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President's Remarks



Dr. Shiraz A. Wajih
President

It is with immense pride and deep gratitude that I present to you the Annual Report of the Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG) for the year 2024-25. This also happens to be the beginning of our Golden Jubilee year as we are fast approaching to completing 50 years of our journey towards the synergy of environmental conservation and sustainable livelihoods of marginalized communities.

Over the past year, we have continued our journey with renewed commitment towards building climate-resilient communities, promoting sustainable agriculture, and safeguarding the ecological health in different agro-climatic settings. Our work, rooted in grassroots engagement and informed by scientific research, has only strengthened in the face of evolving environmental and socio-economic challenges.

We take pride in the partnerships we have cultivated—with local communities, government agencies, academic institutions, and global organizations. These collaborations have not only amplified our impact but have reaffirmed our belief that environmental action must be inclusive, participatory, and equitable.

The preceding year was marked by intensified interventions for resilience building of vulnerable communities in flood and water logging affected areas of north eastern plains in Uttar Pradesh, a pilot initiative for participatory exploration of alternate livelihoods of communities dependent on forest resources, climate and disaster risk informed developmental planning in different parts of the country, capacity building of governmental agencies and community institutions towards resilient infrastructure and systems in eco-stressed situations, efforts towards enhancing efficiency of ecosystem services and so on.

The twin crises of climate change and environmental degradation continue to demand urgent and collective action. As we look ahead, GEAG remains steadfast in its mission—to create models of sustainable development that are locally rooted, scalable, and replicable.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the GEAG team for their unwavering dedication, to our community partners for their trust and collaboration, and to our donors and well-wishers for believing in our vision.

Together, let us continue to act with hope and responsibility—for a just, sustainable, and resilient future.

Abbreviations

AF	ASHA Facilitators
AMB	Anaemia Mukht Bharat
ANC	Ante-Natal Check-up
ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activist
ASK	Apna Seva Kendra
AWC	Anganwadi Centre
AWW	Anganwadi Worker
BaLA	Building as Learning Aid
BMI	Body Mass Index
BPM	Block Program Manager
BCI	Behaviour Change Interventions
BCPM	Block Community Process Managers
BSPM	Bal Swasthya Poshan Mah
CAG	Community Action Group
CEG	Communication Expert Group
CGPP	Core Group Partners Project
CHC	Community Health Centre
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CSAUT	Chandrashekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology
DC	Divisional Coordinator
DNC	District Nutrition Committee
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
DST	Department of Science and Technology
DSR	Direct Seeded Rice
EPRP	Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
FIC	Full Immunization Coverage
FLHW	Front Line Health Worker
GP	Gram Panchayat
GEAG	Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group
Gol	Government of India
GoUP	Government of Uttar Pradesh
GPDP	Gram Panchayat Development Plan
HH	Household
HMIS	Health Management Information System
HR	Haryana
HWA	Health and Wellness Ambassadors
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Services Scheme
IFA	Iron Folic Acid
IIVR	Indian Institute of Vegetable Research
IMI	Intensified Mission Indradhanush
KSM	Kishor Swasthya Manch

KVK	Krishi Vigyan Kendra
LEISA	Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture
LODOR	Left Out, Drop Out & Resistant
MIS	Management Information System
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
MKSP	Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyoujana
MM	Mobilization Mitras
MNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment, Guarantee Act
MoEFCC	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
MOIC	Medical-Officer In-Charge
MR	Measles-Rubella
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NHRDF	National Horticulture and Rural Development Foundation
NI	Nutrition International
NHM	National Health Mission
OBC	Other Backward Communities
PAT	Panchayat Action Team
PIP	Programme Implementation Plan
PVO	Private Voluntary Organisations
RI	Regular Immunization
RKSK	Rashtriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram
SBC	Social Behaviour Communication
SBPCL	Surbhi Beej Producer Company Ltd.
SC	Scheduled Caste
SCERT	State Council of Educational Research and Training
SEED	Science for Equity Empowerment and Development
ST	Scheduled Tribe
S&T	Science & Technology
SHG	Self Help Group
SHWP	School Health and Wellness Program
SIW	Special Immunization Week
SNF	Specialized Nutrition Food
SMC	School Management Committee
SWI	Supplemental Water Irrigation
UP	Uttar Pradesh
UPHMIS	Uttar Pradesh Health Management Information System
VAS	Vitamin A Supplementation
VHND	Village Health Nutrition Day
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WCD	Women and Child Development
WIFAS	Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation
WIFS	Weekly Iron Folic Supplementation

About us Fifty Glorious Years !

We, Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG), an NGO founded in 1975, reach a significant milestone, as we celebrate 50 years of dedicated service this year. For over half a century, we have consistently transformed lives— driving progress in environmental stewardship, education, healthcare, livelihood, and sustainable development. We sure have come a long way!

Guided by skilled and passionate teams, our work across the rural and urban landscape of India has adapted steadily to evolving challenges through innovative approaches, in a bid to empower communities to enable lasting, transformative changes. We continue to work hand-in-hand with local communities, designing and implementing projects that address their real needs, even as we share our expertise and experiences at every step.

We place strong emphasis on promoting sustainable agriculture and enhancing livelihoods, while advocating for the interests of small-scale, marginalized, and women farmers, vulnerable groups that are at the heart of our efforts. Alongside this, we prioritize community health initiatives, offering regular training and capacity-building programs to empower local communities. Our work concentrates on interlinked sectors of climate change resilience; disaster risk reduction; health, water, and sanitation issues to promote viable livelihoods, enhancing preventive health measures, and fostering ecological well-being, all core components to community resilience and sustainable development.

For the past five decades, we have consistently engaged in comprehensive capacity-building trainings, workshops, and programs for women farmers, civil society organizations, government officials, and professionals. As a respected resource institution on a national scale, we partner with NGOs, government departments, banks, financial institutions, and grassroots organizations to conduct thorough assessments, rigorous studies, field-based research, and participatory training initiatives. Our collaborative approach ensures that interventions are evidence-driven, contextually relevant, and grounded in the lived experiences of the communities we serve.

Fifty years and counting, our unwavering focus continues to be on working in partnership with vulnerable and marginalized communities—giving their voices, needs, and concerns the highest priority.

VISION



A society free of inequalities and discrimination that ensures equal rights to all, especially the marginalised sections comprising women, children and poverty - stricken farming communities through equitable distribution of services, resources and opportunities.

MISSION

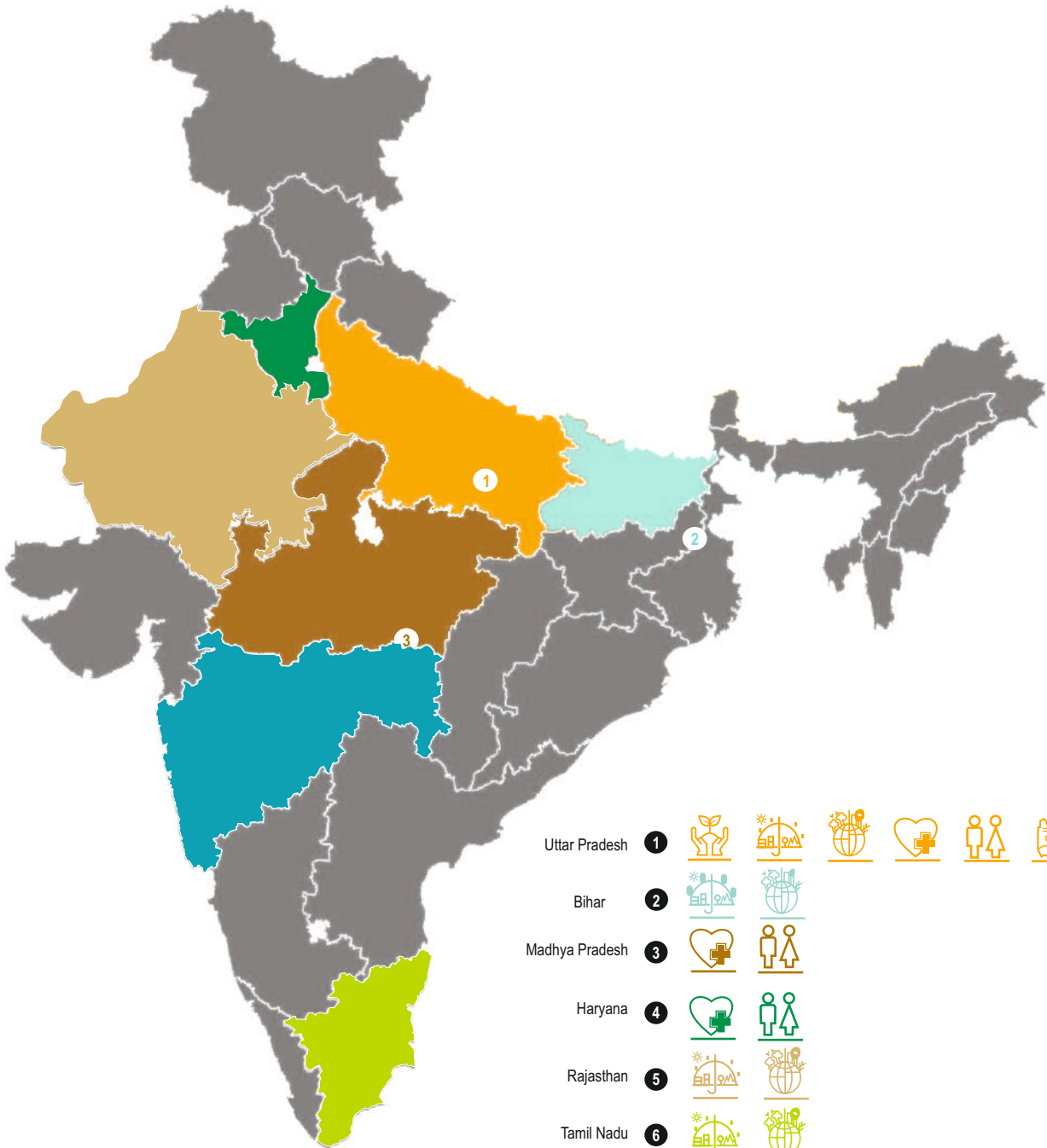


To create enabling environment for deprived communities in order to improve the quality of life with special attention to women and children for inclusive and equitable development.



Our Outreach

Working in partnership : In 2024-25, GEAG worked in partnership with several organisations on fifteen diverse projects in 7 states, across our nine focus areas that include agriculture-based livelihoods, climate change resilience, disaster risk reduction (DRR), health, water and sanitation.



Uttar Pradesh	1						
Bihar	2						
Madhya Pradesh	3						
Haryana	4						
Rajasthan	5						
Tamil Nadu	6						
Maharashtra	7						

Strengthening resource efficiency in small farm-based livelihood through biologically integrated farming systems in flood prone areas of eastern Uttar Pradesh

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

SUNIL program of SEED Division, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt

Focus Area

10 flood-prone villages, Block Campierganj, District Gorakhpur, UP

Time period

February 2024 -December 2027

Objectives

- ♦ To evolve techniques and methods for enhancing resource efficiency in small (land holding) farm based livelihoods system, which are particularly helpful in stressed (water inundated) situations and needed standardization
- ♦ To develop scientific methods for enhancing resource efficiency of village wetlands, supporting in providing livelihood and resilience capacity to small, marginal and woman farmers
- ♦ To capacitate farmers and CSOs for dissemination of S&T enabled techniques, enhancing resource efficiency in small farm-based livelihoods and continued innovations in collaboration with local knowledge and resource institutions.

Key Activities

1. Crop Intensification method for flood affected silted land

- ♦ Helps farmers enhance irrigation water efficiency (paddy & wheat crops)
- ♦ Contributes towards input costs reduction (fertilizer costs decreased by approximately 39.7%, & irrigation costs by around 28.1%), and requires a single plant per hill for transplantation (3 – 6 plantlets used in conventional practices)

2. Raised bed low tunnel polyhouse

- ♦ Developed for inundated areas, this has been adopted with a few modifications.



- ♦ Enables vegetable growers to raise early nurseries and produce high-quality seedlings in advance, allows access to better market prices and compete effectively with external vendors.
- ♦ Farmers save 20–30 days in nursery preparation, achieve improved germination rates.

3. Value-added compost

- ♦ Production of value-added vermicompost initiated
- ♦ Helps control soil-borne pathogens, and improves water-holding capacity of soils.

4. Multi-layer farming with appropriate crop combination

- ♦ Offers a unique and context-specific solution for small and marginal farmers in flood-prone areas
- ♦ This approach is being developed under Project 13, through active farmer participation, with technical support from GEAG team

5. Bio-mulching

- ♦ To maintain adequate soil moisture, a modified bio-mulching method introduced
- ♦ Mats prepared with paddy straw used to cover raised beds
- ♦ Highly effective in water demand reduction, improved soil quality, and weeds control in unirrigated silted land

6. Identification and enhancement of resource efficiency in village wetlands

- ♦ Identification of ecosystem services provided by five village wetlands completed
- ♦ Assessment of major factors contributing to their degradation identified
- ♦ Measures to enhance their productivity and ecological function developed
- ♦ Restoration work at two sites completed

7. Development of business models

- ♦ 4 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), comprising 75 women farmers, strengthened.
- ♦ 4 women-led social enterprises that focus on production of bio-inputs developed



Outcomes and Impacts

- ♦ Completed construction of community training centers at 2 GPs (Mirhiriya & Badshapur)
- ♦ Linkages with different departments, and commitment for collaboration successfully done
- ♦ Developed participatory action plan (with communities) for enhancing resource efficiency while addressing their socio-economic conditions
- ♦ Developed indicators for efficiency of assessing ecosystem services
- ♦ Participatory planning prepared for enhancing efficiency (water area, embankment, etc.)
- ♦ More than 200 farmers adopted use of raised bed low tunnel polyhouses, saving 20–30 days of waiting time caused by water-logging
- ♦ Five wetlands identified, their ecosystem services compiled and analysed
- ♦ Restoration work on two wetlands completed



Key Highlights

- ▶ 548 small and marginal farmers, along with master trainers, trained on farming technologies, and business models
- ▶ 14 trainings, demonstrations, and orientation workshops organized
- ▶ Established collaborative linkages with 9 knowledge institutions
- ▶ 56 women farmers involved in mushroom production
- ▶ 2 SHGs members linked with turmeric processing unit developed in earlier phase
- ▶ Highest tomato yield achieved through bio-mulching with reduced irrigation costs in Campierganj block, as reported by KVK and KRIBHCO
- ▶ More than 400 farmers linked and benefiting from these initiatives
- ▶ 2 wetland committees formed at village level for pond ecosystem conservation and monitoring of related activities

Holistic Rural Development Project

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

HDFC Bank CSR

Focus Area

15 villages, Block Brahmipur, District Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Time period

April 1, 2024- December 31, 2027

Objectives

- ♦ To enhance the livelihoods and resilience of poor and marginalized communities, particularly small, marginal, landless, and women farmers, through sustainable agriculture, health, water, and sanitation interventions
- ♦ To focus basic infrastructure improvement in schools and Anganwadi Centres and conserve traditional waterbodies
- ♦ To promote women's socio-economic empowerment through financial inclusion and institutional linkages

Key Activities

Natural Resource Management

- ♦ Train farmers on flood-resilient farm development
- ♦ Conduct exposure visit of farmers at CSAUT /IIVR, develop Model Farms
- ♦ Link farmers to adopt low-input, resilient farming practices
- ♦ Create Agriculture Tool (Agro Service Centre) Establishments
- ♦ Establish and operationalize Farmer Field Schools
- ♦ Promote backyard nutrition gardens, eco-friendly mobile solar irrigation systems
- ♦ Train and support vegetable cultivation
- ♦ Carry out land treatment through soil testing for soil health analysis/ management
- ♦ Construct bio composting (vermi compost) units
- ♦ Install solar streetlights; ensure solar home light support for vulnerable HHs
- ♦ Establish solar-based raised community water tanks (*Jal minar*)

Health and Sanitation

- ♦ Carry out pre and post-flood sanitation and hygiene drives focusing on menstrual hygiene in girls



- ♦ Provide nutritional supplement and immunization support in schools and their linkage with government programs
- ♦ Organize health camps

Education infrastructure development

- ♦ Ensure meetings of SMCs every quarter
- ♦ Coordinate block level annual meeting with education department authorities
- ♦ Establish libraries, install a drinking water purifier
- ♦ Renovate Anganwadis, renovate and construct WASH facilities
- ♦ Establish Smart Class, create BALA painting and science labs in schools
- ♦ Celebrate significant days



Skill development and livelihood

- ◆ Encourage mushroom production, azolla cultivation
- ◆ Train *Pashu Sakhi*, promote goat rearing
- ◆ Formation and training of VDC
- ◆ Promote IEC materials, train community mobilisers

Financial inclusion- Enterprise development

- ◆ Train and operationalize SHGs; support women-led enterprises
- ◆ Encourage micro-enterprises development (Barber, Vending Cart Support, Beauty parlour, Petty shop, etc.)

Outcomes and Impacts

Natural Resource Management

- ◆ **Enhanced climate resilience & eco-friendly farming**
 - 1,540 farmers participated in monthly sessions; 280 problems raised, of which 264 were resolved
 - Many farmers linked to, and adopted CRA practices
- ◆ **Model Demonstration & Knowledge Transfer**
 - 165 model farms and 7 Farmer Field schools served as learning hubs for improved practices
 - Monthly issue-based sessions with experts empowered farmers with problem-solving capacities, increasing adoption across villages
- ◆ **Improved Nutrition and Livelihood**
 - 120 women-led backyard nutrition gardens improved household food diversity, directly benefiting women and children

→ Azolla pits contributed to both livestock nutrition and soil enrichment

◆ Access to Resources & Tools

→ 7 Agro-service centres/tool banks improved access to farming tools and inputs, particularly for vulnerable and marginal farmers, reducing operational burdens and promoting collective farming

◆ Irrigation & Water Access through Renewable Energy

→ Installation of 7 mobile solar irrigation systems and 3 solar-powered water tanks ensured year-round water availability for farming and drinking, reduced drudgery (especially for women), and lowered dependency on grid power

◆ Soil Health & Organic Farming

→ 150 soil samples tested, and enabled informed farm planning

→ Organic manure use promoted through 5 vermi-compost units per village, boosting soil health and reducing chemical input usage

◆ Public Infrastructure through solar energy

→ Installation of 150 solar street lights and 168 solar home lights improved safety, night-time mobility, and children's study environment, while promoting clean energy adoption

Health and Sanitation

◆ Improved sanitation and menstrual hygiene

→ 20 pre- and post-flood hygiene drives with

menstrual hygiene awareness empowered adolescent girls, reduced hygiene-related illnesses during emergencies

- Strengthened child & adolescent health
- Accessible Health Services:
 - 15 health camps provided preventive care and sanitation awareness during critical post-monsoon months, reducing disease prevalence and enhancing community health awareness.

Education infrastructure development

- ♦ **Improved school governance & community participation**
 - Regular SMC and block-level meetings enhanced education quality, monitoring, and integration of project support within government framework
- ♦ **Infrastructure enhancements for quality learning**
 - Establishment of 3 libraries, 3 water purifiers, BaLA paintings, and renovated WASH facilities in 3 schools benefited 500+ children; these improvements boosted attendance, retention (especially of girls), and learning engagement
- ♦ **Smart Classrooms and Science Labs**
 - Digital smart classes in 8 schools and science labs in 2 schools reached 850+ students, increasing attendance from 40% to 66% and improving learning outcomes, critical thinking, and tech adoption, contributing to SDG 4

Skill development and livelihoods

- ♦ **Diversified livelihoods and income enhancement**
 - Goat rearing (120 goats to 30 women), mushroom farming (with avg. ₹10,530 income), and Azola cultivation empowered landless and marginal HHs with sustainable income opportunities
 - Women empowerment and service delivery:
 - 2 *Pashu Sakhi* training sessions enhanced



veterinary service access at the doorstep while building women's confidence and income potential

- ♦ **Community-led governance structures**
 - Formation and training of 15 VDCs strengthened local planning, monitoring, and sustainability of interventions, with improved transparency and ownership

Financial Inclusion & Enterprise Development

- ♦ **Strengthened SHGs for Financial Independence**
 - SHGs trained in all 15 villages, leading to collective savings, credit access, and entrepreneurship. Women began activities like pickle-making, millet processing, and vegetable selling, improving income and leadership.
- ♦ **Evidence-Based Planning**
 - Rapid rural appraisal-based need assessments ensured all interventions were locally appropriate, need-based, and aligned with community aspirations, enhancing overall impact and sustainability



Key Highlights

- ▶ Over 500+ farmers adopted climate-resilient & low-input farming techniques
- ▶ Renovated AWCs saw 10% rise in enrolment & 32% boost in attendance
- ▶ Over 1,500 children and girls benefited from RI & nutrition supplements, improving health, attendance, and school performance.
- ▶ 30 HHs began micro-enterprises (shops, beauty parlours etc.), leading to an average monthly income increase of ₹4,318 per HH

Core Group Partners Project (CGPP)

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Focus Area

Total 619 villages in Uttar Pradesh (117 in district Sitapur, 16 in Mau) and Haryana (486 in district Nuh)

Time period

October 2012 - 30th September 2024 (Uttar Pradesh)

June 2023 - 30th September 2024 (Haryana)

Objectives

- ◆ Knowledge and skill transfer to government FLHWs
- ◆ Strengthening community engagement through Community Action Groups
- ◆ Engagement of school children to promote immunisation
- ◆ Formation of Communication Expert Group (CEG) comprising of CMCs

Key Activities

- ◆ **Distribution of invitation slips for child immunisation**
Personalised invitation slips used to encourage parents and caregivers to bring children for scheduled vaccinations, improving attendance and awareness
- ◆ **Orientation sessions for Community Action Group (CAG) members**
Conducted targeted training to enhance understanding of immunisation benefits and strengthen participation in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP)
- ◆ **Coordination meetings with Health Officials**
Regular review and planning meetings held with health officers and staff at the Sub-Centre, Block, and District levels to ensure seamless implementation and monitoring of immunization efforts
- ◆ **Deployment of special teams in district Nuh**
Dedicated teams mobilized to identify and vaccinate Zero-Dose children and address vaccine hesitancy through targeted communication and home visits
- ◆ **Magic show intervention in April 2024**
An innovative community engagement activity using



magic shows implemented to communicate key immunization messages in a fun and accessible way, particularly for children and caregivers

- ◆ **World Immunization Week celebration**
Observed with various awareness drives, outreach sessions, and community-level events to highlight the importance of vaccines in protecting children from preventable diseases
- ◆ **Felicitation event for CAG and ASHA workers**
Recognised and celebrated the contributions of CAG members and ASHAs for their role in enhancing immunisation coverage and community mobilisation



Outcomes and Impacts

- ◆ **Improved ASHA Functionality and Planning, as ASHAs**
 - Used area maps during Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs)
 - Followed the RI communication plan effectively
 - Updated their RI booklets and due lists from intervention areas
 - Showed high levels of knowledge and confidence
- ◆ **Impact of indigenous tools**
 - Positive behaviour change observed; previously resistant families now willingly receiving vaccines
- ◆ **Community Action Group (CAG) Engagement, through CAG members**
 - Names inclusion in RI & polio micro plans
 - Active providing of feedback to the Health Department
 - Support to ASHAs in area mapping and in making public announcements through religious institutions like mosques and temples



Key Highlights

- ▶ Key messages related to WASH & immunisation disseminated in school assemblies
- ▶ CEG played an active role in community mobilisation by creating awareness on the importance of timely vaccination & addressing local myths/ concerns on immunisation
- ▶ Community Action Group (CAG) members increasingly involved in EPRP:
 - Uttar Pradesh (UP): 16% CAG members (70 of 431) integrated into EPRP
 - Nuh, Haryana (HR): 36% (213 of 634) integrated into EPRP
- ▶ 18 CEG members serving as Master Trainers (UP), supported local health workers & community leaders in capacity-building for effective communication
- ▶ Use of indigenous communication tools by ASHAs in non-CGPP areas

Social Mobilisation for Routine Immunisation through Mobilisation Mitras

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

National Health Mission (NHM), Haryana

Focus Area

524 villages in Nuh (486) and Palwal (38) districts, Haryana

Time period

June 2023 - 30th June 2024

Objectives

- ◆ Mobilize communities for RI and Ante-Natal Check-ups (ANC) through Mobiliser Mitras
- ◆ Engage local religious leaders/groups/influential people for support to mobilize communities for RI
- ◆ Support ASHAs in addressing vaccine refusal, and promote ANCs to bridge the gap between service providers and communities

Key Activities

- ◆ Conduct training sessions for Mobiliser Mitras and Cluster Coordinators
- ◆ Organise monthly meetings with ASHAs to review progress and plan activities
- ◆ Participate in block and district-level meetings focused on immunisation
- ◆ Identify LODOR families and actively mobilise them for vaccination
- ◆ Identify community influencers and hold regular engagement meetings with them
- ◆ Build capacity of ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators (AFs) in record-keeping and updating due lists
- ◆ Provide consistent support to ASHAs for community mobilisation at the sub-centre level
- ◆ Facilitate meetings with influencers, religious leaders, and other key opinion makers

Outcomes and Impacts

- ◆ Use of indigenous tools proved effective, leading to greater acceptance of vaccination among previously resistant families
- ◆ Full Immunisation Coverage (FIC) gradually increased
- ◆ LODOR conversion rate has shown steady improvement
- ◆ Community Action Group (CAG) members supported mobilisation efforts by making announcements from local mosques and temples



- ◆ ASHAs demonstrated improved knowledge and higher confidence levels in delivering health services
- ◆ ASHAs successfully developed detailed area maps to aid in planning, and outreach activities.





Key Highlights

- ▶ ASHAs effectively used indigenous communication tools during community mobilisation activities
- ▶ Conversion of LODOR (Left Out, Dropout, and Resistant) children steadily increased
- ▶ MMs actively involved in campaigns such as IMI, SIW , and MR , playing a key role in mobilising communities for RI
- ▶ Religious leaders played a crucial role during SIW by supporting efforts to increase RI coverage

Implementing Agency to Support the Implementation of Adolescent Nutrition Programme in Collaboration with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

Nutritional International (NI)

Focus Area

253 blocks of 20 project districts spread across eight divisions of UP

Time period

April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Objectives

To support State Government of Uttar Pradesh in the Implementation of Adolescent Nutrition Program in the intervention areas

Key Activities

- ◆ State-level orientation on *Anemia Mukta Bharat* program successfully organized in Lucknow
- ◆ Letter issued by DG Family welfare for formation of District Task Force (DTF) on AMB program
- ◆ Advocated with district officials to plan inter-departmental coordination and review meetings under the RKSK program of NHM
- ◆ Facilitated planning and roll-out of *Kishor Swasthya Manch* (KSM) programs in all project blocks
- ◆ To streamline HMIS portal use for WIFAS reporting, field team persistently tracked uploading status of monthly reports
- ◆ Regular advocacy of the team with concerned officials to ensure an uninterrupted supply of IFA Blue tablets
- ◆ Knowledge Assessment of teachers, AWWs, and adolescent girls on IFA continued during field visits
- ◆ Under MHM activity, team facilitated orientation of teachers of Inter colleges in four districts (Amroha, Fatehpur, Firozabad and Ghazipur)
- ◆ Booklet on Menstrual Hygiene Management program developed
- ◆ Established MHM corners, menstrual-friendly washrooms in Chandauli district
- ◆ WIFAS program rolled out and reporting commenced in other left-out institutions such as *Ashram* Type schools (11), *Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya* (7) and 17 *Madrasas* in project districts



- ◆ Advocacy and follow-up done with concerned officials to ensure 100% reporting from all schools and AWCs through one identified Block for each DC
- ◆ Under VAS program, two days state-level planning cum review meeting for Dec 2024 round organized for district-level officials of the Health and ICDS department of all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh
- ◆ Team facilitated district and block level planning and review meetings in their respective areas in both VAS rounds (July-Aug and Dec 2024)
- ◆ Regular follow up with government for monitoring VAS sessions in all project districts



- ♦ Carried out advocacy with the district officials during DNC meetings for regular Hb testing of adolescent girls
- ♦ Facilitated a one-day AMB orientation for block-level officials from all blocks of Chandauli at the CMO office

Outcomes and Impacts

- ♦ District nodal of AMB program from all 75 districts oriented in state level orientation program
- ♦ Two inter-departmental meetings organized in each GEAG/NI supported district for RKSJ program of NHM
- ♦ Timely WIFAS reporting on HMIS portal for each block
- ♦ 375 teachers trained in team facilitated orientation of teachers of inter colleges in four districts, under MHM activity

- ♦ Chandauli initiative served as a model and inspired replication in other districts to establish MHM corners and MHM-friendly washrooms
- ♦ A total of 1,011 service providers (584 teachers and 427 AWWs), and 1,685 adolescent girls (1,158 in-school and 527 out-of-school) interacted during this period for knowledge assessment of WIFAS
- ♦ DM/CDO took initiative for Hb testing in a few districts (Firozabad, Bijnor, Mathura, Varanasi, Unnao, and Mathura etc).
- ♦ Total of 38 participants trained in one-day AMB orientation for block-level officials in Chandauli.



Key Highlights

- ▶ More than 98% VAS sessions monitored by government officials (Health and ICDS) in both rounds
- ▶ All project districts formed DTF on AMB program; review conducted in 14 of 20 districts, with one/ two reviews per district
- ▶ All 506 school-based activities from 253 blocks reported on NI developed online reporting format, for KSM program
- ▶ All 20 project districts had adequate supplies of IFA Blue tablets available in field

Technical and Program Management Support to the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Implementation of the Adolescent Nutrition Program (NI)

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

Nutrition International (NI)

Focus Area

149 blocks in 26 districts of Madhya Pradesh

Time period

April 2024 - March 2025

Objectives

- ◆ Enhance the coverage and uptake of Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFAS) among in-school adolescent boys and girls, and out-of-school adolescent girls
- ◆ Implement a comprehensive school-based program integrating health, nutrition, and life skills education across 20 schools

Key Activities & Outcomes and Impacts

A. Goal 1

State officials are well-equipped to plan, implement, and monitor adolescent nutrition programs, and advocate for adequate budget inclusion under NHM

Key Activities

- ◆ Engage in NHM PIP planning meetings to advocate for comprehensive adolescent nutrition interventions and budget allocation
- ◆ Conduct district-level planning sessions to ensure program components and supply needs are well represented in annual health plans
- ◆ Coordinate with health, WCD, and education departments to accurately estimate adolescent population for WIFAS outreach
- ◆ Share monthly data coverage bulletins (with district and block rankings) in AMB program review meetings to promote data-driven decision-making

Outcome

Strengthened government support for Adolescent Nutrition Planning and Budgeting



B. Goal 2

Officials are equipped with knowledge and tools to ensure timely, adequate, and quality IFA supplies

Key Activities

- ◆ Conduct state-level orientations for District Program Officers and build capacity across health, education, and ICDS sectors on WIFA supply estimation using standardized tools
- ◆ Regularly review stock availability of IFA tablets and coordinate procurement planning
- ◆ Perform supply chain assessments to identify gaps at delivery points

- ◆ Organize workshops to build skills in program delivery, supply chain management, behaviour change communication, and reporting
- ◆ Train district data managers in HMIS reporting to enhance AMB program data quality
- ◆ Offer refresher training for pharmacists to reinforce micronutrient supply chains.
- ◆ Build internal capacity for documentation, reporting, & presentation of best practices

Outcome

Strengthened capacity of block and district officials for IFA supply management

C. Goal 3

Robust monitoring and feedback mechanisms drive accountability and program improvement

Key Activities

- ◆ Conduct field visits with NI's regional director to assess WIFA implementation and supply chain issues
- ◆ Strengthen reporting systems across departments through hands-on training and data reviews
- ◆ Implement a block ranking system to measure AMB coverage and performance
- ◆ Pilot detailed reporting analyses from AWCs and schools in one block and share insights with officials
- ◆ Ensure monthly participation of divisional coordinators in district review meetings and promote inter-departmental coordination
- ◆ Regularly review coverage data, identify gaps, and recommend timely corrective actions
- ◆ Conduct joint field visits for real-time issue resolution and better understanding of field operations
- ◆ Submit findings-based reports to district authorities, highlighting underperforming areas
- ◆ Participate in district administrative meetings to reinforce government-led program oversight
- ◆ Use standardized checklists to assess service quality and community awareness
- ◆ Organize state-level AMB review workshops with key stakeholders
- ◆ Integrate insights from GAP into district adolescent nutrition strategies

Outcome

Enhanced monitoring and reporting of WIFAS at district and block level



D. Goal 4

Adolescents receive relevant, culturally appropriate, and engaging nutrition education

Key Activities

- ◆ Share or update existing nutrition education materials and promote their use at scale through state systems
- ◆ Disseminate BCI materials on WIFAS to enhance outreach
- ◆ Leverage youth forums like peer leader groups, *Kishore Swasth* Groups, and *Yuva Kendras* for knowledge dissemination
- ◆ Join adolescent social media groups (e.g., WhatsApp) to understand their needs and share resources
- ◆ Follow up during district meetings to ensure BCI materials effectively used by teachers, ANMs, and AWWs
- ◆ Monitor perceived effectiveness of nutrition messages & use findings in review discussions
- ◆ Track number of adolescents reached with key messages and education sessions, with feedback loops for continual improvement

Outcome

Adolescents widely engaged with gender-sensitive, locally relevant BCI and nutrition materials, strengthening awareness and practices.

E. Goal 5

Promote safe menstrual hygiene practices and improve dietary diversity among adolescent girls



Key Activities

- ♦ Educate adolescent girls on safe menstrual hygiene and waste management
- ♦ Raise awareness among families to support hygienic MHM practices
- ♦ Advocate for sufficient MHM budgeting, waste management systems, and menstrual-friendly infrastructure
- ♦ Promote diverse, nutrient-rich diets for adolescent girls
- ♦ Distribute educational videos to frontline workers and adolescents to increase MHM awareness

Outcome

Integrated gender-responsive interventions on menstrual health and adolescent growth

F. Goal 6

Demonstrate comprehensive school-based adolescent health interventions with strong ownership and results

Key Activities

- ♦ Assist nodal officer in creating actionable SHWP implementation plans
- ♦ Train health and wellness ambassadors and messengers to lead in-school activities
- ♦ Orient school leadership to build engagement and accountability
- ♦ Design and deliver age-appropriate health promotion activities, including input from youth
- ♦ Ensure regular weekly SHWP sessions are conducted in schools
- ♦ Hold quarterly review meetings to identify challenges and provide necessary support
- ♦ Develop a referral system for students to access adolescent health services
- ♦ Establish a monitoring and reporting system for the SHWP pilot
- ♦ Support independent assessments of the pilot and facilitate information sharing

Outcome

Adolescents in pilot schools improved their health awareness, behaviors, and access through a comprehensive School Health & Wellness Program

Key Highlights

- ▶ 5% annual increase in IFA tablet coverage among adolescents from baseline
- ▶ 95% districts have officials capable of leading school-based health programs
- ▶ 100% blocks regularly submit WIFS monthly reports in focus districts
- ▶ 98% of districts and blocks report zero WIFAS stock-outs monthly
- ▶ A measurable improvement in the nutritional status of adolescents across 26 focus districts in MP, leading to healthier, more informed, and empowered youth
- ▶ The NI supported programme in MP came to an end in March 2025 as the state has shown remarkable improvement in its nutritional targets.

Protecting environment and ecosystem services through rejuvenation of waterbodies, ecosystem conservation, protecting agricultural ecosystems and nurturing green leaders through environment education initiatives in Gautam Budh Nagar (UP)

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

HCL Foundation

Focus Area

6 villages for waterbodies rejuvenation, 5 schools for environmental education program

In 4 blocks (Bisrakh, Dadari, Jewar, Sadar), District Gautam Budh Nagar, UP

Time period

April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Objectives

To restore and rejuvenate key waterbodies in Gautam Buddha Nagar through ecological approaches and community-based efforts, while promoting environmental awareness by strengthening Harit Clubs and environmental education initiatives in schools, youth groups, and local community members.

Key Activities

A. Rejuvenation of pond

- ◆ Rejuvenated pond in Chamrawali Ramgarh village spread over roughly 1 ha
- ◆ Work included silt removal, pond deepening, building raised bunds, saplings and grass planting, fencing, and creation of a constructed wetland
- ◆ Held community awareness programs to involve local people in protection and upkeep of pond

B. Maintenance of waterbodies

- ◆ Continued maintenance of 4 previously rejuvenated ponds located in Saini, Makauda, Dayanatpur, and the Police Commissionerate areas through
 - watering of plants
 - compost application
 - damaged saplings replacement
 - floating debris removal
 - control of invasive aquatic weeds
 - pond peripheries cleanup



- ◆ Regular upkeep undertaken to sustain their ecological health
- ◆ Maintenance of sedimentation to ensure proper treatment of incoming water
- ◆ Active engagement of community members to build local ownership, encourage long-term stewardship
- ◆ Strengthen ecosystem services provided by ponds and reinforce them to become self-sustaining natural assets



C. Environmental Education Programs in schools

- ◆ Implemented in all schools, through interactive learning, games, and hands-on activities like kitchen gardening, composting, and herbal gardening
- ◆ Climate audit conducted in schools with active participation of students & teachers
- ◆ Based on audit findings, schools developed a school-level climate action plan
- ◆ Activities carried out to address/mitigate climate-related issues at school level
- ◆ Educational games included in sessions, to help students understand complex environmental issues in a playful, relatable way
- ◆ Students involved in kitchen gardening, composting, herbal gardening, and plantation drives
- ◆ Schools celebrated environmental days and promoted eco-friendly festivals, encouraging children to adopt sustainable practices

D. Community Engagement Programs:

- ◆ Organized in Saini, Makauda, Dayanatpur, and the Police Commissionerate villages with active involvement from local residents
- ◆ Sessions focused on key issues such as waterbody rejuvenation, climate resilience, solid waste management, climate change, etc.
- ◆ Regular awareness activities held with *Taal Talaiya Sanrakshan Manch* (TTSM) and community members

- ◆ These engagements aimed to promote community-led environmental action and strengthen local understanding of ecosystem protection

Outcomes and Impacts

A. Ecological restoration of waterbodies

- ◆ Four previously rejuvenated ponds maintained regularly, which ensured continued functioning of sedimentation tanks, improved water quality, and control of aquatic weed overgrowth

B. Strengthening community engagement

- ◆ More than 220 community members actively participated in community engagement activities, fostering a deeper sense of responsibility and local ownership

C. Advancing environmental education

- ◆ Environmental education programs reached 1,400 students, with 250 students directly engaged through focused thematic sessions
- ◆ Active *Harit Clubs* continued to inspire students to adopt sustainable habits and participate in environmental stewardship

D. Building long-term sustainability

- ◆ By focusing on participatory planning, project promoted local ownership and supported youth

leadership, helping communities to view waterbodies as shared natural assets worth protecting

- ◆ This contributes to resilience against climate risks, strengthened ecosystem services, and preparing communities especially young people to take environmental action at the grassroots level



Key Highlights

- ▶ Rejuvenated pond in Chamrawali Ramgarh increased its storage capacity by 15,000 cum, contributing directly to groundwater recharge and reduced risk of flooding in surrounding area
- ▶ Plantation of 950 saplings, and 20,000 sqft of grass, improved local microclimate, prevented soil erosion, and enhanced biodiversity around rejuvenated pond
- ▶ An estimated 20 million litres of water harvested through four maintained ponds, supporting local water needs and groundwater replenishment



STRONG (The Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to, Optimize, Nutrition & Growth)

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

CRS (Catholic Relief Services), Lucknow

Focus Area

50 Gram Panchayats, Block Reusa & Sakran, District Sitapur, UP

Time period

October 2023-December 2024

Objectives

For adolescent girls & young women (AGYW) to live healthy, productive lives & break the cycle of intergenerational malnutrition

Key Activities

To ensure adolescent girls and young women consume diverse diets suited to their unique nutrition demands, the following actions were undertaken:

- ◆ Conducting home-visits by Community Nutrition facilitators for counselling of AGs (with low BMI) & their key family members on importance of consuming diverse diet
- ◆ Organising targeted awareness campaigns for AGYWs on consuming diversified diets (using different platforms like AWC/schools etc).
- ◆ Providing seeds, equipment, and training to promote household kitchen gardens in targeted HHs of AGYWs with low BMI (AGs of 10-19 yrs with low BMI)
- ◆ Ensuring adolescent girls and young women utilized appropriate specialized nutritious foods and supplements at key moments
- ◆ Ensuring adolescent girls and young women utilized services that support their growth and development
- ◆ Ensuring communities and families support adolescent girls and young women's wellbeing
- ◆ Implementing SBC campaigns to sensitize community on the unique needs of AGYW (e-rickshaw campaign, nutrition *rath* etc.)

Outcomes and Impacts

- ◆ 14,003 AGs registered in the project



- ◆ 650 AGs formation created & their group meetings carried out
- ◆ Carried out 6,715 home visits for counselling of AGs
- ◆ SNF (Specialized Nutrition Food) distribution to 6, 715 low BMI AGs for 95 days
- ◆ 130 nutrition classes conducted in schools
- ◆ Kitchen gardening demonstrations carried out in 19 locations
- ◆ Adoption & practice of diverse diets
- ◆ Counselling on 4 *Mantra*
- ◆ Counselling through SBC via street plays and nutrition *Rath Yatra* in both blocks



- ◆ Celebrated *Poshan Maah* in 38 villages
- ◆ CNFs conducted counseling session with AGs family members
- ◆ Counseling of unique family members on dietary



Key Highlights

- ▶ 5,037 kitchen garden kits and 4,500 fruit sapling distributed among the low BMI AGs (Each kit has 12 different type of nutrition rich vegetable seeds)
- ▶ 6,715 low BMI AGs counselled on their nutritional wellbeing

THREADS (Traditional Handicraft and Handloom Revival and Economic Advancement through Durable Solution in Tiger Landscape)

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

European Union & WWF Sweden

Focus Area

15 villages, District Lakhimpur Khiri, Tehsil & Block Palia, Dudhwa Tiger Forest Area

Time period

January 2025- January 2029

Objectives

- ♦ To build synergy to revive and strengthen the viability of traditional handloom and related handicraft through women's leadership and gender mainstreaming
- ♦ Economic, environmental, and cultural resilience in the forest-bordering regions of the Brahmaputra (Northeast India) and the Terai (North India) landscapes

Key Activities

- ♦ Indigenous women, (particularly marginalized young women from the Tharu community in UP and the Bodo and Missing communities in Assam), actively engaged as development leaders; promoting sustainable traditional handlooms and handicrafts as profitable and scalable livelihood models in impoverished and conflict-affected areas, thereby revitalizing cultural heritage
- ♦ To improve livelihoods through technical training, mentoring, networking and capacity building of 300 women artisans
- ♦ To promote market linkages and augment circular economy and promote responsible production
- ♦ To ensure sustainable supply chains, and knowledge transfer. Outreach, awareness and direct cultural links with natural resources will contribute towards promoting community stewardship over forests and natural resources.

Outcomes and Impacts

- ♦ As per project norms, in the starting phase 15 villages selected



- ♦ Meetings with community and rapport building process is ongoing
- ♦ Governor visited project area, where the program was organised by district administration
- ♦ Preparation of artisan list is in process

Resilient Farming with Small and Marginal Farmers in Gorakhpur

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

Azim Premji Foundation

Focus Area

3,100 HHs in 18 GPs, Block Campierganj, District Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Time period

March 2024 - March 2027

Objectives

To enhance resilience capacities of small-marginal woman farmers through climate resilient agriculture in flood affected areas by:

- ♦ Creating an environment for climate resilient farming engaging woman farmers and rapport building with village communities for developing appropriate community institutions for sustainability of interventions
- ♦ Enhancing livelihood of small-marginal and woman farmers through resilient and environment friendly low input farming, with needed support system in flood affected areas of eastern UP
- ♦ Institutionalizing livelihood and climate disaster resilience priorities of village communities with its integration through Gram Panchayat Development Plans resources
- ♦ Strengthening support mechanism for resilient livelihoods

Key Activities

1. Farm-Based Livelihood Interventions

- ♦ Established 100 Model farmers through active involvement of women farmers and participatory farm planning
- ♦ Model farmers trained to facilitate use of non-chemical bio-inputs prepared from locally available resources and provided technical support to reduce external cost
- ♦ 3,000 farmers (30 from each model farm) linked with model farms to learn technical farm knowledge and adopt resilient farming practices

2. Information and Extension activities

- ♦ 18 Farmer Field Schools (1 per village) established as community-led institutions



- ♦ Fortnightly sessions held to help farmers resolve at least 80% of their problems related to agricultural and animal husbandry within the village
- ♦ FFS linked with resource institutions like KVKs, government departments, agricultural universities
- ♦ Master Trainers (mostly women) developed to operate all FFS
- ♦ 18 Agriculture Service Centres (1 per village) established as community-led institutions to enable access to supportive inputs and equipment, provided on subsidized rental basis
- ♦ Agriculture related weather inputs shared with farmers through SMS and displayed on white boards at ASCs for public consumption



3. Enhance Ecosystem services

- ♦ 5 ponds that provide livelihood and resilience to village mapped
- ♦ Restoration and maintenance of water bodies, strengthening of drainage system carried out

4. Strengthening support mechanisms for livelihoods

- ♦ Deprived communities supported with income generating activities, from both off-farm and non-farm based sources

5. Institutionalizing livelihood and climate disaster resilience priorities:

- ♦ 5 GPDPs to be developed, which will integrate CCA and DRR for localization of the SDGs

Outcomes and Impacts

- ♦ 100 model farmers (63 women, 37 men) trained and their farms planned to facilitate preparation of non-chemical bio-inputs with low external input cost and diversification

- ♦ Women farmers reported an increase in their confidence and participation in decision-making
- ♦ Inspired by model farmers, 1,000 link farmers adopted all resilience practices/interventions (diversification, soil health management, etc.)
- ♦ A total of 609 problems were recorded at the FFS, of which 130 were related to animal husbandry and 479 to agriculture
- ♦ 425 farmers benefited from Agro Service centres, where agricultural implements are available at prices lower than the market
- ♦ Agro-weather advisory service benefitted 13,698 farmers till March, 2025
- ♦ 10 (9 women headed HHs) of the most economically vulnerable families identified for support, and received financial assistance to start or strengthen their small businesses and improve their livelihoods
- ♦ 2 community ponds rejuvenated, under the Enhance Ecosystem Services activity

Key Highlights

- ▶ 90% of farmers expressed improved understanding, of climate-resilient techniques
- ▶ 80% adopted at least five practices (e.g., mulching, mixed cropping system, bio fertilizer, bio pesticides, resilient variety, multilayer farming techniques).
- ▶ Rejuvenation of community ponds significantly increased its overall water holding capacity, due to which irrigated agricultural land expanded, water recharge enhanced and water-logging issues mitigated in the area

Development of Communication, Capacity building, Education, Participation, and Awareness (CEPA) strategy for citizen engagement for Wetlands Management in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh is home to more than 18,000 wetlands of which 10 have been designated as Ramsar Sites. These Ramsar Wetland Sites are spread across different agro-climatic zones in UP. The total area of wetlands in Uttar Pradesh is about 1.5 million hectares. Wetlands in Uttar Pradesh support a variety of plant and animal life, including over 300 species of birds.

Wetlands play an important role in the environment and economy of Uttar Pradesh. They provide a habitat for a variety of plants and animals, help to regulate the water cycle, and prevent floods. Wetlands also support a number of economic activities, such as fishing, tourism, and agriculture. However, wetlands in Uttar Pradesh are facing a number of threats, including deforestation, pollution, indiscriminate dumping of waste, encroachment, overgrazing and climate change. Therefore, it is important to protect the wetlands of UP for the sake of biodiversity, flood control, and water supply. In 2019, the state government launched a new policy for the management of wetlands. The policy aims to improve the management of wetlands, promote their sustainable use, and reduce the threats they face.

With the support of GIZ India, GEAG implemented a project which aimed at developing a state-specific 'Communication, Capacity building, Education, Participation, and Awareness (CEPA) strategy for citizen engagement for Wetlands Management' in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Activities

1. Develop Site-specific CEPA strategies for 4 Ramsar Wetlands, namely, Bakhira, Sant Kabir Nagar; Sarsai Nawar Jheel, Etawah; Parvati Arga, Gonda; and Mankhotahi Taal, Kushinagar (non-Ramsar Site)

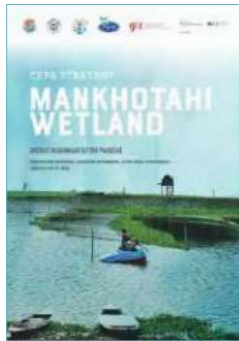
- ♦ Discussion with District Wetland Committees to develop rapport, apprise them of the proposed project interventions to seek their support, understanding their perspectives on the situation of the wetlands, any GOs/local rules/regulations pertaining to wetland and so on.
- ♦ Shared Learning Dialogues, focussed group discussions and participatory consultations with local community groups comprising of men, women, children and youth – to get an understanding of the ecosystem services provided by the wetlands to these communities, the local climate change impacts, reasons for degradation, any informal rules formulated by the communities and so on.
- ♦ Site-Specific CEPA Strategies for each of the 4 Ramsar Sites developed entailing the status of wetlands, climate change impacts, reasons for



degradation and so on. The report also mapped the key stakeholders (primary and secondary) who are linked with the wetlands and can be potential target groups for devising the CEPA strategy and actions.

- ♦ Relevant knowledge products and IEC materials developed based on the CEPA strategies which were used in the CEPA events.

2. State-specific CEPA strategy: Based on the experiences generated from the Site-specific CEPA Strategies, a UP State Level CEPA Strategy was developed for citizens' engagement towards wise-use of wetlands.



Preparation of DPR for ecosystem-based restoration of wetlands and enhancement of rural livelihoods for climate resilience in Uttar Pradesh

GEAG, in collaboration with Techno Essence Pvt Ltd., undertook a landmark initiative supported by GIZ and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) under the “Wetlands Management for Biodiversity and Climate Protection” program. The project aimed to prepare ecosystem-based Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for restoring wetland and enhancing climate-resilient livelihoods in a cluster of wetlands in Gonda district, Uttar Pradesh. This initiative was designed to build institutional capacities and integrate ecosystem-based approaches into national and state-level programs, including NPCA, Amrit Dharohar, DAY-NRLM, and MGNREGA.

GEAG and TES conducted comprehensive scoping assessments using satellite imagery, digital terrain models, and topographic data to shortlist 2 critical wetland clusters. Secondary reviews, literature analyses, and field-based studies were carried out to examine wetland losses, agro-ecological patterns, biodiversity threats, and socio-economic linkages. Climate vulnerability assessments identified risks related to floods, droughts, and changing weather patterns, while hydro-ecological studies focused on seasonal water flows, biodiversity, and livelihood interdependence. Simultaneously, the team developed an agroecological and wise-use-based livelihood strategy incorporating sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, and value chain development. The participatory approach ensured community involvement and alignment with existing government schemes. Further, based on this, a Detailed



Project Report was also developed promoting integrated wetland restoration and rural livelihood resilience across vulnerable landscapes in Uttar Pradesh.



Disaster Resilience Management through Climate Risk Informed Programming with Systemic Change

The fact that climate change is the greatest threat facing the world's children and young people, is indisputable. UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index reveals that 1 billion children are at 'extremely high risk' of the impacts of climate change. That covers nearly half of all children, and it is they who bear the greatest burden of climate change. Not only are they more vulnerable than adults to the extreme weather, toxic hazards and diseases it causes, but the planet is becoming a more dangerous place to live. The Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns of increasingly extreme heatwaves, droughts and flooding, with a key temperature limit being broken in just over a decade. Important food and water systems will fail and entire cities are expected to succumb to destructive floods. Climate change is the greatest threat facing the world's children and young people.

Disasters and Climate Change are severely impacting the effectiveness of developmental efforts. The impact on agriculture and allied activities (including horticulture and livestock)- the major livelihood option for majority of Indian population, availability of potable water, natural ecosystem services, health, infrastructure disrupt the quality of life of people especially those who are poor and marginalised. Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction needs to be mainstreamed in developmental efforts.

Gram Panchayats, being the basic unit of governance and development, are the most important institutions to be addressed and capacitated for CCA-DRR mainstreaming. GEAG, in collaboration with Mission Samridhi, UNICEF and IIT Gandhinagar is implementing a project that aims to strengthen informed decision making by the government departments in risk-informed development programming on the basis of local climate risks. The project is being implemented in 5 Aspiration Districts of India – Bahraich (UP), Begusarai (Bihar), Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Osmanabad (Maharashtra) and Baran (Rajasthan).

Key activities include – developing District Climate Risk Analysis on the basis of available secondary data, conducting District Level Thematic Workshops, and providing handholding support in implementation of risk-informed development plans in the districts.



LEISA India

Project Partner/ Donor Agency

AME Foundation

Focus Area

19 States

Time period

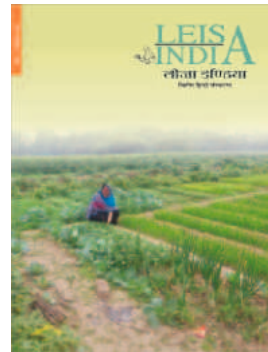
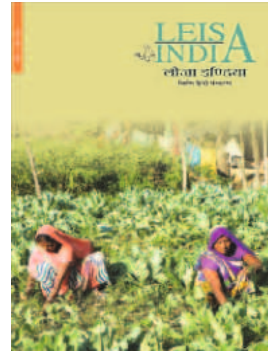
April 2024- March 2025

Objectives

- ♦ To facilitate knowledge sharing on sustainable agriculture for readers, especially in the Hindi speaking belt areas.
- ♦ To compile and contextualise farmers experiences and learnings in booklets.
- ♦ To disseminate knowledge by sharing these sustainable practices documents and publications with voluntary organisations, research scholars and social activists.

Key Activities

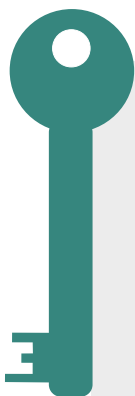
- ♦ English magazine LEISA India publishes nationwide success stories and farmer's knowledge/ field experiences of small and marginal farmers, and women farmers who work on sustainable agriculture, organic farming, and climate resilient farming.
- ♦ Few of these articles are translated to Hindi and published through LEISA, India, Hindi edition magazine.
- ♦ A quarterly publication, it boasts of 4-5 write ups on basic, fundamental issues rooted in local activities or the latest innovations
- ♦ A website for the same, hindi.leisaindia.org, has been created to share this information and learnings to a larger audience, specifically at the local grassroot.



Outcomes and Impacts

LEISA India is published in 19 states.

Uttar Pradesh	Bihar	Uttarakhand
Madhya Pradesh	West Bengal	Gujrat
Punjab	Haryana	Himachal Pradesh
Tamil Nadu	Goa	Jammu & Kashmir
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Rajasthan	New Delhi	Karnataka
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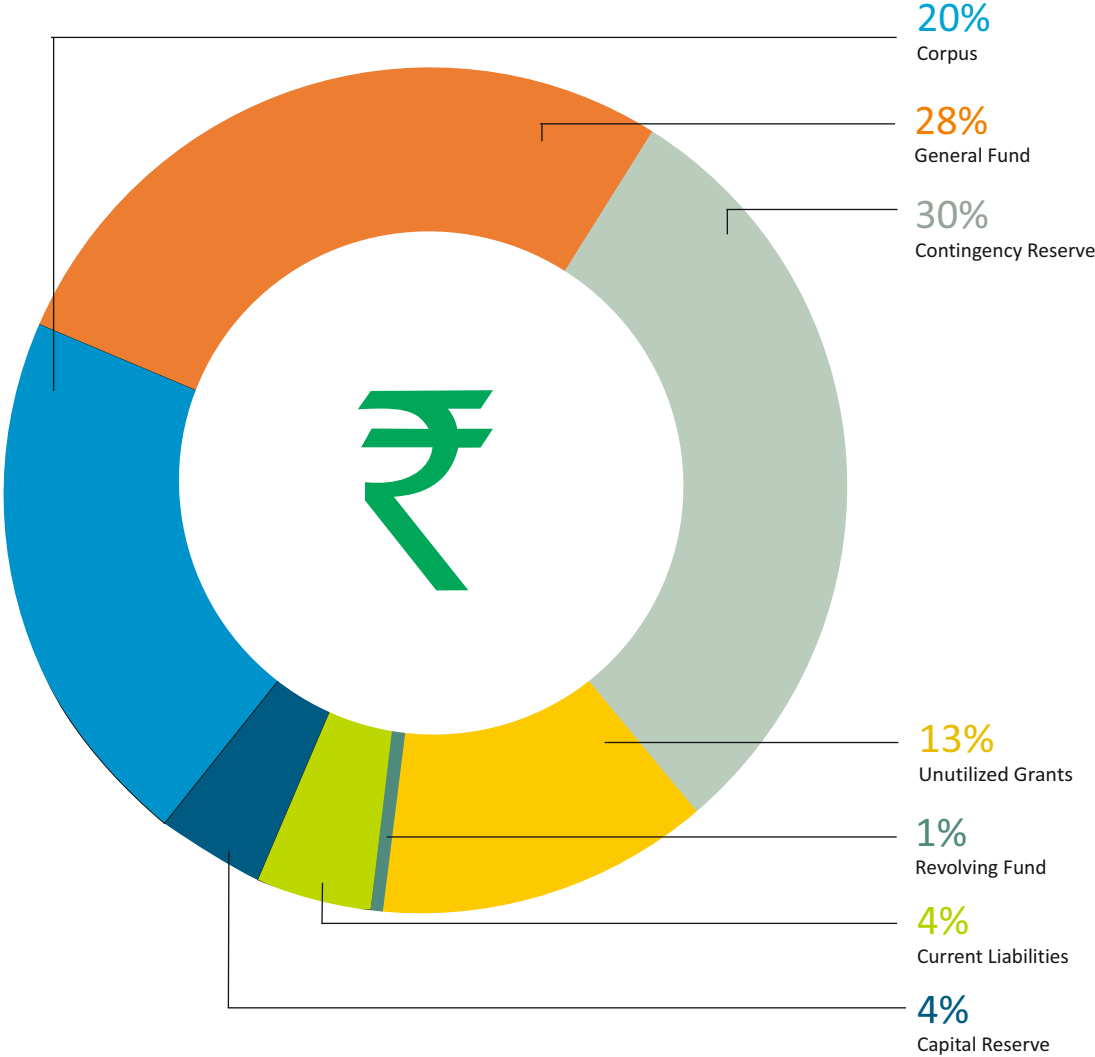
- ▶ The social media outreach has crossed 1,000 participants.
- ▶ Printed copies reached an audience of 2,138 readers.

Publications, Workshops, Social Media and Outreach



GEAG's Balance Sheet : 2024-25

The major part of the GEAG's income which flows into the organisation is in the form of funds and grants from multilateral organizations, Government Agencies and Grant making bodies.



GEAG has registered itself for undertaking CSR activities and the registration number is CSR00000748.

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Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group (GEAG) is a voluntary organization working in the field of environment and sustainable development since 1975. Ever since its inception, GEAG has been actively engaged in implementing several development projects addressing livelihood issues of small and marginal farmers, particularly women, based on ecological principles and gender sensitive participatory approach. Besides this, GEAG has accomplished several appraisals, studies, researches at the micro and macro levels as well as successfully conducted a number of capacity building programmes for various stakeholders including women farmers, civil societies groups and government officials etc.

GEAG has established its identity in North India as a leading resource institution on sustainable agriculture, participatory approaches, methodologies and gender. Acknowledging its achievements, GEAG was awarded with the Lighthouse Activity Award by UNFCCC in 2013. GEAG also holds the Observer status to Green Climate Fund.

Fifty years on, we remain steadfast in our commitment to support and address emerging challenges—whether triggered by disasters, health catastrophes, changing climates, or the multifaceted needs of vulnerable communities. We continue to spearhead sustainable interventions through collaborative partnerships, working with government bodies, agencies, and community stakeholders to develop solutions that prevail.



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