

UTTAR KSHETRIYA SAMAJ VIKAS KENDRA (UKSKV)

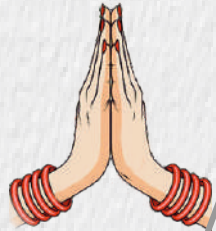
THE NORTHERN REGIONAL FORUM



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



HEARTY WELCOME
DEAR SISTER FUJINCIA BILUNG
New Women Coordinator



FAREWELL
DEAR SISTER MERIN JOSE
Out-going Women Coordinator



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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



As we reflect on the year 2022-23, it gives me immense pleasure to share the Annual Report of UKSVK, an organization deeply committed to social change and the betterment of the common people. This year, our collective efforts have once again reinforced the significance of our social commitment, and I am genuinely proud of the remarkable strides we have made.

Our commitment to the betterment of the common people has been the guiding force behind every action we took this year. It is through the dedication of our Director and staff, and the collective efforts of all involved, that we have been able to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Director, staff, and everyone who has played a part in our initiatives.

I also want to take a moment to express our profound gratitude to our donors. Their generosity has enabled us to reach out to communities in need and provide them with the resources and support they require to build better lives. Their trust and belief in our cause are deeply appreciated.

UKSVK has always placed great importance on the spirit of collaboration and unity in action. In a world where change is often a complex and challenging process, we have seen remarkable transformations occur through our collective efforts.

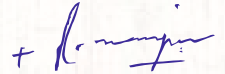
Our social commitment has translated into tangible improvements in the lives of the common people we aim to serve. As we look ahead, we remain

committed to our mission, and we recognize that our journey is far from over.

The challenges that face our society are ever-evolving, but with our continued support and belief in our cause, we are confident that we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who depend on us. We will continue to work towards innovative solutions, improve our strategies, and strive for inclusivity, equity, and justice in all our endeavors.

In conclusion, I would like to express my profound gratitude to each and every one of you who has been a part of our journey. Your support, whether through your time, resources, or expertise, is invaluable in creating a better world for common people.

May God Bless one and all!



† Most Rev. Raphy Manjaly
Archbishop of Agra

“Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.”

Voice of “Pope Francis”

DIRECTOR'S

MESSAGE

“Dear Supporters and Friends of UKSVK.”



I am delighted to present the Annual Report of UKSVK for the year 2022-23, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who

has been a part of our journey. This year has been remarkable in many ways, and it's a testament to the unwavering commitment of our staff, the generosity of our donors, and the relentless pursuit of our mission.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff who have demonstrated exceptional resilience and dedication throughout this year. Their tireless efforts, even in the face of unprecedented challenges, have made all the difference.

I also want to extend our sincere thanks to our donors who have been a vital pillar of support for UKSVK. Their valuable contributions have enabled us to continue our important work, touching the lives of countless marginalized people. Their generosity has brought hope and positive change to those who need it most.

One of the highlights of this year's report is the successful implementation of the "Saffal Project." This initiative has been instrumental in promoting livelihood opportunities for marginalized communities, giving them the tools and resources to build a better future. We have witnessed the transformation of lives, and this project's impact is a testament to the meaningful change that can be achieved through collaboration and determination.

Furthermore, I want to underline our commitment to improving our

policies and practices. UKSVK is dedicated to ensuring transparency, accountability and the highest ethical standards in all our endeavors.

Finally, I extend my gratitude to all our diocesan partners. Their collaborative spirit and shared vision are vital to our mission's success. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the marginalized and underserved communities we serve.

In conclusion, the year 2022-23 has been a testament to our collective strength and resilience. With the dedication of our staff, the support of our donors, the encouragement of our Diocesan Partners, UKSVK is poised to create an even more significant impact in the years ahead.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and I look forward to another year of meaningful and transformative work together.



Rev. Fr. Pious Philip
Executive Director of UKSVK

ABOUT US

Uttar Kshetriya Samaj Vikas Kendra, UKSVK, “Northern Regional Forum” is a registered body functioning under the regional Bishop’s Council of the above mentioned Region. The members of UKSVK are the Bishop’s, Diocesan Directors, a Women’s Representative each from twelve Diocese.

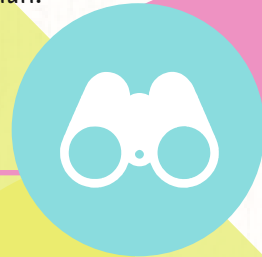
It was originated and got registered in **1988** under the Indian Societies Registration Act (ACT XXI of **1860**), with registration no. **957/1988-89**. It is the forum for social services undertaken in **12** Catholic Dioceses of Agra Ecclesiastical Region of North India. It encompasses the dioceses of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhan.

VISION

“Formation of a society based on the principals, of Peace, Equality and Justice to enjoy the fullness of life.”

MISSION

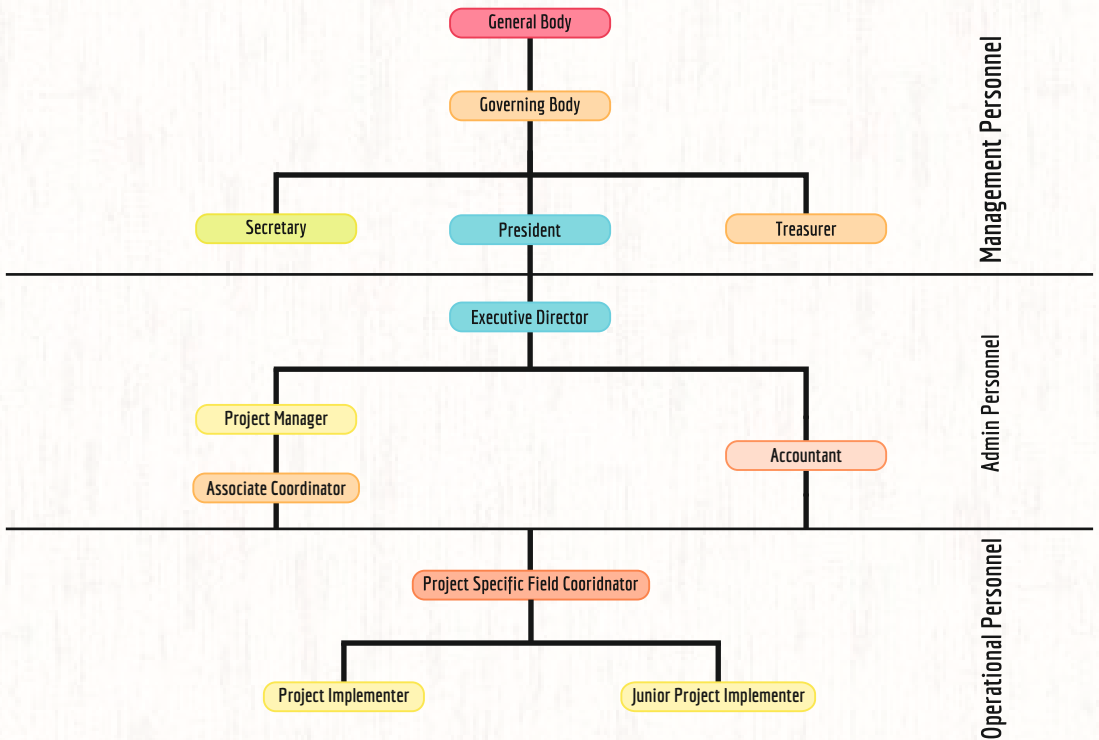
“To commit ourselves to the restoration of human dignity through empowerment and self-reliance.”



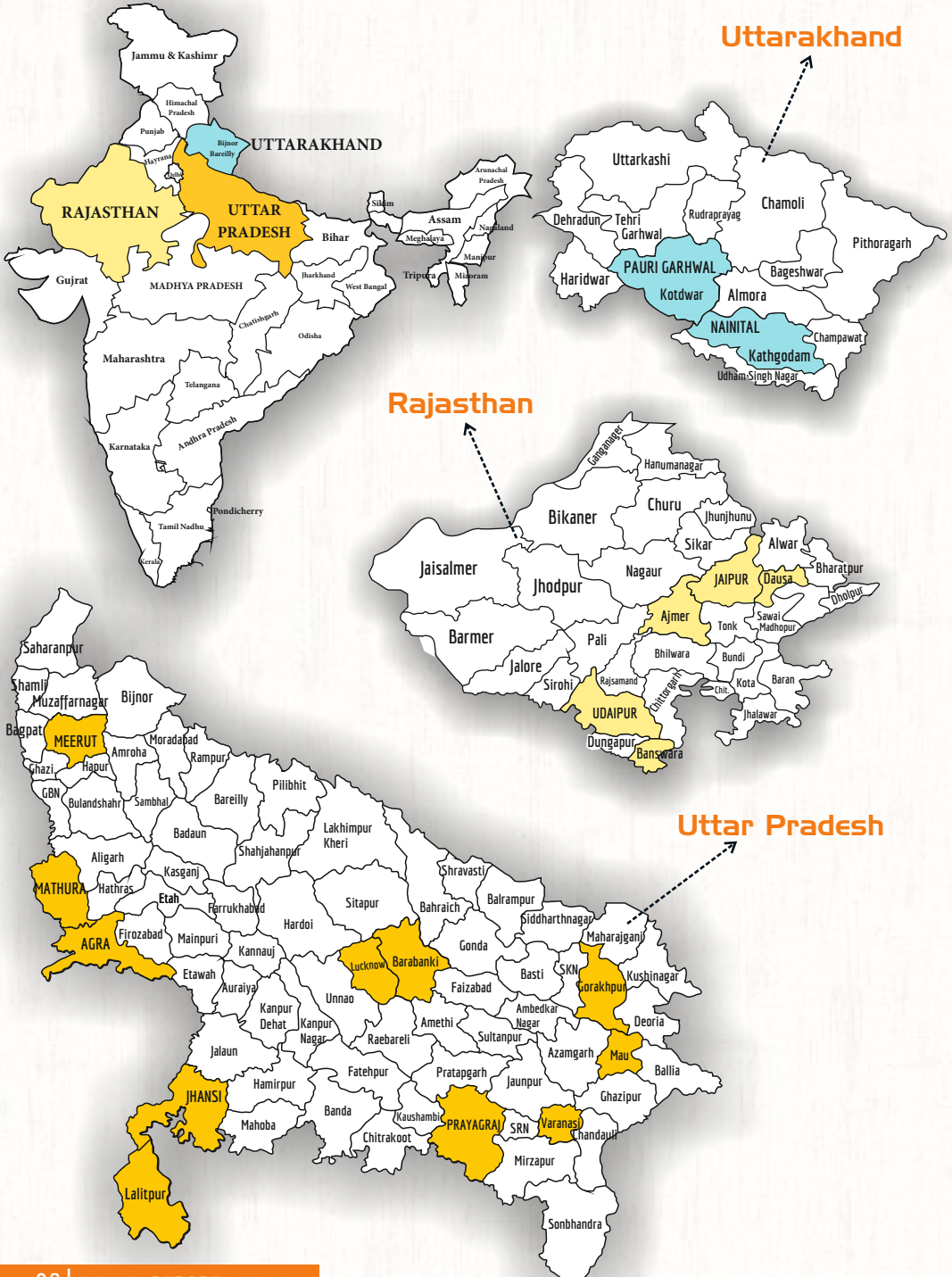
EXPANSION OF UKSVK

- Through different interventions UKSVK has reached out to **17146** marginalized and under privileged families of **12** dioceses in **3** states.
- Like minded NGOs, personnel also come and join hands in the effort of upliftment of the vulnerable section with UKSVK.
- Different departments who are directly working in the project villages are influenced by the impact of the programs and they too contribute in development initiatives by the society.

Organization Structure



OUR WORKING AREA



FOREWORD

As we move forward into another year, UKSVK has engaged in a variety of activities to further our mission and realize our vision. Our approaches and interventions, guided by the principle of uplifting the poor through community participation, have been carefully crafted. We have made sincere efforts to empower people to actively contribute to the development process.

Over the past year, the UKSVK Forum has solidified its position as a regional organization committed to making a meaningful impact on public service. We have reaffirmed our commitment to cooperation and collaboration as key mechanisms for growth

The primary initiatives of the year have revolved around strengthening livelihoods to ensure food security for marginalized communities and connecting them with various social security schemes. Empowering women in livelihood activities has been a focus, ensuring their rights, equal opportunities, and full participation in society through various rights-based interventions. Our project, SAFFAL (Sustainable Options for Uplifting Livelihood), is dedicated to enhancing the livelihoods of marginalized communities through capacity building in farming and non-farming methods, as well as livestock development. We have also established community interest Groups (CIGs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Development Committees (VDCs) in project areas, linking them with financial institutions for income-generating activities.

Development parameters are dynamic, and while it can be challenging, it is not impossible to turn concepts into action. Our organization always seeks convergence rather than fallout. The activities we undertake, or plan to undertake, mark not the end, nor even the beginning of the end, but the end

of the beginning. We are committed to achieving better results in the future through our ongoing interventions.

This year has showcased the socioeconomic impact on farming families in **12** districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. We have harnessed technology to improve crop cultivation and livestock production, resulting in increased income for these families. The project has underscored the importance of capacity building and institution development among rural women as a critical factor for sustainable economic growth within communities.

As we present this Annual Report with great pleasure and pride, we extend our sincere gratitude to all individuals, well-wishers, friends, government agencies, and other who have supported us with guidance, grants, suggestions, technical expertise, and non-technical knowledge. We owe a special debt of gratitude to those with whom we have collaborated on different projects and programs throughout the year for their active support and cooperation.

In summary, UKSVK's interventions in target locations demonstrate their success through hard work and unwavering determination to replicate well-tested models of agricultural inputs and technology, ultimately promoting profitable farming, income generation, and poverty alleviation. Our activities also focus on empowering women through their understanding of agricultural technology, exposure visits, and capacity building efforts.



ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

I. SAFFAL

(Women Empowerment Through Access to Livelihood & Rights & Entitlements)



The SAFFAL Project is designed to empower vulnerable sections of society, with a particular focus on marginalized women's groups, by providing them with knowledge and skill to improve their quality of life. The project is currently underway across **105** villages spread across **12** districts in tow states, namely Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. These districts include **Mathura, Allahabad, Ajmer, Banswara, Bareilly, Bijnor, Chandauli, Dausa, Gorakhpur, Hardoi, Lalitpur and Meerut**. The project's time line spans from **December 2022** and is slated to conclude in **November 2023**.



GOAL OF THE PROJECT

Empowered most marginalized communities especially women realize their quality of living.

THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES ARE

- Increased sustainable sources of livelihood for **12000** marginalized families in twelve districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- Increased demand and access to services and entitlements for all eligible and marginalized families in twelve districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- Improved performance of women representatives in PRI to promote good governance in **31** gram panchayat of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan through active participation of women members.



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Formation and strengthening of **573** Common Interest Groups (CIGs) in **105** target villages.
- Promotion of improved agricultural techniques to enhance crop yields through crop demonstrations (Kharif and Rabi) with selected farmers.
- Conducting training sessions via Farmers' Field Schools (FFS) to raise awareness among farmers about effective agricultural practices, featuring experts from KVK and the Agriculture Department.
- Establishment of Vermi Compost Units, Organic Inputs, and Horticulture Units to provide on-field knowledge about fertilizers and community-prepared pest control methods.
- Provision of training on Livestock Management, alongside to organization of Vaccination Camps for the benefit of the community.

- Facilitation of Half-Yearly Orientation and training sessions for community members, focusing on various rights and entitlements, especially those related to government welfare schemes.
- Hosting Half-Yearly Interface Meeting with different departments to share knowledge and skills for the benefit of the community.
- Delivery of training and orientation sessions emphasizing the importance of forming Gram Panchayat Development Plans in all villages. Additionally workshops are organized for PRI (Panchayati Raj Institutions) members to understand their roles and responsibilities.



OUTPUTS

The project has achieved significant outcomes through various interventions aimed at improving the quality of life for rural communities within the reporting period.

I. Enhanced Crop Production

- Crop demonstrations, featuring different crop seeds for both Kharif and Rabi sessions, along with input trainings, have enabled farmers to adopt new methods and increase their yields.
- Farmers' Field School (FFS) sessions, conducted by field experts, have educated farmers on improved agricultural practices, leading to better soil fertility and increased crop production.

- Vermicompost demonstrations have benefited people in two ways: those who created the units used them for crops and kitchen gardens, while others were inspired to make and utilized vermicompost.
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- Farmers have learned to make organic pest repellents and fertilizers from locally available materials, creating products like Jeev Amrit, Beej Amrit and Das Parni Ark, which have proven to be effective for vegetable gardens and crops.

2. Income Source Developed

- The introduction of Horticulture Units, a new project intervention, has provided farmers with an additional source of income.
- Marginal farmers and landless families received support for goat rearing, which is expected to yield benefits within the year. This approach is promoted as a revolving model to benefit other families in the future.



3. Livestock Management

- Livestock Management training has raised awareness among farmers about better cattle care, including improved shelter, sickness management, fodder production, and proper feeding. Vaccination

programs have contributed to better livestock health.



4. Skill Development

- Farmers have gained exposure to innovative agricultural methods, particularly in the realm of organic inputs, during exposure visits. They are eager to apply these methods in their farming practices.
- Awareness training on government schemes has helped farmers access various government initiatives, such as pensions, housing, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, student scholarships, animal husbandry, irrigation support and agricultural equipment. Wall paintings have served as a means of disseminating information about organic farming methods, livestock management, and government schemes.



5. Linkage Buildings

- Interface meetings with government officials have established relationships that are expected to be beneficial in future. These meetings have improved the understanding of government schemes and the processes to access them among the target population.
- Community members have learned the significance of developing a Gram panchayat Development Plan, with guidance from resource persons and the project team. This has provided direction to villages on how to utilize government schemes for the community's benefit.
- The strengthening of Common Interest Groups (CIGs) has empowered them to actively participate in developmental activities in their respective villages. Members of CIGs have gained awareness in various matters and are now capable of leading community development initiatives.
- Training programs for Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members have made them more active in addressing village issues, accessing government schemes, and contributing to decision-making processes for their villages.



2. UTKARSH

(Forum Accompaniment Programme for Mainstreaming Key Strategic Pillars (KSP) and Building Network of Smallholder Farmers and Children`s Parliament)



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Training Sessions for Smallholder Farmers : Organized Farmers Field Schools (FFS) to provide smallholder farmers with hands-on knowledge about improved agricultural practices in the field.

Interface Meetings and Network Building : Facilitated interface Meetings and network building sessions with service providers and department officials from various government departments. These interactions allowed people to engage in dialogues and get answers to their queries.

Orientation and Training on Accessing Government Schemes : Conducted orientation and training sessions to educate smallholder farmers on how to access government schemes and programs for their benefit.

Orientation for DSSS Directors : Provided orientation to Directors of Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) regarding the key strategic pillars and to formulated strategic plan for each DSSS.



3. SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Forum and Diocesan Social Service Societies in India have robust systems, policies, and practices for safeguarding.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance the commitment to safeguarding within all Regional Forum (R.F).
- Strengthen the policies and practices related to safeguarding within all R.F.
- Foster a stronger commitment to safeguarding within all Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) and enhance their policies and practices in his regard.



KEY ACTIVITIES

The primary project activities include the development of safeguarding strategies and the formulation of policies, capacity building of field staff to implement the policy in their respective areas of work, and the establishment of mechanisms and processes for resolving safeguarding cases.

EVENTS DURING THE YEAR



TRAININGS ORGANIZED BY UKSVK

UKSVK has conducted training session and workshops for the implementation teams of 12 partners dioceses as needed. These trainings covered various subjects with the aim of enhancing the capacity and knowledge of team members, ultimately leading to improved performance. As a result, the teams now work with increased enthusiasm and are better equipped to facilitate communities in successfully carrying out project activities.



No. of Participants - 40 Date : July 19-20, 2022

Capacity Building for Project Staff on Collective Marketing and Farmers Producer

01 Organization



No. of Participants - 40 Date : July 19-20, 2022

02 Half Yearly Review Meeting for SAFFAL Project Staff



No. of Participants - 40 Date : November 24-26, 2022

03 Capacity Building for Project Staff on Water Conservation Methods



No. of Participants - 40 Date : November 24-26, 2022

04 Exposure Visit to Farmers Producer Organization at Gorakhpur



No. of Participants - 40 Date : December 17-18, 2022

05 Capacity Building Training for Staff of BDSSC, Suchetna Organization at Bareilly



No. of Participants - 40 Date : March 20-21, 2023
06 Half Yearly Review Meeting for SAFFAL Project Staff



No. of Participants - 40 Date : November 24-26, 2022
07 Exposure Visit to Goat Farming unit and KVK, Mathura

MONITORING VISITS

Monitoring visits were conducted by the secretariat team in various project areas to oversee activities, engage with beneficiaries, hold discussions with the community, and evaluate the implementation process while assessing the project's progress.



WAY FORWARD

- Initiate further actions to promote livelihood options, with a focus on agricultural production.
- Encourage collective marketing to enhance family income, particularly for marginal farmers and landless individuals.
- Provide orientation to farmers on animal husbandry to create an additional source of income for their families.
- Promote the use of organic inputs to reduce agricultural costs and increase crop production.
- Strengthen collaboration with government departments to access public welfare schemes for the benefit of the community.
- Replicate successful community best practices in other locations.
- Develop a plan for the sustainability of formed Community Interest Groups (CIGs) in project villages.
- Expand the network and engage with donors to secure funding for new projects.
- Enhance the capacity of the project team for more effective work.
- Finalize the Safeguarding Policy and implement it in partnership with other organizations.
- Conduct capacity-building trainings for Diocesan Social Service Societies to enhance their capabilities.



ACKNOWLEDGE

OUR DONOR AGENCIES & PARTNERS



We would like to express our gratitude to our Partners, Board Member and Benefactors for their constant motivation and guidance. Without them, the projects undertaken by UKSVK could not have been completed successfully. We would also like to thank our Team Members for being together and supporting each other continuously without which it would have been impossible to carry out our responsibility towards the community.

We thank everyone who stood by us as we were inspired to contribute and share with the community in ways that have helped towards the progress of the society.

PHOTO GALLERY & MEDIA COVERAGE



FINANCE STATUS

UTTAR KSHETRIYA SAMAJ VIKAS KENDRA

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

(Cons.)

Particulars	Sch. No.	As at 31-Mar-2023 (Rs.)
<u>FUNDS EMPLOYED</u>		
Reserves	1	48,96,688.04
Designated Fund	2	9,90,406.00
Programme Balances	3	11,56,921.64
Current Liabilities	4	1,33,990.00
Fixed Assets Control Account (As per Contra)	5	14,53,016.88
Total		86,31,022.56
<u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u>		
Fixed Assets	6	
Gross Block		25,32,889.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		10,79,872.12
Net Block		14,53,016.88
Current Assets	7	71,78,005.68
Total		86,31,022.56

Significant Accounting Policies

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The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Annual Accounts

For & on behalf of Management

As per our Report of even date





President

Executive Director

Place: Agra

Date: 05/09/2023



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Proprietor

M. No. 082051

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Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn. No. 010860N

UTTAR KSHETRIYA SAMAJ VIKAS KENDRA
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

(Cons.)

Particulars	Schedule No.	Year Ended 31-Mar-2023 (Rs.)
INCOME		
Other Receipts	8	3,66,468.77
Donations / Grants Allocated towards Expenses:	3	
Social: DAKSH - Reviving Self Capacity of Women Leaders (MANOS UNIDAS - IND/73630)		41.00
Social: Forum Support to Develop Safeguarding Policy (CRS) Phase-I		1,12,969.00
Social: Forum Support to Develop Safeguarding Policy (CRS) Phase-II		1,35,257.99
Social: COVID Response Programme - Sudhir		1,480.01
Social: Project Women Empowerment through access to livelihood and rights & Entitlements 321-900-1805 ZG		2,65,30,531.92
Social: Regional Forum Accompaniment for Mainstreaming KSP's (Caritas India - 2022/307/039)		5,16,504.00
Social: Regional Forum Accompaniment for Mainstreaming KSP's (Caritas India - 2020/307/040)		2,22,776.00
General Contributions		43,328.40
Total		2,79,31,357.09
EXPENDITURE		
Social: DAKSH - Reviving Self Capacity of Women Leaders (MANOS UNIDAS - IND/73630)	9	41.00
Social: Forum Support to Develop Safeguarding Policy (CRS) Phase-I	10	1,12,969.00
Social: Forum Support to Develop Safeguarding Policy (CRS) Phase-II	11	1,35,257.99
Social: COVID Response Programme - Sudhir	12	1,480.01
Social: Project Women Empowerment through access to livelihood and rights & Entitlements 321-900-1805 ZG	13	2,65,30,531.92
Social: Regional Forum Accompaniment for Mainstreaming KSP's (Caritas India - 2022/307/039)	14	5,16,504.00
Social: Regional Forum Accompaniment for Mainstreaming KSP's (Caritas India - 2020/307/040)	15	2,22,776.00
Administration Expenses	16	1,81,583.00
		2,77,01,142.92
Depreciation		3,70,296.00
Less: Allocation from Fixed Assets Control Account		(3,70,296.00)
Allocation to Fixed Assets Control Account		2,77,01,142.92
Excess of Income over Expenditure		2,30,214.17
Total		2,79,31,357.09

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As per our Report of even date

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