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## **Development led by women and their institutions**

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*Arecanut plot of Gorla Palaiah at Thammayyadoddi village of Kundurpi Mandal*

### **Vision**

All people in rural areas lead a respectable and dignified life with economic security, food security, social equity, gender equity, in an atmosphere of democracy, peace, cooperation and community support;

And all the people and institutions flourish as 'Eternal Trustees of Mother Earth', and follow a culture of simple living and the ethics of conservation.

### **Mission**

Ensure livelihood security, self-reliance and human dignity for poor farmers, working through their institutions, led by women, promoting drought-climate resilient agroecology, social enterprises and non-farm livelihoods.

### **Values**

Compassion, concern, honesty, sincerity, and hard work;

Equality of human beings, particularly women, poor, and the disadvantaged;

Concern for nature, biodiversity, ethics of conservation, and sustainability;

Excellence in execution of activities;

Inclusive, participatory in decision-making, planning and implementation;

Transparency in all transactions and accountable to all stakeholders.

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## Acronyms

**ACORN:** Agroforestry Carbon Removal Units for Organic Restoration of Nature

**ADTS:** Agricultural Development and Training Society  
**AF:** Accion Fraterna

**AF-EC:** Accion Fraterna Ecology Centre

**AF YRC:** Accion Fraterna Youth Resource Centre

**ALP:** Alternative Livelihoods Project

**AP:** Andhra Pradesh

**APCNF:** Andhra Pradesh Community Natural Farming

**APDMP:** Andhra Pradesh Drought Mitigation Project

**APMAS:** Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abhivruddhi Society

**APF:** Azim Premji Foundation

**APWALTA:** Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act

**APRLP:** Andhra Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Programme

**ASMS:** Apex Sasya Mitra Samakhya

**BftW:** Bread for the World

**CBBO:** Cluster-Based Business Organisation

**CBO:** Community-based Organisation

**CDM:** Clean Development Mechanism

**CER:** Carbon Emission Reduction

**CMSS:** Community-Managed Seed System

**CRU:** Carbon Removal Unit

**CSO:** Civil Society Organisation

**CSS:** Central Sector Scheme

**DSMS:** District Sasya Mitra Samakhya

**FCN:** Fair Climate Network

**FCRA:** Foreign Contributions Regulation Act

**FFS:** Farmers Field School

**FPO:** Farmer Producer Organisation

**GSMS:** Gram Sasya Mitra Samakhya

**HMV:** Heavy Motor Vehicle

**ICRISAT:** International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics

**IWMP:** Integrated Watershed Management Programme

**KK:** Karyakartha (village volunteer)

**KVK:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra

**LMV:** Light Motor Vehicle

**MACS:** Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies

**MGNREGS:** Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

**MSMS:** Mandal Sasya Mitra Samakhya

**NABARD:** National Bank for Rural and Agriculture Development

**NCDC:** National Cooperative Development Corporation

**NGO:** Non-Government Organisation

**NPM:** Non Pesticidal Management

**OBC:** Other Backward Class

**PMDS:** Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing

**PPC:** Primary Processing Centre

**RDТ:** Rural Development Trust

**RFC:** Rainfed Farmer Cooperatives

**RNNF:** Rainfed Nutri-Natural Farming

**RNFPCL:** Rythu Nestham Food Producer Company Ltd

**SADLP:** Sustainable Agriculture and Diversified Livelihoods Project

**SC:** Scheduled Caste

**SMG:** Sasya Mitra Group

**ST:** Scheduled Tribe

**tCO<sub>2</sub>-e:** tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent

**UNFCCC:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**VWDC:** Village Watershed Development Committee

**WASSAN:** Watershed Support Services and Activities Network



# **FORTY TWO YEARS OF ADAPTING TO HARSH CLIMATE**



*Pushpavathi at her farm in Garudampalli village of Dharmavaram Mandal.*



## Accion Fraterna-Ecology Centre today

The AF-EC empowers rainfed farmers to achieve sustainable livelihoods through agroecology, drought mitigation, natural resources development, and policy advocacy in drought-prone Anantapur District.

Taking a step forward, on an experimental basis it will also begin tackling climate change impacts on natural resources and crops. The aim is to see the resultant effect on the lives of the farming community in an entire village.

The AF-EC was established in 1982 by Father Vincent Ferrer,

***The outcome of these efforts can now be reported in farmer resilience, poverty alleviation, livelihood development and biodiversity conservation.***

also the founder of the Rural Development Trust.

It is known in the development sector for its rootedness with people participatory approach, landscape-level watershed development works, agroecology-based drought-mitigation technologies, diversified crop models for rainfed agriculture, and farmer-centric policy advocacy and lobbying.

### Early years

#### Farm labour to farmers

The AF-EC's initial interventions were with the poor labourers - enabling those with government-allotted uncultivated lands to grow their own food.

About 30,000 families of the



*Trenching work in progress at Kundurpi in the early years of Watershed Project implemented by the AF-EC.*

### Development led by women is AF-EC's focus



**H. Rizwana Begum**  
ALP Coordinator

“The AF-EC promotes women-led development, involving them in participatory process. Women leadership is developed through institutions led by women and implementing programmes specially designed for them like the women-centric additional income generation programme. The organisation instills human values and ethics among people and staff. The respect the organisation commands from people and government officials instils in me a sense of pride and happiness.”.

### Excited to work with Accion Fraterna

“AF-EC values the thoughts, opinions, and suggestions of the people it works with and the staff. It embraces an approach of upholding human values and ethics while working towards social change. Facilitating women-led community development is an inspiring process for women and AF-EC staff. I consider it a great opportunity to be working in this organization for the past 37 years”.



**G. Bhaskar Babu**  
CBO Coordinator



Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe communities, who were working as farm labourers, could now move upwards in occupational ladder to farming - cultivating their own land. Between 1986 and 1994, the AF-EC helped the new farmers make their lands cultivable by initiating work to clear the lands of stones, bushes and rocky outcrops, along with bunding for arresting soil erosion.

#### **Individual holding to a ridge-to-valley landscape approach**

Then, the AF-EC turned its attention to the catchments and scientific measures to improve water and soil endowments at a landscape level.

In 1994, the AF-EC introduced a large-scale, participatory, integrated watershed development programme covering about 300 micro-watersheds and as many villages, treating a geographical area of 1.35 lakh ha.

***This was the largest participatory watershed development programme executed by any NGO in the country influencing policies and schemes like APWALTA, APRLP, MGNREGS, APDMP etc.***

It benefitted over 60,000 farmers and made a visible, measurable impact on vegetation development, groundwater levels and made borewell irrigation possible for more farmers.

This watershed programme influenced policies and schemes like APWALTA, participatory approach in watershed programmes, APRLP, MGNREGS, APDMP etc.

Rainfed horticulture was later scaled up by the Government to an additional 1 lakh ha.

#### **2007: Drought mitigation, sustainable agriculture**

The watershed programme was scaled down from 2007 to avoid duplication of MGNREGS works.

The AF-EC shifted its attention to the drought-affected, rain-dependent farmers, introducing drought mitigation, low-cost natural farming. Also began training rural youth in job-oriented skills.

Then moved on to organise farmers as Sasya Mithra Groups, cooperative and participatory means of achieving on-farm and off-farm productivity.

The AF-EC began work in 230 villages, covering 8 revenue Mandals, with 40,000 farmers and farm labour, with multi-sectoral interventions.

***The AF-EC now engages with government in its schemes and agencies to draw the attention on implementable policies for the rainfed farmers -who constitute more than half of country's farmer population.***

#### **Development led by women:**

From 2020, the AF-EC, recognising the role women play in initiating change from the ground up, invested in women-led development. All Community Based Organisations are now women-centric and representative of the STs, SCs and OBCs have their say in the decision-making.



*Sunkamma de-weeding her farm at Bandameedapalli in Kundurpi Mandal.*



## Sustainable agriculture and natural farming since 1982

**Crop diversification  
(Food & Fodder  
crops)**  
17,422 ha  
43,093 beneficiaries

**Border crops  
(millets and pulses)**  
1,32,117 ha  
84,241 beneficiaries

**Backyard  
Horticulture**  
6,593 backyards  
6,575 beneficiaries

**Kitchen Gardens**  
21,333 plots  
21,300 beneficiaries

**Pre-Monsoon Dry  
Sowing** 113 plots  
115 beneficiaries

**Natural farming  
practices**  
7999 ha  
11150 beneficiaries



Farmer B. Ramanjinamma at her farm in Thimmasamudram Village of Kalyandurg Mandal.

**Vermi compost  
units**  
12,121 units  
12,121 beneficiaries

**Bio-pest  
Management**  
32,810 ha  
19,998 beneficiaries

**Farm bio-compost  
units** 7,842 units  
7,842 beneficiaries

**Village level Bio-  
resource centers  
(NPM shop)**  
25 established  
6,000 beneficiaries

**Construction of  
Cow urine pits in  
cow sheds** 820 units  
3,000 beneficiaries

## Watershed and natural resources development since 1982

**Soil & Moisture  
conservation and soil  
fertility development**  
1,42,611 ha  
60,592 beneficiaries

**Dryland Horticulture  
Development**  
28,02,862 plants  
16,035 beneficiaries

**Restoration of Old  
Tanks**  
327 tanks  
2,224 beneficiaries

**Forest Plantations**  
1,81,65,888 plants  
66,014 beneficiaries

**Farm Forestry (Biomass  
development)**  
On 1,60,170 ha  
63,312 beneficiaries

**Construction of Mini  
Percolation Tanks**  
436 tanks  
3,128 beneficiaries

**Construction of Check  
Dams & Repair**  
1,577 dams  
4,456 beneficiaries

**Construction of  
Farm Ponds**  
599 ponds  
604 beneficiaries

## Drought mitigation measures since 1982

**Drought-climate  
resilient Five-Layer  
multiple fruit tree  
crops** 388 ha  
257 beneficiaries

**Mobile protective  
irrigation**  
14,858 ha  
12,779 beneficiaries

**Farm Pond with  
Lining for protective  
irrigation**  
600 ponds  
600 beneficiaries

**Row Water sowing**  
1,300 ha  
1,500 beneficiaries

**Agro-ecological  
Landscape  
development tree  
crops** 600 ha  
332 beneficiaries

**Groundwater  
Sharing**  
210 ha  
186 beneficiaries

**Drought-resilient  
mixed food crop  
models** 12,000 ha  
10,000  
beneficiaries

**Contingency / Relay  
cropping (for fodder)**  
24,156 ha  
18,077 beneficiaries





*Lalemma at her field in Cholasamudram village of Kuderu Mandal.*



## Director's overview of 2023-24



*Accion Fraterna Ecology Centre Director Dr. Y.V. Malla Reddy*

### Moving ahead...

A year that we looked back, reflected, and carved our priorities and direction for the future. We had an external evaluation by two experts of the Sustainable Agriculture and Diversified Livelihoods Project in 2023-24. Additionally, two outside resourcepersons facilitated an exercise in strategic planning (2024–2030). Both of these exercises complimented each other and contributed to the finalisation of future directions and priorities. The evaluation findings and the strategic planning exercise emphasised on continuation in striving for community development 'led by women' and their institutions, regenerative agriculture, and other livelihoods. Further, they highlighted the need for putting more attention on strengthening the interventions on climate-resilient agriculture and adaptation, social enterprise development, and agricultural value chain development. The climate resilience

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and adaptation require collaborations with research and academic institutions. The social enterprise development and agricultural value chain development necessitated collaborations with business sector.

Acquiring in-house business competence is more challenging as it demands a different mindset and attitude! However, it is urgent and inevitable to develop business competence because farmer producer organisations (FPOs) have to be nurtured as profitable and sustainable social enterprises. Agriculture alone will not be remunerative for farmers unless their produce is processed, value-added, and marketed!

There has been yet another year of drought and distress for farmers!

The climate change is particularly playing havoc with farming and other livelihoods in villages. The farmers' distress is deepening by the year. The agriculture and livelihoods have to be adapted to the changing climatic conditions together with conserving the ever-depleting natural resources.

The climate challenge seems to be multi-dimensional. The impacts include **a)** changing weather conditions; **b)** worsening ecology and environment (soil, water, vegetation, biodiversity); **c)** ever-increasing cost on agriculture and living; **d)** growing consumerism and hunger for material goods; **e)** growing unemployment, youth unrest and dissatisfaction; and **f)** threat to the food and nutritional security.

Concurrently, the culture and values are changing faster than ever to be more individualistic and self-centered! Thus, human values are eroding and dehumanizing, which we would like to address with the development lead by women. Therefore, we also prioritise promoting climate-resilient agriculture from next year.

We intend to create some model villages for climate-resilient agriculture, which the government and other NGOs will hopefully scale up in the future.

It was a proud moment for all of us when AF-EC received the National Water Award from the Government of India, Water Resources Department,

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under the best NGO (Special Mention category).

The country's honourable Union Minister for Water Resources presented the award on June 17, 2023, in New Delhi. It was another proud moment for me personally when the Government of Andhra Pradesh awarded me with the lifetime achievement award. I received it from the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh on 1st November 2023. On behalf of

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the people, staff, and the Board of Trustees, I express my heartfelt thanks to Bread for the World, our core partner, for their understanding and continued support. I thank the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Azim Premji Foundation (APF), SayTrees Environmental Trust, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Walmart Foundation, NABARD, Fair Climate Network (FCN), Agricultural Development & Training Society (ADTS), Rural Development Trust (RDT), Watershed Support Services and Activities Network (WASSAN), Mahila Abhivruddhi Society (MAS), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Regional

*The social enterprise development and agricultural value chain development necessitated collaborations with business sector.*



AFEC Director Y.V. Malla Reddy receiving the Water Award at New Delhi



AFEC Director Y.V. Malla Reddy receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at Vijayawada on November 1.

Agriculture Research Stations (RARS), and a number of activists, friends, and well-wishers from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), government, practitioners, and experts who have been with us in our efforts. I wish to profoundly thank all the people in the SMGs and their federations, farmer producer organisations, watershed development

committees, and other participating groups who have worked with us during the year. Most importantly, I thank our Board of Trustees and all our personnel for passionately pursuing the organisation's goals and objectives.

**Dr. Y. V. Malla Reddy**  
**Director.**



## The AF-EC Human Resources

*We wish to start our 42nd-year report by acknowledging the efforts and passion of our people.*

Today, we have a senior management cohort of multi-disciplinary professionals with over 20 years of hands-on experience in sectors like natural farming, drought mitigation, natural resources management, institution development, community organisation, gender, rural livelihoods, human resources management, project management, monitoring and evaluation and financial management. This leadership collective directs work with a high level of conceptual clarity and commitment to the vision, mission, and objectives of the organisation. As a collective, it takes responsibility for leading the organisation, beyond individual responsibilities. The mid-level and grassroots staff are rooted locally. Their unique strength is their ability to understand local conditions, concerns and influence community acceptance and uptake of organisational programmes and activities. They are qualified, well-trained and experienced in participatory

approaches, with skills in community organisation and in technical aspects of programme implementation. As an employer, the AF-EC offers equal opportunities to women and persons with disabilities. We are a repository of deep-rooted values, ethics, culture and ethos in development thinking and practice, which we have revised and improved upon through four decades of close work with the people of Anantapur district. Participatory decision-making, honesty, sincerity, transparency, accountability, sensitivity towards gender, social equity, teamwork and inclusiveness are integral parts of the AF-EC culture and values. Being a learning organisation, the AF-EC reflects on its experiences and draws lessons for improvement on a continuous basis. We are open to new ideas and learning from others' experiences, and willing to adapt to changing situations and needs of the people with whom we work.

**As of March 31, 2024, the AF-EC has 119 full-time staff and 197 part-time volunteer staff working in the organisation.**

### Trustees



**Mr. Moncho Ferrer**  
Chairperson



**Dr. Y. V. Malla Reddy**  
Trustee and Director



**Mr. ThippeSwamy**  
Trustee



**Ms. Prameela Kumari**  
Trustee



*This is the backbone and energy of AF-EC that keeps it ticking every day on its journey to help arid region farmers.*



## Core principles and approach

**Women-led participatory approach to development** through self-governing community-based organisations

**Cost-effective agroecology practices**, that are drought-resilient, provide food security, regenerative and remunerative for small and marginal farmers in rainfed and irrigated small farms.

**Natural farming practices** to replace chemicals in agriculture to ensure income to farmers and safe food to all.

**Diversification of family livelihoods** into non-farm sectors through skilling and enabling women and youth for employment or enterprise  
Promotion of circular economies with local-level agricultural-processing, value addition; marketing and



*Strawberry Finch female.*

consumption locally.

**Policy advocacy** through demonstrating effective practices and systems to policymakers, research bodies and other stakeholders for their scaling up;

representing concerns of small farmers and proposing solutions in policy forums, especially on rainfed agriculture, drought mitigation, marketing of produce etc.



*A rainfed farmer tills his land, in the traditional way, preparing for the sowing at Kundurpi in Anantapur District.*

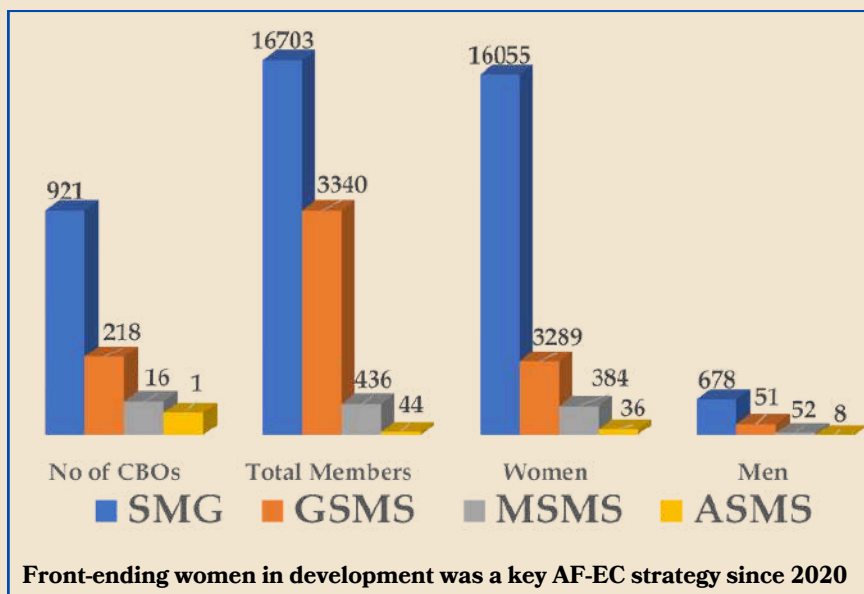


## Women-led CBOs turn change agents

### Community-based

Organisations led by women manage resources and take action towards community development.

The AF-EC-supported CBOs in Bestharapalli in Kundurpi Mandal and Bandameedapalli of Rapthadu Mandal of Anantapur district took a one more step forward and pooled savings from the groups to create a larger fund for lending to the needy Sasya Mitra Groups. The AF-EC believes these CBOs will be more inclusive, humane, and empathetic, thus sustainable.



## Showcasing collective strength, for economic prosperity



Akkammaagarla SMG women discussing group dynamics in Devadulakonda.

Human beings are social animals, and being organised with a sense of mutual help, enables them to meet their requirements easily. In the Akkammaagarla Sasya Mithra Group (SMG), a women's collective supported by AF-EC at Devadulakonda village in Kalyandurg Mandal, two out of 16

members have doubled their income levels and others have improved earnings. Twelve out of 16 women got loan from the group savings of Rs.1.22 lakh with support from the Alternative Livelihoods Project. Through rain-dependent agriculture 37-year-old Vasanthalakshmi used to barely

make both ends meet with **Rs.6,000** monthly income, but the **Rs.15,000** support from group helped her earn **Rs.1,000** per month additionally by installing a Xerox machine in her kiosk managed by her husband. A daily labourer Golla Geetanjali used to earn **Rs.200** a day two years ago, but **Rs.15,000** given by the group and matching amount from the ALP for buying a cow transformed her life. Now she sells 8 liters of milk a day earning an additional **Rs.250** a day. The SMG members' mutual trust turns many of their ilk green with envy as the first preference for all their daily needs - grocery, milk, meat, vegetables, tailoring, or sarees come from the group members' businesses. They take up natural farming along with businesses, earning Rs.400 a day additionally. The group members now look forward to bank credit linkage for getting access to higher amounts from collective lending pool.



## Women SHGs: Nurturing concern and compassion

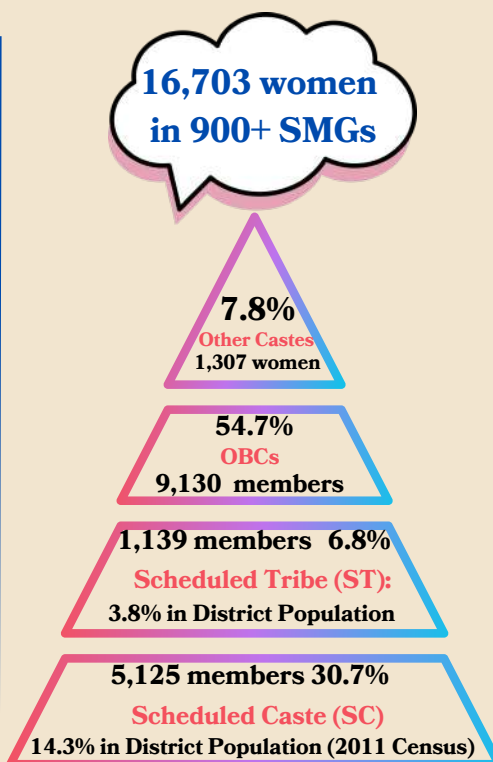
### Financial empowerment

By March 2024, women's thrift and credit activity from **16,703** women in **921** Sasya Mithra Groups had accumulated Rs. **16.21** crore, giving SMGs the means to support members in income-generating enterprises.

### Heart-warming

The Suryanarayana Group one out of the three in this obscure village in Rapthadu Mandal set an example for others by supporting Ramanjinamma, one of its 20 members, to the hilt.

The group did not look back in loaning large sums (close to a lakh) to take care of her husband Ramu's heart



operation and post-operative care. The community support did not stop there,

### AF-EC promotes these in SMGs

- Concern for others
- Self-help
- Mutual Help
- Camaraderie

and the kind-hearted group members even ensured Ramanjinamma's children did not drop out of school and all their basic needs are taken of. Terming the cohesion among members as motherly instinct, Ramanjinamma turns emotional. Thousands of needy women, like her, are assisted by the SMGs. It gives all the women in the SMGs a feeling of security, confidence, self-respect and dignity.



*The Pragathi Farmer Producer Organisation Board of Directors and women SMG members taking a pledge to run the FPO in a profitable manner at Venkatadripalli in Belguppa Mandal of Anantapur District.*



## AF-EC, a votary of gender-sensitive approach at work

Women convenors,  
co-convenors  
**1,842**

Women staff and  
volunteers in AF-EC  
**239**

Active Women  
leaders in villages  
**954**

A gender-sensitive approach at work - Ammatatvam (అమ్మతత్వం) - has been the hallmark of AF-EC, an organisation working towards development through institutions led by women. It not only preaches but practices an approach of being considerate just like a 'Mother'. Not that all women possess the quality, but the majority of women as mothers display this quality in their families. The AF-EC has been actively promoting this quality among its staff and group members it has been working with. It took up

the challenge of infusing the essence of 'Ammatatvam' in the working style of public institutions, SMG members by aiming to turn them more humane to ensure no discrimination. AF-EC promotes mutual cooperation to strengthen the bond between fellow farmers. Women get connected to principles of non-discrimination - providing equal opportunity in education, tool and technology, credit, legal rights, participation and decision-making. A three-day 'Gender Training' held in February/March 2024 by

Arumugam Kalamani, Chief Operating Officer of APMAS and gender issues trainer Nalini, tested the existing HR policies and staff preparedness in understanding gender-equality related issues. The organisation has internal complaints committee in tune with the POSH Act.

Irrespective of level of employment, a common forum is provided for all women's issues. Gender-equality norm is not only practiced in AF-EC but periodical sensitisation of staff takes place.

## Gamanam - moving in the right direction



*A gender training session in progress at AF-EC Anantapur.*



*Monthly meeting of Gamanam at the A.F. Ecology Centre in Anantapur.*

Gamanam is a forum providing opportunity to all women employees of the AF-EC to brainstorm their special needs for being at par with their male counterparts. Enhancing the skills or capacity building of women staff is deliberated at Gamanam. It also provides an input in policy design for creating woman leadership in the AF-EC. Support essential for making women excel in their own field of expertise/work, is discussed every month when the members meet. Utilising the matured advice of former RDT Director Women Doreen Reddy, convenor H. Rizwana holds interactive sessions for making women employees aware of their rights and responsibilities on all issues concerning them. It makes efforts to help all women take an active role in the programmes /projects initiated by the AF-EC so that they get equal opportunity. Specific gender issues in the organisation are brought up to find tangible solutions as women's rights are human rights. Gamanam is guiding them for self- development and accountability.



# PROJECTS



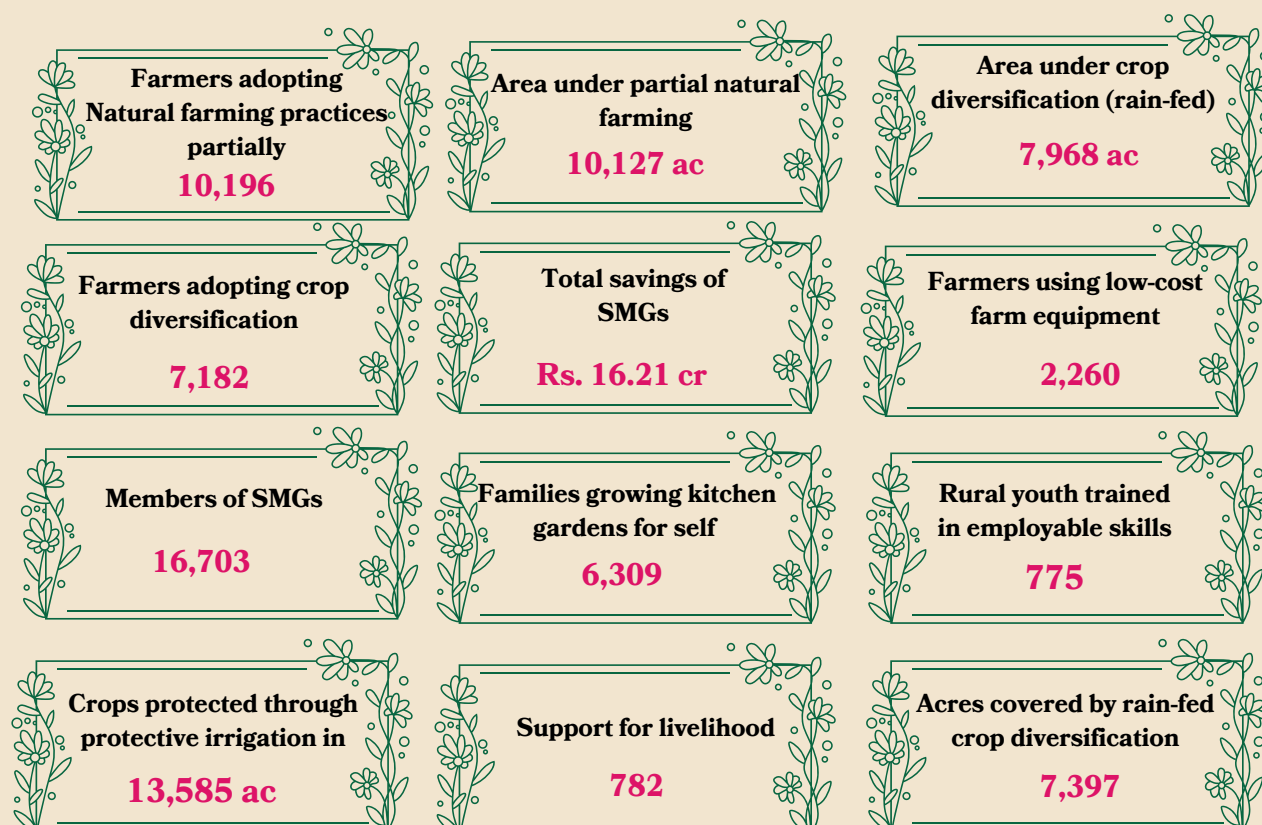
*Kamalamma at her field in Lakshmampalli village of SetturuMandal.*




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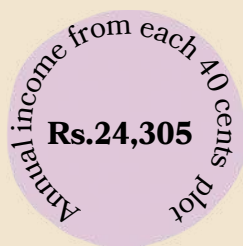
## Sustainable agriculture programme

The Sustainable Agriculture Programme under the Sustainable Agriculture and Diversified Livelihood Programme (SADLP) is the core programme of the AF-EC. The AF-EC works with approximately 17,000 families of small rainfed farmers and farm labourers across 8 revenue Mandals of Anantapur district, to reduce vulnerability to drought and improve livelihood security by reviving rainfed agriculture and diversifying livelihood opportunities while ensuring social and gender equality.



*Sridevi, a woman farmer from Pesarakunta village displays different types of radishes.*





## NHS Plot: Nature's bounty with nutritional security naturally!!

Vasantha Lakshmi and Anand, a couple that believes in the AF-EC's vision of restoring soil health through natural farming practices year-round, has turned model for others. They produce and consume organic food while having nutritional security.

Vasantha Lakshmi's family of four has devoted its time in qualitatively growing 12 different varieties of annual crops of pulses and vegetables to meet their nutritional requirements and earning **Rs.24,305** during the year from the

40 Cents experimental plot. A member of the Akkammagarla Sasya Mitra Group, Vasantha was selected by AF-EC for handholding in raising the plot and the couple invested **Rs.5,450**. For preparation of the beds, soil, and Ghanajeevamrutham Type-2, Vasantha spent Rs.3,000 and grew tomatoes (70kg) and green chillies (150kg), castor (42kg), ladyfinger (10kg), bottle gourd (15kg), pumpkins(30nos), along cucumber (12kg). Spending Rs.1,500 for staking/support and other labour

charges she replaced pesticides with Kashayams and regularly sprayed jeevamrutham worth **Rs.600**. She harvested these crops year-long without any gap and there was income in every season. "The best thing to happen was tremendous improvement in soil quality and now anything grows in a jiffy," says Anand about the outcome of experiment. Success of the plot has led to 3 others in the village to being similar plots. Today it is a mini jungle in corner of farm with agrobiodiversity.



*Vasantha Lakshmi at her Nithya Haritha Sedyam plot at Devadulakonda Village in Kalyandurg Mandal of Anantapur District. This experimental plot of crops grown naturally, round-the-year, has given the family good returns.*





Funders: Mrs. Anupama V. Nadella, USA, Since 2020

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## Alternate Livelihoods Project for rural women

The AF-EC aims to economically empower rural women through the Alternative Livelihoods Project. It is working as a catalyst for social change. During drought years it has enabled families to earn enough to stay put in their villages not resorting to compulsive migration. The ALP proved its mettle in its efficacy with an initial investment of Rs.2,78,60,000 to 3,770 women. Proof of this intervention's success was when crops failed due to adverse climatic conditions in the 2023 Kharif, but none migrated. These women displayed

### Poultry birds distributed for eggs production

**Mandals:** 8  
**Villages:** 175  
**Individuals:** 3,045  
**Entrepreneurs:** 59  
**Chicks:** 18,500  
**Total amount invested by AF-EC:** Rs. 27,61,600  
**17,500 birds laid 83 eggs in 4 months with an average income of Rs.415 per hen.**

power of collective decision-making through their own Sasya Mitra Groups that cumulatively

lent Rs.6,84,45,356 to 5,396 women for other livelihoods in the past four financial years. Each woman got Rs.7,500 from the project with an equal share coming from group savings as initial investment. In the 2023-24 fiscal ALP infused Rs.1,13,94,500 into the entrepreneurial ventures of 1,516 rural women. Funders generously supported the AF-EC's initiative helping 734 rural women access Rs. 54,57,000 from the family of Anupama Nadella and 782 women utilised Rs.59,37,500 from the SADL programme of Bread For The World, this fiscal year.

### Transforming livelihoods....

## Rural women entrepreneurship shines in Yatakal

Women in Yatakal village of Setturu Mandal proved that they have a flair for entrepreneurship by converting a small hand-holding gesture from the AF-EC into a thriving business environment. Alternate Livelihood Project infused Rs.2.85 lakh into five SMGs helping 19 women launch businesses of their liking. This small push enabled 47 women in those groups fulfill their dreams. Within two years they created a corpus of Rs.8.58 that helped 50% of the group members turn self-reliant earning not less than Rs.6,000 a month additionally.



Shamshad's small ruminants at Yatakal being monitored by AF-EC staff.



Devi Veeramma operating her vulcanising shop, while managing poultry hen.

The Yamuna SC Labour Group is one such business incubator in the village which guided many others start their own ventures. Inspired by the group's example, six provision stores, a vulcanising kiosk, rearing of 14 Ram Lambs, milch animals, Saree Shop, a chicken centre, Tailoring shop, flowers and Fast-Food Centre have come up and are flourishing. Yamuna Group has 18 members and 12 out of them are earning an additional amount of **Rs.6,500** a month on an average. While the first four members in the group got **Rs.30,000** (Rs.7,500 each), now it has multiplied to **Rs.3.30 lakh** (12 members).



## Perfect mix of rural enterprise keeps Akkamma afloat high!

Not taking a blind bet only on rainfed agriculture on **5** acres of land, she owns at Varimadugu village in Rapthadu Mandal, Cherla Akkamma, **38**, listened to the AFEC advice, began Ram Lamb rearing taking a loan of Rs.12,000 from Bhairavasamy Sasya Mithra Group and repaid the amount within 4 months earning a handsome Rs.8,000. While the 4-month cycle continued in lamb-rearing, she also invested in a chicken centre rearing poultry birds in a small cage at home, which is a regular revenue generator with at least Rs.600 getting generated every alternate day. She approached the group for another Rs.10,000 and invested it in a Tyres-inflator-cum-vulcanizing set up for her spouse Mutyalappa, raking in a minimum of Rs.1,000 a day. Mother of two sons, Akkamma chose to get an autorickshaw for her elder son, who is a college dropout. Transporting goods and people to nearby towns and villages, he brings home Rs.700



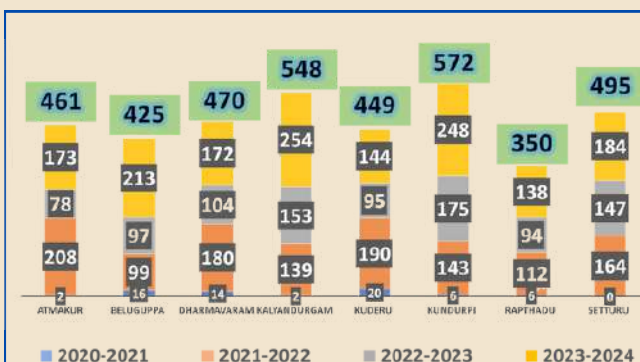
*Akkamma, a shining example of rural woman entrepreneurship*

a day after all expenses met. Taking inputs on rainfed agriculture through the group, she sowed a mixed crop of castor, groundnut, red gram, green gram and sesame during early rains. She

added maize and millets to the crop bouquet earning Rs.40,000 a year. Overall, the family now earns not less than Rs.1,25,000 and occasionally raking in more during festive seasons.

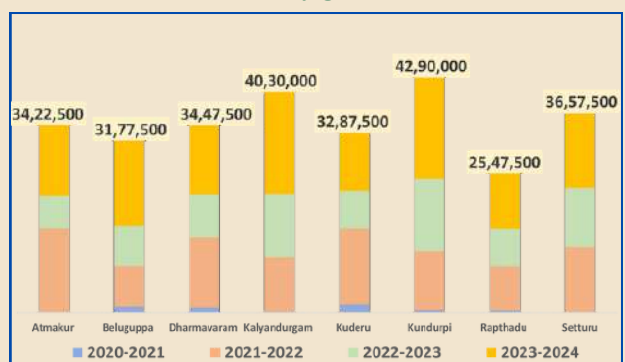
## How did the ALP impact rural people?

**Number of women assisted**



Mandal-wise number of women assisted, year-wise between (2020-2024) depicted in different colours.

**Quantum of money given to women**



Mandal-wise amount of assistance to rural women every year between (2020-2024) shown in different colours.



Funders: Bread for the World, since 2015

## Accion Fraterna Youth Resource Centre

The Accion Fraterna Youth Resource Centre (AFYRC) aims to create better employment opportunities for educated and under-educated rural youth, to expand the income sources of drought-affected farming communities and improve their livelihood security. Offering tailor-made skill trainings to confidence-deficient rural youth, the AFYRC

trains them in vocational and life skills and supports in obtaining employment or starting their own enterprise.

Range of skills training starts from the simple house electrical wiring to two-wheeler repair mechanism, extending up to driving lessons in four-wheeler light motor vehicles. For those aspiring to drive large vehicles a qualitative

Heavy Motor Vehicle driving training is imparted at its 'state-of-the-art' facility with all its nuances.

Not stopping at that it holds job fairs and provides placement assistance or transition support to the youth.

Some of the best companies, and recruiters from all over the country root for the talent produced at the AFYRC in several batches round-the-year.



By leveraging new skills **775** youth were trained in seven trades; **468** placed in various jobs through a selection process and each trained youth is earning between **Rs.12,000** and **Rs.30,000** monthly on an average. In all the AFYRC

conducted **13** job fairs in which **12** firms participated, **335** trained youth were placed with a monthly salary between **Rs. 8,000** and **Rs. 25,000**. The AFYRC's short-term vocational courses are in demand at it has well-equipped skills training centres at

Anantapur and Kalyandurg. Besides enhancing technical skills, it helps in personality development. Trains in work culture, spoken English, and interviews-facing skills. Awareness on customer care, first aid and AIDS is created.

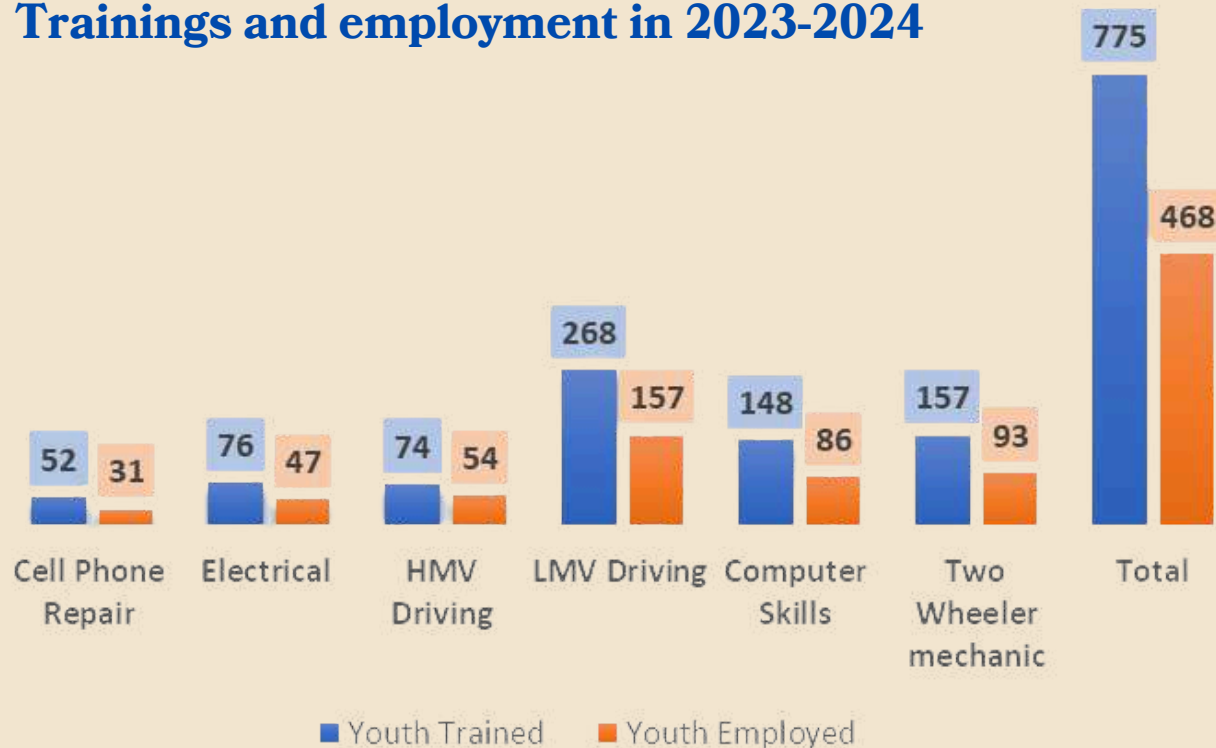


## How we helped the youth fare better



*Youth trained in basics of computers, and raring to go, display job offers by a company.*

### Trainings and employment in 2023-2024



## Stories filled with hope

### Journey from a struggler to a professional and an employer

Nagaraju, a 28-year-old, dropout struggled to find a stable job or manage family with a meagre **Rs.9,000** a month due to lack skills. He joined the House Electrician course at the AFYRC.

“I acquired the motor winding and appliances repair skills in addition to house wiring and began working on my own. Within no time I could employ two others and give them training myself to expand my business,” Nagaraju tells proudly. Hailing from backward Beluguppa Mandal, he now earns **Rs.25,000** a month, enough to support his family and look after his parents.

He is indebted to the teachers at the AF-EC as the qualitative practical knowledge he could acquire was ‘priceless’ in his opinion.



*Beluguppa resident Nagaraju, benefits from quality training*

### Youth Centre infuses self-reliance in her bringing additional income



*Lalitha at work in Vishala Ferrer Mahila Society Bank.*

Coordinator at Kuderu-based Vishala Ferrer Mahila Society Bank, Lalitha, manages the record-keeping on computer employing the skills she gained in Tally and Microsoft Office suit during her training at the A.F.Y.C. She used to earn **Rs.5,000** a month teaching student at home before joining the AFYRC. Communication skills, personality development and Life Skills, enhanced her confidence levels to take up any job challenge she faces at the Mahila Society next to her house in own village and gets paid **Rs.12,000** a month in addition to other incomes.

“Currently, I am serving as a coordinator, managing operations and record-keeping tasks utilising the soft skills I learnt. I take pride in my self-reliance in managing my work,” says Lalitha with satisfaction.

### Heavy Motor Vehicle driving skills land him professional job

Manjunath, a part-time driver from Kalyandurg, had been longing to get into professional heavy vehicle driving, but prohibitive training cost kept him away. With the heavily subsidised 45-day HMV driving course at the AF Youth Resource Centre, his dream came true, and he landed a job in the 108 Ambulance service in Anantapur. From an uncertain monthly income, he progressed to having a stable job with **Rs.15,000** salary in addition to other allowances. He is indebted to trainer Rafi and A.F. Ecology Director Y.V. Malla Reddy for the training. The Red Cross provided the first aid training, a blessing in disguise for him to land the Ambulance Driver job. “A sense of satisfaction is there whenever I save a life,” he adds.



*108 Ambulance Driver Manjunath from Kalyandurg.*





Funders: Say Trees Environment Trust  
Bengaluru, Since July 2022

## Agroecology Programme



V. Neelamma, a resident of Singhampalli Thanda in Atmakur Mandal attending to farm work.

Promotion of the five-layer cropping model aims to encourage farmers to shift from mono cropping practices to a mix of native annual and fruit-tree crops. This model, which focuses on crop diversity helps create a nature-positive microenvironment by reducing temperatures, minimizing evaporation, and sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. It boosts biodiversity and biologically controls pests and diseases. Rejuvenates soil fertility by ensuring soil coverage with year-round shading. By optimally utilising space, soil and sunlight the model enhances farm productivity. It helps farmers with crops like food, fruits, fodder, timber and biomass for consistent income round the year. Farmers can earn between **Rs.50,000** and **Rs.70,000** per acre annually after 4 to 5 years. In the adoption of agroecology principles major fruit crops selected for planting are Mango, Jamun, Guava/Amla.

257

Practicing Farmers

Area sown in acres

910

45

in villages

Saplings planted (Lakhs)

1.81

- **The farm may generate income from carbon in future.**
- Vegetables cultivated between tree rows using drip irrigation system helps earn **Rs.10,000** per year.
- **Being implemented in 8 mandals of Anantapur and Sri Satya Sai Districts.**

### Reaping the first income

A votary of natural farming, V. Neelamma, a resident of Singhampalli Thanda in Atmakur Mandal, converted her six-acre land into an agroecology plot adopting the five-layer model suggested by the AF-EC. Taking her task very seriously, she comes to the farm at 6 a.m. and tends to each sapling planted about a year ago and ensures there is live mulching at the root of every fruit tree planted there. Mango, Jamun (Black Plum) and Guava saplings have been provided with stable support through staking. Not deviating from SoP rulebook,

she grew Redgram as intercrop ahead of kharif and planted tomatoes and jowar wherever she found space to keep the land covered and reap the first income. Preparing jeevamrutham and other bio fertilizers on her own plot with help from husband Govind Naik, she ensures the tree growth is proper. Second son chips in with some manual work and coordinating purchases from the nearby town or fixing the network of drip irrigation. The family reaped 3 quintals of redgram in 2 acres of land as intercrop earning **Rs.21,000**.





Funders: Azim Premji Foundation

## Community Natural Farming Project



*Ghanajeevamrutham being prepared at Gollapalli in Rapthadu Mandal.*

The Community Natural Farming project was introduced with an aim to convert chemical-intensive, high-technology, high-cost, farming into agroecology-based natural farming practices, which helped realize premium price for the produce compared to that of normal farmers. This experiment by AF-EC helped influence other farmers from the same villages to take up Natural farming.

Total farmers engaged  
**9,941**

Farmers following Multi-Cropping system **1,562**

Kitchen Gardens promoted  
**1,420**

Bio-Resource Centres Established  
**12**

Natural Farming done in acres  
**7,300**

Farmers Fully Converted into Natural Farming **1,094**

Farmers partially adopted Natural Farming **2,150**

4 Rainfed Farmers' Cooperatives formed with **520** Shareholders

Cow Urine Pits constructed  
**143**

Participatory Guarantee System  
**172**  
Farmers enrolled

### Natural farming transforms their lives

From sinking **Rs.1.20 lakh** per acre on chemical fertilizers/pesticides for growing tomatoes and groundnut, Rekhamma and husband Anjina Reddy of Yarraborepally in Settur Mandal moved to Natural Farming reaping profits. Spending just **Rs. 25,000** an acre on Tomatoes, Maize, Ragi, Jowar, Radish, Okra, and marigold in addition to groundnut they rake in **Rs.6.78 lakh** a year adopting integrated natural farming methods. A member of the AF-EC promoted Bharat SMG, Rekhamma was inspired by the expert advice on making use of dung and urine

of 5 milch animals they possess for integrated farming and adopted the practice to earn **Rs.1.3 lakh** from crops in a year in addition to **Rs. 3 lakh** from milk. The increased natural manure demand adds **Rs.50,000** to family income after fulfilling their farming needs on 3 acres. Poultry and small ruminants **Rs.28,000 to Rs.30,000** annually. 30 tamarind trees annually help them earn Rs.80,000 to Rs.1.50 lakh annually. Backyard vegetables garden balances family nutrition need and brings in Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 a month.



*Anjanna Reddy and Rekhamma busy at their farm in Yerraborepalli*





## ACORN - Carbon sequestration programme

This Agroforestry CRUs for the Organic Restoration of Nature (ACORN) project is being implemented in 15 revenue Mandals of Anantapur and Sri Satya Sai Districts. In all, 8,174 farmers have been onboarded cumulatively on the carbon sequestration project, covering 10,108 hectares of agroforestry land.

***For the convenience of implementation of the project, three project councils started functioning, and 390 council members were identified, with each member keeping in touch with 30 onboarded farmers in their villages.***

Representatives of Niras Alecia Foundation Jitendra Sinha and Vithal R. Karoshi conducted social audit. Another team from Preferred By Nature conducted Third-Party verification with Tarabus Ondrej, Joirs Bens and Sofia Joseph visiting farmers' plots. From the trees grown on these lands 2,189 tradable Carbon Removable Units (CRUs) were generated but not traded so far.



*K. Subbamma planting a sapling on her plot in Goridindla village of Atmakur Mandal.*

**Carbon Removable Units generated 2,189**

**Agroforestry model adopted by 1,700 farmers**

**Farmers onboarded on ACORN platform - 8,174**

**Forest species seeds given to 7,000 farmers for conversion to Agroecology**

**Area covered under ACORN programme 10,108 hectares**



*A farmer's plot in ACORN Project being verified as part of social audit at Cherlopalli in Settur Mandal.*



## Agriculture value chain development through FPOs

The AF-EC has actively promoted **16** Farmer Producer Organizations (**6** supported by NABARD), **1** by the NCDC, and **4** by the ICRISAT. These FPOs in addition to doing input and output business, ran four Primary Processing Centres for de-shelling and grading groundnut. The FPOs did Rs.2.50 crore business in farmers' implements and other essentials like:

Sprayers (Mechanical and Battery Operated)  
 Sprinkler Pipes  
 Tarpaulins; PVC pipes  
 Cattle Fodder  
 Rice; Neem Soap  
 Yellow Boards; Sickles  
 Digging equipment  
 Seeds (Red gram & Castor)  
 Drip pipes network

Rythu Angadis (Farmers' Shops) are a big hit at 12 places with input essentials available. Groceries are also sold at those places.

Shareholders :**8,107**  
 Women **77%**  
 Men **23%**

FPOs Share Capital:  
**Rs. 81.07 lakh**  
 New Members: **700**

**4** Primary Processing Centres  
**18 MTs per day Capacity**  
**3 MTs RNFPCL Factory**

Business done: **Rs. 4.82 cr.**  
 Farmer Shops: **Rs.2.50 cr.**  
 Output sale: **Rs. 2.32 cr.**



**MILLETS MELA:** AF-EC actively promoted millets in Anantapur by holding 3-day **Millets Mela-2024** at Anantapur Arts College Ground in January 2024. RNFPCL displayed its Anantha Samruddhi products at the Mela. Seventeen other Non-Governmental Organisations too participated in it displaying their products. More than a lakh of people visited the trade fair from Jan 20 to 22.

### Anantha Samruddhi is born

The manufacturing of millets-based ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat processed food began at Rythu Nestham Food Producer Company Limited (RNFPCL) factory at Muddalapuram. The facility owned by a federation of 9 FPOs, began operating in this fiscal under **Anantha Samruddhi** brand name and the promoters **ICRISAT** completely exited from the project on January 31, 2024. Jowar and Ragi-based Cookies and Nutrimixes along with Groundnut Chikkies were placed in select stores in Anantapur for sale. It displayed the products at three major exhibitions in Anantapur and Bengaluru.



Anantapur Joint Collector Ketan Garg looking at the dual cone nutrimix blender at the RNFPCL factory at Muddalapuram in Kuderu Mandal.



## An FPO turning into an astute social enterprise...

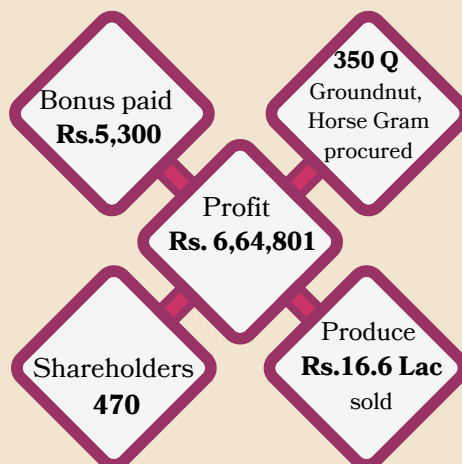
### — story of Pragathi FPO

Aimed at helping the farming community reduce the ever-increasing cost of agriculture and by grouping them into a well-meaning social enterprise, the Pragathi Farmer Producer Organisation set an example for others by procuring produce from its members at the right price to earn profits.

Five women farmers from as many villages led by Board of Director Mangali Radhamma play a key role in identifying quality crops/farm produce with potential for sale or by storing it for reasonable time to get good returns.

Kuruba Maniamma from Avulenna village alerts staff at Pragathi FPO (promoted by A.F. Ecology Centre) on the availability of groundnut and horse gram. She collects prices daily from surrounding business hubs to strategically store or sell produce to earn good profits. The **12 BoDs** take collective decision on behalf of the stakeholders, and it has resulted in

### Pragathi's progress in numbers



the FPO earning a profit of **Rs. 6,64,801** during the 2023-24 fiscal.

Stakeholder farmers come together at Venkatadripalli for monthly meetings on key business decisions and BoDs ensure there is nothing hidden from farmers. Active BoDs like Y. Saroja Lakshmi, U. Narsimhulu and S Govinda Naik mobilise members with ease now for meetings as the farmers' confidence levels are high. They get right quality of input material at affordable price from the FPO's shop.

Able supported by the NABARD District Development Manager Anuradha, the FPO Chief Executive Officer Gujjula Harish ensures all problems are resolved at the BoD meetings by creating cordial relations. Enrolling new stakeholders turned easy and the numbers went up from 335 in April 1, 2023, to 470 by March 31, 2024. The FPO got Trade and Seed licences and sold worth **Rs.16,59,55**. Managing accounts transparently improved members confidence levels.

The FPO had disbursed a token bonus of Rs.800 to three shareholders initially and later the final audited net profit helped FPO give a bonus of **Rs.4,500** to five farmers.

A decision on declaring dividend to all shareholders is being contemplated.

With the help of State Government officials, the FPO helped stakeholders derive benefits from all government schemes.



Rythu Angadi of Pragathi Rythu Utpathidarula Parspara Sahayaka Sahakara Sangham Ltd. at Venkatadripalli.

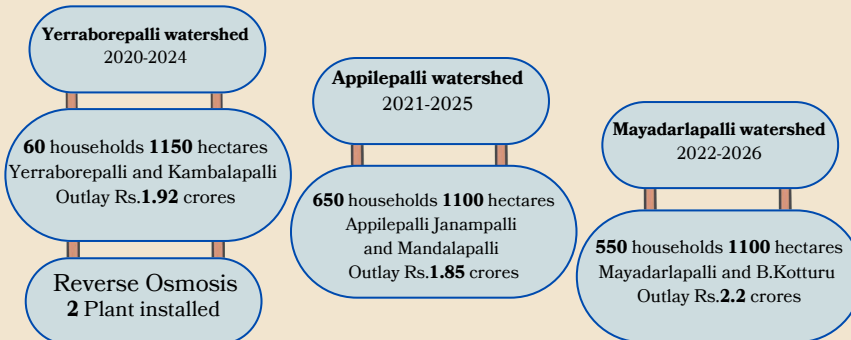


Funders: NABARD, 2020 to 2026

## Participatory watershed development projects (Funded by NABARD)

The AF-EC is facilitating the implementation of three participatory watershed Development projects designed to upgrade natural resource quality through rainwater harvesting, gully treatment, farm forestry, Dryland Horticulture with indigenous fruit trees, fodder development, diversified climate-resilient cropping choices, crop rotation and natural farming. Also, social fencing and seed dibbling in common lands. These measures help improve the carrying capacity of degraded lands by conserving topsoil, improving surface water storage, reviving groundwater storage,

### What did we achieve and the way forward



### People's participation is the key to sustainable watershed development

enhancing the quality of land under irrigation and improving soil organic carbon and crop productivity in a micro-watershed.

Project planning, implementation and funds management lies with Village Watershed Development

Committees, which are representative groups, unanimously selected by the Grama Sabhas and registered under the Societies Registration Act.

Project funds are credited to the Village Watershed Development Committees by the NABARD.



Check-dam constructed by the AF-EC impounds water at Yerraborepalli village in Settur Mandal of Anantapur district.



## Impact of watershed projects



Farm pond dug at Appilepalli watershed project impact area helping provide critical irrigation to mango plantation.

Fruit tree saplings planted  
5500 + 8000 = 13500

Farmers benefitted  
430 + 271 = 701

Check Dams constructed  
9 + 5 = 15

Borewells recharged  
270 + 180 = 450

For women's development  
₹13.50 L + ₹15.15 L = ₹28.65 Lakh

Current turnover  
₹35 L + ₹25 L = ₹60 Lakh

Acres newly cultivated  
90 + 100 = 190

People benefited  
1276 + 800 = 2076

Farm ponds executed  
8 + 5 = 13

Till 2023  
March

In 2023-24

Till 2024  
March

## Compulsive migration halts at Appilepalli

Migration for livelihood from **Appilepalli** to Bengaluru has been very common, but with the AF-EC's watershed project implementation with financial support from the NABARD, at least **60 to 70** persons stayed put in Appilepalli, Mandalapalli and Janampalli villages. Women of Mandalapalli, who used to walk 5 km daily for safe drinking water, now get clean water from an Reverse Osmosis plant next door. The earthen works for farm bunding, gully plugs and farm ponds in these villages helped create 60 to 70 man-days every day providing much-needed livelihoods for locals.

**Yerraborepalli** in Settur Mandal, an obscure village, did not have proper clean drinking water, but the RO plant as part of NABARD Watershed Project changed the lifestyle of **1,276** people. The watershed benefitted **330** farmers as their borewells got recharged.

Safe drinking water even for cattle was now guaranteed says NABARD District Development Manager

Anuradha. Livelihoods support for women helped them rotate **Rs.13.50** lakh among the group members to **Rs.35 lakh**.

Agricultural activities got a boost with additional land brought under

cultivation by removing bunds. About 70 acres of new fallows were brought under cultivation due to borewell recharges. Digging **8** new farm ponds helped **5,500** new mango saplings survive in the watershed area.



Anantapur NABARD District Development Manager Anuradha inspecting the Watershed Project works at Yerraborepalli.



## Accion Fraterna Biogas CDM Project

The biogas CDM project is an ongoing climate change mitigation project started in October 2014. Project was financed by InterGlobe Aviation Pvt. Ltd.(IndiGo) through the forward sale of **66,523** yet-to-be-generated GS CERs (Gold Standard Carbon Emission Reductions) in advance to the Fair Climate Network (FCN) for **Rs. 8.5** crore and **Rs. 8.99** crore have been received and spent on the project. The AF-EC registered this project under the Kyoto Protocol, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) with the UNFCCC. Under the project as of 31 March 2024, in 169 villages 3,356 rural women of

Biogas units built  
**3,459**

Number of Villages  
**169**

Functionality of units  
**93%**

Problems fixed  
**4,071 out of 4,472**

Number of days used  
**87,25,765**

Verified CERS Generated  
**90,126**

Anantapur district built 3,459 domestic Biogas units near their kitchens. They have, in effect, switched over to renewable energy and avoided firewood.

Three mandatory third-party verifications have been conducted by the UNFCCC-accredited carbon auditors. The last being in mid-2023. Of the **90,126** tCO<sub>2</sub>-e generated as of today, **54,593** have already been verified and retired in the Gold Standard Registry, acknowledging the contribution of IndiGo passengers.





# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



*A juvenile Baya Weaver at Y. Kothapalli village in Atmakur Mandal.*



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To,  
The Board of Management ( Trustees ) of M/s Accion Fraterna

### Opinion :-

We have Audited the accompanying Financial statements of M/s Accion Fraterna which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and Income and Expenditure Account for the period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other Explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the Accounting principles generally accepted in India

- In case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs as at March 31, 2024
- In case of Income & Expenditure Account, the Excess of Income over the Expenditure Account.

### Basis for Opinion :-

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

### Responsibilities of Management and Board of Trustees for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these Financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Trust in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India for Non-Profit-Organizations. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material statement, whether due to fraud or error.



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In preparing the Financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Trust'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 the management either intends to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

**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 SAs 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 SAs, 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. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013, we are not responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the company has adequate internal financial controls system in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



*G. Jazeeh*



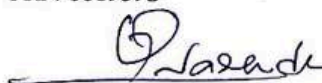
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- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's 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 Company 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.

Materiality is the magnitude of the misstatements in the financial statements that individually or in aggregate makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonable knowledgeable user of the Financial statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the financial statements.

We communicate with the board of trustees regarding, among the 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 our Audit.

For Mahesh, Virender & Sriram  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN 001939S



NAGENDRA DANDU  
Partner

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Place: Hyderabad

Date: 29.09.2024.




**ACCION FRATERNA**  
**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024**

RECEIPTS	SCHEDULES	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	SCHEDULES	AMOUNT
		(In Rs.)			(In Rs.)
To Opening Balance:	SCH- I	-	By Ecology Programme	SCH-VIII- A	92,552,386.96
Cash:		-			-
Bank:		23,220,156.64	By Administration	SCH-VIII- B	19,154,309.47
Opening Balances Subsidiary accounts :	SCH- I-A	38,108.69			-
To Grants Received : General Grants	SCH- II	-	By Capital Expenditure	SCH-VIII- C	3,983,944.00
(a) Foreign -Direct :		57,025,933.00			-
To Grants Received : Specific Grants		-	By Rev.Exp.-Other Liabilities	SCH-VIII- D	11,263,056.78
		-	Health Subsidy fund		1,911,156.00
		-	Gratuity & Welfare Fund		252,163.00
(a) Foreign -2nd receiptent		-	By Expenditure related to Consultancy Services	SCH-VIII- E	-
(b) Local Government / Donor Grants :		23,254,527.00	By Specific Grants - Refunds	SCH VIII F	-
Donation		-	By Advances:	SCH- VI	-
To Consultancy Services	SCH- II-A	-	Advances to other programmes:		27,930,000.00
		-	Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)		1,928,989.00
To Beneficiary Contributions:	SCH- III	-	Provident Fund (PF)		-
		-	Other Advances		-
To Other Receipts/Income	SCH- IV	-	Accounts receivables, other party		49,793.00
Interest		15,574,705.44	Program Advances		14,606,393.14
Income from Plant Sales		19,720.00	Staff Salary Advances		2,311,012.00
Sale of Asset- Lorry		190,000.00	receivables- Program Advance-Revolving Fund		-
Income from Training centre fees		6,218,431.94	By Fixed Deposits/Investments	SCH- VII	-
Income on Investments & Others		222,503.48	Bank Investments:		244,398,940.00
Inter Project Transfers	SCH VI A	820,000.00	Gratuity & Welfare		155,516.48
To Other Receipts/Liabilities	SCH- V	-	Fixed deposits, Corpus fund		325,600.00
Project Internal Transfers		-	Health Subsidy		10,401,351.00
Health Subsidy		711,448.00	Driving school Deposits		3,273,641.00
Gratuity & Welfare		1,300,297.00	Earnest money deposit		-
Performance Incentive		-	Other Security Deposits		-
Current Liabilities Statutory Payments		11,788,791.43	Inter Project Transfers		-
EMD Earnest Money Deposit		-			-
To Advances:	SCH- VI	-	By Inter Project Transfer	SCH-VI A	820,000.00
Advances from other programs		27,931,500.00	Donation Repayment		-
Tax Deducted at Source (TDS)		-	By Closing Balances:		-
Sales Tax		-	Cash:		-
Provident Fund (PF)		-	Bank:		21,218,160.86
Accounts receivables, other party		31,224.00	Closing Balances Subsidiary accounts :	SCH-I A	6,993.69
Program Advances		13,306,391.76			-
Staff Salary Advances / Payables		2,527,236.00			-
Accounts Receivable - Program		-			-
To Fixed Deposits/Investments	SCH- VII	-			-
Bank - Investments :		255,881,187.00			-
Gratuity & Welfare		-			-
Health Subsidy		9,879,536.00			-
Driving School		6,601,709.00			-
Security Deposit		-			-
To Sale of Assets		-			-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>456,543,406.38</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>456,543,406.38</b>

  
T David Soloman  
Head - Finance

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: 29-09-2024

  
Dr. Y. V. Malla Reddy  
Chief Functionary and Director



As per our report of even date attached  
For Mahesh Verender & Sriram  
Chartered Accountants (Reg no. 8019395)  
(Nagendra Dandu)  
Partner  
M.No.242172



**ACCION FRATERNA****INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024**

EXPENDITURE	SCHEDULES	AMOUNT (INR) (In Rs.)	INCOME	SCHEDULE S	AMOUNT (INR) (In Rs.)
<u>To Ecology Programme</u>	SCH-VIII- A	92,552,386.96	<u>By Grants Received :</u>	SCH- II	
<u>To Administration</u>	SCH-VIII- B	19,154,309.47	(a) Foreign :		57,025,933.00
		-	(a) Foreign -2nd receiptent		-
To Specific grant to the extent utilisation during the year - Program	SCH- X-D	-	(b) Local Government / Donor Grants :		23,254,527.00
To Specific grant to the extent utilisation during the year - Administration		-			-
		-	By Specific grant to the extent utilisation during the year - Program	SCH- X-D	-
<u>To Expenditure related to Consultancy Services</u>	SCH-VIII- E	-	By Specific grant to the extent utilisation during the year - Administration		-
<u>To Inter project Expenditure</u>	SCH VI A	820,000.00	<u>By Consultancy Services</u>	SCH- II-A	-
		-			-
<u>To Depreciation</u>	SCH-IX-C	3,374,147.29	<u>By Beneficiary Contributions:</u>	SCH- III	-
		-			-
To Excess Expenditure over Income transferred to B/S ( General Fund A/c )		(12,575,022.86)	By Inter Project Income	SCH-VI A	820,000.00
			By Other Receipts/Income	SCH- IV	-
			Interest		15,641,692.44
			Short Term & Long Term Gains / Other Receipts:		175,236.48
			Income from Training Centre Fees		6,218,431.94
			Profit on sale of Asset(Lorry)		190,000.00
			By Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to B/S ( General Fund A/c )	SCH-X-A	-
<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>		<b>103,325,820.86</b>	<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>		<b>103,325,820.86</b>

  
T David Solomon  
Head - Finance

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: 29-09-2024



  
Y. V. Malla Reddy  
Secretary and Director

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(Nagendra Danda)  
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**ACCION FRATERNA**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2024**

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULES	AMOUNT	ASSETS	SCHEDULES	AMOUNT
		(In Rs.)			(In Rs.)
<u>GENERAL &amp; CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT:</u>	SCH - X - A		<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>		
General Fund :		257,392,053.31	<u>CLOSING BALANCE:</u>	SCH - I	
Capital Fund :		138,767,142.48	Cash :		
Driving School Fund:		4,448,394.00	Bank :		21,218,160.86
Corpus Fund		325,600.00	Bank :	SCH - I A	6,993.69
<u>GRATUITY &amp; HEALTH FUND ACCOUNT:</u>	SCH - X - B	-			-
Gratuity & Welfare Fund:		8,643,239.81	<u>DEPOSITS / INVESTMENTS:</u>	SCH - IX - A	-
Staff Health Subsidy Fund:		9,258,069.00	General Deposits		228,668,622.00
Staff Performance incentive Fund:		-	Gratuity Fund Investments		13,147,952.46
		-	Health Subsidy Deposits		10,401,352.00
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES / ADVANCES</u>	SCH - X - C	7,302,164.60	Driving School Deposits		3,273,641.00
Others		-	Other Security Deposits		35,950.00
		-			-
<u>Unspent SPECIFIC GRANTS</u>	SCH - X-D	996,915.00	<u>SPECIFIC GRANTS RECEIVABLE</u>	SCH - X-D	1,657,344.00
		-			-
		-	<u>ADVANCES:</u>	SCH - IX - B	-
		-	Advances to Other Programmes		4,203,500.00
		-	Accounts Receivable - TDS		3,281,360.00
		-	Accounts Receivable - Provident Fund		734.00
		-	Program Advances		2,349,675.38
		-	Accounts receivable_Other party		13,790.00
		-	Program Advance-Revolving Fund		45,864.00
		-	Salary Advances		61,495.31
		-	Sundry Debtors		-
		-	<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>	SCH - IX - C	138,767,143.50
		-			-
Inter Project Loans (Eliminations)		-	Inter Project Loans (Eliminations)		-
		-			-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>427,133,578.20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>427,133,578.20</b>

  
T David Solomon  
Head - Finance

  
Dr. Y. V. Malla Reddy  
Chief Functionary and Director

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Programme Funds received directly by Community Based Organizatons, facilitated by Accion Fraterna for the Financial Year 2023-24			
S.no	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Details
1	Mobilization of Community Savings (SMG's) FY 2023-24	41,573,178	SMG savings and additions in FY 2023-24
2	FPO wise Grant received for FY 2023-24		
	Kalyandurgam Mandala Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	56,125,000	1. The Government will construct a primary agri-processing unit and hand it over to Kalyandurgam FPO. The construction work is in progress. The cost of Primary Processing Unit Rs: 5.5 crs (APFPS) 2. A Collection center Rs.11,25,000 (Horticulture Dept.) is completed and handed over to Kundurpi Mandala RUMCS.
	Kundurpi Mandala Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	55,000,000	The Government will construct a primary agri-processing unit and hand it over to Kundurpi FPO. The construction work is in progress. The cost of Primary Processing Unit Rs: 5.5 crs (APFPS) Rs: 5.5 crs
	Bhumatha Mahila Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	746,532	APMAS/AGEEWA grant for Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) and office mataitnace
	Pragathi Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	632,000	NABARD grant for office mataitnace and CEO Salary purpose
	Sramajeevana Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	632,000	NABARD grant for office mataitnace and CEO Salary purpose
	Sasyamitra Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	940,000	NABARD Management grant Rs. 6,32,000/- NABARD Equity grant Rs.3,08,000/-
	Rapthadu Mandala Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	937,500	Solar cold Room (Horticulture Dept., ATP)
	Kuderu Mandala Rythu Uthpattidarula Mututally Aided Cooperative Socceity	937,500	Solar cold Room (Horticulture Dept., ATP)
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>115,950,532</b>	
3	<b>NABARD Funding: Watershed wise Grant received by The Village Watershed Development Committees for FY 2023-24</b>		
	Yerraborepalli Village Watershed Development Committee	3,860,853	Village Watershed Development Commiittee and Maintenance Fund
	Appilepalli Village Watershed Development Committee	6,637,167	Village Watershed Development Commiittee, Livelihoods and Maintenance Fund
	Mayadarlapalli Village Watershed Development Committee	438,391	Village Watershed Development Commiittee and Livelihoods Fund
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,936,411</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168,460,121</b>	

\* Management costs are received by Accion Fraterna and Programme funds are received by CBO's at field level

  
T David Solomon  
Finance Manager  
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*Sasya Mithra Group members making a rangoli at Mallapuram village in Kalyandurg Mandal.*



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