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Annual Report

2018-2019



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2019

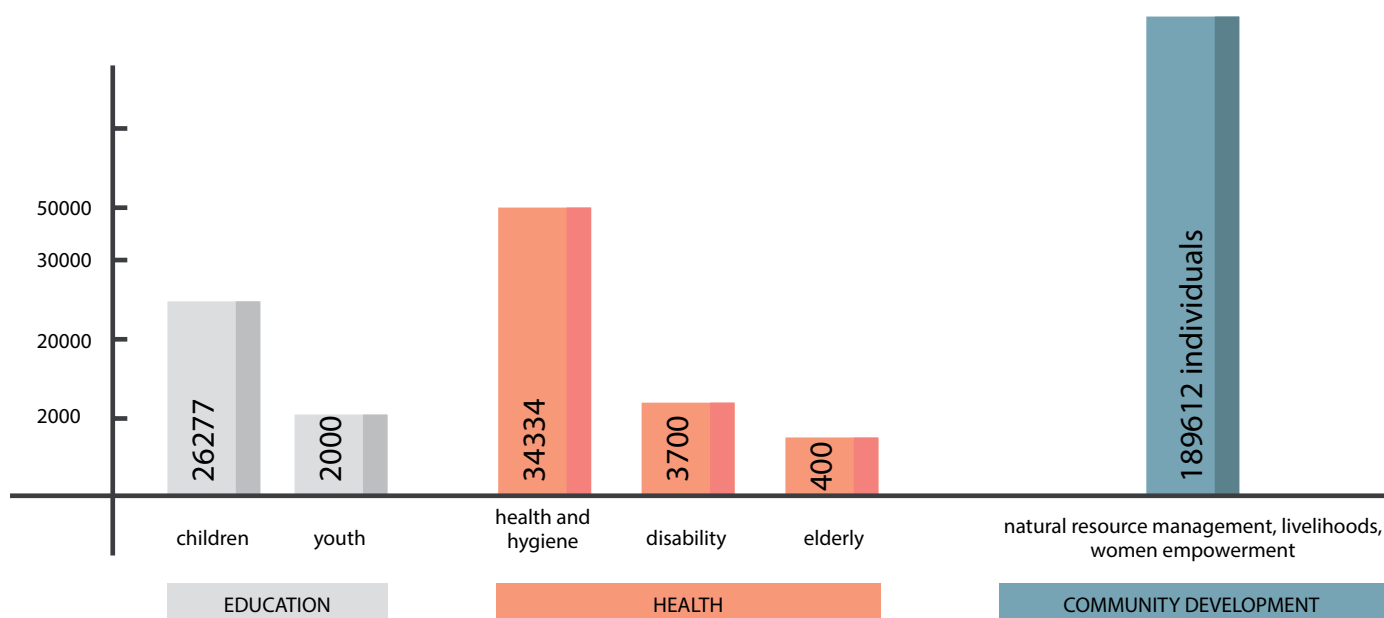
PARTICULARS	(In ₹crores)
Establishment Expenses	1.76
Legal and Professional Charges	0.03
Audit Fees	0.01
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Depreciation	0.03
Expenditure on Objects of the Trust	11.80
TOTAL	13.63
Interest	0.68
Profit on redemption of MF	1.07
Donations in Cash or Kind	14.58
TOTAL	16.34
Earmarked amount to be utilised in 2019-20 for objects of the Trust	2.70

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.3.2019

LIABILITIES	(In ₹crores)
Corpus Funds	5.69
Income & Expenditure A/C	17.34
TOTAL	23.04
ASSETS	
Fixed assets	0.15
Investments	17.15
NET CURRENT ASSETS	
Current assets	
Less: Current liabilities	5.73
TOTAL	23.04

Summarised from financial statements audited by M/s Y. K. Bhagwagar & Co., Chartered Accountants.
Dated: 27th September, 2019 at Mumbai.

Our Impact



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME OF OUR PROGRAMMES

Watershed Development, Guntur District



Malapadu is one of the most backward and underdeveloped villages in the western part of the Guntur district. In 2018-19, we embarked upon a programme to manage water resources, help villagers understand the importance of water management, arm them with the means to practise it and restore wastelands so as to improve economic sustenance. The project has worked on enhancing rain water harvesting techniques by strengthening the infrastructure through the construction of gabion dams, check dams, farm ponds and desilting of percolation tanks, developing of 30 acres of uncultivated wastelands and leveling of 6 acres of

land. Initiated last year, 281 families and a total population of 973 benefitted from the interventions.

Watershed Development in Haveri District, Karnataka

In 2018-19, we launched an integrated watershed plan to reach out to approximately 644 households and 600 hectares in improving the water levels in Hunmapura village in Haveri district. The aim of this programme is to upgrade livelihoods and the living standards of marginalized farmers. This is achieved through community mobilization, watershed development and sustainable agricultural patterns. We have started initiatives which will eventually lead to improving ground water levels by 30-40% by recharging existing wells and other water bodies. Our initiative is also working towards increasing crop production by 25-30% with 2nd crop cultivation along with other allied produce like floriculture and horticulture. Improving the green cover with agro forestry, improving fodder cultivation and maintenance of livestock which will provide alternate livelihood, are also part of our initiative. We have completed the net planning for 810 hectares of land, ten Area Groups have been established in 6 villages, 5 new Self Help Groups have been established and the Jalanela Management Committee (JNMC) formed with representatives across 6 villages.



Participatory Natural Resource Management Along Watershed Lines in Ghata Village, Kachhba Gram Panchayat, Located in Gogunda Block of Udaipur District – A Tribal Belt of South Rajasthan

The tribal belt of south Rajasthan has a very high degree of land degradation and poor land productivity. Low literacy levels, lack of proper health care facilities, malnutrition, unemployment beyond NREGS and casteism are some of the main problems of the area. The majority of the population is poor, depending mainly on agriculture and animal husbandry as their sources of livelihood. Against this backdrop, Concern India Foundation has been working towards uplifting the living conditions of the village through various eco-management strategies like afforestation, soil water conservation, drainage treatment and setting up of solar operated drinking water filter tanks which have resulted in sustainable management of natural resources. Along with the reviving of water bodies and improved access to water, the project also focused on increased crop productivity through introduction of improved and scientific agricultural practices to pave the way for food security and increased income along with other associated livelihood generation activities. The project has made significant contributions towards alleviation of poverty in distressed village communities through water management.

Strengthening of Infrastructure by Installing Safe drinking Water Facilities



In Delhi, installation of safe drinking water facilities was implemented in 5 schools. Even though access to safe drinking water is a fundamental right as enunciated in the Right to Life under Article 21 of the constitution of India, the health burden of poor water quality continues to be enormous. The majority of school children and youth live in slums, rehabilitation colonies or institutions that grapple with water and sanitation problems. Further, given the problem of chemical contamination prevalent in Delhi NCR, this support has been crucial in ensuring that the children and youth have access to safe drinking water, contributing towards improved health and preventing incidences of water borne diseases. This will help to curb health related expenditure in the long run.

Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Women Burn Survivors (100 Women Burn Survivors), Bangalore

Concern India Foundation has been supporting a rehabilitation center that has been set up for underprivileged burn survivors to offer treatment, physiotherapy and rehabilitative counseling to victims and their families, with a vision of integrating them back into society. The project aims at providing a better future to burns survivors through education, alternative livelihood skills, counseling, and capacity building. It also works towards extending medical facilities and personality development assistance to the victims. Further, the project works on creating awareness within society which will help prevent accidents and burns.

Improving the Educational Status of the Girl Child, Karnataka

Scholarship support has been provided to 100 girls of Bengaluru and rural Karnataka benefiting them in a number of ways, including lessening of the financial burden on families, higher retention in schools, increased attendance in classes etc. The support includes providing school fees, after-school support and imparting life skills, leading to an overall development of the selected girl children. After-school support has been much appreciated by the girls and their parents and has helped the girls to improve their academic performance. Continuous and rigorous engagement with the girls and their parents has led to a greater interest in pursuing higher education. A life-skills intervention programme is being conducted as well in order to develop positive self-concepts and healthy relationships.



Capacity building

A two-day workshop was conducted based on approaches of overall strengthening of the organization covering various topics on monitoring, documentation, fundraising techniques, financial compliances and overview of regulations pertaining to NGO management. 31 representatives from 17 organizations received quality workshop sessions conducted by the experts and seasoned mentors. The platform also encouraged opportunities to network and share good practices, both between the participating organizations and with a wide range of guest speakers.

STEM

The education programmes at Concern ensure holistic development of children to ensure they grow up to be independent and self-reliant individuals. One such programme is the setting up of Mini Science Centre (MSC).



The project aims to stimulate curiosity, provide opportunities to practically explore concepts in easy ways, and develop appropriate hands-on experience in understanding science, which is sadly absent today across many schools.

The MSC consists of 60 models, covering topics from the syllabi of classes 5-10. Science modules were set up at 2 schools in Pune, 2 in Bengaluru, 2 in Delhi and 2 in Chennai. 4197 students from Class V to X have benefited from this support. Teachers training sessions were conducted to ensure that the teachers facilitate the sessions suitably and that the children make the most of the facilities.

Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources Through Setting up of Solar Powered Street Lights, 68 Hamlets in Karjat, Maharashtra

Katkari is a fragmented and scattered community, vastly stigmatized for its indigenous lifestyle. The hamlets of the community are situated outside the main village and do not receive basic infrastructure support like street lights; a situation which enhances the risk of accidents, snake bites and threats to personal security. Street lighting leads to better visibility, prevention of casualties and also provides a social environment for the men/youth/women to sit together and discuss their daily experiences. Each hamlet has a common area where the villagers gather for meetings, discussions, conducting festivals etc. To address this need, Concern has installed 204 solar based street lights in 68 hamlets in Karjat. Solar lights need minimal maintenance and are a cost-effective and efficient way of providing energy. The programme has encouraged renewable sources for energy in villages to build sustainable infrastructure facilities and scope for more community engagement.



Higher education - Joining Hands

Over the last 3 years, 125 students have received support to pursue higher education. Most of the students selected under the programme are first generation learners whose parents are daily wage earners, cart-pullers, hawkers, vendors, helpers and the like.

- Youth who have received scholarships and have been able to sustain their higher education are now motivating other children from their community to pursue higher education.
- A growing number of parents in the community recognize the need for higher education of their daughters, resulting in a large percentage of girls pursuing higher education courses (53% i.e. 67 of 125 beneficiaries are girls).
- Increased involvement of parent community in their children's academic pursuit as a result of regular counselling and sensitization.
- Youth who are continuing their higher education and have received regular counseling and mentorship support are now demonstrating better communication skills and greater confidence.

PROGRAMMES IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2019-20

Sustainable Livelihood through Community Based Farming Practices - Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu

Twenty one percent of the total population in Kancheepuram constitutes of dalits, who are mainly landless agriculture workers and marginal farmers living without any basic amenities such as proper housing, access to water and healthcare. This programme, projected to run from April 2019 to March 2020, focuses on improving their standard of living through various agricultural and skill development initiatives. The key outcomes of the programme will include:



• Creating 50 acres cultivable land

• Training and creating a support system for 148 female farmers

- Increasing the farmers income from 20% to 80% creating sustainable livelihoods for 148 marginalized families
- Installing irrigation systems – increasing employment opportunities for agricultural
- Reducing migration from villages to urban areas – increasing reverse migration
- Projected number of beneficiaries reached:
- Total Beneficiaries - 2602
- Direct beneficiaries - 148 female farmers
- Indirect beneficiaries - 2454

Health, Water and Sanitation Intervention in Alleppey, Kerala - A Post Disaster Response

The unprecedented 2018 floods in Kerala caused widespread devastation. The affected were stranded and in dire need of basic amenities including clean water and sanitation. This caused the rapid spread of disease and infections - ranging from gastro-intestinal infections to hepatitis and tuberculosis. We have started an intervention which is proposed to focus on the needs of the people in Muttar Panchayat, Alleppey, a low-lying area vulnerable to frequent floods. There has been an uncontrolled sewage deposit in the area, making conditions unsanitary to the point that they are no longer inhabitable. The project aims to build a volunteer base in 13 villages of Muttar in order to build a resilient community with sustainable disaster management measures and thereby creating a "Model village" under the concept of Built Back Better.

Target beneficiaries: 13 villages of Muttar Gram Panchayat | 12,273 people | 2888 families

Revival and Sustaining of Tank Cascade in Palar River Basin of Kolar district

This project is based in the Kolar district which falls in the rain shadow region of Karnataka. The average annual rainfall of the district is extremely low, resulting in frequent and consecutive years of drought. Tanks and village ponds still serve as the lifeline for the small and marginal farmers dependent on agriculture and livestock for their livelihoods in Kolar.

This year long tank revival project aims to address the water scarcity in the villages, to mitigate the impact of droughts and the resultant suicides amongst farmers. It aims to work on tanks in one of the cascades of the Palar river which is spread over 5 villages. This particular cascade consists of 9 tanks and 5 village ponds. 1000 families and over 3000 cattle are projected to benefit from this project.





Seed ball making at Gurgaon School

Trees shade buildings, streets, and homes. If enough trees are planted in cities, the overall microclimate improves and total energy use for heating and cooling is reduced. Amongst the many initiatives to improve vegetation, making and distribution of seed balls is a quicker method to reclaim the lost green cover of our environment.

We along with our 35 corporate volunteers and 26 students, took up the activity of seed ball making in one of the schools at Gurgaon. The process involved making golf ball-sized mixture of soil, seeds and compost, and scattering it in utilizable places to grow. Making seed ball was a fun activity as the volunteers and students contributed towards nature by making 2500 balls. This initiative and more will continue to help Concern India Foundation to achieve targeted goals for tree planting across India.

Tree Plantation - Pune

Concern India Foundation engages corporate volunteers for interesting and meaningful activities.

Plantation of Bamboo plants is a high impact value activity that aims at improving the environment as well as skill training for the tribal children. This was done in the area of an under resourced school Gurukulam which hosts children from tribal belts across villages around Pune. This plantation was done, with the aim of training the children to make sheds, tents and furniture with the bamboo which then helps them earn a living in the future. This skill training is imperative for the children as they belong to the tribal area which are far from the main cities.

Corporate volunteers and Concern India Foundation worked in full enthusiasm to plant over 100 saplings.

Upcycling of Plastic bottles – to Fish Tanks

Concern India Foundation and corporate volunteers organised a creative demonstration for 60 students from the Local Modern English School at a farm at Wada, Palghar, Maharashtra. This demonstration was to create awareness about reusing old water bottles which can be converted to make Fish Tanks. The Volunteer's successfully converted 60 bottles into hanging tanks with the use of cutters and wires. Guppy fish and aquatic plants were placed into the tanks created. Guppy Fish prevent mosquito breeding which is an interesting fact that the children and volunteers were made aware of. The children were taught how to make their own fish tanks from bottles and were encouraged to share the same with their friends. Motivating our next generation is a step towards a conserving the earth for tomorrow. The Fish tanks were gifted to the children by the volunteers which added to the excitement of the activity for children.

Make friends with Mother Earth

Stories always amuse children while also teaching and inspiring them. This was our thought as we organised a story book making and storytelling activity for nearly 45 children in a school for hearing impaired children in Pune. The theme for the activity was 'Make Friends with Mother Earth'. About 25 of our corporate volunteers participated for this activity. The enthusiastic volunteers used animal props to enact and narrate a story and created an interactive atmosphere using a storybook with pictorial presentations making it even more interesting. The group worked on completion of the storybooks- the kids pasted the picture cutouts and coloured the pictures that the volunteers drew. As return gifts the children received a storybook each; and clay sets were given to the school teachers to use as teaching aid. The entire activity was extremely memorable for the volunteers as well as the children.

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