

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



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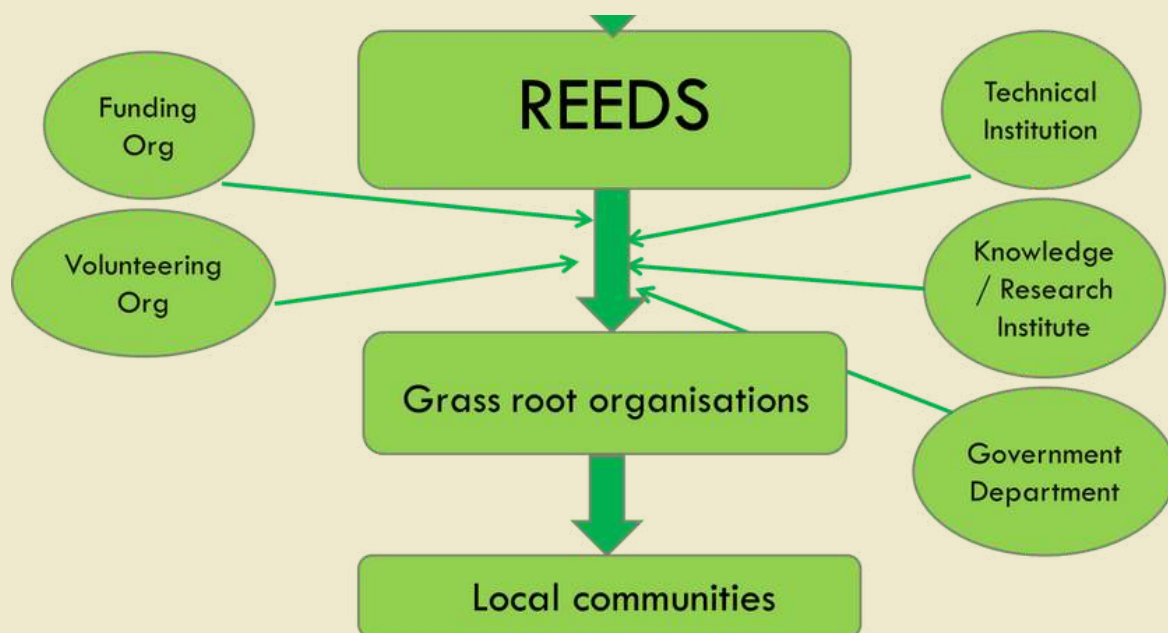
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# REEDS: Strategy of Work

REEDS IS THE IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER FOR MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS. IT FOLLOWS A DEFINITE STRATEGY DURING IMPLEMENTATION

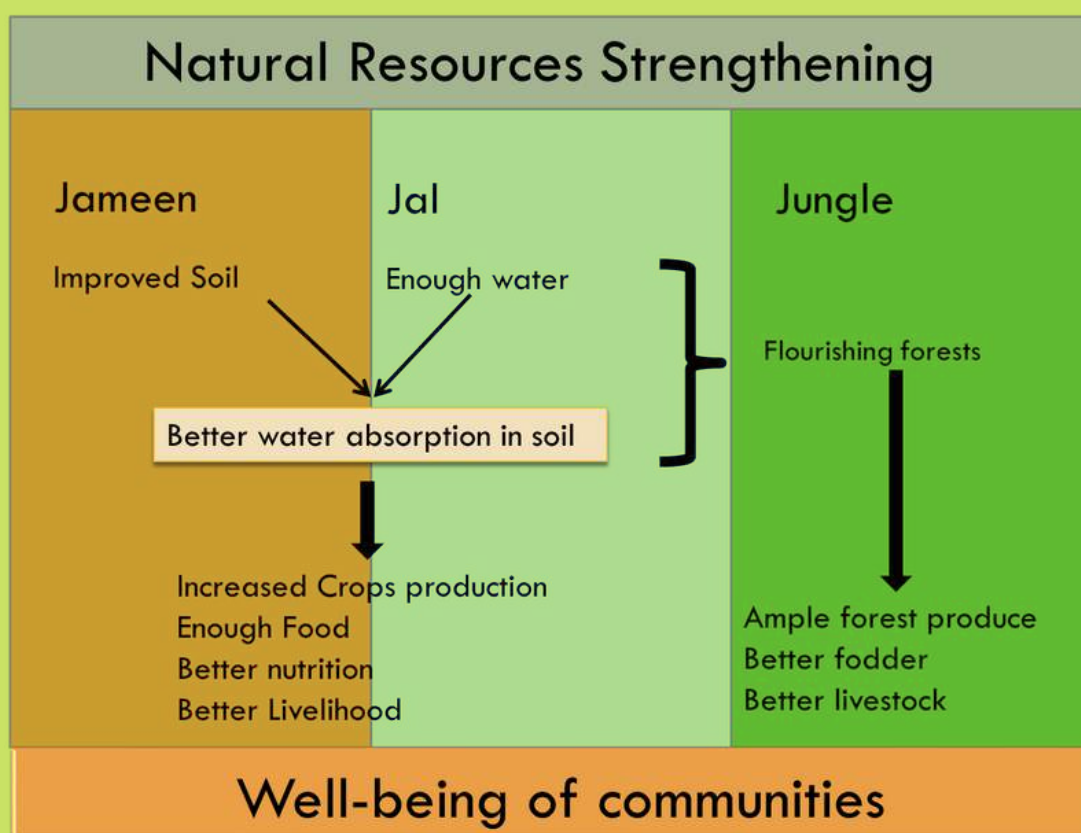


Integrated program focused on local institution building and development of natural resources - designed by Yojak and implemented by REEDS along with technical support is a workable model that has proved to be successful after 4 years of work.

Jui Pethe,  
Team Lead



The well-being of the "Ecosystem dependent communities" (those whose life is natural cycles oriented) is highly influenced by the quality of natural resources, primarily Jal (water), Jungle (Forests) and Jameen (Soil).



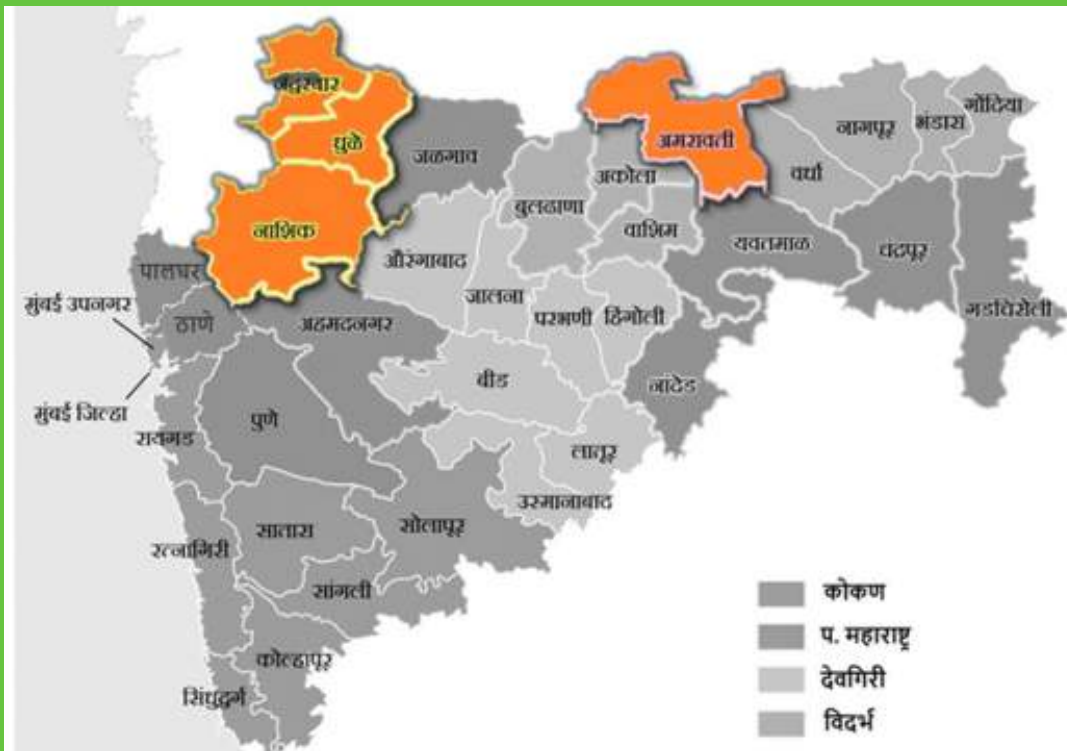
In summary, the symbiotic relationship between fertile soil, reduced erosion, groundwater levels, agriculture, and forests creates a positive feedback loop.

1. When the soil is healthy and well-structured, it can hold more moisture and withstand erosion. In areas where soil erosion is minimized, the soil acts as a sponge, allowing water to infiltrate and be absorbed more easily.
2. This leads to increased groundwater recharge, which replenishes underground water sources such as wells.
3. When the soil retains moisture and nutrients, agricultural practices in these areas can rely on fewer external inputs. This benefits farmers by increasing their productivity and income.
4. Additionally, the availability of abundant fodder in such areas supports livestock farming, as animals can graze on nutrient-rich vegetation.



# THE SPREAD

REEDS works multiple village clusters for 4 different districts of Maharashtra State. Dhule has a single cluster while Nashik has 2, Amravati and Nandurbar have 3. In Nashik, Dhule and Nandurbar district, REEDS works among Janjati Communities in Sahyadri Mountain Ranges while in Nandurbar and Amravati REEDS works among Janjati Communities residing in the Satpuda Hill ranges.



## Nashik

Ragatvihir, Surgana  
Koswan, Kalwan

## Dhule

Pimpalner, Sakri

## Nandurbar

Molgi  
Katri  
Khandbara

## Amravati

Melghat



REEDS acknowledge the role of local grassroot organisations which form the foundation of REEDS effectiveness on ground

- Molgi Parisar Seva Samiti
- Nesu Parisar Seva Samiti
- Davrababa Parisar Seva Samiti
- Chandrabhaga Parisar Seva Samiti
- Gotyababa Parisar Seva Samiti
- Suryadarshan Shetkari Producer Company, Katri, Dhadgaon
- Vandhan Vikas Kendra, Koswan, Kalwan, Nashik
- Mauli Krupa Van Dhan Vikas Kendra, Ragatvahir, Surgana, Nashik

**We thank you for your continued support in our efforts of Community Driven Development.**

Sr	Cluster	Milestone / Achievements
1	Molgi	90+ Jalkund developed in 12 villages
		25-30 Acre of dryland brought under irrigation
		Soil erosion curtailed in 25-30 Acres by use of MI system
		Employment Opportunities through farm-based livelihoods of 90+ families increased
		Bhumi Poojan and soil conservation awareness in 10 villages and 800-1000 men and women
		MGNrega work demand in villages
		22000+ labor days work demand generated
		Livestock vaccination in convergence with Government Animal Husbandry Department and other NGOs
2	Katri	250 farmers come together and form a Farmer Producer Company
		Company sells goats and local Millets to earn income
		300 villagers receive employment from MGNrega
		5400 man days of employment generated
		500 goats vaccinated through convergence



Sr	Cluster	Milestone / Achievements
3	Khandbara	Community managed Weather recording system installed
		Wadi owners demonstrated ripening chamber
		Successful trials with 25+ crates of mangoes
		Nesu Nadi Parikrama successfully completed in its 2 year.
4	Pimpalner	VDVK Baripada received a grant of Rs. 96L from TDD
		Deshbandhu FPC received a grant of Rs. 1 Cr from TDD
		3000 Plants ready in Kaldar Nursery for plantation
5	Melghat	9 farmers provided improved soyabean seeds
		Inspite of heavy rains and flooding, farmers noted increased income
		16 farmers provided DP cross pre-vaccinated chicks. Farmers noted increased income ranging between Rs. 5-8000
		Rice and flour mill in remote areas reduced drudgery for 100 families
		Income generated for Rice mill entrepreneur approximately Rs. 20000.00



# MOLGI SANKUL, AKKALKUWA, NANDURBAR

REEDS has been working in this landscape on multiple approaches and projects. Many of them are about to be initiated in near future as well.

REEDS works closely with a local Community based Organization CBO called Molgi Parisar Seva Samiti (MPSS)

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Livelihood Diversification Vegetable production Post Harvest Processing	Jalkund, Vegetable Nurseries Indigenous seeds Backyard Nutrition Garder Rice Mill Millet Mill	90+JK- 36Lakh L of water – 25A land 7 nurseries producing 20K seedlings Documentation and farmer listing 100 Kit Gardens/year in 15 villages 6 in remote villages 1 in cluster
Convergence	MPSS approaches agencies for support	Convergence Vet Dept, 3-4 villages 200 animals/village Convergence with KVK for farm interventions Dept of Science&Technology project convergence for technological intervention in Nontimber Forest Produce Bamboo foundation for strengthening the bamboo ecosystem
Employment through MGNrega	Till 2022 This year 2023	5 villages, 60Lk wages- 1 Cr work 10 villages. 30K labor days work demanded
Jal-Jameen Jangal	Bhumipujan, Vanbhaji Mah Forest Protection& Plantation Trials for controlled grazing Vanrai Bandharas	10 villages / 800-1000 people. 2 villages 2 villages/ 2000 plants 1 village 25-30 each year
Community participation	MGNrega works management plan for CFR  Technology Deployment:	8-10Lakh work on ground, 5 villages Helping GS develop MP (1 Village) Forest Nurseries 2 (10000 plants) 100 drip MIS & 20 Rain pipes



# MOLGI SANKUL, AKKALKUWA, NANDURBAR

## Bhumi Poojan :

REEDS strongly believes that sustainable use of resources is not possible without inculcating reverence about it in the minds of communities. With this belief, REEDS undertakes appropriate activities in every cluster to promote this feeling of reverence.

Reverence is often induced or rejuvenated using the festival loving nature of Bharat.

Below, we see the annual 'Bhumi Poojan' event held in Feb-March 2023





# MOLGI SANKUL, AKKALKUWA, NANDURBAR

Jalkund and Vegetable Cultivation :



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# KATRI SANKUL, AKRANI, NANDURBAR

REEDS just recently began its work here with the grassroots organization in the form of a Farmer Producer Company called Suryadarshan FPC. the company focuses on goat rearers collective. there are currently 250 members in the company from 14 hamlets of 5 revenue villages.

The project about formation and strengthening of

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Natural Resource Management (NRM) activities especially soil water conservation	MGNrega works including Continuous Contour Trenches, Loose Boulder Structures, gully plugs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 villages. 300 laborers.</li> <li>• Worked for 3 weeks (musters)</li> <li>• 30 ha land treated.</li> <li>• 5400 man days generated</li> <li>• 14L labor wages earned</li> </ul>
Livelihood Diversification	strengthening goat based livelihood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccination Drives 500 goats</li> <li>• Fodder/feed demonstrations</li> <li>• Low cost Housing techniques</li> <li>• Farmer Producer Company (FPC) of goat rearers has been developed</li> </ul>
Convergence	Proposals developed for convergence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krishi Vigyan Kendra supporting with technology</li> <li>• Human Resource Ministry is supporting with vehicle facility</li> <li>• NABARD is supporting FPC formation and strengthening</li> </ul>
Vandhan Vikas Kendra Proposal	Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 different proposal have been drafted and submitted to the department multiple times.</li> <li>• Sanction is still pending.</li> </ul>



# KATRI SANKUL, AKRANI, NANDURBAR

Smt. Manisha Khatri, District Collector, Nandurbar visited Katri village to see various activities undertaken in the village through various government, private and semi-government agencies.



# KHANDBARA, NAVAPUR, NANDURBAR

REEDS is working with communities in the Khandbara area. Multiple project have been implemented in the area since the last decade, the main focus of the work here is strengthening the community processes and collective approach which has been evolved through the earlier projects.

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Decision support system	Installed weather station in Nesu Parisar	Entire cluster will benefit
Integrated Farming System	Wadi follow up support	25 wadi owners. Management recommendations through experts Technological support for issues- ripening chamber to enable even ripening. 2 SHGs (Self Help Groups) providing service.
Utilization of resources available from different sources	Unused solar dryer kits available with SHGs	SHGs are motivated to use the unused asset through motivation, training and demonstrations. technical support from KVK, Nandurbar





# KHANDBARA, NAVAPUR, NANDURBAR

## Nesu Nadi Poojan & Parikrama Program:

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# PIMPALNER, SAKRI, DHULE

REEDS is advocating Community Forest Resource Management Plan (CFRMP) development process and support by district administration since a long time. REEDS is also developing Bamboo nursery with CFR (Community Forest Resource) Management Committee GP Kaldar for plantation in its CFR area. The project is supported by Maharashtra Bamboo Promotion Foundation.

It is also working with community based organization in the Pimpalner area. The CBOs are in the form of Deshbandhu Farmer Producer Company, Pimpalner and Baripada Vandhan Vikas Kendra.

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Forest Conservation	Advocacy for better management of CFR areas	35-40 Gram Sabhas NCST complaint
CFR Reforestation	Bamboo Cocoon Nursery for Reforestation	MBPF developed Bamboo Nursery in CFR village
Institution Building	Baripada VanDhan Vikas Kendra	300 families. Rs. 20 Lakh seed money, Rs. 85Lakh grant
Institution Building	Deshbandhu Farmer Producer Company	500 families. Rs. 67 Lakh and Rs. 1 Cr grant



# RAGATVIHIR & KOSWAN NASHIK

REEDS is working only on limited and as approached basis in both these sankuls. VanDhan Vikas Kendra had launched a complaint at NCST Commission regarding unavailability of funds.

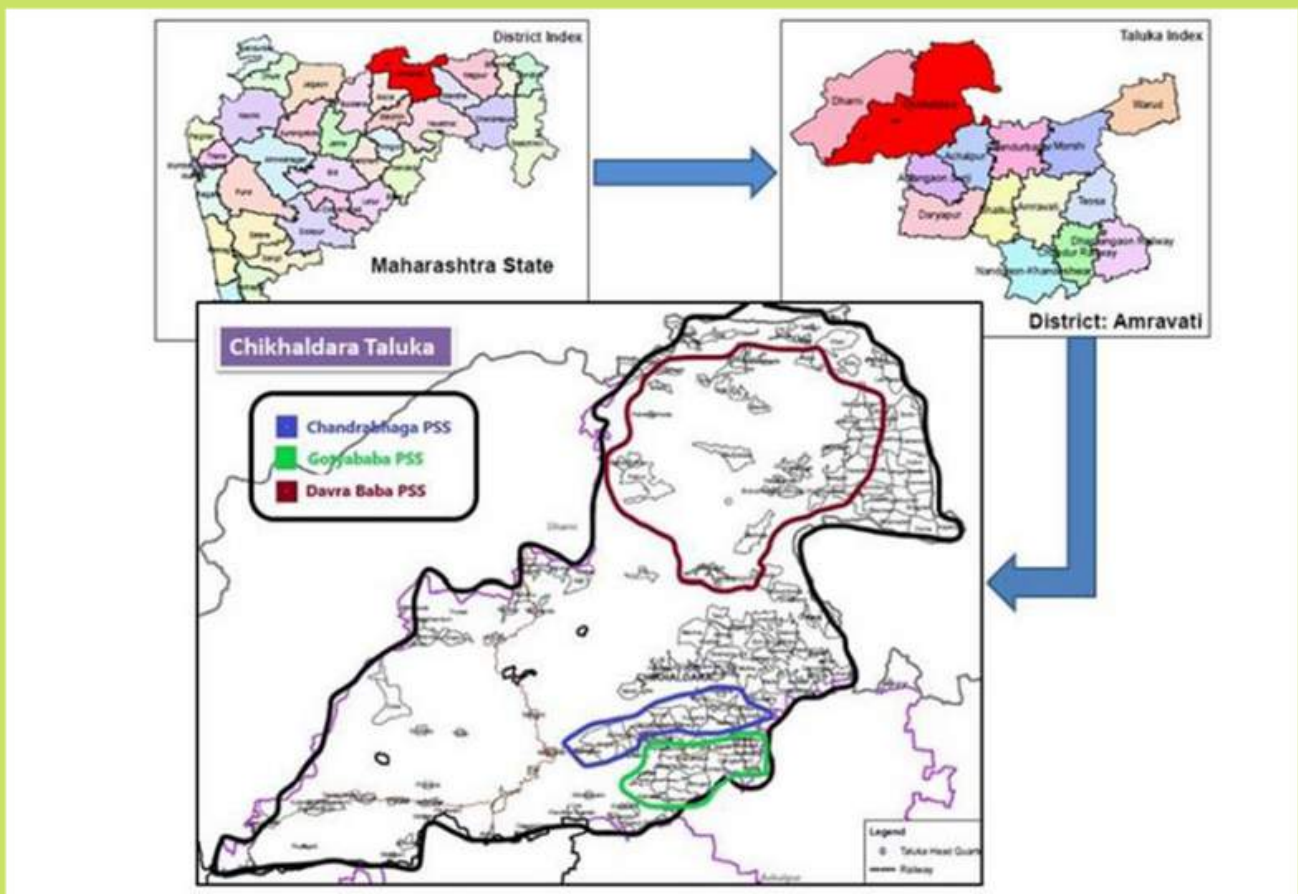
The NCST has taken a notice of the case and called the officials of TRIFED and the VDVK both were called for the hearing. After all the follow up by the

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Institution Building	MauliKrupa VanDhan Vikas Kendra	300 families. Rs. 10 Lakh seed money.
Institution Building	Koswan VanDhan Vikas Kendra	300 families. No funds recd. Complaint launched at NCST
Institution Building	MauliKrupa Farmer Producer Company	300 shareholders from 05 villages. Rs. 3Lk share capital collected.



# MELGHAT SANKUL, AMRAVATI

REEDS is working with in 3 different sankuls of Amravati district. Davrababa PSS works in the hilly area of the satpuda ranges and lies in the vicinity of the Melghat Tiger Reserve. Other two PSS, namely Chandrabhaga PSS and Gotyababa PSS are located in relatively plain areas.



# MELGHAT SANKUL, AMRAVATI

Key Indicator	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
Improved Agriculture	Soyabean sowing furrow method	9 farmers, given seeds. 5 sowed seeds as per recommendation. 2 had increase in production.
Improved Agriculture	Biodynamic compost demo	5 in each sankul
Livestock	Back Yard Poultry 15 farmers given training and vaccinated one month chicks	Increase in income ranging between 5-8000 Rs/family
Post harvest Mechanization	Rice and Flour Mill installed in Makhla Village	provided drudgery reducing services to 100 families and earned income of more than 20000.00Rs



# **Sansadiya Sankul Vikas Pariyojana (SSVP)**

The seeds of the novel idea of “Sansadiya Sankul Vikas Pariyojana (SSVP)” were sown during the meeting at Rambhau Mahalgi Trust, during Jan 14-15 January 2020. The initiative was formally launched on 4th October 2021, at an event in the New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi.

Creating self-employment opportunities for the Jana Jati populace in their own settings, curbing the distress migration, creation of livelihood opportunities through the agriculture and forest based interventions, processing and marketing of the produce along with promotion and strengthening of Peoples Organisations are the major objectives of this initiative.

This initiative is planned to be taken up in 48 “Sankuls” falling under 15 States, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, UT of Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tripura and West Bengal. In the first phase, the initiative is taken up in the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan.

In each of these ‘Sankuls’, a cluster of villages has been selected for initiating the development process, later it would cover the entire area of the Sankul. The respective Hon Member of Parliament oversees and guides the teams working on the initiative.

A cadre of “Vikas Sahyogi’s” is created to work within the identified cluster of villages. “Parisar Vikas Samiti” is promoted in each of these village clusters. Vikas Sahyogi’s working on the ground work closely with “Yojak” and the “Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)” for the planning and day to day implementation of the identified activities. Vikas Sahyogi’s, PMU and Yojak have regular online meetings to review the progress at the Cluster level. The PMU consists of a small team of multidisciplinary professionals based out of New Delhi and Pune, who provide the techno-managerial support necessary for the implementation by the partnering NGOs involved.



# Sansadiya Sankul Vikas Pariyojana (SSVP)

The overall review of the initiative, next steps to be taken and formulation of newer plans is done by Hon. MPs in their respective Sankul's and occasionally at meeting organized at a common venue for the purpose. One such meeting was organized at Nandurbarduring 24-25th January 2023. Seven MPs (from Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan), dignitaries from the BJP, VanvasiKalyan Ashram and TRIFED took a visits to project sites in the Nandurbar Cluster, interacted with the participants, took stock of the progress, prepared the plans for the upcoming year and gave valuable suggestions to the implementation teams on the way forward.



**Field visit, review and  
planning meeting at  
Nandurbar**

# **Sansadiya Sankul Vikas Pariyojana (SSVP)**

For the first phase a total of 51 project proposals were developed and submitted to various Government agencies and CSR entities for garnering their support. 29 proposals have been submitted to NABARD for their support under their Tribal Development Fund, 6 proposals for Solar energy based schemes and 16 comprehensive livelihood development proposals to various agencies and CSR entities. The total outlay for all these proposals is around Rs. 121 Crores. As these proposals are expected to be sanctioned over a period of 2-3 years, regular follow up with the donor agencies and the corresponding implementing NGO partners was taken up by the PMU and Yojak at regular intervals.

During the year the VikasSahyogi's worked for linking the participants from the Cluster of villages with the ongoing Government schemes like the Kisan Credit Card, Ayushman Bharat Card, AdiAdarsha Gram, Van Dhan Kendra, Nucleus budget scheme of Tribal Development Dept and linking up with the KVKs from the respective areas.

A total of 14 ParisarSamiti's, have been formed under the seven states from the first phase. Facilitation by the ground level teams has resulted in the participants - getting 18302 Kisan Credit Cards, 75478 Ayushman Bharat Cards, availing vocational training for 523 youth, 61 youths have already started their own ventures after the completion of their trainings.

**During the report period the projects that were sanctioned and initiated are as under:**

- **12 Solar Irrigation schemes under the PM Kusum Yojana at Dahod**
- **Convergence support under MGNREGS, Nandurbar for Infrastructure – Rs. 14.99 crores**
- **Training Centre erected at Gumla, Jharkhand with NSDC support.**
- **NABARD Wadi Project at Nandurbar – Rs. 3.11 crores**
- **Two Solar irrigation projects supported by Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI) – Gumla, Jharkhand and Surgana, Nashik, Maharashtra having budgets of Rs. 1.60 and 1.38 crores respectively.**



# Sansadiya Sankul Vikas Pariyojana (SSVP)



**Participants  
undergoing  
Vocational Training**



**Infrastructure Development  
under the MGNREGS  
convergent support.**

# Ongoing Projects in Andhra Pradesh

**Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP):** Under CSR program the DRMR-ICAR- Bharatpur has taken up a program to support farmers in Enumaleru villages and promote Rapeseed, Mustard Crop in their fields. REEDS is partner in this program . With the help of IIOR scientists REEDS has taken Gadaba Tribals(PTG) in Salur ,Makkuva and Pachipenta Mandals of Vizianagaram District of A.P and promoted Sesame(Thil) crop in 300 tribal fields. With this small initiative each farmer is earned 10 to 12 thousand rupees from one acre land.

**Front-Line Demonstrations (FLDs):** With the support of –ICAR-DRMR, REEDS has demonstrated Frontline demonstrations in Castor, sunflower, safflower, Niger and Sesame crops in Enumaleru Cluster villages, Prakasam, Kadapa and Vizianagaram districts in A.P. 570 front line demonstrations in these crops are undertaken.

Chenchugudem is the hamlet of Bommilingam Village in Velagalapaya GP, Ardhaveedu mandal, Prakasam district AP. Chenchugudem is 40 kms from Cumbum town on North West side. This hamlet is having 45 chenchu families who are identified as PVTG by government of India. 45 male, 48 female and 52 children are existing at present. REEDS is closely working with villagers since 2015 and extended its activities under TSP. Government has allotted 80 acres of revenue wasteland to 30 families. REEDS has given assistance to develop these lands and brought under cultivation. RDT has constructed 38 houses. ITDA has constructed community hall and school building. AP government has laid cement roads. One sewing machine, 20 Goats, 3 pairs of bulls and one Bullock Cart is provided by REEDS. For the last 8 years REEDS has been working in the hamlet

**Farmers Exposure Visits:** 42 Tribal farmers are taken to Enumaleru project villages for showing different cropping patterns.

**School Education Programme:** 25 bright students from Enumaleru surrounding villages who are orphans are supported with fees, books and clothes. Dr. G. Syamsunder, Director(rtd), Directorate of Poultry Development has sponsored this program with Rs.4,00,000/- every year since 2015.

# Ongoing Projects in Andhra Pradesh

Enumaleru Command Area Development Programme.

Presently concentrated on linkages and integrated cropping pattern and marketing

S.NO	Name of the Crop	Mundlapadu	Kanchipalli	K S PALLI	KOTHAKOTA	KOMMUNURU	TOTAL
1	REDGRAM	762	260	384	292	471	2169
2	Cotton	719	123	274	594	1075	2785
3	Castor	303	45	357	229	48	982
4	Turmeric	204	93	265	25	10	597
5	Tomato	72	19	86	43	22	242
6	Green Chilli	71	95	119	51	57	393
7	Beans	42	83	205	0	28	358
8	foxtail millets	35	21	17	31	15	119
9	Paddy	24	171	44	34	48	321
10	Sesamum	18	39	46	180	96	379
11	Blackgram	15	24	95	153	41	328
12	Red chilli	12	4	37	16	10	79
13	Maize	7	25	60			92
14	Papaya	6	5	9			20
15	Greengram	4			1	12	17
16	Benda		35				35
17	Banana	16		67			83
18	Mango			131			131
19	Sunflower, safflower	192					192
20	Bajra					18	18
						total	9340



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