

“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, With all the wisdom that experience can instil in us.”

..... Hal Borland

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Abhivyakti Foundation



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Our Vision

Self dependent civil society having full realization of and complete access to basic human needs, rights and entitlements without any discrimination of caste, creed, sex, faith, religion.....

Our Mission

To aware people and mobilize self-initiatives based on local available resources for sustainable development and right balance over generations.

About Us

Abhivyakti started as an informal group of young social activists to promote social and cultural activities like Srijanutsav, natyamahotsava, folk arts exhibition and other school/ college activities within Giridih district, which had a long void after its glorious past. The basic idea was to promote values of peace, non-violence, national integrity and sustainable development practices.

As the team gradually increased its field presence and activities it was felt necessary to give a legal identity and formal structure to the organization. This led to a legal form and Abhivyakti became Abhivyakti Foundation, a trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 on the world population day i.e. 11th July, 2002. The day is observed as Abhivyakti Day by the team and associated volunteers to revisit the organization's values and philosophy. The organization is working with local youth to promote volunteerism and foster social entrepreneurship and creativity among them.

Abhivyakti Foundation is motivated by the Gandhian philosophy and it follows the endogenous theory of development. We believe in the inherent values and bottom up planning for the development of lowest sections of society. This requires active involvement of local communities in the participatory process for development.

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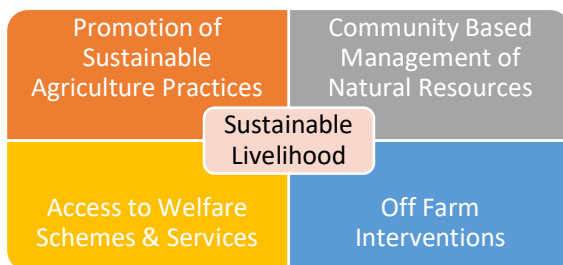
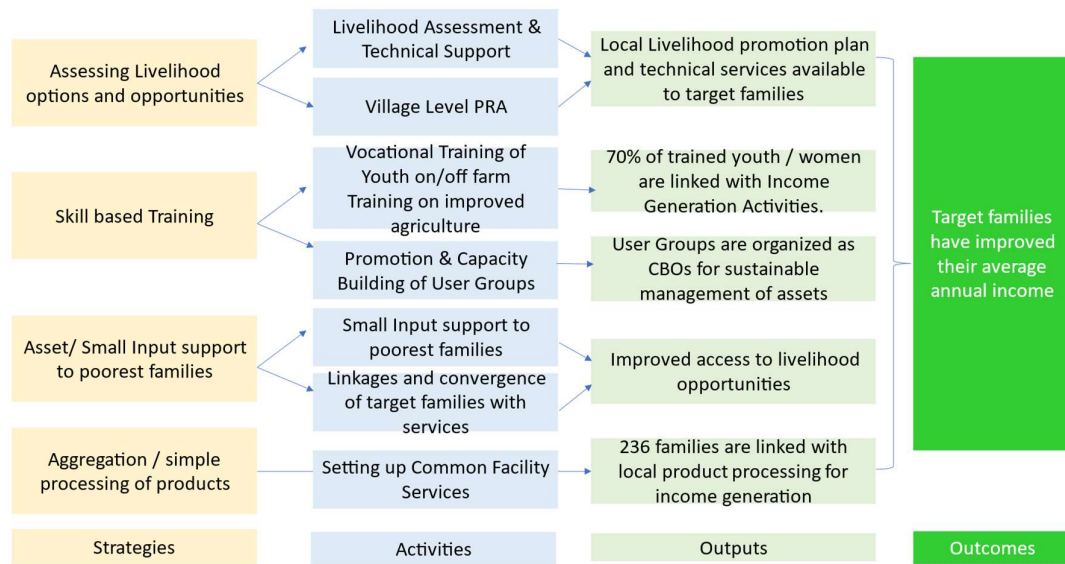
Deoghar - Haritgram Green College. Maniyarpur More, Village Maniyarpur, Devipur
Deori - H/o Basaniti Devi, Vill Khariyodih, PO Ghoranji Giridih
Tisri - H/o Pravin K Singh, Near Pani Tanki, Tisri, Giridih
Gawan - Near Harijan tola Angarwadi centre, Gawan, Giridih
Gandey - Near Gandhi Maidan, Gandey, Giridih

Sustainable Livelihood



Under Sustainable livelihood initiatives Abhivyakti Foundation promotes different approaches to help the disadvantaged families and communities in securing a means of living that meet the needs of individuals and communities while ensuring environmental health and resilience. This approach focus on integrating economic, social, and environmental factors to promote well-being without compromising future generations' ability to meet their needs.

Livelihood



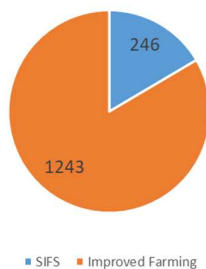
Soild Water Conservation measurers (Location – Gandey, Giridih)	
Gully Plugs constructed	15
Loose Boulder Structures	5
Water Harvesting structure renovation	4

Agriculture & Natural Resource Management

Training of Farmers on sustainable farming practices

To promote sustainable agriculture practices among small and marginal farmers Abhivyakti Foundation under different projects has trained 1489 farmers in sustainable agriculture practices and Sustainable Integrated Farming System (SIFS).

Agriculture training of small farmers



Outcomes:

- **1489** farmers trained in sustainable agriculture practices with 56% female participation.
- **52 ha** net cultivable area has been increased with Mix - cropping system, water harvesting structures, Irrigation Motor pump and fallow cultivation promotion
- Total **372** farmers are linked with **12 FFS**.
- **12 ha** fallow turned into cultivable land – **58 ha** brought from monocrop to multi-crop through promotion of SIFS and improved agriculture practices.
- **One Bio Input** Resource Centre is established to promote natural farming input availability in the coverage area of the foundation –
3 farmers are trained on BRC entrepreneurship.
- Training of **24 women** on Nutri garden nursery –
- **3 Nursery entrepreneurs** established
- Common Facility Centre set up to benefit **438 farmers**
- 1028 animals treated through **14** animal health camps.
- Coverage – **43 villages in 8 panchayats** of Giridih and Deoghar districts of Jharkhand.

The training activities were organized in field with hands on exposure of farmers to the practices. Almost 62% of the farmers have adopted these practices and following practices like mixed cropping, multi tier farming, preparation of manure and pest control concoctions with local inputs and diversification of farm systems.

Promotion of ecological farming practices



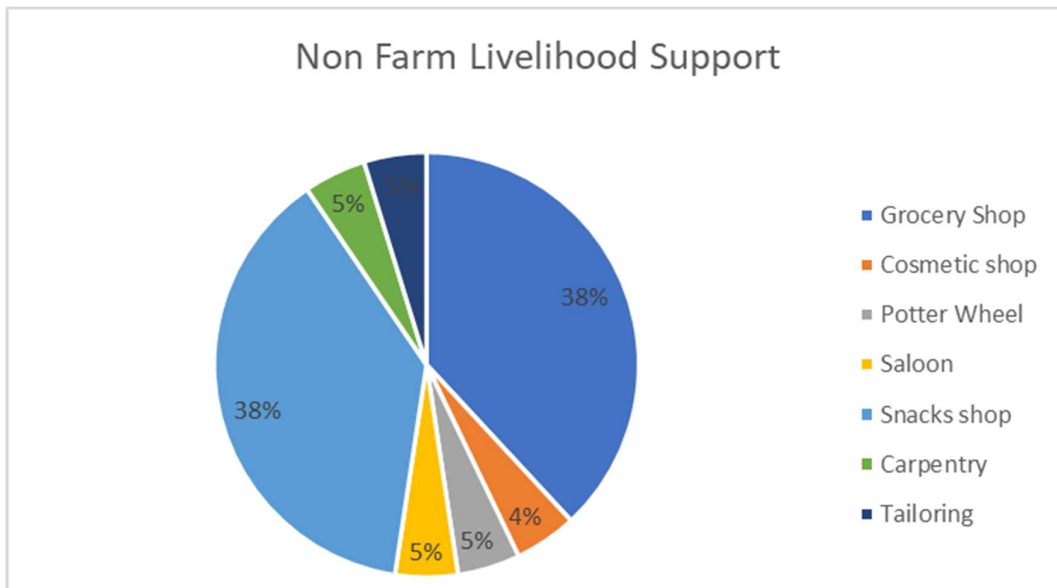
AVF under its sustainable livelihood approach has promoted ecological farming practices among 950 rural small holding farmers. 80% of rural small holding in this region are smallholding farmers who are unable to follow the cost

intensive external input based modern farming which are not ecologically sustainable as well. The sustainable agriculture practices promoted by AVF under the current initiatives include diversification of farm sub-systems with a careful integration of crops, trees, animals, birds, water bodies and bio-waste. This integration helps in recycling the farm wastes from one sub-system as feed to the other sub-system and maintaining the energy flow within the farm.

Non Farm Interventions



Non farm interventions focus on less agriculture dependent communities who are heavily relying on wage labour, dhibra collection and migrants. During the period Abhivyakti Foundation with small input support has been able to reach out 43 families with positive interventions in their life.



Skill Development & Vocational Training

Skill Up Program

Under the skill up program total 195 rural youth are trained during this year on green courses like organic grower, backyard and broiler poultry, goat rearing and food processing. 72% of the participants are female.



Under other initiatives 126 rural youth were trained on different trades like electrician, tailoring, mushroom cultivation etc. 68% of these 311 youth are engaged into gainful employment post training and incubation.

The incubation support has also assisted 34 rural youth with more insights into entrepreneurship through High Potential Rural Youth training and 40 MSME units were registered as a follow up.

State level Dialogue on Skill Transformation - Green Pathways

State level dialogue was organized on Green Pathways to Rural Youth at Ranchi under the SkillUp program by Abhivyakti Foundation with Welthungerhilfe support. Representatives from the Agriculture Department, NABARD, Birsa Agriculture University Business Promotion Department, along with Green Colleges RKM, NEEDS and TVET institutions, Bhoomika (safe food network), CSRs like Reliance Foundation, Syngenta Foundation, TRI, PRADAN and more than 14 CSOs along with agriculture enterprenurs and Green College trainees actively participated in the workshop and collectively resolved to build further networking for green pathways in agriculture entrepreneurship of youth in Jharkhand.



Green College experiences have also been shared through a case study publication and video documentary covering the experiences of the SkillUp trainees from Harigram Green College. SkillUp project team and trainees have also shared their experiences with the larger fraternity through different events and activities which include –

- Jharkhand Food Festival at Ranchi on 16th October, 2023
- Budhai Newan Mela (Festival) at Budhai, Deoghar on 30 November and 1 December, 2023
- Multistakeholder meet-cum-sharing of experiences at SRAN 19-22 December, 2023
- 8th National Organic Farmers Convention organised by Organic Farmers Association of India (OFAI) at Kerala on 28 to 30 December, 2023.
- Farmer skill fair -cum- millet exhibition organised by District Agriculture Department, Switchont & ATMA on 8th January, 2023
- Farmers Fair on 16th January, 2024 at Green College, Devipur
- Farmers Fair organised by Department of Agriculture at Giridih on 12th January, 2023
- Kisan Sammridhi Mela organised by NABARD at the Gauriyakarma Farm, Hazaribag
- Kisan Mela (Farmers Fair and exhibition) organised by Department of Agriculture at Deoghar on 13th February, 2024



Pic: Models of innovation developed by Skill Up incubates

Access to Services

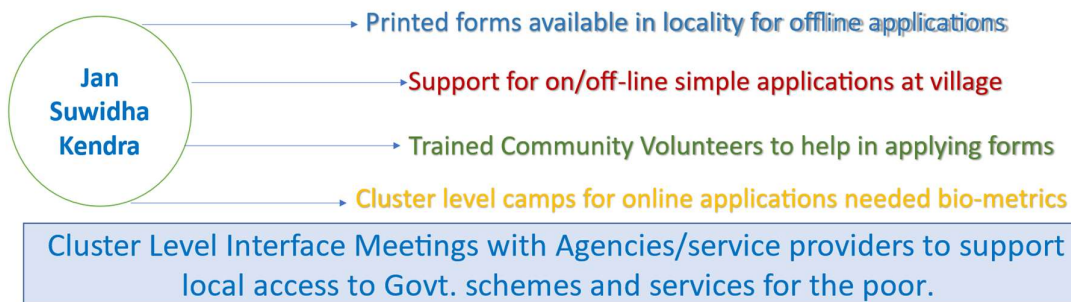


There are many welfare and social security schemes launched by the central and state government for the welfare of poorest communities. Our approach is to promote these schemes reach out in the remote areas to benefit disadvantaged communities and facilitate community participation in improved uptake of these schemes and services. To facilitate this collaboration of service providers and the community Abhivyakti Foundation is working through various approaches which includes Jan Suwidha kendra, Kiosk and community level camps involving different stakeholders.

Accessing Social Security Schemes

Jan Suwidha Kendra:

- Jan Suwidha Kendra is a one stop point at village for availing application support services for social protection schemes and documents both for citizens and micro-businesses.



During this year Abhivyakti Foundation through 21 Jan Suwidha Kendra has facilitate access of 1441 eligible beneficiaries to access social security schemes and other services which helped them to reduce their vulnerability. To support the online applications one Kiosk is set up in Gawan block of Giridih which helped 269 persons in remote rural area to apply for these schemes and services.

Access this year

No. of Jan Suwidha Kenra - **21**

No. of applications facilitated - **3663**

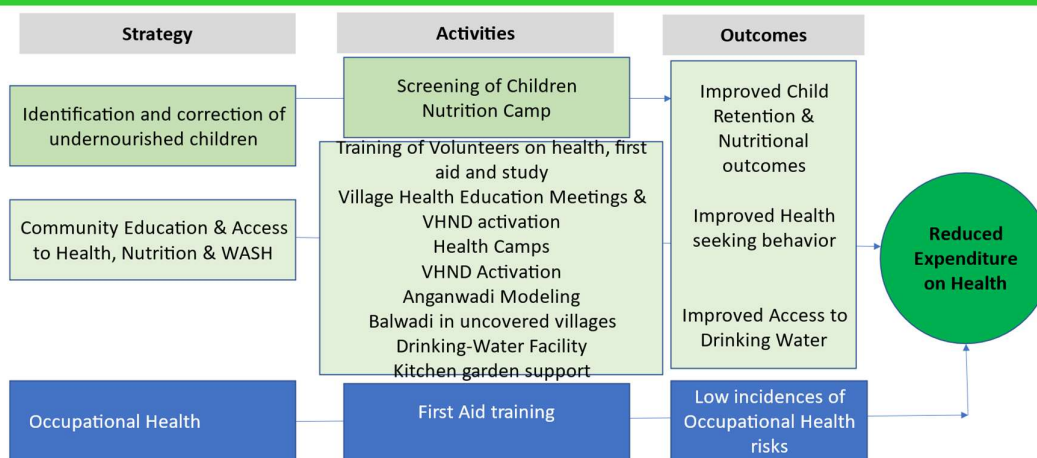
No. of eligible beneficiaries linked with Govt schemes & facilities - **144**

Health and Nutrition



Poor health conditions are one of the top three attributing factors to rural poverty. Access to health infrastructure and facilities in rural remote locations are less and needs strengthening of preventive health measures and primary health care to contribute to the national health goals. AVF follows the process of community based health promotion with a theory of change.

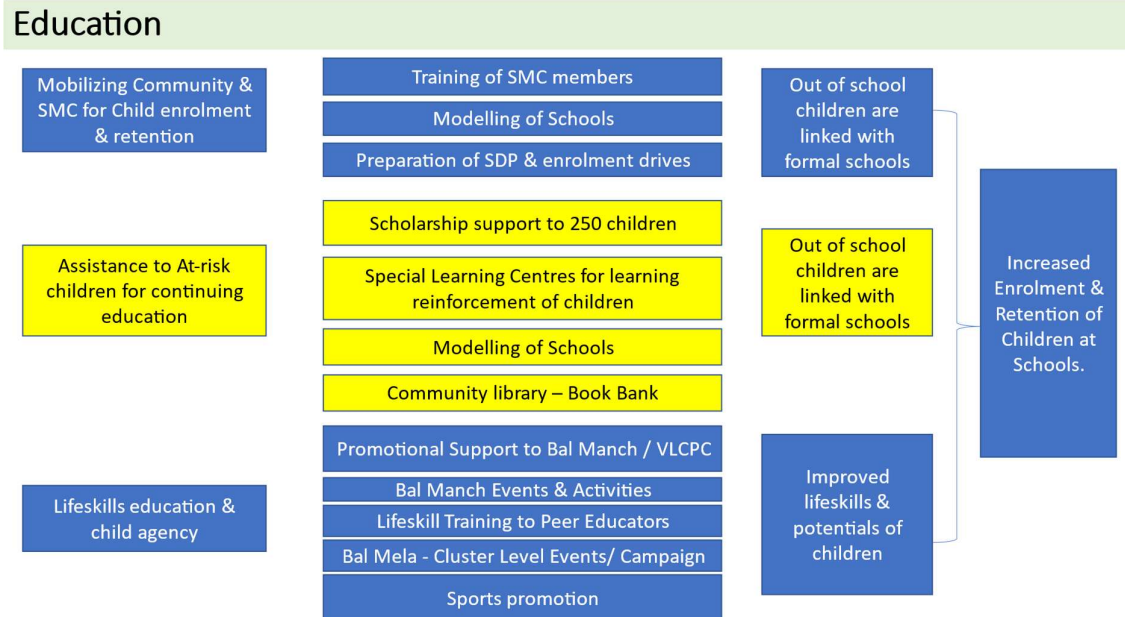
Health & Nutrition



Interventions 2023-24	Outreach figures
No. of health camps organized	04
Persons benefitted from health camps	218
No. of Anganwadi with qualitative interventions	
No. of VHND sessions supported	41
No. of First Aid volunteers trained	30
No. of female attending LANN PLA sessions	3500
No. of Nutrition Camps conducted	12
No. of malnourished children attending Nutrition Camp	246
No. of kitchen garden supported	2000
No. of safe drinking water sources restored	04
No. of LANN PLA sessions on health	81

Education and Child Rights

Education is key to growth of individual and contributes to the society to make a just and equitable place for living. The process initiates from the early childhood to schooling and youth and adult learning. AVF activities around education as a stepping covers children and strives to build a safe environment for children to help them attain their potentials with following theory of change -



Balwadi

6 Balwadi (Pre-schooling) centres have been setup in remote locations where Anganwadi centres are far away. These balwadi centres are providing pre-schooling service to 126 children in such remote areas with joyful learning activities. Children mainstreamed to formal schools from balwadi centres are more regular to school

Interventions 2023-24	Outreach figures
No. of Balwadi centres in unserved locations	07
No. of children attending balwadi sessions	128
No. of Bal Manch created	44
No. of children associated with Bal Manch activities	1005
No. of children trained in Life-skills	432
No. of Special Learning Centres (SLC) organized	12
No. of children mainstreamed through SLC	429
No. of children provided scholarship support for continuing education	72
No. of community libraries set up	36
Financial Literacy for women	190
No. of Youth Groups promoted	20
No. of youth involved with youth groups	364
Digital Smart Class Initiatives (ongoing) in Govt schools	38

Library

AVF has setup 36 community libraries in Gawan, Tisri and Deori blocks of Giridih in as many villages. The library provides a range of books for children in remote areas which is for their recreation as well as preparation of entrance examinations to prestigious schools like Navodaya Vidyaalay, Kasturba Gandhi residential



schools for girls, and other competitive examinations. The libraries also conduct weekly sessions on life skill sessions and recreational activities for children. Apart from readership habits the libraries are promoting creativity and interaction among children.

Bal Mela

3 Bal Mela events were conducted in this period engaging more than 800 children along with SMC members, parents, teachers and local community members. The Bal Mela was a unique



opportunity for the children to bring forward their natural talents through a range of activities including sports, debates, elocution, painting, quiz, theatre and creative writing.

Training of Village Level Child Protection Committees

To sensitize community about the rights of children and monitor child rights enforcements AVF has promoted VLCPC in 20 villages. 98 VLCPC members were trained during the year on child rights and child protection mechanism to protect children against child labour, violence and early marriages. The committees with Bal Manch are playing a constructive role in safeguarding children and encouraging development opportunities for children.

Local Self Governance



Strong local self governance institutions are imperative to support the decentralized planning system with a proactive participation of local communities and envisaged by the national and state level Governments. Abhivyakti Foundation is working with the local self governance institutions under the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in 10 panchayats of Gandey and Bengabad blocks of Giridih district in Jharkhand.

The program strengthens gram sabha with adequate participation of women and marginalized groups and making the gram sabha empowered by developing local leadership. During the year total 1741 individuals were facilitated with knowledge, IEC and support from village institutions to access the welfare schemes and services.

Interventions 2023-24	Outreach figures
No. of gram sabha activated on regular basis	50
Gram Sabha secretariat set up to support gram sabha functions and access to services	30
Promotion of Youth clubs	40
Block level Youth Football Tournament	1
Facilitating Ayushman (health insurance) cards for eligible beneficiaries	997
Facilitating registration of new Job cards	584
Facilitating access to ration cards	15
Facilitating access to e-shram cards	15
Facilitating applications for PM Awas Yojna	130
Training of traditional leaders	342
Training of Panchayati Raj elected representatives	159
Promotion of FRA committees	32

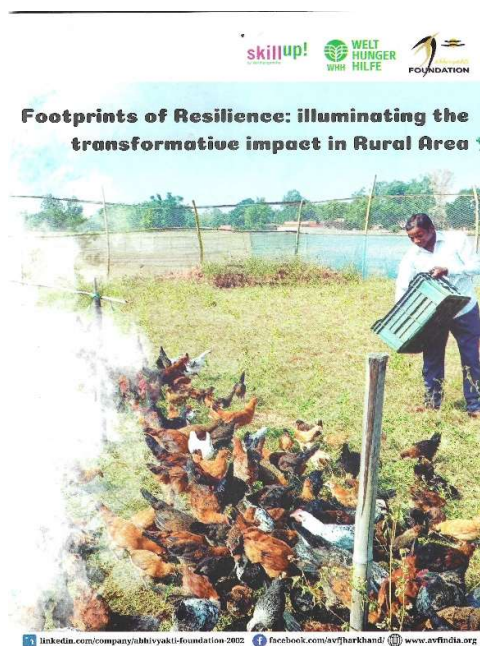
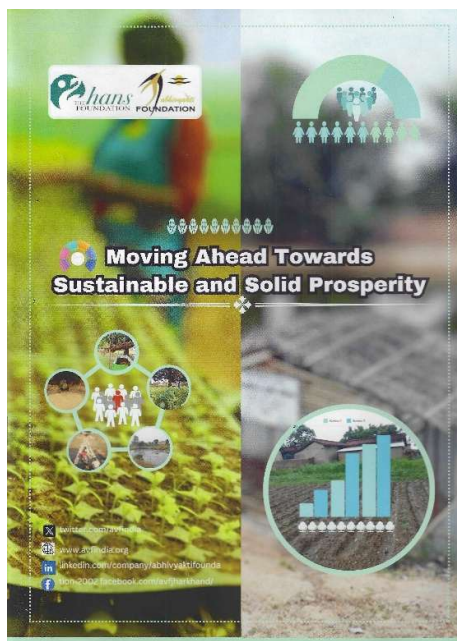
Awards and achievements

Jharkhand Changemaker Award in Health & Nutrition category



Abhivyakti Foundation was felicitated with Jharkhand Changemaker Award in Health and Nutrition category for its holistic community based approach including community education on preventive health and nutrition through LANN PLA approach, working with frontline workers, community based screening and conducting nutrition camps and introducing dietary diversity through kitchen garden and farm diversity models.

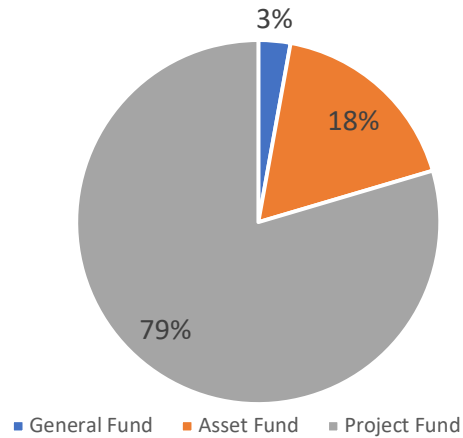
Publications



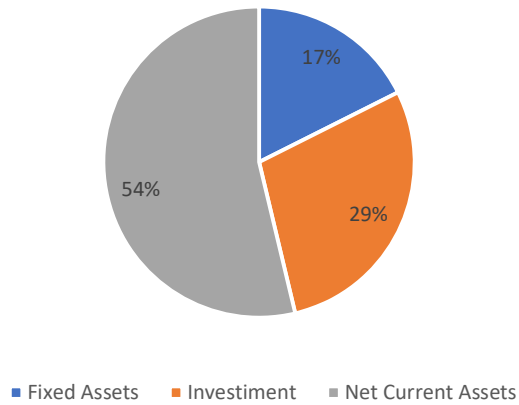
Financial Overview (2023-24)

Balance Sheet

Sources of Funds (Total Funds ₹13.95 Million)



Application of funds



Financial Turnover (in ₹)

Year	Income	Expenditure	Receipt	Payment
2023-24	32,586,592	29,235,169	41,477,788	29,864,418

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We are thankful to our donors for supporting the initiatives to make positive impacts in the lives of communities we work with -




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