

SAMBANDH 2023-24 Annual Report



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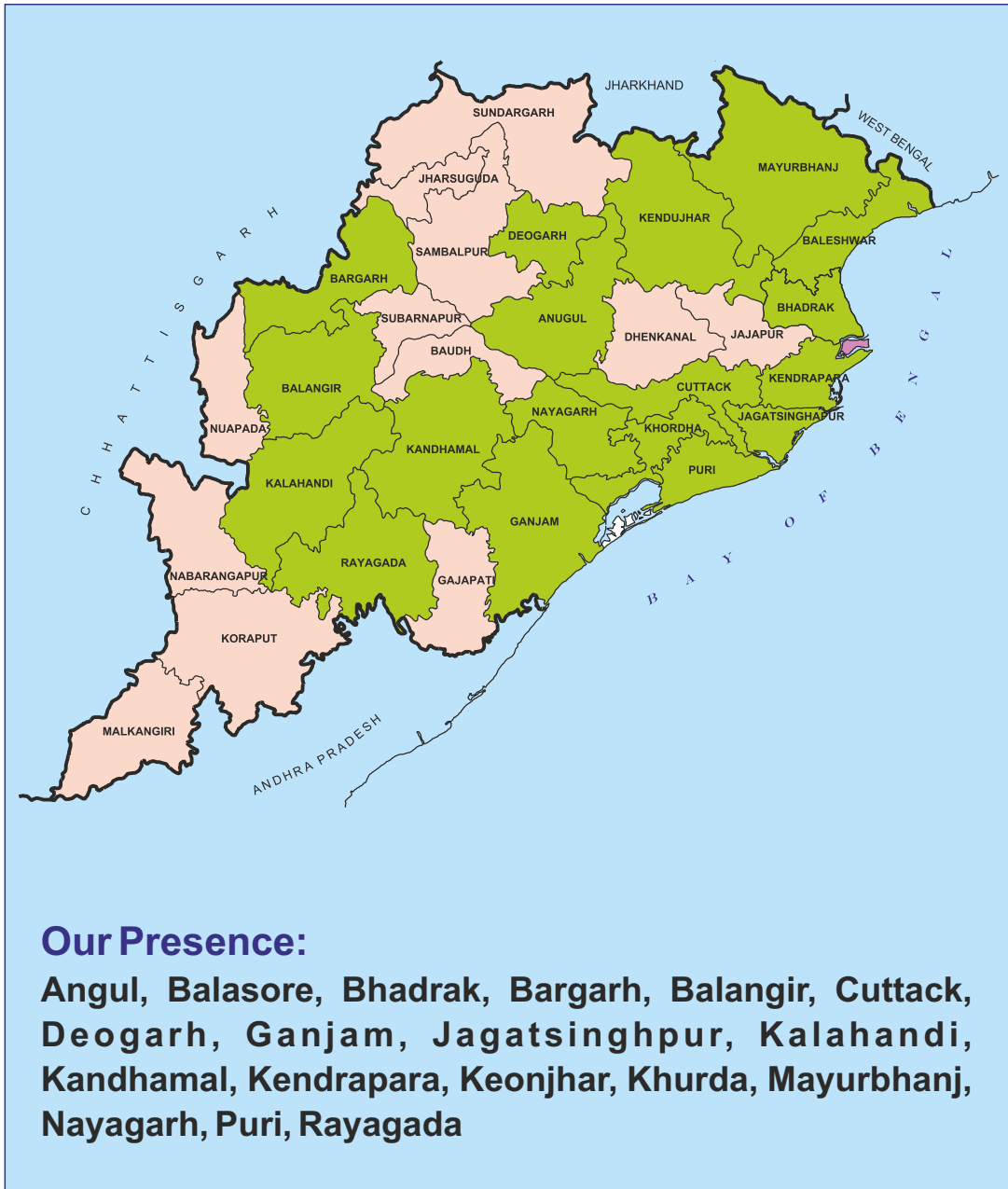
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VISION :

Ecologically sustainable, self – reliant and empowered society.

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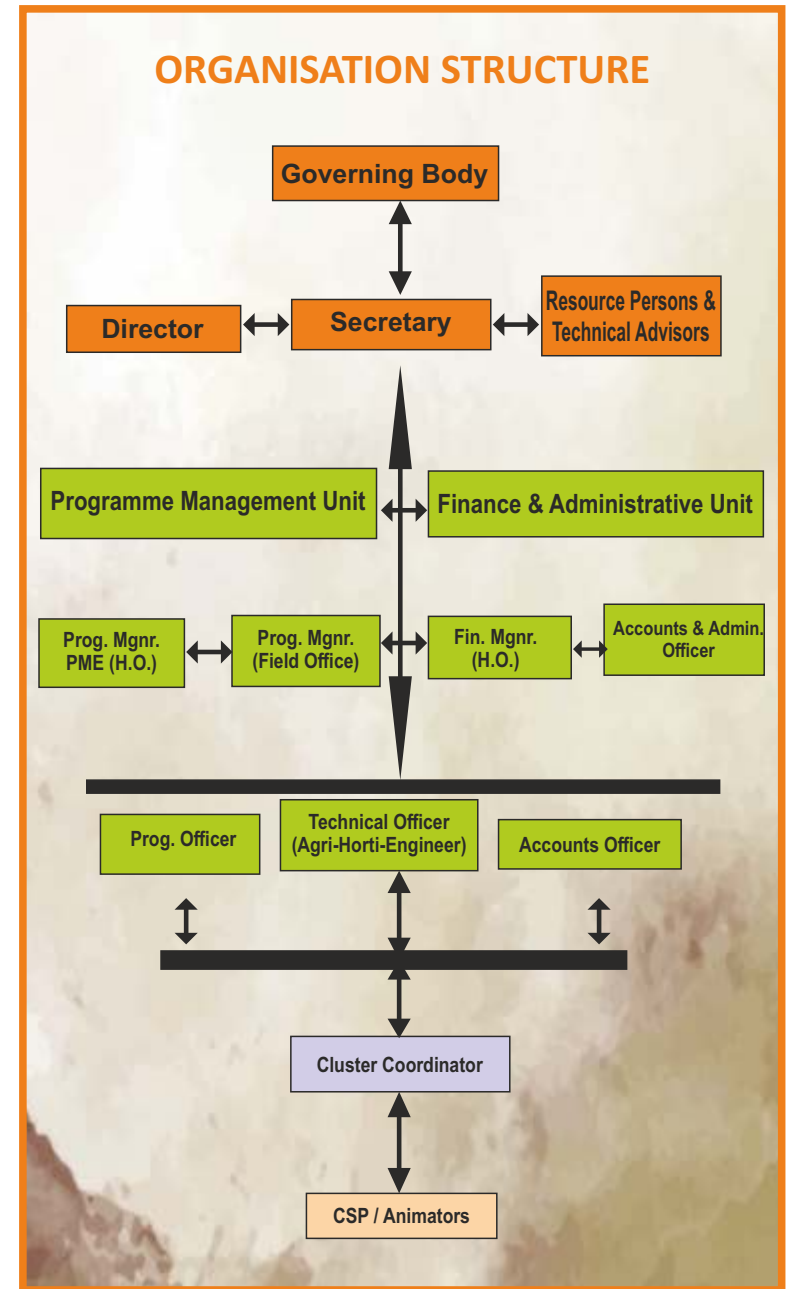
- Sustainable livelihood through Natural Resources Management including water resources management and non-farm activities.
- Community health security based on promotion of local health and use of medicinal plants.
- Climate change trials through clean and renewable energy resources, sustainable agriculture with rain water harvesting and bio-diversity conservation.
- Constructive Civic Engagement in tracking the poverty alleviation schemes and public expenditure
- Encompassing a paradigm shift for a conducive Reproductive Child Health(RCH)
- Alliancing the best bio-secure management practices through association and affiliation.

Our core values:



ESSENCE OF SAMBANDH

Sambandh, a non-profit organization, empowers marginalized communities, especially women and children, by addressing various development challenges. With a focus on "Reaching the Unreached" for 32 years, we work in health, agriculture, livelihood, climate change, indigenous healthcare, social accountability, poverty, and disaster relief. Our efforts in Odisha are benefitting tribal population through livelihood sustainability, nutrition, traditional healthcare, and clean energy adoption. Sambandh emphasizes on nutrition, soil health, clean energy, and governance, striving for holistic development and community empowerment. Weaving threads of empowerment, we illuminate the path for women through the nurturing embrace of Self-Help Groups, individual cultivators, and Guilds of farmers. Our essence Resonates with nurturing sustainable Livelihoods, sculpting visions of Commerce, and forging bonds of credit. To embolden the female visionaries with a dream to elevate the artisans of the earth, Sambandh promotes sustainable livelihoods by empowering women and landless individuals through training, business development, and credit linkages. Initiatives focus on activities like vegetable cultivation, goat rearing, and poultry farming within women self-help groups. Our flagship campaign, Arogyam, is dedicated to revitalizing and promoting local indigenous knowledge in health, agriculture, and veterinary practices. The impact of our efforts has been significant, influencing policy changes at a notable level. Creation of sustainable livelihood for small producers through creating federations of producer's groups and farmers producers' company to address the requirement of the aggregation, while sharing services and mitigating the factor of price risks. We at Sambandh feel every life matters and it is our moral imperative to work towards the betterment of the society.



SAMBANDH AT A GLANCE (Year of Establishment -1992)

Sl No.	Details	Nos.
1	No. of states covered	01
2	No. of Districts:	18
3	No. of Blocks	109
4	No. of G.P.s	1200
5	No. of Villages	5635
6	Household covered	1,65,921
7	No. of SHGs	10000
8	No. of Farmers' Clubs	66
9	No. of Udyan Vikash Samittis (UVS)	196
10	No. of Joint Livelihood Groups	52
11	No. of Vaidya Association	36
12	No. of Vaidya Associated	5,470
13	State level Vaidya Federations	01
14	No. of Farmers Producers' Companies	05
15	Land under Horticulture Plantation	2855 ha
16	Land under Agriculture Initiatives	24869 ha
17	No. of Watersheds	56
18	No. of Maternity Waiting Homes	02
19	No. of Bike Ambulance Unit	01
20	No. of Training cum Resource Centres	03
21	Health Wellness Center	16

GOVERNANCE NORMS

GENERAL BODY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The General Body shapes the organization's vision and guidelines, ensuring good governance. The Executive Body meets three times a year, and the Annual General Body convenes annually. The Executive Committee directly manages operations, reporting to the General Body and holding ultimate responsibility for strategies, policies, budgets, and organizational results.

GOVERNING COMPASS:

We prioritize transparency in our approaches, ensuring alignment with sector best practices and ethics.

We consistently pursue clearly defined, measurable, and sustainable results attributable to our impactful interventions.

We prioritize financial discipline and adhere to prudential norms for optimal efficiency.

At SAMBANDH, we prioritize credibility and accountability. Our two-tier audit ensures impactful investments with transparent and accountable fund utilization. Our management upholds the principles of good governance, emphasizing effective and ethical practices.

CREDIBILITY NORMS :

SAMBANDH promotes adherence to Credibility Norms among its staff and stakeholders, fostering good governance in the development sector.

FROM THE DESK OF SECRETARY

I feel delighted to bring you the annual report of 2023-2024. This year has been a year of growth, prosperity and development. The year of 2023-2024 is seen as the year of new beginnings, new projects and new partnerships. The affection that we have received from the community is tremendous and uplifting for the team members of Sambandh. Team Sambandh in its 32nd year of journey is still working hard and harmoniously with the community and our fellow partners with a common agenda of fostering new initiatives and innovations.

This has been a year of culturing ideas giving it colourful dimensions. For example, our work on seed villages or establishing seed banks with an intention of making the villages self-sustainable is commendable. Our Agro tech park contains a number of techniques and technologies for the farmers and fellow villagers to learn. the most important aspect of working so many years with the tribal community is the acceptance and warmth that they are showering upon us as an organisation. Trust is the bedrock foundation of any relationship and our working in the tribal dominated areas for more than 3 decades is a clear example of belief and faith that they have upon Sambandh.

Similarly, our achievement in pioneering the art of kitchen garden is highly crucial and imperative. The rate of replication of kitchen garden that the beneficiaries and fellow villagers are carrying out is true happiness. The community is now better aware of their food habits, the concept of sustainability, climate change, various water harvesting structures and the importance of organic farming. The establishment of Chaasi paathsala is another milestone in our progress towards prosperity. The very intention of Chaasi paathsala is training and capacity building of farmers, making them aware of various Government norms and policies which become helpful for them so as to take up new opportunities and avoid any sort of exploitation. Such initiatives have helped in creation of master farmer trainers which is again a source of additional income for the community.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our team members who have been striving day and night for bringing changes in the lives of people whether it may be working on millet mission to climate change to setting up seed banks and arranging traditional seed fairs. Most importantly, I would like to thank our board members who have been actively involved in all our projects suggesting and advising us on taking up new avenues and exploring new thematic areas for Sambandh's growth.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely

Dr. Puspangini Mohanty
Secretary, Sambandh



ANNADA- CLIMATE SMART VILLAGE

Sambandh's project on climate smart village (CSV) has a quintessential to it. Our projects under Annada are focused on village development with using various techniques and technologies. The very presence of the agrotech park and the Chasi paathsala have created tremendous effect on the farmers. The regular training programs to various capacity building measures have been imperatively helpful in increasing the knowledge base of the farmers. Due to enhanced soil moisture content, 75% of farmers have been able to grow their second crop. A total of 6506 households have fertilized their land using green manure and are getting fresh vegetable for round the year, which is also one of the causes for the reduction in the cases of malnutrition. Various farmers have increased their income up to Rs.22000 by cultivating Peas and Beans. The project village namely Bhaliaguda has been promoted as the Climate Smart Village for 2023-24 due to its tremendous work in addressing climate change and taking various measures starting from organic farming to various water harvesting structures. All the climate smart village activities are being supported by EdelGive Foundation and Azim Premji Foundation.

A case study on Sumitra Mohanta

Smt Sumitra Mohanta D/O- Mr. Tailakhya Mohanta is from Banadunguri village, Bahalda block in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha State, India. She is a Matriculate, 45 years old and owns 3.2 acres of rainfed and 1 acres of irrigated land. She grows paddy, chickpea, red gram, black gram and some vegetables. One day OMM Bahalda staff organised a village awareness meeting at



Banadunguri village of Bahalda G P of Bahalda Block. After that, she entered the field of value-added millet products. She cultivated millets in June-July with the onset of the south-west monsoon. She managed to get a good yield from millets (ragi 3-4 quintals/acre) with proper management practices with technical guidance from Sambandh staff. Smt Sumitra received technical guidance about millet processing, types of machinery etc. from different kinds of trainings, Video Shows, Exposure from both Sambandh & Departments of Agriculture. She is now able to obtain about 3 quintals of ragi and she used 50 kg for self-consumption and earned Rs 10,000.00/- by selling the rest. In future, she wants to start ready-to-eat millet foods.

Success from SRI method of Rice Cultivation

Gaurahari Mohanta is a dedicated farmer who has cultivated paddy on his modest 2.3 acres of land for many years. Living with his total family of six members, Gaurahari has faced significant challenges due to low income, which is difficult to meet their basic needs. Traditional farming methods yielded insufficient produce, putting immense pressure on the family's financial situation.

Due to these, Gaurahari decided to adopt SRI cultivation method, an innovative approach designed to increase rice production while using fewer resources. By implementing this technique, he has significantly boosted yield, harvesting an impressive 18 quintal of paddy per acre.

There after, he decided to take some more land in lease and cultivate paddy in SRI method. The transition to SRI not only enhanced Gaurahari's productivity, but also brought new hope to his family. With increased income from his harvests, he can now provide better nutrition and education for his children, improving their overall quality of life. Gaurahari's story exemplifies the resilience of small-scale farmers and the impact of sustainable agricultural practices on rural livelihoods. Through hard work and adaptability, he can continue to strive for a brighter future for his family.



ARANYANI - SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD THROUGH FARM AND NON-FARM ACTIVITIES

The ARANYANI program represents SAMBANDH's Climate Change Adaptation initiative, employing a climate-resilient approach and Mitigation strategies to enhance the livelihood sustainability of S.C. & S.T.households. This comprehensive program focuses On Integrated Watershed Management, the Promotion of Organic Cultivation Practices, the Preservation of Traditional Seeds, and Training beneficiaries on the sustainable use of resources such as land, water, and forests.

1. Enhanced Cropping in Rabi Season: Rabi increment by 40 hectares. Legume crops (black-gram, green-gram, bengal gram), oil seeds (mustard, sesame), and vegetables
2. Improved Soil Moisture Availability: Additional 60 days for 190 acres. Groundwater table rise by 0.50 meter in May, surpassing 2016 levels
3. Heightened Food Security: Per capita consumption of food crops increased to 4.8 quintals per annum from the previous 4.1 quintals, ensuring year-round food security for beneficiaries



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ARANYANI is a holistic effort towards sustainable livelihoods, encompassing various farming and non-farming activities. These activities include saal leaf plate making, tamarind cake production, honey and cashew processing through promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), sale of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs), karanja oil processing, soap making, handwash production, herbal medicine, and more. This multifaceted approach aims to empower communities and foster resilient, climate-smart livelihoods.



WATERSHED PROJECTS

SAMBANDH'S watershed programme, Deogarh district, Reamal block – Burubahal watershed and Jharabereni watershed is supported by NABARD since 2019.

Watershed management is essential, especially in areas with potential drought and limited water resources, to improve river flow, agricultural stability, soil fertility, conservation of water and soil resources, and livelihoods for communities around the watershed area. Watershed Management combines science, technology, and humanity to implement water and soil conservation measures. Successful watershed management can impact not only a small hydrological scale but also areas outside the watershed boundary. Exemplary management implementation has also positively affected externalities related to ground water and surface water flow.

Watershed management is essential for environment protection since it comprises the management of biota, land, ecosystems, and other ecologically designated resources. This method can preserve ecological balance while assuring long-term viability of land- based and water-based resources.

Basic information about watershed projects: -

Name of the Watershed	Burubahal Watershed
Geographical Area (Ha)	942.82
Name of Interventions	Orange, Mango & Fishery
Phase	FIP
Total amount sanctioned	1,96,55,718
Total amount released	94,04,298
Total amount utilized	66,51,853
Total no. of village covered	4
Total no. of SHGs	13
Total no. of households covered	132
Name of the Watershed	Jharabereni watershed
Geographical area (Ha)	413.13
Name of Interventions	Orange & Mango
Phase	FIP
Total amount sanctioned	86,33,965
Total amount released	47,70,440
Total amount utilized	33,72,752
Total no. of village covered	2
Total no. of SHGs	13
Total no. of households	102



KATASHAR FPC – There is a FPC formed called '**KATASHAR farmer producer company ltd.**' having it's shareholders of 20 members and doing business with the turnover of Rs. 6.82 lakh.

ADHARSILA – LIVELIHOOD THROUGH LIVESTOCK AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

In the pursuit of sustainable livelihoods, SAMBANDH champions the empowerment of women and landless individuals. Through initiatives like training, business plan development, and credit linkages, especially within women self-help groups (SHGs); we've fostered income-generating activities like vegetable cultivation, goat rearing, and poultry farming.



1. Goat rearing and SHG poultry farming in more than 650 SHG
2. Breeding buck enhancement and value chain market development
3. Farm management training to SHGs

100% of the Surveyed HH were women participants who were SHG members, 9000 are in leadership position.

Our livestock management program, led predominantly by women, includes the innovative concept of bio farm villages. This ensures income generation through direct channels, eliminating middlemen exploitation and improving market access. Partnering with Heifer International, SAMBANDH has made substantial strides in providing sustainable income, particularly empowering women in project areas.

In partnership with seven key blocks, including SAMBANDH, our transformative project extends its reach across Thakurmunda, Jashipur, Karanjia, Udala, Betonati, Badasahi, and Rasgovindpur Blocks in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha. Collaborating with esteemed partners PRADAN, Dhan Foundation, SOOVA, and UNNAYAN; we are dedicated to addressing the unique challenges faced by smallholder farmers. Engaging with a community of 30,000 farmers, our initiatives encompass holistic training programs, spanning Community Agrovet Entrepreneur and farmer training, coupled with impactful Social Behavioral Change, Communication initiatives. This programme is supported by USAID, HEIPHER INTERNATIONAL and CARGII.

A Case study on Smt. Mamita Behera

Introduction- Smt. Mamita Behera came to Gahandia 16 years ago after the marriage from the village name Bhaliadheepa, Keonjhar. She completed only her matriculation due to scarcity of fund. She worked as a labourer to run her house along with own expenses. She wanted to become self- sufficient. There was no other source of income except rice cultivation during monsoons. Mamita always considered herself as a self-reliant woman who can achieve anything and always keep searching for new ideas. In the midst of time, a group has been formed called as S.H.G group in every village. Mamita got the news about this group and immediately made contact with SAMBANDH organisation. She contacted 10 female members and formed a S.H.G group called “Jahar Aya” in 2017 in which she became the secretary of the group. After joining various training such as leadership, kitchen, gardening, livestock farming, Mamita got employment and earned some



money by using above training knowledge. She influenced by above training and started poultry and goat farming through pass on. She could earn through the training acquired from SAMBANDH. She is earning Rs.45000 from goat and poultry cultivation Rs.17000 and 12000 from vegetable farming. Now she has 23 goats and 110 above birds. Now, she became a successful S.H.G member who is running her family smoothly.

Importance and significance of animal sourced food

Animal-source foods—meat, fish, eggs, and dairy—play an important role in ensuring healthy and sustainable diets. Animal source foods can provide a variety of micronutrients that are difficult to obtain in adequate quantities from plant source foods alone. The consumption of animal source foods within healthy diets contributes to global nutrition targets and SDGs particularly.

QUALITATIVE DATA

- Firstly, she joined a S.H.G {JAHAR AYA} and earned some money.
- She got maximum number of trainings.
- She able to buy goat and chicks from the loan amount.
- Business gains profit due to her hard work and dedication.
- She has yearly income around 1.12 lakh and runs her family smoothly.



ABHIJAN – A MOVEMENT TOWARDS NUTRITIONAL SECURITY

In our unwavering commitment to community well-being, we have successfully established over 2000 kitchen gardens across diverse project areas through our own initiative, collaboration of the people across those field areas and other partnering agencies. This strategic initiative aims to ensure a year-round supply of fresh green vegetables and nutrient-rich leafy greens, with the primary objective of elevating nutritional intake levels and promoting healthier lifestyles among the communities we serve. Central to this success is our proprietary Nutrition Garden model, actively promoted not only within project areas but also extending its impact beyond. This model serves as a blueprint for sustainable, self-reliant kitchen gardens, those are purely natural and organic making a significant contribution to improved nutrition and food security. Reflecting on our achievements, we take pride in the positive impact on community health and well-being, fostering resilience and self-sufficiency

MAJOR IMPACT

- Sustainable Organic Agriculture Practices:
Spearheading efforts for sustainable organic agriculture Practices to 75% enhance community food and nutritional security.
- Women's Empowerment through dietary Management and nutrition training:
Providing comprehensive training to 80% women in the community through dietary management and nutrition-focused education.
- Backyard nutritional kitchen gardens:
Promoting the establishment of backyard nutritional kitchen gardens to more than 85% increase access to diverse and wholesome food options at the community level.

Significant Achievements:

- 25% Reduction in Anemia cases:** Achieved a notable 25% reduction in malnutrition-related anemia cases within project locations, reflecting transformative changes in the food habits of tribal beneficiaries.
- Improved food security and income generation:** Introduction of sustainable concepts resulted in regular food supplies to vulnerable communities, providing an avenue for income generation through vegetable sale, contributing to overall well-being.

A case study on Sining Majhi

Smt. Sining Majhi lives in Bhaliagada village of Dhalabani GP under Jashipur block with 3 family members including her husband and has only child. Sining does not have her own land, that's why she use to work as a daily labour in the nearby villages. She use to face many difficulties to fulfil her family's expenses. She always wanted to do something like farming/cultivation to earn some money, which can help her to run her family smoothly and also which can help her children education. After some time **SAMBANDH's** staff came in touch with her and she discussed about her problem. Our staff gave her advice that she can take a land in lease and start cultivation. She has done according to our advice and took 0.5 acre land in lease for 2 years. Some vegetable seeds like, tomato, brinjal and poi were given to her by **SAMBANDH** and also provided her proper training & guidance to cultivate in full organic process. After the result, she feels more motivated to take up more vegetables by own in her nutritional garden and in last summer season she earned more than 15000 INR by selling vegetables. Recently she is cultivating bitter-gourd, rdge-gourd and beans. The most inspiring thing is, now she started to build a new concrete house from her own income.

ASHA – NURTURING FOR BETTER TOMORROW

Nutrition has been one of the foremost concerns of mankind since time immemorial. Sambandh has put all its efforts since its inception in spreading awareness, campaigning and bringing about changes in the life of people through making them learn about their own food, how much of consumption should be done and what a balanced diet should include. We are still working upon establishing good food habits among the vulnerable communities of Odisha. Therefore, in consonance with the pressing issue, Sambandh initiated the project of maternity waiting home (MWH) which is funded by National Health Mission since 2008 and still continuing to help pregnant and lactating women care, food and health facility. In our ongoing commitment to Reproductive Child Health, the MAA GRUHA initiative is a transformative response to the obstacles faced in accessing childbirth due to geographical barriers in Jashipur and Thakurmunda. Despite available provisions, institutional delivery rates stagnate due to economic constraints and inadequate accommodations. MAA GRUHA serves as a temporary haven, enabling expectant mothers to safely wait 7-10 days before delivery. Implemented through PPP, this strategic approach aims to overcome barriers, elevate institutional deliveries, and significantly diminish maternal and newborn mortality rates in challenging regions, embodying our dedication to enhancing healthcare accessibility and affordability.

THE SWAHAR PROJECT

The SWAHAR Project started from Jan, 2024, supported by United Way India (UWI) in collaboration with Aditya Birla Group, is a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing the well-being of communities by focusing on holistic development. With a target to impact 2,000 households, the project brings together a wide range of stakeholders to implement sustainable, community-driven solutions. The primary goal of the SWAHAR Project is to improve the quality of life for the targeted households by addressing various social, economic, and environmental challenges. The initiative seeks to empower individuals and communities to take charge of their development through a participatory approach, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Key Components of the SWAHAR Project

- *Community Engagement
- *Communication and Advocacy
- *Capacity Building
- *Stakeholder Management
- *Programme Implementation
- *Sustainability Planning

The SWAHAR Project is expected to create a lasting impact on 2,000 households it serves by improving living standards, fostering social cohesion, and enhancing economic resilience. The focus on capacity building and community empowerment ensures that the project's benefits will continue to grow over time. Through a combination of community engagement, program implementation, and sustainability planning; the SWAHAR Project stands as a model for how public-private partnerships can drive positive, sustainable change in communities.

HWC PROJECT

The Health Wellness Centre (HWC) project in Mayurbhanj district focuses on enhancing primary healthcare services across 9 different blocks. In this initiative, a total of 32 staff members have been appointed, including Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and health workers, with each block receiving one. The primary goal of the HWC project is to ensure accessible and quality healthcare at the grassroots level by providing preventive, promotive, and curative health services. These centres aim to strengthen community health by offering services such as maternal and child health care, disease prevention, immunization, and health education. The presence of both ANMs and health workers in each block ensures a comprehensive approach to healthcare delivery, targeting vulnerable population and improving overall health outcomes in the region.



AROGYAM – REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL HEALTHCARE PRACTICES

Sambandh's Arogyam program stands as the cornerstone of our organization, propelling us to remarkable heights. This core initiative focuses on reviving and mainstreaming local indigenous knowledge in health, agriculture, and veterinary practices. The impact has been substantial, leading to policy-level changes and recognition of indigenous knowledge and practices. However, the pressing challenges posed by climate change underscore the need to prioritize the preservation of indigenous knowledge, resources, and practices.

Drawing from our experiences and lessons learned, it has become apparent that traditional knowledge on local health practices is often scattered and predominantly oral. Recognizing the potential loss of this rich knowledge with each passing generation, we have taken proactive measures. To date, we have compiled 576 Community Knowledge Registers, serving as invaluable repositories of knowledge for generations to come.



Our collaboration with over 5000 vaidyas (traditional healers) across the state has been a resounding success for Sambandh. This success reached new heights this year when one of our distinguished vaidyas, Shri Patayat Sahu, received the prestigious Padma Shree award from Honourable President of India. To celebrate this momentous occasion, Sambandh organized a felicitation ceremony, recognizing and honoring Shri Patayat Sahu for his significant contributions.

ETHNO VETERINARY – ITS IMPORTANT IN AROGYAM

India has one of the sophisticated medical cultures with a tradition of over 5000 years. Livestock owners in India have been using traditional medication based on plant formulations since time immemorial. Ethnoveterinary medicine is the holistic interdisciplinary study of the local knowledge and the socio-cultural structures and environment associated with animal healthcare and husbandry. This form of practice holds high significance in Sambandh's Arogyam program as the very practice of traditional system of medicine has empowered many vaidya sanghas to be formed, thus, disseminating their knowledge in the form of documentation and knowledge registers. Arogyam holds greater importance for Sambandh as through this program Sambandh was able to reach a large chunk of population making them aware about the importance of traditional health healing medicines.

ANANYA-TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH SKILL BUILDING AND BUSINESS

In the realm of women empowerment, SAMBANDH has been a consistent advocate since its inception, placing a strong emphasis on the promotion of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Until the reporting period, we have facilitated comprehensive training sessions, business plan development, and credit linkages for Women SHGs, particularly in the domains of vegetable cultivation, goat rearing, and poultry farming. The program is dedicated to fostering women's empowerment through entrepreneurship, focusing on various sustainable livelihood income-generating activities such as honey collection, processing, and sales, as well as mushroom cultivation. The primary objective is to ensure the sustainability and empowerment of these SHGs, creating a pathway for women to thrive in diverse economic activities.



Digitization of SHG Accounts for Financial Inclusion: Facilitating the digitization of accounts for various SHGs, helped to integrate members into the realm of financial inclusion. Digitization enhances SHGs' access to financial services while making banks more comfortable with credit appraisal and linkage.

Regular Transactional Updates and Online Bookkeeping: Providing regular updates on transactional data and implementing online bookkeeping or e-bookkeeping systems for SHGs. **Efficient Transfer of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT):** Streamlining the transfer of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) and other benefits through strategic convergence with government programs and Aadhaar-linked accounts



Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP) On Jute Craft and Marketing , supported by NABARD

The aim of the project is to provide appropriate technical knowledge on modern line Jute Craft and marketing to 90 active members of 18 WSHGs (5 members from each group) by strengthening their entrepreneurial skill in a sustainable manner through Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP) in Bahanaga Block of Balasore District of Odisha. The project aimed to produce different kinds and designs of traditional packaging fabrics, carpet backing, mats, trendy bags, tarpaulins, lampshades, ropes, twines, decorative items, footwear, greetings cards, molded door panels, table placemats and other useful consumer products, such as jute bags, conference files, home decorates through the capacity building of the members and group action.

ODISHA MILLET MISSION

The Odisha Millet Mission (OMM) is a vital initiative aimed at reviving millet cultivation, ensuring nutritional security, and improving farmers' livelihoods. Under this mission, millet cultivation has been initiated in two blocks, namely Bahalda in Mayurbhanj district and Nilagiri in Balasore district. These efforts focus on enhancing productivity, promoting consumption, and creating a sustainable market for millets.

Project Overview

Bahalda Block (Mayurbhanj District):

Cultivated Area: 378.5 hectares

Households Covered: 554

Nilagiri Block (Balasore District):

Cultivated Area: 216 hectares

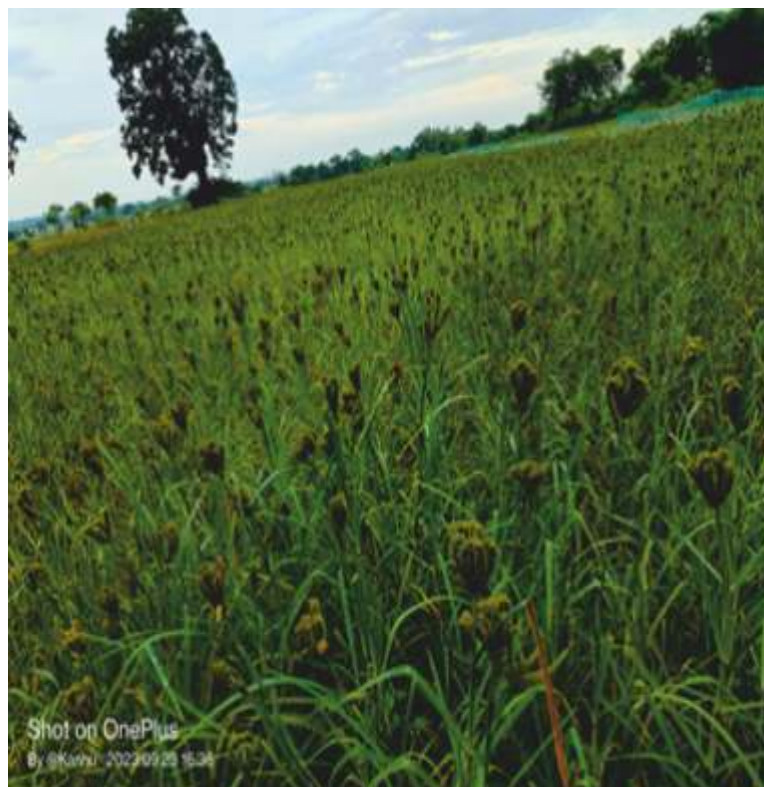
Households Covered: 245



The Odisha Millet Mission project in these two districts is a step towards securing food and nutritional security while empowering farmers and reviving traditional crops. Through a combination of better agricultural practices, market support, and policy inclusion; this initiative is laying the foundation for sustainable millet cultivation in the region.

Key Objectives

- Promoting Household-Level Consumption:
- Improving Productivity of Millet Crops:
- Promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Marketing:
- Setting Up Decentralized Processing Units:
- Inclusion of Millets in Government Schemes:



APURBA – SUSTAINABLE BIO DIVERSITY BUSINESS

The program centres on elevating the livelihoods of small producers by creating federations of producer groups and farmers' producer companies. To address the requirements of aggregation, shared services, and mitigating price risks, Sambandh has established Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs), federations of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and individual SHG groups in the project areas.

Edible mushrooms have been cherished for centuries, appreciated for their rich flavor and unique texture. From a nutritional standpoint, mushrooms are low in calories and fats, yet high in fiber and protein. Beyond their culinary appeal, edible and medicinal mushrooms are known to contain beneficial bioactive compounds.

Despite the significant revenue generated by the mushroom industry, rural communities often receive limited benefits. Wild mushrooms, considered as valuable non-timber forest products (NTFP), play a crucial role in generating income for these rural communities through their sustainable collection and sale.

IMPORTANCE OF FPO IN UTILISING VALUE CHAIN:

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) are important for the agricultural value chain because they help small and medium-sized farmers participate in the market and value to their produce:

- Scale: FPOs provide scale and organizational structure to farmers who might not be able to participate in the market individually.
- Value addition: FPOs offer value-adding services like cleaning, grading, packing, storage and logistics at a lower cost.
- Access to inputs: FPOs provide access to quality production inputs like seeds, fertilizer, and pesticides at wholesale rates.
- Access to technology: FPOs provide access to technology and financial services.
- Access to markets: FPOs help farmers reach larger markets and export options by pooling their produce.
- Access to credit: FPOs offer better credit options than unregistered organizations.
- Market information: FPOs share market information with members, including produce demand, trends, price fluctuations, and Government regulations.
- Collective bargaining: FPOs use collective bargaining to access financial and non-financial inputs, services, and technologies.
- Risk mitigation: The collective nature of FPOs helps mitigate risks.
- Better pricing: FPOs help farmers achieve better pricing for their products.

We manage five Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across the blocks of Jashipur, Thakurmunda, Reamal, Bahalda, and Karanjia. The FPOs have diverse focus on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP), vegetables, honey, livestock and pulses. In the financial year 2023-24, this FPO achieved a turnover of Rs.1184,623, demonstrating its impact on local livelihoods and the rural economy.

The FPOs serve as crucial platforms for farmers, offering collective marketing opportunities, enhancing income generation, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Through the combined efforts of these FPOs, we aim to empower small-scale farmers and contribute to the overall agricultural growth of the region.



ANWESHA- THE LIVING LABORATORY

ANWESHA, a model knowledge park, is established at Choudwar in Cuttack district, as well as in Jashipur and Thakurmunda in Mayurbhanj district. This innovative initiative operates in a multi-dimensional capacity, focusing on preservation and propagation of diverse indigenous medicinal and horticultural plants. Additionally, ANWESHA features a built-in training center, offering comprehensive training sessions on various aspects of livelihood, Natural Resource Management (NRM), and health. The park also conducts field demonstrations on various agricultural practices and skill- building activities.



Types of training we provide:

- ✓ Training on livelihood
- ✓ Training on climate smart agriculture
- ✓ Training on organic manure
- ✓ Training on Govt. policies
- ✓ Training on livestock management
- ✓ Training on low-cost vegetable cultivation
- ✓ Training on mix-cropping



The major goal of ANWESHA programme is the establishment of knowledge cum training centres, where various orientations and training programmes are conducted with regards to governance, sustainable livelihood, health, natural resource management, bio-diversity conservation, climate smart agriculture practices, learnings on the traditional systems of medicines, organic manure preparation, and also it is consider as central point for the farmers for interaction with various agricultural experts. SAMBANDH has developed three such centres in Bhubaneswar, Choudwar, and Jashipur. This financial year we have trained around 2243 no. of local farmers, women and PRI representatives at our resource centres.



ANKURAN – A JOURNEY THROUGH REFORESTATION

ANKURAN is an innovative initiative aimed at promoting reforestation through the plantation of native wild trees. Recognizing the urgent need to combat climate change, restore ecosystems, and enhance biodiversity, ANKURAN focuses on revitalizing degraded and fostering sustainable environmental practices.



Objectives:

1. **Reforestation:** ANKURAN seeks to restore forest cover by planting native species those are well-adapted to local ecosystem. This not only helps in carbon sequestration, but also supports the wildlife depending on these habitats.
2. **Biodiversity Enhancement:** By focusing on indigenous trees, ANKURAN aims to increase biodiversity, which is crucial for maintaining ecological balance and resilience against climate change.
3. **Sustainable Practices:** ANKURAN promotes environment friendly techniques in planting and maintenance to ensure the longevity and health of newly planted trees.
4. **Community Engagement:** The programme actively involves local communities in the plantation process. Education and training sessions are conducted to raise awareness about the importance of trees and sustainable practices.



WADI PROJECT- Supported by NABARD

The WADI project, initiated in 2023 in Kusumi block of Mayurbhanj district, which is comes under our honorable president's area, is making significant strides in enhancing local agriculture and promoting sustainable development. This initiative focuses on the plantation of mango and cashew trees, with an impressive achievement of more than 200 acres already completed and 221 households covered.

By integrating these fruit-bearing plants, the project aims to improve the livelihood of local farmers while promoting biodiversity. The WADI project not only supports economic growth in the region, but also fosters environmental conservation. Through this initiative, the community is poised to reap both ecological and financial benefits for years to come.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FODDER GARDEN - A fodder garden is a specialized area where plants are cultivated specifically to provide feed for livestock. These gardens focus on growing nutritious plants those can be harvested and used as animal feed, ensuring a consistent and reliable food source for animals. Common plants in a fodder garden include Drumstick, Jack fruit, Apple bear, Gmelina arborea, Subabul, Maize, cowpea, Anant Grass, Napier grass, Agasti, Gliricidia, etc.

The major benefits of a fodder garden include reducing dependence on commercial feed, promoting better animal health, and ensuring sustainable and cost-effective food source for animals. By growing different kind of fodder plants, the farmers ensure that their livestock has consume a wide range of nutritional food which is must needed for wellbeing of the livestock.



BIO-SECURE VILLAGE - A bio-secure village dedicated to hen cultivation represents a high standard of biosecurity designed to ensure the health and safety of poultry. This specialized facility is a restricted area where hens are raised under carefully controlled conditions to prevent disease and contamination. Access to the village is tightly regulated, with only authorized personnel permitted entry to maintain stringent hygiene protocols and prevent external pathogens from affecting the flock. The bio-secure environment includes measures such as sanitized equipment, protective clothing for workers, and strict quarantine procedures. By maintaining such rigorous controls, the bio-secure village aims to produce healthy, high-quality hens while minimizing the risk of disease outbreaks.

EDGE 2024: Avengers Assemble!

The EDGE-an initiative by EdelGive foundation held in February-2024, New Delhi was a three-day immersive experience that brought together changemakers from different walks of life. The event was held at Dr. Ambedkar international centre in New Delhi, which drew inspiring collaborating efforts of NGOs; civil society organization (CSOs) and voluntary organizations to recognize the 'avengers' within themselves.

Key Focus:

The Edge celebrated the combined forced of change, with NGOs, funders, and intermediaries playing crucial roles in empowering communities and influencing social impact.

Participants engage in breaking biases, challenging preconceived notions, and learning through shared experiences.

The event sparked meaningful conversations and inspired others to take actionable steps in their journeys. EDGE 2024, New Delhi featured captivating stories, insightful discussions, and purpose-driven perspectives those encouraged participants to work together towards achieving the impossible.



CHAASI PATHSALA

Chasi pathsala is a concept which brings together farmers (both male & female), livestock stock holders, and other members of the community to learn on how shift towards more sustainable production practices, by better understanding complex agro eco-system and by enhancing eco-system services. The very idea of developing Chaasi pathsala by Sambandh is not just for knowledge enhancement but in fact it is currently acting as a source of livelihood as well. Trained farmers from Chaasi pathsala are now able to teach what they have learnt in the nearby villages. They charge a nominal amount from the fellow farmers and the community as well. Such a scenario is only possible because of the presence of demo fields which are attached as part of the chasi pathsala. Experimental innovations on such fields lead to farmers to have discussion with agriculture experts through video conferencing in the chasi pathsala, which ultimately helps them in resolving their perplexity, thus, enhancing their knowledge master farmer trainer (both male & female), who are then ready to guide the rest of the community.



BOD Member Visit in December 2023

In December 2023, the Board of Directors (BOD) of SAMBANDH, a non-profit organization, conducted an insightful field visit to assess and evaluate various ongoing project's field across three key locations: Jashipur block, Kusumi block, and Bahalda block. This visit aimed to gain a deeper understanding of the initiatives undertaken, assess their progress, and engage with the local communities involved.

Jashipur Block: The BOD visited various activities focusing on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP), vegetables, honey, and pulses. They interacted with community members, observing the activities those serve over 10,655 households. They also visited the maternity waiting homes and interacted with the beneficiaries.

Kusumi Block: In Kusumi block, the BOD engaged with several ongoing initiatives aimed at sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. The board members appreciated the community-driven approach, which has been instrumental in improving agricultural productivity while ensuring environmental sustainability. They met with farmers who have adopted improved agronomic practices, contributing to enhanced yield and income. They have also visited WADI area.

Bahalda Block: The visit to Bahalda block was particularly focused on millet cultivation, as part of the Odisha Millet Mission. The board interacted with farmers cultivating 216 hectares of millet, covering 245 households. The BOD commended the promotion of household-level millet consumption and the strides made in improving millet productivity. They also explored the potential for decentralized processing units and expanding the marketing of millets through FPOs, while discussing the integration of millets into public distribution systems like ICDS, MDM, and PDS. They have inaugurated the awareness programme.

Thakurmunda Block: They have visited the project activities under Heifer International relating to livestock management.

The BOD members expressed satisfaction with the progress of SAMBANDH's projects and their impact on local communities. Their engagement with farmers and FPOs underscored the importance of scaling up these initiatives and exploring new opportunities for growth. This visit reaffirmed SAMBANDH's commitment to empowering rural communities through sustainable practices and innovative approaches.



GOOD GOVERNANCE NORMS

TRANSPARENCY DISCLOSURE

1. No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation was paid to any board member except for the Secretary & the Treasurer
2. Travel reimbursement to the board members attending board meetings and other office meetings is NIL
3. Secretary remuneration is Rs.82000 per month
4. Remuneration of the three highest paid staff members Rs. 37,000/-, Rs. 53,000/- and Rs. 82,000
5. Remuneration of the lowest paid staff member is RS. 8,000
6. Total cost of international travel by all staff during the year is NIL

BOARD member details

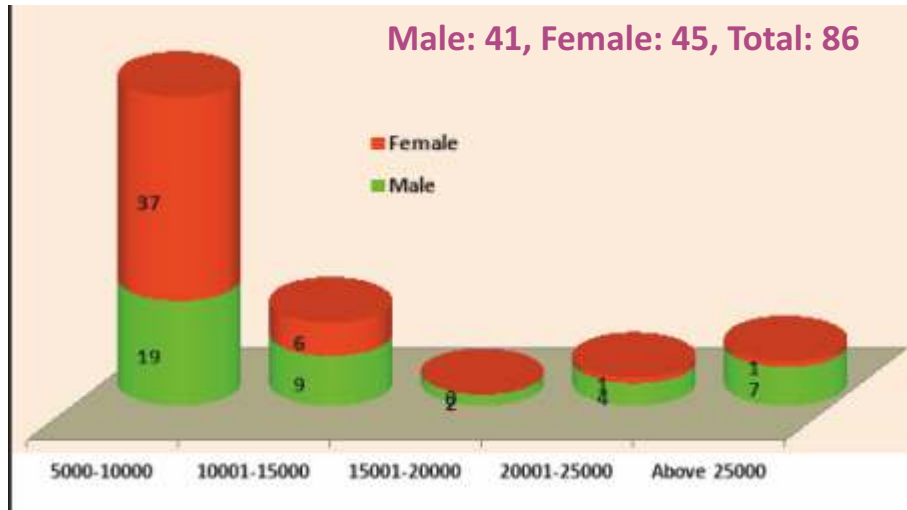
Sl.No	Name	Designation
01	Mr.Subrat Kumar Singhdeo	Chair person
02	Dr. Pravu Charana Lenka	Vice Chair Person
03	Dr. Puspangini Mohanty	Secretary
04	Mr. Mahendra Kumar Rout	Treasurer
05	Mr. B.K. Pattnaik	Member
06	Mr. Bijayram Das	Member
07	Dr.(Mrs)Kanchanbala Pattanaik	Member
08	Mr. Srikant Sahu	Member
09	Mr. Nihar Mohanty	Member



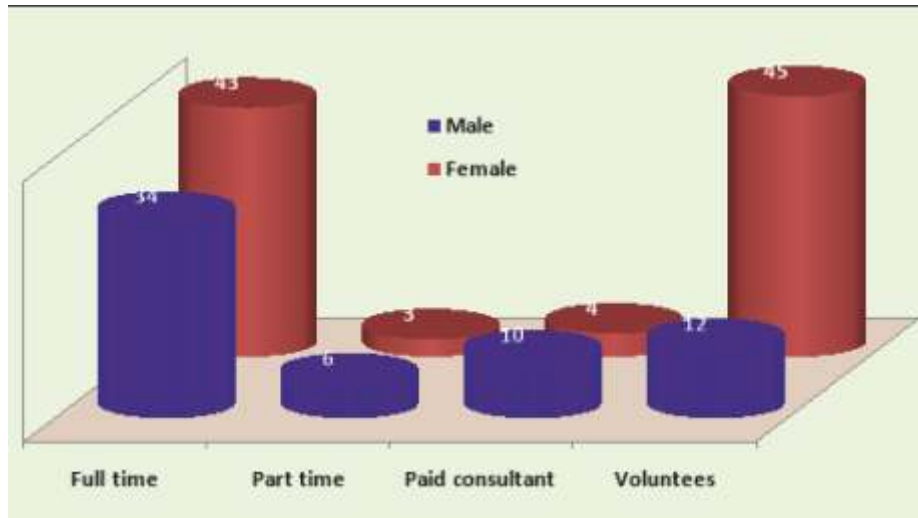
DECLARATION: None of the Sambandh's board members are related by blood or marriage. Sambandh conducted four meetings suitably spaced in the year 2022-2023

Staff Distribution

Staff distribution based on monthly salary (Rs)



Gender distribution of staff, consultant & volunteers



Male: 62, Female: 95, Total: 157

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (2023-24)

SAMBANDH
REGD. OFFICE : 56, VASANT VIHAR, BRAHMESWAR PATNA, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA
ADMIN. OFFICE : 472/756, AT - SARADEIPUR, PO - GOPINATHPUR, UTTARA, BHURANESWAR, ODISHA

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS AMOUNT IN INR

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024		SCHEDULE	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
LFUND BALANCES:-				
a. General Fund	[01]		31,92,997.30	31,26,280.70
b. Project Fund	[02]		1,47,81,094.88	1,81,66,950.69
b. Asset Fund	[03]		60,16,707.24	57,47,467.58
			2,39,91,399.42	2,70,40,698.97
ILLOAN FUNDS:-				
a. Secured Loans			-	-
b. Unsecured Loans			-	-
			-	-
TOTAL			[1 + II]	2,39,91,399.42
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
LFIXED ASSETS				
Gross Block	[04]		1,75,11,279.90	1,64,72,587.90
Less : Accumulated Depreciation			1,07,25,120.32	1,07,53,966.35
Less : Depreciation during the year			5,69,452.33	4,71,153.97
			60,16,707.24	57,47,467.58
ILINVESTMENTS				
	[05]		15,00,000.00	-
ILCURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:-				
a. Loans & Advances	[06]		12,70,765.43	13,43,583.00
b. Cash & Bank Balance	[07]		1,64,68,184.70	2,01,35,867.59
c. Other Current assets	[08]		80,00,844.71	65,43,224.52
	A		2,57,45,794.90	2,80,22,675.11
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:-				
a. Other Current Liabilities & Provisions	[09]		92,71,102.72	67,29,443.72
	B		92,71,102.72	67,29,443.72
NET CURRENT ASSETS			[A - B]	1,64,74,692.18
TOTAL			[I+II+III]	2,39,91,399.42

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [18]

The schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Balance Sheet.

For & On behalf of:
S SAHOO & CO.
Chartered Accountants

[CA (Dr.) Subhajt Sahoo, FCA, LLB]
Partner
M No. 057426
FR No. 322952E
Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.07.2024
UDIN: 24057426BKATQ7117

For SAMBANDH

Dr. Puspangini Mohanty
SECRETARY



SAMBANDH

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 ADMN. OFFICE : 472756, AT - SARADEIPUR, PO - GOPINATHPUR, UTTARA, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS		AMOUNT IN INR	
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024			
	SCHEDULE	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
I. INCOME			
Grants	[10]	4,59,68,509.70	4,67,41,681.98
Other Receipts	[11]	11,85,886.92	34,91,060.40
TOTAL		4,71,54,396.62	5,02,32,742.38
II. EXPENDITURE			
Programme Expenditure	[12]	4,46,61,613.00	3,11,95,400.21
Administrative Expenditure	[13]	58,09,274.83	30,46,138.72
Grant Refunded		2,048.00	-
Depreciation	[04]	5,69,452.33	4,71,153.97
Less: Transferred to Assets Fund		5,69,452.33	4,71,153.97
TOTAL EXPENSES		5,04,72,938.83	3,42,41,538.93
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	[I - II]	-33,18,539.21	1,59,91,203.45
Transferred to Project Fund		(33,85,255.81)	1,36,25,255.71
Transferred to General Fund		66,716.60	23,65,947.74

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [18]

The schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Income & Expenditure Account.

For & On behalf of:
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[CA (Dr.) Subhajit Sahoo, FCA, LLB]
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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS		AMOUNT IN INR	
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024			
	SCHEDULE	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
I. RECEIPTS			
Opening Cash and Bank Balance			
Cash in Hand		68,441.17	1,18,945.17
Cash at Bank		2,00,67,426.42	42,51,022.23
Grants	[14]	4,46,26,292.00	4,58,77,529.00
Other receipts	[15]	10,84,756.43	34,73,312.40
Increase in Loans & Liability (Net)		26,08,476.57	8,29,596.72
TOTAL		6,84,55,394.59	5,45,50,405.52
II. PAYMENTS			
Programme Expenditure	[16]	4,46,61,613.00	3,11,95,400.21
Administrative Expenditure	[17]	58,09,274.83	30,46,138.72
Investments made during the year		15,00,000.00	-
Loans & advance		14,274.00	1,72,999.00
Grant Refunded		2,048.00	-
Closing Cash and Bank Balance			
Cash in Hand	[07]	89,325.17	68,441.17
Cash at Bank		1,63,78,859.59	2,00,67,426.42
TOTAL		6,84,55,394.59	5,45,50,405.52

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts [18]

The schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Receipt and Payment Account.

For & On behalf of:
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Independent Auditor's Report

To
The Members of
SAMBANDH

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

- We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **SAMBANDH**, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024, the Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and significant accounting policies and notes to the financial statements.
- In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and comply, in all material respects, with the conditions laid down in the Scheme for the management and administration of the society and the rules made thereunder, to the extent relevant and applicable, and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 March 2024, and its defect for the year ended on that date.

Basic of Opinion

- We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Management for the Financial Statements

- The management is responsible for the preparation of those financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the society in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the society and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



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- In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

- Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.
- As part of an audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:
 - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
 - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
 - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
 - Conclude on the appropriateness of society's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the society to cease to continue as a going concern.
 - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with the management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.



Other Matter

- We have also issued our audit report as per Form No. 10B pursuant to the requirements of section 13A(1)(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, on the financial statements prepared by the management as required by the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 covering the same period as these accompanying financial statements.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- As required under other regulatory requirements, we report as under for the year ended 31 March 2024:
 - Society has maintained its books of accounts in electronic mode. The books of accounts are updated and maintained by the finance department of the society on regular basis. In our opinion and accordingly information provided to us, proper books of accounts are maintained by the society and the same is maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.
 - Receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts.
 - The cash balance, vouchers, bank book etc. are in custody of Finance Officer and the same are in agreement with Books of account on the date of our audit.
 - In our opinion and according to the information provided to us, no property or funds of the society were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the society.
 - Society has invested its surplus under the provisions of section 11(5) of the Income Tax Act.
 - In our opinion and according to the information provided to us, no cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure or failure or omission to recover moneys or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of moneys or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure, omission, loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the governing board or any other person while in the management of the society were identified.
 - In our opinion and according to the information provided to us, no governing board member has any interest in the investment of the trust.
 - In our opinion and according to the information provided to us, no material irregularities were pointed out in the books of accounts of previous year.

For S. Sahoo & Co.
Chartered Accountants
TR NO: 322952E

S. Sahoo



CA (Dr.) Subhraj Sahoo, FCA, LLB
Partner
M. No. - 037426
Place: New Delhi
Date: 03/31/2024
UDV: 24057426BKATQQ7117

1. Name and address of the Bankers:

Axis Bank Ltd. Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
SBI, Main Branch, New Delhi

SBI, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar

SBI, Jashipur, Mayurbhanj, Odisha
SBI, Karanjia, Mayurbhanj, Odisha
Bank of India, Mayurbhanj, Odisha
Odisha Gramya Bank, Mayurbhanj, Odisha

Indian Bank, Baripada, Odisha
Central Bank of India, Bhubaneswar

Punjab National Bank, Bhubaneswar

2. Name and Address of the Auditor:

CA Subhajit Sahoo, FCA, LLB

S. Sahoo & CO
M. NO. 322952E
New Delhi

3. Balance Sheet: Attached

4. Income & Expenditure statement: Attached

5. Office Address:

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