastructure
- ✓ Promotion of hygiene practices

Beneficiary Reach

Children & Adolescents:

- ✓ 0-5 Years: 2,740 children (AWCs - 75)
- ✓ 6-19 Years: 6,231 children (Schools - 38)

Women Beneficiaries:

- ✓ Pregnant Women: 501
- ✓ Lactating Mothers: 509

Malnutrition Status:

- ✓ SAM Identified: 52
- ✓ MAM Identified: 239

Total Direct Reach:

- ✓ ~9,981 beneficiaries

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Focus on high-risk groups (SAM/MAM children, anemic women)
- ✓ Strong school and Anganwadi-based intervention model

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ High prevalence of Anaemia among children and adolescents
- ✓ Undetected malnutrition cases (SAM/MAM)
- ✓ Limited awareness on nutrition and hygiene practices

After Intervention:

- ✓ 251 children transitioned to normal nutritional status
- ✓ 174 out of 233 baseline malnourished children improved significantly
- ✓ Large-scale Hb testing enabled early Anaemia detection



Health & Behavioral Impact:

- ✓ Improved dietary practices among children and mothers
- ✓ Increased awareness on hygiene and WASH behaviors
- ✓ Strengthened maternal nutrition and child care practices

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ Nearly 10,000 beneficiaries reached
- ✓ Significant reduction in SAM/MAM cases
- ✓ Institutional strengthening through trained frontline workers

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Lifecycle Approach:** Covers beneficiaries from infancy to adolescence and motherhood
- ✓ **Integrated Nutrition Model:** Combines supplementation, monitoring, and behavior change
- ✓ **Community-Led Implementation:** Suposhan Sakhis and local workers ensure sustainability
- ✓ **School + Anganwadi Convergence:** Dual platform for maximum outreach
- ✓ **Nutrition + WASH Integration:** Addresses root causes of malnutrition

Driving nutrition transformation across communities through a lifecycle approach. Nearly 10,000 beneficiaries reached across children, adolescents, and mothers. Significant reduction in malnutrition with children moving to normal health status. Improved awareness on nutrition, hygiene, and preventive healthcare. A comprehensive model addressing Anaemia and malnutrition at scale.



Case Study-1 BNF

From SAM to Signs of Recovery: The Story of Chirant

Chirant Shrikant Bhovi, a 1 year and 7-month-old boy from Ugginkeri village in Mundgod block of Uttara Kannada district, was identified as a Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) child during growth monitoring in July 2025. The monitoring was conducted by our Area Coordinator, Mr. Yallappa Nirolli, with support from Suposhan Sakhi, Ms. Priyanka.

Based on the assessment, Chirant's measurements were recorded at 67 cm height and 6.3 kg weight, which confirmed his SAM status. However, when cross-verified with the Anganwadi Worker's register, his status was inaccurately marked as "normal." Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Mr. Yallappa immediately discussed the matter with the Anganwadi Worker and sensitized the child's parents about Chirant's condition. With their support, he convinced the family to admit the child to the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in Mundgod block.



By the end of August 2025, Chirant was admitted to the NRC along with his mother, where they received proper care, counseling, and nutritional support. During the admission period, Mr. Yallappa maintained close follow-up with both the parents and the Anganwadi Worker to ensure the child's progress.

In September 2025, during the subsequent round of growth monitoring, encouraging signs of improvement were noted. Chirant had gained 100 grams in weight and increased 1 cm in height, indicating the beginning of a positive recovery journey.

Bhuvi Raju Chennayya is a 1 year 6-month-old girl from Mudhuravalli village in the Sirsi block of Uttara Kannada district. She was enrolled at the local Maduravalli Anganwadi Centre run under the ICDS program.

During growth monitoring in September 2025, our Area Coordinator Jeevan, along with a Suposhan Sakhi identified Bhuvi as Moderately Acute Malnourished (MAM). Her measurements at the time were height: 70 cm, weight: 6.8 kg, MUAC: 13 cm, indicating MAM status.

This condition was cross-verified with the Anganwadi Worker (AWW) and the Anganwadi Register maintained. The worker confirmed she too had already registered Bhuvi as MAM and had previously counseled Bhuvi's parents, recommending immediate medical consultation and hospital referral. However, at the time, Bhuvi's mother resisted this advice, questioning the worker, "If anything happens to my child, will you take responsibility?" Due to fear and misinformation, the hospital visit was unfortunately delayed.

A few weeks later, when Bhuvi displayed visibly reduced activity, low engagement, and signs of weakness, her parents decided to seek medical care. They travelled 143 km from Sirsi to a pediatric specialist at Shivamogga Medical Hospital where the doctor prescribed calcium, iron supplements. The family initially continued her routine food without significant dietary changes. Yet, the supplements showed slight improvement in her condition.

In October 2025, follow-up growth monitoring recorded her height: 73.3 cm, weight: 7.4 kg, MUAC: 13 cm. She remained MAM, indicating the need for intensified nutritional intervention.



Responding immediately, Jeevan revisited Bhuvi’s home in the same month, accompanied by the Anganwadi Worker and Suposhan Sakhi. During the home visit, they sensitively explained the implications of malnutrition on her physical growth, cognitive development, immunity, and future well-being. The team demonstrated age-appropriate meal planning, iron-rich local foods like jaggery, leafy greens, eggs, bananas and fortified mixes and advocated for better feeding practices and hygiene behavior.

To support recovery, the provided A Nutrition Hygiene Kit, Two months of Nutrition Supplement Kits, parental counselling and growth tracking support. The family began administering the supplements and adopting the recommended practices.

By November 2025, Bhuvi showed remarkable transformation. Her updated measurements were height: 75.5 cm, weight: 8.15 kg, MUAC: 14 cm, marking her shift from MAM to normal nutritional status. Her energy levels, engagement, and playfulness improved dramatically. Today, Bhuvi actively

plays alongside other children at the Maduravalli Anganwadi Centre, reflecting not just physical recovery, but restored childhood joy said her AWW.

Case Study-2 BNF

A Step Towards Better Hygiene at School

At No. 3 Government Higher Primary School in Mundgod, the absence of a proper hand washing facility posed a daily challenge for students. After their mid-day meals, children had to walk nearly 300 meters outside the school premises just to wash their hands and plates. This not only consumed time but also affected their hygiene practices and safety.

Recognizing this need, SCODWES, in collaboration with Britannia Nutrition

Foundation under the Swasth Bharat program, took a meaningful initiative by installing a handwash unit within the school premises. This intervention has made it convenient for children to wash their hands and utensils right in the school yard, promoting better hygiene habits among them.

The newly installed facility has benefited 95 students and teachers, significantly improving their daily routine and encouraging healthy practices. The school administration has expressed heartfelt appreciation for this support and extended their gratitude to both organizations by presenting a formal thank-you letter.

This small yet impactful step has brought a positive change in the lives of the children, ensuring a healthier and more hygienic school environment.



Case Study-3 BNF

Journey from MAM to Normal: Manvit Patil

Manvit Patil, child aged 4 years and 5 months, belongs to Chigalli 1 Anganwadi Centre (AWC) of Mundgod block. During the growth monitoring conducted by SCODWES in collaboration with Britannia Nutrition Foundation, under the Swasth Bharat Program our area coordinator Yallappa Nirolli and Suposhan sakhi Malati Matroji in the month of September 2025, Manvit was identified as MAM.

At the time of identification, Manvit's height was 99.5 cm and weight was 12.6 kg, indicating nutritional gaps that required immediate attention.



The Area Coordinator along with Anganwadi Workers, conducted regular counselling and awareness sessions with Manvit's parents and family members. They were educated on the importance of a balanced diet, age-appropriate diet practices, hygiene and timely meals. In addition, seed kit, hygiene kit at the time of identification and nutritional supplements were provided for a period of three months ensuring regular intake and close follow-up.

Manvit's parents showed remarkable commitment by adopting the recommended lifestyle and dietary changes at home. They consistently followed the guidance provided by us.

As a result of these collective efforts, Manvit showed steady improvement. During the December 2025 growth monitoring, he was found to be moved from MAM to Normal health status. His height increased to 101 cm and weight improved to 13.3 kg, reflecting healthy growth and positive nutritional recovery.



3. Wash4Edu

The WASH4EDU Project, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with Narayana Health CSR, focuses on improving Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure in rural government schools of Uttara Kannada district. The initiative addresses critical gaps in sanitation facilities that directly impact student health, dignity, and school attendance, particularly among adolescent girls.

Many schools in remote areas face challenges such as non-functional toilets, lack of water access, and absence of menstrual hygiene facilities. The project aims to create safe, inclusive, and hygienic learning environments by constructing gender-sensitive toilet infrastructure and promoting hygiene practices.

Implemented in two government high schools in Sirsi block, the project ensures improved sanitation access, reduces health risks, and enhances overall student well-being. By integrating infrastructure development with awareness and maintenance systems, WASH4EDU contributes to better attendance, improved learning continuity, and a more dignified school environment.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	WASH4EDU Project
Focus Area	WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) in Education
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi Block, Uttara Kannada
Schools Covered	Govt Malnad High School, Dasankoppa KPS High School, Biloor
Duration	September 2025 - December 2025
Funded By	Narayana Health CSR
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Baseline & Needs Assessment

- ✔ Infrastructure gap assessment in selected schools
- ✔ Stakeholder consultations (teachers, SDMC, students)
- ✔ Identification of sanitation and hygiene needs

Sanitation Infrastructure Development

- ✔ Construction of toilet blocks in both schools
- ✔ Design ensuring ventilation, drainage, and water access
- ✔ Gender-segregated and child-friendly facilities

Menstrual Hygiene Support

- ✔ Installation of sanitary pad incinerators
- ✔ Promotion of dignity and privacy for adolescent girls

Quality Implementation & Supervision

- ✔ Technical monitoring of construction quality
- ✔ Compliance with WASH standards
- ✔ Safe and durable infrastructure development

Sustainability Measures

- ✔ Handover to school authorities and SDMCs
- ✔ Orientation on usage, hygiene, and maintenance
- ✔ Community involvement for long-term upkeep

Beneficiary Reach

School Name	Students	Teachers
Govt Malnad HS, Dasankoppa	170	6
KPS HS, Biloor	230	8
Total	400	14

Total Direct Beneficiaries: ~414

Indirect Beneficiaries: Parents, community members, SDMCs

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Poor or non-functional sanitation facilities
- ✔ Lack of privacy and hygiene affecting students
- ✔ Increased absenteeism, especially among girls

After Intervention:

- ✔ Functional toilet blocks ensuring safe sanitation access
- ✔ Improved hygiene practices among students
- ✔ Enhanced comfort and dignity in school environment

Health & Education Impact:

- ✔ Reduction in sanitation-related health issues
- ✔ Improved school attendance and retention
- ✔ Better concentration and learning continuity

Social Impact:

- ✔ Increased confidence among adolescent girls
- ✔ Improved inclusivity and school environment
- ✔ Strengthened awareness on hygiene practices

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✔ 100% infrastructure completion in 2 schools
- ✔ 400+ students benefited
- ✔ Significant improvement in WASH standards

What Makes This Project Different

- ✔ **Dignity-Centered Approach:** Focus on girls’ sanitation and menstrual hygiene
- ✔ **WASH + Education Integration:** Links hygiene with learning outcomes
- ✔ **Targeted Intervention Model:** Focused support to high-need schools
- ✔ **Sustainability Focus:** Strong SDMC involvement for maintenance
- ✔ **High Impact CSR Model:** Small investment, strong behavioral and health outcomes

Ensuring dignity, hygiene, and safety in rural school environments. 400+ students now have access to safe sanitation facilities. Improved attendance and well-being, especially among girls. Strengthened hygiene practices and school infrastructure. A focused intervention creating long-term educational impact.





4. SHINE – Smart and Holistic Infrastructure for Nurturing Education

The SHINE Project, implemented by SCODWES, Funded by Trelleborg India Private Limited focuses on strengthening educational infrastructure in rural government schools of Hassan district, Karnataka. The initiative addresses critical gaps in nutrition, sanitation, and learning environments, ensuring that children from underserved communities have access to safe, inclusive, and stimulating spaces.

Many schools in the region face challenges such as inadequate kitchens for mid-day meals, lack of functional toilets, overcrowded classrooms, and limited access to digital learning tools. SHINE aims to create holistic, child-friendly learning environments by upgrading physical infrastructure and integrating modern educational facilities.

Implemented across three government schools, the project ensures improved nutrition, sanitation, and experiential learning opportunities. By combining infrastructure development with community engagement and monitoring systems, SHINE contributes to better attendance, enhanced learning continuity, and stronger educational outcomes.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	SHINE – Smart and Holistic Infrastructure for Nurturing Education
Focus Area	Education Infrastructure (Nutrition, Sanitation, STEM Learning, Classroom Development)
Geographic Coverage	Hassan District, Karnataka
Schools Covered	Loyola Higher Primary School, Gadenahalli St. Mary’s Higher Primary School, Shettihalli Government Higher Primary School, Ankapura
Duration	August 2025 – December 2025 (6 months)
Funded By	Trelleborg India Private Limited (Proposed)
Project Status	Proposed

Key Activities Conducted

Baseline & Needs Assessment

- ✔ Infrastructure gap analysis in selected schools
- ✔ Stakeholder consultations with teachers, SDMCs, and parents
- ✔ Identification of nutrition, sanitation, and learning needs

Infrastructure Development

- ✔ Construction of a hygienic kitchen at Loyola School (benefiting 450 children)
- ✔ Toilet block construction at Shettihalli School (supporting 180 students, especially adolescent girls)
- ✔ Establishment of a portable STEM Lab at Shettihalli School
- ✔ Construction of one new classroom and renovation of three classrooms at Ankapura School

Quality Implementation & Supervision

- ✔ Technical monitoring of construction quality
- ✔ Compliance with safety and education standards
- ✔ Durable infrastructure designed for long term use

Sustainability Measures

- ✔ Active involvement of School Development & Monitoring Committees (SDMCs)
- ✔ Teacher orientation on hygiene, digital learning, and infrastructure upkeep
- ✔ Volunteer participation to enhance community ownership

Beneficiary Reach

School Name	Students	Teachers
Loyola Higher Primary School, Gadenahalli	450	12
St. Mary’s Higher Primary School, Shettihalli	180	8
Government Higher Primary School, Ankapura	182	11

Total Direct Beneficiaries: ~812 children

Indirect Beneficiaries: Parents, community members, SDMCs

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Poor kitchen facilities compromising nutrition and hygiene
- ✔ Lack of functional toilets affecting attendance, especially among girls
- ✔ Overcrowded classrooms and unsafe infrastructure
- ✔ Limited access to digital learning tools

After Intervention (Expected):

- ✔ Safe, hygienic kitchen ensuring nutritious mid day meals
- ✔ Functional toilet blocks improving sanitation and gender equity
- ✔ STEM Lab enabling hands on digital learning and innovation
- ✔ Renovated classrooms providing safer, more engaging learning spaces



Health & Education Impact:

- ✓ Improved nutrition and hygiene practices
- ✓ Reduced absenteeism, especially among adolescent girls
- ✓ Enhanced focus, attendance, and learning continuity

Social Impact:

- ✓ Increased confidence among students
- ✓ Greater inclusivity and dignity in school environments
- ✓ Strengthened community trust in government schools

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100% infrastructure completion in 3 schools
- ✓ 812+ students directly benefited
- ✓ Significant improvement in nutrition, sanitation, and learning standards

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Holistic Infrastructure Model:** Integrates nutrition, sanitation, and education facilities in one initiative.
- ✓ **STEM+ Traditional Learning Integration:** Bridges the digital divide while strengthening foundational education.
- ✓ **Gender & Equity Focus:** Prioritizes adolescent girls' dignity and attendance through sanitation facilities.
- ✓ **Community Ownership:** Strong involvement of SDMCs, teachers, and volunteers for sustainability.
- ✓ **High Impact CSR Model:** Strategic investment delivering long term educational and social outcomes.

Ensuring dignity, nutrition, and quality learning in rural schools. 812+ children now have access to safe classrooms, hygienic meals, functional sanitation, and digital learning opportunities. A focused intervention creating long term educational impact.





Women Empowerment

1. Santwana

The Santwana Centre is a government-supported women protection and rehabilitation initiative implemented by SCODWES, aimed at supporting women affected by violence, distress, and social vulnerabilities. The centre provides immediate assistance, counselling, legal aid, temporary shelter, and rehabilitation services to women in need.

Operating as a comprehensive support system, the initiative addresses multiple forms of distress including domestic violence, emotional abuse, and socio-economic challenges. The centre ensures timely intervention through 24-hour support services, counselling, and coordination with police and legal institutions.

In addition to crisis support, the programme emphasizes long-term rehabilitation through skill development, livelihood training, and social reintegration. Awareness programs conducted in communities and schools further strengthen preventive mechanisms by educating women and the public on rights, safety, and available support systems.

Through a combination of protection, counselling, and empowerment, the Santwana Centre plays a crucial role in restoring dignity, safety, and independence for vulnerable women.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Santwana Centre - Women Support Programme
Focus Area	Women Empowerment, Protection, Rehabilitation
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada Region
Duration	Ongoing (Annual Reporting: 2025-26)
Supported By	Government Programme
Implementing Agency	SCODWES
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Crisis Intervention & Support Services

- ✓ 24/7 helpline and emergency response support
- ✓ Counselling services for distressed women
- ✓ Legal aid and police coordination

Case Management & Rehabilitation

- ✓ Handling of domestic violence and social distress cases
- ✓ Case resolution through counselling and referrals
- ✓ Shelter support for vulnerable women

Awareness & Outreach

- ✓ 87 community awareness programs conducted
- ✓ 21 school-based awareness sessions
- ✓ Education on rights, safety, and legal support

Skill Development & Empowerment

- ✓ Livelihood training programs for women
- ✓ Training in tailoring, computer skills, and basic trades
- ✓ Support for economic independence

Institutional Coordination

- ✓ Linkages with police, legal systems, and welfare departments
- ✓ Support through district-level coordination

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Awareness Programs Conducted	87
School Programs	21
Total Participants Reached	3,266+
Total Cases Registered	70
Cases Resolved through Counselling	56
Shelter Support Provided	11
Women Trained (Livelihood)	7

Case Type Insight:

- ✓ Domestic violence: 18 cases
- ✓ Emotional distress cases: 50+
- ✓ Other cases: minimal

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited access to immediate support for distressed women
- ✓ Lack of awareness on legal rights and support systems

- ✓ Social stigma and isolation among affected women

After Intervention:

- ✓ 70 cases addressed with structured support mechanisms
- ✓ Majority cases (56) resolved through counselling
- ✓ Increased reporting and help-seeking behavior

Social & Behavioral Impact:

- ✓ Improved awareness on women’s rights and safety
- ✓ Reduced stigma around seeking help
- ✓ Increased confidence among women

Rehabilitation & Empowerment Impact:

- ✓ Women supported with shelter and rehabilitation services
- ✓ Skill training enabling livelihood opportunities
- ✓ Reintegration into society with dignity

System-Level Impact:

- ✓ Strengthened coordination between NGOs and government systems
- ✓ Improved response mechanisms for women in distress
- ✓ Increased community-level awareness and prevention

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **24/7 Support System:** Immediate response to crisis situations
- ✓ **Integrated Care Model:** Counselling + legal + shelter + livelihood
- ✓ **Women-Centric Approach:** Focus on dignity, safety, and empowerment
- ✓ **Strong Government Convergence:** Works with police and welfare systems
- ✓ **Preventive + Reactive Model:** Awareness + crisis intervention

Supporting women in crisis with care, dignity, and protection. 70 cases addressed with strong counselling-based resolution. Community awareness reaching over 3,000 individuals. Empowering women through rehabilitation and skill development. A critical support system ensuring safety and social justice.



2. Project Utkarsha

The Utkarsha Project is a livelihood and financial inclusion initiative implemented by SCODWES across Uttara Kannada, Haveri, and Gadag districts since 2022. Designed to strengthen grassroots economic systems, the project focuses on mobilizing and supporting Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) through access to credit, capacity building, and financial discipline.

The initiative enables marginalized and rural communities to engage in income-generating activities by facilitating structured loan disbursement, repayment systems, and continuous monitoring. During 2025-26, the project expanded its geographical footprint to Gadag district and introduced digital systems for SHG management, enhancing operational efficiency and transparency.

With a strong emphasis on reducing Non-Performing Assets (NPA), improving repayment culture, and building financial literacy, the project contributes to sustainable livelihoods. Through training, institutional strengthening, and financial linkages, Utkarsha empowers communities to achieve economic stability and self-reliance.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Project Utkarsha
Focus Area	Livelihood & Financial Inclusion
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada, Haveri & Gadag Districts
Duration	July 2022 - Ongoing
Funded By	Self (SCODWES)
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Group Formation & Expansion

- ✓ Formation and strengthening of SHGs and JLGs
- ✓ Expansion to new Panchayats, villages, and Gadag district
- ✓ Member mobilization and inclusion

Financial Services & Credit Linkages

- ✓ Loan disbursement to SHG/JLG members
- ✓ Structured repayment monitoring
- ✓ NPA recovery tracking and follow-up

Capacity Building & Training

- ✓ Training for field staff on digital tools and repayment strategies
- ✓ Orientation for SHG/JLG members on financial management
- ✓ Monthly review and planning meetings

Digital & System Strengthening

- ✓ Implementation of SHG management software
- ✓ Improved monitoring, reporting, and data tracking
- ✓ Strengthened coordination with banking institutions

Institutional Engagement

- ✓ Collaboration with banks (SUCO Bank)
- ✓ Joint review meetings and operational planning
- ✓ Support for social security and insurance linkages

Beneficiary Reach

Institutional Coverage:

- ✓ Panchayats Covered: 17
- ✓ Villages Covered: 32

Group & Member Reach:

- ✓ SHGs Formed: 72 (715 members)
- ✓ JLGs Formed: 121 (594 members)
- ✓ Total Members Covered: 1,309

Financial Reach:

- ✓ Loan Disbursement: ₹6.58 Crore
- ✓ NPA Recovery Accounts: 966 accounts addressed
- ✓ NPA Recovery Amount: ₹5.73 Crore (cumulative efforts)

Operational Strengthening:

- ✓ Staff Engaged: 22
- ✓ Trainings Conducted: 4

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Focus on rural women, small borrowers, and low-income households
- ✓ Inclusion of financially underserved communities



Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited access to formal credit systems
- ✓ Weak repayment discipline and financial literacy
- ✓ Low institutional support for rural livelihoods

After Intervention:

- ✓ 1,300+ members integrated into structured financial systems
- ✓ ₹6.58 Cr loan disbursement enabling livelihood activities
- ✓ Significant NPA recovery efforts improving financial sustainability

Behavioral & Economic Impact:

- ✓ Improved repayment discipline through regular monitoring
- ✓ Increased adoption of group-based financial models (SHG/JLG)
- ✓ Enhanced financial awareness and accountability

System-Level Impact:

- ✓ Digitalization improved transparency and efficiency
- ✓ Expansion into Gadag increased outreach and scalability
- ✓ Strengthened collaboration with financial institutions

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Integrated Livelihood Model:** Combines credit, capacity building, and monitoring
- ✓ **Strong NPA Focus:** Dedicated effort towards financial discipline and recovery
- ✓ **Digital Transformation:** SHG software improves real-time tracking and governance
- ✓ **Scalable Expansion:** Successfully extended to new geographies like Gadag
- ✓ **Institutional Strengthening:** Close coordination with banks and financial systems

Empowering rural communities through financial inclusion and structured livelihoods.

Over ₹6.5 crore disbursed to support income generation activities. 1,300+ members connected to formal financial systems. Strong focus on repayment discipline and NPA reduction.

A scalable model driving economic resilience across districts.



Utkarsha -Case Study-1

From Homemakers to Entrepreneurs – The Inspiring Journey of Rajabhag JLG

In Suraleshwar village of Hangal Taluk, five women—Tahseen Banu, Waheedabanu, Hashmatbi, Basirbanu, and Hazarambi—once lived as ordinary homemakers, managing households and nurturing families. With little formal education and limited financial means, their aspirations were simple yet profound: “We want to give our children a better life than ours.”

This dream found direction in May 2022 when SCODWES introduced the Utkarsh Project and encouraged them to form a Joint Liability Group (JLG). Each member received a loan of ₹50,000, and together they pledged: “We will not fail. We are bound to succeed.” Thus, the Rajabhag JLG was born.

Their first venture, the “New Amruth Ice Cream Parlour”, was inspired by Hashmatbi’s idea. Nervous yet determined, the women stepped into entrepreneurship. Within months, their ice cream became popular, drawing customers from across the village. Discipline and timely loan repayments built trust with SCODWES, leading to a second loan of ₹1,00,000 per member in 2024. With this support, they expanded operations, introduced new varieties, and modernized their systems.

Today, with total financial support of ₹7.5 lakh, the parlour generates a daily income of ₹10,000–₹15,000. More than revenue, it represents dignity, confidence, and a new beginning. In Suraleshwar, their success has become a rallying cry: “If they can do it, we can too.”

Each woman’s journey reflects a unique transformation:

- **Tahseen Banu** – once silent, now confident in customer interaction.
- **Waheedabanu** – once fearful, now managing finances.
- **Hashmatbi** – the idea initiator, now a symbol of entrepreneurial confidence.
- **Hazarambi** – resilient through hardships, now an inspiration in the village.
- **Basirbanu Moulaali** – ensures discipline and daily operations at the parlour.

Together, they embody one powerful message: “Nothing is impossible when women take initiative.”

The Rajabhag JLG story is more than a business success—it is a beacon of women empowerment, community resilience, and the transformative power of collective action. It demonstrates how SCODWES, through the Utkarsh Project, unlocks hidden potential and creates lasting change at the grassroots level.



Case Study 2

Utkarsh Project – A New Strength for Women's Dreams

In 2023, under the Utkarsh Scheme by SCODWES®, Latha Veerabhadrapa Poojar, a member of the Kalika Devi Self-Help Group, took a bold step toward transforming her family's future. With a loan of ₹50,000, she purchased a buffalo—an investment that became the turning point of her life.

The buffalo produces 16–17 liters of milk daily, earning her ₹700–₹800 per day from sales. Beyond milk, Latha prepares curd, butter, and ghee, generating additional income. Butter sales add another revenue stream, while the dung is used as organic manure, improving her farm's productivity, reducing input costs, and increasing overall profit.

This single initiative has brought her family stable income, self-confidence, and financial independence. What began as a modest loan has grown into a sustainable livelihood model, demonstrating how access to finance and guidance can unlock women's potential.





3.Community Health, Livelihood, Education development Programs -DFT (Women Empowerment Domain)

The Women Empowerment interventions under the DFT project focused on enhancing livelihood opportunities, skill development, and economic independence among rural women. The initiative aimed to equip women with practical, income-generating skills through structured training programs aligned with local market demand. Key interventions included sewing, beautician training, computer skills, and various micro-enterprise activities such as candle making, jewellery making, and food-based enterprises. The project also incorporated entrepreneurship development training to build business acumen and financial literacy among women. Special emphasis was placed on enabling women to transition from skill acquisition to income generation and self-employment. By providing both technical and entrepreneurial support, the initiative strengthened women's confidence, decision-making capacity, and participation in economic activities. The program has contributed to building sustainable livelihood systems, reducing dependency, and promoting dignity and self-reliance among rural women.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Health Programs - DFT
Focus Area	Women Empowerment & Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Haveri & Uttara Kannada Districts
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Desai Foundation Trust (DFT)
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Skill Development Trainings

- ✓ Sewing Training
- ✓ Beautician Training
- ✓ Computer Skills Training

Micro-Enterprise Trainings

- ✓ Candle & Diya Making
- ✓ Jewellery Making
- ✓ Chocolate Making

Entrepreneurship & Livelihood

- ✓ Entrepreneurship Development Training
- ✓ Asani-based livelihood training

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Beneficiaries
Sewing Training	667
Beautician Training	503
Computer Training	468
Candle & Diya	126
Jewellery	26
Chocolate Making	134
Entrepreneurship	252
Asani Training	370
Total	2,546

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Majority women beneficiaries
- ✓ Focus on rural and low-income households
- ✓ Inclusion of aspiring entrepreneurs

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited livelihood opportunities for women
- ✓ Low access to skill-based training
- ✓ Dependency on traditional income sources

After Intervention:

- ✓ 2,500+ women trained in income-generating skills
- ✓ Increased participation in economic activities
- ✓ Emergence of micro-enterprises

Economic & Social Impact:

- ✓ Improved household income potential
- ✓ Increased confidence and decision-making ability
- ✓ Enhanced financial independence

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 100%+ achievement across most trainings
- ✓ Strong adoption of livelihood skills
- ✓ Growth in women-led enterprise activities

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ Focus on practical, market-linked skill development
- ✓ Combination of skills + entrepreneurship training
- ✓ Diverse livelihood options ensuring income diversification
- ✓ Women-centric approach driving economic empowerment
- ✓ Scalable model for rural livelihood development

Empowering women through skills and livelihoods, the initiative trained over 2,500 beneficiaries across diverse trades. Practical, market-oriented training enabled income generation and entrepreneurship. Women gained confidence, financial independence, and decision-making power. The program strengthened household economies and reduced dependency. A strong model for women-led rural transformation.



Case Study 1: From Homemaker to Beautician Entrepreneur

The Journey of Annapurna Shet

In Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District, Annapurna Shet lived with her husband, two children, and mother-in-law, relying solely on her husband’s modest income. Financial hardships made it difficult to meet daily needs such as food, school fees, and medical expenses. Despite these challenges, Annapurna carried a strong desire to support her family and become financially independent, but lacked the skills and opportunities to begin her livelihood journey.

Her turning point came in 2024 when she enrolled in a Basic Beautician Skill Training Program conducted by SCODWES in collaboration with the Desai Foundation Trust. Over three months, she gained hands-on knowledge in threading, waxing, facials, and basic makeup, while also building confidence and self-belief. Soon after, she began offering beauty services from her home. Word-of-mouth helped her attract regular clients, and within months, her monthly income grew from ₹5,000–₹6,000 to ₹12,000–₹15,000. This income provided crucial financial relief, enabling



her family to meet household expenses, invest in her children’s education, and start small savings.

Determined to aim higher, Annapurna enrolled in an Advanced Beautician Skill Training Program, where she learned professional hair care, skin treatments, and salon management. With her upgraded skills and growing confidence, she expanded her business. After several months of operating from home, she opened her own beauty shop in Sirsi city, which has already begun attracting a steady flow of customers.

Today, Annapurna stands as a proud entrepreneur whose journey reflects resilience, empowerment, and transformation. She shares: “Before the training, I had no income and felt helpless. Now, I am earning every day and supporting my family. I am truly thankful to SCODWES and Desai Foundation Trust for giving me this chance.”

Case Study 2

Shubha Bhat – From Dependence to Financial Independence



In Shanti Nagar, Sirsi, Shubha Bhat lived with limited income opportunities, relying on her husband for most household expenses. Though she always wished to work independently and support her family, she lacked the skills and confidence to begin her journey.

Her transformation began when she joined the Basic Sewing Skill Training conducted by SCODWES in collaboration with the Desai Foundation Trust. After completing the training, she started offering basic beautician services from her home. Encouraged by this progress, Shubha enrolled in the Advanced Beautician Skill Training jointly organized by SCODWES,

Desai Foundation Trust, and Sagility. Here, she mastered advanced treatments including facials, saree draping, and event-based beauty services.

With her upgraded skills, Shubha began providing beautician services for weddings, special events, and home-based appointments, reaching a wider client base. Today, she earns around ₹12,000–₹15,000 per month. Once dependent on her husband even for small purchases, she is now financially independent, confident, and proud of her achievements.

Shubha expresses heartfelt gratitude: “I am very happy with my progress and proud to be self-reliant. Thank you to SCODWES, Desai Foundation Trust, and Sagility for giving me the opportunity to learn skills that changed my life.”



Case Study 3

Shashikala Dyamanna Honnatti – Sewing Skills for Self-Reliance

At 33, Shashikala Dyamanna Honnatti balanced the dual responsibilities of household work and supporting her husband on their 4-acre farm in her village. With two children to raise and limited income from farming, managing both family and farm life was a daily struggle.

Her journey of transformation began when SCODWES, in collaboration with the Desai Foundation Trust, introduced a Sewing Skill Training Program in her village. Determined to learn a new skill, Shashikala enrolled in the three-month training. Upon completion, she began stitching clothes for her neighbours, gradually building a small home-based business.

Today, she earns around ₹1,000–₹1,500 per month. While modest, this income represents her first step toward financial independence and self-reliance. Inspired by her progress, Shashikala now aspires to learn embroidery and advanced tailoring to expand her services and increase her earnings.

Grateful for the opportunity, she shares her appreciation: “I thank SCODWES and Desai Foundation Trust for supporting my journey toward self-reliance.”



Case Study 4

Kalpana Marathi – A Journey from Struggles to Stability



From Manjuguni village in Sirsi taluk, Kalpana Marathi grew up in hardship. Losing her father at a young age, she was raised by her mother, who worked as a daily wage laborer to support the family. Despite these challenges, Kalpana managed to complete her SSLC (10th grade), but financial constraints forced her to discontinue further studies. Still, she carried a strong desire to support her mother and improve their life.

Her opportunity came when SCODWES, in collaboration with the Desai Foundation Trust, introduced the General Duty Assistant

(GDA) Training Program. Kalpana enrolled and quickly stood out for her commitment and enthusiasm. Over three months, she gained both theoretical and practical knowledge in basic healthcare and patient care, building confidence in her abilities.

After completing the training, SCODWES opened a new eLAJ Smart Clinic in Bandala village, Sirsi taluk. Kalpana applied for a position and was selected as an Outreach Worker (Health Assistant). Today, she earns ₹14,000 per month, has taken full responsibility for her family, and provides financial stability for her mother.



Kalpana shares: “I am very happy and thankful to SCODWES and the Desai Foundation Trust. Because of their support, I got trained, got a job, and now I can take care of my family. I feel proud and confident.”

Her journey is a shining example of how the right opportunity and support can transform lives. From a struggling daughter of a daily wage laborer to a confident healthcare professional, Kalpana now stands recognized as one of the most dedicated employees in her organization—an inspiration for countless young women in rural Karnataka.



4. Shakti Sadana

Shakti Sadan is a government-supported residential rehabilitation programme implemented by SCODWES, designed to provide care, protection, and reintegration support for women in difficult circumstances. The programme evolved from the earlier Swadhar Greh initiative and has been operational under the Shakti Sadan framework since October 2024.

The project supports women aged 18-50 years who are survivors of violence, distress, abandonment, trafficking, or socio-economic vulnerability. It provides a safe and structured environment offering shelter, food, healthcare, counseling, legal aid, and skill development support.

The initiative focuses not only on immediate protection but also on long-term rehabilitation through capacity building and livelihood training. By facilitating psychological recovery, legal support, and social reintegration, the programme helps women rebuild their lives with dignity and independence.

Through a holistic and rights-based approach, Shakti Sadan acts as a critical institutional support system ensuring safety, empowerment, and sustainable rehabilitation for vulnerable women and their children.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Shakti Sadan - Women Rehabilitation Programme
Focus Area	Women Protection, Shelter, Rehabilitation, Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada (12 Taluks)
Duration	Ongoing (Re-launched October 2024)
Supported By:	Government Programme
Implementing Agency	SCODWES
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Shelter & Basic Care Services

- ✓ Provision of safe residential shelter for women and children
- ✓ Food, clothing, healthcare, and essential services
- ✓ Medical and psychological support

Counseling & Legal Support

- ✓ Individual counseling for trauma recovery
- ✓ Legal assistance and case support
- ✓ Coordination with police and legal systems

Rehabilitation & Reintegration

- ✓ Family counseling and reintegration support
- ✓ Social rehabilitation planning
- ✓ Support for independent living

Skill Development & Livelihood Training

- ✓ Training in tailoring and basic vocational skills
- ✓ Capacity building for economic independence
- ✓ Life skills and confidence-building sessions

Awareness & Institutional Engagement

- ✓ Awareness programs and outreach activities
- ✓ Visits by government officials and monitoring authorities
- ✓ Community engagement for social reintegration

Beneficiary Reach:

Category	Count
Women Beneficiaries	38
Children Beneficiaries	25
Total Beneficiaries	63
Women Rehabilitated	32
Children Rehabilitated	24
Current Residents	17

Quarter-wise Coverage:

- ✓ Q1: 9 women, 4 children
- ✓ Q2: 12 women, 7 children
- ✓ Q3: 10 women, 10 children
- ✓ Q4: 7 women, 4 children

Skill Training:

- ✓ Tailoring Training: 6 women
- ✓ Basic Livelihood Training: 5 women

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Women facing violence, abandonment, and social exclusion
- ✓ Lack of shelter, safety, and institutional support
- ✓ High psychological distress and economic dependency

After Intervention:

- ✓ 63 beneficiaries provided with safe shelter and care
- ✓ Majority successfully rehabilitated and reintegrated
- ✓ Improved mental health and emotional stability

Social & Rehabilitation Impact:

- ✓ Restoration of dignity and confidence among women
- ✓ Successful reintegration into families and society
- ✓ Improved safety and protection mechanisms

Livelihood & Empowerment Impact:

- ✓ Skill development enabling economic independence
- ✓ Increased self-reliance among beneficiaries
- ✓ Enhanced decision-making capacity



System-Level Impact:

- ✓ Strengthened institutional care for vulnerable women
- ✓ Effective coordination with government systems
- ✓ Structured rehabilitation model for long-term impact

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Residential Rehabilitation Model:** Provides end-to-end care (shelter to reintegration)
- ✓ **Women-in-Crisis Focus:** Supports highly vulnerable groups
- ✓ **Holistic Approach:** Covers health, legal, psychological, and livelihood aspects
- ✓ **Child-Inclusive Support:** Supports both women and their children
- ✓ **Government Convergence:** Strong linkage with state welfare systems

Providing safe shelter and dignity to women in crisis. 63 beneficiaries supported with care and rehabilitation. Majority successfully reintegrated into society. Empowering women through skills and emotional recovery. A life-restoring model for protection, care, and independence.





Tribal Development

1. Enhancing Livelihood of Adivasi and other marginal Communities: APF

The APF-supported livelihood enhancement programme implemented by SCODWES focuses on strengthening socio-economic resilience among Adivasi and marginal communities across 25 villages. The project adopts an integrated approach combining sustainable agriculture, livestock-based livelihoods, apiculture, and skill development to improve income security and reduce vulnerability.

The intervention emphasizes capacity building through farmer group formation, structured seasonal trainings, demonstration plots, and access to indigenous seed systems. For landless households, backyard poultry and beekeeping were introduced as viable income-generating activities, supported by infrastructure, technical training, and veterinary assistance. Additionally, skill-based training such as General Duty Assistant (GDA) courses enabled youth, especially girls, to access employment opportunities.

The project also promotes institutional strengthening through Farmer Groups, FPO linkages, and MIS-based monitoring systems. By integrating traditional knowledge with modern practices, the programme ensures sustainable livelihood diversification, improved productivity, and long-term community empowerment while preserving ecological balance.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Enhancing the Livelihood of Adivasi & Marginal Communities
Focus Area	Agriculture, Livelihood, Tribal Development, Skill Building
Geographic Coverage	25 Villages (Uttara Kannada Region)
Duration	2024 - 2027 (Ongoing)
Reporting Year	2025
Target Group	Adivasi, small & marginal farmers, landless households

Key Activities Conducted

Agriculture & Natural Resource Management

- ✓ Formation of 344 Farmer Groups (1,720 farmers)
- ✓ 49 Kharif + 37 Rabi village-level trainings
- ✓ 57 composting & bio-input trainings
- ✓ Establishment of 50 demonstration plots
- ✓ Distribution of 319 kg indigenous paddy seeds through seed banks

Livelihoods - Landless Households

- ✓ Formation of 16 Backyard Poultry groups (80 Hhs)
- ✓ Construction of 80 poultry sheds
- ✓ Distribution of 1,600 chicks + vaccination support
- ✓ Formation of 23 Apiculture groups (115 farmers)
- ✓ Distribution of 565 bee boxes

Capacity Building & Exposure

- ✓ Exposure visits for 100 farmers on sustainable farming
- ✓ Training on soil health, pest control, and mixed cropping
- ✓ Regular FG meetings and community engagement

Skill Development

- ✓ 25 tribal girls trained in General Duty Assistance
- ✓ 19 successfully placed in healthcare institutions
- ✓ Gender awareness and workplace safety training

Institutional Strengthening

- ✓ MIS system (Goonjan) for tracking beneficiaries
- ✓ Linkages with KVK, FPOs, and government departments
- ✓ FRA awareness and application facilitation

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Total Farmers Mobilized	1,720
Farmer Groups Formed	344
Villages Covered	25
Poultry Beneficiaries (HHs)	160
Apiculture Beneficiaries	213
Bee Boxes Distributed	1065
Youth Skilled (GDA)	25

Impact Created:

Agriculture Impact

- ✓ Increased adoption of sustainable farming practices
- ✓ Improved soil health through composting and bio-inputs
- ✓ Enhanced productivity via demonstration plots and training

Livelihood Impact

- ✓ ₹4,91,995 income from honey production (1,247.5 kg harvested)
- ✓ ₹6,40,620 income from poultry (eggs + chicks)
- ✓ Diversified income sources for landless households

Social & Community Impact

- ✓ Strengthened community institutions (FGs & groups)
- ✓ Increased participation and knowledge sharing
- ✓ Improved awareness on gender and livelihood rights



Skill & Employment Impact

- ✓ 76% placement rate (19/25 girls)
- ✓ Enhanced employability and financial independence

System-Level Impact

- ✓ Functional seed banks ensuring local seed sustainability
- ✓ Strengthened linkages with institutions and schemes
- ✓ Progress in Forest Rights Act (FRA) awareness and applications

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Integrated Livelihood Model:** Agriculture + Poultry + Apiculture + Skills
- ✓ **Strong Community Institution Approach:** 344 Farmer Groups
- ✓ **Nature-Based & Sustainable Practices:** Focus on organic inputs and biodiversity
- ✓ **Data-Driven Implementation:** MIS-based tracking system
- ✓ **Tribal-Centric Development:** Focus on Adivasi households and FRA support

Transforming livelihoods of 1,700+ farmers across 25 villages. ₹11+ lakh income generated through diversified livelihood activities. 344 farmer groups driving community-led development. Women and youth empowered through skills and enterprise. A scalable model integrating agriculture, livelihood, and sustainability.





Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

1.Endosulfan: Treatment & Rehabilitation of Endosulfan Victims.

The Treatment and Rehabilitation of Endosulfan-Affected Victims project is a community-based healthcare initiative addressing the long-term health consequences of Endosulfan pesticide exposure in Uttara Kannada district. Large-scale aerial and manual spraying of Endosulfan between 1980 and 2000 resulted in severe congenital, neurological, and physical health disorders among affected populations. Recognizing the need for sustained medical and rehabilitative care, SCODWES, in collaboration with the Department of Health & Family Welfare Services, launched Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) in 2018.

The project delivers doorstep healthcare services, including physiotherapy, early identification of disabilities, and preventive care, particularly targeting individuals with mobility and neurological impairments. By covering remote and underserved villages across six taluks, the initiative ensures equitable access to healthcare. The program focuses not only on treatment but also on improving functional independence and quality of life among victims, thereby addressing a critical public health gap in one of Karnataka’s most affected regions.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Treatment & Rehabilitation of Endosulfan Victims
Focus Area	Health & Rehabilitation
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi, Siddapur, Ankola, Kumta, Honnavar, Bhatkal)
Duration	2018 - Ongoing
Funded By	Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted:

Healthcare Outreach (Mobile Medical Units)

- ✓ Deployment of 6 MMUs across 6 taluks
- ✓ Doorstep medical services in remote villages
- ✓ Coverage of 36 PHCs and 392 villages

Rehabilitation & Physiotherapy

- ✓ Regular physiotherapy sessions for mobility-impaired victims
- ✓ Functional rehabilitation for neurological disorders
- ✓ Home-based exercise guidance

Screening & Medical Support

- ✓ Identification of Endosulfan-affected individuals
- ✓ Monitoring chronic conditions (neurological, congenital, physical disabilities)
- ✓ Referral support for advanced treatment

Community-Level Engagement

- ✓ Awareness on disability management and care
- ✓ Support to families/caregivers of victims

Beneficiary Reach:

- ✓ Total Beneficiaries: 2,232 Endosulfan victims treated
- ✓ Physiotherapy Beneficiaries: 331

Category Insights:

- ✓ Majority are individuals with neurological and physical disabilities
- ✓ High prevalence of congenital disorders and mobility impairments
- ✓ Significant dependency on caregiver support

Geographic Spread:

- ✓ 6 Taluks
- ✓ 36 PHCs covered
- ✓ 392 villages reached
- ✓ Avg. ~62 beneficiaries per PHC
- ✓ Avg. ~6 beneficiaries per village

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited or no access to rehabilitation services
- ✓ High dependency due to mobility and neurological

impairments

- ✓ Poor healthcare access in remote villages

After Intervention:

- ✓ Improved access to doorstep healthcare services
- ✓ 2,232 victims receiving regular medical attention
- ✓ 331 individuals undergoing physiotherapy (~14.8%)

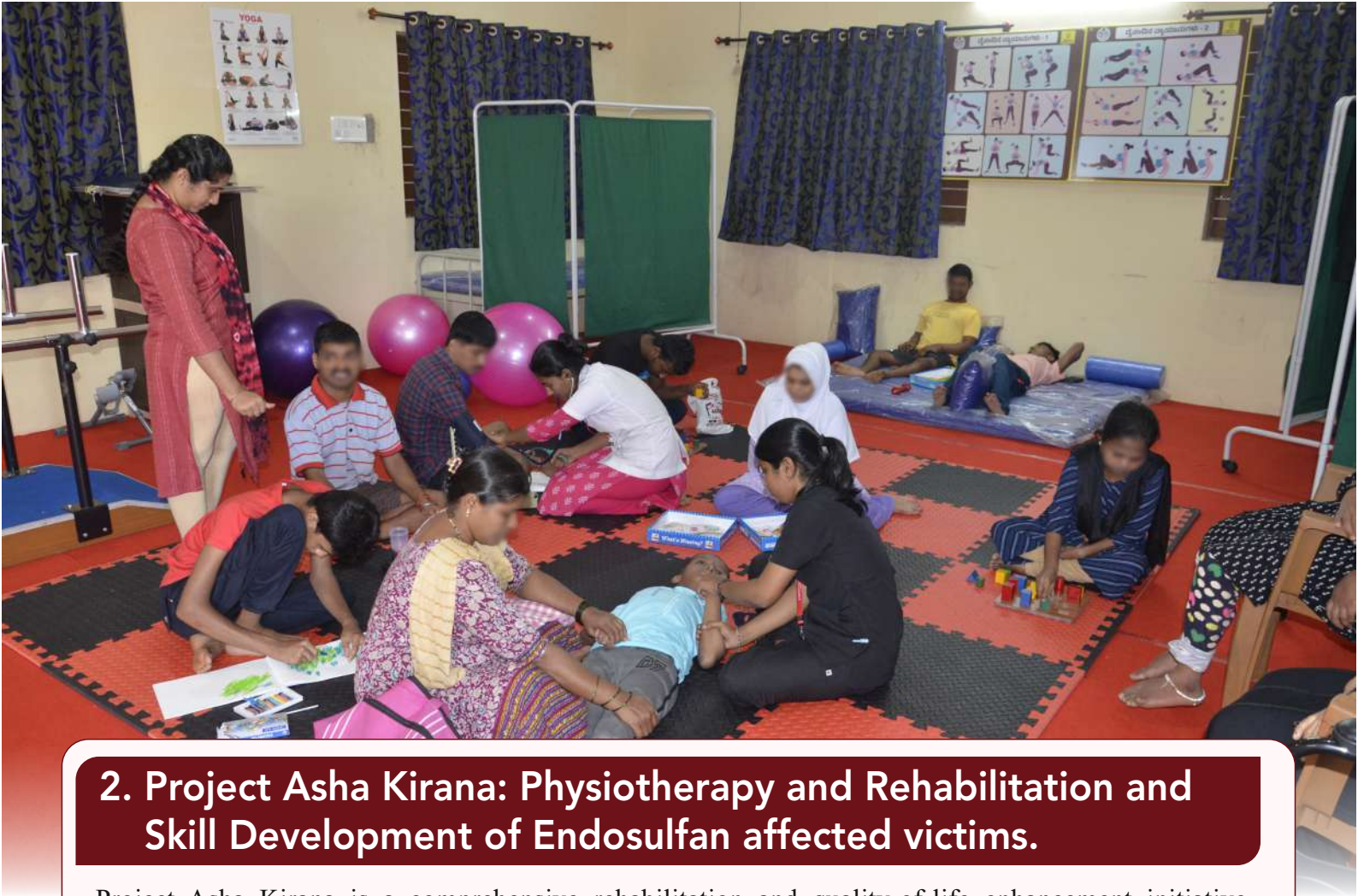
Functional & Social Impact:

- ✓ Improved mobility and physical functioning among physiotherapy beneficiaries
- ✓ Reduction in secondary complications through regular monitoring
- ✓ Enhanced caregiver awareness and home-based care practices
- ✓ Large-scale outreach across 392 villages
- ✓ Strengthened decentralized healthcare delivery
 - Increased continuity of care for chronic conditions

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Mobile Healthcare Model:** Brings services directly to remote, underserved populations
- ✓ **Integrated Care Approach:** Combines treatment, rehabilitation, and awareness
- ✓ **Focused on Neglected Crisis:** Addresses long-term impact of environmental toxicity often overlooked
- ✓ **Decentralized Delivery:** PHC-linked outreach ensures sustained engagement
- ✓ **Specialized Rehabilitation:** Targets neurological and mobility impairments with physiotherapy

A lifeline for Endosulfan-affected communities, this initiative delivers critical healthcare directly to the doorstep. Over 2,232 victims have accessed medical care across 392 villages. Physiotherapy support has improved mobility and functional independence for hundreds. The program bridges a critical gap in long-term rehabilitation services. It restores dignity, care, and hope to some of the most vulnerable populations.



2. Project Asha Kirana: Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation and Skill Development of Endosulfan affected victims.

Project Asha Kirana is a comprehensive rehabilitation and quality-of-life enhancement initiative implemented by SCODWES with support from Ashraya Hastha Trust (AHT), focusing on Endosulfan-affected children and young individuals in 6 taluks of Uttara Kannada district. The project addresses long-term disabilities and developmental challenges caused by pesticide exposure through a holistic care model. The initiative integrates physiotherapy, occupational therapy, special education, nutrition support, assistive devices, and caregiver training to improve functional abilities and independence among beneficiaries. It also emphasizes social inclusion, welfare linkages, and livelihood awareness to support families managing long-term care responsibilities.

Through structured therapy camps and continuous follow-up mechanisms, the project ensures both clinical and community-based rehabilitation. By enhancing mobility, communication, and daily living skills, Asha Kirana enables beneficiaries to lead more independent and dignified lives while strengthening family and community support systems.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Asha Kirana - Rehabilitation Project
Focus Area	Disability Rehabilitation & Health
Geographic Coverage	Uttara Kannada District (Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kumta, Ankola, Siddapur, Sirsi)
Duration	2025-2027 (Current Year: 2025-26)
Funded By	Ashraya Hastha Trust (AHT)
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Community Outreach & Mobilization

- ✓ Baseline surveys and beneficiary mapping
- ✓ Home visits and counseling
- ✓ Community awareness and mobilization campaigns

Rehabilitation & Therapy Services

- ✓ Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and special education camps
- ✓ Pre- and post-assessment of beneficiaries
- ✓ Continuous therapy sessions (batch-wise camps)

Assistive Devices & Support

- ✓ Distribution of wheelchairs, walkers, hydraulic beds, and other aids
- ✓ Training on usage of assistive equipment
- ✓ Pain management support (medications and gels)

Nutrition & Health Support

- ✓ Distribution of nutrition kits, protein supplements, multivitamins
- ✓ Daily fruits provided as nutritional support during camps
- ✓ Monitoring health improvements

Caregiver Capacity Building

- ✓ Training caregivers on home-based therapy
- ✓ Sensitization through house visits
- ✓ Awareness on disability care and government schemes

Beneficiary Reach

- ✓ Baseline Survey Completed: 729 individuals
- ✓ Target Beneficiaries: 608
- ✓ Total Beneficiary Reach: 350
- ✓ Total Direct Beneficiaries Covered: 95 (Direct - Current Year)

Service Coverage:

- ✓ Therapy Beneficiaries: 95
- ✓ Assistive Devices Distributed: 95
- ✓ Caregivers Trained: 95

Program Implementation:

- ✓ Camps Conducted: 6

Demographic Insight:

- ✓ Endosulfan-affected children and youth (<25 years)
- ✓ High prevalence of multiple disabilities and mobility challenges
- ✓ Strong dependency on caregivers

Impact Created:

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Limited access to structured rehabilitation services
- ✓ Low mobility, communication challenges, and dependency
- ✓ Social isolation and low participation

After Intervention:

- ✓ Improved mobility and functional abilities among beneficiaries
- ✓ Increased participation in therapy and learning activities
- ✓ Enhanced confidence and social interaction

Behavioural & Social Impact:

- ✓ Children showing improved engagement and cooperation
- ✓ Reduced isolation through group-based activities
- ✓ Increased caregiver involvement in rehabilitation



Outcomes:

- ✓ 120% baseline coverage indicating expanded outreach
- ✓ 15-20% Visible changes in victims Health, Functional & Behavioural Development.
- ✓ High caregiver training coverage (100%), Results in Home exercises.

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Holistic Rehabilitation Model:** Combines therapy, nutrition, assistive support, and training
- ✓ **Camp-Based Intensive Care:** Structured intervention cycles for measurable outcomes
- ✓ **Caregiver-Centric Approach:** Ensures continuity of care at home
- ✓ **Focus on Endosulfan Victims:** Addresses a highly vulnerable and underserved group
- ✓ **Integrated Medical + Social Support:** Links rehabilitation with inclusion and welfare

Restoring dignity and independence for Endosulfan-affected children. Structured rehabilitation improving mobility and daily functioning. Strong caregiver engagement ensuring continuity of care. From isolation to participation- visible social transformation. A holistic model enabling long-term recovery and inclusion

Project Asha Kirana Case Study

Case Study: Project Asha Kirana

A quiet life finds a new direction: Gurunag Naik

Name: Gurunag Naik

Age: 25 years,

Camp: 01

Location: Muttalli Village, Bhatkal Taluk

Gurunag Naik is 25 years old, from a small interior village in Bhatkal taluk. If you meet him casually, you may not immediately understand his struggles - because from outside he looks almost normal. But Gurunag has been living with the hidden impact of Endosulfan for many years.

He suffers from low physical stamina, muscle stiffness, and reduced intellectual ability. These challenges made life difficult for him since childhood. He couldn't study like other children. He couldn't play, learn, or move forward like others. Slowly, he started believing that he didn't belong.

Over the years, Gurunag's world became smaller and smaller. He stayed mostly at home. He had very little connection with the outside world. He lived silently, almost like a lonely shadow in his own village.

When we invited him, he refused:

When Asha Kirana camp was announced, Gurunag didn't want to come. He refused. He didn't believe it would help. He was uncomfortable meeting new people and stepping out of his routine. But our team did not give up. With repeated efforts, motivation, and constant communication with the family, we finally succeeded in bringing Gurunag to the camp. It was not easy - but it was the first big step in his journey.



The first days were hard:

In the beginning, Gurunag stayed quiet. He would sit alone on the side. He avoided talking to camp staff. He did not mix with others. Sometimes, his anger and frustration would show clearly. It wasn't anger at anyone - it was anger from years of helplessness. We understood one thing clearly, before treatment, he needed trust.

Slowly... something began to change:

Day by day, through physiotherapy, special education sessions, Gurunag started opening up.

- He began responding to camp staff
- He started participating in games
- He laughed, spoke, and interacted
- He slowly made friends with other camp participants
- He started feeling safe, included, and accepted

At the same time, physiotherapy showed visible results. His muscle stiffness reduced gradually, and his movements became easier. His focus and thinking ability improved, and we noticed better confidence and better understanding. A very emotional moment for the team was when we saw he could calculate and respond more clearly - something he struggled with earlier. He started behaving more independently and confidently, like a normal young man.

Nutrition support brought him joy:

Gurunag was also given protein powder daily, along with a nutrition kit containing essential supplements for two months. He expressed happiness about this support again and again. For him, it was not just nutrition - it was a sign that someone cared.

A new dream is born

Towards the end of the camp, Gurunag shared something very meaningful. He said he wants to start a small shop in his village, so he can build his own future and become economically independent. For a boy who once lived with no hope, no confidence, and no connection; this dream itself is a major achievement.

A father's gratitude

Gurunag's father emotionally shared his gratitude to Ashraya Hastha Trust and the SCODWES for this initiative. He said the camp brought visible changes in his son. He also requested us to organize such camps again for other children in their area.

Impact of Asha Kirana Camp on Gurunag:

- * Reduced muscle stiffness and improved mobility
- * Improved cognitive skills and calculation ability
- * Developed social connection and confidence
- * Better nutrition and improved physical stamina
- * Renewed hope and a clear goal for future livelihood

Gurunag's story reminds us:

Sometimes the biggest change is not just in the body - it is in the heart. From silent isolation to a new dream, Gurunag found a brighter path through Asha Kirana.



Project Asha Kirana Case Study

A Journey from Isolation to Independence -Vidhyadhar Moger: A Case Study

In the quiet village of Mastikodlu near Bhatkal lives 21-year-old Vidhyadhar Moger, a young boy whose life has been shaped by the devastating effects of endosulfan exposure. Born into a poor family of daily wage workers, Vidhyadhar's early years were marked not by play and exploration, but by physical limitations and silent struggles.

His father, a tiles fitter, works long hours to support the family, while his mother also contributes through daily labor, but her work is seasonal. With one brother and one sister, the family shares both emotional and financial burdens. Among them, Vidhyadhar's condition has required constant care, patience, and resilience.

Vidhyadhar is completely paralyzed below the trunk. His lower body does not respond, making independent movement impossible. Even his upper body presents challenges. His hand movements are limited and uncoordinated, restricting his ability to perform everyday tasks. Speaking is another effortful process for him. His speech is slow, and due to limited control over the muscles around his mouth, his words often come out unclear. Communication, for him, has never been easy.

Before his coming to the Asha Kirana Camp, Vidhyadhar lived a largely isolated life. His world was confined to the boundaries of his home. Social interaction was minimal. He rarely engaged with others outside his family, not because he lacked the desire, but because his condition made it difficult to connect. Over time, this led to a quiet withdrawal from the outside world. Physically, his condition was equally challenging. He frequently experienced muscle stiffness and painful cramps. Without access to regular physiotherapy, his body remained rigid, limiting even assisted movements. The lack of intervention further deepened his dependence on caregivers.



It was in this context that Vidhyadhar became a part of the Asha Kirana Camp, a turning point that slowly began to reshape his life.

At first, his presence in the camp was quiet and reserved. He observed more than he participated. Being in a new environment, surrounded by other children with different conditions, was unfamiliar to him. However, the structured and supportive environment of the camp gradually created a sense of comfort.

Through regular physiotherapy sessions, small but meaningful changes began to appear. The exercises, though initially difficult, started to ease the stiffness in his muscles. Gradually, the frequency of cramps reduced. His body, which once resisted movement, began to respond with less discomfort. With continued support, he started showing better flexibility and tolerance to physical activity. These changes, though subtle, marked an important step toward improving his physical well-being.

Alongside physical rehabilitation, Vidhyadhar was introduced to special education sessions. These sessions were designed to engage him at his own pace, through one-to-one interaction. For perhaps the first time, he was given the space to explore his abilities without pressure.



It was here that an unexpected talent emerged. Vidhyadhar showed a natural interest in drawing. What began as simple lines and shapes slowly turned into meaningful expressions on paper. Drawing became more than an activity; it became his way of communicating, of expressing thoughts that words could not fully convey. In addition to creative expression, he was gently introduced to basic calculations. With patience and encouragement, he began to understand numbers and simple arithmetic. This not only improved his cognitive engagement but also gave him a sense of achievement.

The camp also addressed his nutritional needs. He was provided with a nutrition kit, Multivitamin Capsules that included protein supplements, and supply of fresh fruits daily during the camp. Regular intake of these supplements contributed to improved energy levels and supported his physical development. Combined with physiotherapy, this nutritional support played a key role in strengthening his body.

To further enhance his independence, he was provided with assistive devices, including a wheelchair and dumbbells. The



wheelchair brought a significant change in his daily life. For the first time, he could move around with a degree of independence, rather than being completely reliant on others. It allowed him to step out of his confined space and engage more with his surroundings.

The dumbbells, though simple, became an important part of his routine. With guidance, he began using them for upper-body exercises. This not only improved his strength but also gave him a sense of active participation in his own progress. Perhaps the most remarkable transformation, however, was seen in his social and emotional life. From a young man who once lived in isolation, Vidhyadhar slowly began to open up. Initially hesitant, he started interacting with other children in the camp. These interactions were small at first, a glance, a smile, a brief exchange. But over time, they grew into meaningful connections. He began participating in group activities, responding to facilitators, and engaging in one-to-one interactions. The fear and hesitation that once held him back gradually faded. In its place emerged a quiet confidence. His communication also improved. Though still slow, his speech became more purposeful. He showed a greater willingness to express himself, to respond, and to be heard. The supportive environment played a crucial role in this transformation.

One of the most inspiring outcomes of this journey is Vidhyadhar's step toward independence. Today, he runs a small shop near his home. This may seem like a simple achievement, but for someone who once lived in isolation, it represents a profound shift.

Running the shop has given him more than just an occupation. It has given him a sense of purpose. It has brought him into regular contact with people in his community. It has strengthened his confidence and reinforced his ability to contribute meaningfully despite his limitations.

Today, Vidhyadhar is more active, more engaged, and more connected to the world around him. The change is visible not just in his physical condition, but in his attitude, his interactions, and his outlook on life.

His journey reflects the true impact of the Asha Kirana Camp. It is not just about therapy or education. It is about restoring dignity, building confidence, and creating opportunities for individuals to rediscover their potential. He expressed his gratitude to SCODWES and Ashraya Hastha Trust for this unconditional Support.

From a life of silence and solitude, Vidhyadhar has moved toward expression, participation, and independence. His story stands as a powerful reminder that with the right support, care, and encouragement, even the most challenging circumstances can lead to meaningful transformation.



Development of Youth

Quest Alliance:

The Career Connect Programme, implemented by SCODWES in partnership with Quest Alliance, is a youth skill development initiative aimed at enhancing employability among economically disadvantaged rural youth. Conducted in Sirsi, Uttara Kannada district, the program focuses on equipping unemployed youth, college dropouts, and job seekers with essential 21st-century skills.

The program integrates digital literacy, communication skills, problem-solving, and job readiness training through structured modules and experiential learning methods. Activities such as mock interviews, industrial visits, and market scans provide practical exposure and industry insights.

With a strong emphasis on bridging the gap between education and employment, the initiative prepares youth for job placements and career advancement. By strengthening confidence, improving communication abilities, and enhancing technical skills, the program enables participants to access better livelihood opportunities and contribute meaningfully to the workforce.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Career Connect Programme
Focus Area	Youth Skill Development & Employability
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi, Uttara Kannada
Duration	May 2025 - October 2025
Funded By	Quest Alliance
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Skill Development Training

- ✔ 3-month structured training program for youth
- ✔ Digital literacy and communication skill development
- ✔ Problem-solving, adaptability, and career readiness modules

Career Exposure & Placement Preparation

- ✔ Mock interviews and resume-building sessions
- ✔ Industrial visits and market scan activities
- ✔ Job search and placement support

Technology-Enabled Learning

- ✔ QUEST App-based learning modules
- ✔ Digital content delivery and assessments
- ✔ Computer literacy sessions (planned enhancement)

Community Mobilization & Engagement

- ✔ Outreach to unemployed youth and dropouts
- ✔ Collaboration with colleges and local institutions
- ✔ Awareness campaigns for skill development

Institutional Strengthening

- ✔ Capacity building of trainers
- ✔ Employer engagement and network development
- ✔ Strengthening placement systems

Beneficiary Reach

- ✔ Total Youth Enrolled: 60
- ✔ Youth Completed Training: 60
- ✔ Job Placements: In progress
- ✔ Higher Education Progression: 2

Training Structure:

- ✔ Batches Conducted: 2
- ✔ Training Duration: 3 months per batch

Demographic Insight:

- ✔ Rural unemployed youth
- ✔ Economically weaker sections
- ✔ College dropouts and job seekers

Impact Created.

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Limited access to structured skill training
- ✔ Low confidence and communication skills
- ✔ Lack of exposure to job market requirements

After Intervention:

- ✔ 60 youth trained in employability skills
- ✔ Improved digital literacy and communication abilities
- ✔ Increased readiness for job interviews and placements

Behavioral & Skill Impact:

- ✔ Enhanced confidence and personality development
- ✔ Improved understanding of job market dynamics
- ✔ Increased awareness of career pathways

Organizational Impact:

- ✔ Strengthened training delivery systems
- ✔ Expanded employer linkages
- ✔ Improved visibility for future partnerships

What Makes This Project Different

- ✔ **21st-Century Skill Focus:** Emphasis on real-world employability skills
- ✔ **Blended Learning Model:** Combines digital app-based and physical training
- ✔ **Career-Oriented Approach:** Includes exposure activities like mock interviews and industrial visits
- ✔ **Zero Dropout Success:** Strong engagement and retention model
- ✔ **Scalable Training Model:** Replicable across geographies

Empowering rural youth with skills for employment and growth. 60 youth trained with zero dropout rate. Enhanced confidence, communication, and digital skills. Bridging the gap between education and employment. A scalable model for youth employability and career readiness.



Environment and Ecology

CEPMIZ: Comprehensive Environment Plan for Mining Impact Zones

The Comprehensive Environment Plan for Mining Impact Zone (CEPMIZ) is a watershed development initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Agriculture Department, Government of Karnataka, and supported by the Karnataka Mining Environment Restoration Corporation (KMERC). The project focuses on restoring ecological balance and improving livelihoods in mining-affected regions of Tumakuru district, covering Chikkanayakanahalli, Gubbi, and Tiptur taluks.

Mining activities in these regions have led to soil degradation, reduced agricultural productivity, and declining groundwater levels. The CEPMIZ project addresses these challenges through integrated watershed management, including soil and water conservation, groundwater recharge, and promotion of sustainable agriculture practices.

The initiative also emphasizes community mobilization, formation of local institutions, and livelihood enhancement through skill-based interventions. By combining environmental restoration with socio-economic development, the project aims to create sustainable and resilient rural ecosystems in mining-impacted areas.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	CEPMIZ - Watershed Development Program
Focus Area	Environment, Agriculture & Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Tumakuru District (Chikkanayakanahalli, Gubbi, Tiptur)
Duration	2025-26 (Implementation Phase)
Funded By	KMERC, Govt. of Karnataka
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Planning & Infrastructure Setup

- Establishment of 11 sub-watershed offices
- Deployment of 33 trained project staff
- Completion of net planning across project areas
- Preparation and submission of 11 DPRs

Baseline & Data Systems

- Large-scale household baseline data collection
- Online data entry and monitoring systems
- Assessment of socio-economic and environmental conditions

Community Mobilization & Awareness

- Gram Sabhas, Jathas, street plays, PRA exercises
- Wall paintings and pamphlet distribution
- Awareness on watershed and sustainable practices

Institution Building

- Formation of SHGs, User Groups (Ugs), Executive Committees (ECs)
- SHG grading and strengthening processes
- Capacity building through structured trainings

Capacity Building & Training

- SHG (S1) training programs
- Community awareness on financial management and group functioning
- Preparation for livelihood and IGA activities

Beneficiary Reach

Geographical Coverage:

- Taluks Covered: 3
- Gram Panchayats: 73
- Villages Covered: 381
- Watershed Area: 92,329 hectares

Household Coverage:

- Total Households Targeted: 37,814
- Baseline Completed: 32,285
- Remaining: 5,529

Community Institutions Formed:

- SHGs: 644
- User Groups (Ugs): 368
- Executive Committees (Ecs): 29

Awareness Activities Conducted:

- Gram Sabhas: 202
- Jathas: 111
- Street Plays: 110
- PRA Activities: 128
- Pamphlets Distributed: 55,000

Training Coverage:

- SHG Trainings Completed: 88



Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Degraded land and declining soil productivity
- ✓ Low groundwater levels and poor irrigation access
- ✓ Weak community institutions and limited awareness

After Intervention (Progress Phase):

- ✓ Large-scale baseline and planning enabling targeted interventions
- ✓ Strong community mobilization across 381 villages
- ✓ Formation of 1,000+ community-based institutions

Environmental & Social Impact:

- ✓ Increased awareness on watershed and conservation practices
- ✓ Strengthened local governance through SHGs and user groups
- ✓ Prepared foundation for sustainable agriculture and water management

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ Coverage of 92,000+ hectares under planning
- ✓ 32,000+ households mapped and assessed
- ✓ High participation in awareness and institution-building activities

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **Mining Impact Focus:** Targets environmentally degraded regions
- ✓ **Integrated Watershed Approach:** Combines ecology, agriculture, and livelihoods
- ✓ **Large-Scale Community Mobilization:** Covers 381 villages
- ✓ **Strong Institutional Framework:** SHGs, UGs, ECs for sustainability
- ✓ **Foundation-Driven Model:** Focus on planning before execution for long-term impact

Restoring ecosystems and livelihoods in mining-affected regions. Covering 92,000+ hectares across 381 villages. Over 32,000 households mapped for targeted interventions. Strong community institutions formed for sustainable development. A foundation-driven model for long-term environmental and economic impact.





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2. REWARD

The REWARD (Rejuvenating of Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development) Program is a World Bank-assisted watershed initiative implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with the Agriculture Department in Haveri district, Karnataka. The project focuses on enhancing agricultural resilience through sustainable water resource management, soil conservation, and livelihood development. Operating in 19 villages under the Kodihalli sub-watershed, the program addresses challenges such as soil erosion, water scarcity, and low agricultural productivity. It integrates infrastructure development, agroforestry, livestock support, and farmer capacity building to improve farming outcomes. Through interventions such as check dams, farm ponds, irrigation systems, and livelihood inputs, the project strengthens water availability and promotes climate-resilient agriculture. By combining ecological restoration with income-generating activities, REWARD contributes to improved farmer livelihoods and sustainable rural development.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	REWARD - Watershed Development Program
Focus Area	Agriculture, Watershed & Livelihood
Geographic Coverage	Haveri District (Hirekerur & Rattihalli Taluks)
Duration	June 2023 - June 2026
Funded By	Agriculture Department (World Bank Assisted)
Project Status	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Watershed Infrastructure Development

- ✓ Construction of check dams, farm ponds, and cattle ponds (Gokatte)
- ✓ Trench cum bund works and waterway development
- ✓ Nala revetment and soil conservation structures

Livelihood & Agriculture Support

- ✓ Distribution of sprinkler irrigation systems
- ✓ Honeybee boxes for apiculture
- ✓ Gypsum and green manure (Sun Hemp) distribution
- ✓ Vermicomposting units and organic farming promotion

Agroforestry & Plantation

- ✓ Forestry and horticulture plant distribution
- ✓ Promotion of diversified farming systems
- ✓ Soil and biodiversity restoration activities

Community Mobilization & Training

- ✓ Gram Sabhas, awareness campaigns, PRA exercises
- ✓ Farmer trainings and exposure visits
- ✓ SHG training and capacity building

Animal Health & Livestock Support

- ✓ Animal health camps (vaccination, deworming)
- ✓ Distribution of rubber mats for livestock care

Beneficiary Reach

Coverage:

- ✓ Villages Covered: 19
- ✓ Farmers Benefited: 7,352
- ✓ Area Covered: 4,398 hectares

Infrastructure Achievements:

- ✓ Check Dams: 22 (out of 23)
- ✓ Farm Ponds: 12
- ✓ Gokatte (Cattle Ponds): 3
- ✓ Trench Work: 2.9 lakh RMT (approx.)

Livelihood Support:

- ✓ Sprinkler Sets Distributed: 151
- ✓ Honeybee Boxes: 57
- ✓ Gypsum Distributed: 4,875 bags
- ✓ Vermicompost Units: 20 (ongoing expansion)

Agroforestry:

- ✓ Forestry Plants: 34,473
- ✓ Horticulture Plants: 36,735

Animal Health:

- ✓ Camps Conducted: 13 (100% completion)



Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✓ Water scarcity affecting irrigation
- ✓ Soil erosion and reduced productivity
- ✓ Limited access to modern farming practices

After Intervention:

- ✓ Improved water availability through watershed structures
- ✓ Enhanced soil fertility and moisture retention
- ✓ Increased adoption of climate-resilient agriculture

Livelihood & Environmental Impact:

- ✓ Diversified income through apiculture and horticulture
- ✓ Improved livestock health and productivity
- ✓ Strengthened sustainable farming practices

Measurable Outcomes:

- ✓ 7,000+ farmers benefited
- ✓ High infrastructure completion rate (90%+)
- ✓ Large-scale plantation supporting ecological restoration

What Makes This Project Different

- ✓ **World Bank Supported Model:** High-quality, structured watershed implementation
- ✓ **Integrated Agriculture Approach:** Combines water, soil, and livelihood interventions
- ✓ **Large-Scale Farmer Impact:** Covers 7,000+ farmers across multiple villages
- ✓ **Climate Resilience Focus:** Promotes sustainable and adaptive farming
- ✓ **Strong Infrastructure Backbone:** Physical assets ensuring long-term impact

Building resilient agriculture through water and soil conservation. 7,000+ farmers benefiting from sustainable interventions. Strong infrastructure improving irrigation and productivity. Livelihood diversification enhancing rural incomes. A scalable model for climate-resilient agriculture.





3. Project Golden Hives - Phase II (Environment & Ecology)

Project Golden Hives - Phase II, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with ANZ, is an environment-focused initiative aimed at strengthening biodiversity and promoting ecological balance through scientific beekeeping practices in Uttara Kannada district. Implemented in Bankanala and Sugavi Gram Panchayats of Sirsi block, the project leverages apiculture as a nature-based solution to address declining pollinator populations and ecosystem imbalance. By introducing managed bee colonies and building local capacity in sustainable beekeeping, the initiative enhances pollination services critical for agricultural productivity and forest ecosystems. The project contributes to climate resilience by supporting natural regeneration processes, improving crop pollination rates, and promoting eco-friendly practices that align with sustainable environmental management.

Project Snapshot

Focus Area	Women Empowerment, Livelihood, Biodiversity Conservation
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi Block (Bankanala & Sugavi GP), Uttara Kannada
Duration	April 2025 - March 2026
Funded By	ANZ
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Biodiversity & Pollination Interventions

- ✓ Introduction and installation of 200 managed bee hives
- ✓ Site assessment for optimal ecological placement of hives
- ✓ Promotion of pollinator-friendly practices in surrounding areas

Capacity Building on Ecological Practices

- ✓ Training on scientific beekeeping with focus on pollination cycles
- ✓ Awareness on the role of bees in ecosystem balance and biodiversity
- ✓ Exposure visits to demonstration units (Madhu Bee Nursery)

Ecosystem Strengthening Measures

- ✓ Encouraging reduction of harmful agro-chemical usage
- ✓ Promoting natural pollination for improved crop and vegetation cycles
- ✓ Continuous monitoring of hive health and ecological impact

Ecological Coverage & Reach

Category	Count
Villages Covered	2
Gram Panchayats	2
Bee Hives Installed	200
Functional Pollination Units	200

Impact Created

Before Intervention

- ✓ Declining pollinator presence affecting crop productivity
- ✓ Limited awareness on ecological importance of bees
- ✓ Imbalance in natural pollination cycles

After Intervention

- ✓ Establishment of 200 active pollination units
- ✓ Improved pollinator activity across agricultural and surrounding ecosystems
- ✓ Increased awareness on biodiversity conservation

Environmental Impact

- ✓ Enhanced pollination leading to improved crop yields and vegetation health
- ✓ Strengthening of local biodiversity through increased bee population
- ✓ Support to natural regeneration and ecosystem stability
- ✓ Promotion of eco-friendly and sustainable agricultural practices

Climate Resilience Outcomes

- ✓ Improved ecosystem adaptability through strengthened natural processes
- ✓ Reduced ecological stress due to better pollination support
- ✓ Contribution to long-term environmental sustainability



Measurable Outcomes

- ✓ 100% installation and operationalization of bee hives
- ✓ Observable increase in pollination activity in intervention areas
- ✓ Adoption of environmentally sustainable practices by communities

What Makes This Initiative Unique

- ✓ **Nature-Based Solution:** Uses pollinators as ecological restoration agents
- ✓ **Ecosystem-Centric Approach:** Focus on biodiversity rather than only production
- ✓ **Scientific Apiculture Model:** Structured and monitored implementation
- ✓ **Climate Resilience Linkage:** Strengthens natural environmental systems
- ✓ **Replicable Ecology Model:** Suitable for forest and semi-agricultural regions

Strengthening biodiversity and ecological balance through pollination-based interventions. 200 bee hives established as active ecological assets across 2 Gram Panchayats. Improved pollination supporting agriculture and natural vegetation systems. A sustainable, nature-based model contributing to climate-resilient ecosystems.





4. Water, Wash Health Initiative (Environment)

The Environment & Ecology Domain interventions under the Water, WASH & Health Initiatives Project focused on sustainable water management and climate-resilient agriculture practices in Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district.

The initiative addressed challenges related to water scarcity, inefficient irrigation practices, and declining groundwater levels. By introducing drip irrigation systems, groundwater recharge structures, and farmer capacity building, the project aimed to enhance water-use efficiency and agricultural productivity.

Through an integrated approach combining infrastructure and training, the project strengthened environmental sustainability while supporting the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Water, Wash & Health Initiative - Hoskote
Focus Area	Water Conservation, Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Resilience
Geographic Coverage	Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural (9 Villages)
Duration	2025-26
Funded By	Godrej Foods Limited
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Water Management Interventions

- Construction of borewell recharge pits
- Promotion of water conservation practices

Sustainable Agriculture

- Distribution of drip irrigation systems

- Farmer trainings on Integrated Crop Management (ICM)
- Capacity building on efficient water use

Baseline & Planning

- Assessment of irrigation gaps
- Identification of water resource challenges

Beneficiary Reach

Total Direct Farmers Reached: 100+

Key Achievements

- ✓ Drip Irrigation Systems Installed: 33 farmers
- ✓ Borewell Recharge Pits Constructed: 12
- ✓ Farmer Trainings Conducted: Multiple sessions

Impact Created

Before Intervention

- ✓ High dependence on rainfall for irrigation
- ✓ Inefficient water usage practices
- ✓ Declining groundwater levels

After Intervention

- ✓ Improved irrigation efficiency through drip systems
- ✓ Strengthened groundwater recharge mechanisms
- ✓ Increased awareness on sustainable farming practices

Agriculture & Environmental Impact

- ✓ 20-30% increase in crop yield (expected)
- ✓ 40-60% reduction in water usage
- ✓ Improved groundwater recharge and availability

Measurable Outcomes

- ✓ Adoption of climate-resilient agricultural practices
- ✓ Reduced water wastage in irrigation
- ✓ Enhanced long-term sustainability of farming systems

What Makes This Intervention Unique

- ✓ Integration of water conservation with agriculture productivity
- ✓ Strong focus on climate-resilient rural livelihoods
- ✓ Infrastructure + training model ensuring long-term sustainability
- ✓ Targeting small and marginal farmers for maximum impact

Strengthening environmental sustainability through water-efficient agriculture. Over 100 farmers supported across 9 villages. Significant reduction in water usage and improved irrigation practices. A climate-resilient model enhancing both ecology and livelihoods.





5. Integrated Development of Bee Mothers

Integrated Development of Bee Mothers, implemented by SCODWES in collaboration with ANZ, is a livelihood-and-ecology focused initiative aimed at strengthening water security and agroforestry-based livelihoods for women beekeepers ("Bee Mothers") in Uttara Kannada district. Implemented across Bankanala, Dodnalli, Sugavi and Unchalli Gram Panchayats of Sirsi block, the project combines farm pond construction, community pond rejuvenation and agroforestry sapling distribution to address rain-fed water stress while expanding year-round nectar availability for bee colonies. By integrating water resource development with climate-resilient tree planting, the initiative strengthens women-led apiculture enterprises, improves groundwater recharge and builds a self-sustaining agro-ecological system across the project area.

Project Snapshot

Project Name	Integrated Development of Bee Mothers
Focus Area	Water Security, Agroforestry-Based Livelihoods, Women Empowerment
Geographic Coverage	Sirsi Block (Bankanala, Dodnalli, Sugavi & Unchalli GP), Uttara Kannada
Duration	December 2025 – March 2026
Funded By	ANZ
Project Status	Completed

Key Activities Conducted

Water Security Interventions

- Construction of 10 farm ponds (12m × 10m × 3m, ~360 m³ storage each)
- Rejuvenation of 2 community ponds (Kanakoppa & Manganakatte) through de-silting, bund strengthening and canal improvement
- Pre-excavation percolation testing conducted at all 10 farm pond sites

Capacity Building on Sustainable Resource Management

- Women-Centric Orientation Programme covering 100 Bee Mothers
- Training on water budgeting and farm/community pond maintenance

Agroforestry & Livelihood Strengthening

- Distribution of 2,000 saplings

Beneficiary Reach

Category	Count
Gram Panchayats Covered	4
Direct Beneficiaries (Bee Mothers)	100
Farm Ponds Constructed	10
Community Ponds Rejuvenated	2
Agroforestry Saplings Distributed	2,000

Impact Created

Before Intervention

- Rain-fed agriculture with no reliable on-farm irrigation for Bee Mother households
- Siltation and bund degradation reducing community pond storage capacity
- Seasonal nectar gaps contributing to bee colony migration stress
- Limited livelihood diversification beyond honey production

After Intervention

- 3,600 m³ of new on-farm water storage secured for 10 Bee Mother households
- 15,000 m³ of restored community pond storage

benefiting an estimated 4,000 people across multiple villages

- Near-continuous nectar corridor established from November through May across 11 tree species
- Improved groundwater recharge expected to extend bore well water availability into May–June

Environmental Impact

- Enhanced rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge through farm and community ponds
- Strengthened bee colony resilience through uninterrupted nectar availability
- Estimated 20–30% yield improvement in orchards from enhanced pollination

Measurable Outcomes

- 10/10 farm ponds and 2/2 community ponds constructed/rejuvenated as targeted
- 2,000/2,000 saplings procured and distributed as planned

What Makes This Initiative Unique

- Integrated Water-Livelihood-Ecosystem Model:** Combines water security, agroforestry and apiculture into a single reinforcing system
- Women-Led Governance:** Bee Mothers directly responsible for asset upkeep and decision-making
- Groundwater-Linked Design:** Leverages Malenadu's sandy loam soils for high-leverage recharge impact

Strengthening water security and women-led livelihoods through an integrated water-agroforestry-apiculture model. 10 farm ponds and 2 community ponds now secure ~18,600 m³ of water storage across 4 Gram Panchayats. 2,000 saplings create a near year-round nectar corridor supporting 100 Bee Mother enterprises. A sustainable, community-owned model contributing to climate-resilient rural livelihoods.

Research & Development

1.Sarpanch Samvaad

The Sarpanch Samvaad Initiative is a digital governance and capacity-building program facilitated by SCODWES in alignment with the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, and the Quality Council of India (QCI). The initiative promotes the adoption and utilization of the Sarpanch Samvaad mobile application, a national platform designed to connect grassroots leaders and strengthen rural governance systems.

The program focuses on enabling Gram Panchayat leaders to access government schemes, share best practices, and engage in peer learning across districts. By encouraging digital adoption among Sarpanchs, the initiative enhances transparency, knowledge exchange, and collaborative problem-solving at the village level.

Implemented across Uttara Kannada and Haveri districts, the initiative empowers local governance institutions to build “Atmanirbhar Villages” by improving decision-making, strengthening institutional capacity, and promoting data-driven governance. It bridges the gap between policy and grassroots execution through technology-enabled engagement.

Project Snapshot

✔ Project Name:	Sarpanch Samvaad Initiative
✔ Focus Area:	Governance & Digital Capacity Building
✔ Geographic Coverage:	Uttara Kannada & Haveri Districts
✔ Duration:	2025-26
✔ Implemented In Alignment With:	Ministry of Jal Shakti & Quality Council of India (QCI)
✔ Project Status:	Ongoing

Key Activities Conducted

Digital Mobilization & Registration

- ✔ Identification and onboarding of Gram Panchayat Presidents
- ✔ Facilitation of Sarpanch registration on the mobile application
- ✔ Handholding support for app usage

Capacity Building & Orientation

- ✔ Awareness sessions on app features and benefits
- ✔ Guidance on accessing government schemes and resources
- ✔ Training on digital governance tools

Knowledge Sharing & Networking

- ✔ Encouraging Sarpanchs to share best practices
- ✔ Promoting inter-village collaboration and learning
- ✔ Showcasing local development initiatives

Governance Strengthening

- ✔ Enabling access to training modules
- ✔ Supporting data-driven decision-making
- ✔ Promoting transparency and accountability

Beneficiary Reach

District	Sarpanchs Registered
Uttara Kannada	60
Haveri	37
Total	97

Beneficiary Insight:

- ✔ Direct beneficiaries: Gram Panchayat Presidents (Sarpanchs)
- ✔ Indirect beneficiaries: Entire village population through improved governance

Impact Created

Before Intervention:

- ✔ Limited digital exposure among Panchayat leaders
- ✔ Restricted access to centralized information on schemes
- ✔ Minimal inter-district knowledge sharing

After Intervention:

- ✔ 97 Sarpanchs onboarded onto a national digital platform
- ✔ Increased access to real-time information on government schemes
- ✔ Improved peer learning and best practice sharing

Governance Impact:

- ✔ Strengthened decision-making at Gram Panchayat level
- ✔ Enhanced transparency and accountability
- ✔ Improved awareness of development programs

Social & System-Level Impact:

- ✔ Digital empowerment of grassroots leadership
- ✔ Improved service delivery at village level
- ✔ Strengthened network of rural governance leaders

What Makes This Project Different

- ✔ **Digital Governance Focus:** Brings technology into grassroots leadership
- ✔ **National-Level Integration:** Connects local leaders across India
- ✔ **Low-Cost, High Impact:** Minimal infrastructure, maximum governance improvement
- ✔ **Knowledge Network Model:** Peer learning across Panchayats
- ✔ **Scalable Initiative:** Easily expandable across districts and states

Empowering grassroots leaders through digital governance tools. 97 Sarpanchs connected to a national knowledge platform. Improved access to schemes, resources, and best practices. Strengthening transparency and decision-making at village level. A scalable model for building Atmanirbhar villages.

Chapter-IV : Future Outlook – Scaling Inclusive and Sustainable Development

As SCODWES® moves forward, the organization remains steadfast in its role as a catalyst for **inclusive development, sustainability, and community-driven change**. Building on the learnings and achievements of 2025–26, the focus will be on **deepening impact** while scaling interventions that have demonstrated measurable results across domains.

The coming years will emphasize expanding integrated development models that converge health, nutrition, livelihoods, agriculture, education, and environmental sustainability into a unified framework at the community level. Key priorities include:

- ✔ **Technology-enabled healthcare:** Scaling smart clinics, digital outreach, and preventive care systems to strengthen early diagnosis and last-mile service delivery.
- ✔ **Agroecology-based farming:** Promoting climate-resilient practices, organic farming, and integrated livelihood systems to enhance food security and farmer incomes.
- ✔ **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):** Strengthening grassroots institutions to drive collective bargaining, value addition, and market linkages.
- ✔ **Nutrition-sensitive WASH:** Expanding sanitation and hygiene programs that directly improve community health outcomes.

Parallel efforts will focus on livelihood systems through enterprise development, market linkages, and value addition, with a special emphasis on women empowerment and marginalized communities to ensure inclusive economic growth.

Recognizing the importance of sustainability, SCODWES will invest in strengthening grassroots institutions such as SHGs, FPOs, and community collectives, enabling them to take ownership of development processes. This will be complemented by data-driven monitoring, outcome-based evaluation, and adaptive program design to improve efficiency and accountability.

Strategic partnerships with **government agencies, CSR institutions, and knowledge partners** will continue to be expanded, leveraging resources, expertise, and innovation. A strong emphasis will be placed on climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and natural resource management to ensure that development gains remain environmentally sustainable.

With a clear focus on **scaling impact, strengthening systems, and empowering communities**, SCODWES aims to build resilient, self-reliant ecosystems where individuals and communities lead their own development journeys with dignity and confidence.

SCODWES Special Events - 2025-26



Shakti Divas



Partners Meet



SCODWES Anniversary



Independence Day



Annual General Body Meeting



Nati Habba



Republic Day

Awards and Recognitions 2025-26

Most Impactful NGO - Sustainable Agriculture



Certificate of Appreciation by Biocon foundation



Certificate of Appreciation for Skill Development



Kitturu Ranichennamma Award For Women Empowerment



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