

VAAGDHARA

(Voluntary Association for Agricultural, General Development, Health
and Reconstruction Alliance)

(Registered under Societies Act (1958) and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act)

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INTRODUCTION:

VAAGDHARA is a non-profit organization, registered under Rajasthan Societies Act 1958. The organization was founded in early 80's and initiated its efforts at very small level. But from the year 2000 onwards it started functioning actively and professionally on a range of issues of tribal community. Thus it has completed about one and half decade of functioning. VAAGDHARA draws its name from its area of working i.e. Vaagad-the tribal area of Rajasthan adjoining Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh on banks of river and Dhara-stream of development. The core value of the organization is swaraj 'self-reliance' which is drawn from Gandhian philosophy, but at the same time, it believes in the use of latest technology for the development of tribal and poor.

During last decade and half, VAAGDHARA has impacted about 25000 tribal and poorest of poor families to bring change in quality of their life. It has implemented a number of interventions with support of government, national and international organizations like UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, Welthungerhilfe, NABARD, IGSSS, Save the Children, Plan India and so on. The main driver of the organizational philosophy is the 'context and issues that tribal and poor face' in southern Rajasthan. It has been adequately flexible in its approach and depending on the need of the situation, VAAGDHARA has played key role as activist to advocate for child rights, as facilitator in collaboration with mainstream (government) for betterment of school education and has also implemented natural resource management programs like Sustainable Integrated Farming. It has learned from its experiences and used the learning in designing new and improved interventions.

Vision:

The poor in tribal region of India have sustainable livelihoods even in changing climate situation and their children are at par with others on all development parameters like education, health, rights and participation.

Mission:

Creating and nurturing vibrant institutions of poor communities in tribal region of western India; inculcating appropriate scientific and indigenous technology and knowledge for sustainable livelihood and realization of true childhood for their children by 2020.

Goals and Objectives:

By 2020, VAAGDHARA plans to reach out to about one lakh poor families in tribal region of Rajasthan and Central West India (tribal areas in Gujarat and MP, adjoining Rajasthan) under its various development interventions. The prime objectives are:

- Develop tribal junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat as a place where children get opportunities for better emotional, physical and educational growth.
- Address issues pertaining to sustainable natural resources management and livelihood in the target area, with a focus on hunger, food sovereignty and access to safe water leading to better quality of life.
- To build knowledge and resources of poor tribal community such that they are in harmony with bio-diversity, ecological and environmental conditions of area suitable for building their resilience against climate change
- To promote networking, policy advocacy and facilitate participation of deprived tribal community to voice their issues at local, regional, national and international platforms

Geographical coverage:

VAAGDHARA works with poor people in tribal dominated geographies in the south Rajasthan and adjoining tribal area of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. It also shares programme learning to build developmental processes to benefit wider tribal community in central India and other similar regions.

FOCUSED THEMATIC AREAS:

1. Sustainable Livelihoods:

To address the livelihoods challenges of marginalized people in tribal region and to bring positive change in their lives, manifold interventions at different levels – policy, programs, community and community institutions etc. is required. In this regard to reduce vulnerability of marginalized sections, VAAGDHARA is promoting livelihood improvement and Food and Nutrition security, through Sustainable Integrated Farming System-SIFS, Nutrition Sensitive Farming Systems, Horticulture Development, Watershed Management, Community Lift Irrigation System, Micro Finance and policy advocacy for realization of people's right to Livelihood with approximately 17,000 farm families. The organization always brings new innovative techniques and apt scientific technologies with indigenous knowledge to improve the Agriculture productivity. In order to conserve natural resources and sustain traditional practices of tribal's to provide sustainable means of livelihood to the community; VAAGDHARA conducts analysis and planning of the local resources of community for their optimum utilization. As a cumulative result of these interventions, strong Community based organizations have emerged (SHGs, Federations, Cluster, Farmers Group) ensuring community ownership and sustainability.

2. Addressing Child Rights:

VAAGDHARA adopts a twin-track approach to enhance child protection and inclusive quality education in the target area. By 2020 the organization has plans to reach about 1

lakh children to ensure their protection against all kinds of abuse, exploitation and violence; prevention of migration for work; ensure improved quality of education with focus on learning at pre-school and primary level and enhance access to social protection schemes for improved income of families. In order to achieve the desired impact VAAGDHARA is undertaking a range of activities and studies to understand the extent of violence and abuse against children. Key interventions include protection of children (from all forms of exploitation) and their healthy development through strengthening of government machinery and ensuring effective implementation of various child related schemes/acts. The organization works intensively on issues related to Nutrition, Health, Education and Child Rights.

At a wider level, VAAGDHARA also strives for consent building among key stakeholders to influence policy decisions and creating an enabling environment for children's growth and development. One of such key policy interventions includes Preparation of State Plan of Action for Elimination of Child Labour in Rajasthan. Apart from this, Initiatives intending at decreasing child mortality and child malnutrition, increasing access/availability of quality services, promoting healthy hygiene and sanitation practices, safe drinking water, capacity building of Village Health and Sanitation Committees (VHSC; formed under NRHM), Capacity Building of Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee and ensuring participation of children through Formation and strengthening of Children's Groups.

3. Facilitating the poor to voice their issues and concerns:

In the democratic space, changes can happen best if the community is aware and organized to seek their rights, to address their social-economic-political issues and to take their issues forward. However, the tribal society in Banswara region is least aware about their Rights & Entitlements. It is very disheartening that most of the programs and policies designed for their betterment hardly get implemented. Therefore, in order to address these issues VAAGDHARA reaches out to the community in its area of work and develop institutions for community development. VAAGDHARA acts as a catalyst and facilitator by providing platform and network to help the community to voice their concern and to positively engage with policy makers for enabling policy environment. It also engages with traditional institutions in its intervention geographies, so that in the near future these institutions will have its leaders who will in-turn have greater say in the community and thus these leaders will address the issues, concerns and ambitions of the marginalized community. Being an UNECOSOC accredited organization, VAAGDHARA has organized side events to voice the issues of indigenous community at UN Platform during the 52nd Session of Commission of Social Development and United Nations High Level Political Forum on "Narratives from Margins: Marginalizing community envisioning Social Development Agenda" and on "Building Effective Bottom Up Partnerships for Sustainable Development Agenda" respectively. This apart, at state level it has prepared the State Plan of Action for Elimination of Child Labour in Rajasthan while networking with more than 200 NGOs to initiate the advocacy effort to implement the same in the State.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014 -15

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURE GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND RECONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE
(VAAGDHARA)
VILLAGE AND POST-KOPDA
DISTT. BANSWARA (RAJ.) 327001

<u>BALANCE SHEET AS ON MARCH 31,2015</u>	Sch.	2014-15	2013-14
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
General Reserve	1	4363132.31	1861213.12
Capital Reserve for Fixed Assets	2	2891077.00	2715490.00
Total		<u>7254209.31</u>	<u>4576703.12</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	3	12476640.00	12146962.00
Current Assets, Loans And Advances	4		
1) Deposits		14995.00	13711.00
2) Bank Balances		5014939.90	3590017.98
3) Other Current Assets		285384.00	102974.00
4) Overspent amount recoverable on Projects	6	<u>1118477.00</u>	<u>800415.00</u>
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	5		
1) Sundry Creditors		4232420.00	3984490.00
2) Other Liabilities & Provisions		1205758.77	1250573.00
3) Unspent amount payable on Projects	6	<u>6218047.82</u>	<u>6842313.86</u>
Total		<u>7254209.31</u>	<u>4576703.12</u>
Accounting Policies & Notes on Accounts	10		

For VAAGDHARA

Place : Banswara
Date : 27.06.15

(President)

(Secretary)

As per our report of even date
For B.L. Pagaria & Co.,
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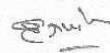
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<u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</u> <u>ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR</u> <u>ENDING MARCH 31,2015</u>	Sch.	2014-15	2013-14
INCOME			
Grants and Donations	7		
A. Grants		27180220.96	25401335.06
B. Donations		<u>2954000.00</u>	<u>1911501.00</u>
Interest Income		110756.00	33660.91
Miscellaneous Income		147407.00	133648.00
Creditors Written-back		1226365.00	0.00
Total		<u><u>31618748.96</u></u>	<u><u>27480144.97</u></u>
EXPENDITURE			
A. Development Programme Expenditure	8	28240858.00	27048080.00
B. Administrative Expenditure	9	1642712.81	2297189.93
C. Loss on Sale of Assets		0.00	103983.00
Total		<u><u>29883570.81</u></u>	<u><u>29449252.93</u></u>
Excess of Income Over Expenditure		1735178.15	(1969107.96)
Net excess of unspent/overspent balances carried to Balance Sheet -Difference over last year's balances	6	942328.04	(802486.46)
Allocable Surplus		<u>2677506.19</u>	<u>(2771594.42)</u>
Less: Net purchase of fixed assets transferred to capital reserves		175587.00	358342.00
Net surplus transferred to General Reserves		<u><u>2501919.19</u></u>	<u><u>(3129936.42)</u></u>
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