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## ABOUT US

The Women's Organization for Socio-Cultural Awareness (WOSCA), founded on December 20, 1993, is a pioneering voluntary organization dedicated to uplift underprivileged communities, particularly women, children, and the elderly. With more than 30 years of experience, WOSCA is a registered entity under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 and the FCRA since 2000. We strive to transform vision into reality through participatory actions, community mobilization, and technological facilitation. Our focus includes governance, livelihood, health, education, women and child empowerment and environmental conservation. WOSCA directly reaches 1.4 lakh families, aiming to create a society marked by peace, prosperity, and non-discrimination. We are committed to fostering a society free from poverty, ignorance, and injustice, filled with solidarity and joy through our dedicated work.



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## List of Abbreviations

<b>AHO</b>	Assistant Horticulture Officer
<b>ANC</b>	Antenatal Care
<b>ANM</b>	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
<b>APC</b>	Agricultural Production Centre
<b>ASHA</b>	Accredited Social Health Activist
<b>AWW</b>	Anganwadi Worker
<b>BSKY</b>	Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
<b>CBSE</b>	Central Board of Secondary Education
<b>CDC</b>	Cluster Development Committee
<b>CDPO</b>	Child Development Project Officer
<b>CHC</b>	Community Health Centre
<b>DDH</b>	District Headquarter Hospital
<b>DMF</b>	District Mineral Fund
<b>DPM</b>	District Project Manager
<b>DSWO</b>	District Social Welfare Officer
<b>ECCD</b>	Early Childhood Care and Development
<b>FCRA</b>	Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
<b>FPO</b>	Farmer Producer Organization
<b>FY</b>	Financial Year
<b>GP</b>	Gram Panchayat
<b>ITDA</b>	Integrated Tribal Development Agency
<b>KNH</b>	Kinder Not Hilife
<b>MAM</b>	Moderate Acute Malnutrition
<b>MGNREGA</b>	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
<b>MMJJM</b>	Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission
<b>MT</b>	Metric Tone
<b>MWH</b>	Maternity Waiting Home
<b>NABARD</b>	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
<b>NHM</b>	National Health Mission
<b>NRC</b>	Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre
<b>NREGA</b>	National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
<b>NUHM</b>	National Urban Health Mission
<b>OMBADC</b>	Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation
<b>OTELP</b>	Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme
<b>PC</b>	Pre-Conception
<b>PDS</b>	Public Distribution System
<b>PG</b>	Producer Group
<b>PHC</b>	Primary Health Centre
<b>PNC</b>	Postnatal Care

<b>PNDT</b>	Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques
<b>POSHAN</b>	Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment
<b>PPK</b>	Pada Pusti Kendras
<b>PVTG</b>	Primitive Tribal Group
<b>QRT</b>	Quick Response Team
<b>SAM</b>	Severe Acute Malnutrition
<b>SBI</b>	State Bank of India
<b>SC</b>	Scheduled Caste
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
<b>SHG</b>	Self-Help Group
<b>SRI</b>	System of Rice Intensification
<b>ST</b>	Scheduled Tribe
<b>TRESHA</b>	Tribal Empowerment through Self-Help Approach
<b>UPHC</b>	Urban Public Health Centre
<b>VDC</b>	Village Development Committee
<b>VHSND</b>	Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day
<b>WFPO</b>	Women Farmer Producer Organization
<b>OMBADC</b>	Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation
<b>WOSCA</b>	Women's Organization for Socio-Cultural Awareness





## **Guiding Principles**

### **Mission**

**Transform visionary thoughts into impactful actions through:**

- **Participatory engagement**
- **Formation of people's organizations**
- **Collective learning**
- **Collaboration in human resource management**

### **Vision**

**A society where peace, joy, and happiness prevail, free from poverty, ignorance, disease, suffering, hunger, exploitation, and injustice. A society enriched with solidarity, integrity, fraternity, nationality, non-discrimination, brotherhood, and prosperity.**

### **Core Values**

- **Committed to the cause of the organisation**
- **Gender Equity and Equality**
- **Democratic Decision-Making Process**
- **Working within the True Spirit of the Democratic Principles**
- **People's participation in all community work**

## Message from the President's Desk

It is my privilege to express my deepest gratitude to our donors, supporters and staff members who have been steadfast allies in the journey of WOSCA, making the implementation of various programs and the empowerment of marginalized and underprivileged communities possible. As we present this Annual Report for 2023-24, which depicts our efforts and achievements in social mobilization and mission accomplishment, I am deeply indebted to our well-wishers and dedicated staff and volunteers. Your unwavering support, cooperation and inspiration have made our initiatives highly effective. Thank you for your generous contributions.

WOSCA has been in existence for more than two and a half decades, beginning in 2002 with a single training program on tailoring and cookery in Nelung to help unemployed girls to access employment opportunities. Since then, we have expanded our activities throughout the district, now present in almost all blocks of the district.

Our vision is to realize the dreams of the poor and underprivileged, focusing on those unable to access quality education, healthcare, and basic amenities, thereby improving their quality of life. Livelihood enhancement, women empowerment, child protection and environmental conservation are some of our key areas of concern. Our programs are driven by our mission to act as agents of change, helping the poorest of the poor to access and actualize their rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Over the past 31 years, we have continuously enhanced and expanded our range of programs. It is now time to review and realign our initiatives to meet the changing realities. We must reflect on and strengthen our successful programs while reworking those that are not adding sufficient value to our beneficiaries.

WOSCA continues to work with volunteers and social workers, driven by our core value: "Participation is the Key to Success." Our programmes require empathy and proactive engagement with the poor and needy. We are fortunate to have donors who have given us their unwavering support. It is an honour that most of our funding comes from foreign and government agencies.

Given the diverse socio-economic conditions, we face the challenge of setting up locally meaningful programmes, which we have already begun to address purposefully. With extended partnerships and expanded geographies, we are eager to contribute to the agenda of national growth in our own humble way. We will continue to create small ripples that will hopefully have a larger impact on the society.

We look forward to the future, hoping to add smiles to the faces of all those with a direct or indirect stake in our organization's programmes. Thank you very much for trusting us. We will strive to remain transparent and accountable.

***Malaya Mohapatra***  
***President***

## Partners we work with

*Plan India, District Mineral Foundation (Keonjhar & Sundergarh), NABARD, Department of ST & SC Development, Integrated Tribal Development Agency, Keonjhar, SBI Life Insurance, Heifer International, Kinder not Hilife, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Azim Premji Foundation, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Odisha, Larsen & Toubro Pvt. Ltd. AMDOCS, EATON, Godrej Consumer Products, Aramco Asia-Japan, Australian High Commissioner, Australian Consulate general, Apraava Energy Company, Havard Business Review, UBS Business Solution Pvt. Ltd., FISERV India Ltd. Larsen & Toubro (India) Ltd. Roche (India) Pvt. Ltd. Semikron Electronics Pvt. Ltd., CLP Wind Farms Pvt. Ltd., Symantec Software India Pvt. Ltd., FIAT India Automobiles Pvt. Ltd. UBS India Pvt. Ltd., and Bajaj Auto (India) Pvt. Ltd., UK online foundation, Semikron Software Pvt. Ltd., Gilbarco India and L & T Hydrocarbon Ltd.*

## Memberships

- **District Advisory Board**
- **District Sexual Harassment Committee**
- **Hind Kusth Nibaran Sangh**
- **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan**
- **District Advisory Committee on PC & PNDT Act**
- **Nonofficial Visitors of District Jail**
- **Grievance Redressal Committee on NREGA**
- **Indian Red Cross Society, Kendujhar Branch**
- **District Blood Bank Committee**
- **District Counsil for Child Welfare**
- **District Inspection Committee (DIC), Juvenile Justice Care & Protection of Children**





## ***Governance and Livelihood***

Governance and livelihood are two interrelated concepts that play a crucial role in shaping the socio-economic landscape of societies. Effective governance ensures that the voices of the marginalized are heard in decision-making processes, while sustainable livelihood strategies empower individuals and communities to thrive. WOSCA believes that together, these elements create a holistic approach to tackling local and global challenges, ensuring that no one is left behind. WOSCA is working on both these aspects from its inception.

### **The Orchard Plantation Project**

The Orchard Plantation Project is an initiative designed to enhance food and nutrition security while providing sustainable livelihood to small and marginal farmers. The project spans 400 acres of land, focusing on cultivating a variety of fruit crops including mango, guava, apple berry, and orange. The project provides an opportunity to a total of 867 beneficiaries, primarily small and marginal farmers. The Orchard Plantation follows three different approaches: Inter cropping. Cluster based and Participatory approach.

*Enhancement of Small and Marginal Farmers of Keonjhar and Sundergarh District through Orchard Plantation is funded by DMF and implemented by Department of Horticulture in the year 2023.*

*We work in three blocks across two districts: Sadar and Telkoi blocks in Keonjhar District, and Lahunipada block in Sundergarh District.*

<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sadar</b>	<b>Telkoi</b>	<b>Lahunipada</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Area	100	100	200	400
No. of GP	5	2	13	20
No. of Villages	10	6	18	34
Total Beneficiaries	249	178	440	867

### **Key Activities**

- Mobilisation of Local Communities through door-to-door interactions, and awareness campaigns was conducted
- Selection of patch for orchad plantation was done through an assessment
- Verification of the selected patches was completed by the Additional Deputy Director, the Assistant Horticulture Officer (AHO), along with the District Project Manager (DPM) and WOSCA staff.
- Formation of Village Development Committees (VDCs) and Cluster Development Committee (CDC)
- Mango, Guava, Apple Berry and Orange plants have been provided with the help of Horticulture department. Also seeds like Turmeric, Chilly and Coriander have been provided for inter cropping.

**The Project is in first phase. Plantation in these areas has been started in some selected patches. It is expected that the programme will enhance the livelihood of the people of these areas.**

### Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission (MMJJM)

To promote farm, off-farm, and non-farm-based production clusters, the Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission has been implemented in all tribal sub-plan blocks of Keonjhar. During the fiscal year 2023-24, priority was given primarily to farm and off-farm livelihood development.

The Mukhya Mantri Janajati Jeevika Mission (MMJJM) was launched by ITDA in 2023.

WOSCA facilitates MMJJM work for ITDA Keonjhar and ITDA, Champua. We operate in 10 blocks, covering 62 Gram Panchayats, 271 villages and 10,883 households in Keonjhar District.

#### Key Activities:

**1. Distribution of Agricultural Inputs:** To increase agricultural productivity, organic seeds were distributed to farmers. We provided a variety of seeds for pulses (Bengal gram, red gram, maize), oil seeds (mustard, sunflower, sesame, groundnut), and vegetable farming (brinjals, chilli, tomato, potato, cauliflower, cabbage, beans, green pea, bitter gourd, radish, okra, watermelon, cowpea, pumpkin). Along with seeds, other inputs like organic manure, organic fertilizer, and micronutrients were provided.

**2. Infrastructural Support:** In addition to seeds and farm inputs, infrastructure such as diesel pumps and lift irrigation facilities were provided.

**3. Off-Farm Enterprises:** To empower individuals to start their own businesses, we provided financial support of ₹1 lakh each. As a result, 150 entrepreneurs have been created and groomed.

**4. Capacity building training:** The beneficiaries received comprehensive training on the utilization of farm inputs and best practices for cultivating various crops. These sessions covered crucial areas such as seed selection and sowing techniques, soil preparation and fertilization, efficient water management, pest and disease control, and effective harvesting and post-harvest practices. The training aimed to equip farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize their agricultural productivity, enhance crop quality, and ensure sustainable farming practices. Through this training, the initiative significantly improved the beneficiaries' understanding of modern agricultural techniques, thereby boosting their livelihoods and promoting long-term economic development within their communities.

#### Achievements:

The programme employs a holistic approach aimed at enhancing immediate livelihood prospects while fostering sustainable, long-term economic development within tribal communities. A total of 10,883 tribal beneficiaries have received essential seasonal input support and livestock, critical for boosting agricultural productivity and improving food security. Infrastructure improvements, particularly in irrigation systems and market linkages, have significantly facilitated better water management and created effective pathways for farmers to access markets, ensuring fair prices for their produce.



Additionally, the initiative has enabled the cultivation of 4,780 acres of land across both Kharif and Rabi seasons. One notable success is a Self-Help Group (SHG) that harvested 9 metric tons of mustard and 12 metric tons of potatoes, reflecting advancements in agricultural techniques, access to quality inputs, and the overall capacity building of the involved groups.

Entrepreneurship promotion is a major theme of the program, with financial support of ₹1 lakh each provided to 150 entrepreneurs, empowering them to launch diverse businesses. This initiative promotes self-reliance and creates employment opportunities within the community, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship.

### Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme Plus (OTELP Plus)

The Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme Plus (OTELP Plus) is a flagship initiative by the Government of Odisha, aimed at empowering tribal communities and enhancing their livelihoods. Implemented in various tribal sub-plan blocks, including Keonjhar, the project focuses on holistic development through sustainable natural resource management and diversified income generation.

#### Key Components and Activities:

**1. Watershed Management:** To prevent soil erosion and conserve water, we have implemented terracing, check dams, and contour bunding. Various rainwater harvesting structures have also been constructed.

**2. Agricultural Practices:** To enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability, we have implemented a range of innovative farming techniques such as the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in millet, improved seed varieties, Nutri-garden and organic farming practices. We have also promoted crop diversification, including the cultivation of vegetables (brinjal, bitter gourd, pumpkin), pulses (horse gram, lentils), and horticultural crops (fruit trees, watermelon).



**3. Off-Farm Enterprises:** We offer a range of programmes designed to empower individuals to start and manage their own businesses, as well as acquire important vocational skills. We provide comprehensive support to aspiring entrepreneurs in various sectors, including poultry farming, handicrafts, small-scale food processing units, grocery shops, Xerox units, and ladies' corners. In addition to business support, we prioritize skill development to create alternative employment opportunities. Our training programmes include tailoring, leaf plate making, oil processing, and other vocational skills.

**4. Community Infrastructure:** We have installed infrastructure such as drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, solar bore wells, farm ponds, and other irrigation facilities to optimize water usage. Additionally, we have constructed multipurpose community centers for meetings, training and social activities.



**Impact:**

The OTELP Plus project has significantly contributed to the empowerment of tribal communities in Keonjhar. Through strategic interventions in natural resource management, agricultural practices, off-farm enterprises and capacity building, the project has created a resilient foundation for tribal empowerment and prosperity.

**Facilitation of Govt Schemes (MGNREGA, BSKY, NREGA, PDS, PENSION)**

The facilitation of government schemes such as MGNREGA, BSKY, NREGA, PDS, and Pension plays a crucial role in empowering rural populations, enhancing welfare, and promoting socio-economic development which schemes aim to provide a safety net for vulnerable sections of society and ensure that essential services are accessible to all, especially in rural and underserved areas. Through effective facilitation of these schemes, WOSCA helps address poverty, unemployment and social inequality, while supporting local economies and fostering sustainable development.

### 1. MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act)

MGNREGA is a flagship employment scheme launched by the Government of India to guarantee at least 100 days of wage employment per year to every rural household. The primary objective of this scheme is to enhance livelihood security by providing employment to rural households in the form of public works projects which we ensure in most of the livelihood projects including the construction of roads, wells, ponds, and other infrastructure that benefit communities. Our facilitation of MGNREGA involves organizing community-based employment initiatives, ensuring adequate training for workers, and providing transparency through public monitoring and grievance redressal mechanisms.

### 2. BSKY (Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana)

BSKY is a health insurance scheme introduced by the Odisha state government to provide free



medical treatment to eligible residents. It aims to reduce the financial burden on poor families by offering health insurance for hospitalization expenses, including surgeries, treatments, and consultations. Facilitating BSKY requires efficient enrollment

processes and awareness campaigns which we ensure so that eligible households are enrolled in the scheme. We take lead role in facilitating that the Government agencies and local healthcare providers collaborate to ensure that people are informed about the coverage and how to utilize it. Proper tracking mechanisms are in place to ensure that beneficiaries receive timely services and that funds are used effectively.

### 3. PDS (Public Distribution System)

The Public Distribution System (PDS) is a government-driven program that provides subsidized food grains and other essential commodities to the poor. PDS is a critical tool in addressing food insecurity and supporting nutritional needs, especially in rural and marginalized areas. We facilitate the eligible persons to avail PDS which aims to distribute subsidized rice, wheat, sugar, and other essential items to eligible households, ensuring food security.

### 4. Pension Schemes (e.g., Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, Disability Pension)

Government pension schemes aim to provide financial security to the elderly, widows, and disabled individuals who are unable to work due to age or disability. These pensions provide a fixed monthly amount to beneficiaries, ensuring a source of income and support for their basic needs. We facilitate the pension schemes involving verifying eligibility, ensuring proper documentation, and ensuring that payments are made regularly. Again, we co-ordinate with the government agencies to work with local bodies and social welfare organizations to spread awareness about the availability of these schemes.



## Child Rights and Women's Empowerment

Since its inception, WOSCA has been tirelessly working towards women empowerment and child rights. These two interconnected global priorities aim to ensure the dignity, freedom, and development of every individual, particularly children and women, who often face systemic vulnerabilities. WOSCA aligns its efforts with various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). These SDGs intersect with and reinforce our mission to support child rights and women's empowerment, promoting a holistic approach to sustainable development.

### The TRESHA Project

The TRESHA Project focuses on two critical areas: Child Rights and Women Empowerment. As part of this initiative, WOSCA has selected Self-Help Groups (SHGs) that were previously in a dormant state. These groups were revitalized and strengthened through targeted interventions. The team members of WOSCA have conducted extensive training programs to enhance the skills and capabilities of the SHG members. These programmes were designed not only on financial literacy and management but also on empowering women to become more

active in their communities and assert their rights.

***The project TRESHA: Tribal Empowerment through Self-Help Approach is funded by KNH (Kinder Not Hilfe)***

**Coverage: We work with 19 SHGS covering 1464 numbers of beneficiaries in Banspal Block.**





### Key Activities:

- Conducted training sessions to educate SHG members on the rights of children and the importance of protection measures.
- Organized campaigns and workshops to highlight the harmful effects of child labor and the importance of education.
- Held sessions focusing on safety and sanitary hygiene practices for adolescent girls.
- Engaged SHGs in identifying local issues and empowered them to address these challenges.
- Provided training on business planning, nutri garden seed support and production for business ventures.
- Offered training to women on their socio-political and economic rights to empower them in various aspects of life.

### Achievements:

- **Increased women's participation in Community:** Oppressed women in the operational villages have become more vocal and active, particularly in discussions related to child rights, taking a leading role in addressing these important issues.
- **Increased Positive Attitudes Towards Children and Women:** There has been a noticeable improvement in behaviour towards children and women, both within households and at the community level.
- **Reduction in School Dropouts:** Eleven children have been re-enrolled in school. The dropout rate among children has decreased by 60%, suggesting improved retention and support for children's education in the community.
- **Self-Advocacy by SHG Members:** Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have begun engaging with government officials independently to address their own issues, advocating for their rights and entitlements with increased confidence and effectiveness.

### Agriculture Production Cluster (APC) Project

WOSCA gives more priority to empower women economically. Since 2021, the Agriculture Production Cluster (APC) project has been making significant strides in enhancing the livelihoods of marginalized women farmers in Keonjhar and Sundergarh districts. Through synchronized production of Agri Horti products and alternative livelihood options, the project is tailored to seasonal cycles-Kharif, Rabi and Summer along with doubling their income. The APCs cover a total of 4432 acers of cultivated area and 220 acers of plantation area. The project covers 24 GPs, which includes 12084 beneficiaries of 133 villages

*The project Agriculture Production Cluster (Synchronised Production and Collective marketing by the Women Farmers) is funded by DMF, Keonjhar & Sundergarh*

*Project Coverage: We work in 4 Blocks i.e. Ghatgoan and Ghasipura block of Keonjhar District and Lahunipada and Koida Block of Sundergarh District.*

## Key Activities:

- **Capacity Development Programs:** Training women farmers on modern farming techniques and entrepreneurship. These programs include alternative livelihood methods like fish farming and mushroom cultivation, advanced farming techniques, best practices for winner crops, non-pesticide management, and the application of natural pest control methods. Additionally, farmers receive training on FPO marketing, business planning, and bookkeeping to empower them in managing and growing their enterprises effectively.
- **Farm Mechanization:** Implementing advanced agricultural technologies and equipment.
- **Improved Irrigation Facilities:** Enhancing water resources for better crop productivity.
- **Collective Marketing:** Establishing Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for streamlined market access.

## Achievements:

The APC project's structured approach and focused implementation have significantly uplifted the agricultural landscape in the region and has brought significant positive changes to our farming communities, especially benefiting women farmers. Here are the key impacts:

- **Formation of PGs and FPOs:** The project has successfully formatted 100 PGs (Producer Groups), with 25 groups in each block, and established 4 WFPOs (Women Farmer Producer Organizations), one in each block.
- **Enhancement of Irrigation Infrastructure:** The project has created a total of 700.5 hectares of irrigated land across four blocks: Ghatgoan (200 ha), Ghasipur (50.5 ha), Lahunipada (410 ha), and Koida (40 ha). This initiative has had a transformative impact on local agriculture.
- **Increased Crop Yields:** The adoption of advanced agricultural practices has led to higher crop yields, enhancing food security and improving farmers' incomes. Through the project, 10,967 quintals of vegetables have been produced, amounting to ₹293.49 lakhs across all blocks.
- **Empowering Women Farmers:** The APCs provided opportunities to 12,000 women farmers to participate in collective farming and decision-making processes, leading to increased confidence, financial independence, and improved social status within their communities.
- **Linkages to Government Schemes:** APCs facilitated access to various government schemes and subsidies, allowing farmers to benefit from programs aimed at improving agricultural productivity and sustainability.



- **Synchronized Production of Crops:** Coordinating the production of high-value crops and vegetables across 5,039 acres helped optimize resource use, reduce market competition, and improve planning and utilization of agricultural inputs.
- **Collective Marketing and Sales:** The production of 10,969 quintals of vegetables was sold collectively, amounting to Rs. 293.69 lakhs, showcasing the benefits of collective marketing efforts.
- **Alternative Livelihoods:** APCs promoted diversification by encouraging activities such as livestock rearing, which involved 1,203 families, along with mushroom cultivation, nursery raising, and floriculture.
- **Adoption of NPM Practices:** Implementation of Non-Pesticide Management (NPM) practices on 959 acres of land contributed to sustainable farming and reduced dependence on chemical inputs.



These impacts collectively transformed the agricultural landscape, promoted sustainable practices, and enhanced the economic well-being of our farmers.

### Kheti Model

*Santilata Mahanta, a 37-years-old progressive farmer from Nusuriposi village of Ghatagoan block, exemplifies the transformative potential of sustainable farming through the Kheti model. An active member of the Maa Laxmi Producer Group, Santilata has adopted holistic agricultural practices that enhanced productivity while maintaining ecological balance. Supported by WOSCA and the APC project under DMF, she has improved soil fertility using organic fertilizers and compost leading to thriving crops of vegetables and apple berry.*

*Last year, her apple berry cultivation on just 0.5 acres earned Rs.70,000/- and her vegetable farming yielded Rs.1,50,000 in the summer season. By practicing mixed cropping and crop rotation, Santilata minimized pest and disease risks, ensuring a steady income.*

*A notable achievement is her soilless nursery, producing healthy brinjal saplings. This innovation, along with*



*training from WOSCA, has boosted her farm's productivity. Integrating livestock with cultivation has further enriched her soil and diversified her income.*

*Santilata's journey showcases how the Kheti model transforms farming into a sustainable livelihood, securing income and a resilient future. Her success story inspires fellow farmers and underscores the impact of sustainable practices.*



### Hatching Hope Initiative India and Odisha Socio-Economic Development

With the aim to empower local communities through livestock (goat and hen) farming and agricultural development, WOSCA in partnership with Heifer International has implemented the project Hatching Hope Initiative India and Odisha Socio-Economic Development Project. Besides, the project aims to promote mutual assistance, financial service, insurance of producers, welfare measures, or their primary produces and its market linkages facilities and to provide input and output business



services to its members for income enhancement up to 10,000/- per month through promotion of Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO).

**Project Coverage:** The project covers 474 SHGs of 34 villages of 10 Gram Panchayats of Ghatgoan block. A total of 5033 nos of families will be benefited from this programme.

#### Key Activities:



- To provide resources like goat houses, poultry houses, BYP baskets, CAVE kits etc.
- Skill training for sustainable farming practices and market access
- Facilitate the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to strengthen market access, ensure fair prices, and help communities retain more of their profit.
- Training of local women to take leadership roles, which fosters greater gender equity and enhances the economic contribution of women in rural areas.

- Building awareness among the SHG members / farmers about the prevention through the practice of deworming, Vaccination and Vitamins and also taking care of house management for bio security measures.

#### Achievements:

- Provided 150 no of model goat house to goaterly SHG farmers
- Provided 166 no of model of poultry house to poultry SHG farmers
- Provided 75 BYP humane baskets for entrepreneurs
- Provided 13 CAVE kit to each CAVE for deworming and vaccinations
- Provided 8 number of scooty to CAVE in 40% assistance
- Provided 2 nos of refrigerator to CAVE for storage of vaccination

### ASMITA -Working Women's Hostel

WOSCA's initiative to empower women extends beyond the rural regions of Keonjhar. Given that Keonjhar is a mining hub, numerous livelihood opportunities have opened up for women in various sectors. Women, who are vulnerable and are earning lower salaries hesitate to stay in the town due to the lack of affordable accommodation. To address this issue and make the women feel safe and empowered, WOSCA inaugurated the ASMITA Working Women's Hostel in January 2024 with subsidized housing and fooding facilities.

**ASMITA - Working Women's Hostel is funded by DMF, Keonjhar in collaboration with Keonjhargarh Municipality.**

**The hostel has a capacity to accommodate 50 women boarders. Currently 38 women working across different sectors are residing the hostel.**

#### Key Initiatives:

- Providing subsidised housing and fooding facilities.
- Offering indoor sports and recreational activities
- Ensuring 24/7 security
- Maintaining high hygiene standards
- Implementing a grievance redressal system

#### Achievements:

Due to subsidised housing and fooding facilities and 24/7 security conditions, all the residents feel safe in the hostel while striving to earn their livelihood.





## *Health and Education*

Health and education are fundamental pillars for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations. WOSCA follows various SDGs such as SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), SDG 4 (Quality Education) related to education and health.

### Creche-Ama Kalika Programme

Ama Kalika Programme aims to establish community-based care centres for children of working women with the villages. Since October 1, 2023, the Aama Kalika project is managed by WOSCA in Harichandanpur block of Keonjhar District. WOSCA has established 202 Nos. of Kalika Kendras to improve the nutritional and developmental status of children aged 6 to 36 months, and to promote their holistic development, ensuring early identification and treatment of growth faltering and childhood illnesses.

#### Key Activities and Achievements:

- **Crèche Centres:** Established 187 Crèche centres, i.e., 55 creche centres in Sadar Block and 132 creche centres in Harichandanpur block of Keonjhar. To manage these centres, 374 trained crèche workers are appointed.
- **Providing Nutritious Food:** Provided nutritious foods like Sattu mix, Ragi, Dates, Egg, Soyabin, Dalma and Rice and conducted regular anthropometric measurements for growth monitoring.
- **Health Monitoring:** We have enrolled 4384 children with 2593 continuing and 1534 have transferred to Anganwadi Centres.
- **Health Interventions:** Identified 178 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and referred 34 to Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRC). Addressed severe underweight and stunting issues showing significant recovery among affected children.
- **Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD):** Conducted ECCD activities for mental and physical development and established 122 Nutri gardens for fresh vegetables.

#### *Ama Kalika Programme Overview*

- **Support:** Backed by DMF, Keonjhar since 2021.
- **Geographical Reach:** Operating in 37 Gram Panchayats (GPs) and 8 wards across two blocks in Keonjhar District.
  - **Keonjhar Sadar Block:** 55 Kalika Kendra's.
  - **Harichandanpur Block:** 132 Kalika Kendra's.





- **Community Engagement:** Conducted meeting with mothers and at village-level and also visited door to door to increase child enrolment.
- **Coordination Meetings:** Participated in monthly block-level meetings with CDPO, supervisor and crèche staff for effective co-ordination.
- **Observation Days:** Celebrated Poshan Maha, World Environment Day, Breastfeeding Week, Global Handwashing Day and World Egg Day with DSWO, CDPO and Crèche staff.



### Community Nutrition Programme

The Community Nutrition Programme aims to achieve two specific objectives: (1) reduce the number of babies born with low birth weight (less than 2.5 kg) and (2) reduce the number of severe and moderate acute malnourished children below five years. The programme will cover a total of 14234 (0-5 years children, Pregnant and Lactating Women) beneficiaries from 444 Villages (Revenue Village-192, Hamlet Village-250) of Harichandanpur block of Keonjhar district.

**Funded by:** Azim Premji Foundation (APF)

**Operational Areas:** 25 Gram Panchayats of Harichandanpur Block, Keonjhar District

**Key Initiatives:**

**Pada Prusti:** Community nutrition enhancement initiatives

**Facilitation of Poshan Sathi:** Improved nutritional support and outreach programs

#### **Strategies and Approach:**

- Building a community cadre (POSHAN Sathis) to improve coverage of key health and nutrition interventions at the village level.
- Facilitating access to health services, counselling and home visits for high-risk pregnant women by Poshan Saathi's and Quick Response Team (QRT).
- Facilitating access to growth monitoring and early identification of growth-faltered children and identification of moderate and severe acute malnourished children.
- Continuous follow-up, counseling and facilitating treatment for the malnourished children by Poshan Sathis and QRT.
- Engaging with the community to ensure access to health and nutrition entitlements, improves the health-seeking behavior of the households.

### ***Achievements:***

- A total of 12,609 children under the age of 5 were monitored for growth each month by Anganwadi Workers (AWW), with support of Poshan Sathis. All growth monitoring data for these children was digitally recorded in the Avni App for efficient follow-up.
- A total of 2,273 structured Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) were successfully facilitated. During these events, 1,762 pregnant women and 988 lactating mothers received high-quality Antenatal Care (ANC) and Postnatal Care (PNC) services.
- A total of 1,865 routine immunization sessions were conducted, during which 7,055 children from birth to 23 months received timely vaccinations. ASHA workers, Anganwadi Workers (AWW), and Poshan Sathis have actively supported the ANMs in mobilizing and counseling mothers on the importance of preventive vaccines against childhood diseases
- A total of 529 children, under the age of 5, with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 135 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), were referred to the Community Health Centre (CHC) and District Headquarter Hospital (DHH) for health check-ups by paediatricians, with support from the Quick Response Team (QRT) members.
- A total of 184 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were admitted to the NRC at Harichandanpur and 12 SAM children were admitted to the DHH NRC for treatment of malnutrition. Mothers of these children were counselled and educated on behavior change practices, including handwashing, hygiene, and nutritious food recipes.
- A total of 181 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were admitted to the NRC, and their mothers received wage compensation benefits to support their care. Additionally, follow-up visits were conducted for 184 children who had been discharged from the NRC. During these visits, Poshan Sathis and project staff provided counselling to mothers on child care, emphasizing age-appropriate feeding practices and overall nutrition to ensure the continued growth and health of the children.
- A total of 120 high-risk pregnant women were referred to the CHC and DHH for health check-ups by the QRT team. Furthermore, 14 pregnant women with moderate anaemia were administered Iron Sucrose, while 9 severely anaemic pregnant women received blood transfusions.
- A total of 48 functional Pada Pusti Kendras (PPK) have provided hot-cooked meals to 595 children aged 3 to 6 years in outreach hamlets. Self-Help Group (SHG) members took responsibility for meal preparation and ensuring proper hygiene standards.
- The Quick Response Team (QRT) facilitated the admission of 730 geographically high-risk pregnant women to Maa Gruha for safe deliveries. All these women have successfully delivered at PHC/CHC/DHH, with the support of Maternity Home staff and the concerned village ASHA for escort and assistance.



- A total of 276 village meetings were organized by Poshan Sathis and Supervisors, by engaging community members in discussions to enhance awareness on key topics such as breastfeeding, complementary feeding, maternal health, proper nutrition, and essential hygiene practices. These meetings aimed to empower the community with vital information to improve overall health and well-being.
- Through the involvement of Poshan Sathis and project staff, the Aadhar update issues faced by 34 pregnant women were successfully addressed. As a result, eligible beneficiaries were able to avail of the Mamata Scheme benefits. Additionally, new bank passbooks were opened for 21 pregnant women, who were also enrolled as Mamata beneficiaries.
- 412 families were actively engaged in promoting household kitchen gardens to provide green vegetables and leafy greens, contributing to a more diversified diet for children.

### Case Study:

#### Overcoming Severe Malnutrition – The Journey of Chandra Sekhar Juanga

**Introduction:** Sanatan Juanga, a daily labourer, and his wife Subhadra welcomed their son, Chandra Sekhar, on June 29, 2022, at the District Headquarter Hospital (DHH) in Keonjhar. Shortly after birth, Chandra Sekhar faced severe health challenges, including malnutrition.

**Early Signs of Malnutrition:** During a routine visit by the WOSCA team and the ASHA worker on July 2, 2022, it was discovered that Chandra Sekhar had lost 300 grams instead of gaining weight. Follow-up visits by the Poshan Sathis and the Quick Response Team (QRT) revealed a further weight loss of 200 grams. Alarmed, the team referred Chandra Sekhar to the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in Keonjhar for evaluation and treatment.

**Initial Treatment and Continued Struggles:** After receiving medical care at the NRC, Chandra Sekhar returned to his village. Unfortunately, there was no noticeable improvement in his health. Despite regular visits from the Poshan Sathi, ASHA worker, and AWW, who provided guidance on proper infant care and breastfeeding techniques, Chandra Sekhar's condition continued to worsen.

Further investigation revealed that Subhadra had flat nipples, making breastfeeding difficult. Consequently, Chandra Sekhar was given alternative liquid foods, including boiled rice water from an unsterilized bottle, worsening his malnutrition. Financial constraints prevented the family from providing nutritious food, leaving Chandra Sekhar underfed and his health deteriorating further.

**Overcoming Challenges and Intervention:** Initially resistant and frustrated, Subhadra expressed distress at repeated interventions. However, with continued persuasion and counselling from the Poshan Sathi, ASHA worker, QRT, AWW, and support from local villagers, Subhadra agreed to admit Chandra Sekhar to the NRC on September 7, 2022.

**Impact:** With the dedicated efforts of the WOSCA team and the community, Chandra Sekhar's condition began to improve after being admitted to the NRC. The intervention not only addressed his immediate health needs but also highlighted the importance of proper infant care and nutrition within the community. This case underscores the critical role of continuous support and education in combating severe malnutrition and improving the well-being of vulnerable children.



### Establishment and Management of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC)

In order to improve the access to quality health and nutritional status of the children of Severely malnourished children below 5-years, WOSCA implemented an NRC (Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre) in Barbil since April 2019 with the support of DMF. Later 3 new NRC were inaugurated on December 2022 in distinct location i.e., (Harichandanpur, Anandapur & Telkoi) and on July 2023 one more NRC started functioning at Udaypur. This project emphasizes on providing clinical management and reducing mortality among children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), particularly among those with medical complications and promoting physical and psychosocial growth of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and building the capacity of mothers and other care givers in appropriate feeding and caring practices for infants and young children.

**ADM- Admission, REF-Referred**

WOSCA NRC DMF PROJECT KEONJHAR												
TOTAL ADMISSION & REFERRED												
NRC	Barbil NRC		Harichandanpur NRC		Anandapur NRC		Telkoi NRC		Udaypur NRC		TOTAL (Nos.)	
Financial Year	ADM	REF	ADM	REF	ADM	REF	ADM	REF	ADM	REF	ADM	REF
2019-20	219	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219	7
2020-21	179	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	2
2021-22	209	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	8
2022-23	210	9	68	1	38	0	54	4	0	0	370	14
2023-24	91	2	184	5	150	1	146	3	92	0	663	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1640</b>	<b>42</b>

### Achievement

A total of 1640 no of beneficiaries were benefited since 2019 to March 2024 and 42 no of children were referred to higher institution.



## Maternity Waiting Home (MWH)

Maternity Waiting Homes (MWHs) are facilities that provide a temporary residence for pregnant women who live in remote areas, allowing them to stay closer to the healthcare facility where they will deliver. This helps to reduce the risk of complications and ensure a safer delivery for both the mother and the newborn.

By managing MWHs in three Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Harichandanpur Block, WOSCA aims to improve access to quality antenatal care and childbirth services for pregnant women living in remote areas, reduce the risk of complications and maternal mortality by providing a safe and monitored environment for childbirth and to enhance the overall health and well-being of mothers and newborns by providing essential care and support during the post-natal period.



- The MWHs are managed by WOSCA, with the support of NHM & DMF, Keonjhar.
- MWHs have been operational since 2013 in Harichandanpur and Revenapalaspal.
- In 2023, the Bhagamunda Maa Gruha has been started functioning.
- 154 pregnant women benefited from the services of Bhagamunda Maa Gruha.

### *Achievements:*

1. Admissions: A total of 813 pregnant women were admitted in the Maternity Waiting Homes (MWHs) in the fiscal year 2023-2024. This represents a significant milestone in providing pre-natal care.
2. Institutional: A total of 713 institutional deliveries were conducted through the MWHs, demonstrating their effectiveness in providing a safe and monitored environment for childbirth. Notably, 657 scheduled tribe women and 30 scheduled caste women benefited from these services, highlighting the importance of targeted interventions for marginalized communities.
3. Bed occupancy: Each MWH has 6 available beds and the high demand for these services is evidenced by 6534 bed nights being occupied. This indicates that the MWHs are addressing a critical need in the community.
4. Referral transport services: The provision of free referral transport services (home to MWH) for 813 pregnant women ensures access to healthcare services despite the geographical barriers. This initiative plays a crucial role in facilitating timely and safe maternal care.

### Empowering Lives: Janaki Munda's Journey

**A Remote Hamlet** Nestled deep in the forest, 20 kilometers from the mainland, lies the small hamlet of Tuntulei Village, Nardangipetha. Home to Janaki Munda, her husband Ripan, and 10-15 other families, this remote community faces significant challenges. Connectivity is scarce, and residents must cross a small river to reach the main village for their daily needs.

**A Promise of Hope** Amid these challenges, our Maternity Waiting Home (MWH) team reached out to Janaki. Our ANM educated her about the importance of safe delivery and nutritional care during pregnancy. Determined to ensure a safe childbirth, Janaki was enrolled at the Maa Gruha.

**A Ride to Safety** With limited transportation options, the bike ambulance managed by WOSCA became the lifeline for Janaki. Overcoming geographical and logistical barriers, this service ensured that she reached the Maternity Home safely.

**Care and Compassion** Janaki was admitted to the Maa Gruha for 15 days, where she received comprehensive care and support. The dedicated staff provided a nurturing environment, ensuring both her physical and emotional well-being.

**A Healthy Outcome** Today, both Janaki and her baby are healthy and thriving. The team continues to follow up on their well-being, ensuring that Janaki and her child receive the necessary support for a bright and healthy future.

### Management of Bike Ambulance

Keonjhar district, despite its rich natural resources, continues to face significant challenges in healthcare access due to inadequate road and communication infrastructure. Remote areas like Rebanapalaspal in Harichandanpur Block highlight the stark reality of pregnant women being forced to deliver at home, often leading to increased maternal and child mortality rates. To combat this issue, WOSCA, in collaboration with OMBADC, introduced the Bike Ambulance Initiative in 2019. This project aims to ensure that pregnant women and other patients in hard-to-reach areas can access primary healthcare facilities in a timely manner.

#### Key Achievements:

- Since its inception, the initiative has facilitated 1,950 safe transports of pregnant women to health centres, reducing risks associated with home deliveries.
- During the last financial year, 408 pregnant women and 251 other patients were transported to health facilities, ensuring they received critical medical care.



The Bike Ambulance Initiative exemplifies WOSCA's commitment towards addressing health inequities by providing innovative solutions tailored to the unique challenges of the region. This project continues to make a significant impact, contributing to improved maternal and child health outcomes across Keonjhar's remote communities.



### Management of Urban Public Health Centre (UPHC)

Urban Primary Health Centers (UPHC) plays a crucial role in improving healthcare services in urban areas. Considering this, WOSCA has been managing one Urban Primary Health Centers (UPHC) at Nalda of Barbil Municipality with the support of NUHM, Keonjhar. During this year, WOSCA has realized some common achievements associated with such initiative:

WOSCA has actively engaged in community outreach programs to raise awareness about health issues, preventive measures, and the availability of healthcare services. As the UPHC functioning in a mining area WOSCA has been focusing on preventive healthcare measures, conducting vaccination drives, health education programs, and promoting healthy lifestyles to reduce the incidence of diseases. During this year, WOSCA has prioritized maternal and child health services, providing antenatal care, postnatal care, immunizations, and support for safe deliveries. Adding to these, WOSCA has also addressed the growing burden of chronic diseases in urban areas by providing services for the management and control of conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and respiratory diseases. WOSCA has been following robust monitoring and evaluation systems to assess the impacts of their interventions, ensuring accountability and continuous improvement in service delivery. Such success of UPHCs has been realized due to various factors, including the local context, collaboration with local authorities, community engagement, and the adaptability of healthcare programs to address the local health issues.



### Life-Lab Science Programme: Jigyasa program

The Jigyasa program, part of the STEM Life Lab initiative, aims to provide children with hands-on experience in science and mathematics through demo models aligned with grade-specific curricula. This innovative approach enhances students' understanding, engagement, problem-solving skills, and creativity. Teachers participating in the program receive 108 hours of capacity building training, enabling them to deliver more engaging and inquiry-based lessons. The program's performance is evaluated using five key metrics: fun, engagement, understanding, problem solving and creativity etc.



### Achievements:

- **381 STEM Labs Established:** WOSCA has successfully set up 381 STEM labs across the nation, providing children with the opportunity to explore real-world applications of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- **Teacher Training:** Teachers received 108 hours of training, fostering an innovative and inquiry-based approach to teaching.
- **Enhanced Learning Experience:** The STEM labs have proven to be an excellent way for children to learn and have fun simultaneously, making complex concepts more accessible and enjoyable.

Overall, the STEM Life Lab project continues to make strides in enhancing educational experiences and preparing students for future academic and career success.

### Access to Quality Education

The Access to Quality Education Project, spearheaded by WOSCA, aims to provide quality educational support to 120 underprivileged children aged 3-12, including those who have never enrolled or have dropped out of the formal education system. By adopting innovative methodologies and comprehensive strategies, the Star Academy Learning Centre offers a nurturing environment where children are educated through English medium instruction and the CBSE curriculum. The centre not only focuses on academic excellence but also emphasizes holistic development through various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as computer education, digital learning, art, craft, music, and sports.



Special attention is given to children with special needs, especially those with cerebral palsy, ensuring inclusive education. The centre also prioritizes health and nutrition, conducting regular



physiotherapy sessions, and providing nutritious meals supported by SBI Life. To enhance community engagement, monthly village meetings are conducted to improve participation and awareness.

Through these comprehensive efforts, WOSCA is committed to bridging the educational gap and ensuring that every child has access to quality education and the opportunity to thrive.

## Case Study: Tanisha Behera's Educational Journey

Tanisha Behera, a young student in KG-1 at Star Academy, hails from a Munda community where opportunities for higher education are limited. She lives in a joint family, with her father working in a local shop to support their livelihood. Despite the challenges in their area, Tanisha's mother harboured big dreams for her daughter. She envisioned a future where Tanisha would receive an education and achieve things beyond what they had experienced.



A turning point in Tanisha's life came when her parents attended a community meeting organized by the teachers at Star Academy. During the meeting, they learned about the school's offerings, including free education, books, and transportation. What stood out the most was the fact that Star Academy provided education in English, which was a rare opportunity in their community. Inspired by this, Tanisha's mother saw a path for her daughter to a brighter future and decided to enrol Tanisha in the SBI Life Project at Star Academy.

When Tanisha first joined the Nursery class, she faced numerous challenges. Her teacher recalls that she struggled with basic tasks, such as drawing a line. However, with consistent support and encouragement, Tanisha began to make steady progress. Now in KG-1, she is an active participant in her learning, though she sometimes faces difficulties with memory and communication in group settings. Nonetheless, Tanisha excels in one-on-one conversations, and her teachers have been providing her with extra attention to help her overcome these obstacles.

Tanisha's mother has seen remarkable improvements in her daughter. Tanisha is now able to communicate more confidently and has developed a growing interest in learning. Her family is overjoyed that their daughter is attending an English-medium school, an opportunity they never thought possible. Simple moments, such as Tanisha greeting them with "Good morning" and "Goodnight," bring immense pride and joy to her parents.

Tanisha's educational journey is a shining example of the impact of the SBI Life Project at Star Academy and the dedication of its teachers. Her progress has not only filled her family with happiness but also inspired the wider community to recognize the value of education and to dream of a brighter future for their children.



### Speaking Wall and MLEP

In collaboration with the Samagra Shiksha, WOSCA has undertaken the responsibility to renovate primary schools (94) and secondary (204 schools) institutions in the district. The essence of these projects lies in the beautification of school buildings and the dissemination of information through vibrant paintings and tribal terracotta art. Suitably named, the Speaking Wall project aims to make the school walls themselves a source of basic knowledge for students.



Schools are the foundation of a child's future. By creating an interactive and engaging environment, we aim to enhance students' curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. This initiative not only beautifies the school premises but also transforms them into a dynamic educational tool, encouraging students to explore and gain knowledge in a stimulating atmosphere.



## Information Collection and Analysis Initiatives

### Tribal Cuisine of Odisha

The study ‘Tribal Cuisine of Odisha’ supported by Academy of Tribal Languages & Culture under ST & SC Development, M & BCW Department, Govt. of Odisha has made an attempt to document the indigenous foods of eight tribal groups from five tribal dominated districts i.e., Santhal and Munda tribes of Mayurbhanj district, Juanga & Gond tribes of Keonjhar district, Oraon & Bhuyan tribes of Sundargarh district, Kandha tribe of Phulbani district and Paraja tribe of Koraput district of Odisha. Specific focus was given to analyze their diversified food basket and to appraise the potential of these foods in wider mass across the globe. The data has been collected from thirty-three villages across five districts of Odisha, assessing their availability, seasonality, and process of preparation. A cross-sectional survey using qualitative methods like focus group discussions with women, adult males and elderly people was conducted for food identification and documentation. This was followed by prioritization and classification of the identified foods. More than 150 different types of indigenous foods including a number of green leafy vegetables, pulses, oilseeds, fish and meat were identified.



This study reveals that the dietary habit of the tribes is very simple and depends on the agro-economical and geographical conditions. Forest is one of the most important resources from where they procure their food. The food items are heavily dependent upon the seasonal availability of various food items. Apart from these, tribal communities have also been involved in cattle rearing and farming. The indigenous foods identified in the study were found to be rich sources of micronutrients and carry medicinal properties. Most of their dishes are cooked with water and the use of oil in curries is very limited.



The recipes of Odisha's tribal communities are a testament to the profound ecological knowledge and sustainable practices deeply embedded within their cultural fabric. Seasonal produce, indigenous grains, and foraged delights form the cornerstone of these recipes, reflecting a harmonious relationship with the land and a commitment to preserving biodiversity.

## Census / Baseline Survey for newly identified PVTG HHs in PVTG villages under OPELIP

The Baseline Survey for the newly identified Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) households in PVTG villages under the Odisha PVTG Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement Programme (OPELIP) is a critical initiative aimed at addressing the unique needs of these communities. Conducted by WOSCA as a consortium partner with ISS, Bhubaneswar, the survey aims to gather essential data to inform the planning and implementation of developmental activities tailored to the specific contexts of these villages. This data will provide insights into the socio-economic conditions and specific needs of the communities. The survey focused on gathering comprehensive information regarding the socio-economic background of households and various developmental dimensions at the village level. This includes insights into demographics, economic activities, living conditions,

cultural contests etc. Information was collected through structured interview with the help of 5 Supervisors and 24 Enumerators responsible for gathering. The use of smartphones and tablets for data entry allows for efficient submission and real-time processing of information, enhancing accuracy and reducing delays. Information was collected from 17721 households.

Name of Micro Project	WOSCA
PBDA, Jamardihi	206
JDA, Dhenkanala	2914
BJDA, Sukinda	291
JDA, Gonasika	2532
BDA, Banspal	9663
HKMDA, Jashipur	238
LDA, Morada	832
PBDA, Khuntgoan	1045
<b>Total HHs</b>	<b>17721</b>
<b>Total MPA covered</b>	<b>08</b>

## Baseline Survey of Scheduled Tribe Households in Ten Blocks under MMJM Programme

The initiative was launched in 2023 and is spearheaded by WOSCA across all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in ten blocks of the ITDA Keonjhar and Champua. The primary aim is to gather comprehensive baseline data that will serve as a foundation for developing tailored interventions to improve the living conditions and livelihoods of Scheduled Tribe households. The assignment had included data collection and submission of data using smart phone utilizing 10 Supervisors and 50 Enumerators. These personnel are responsible for gathering and submitting data efficiently. The database being created will encompass various crucial aspects of the households, including household details, land details, livelihood, income and expenditure details of the scheduled tribe households. By March 2024 we have collected data of **38902** households.

Name of Block	Data Collected
Champua	4050
Jhumpura	4034
Joda	2050
Sadar	3008
Harichandanpur	2052
Banspal	5005
Ghatgoan	3060
Patna	6122
Saharapada	3036
Telkoi	6485
<b>Total</b>	<b>38902</b>



**BALANCE SHEET****2023-24****WOMEN'S ORGANISATION FOR SOCIO-CULTURAL AWARENESS (WOSCA)**

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH-2024**

	FC AMOUNT (Rs.)	General AMOUNT (Rs.)	Consolidated AMOUNT (Rs.)
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>			
Balance as per last Balance sheet	930,842.00	2,034,767.22	2,965,609.22
Add- Excess of Income over Expenditure during the year	-	764,581.43	764,581.43
Less- Excess of Expenditure over Income during the year	149400		149,400.00
	<b>781,442.00</b>	<b>2,799,348.65</b>	<b>3,580,790.65</b>
<b>RESERVE &amp; SURPLUS</b>			
Donation in Kind	-	21,870.00	21,870.00
Land Revaluation Reserve	-	3,427,565.00	3,427,565.00
		<b>3,449,435.00</b>	<b>3,449,435.00</b>
<b>Temperary Restricted Fund (Project)</b>			
Unutilised Grants-in-Aid	3,904,738.83	43,213,370.34	47,118,109.17
	<b>3,904,738.83</b>	<b>43,213,370.34</b>	<b>47,118,109.17</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</b>			
Interest free Temporary Loan	-	2,860,000.00	2,860,000.00
Temporary Loan by Projects	-	4,782,803.00	4,782,803.00
Loan From Indusind Finance	-	71,835.00	71,835.00
Loan From Mahindra Finance	-	269,624.00	269,624.00
Sundry Payble		5,272,796.26	5,272,796.26
		<b>13,257,058.26</b>	<b>13,257,058.26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,686,180.83</b>	<b>62,719,212.25</b>	<b>67,405,393.08</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUND</b>			
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
as per schedules annexed	922,672.00	5,236,443.00	6,159,115.00
add- Addition	-	3,776.00	3,776.00
	922,672.00	5,240,219.00	6,162,891.00
less- Dep	149,400.00	557,576.00	706,976.00
	773,272.00	4,682,643.00	5,455,915.00
Capital Work in Progress	0.00	<b>3,421,557.00</b>	3,421,557.00
<b>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS &amp; ADVANCES</b>			
Grants-in Aid Receivable	-	4,427,731.67	4,427,731.67
TDS	8,170.00	2,579,000.88	2,587,170.88
Loan to Micro Finance	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<b>8,170.00</b>	<b>7,036,732.55</b>	<b>7,044,902.55</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			
Cash in Hand	652.00	29,890.00	30,542.00
Cash at Bank	3,904,086.83	37,836,551.47	41,740,638.30
Fixed Deposit(Bank Guarantee)	-	9,711,838.23	9,711,838.23
	<b>3,904,738.83</b>	<b>47,578,279.70</b>	<b>51,483,018.53</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,686,180.83</b>	<b>62,719,212.25</b>	<b>67,405,393.08</b>



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For B.N. Misra & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

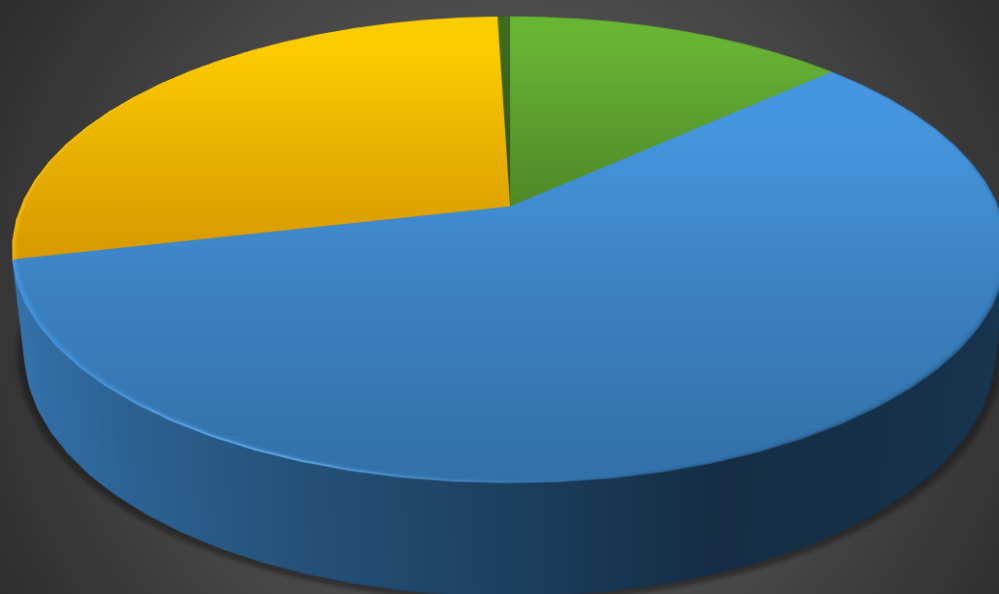
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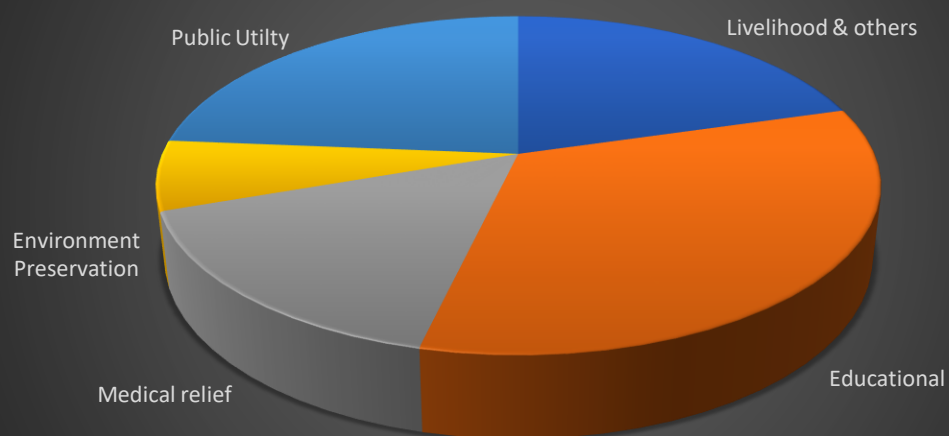
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### EXPENDITURE PATTERN 2023-24



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# ବସନ୍ତପୁରରେ ବିଶ୍ୱ ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଦିବସ



କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇଥିବା ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଏକ ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଶିବିର ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଏହି ଶିବିରରେ ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଶିକ୍ଷକଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହି ଶିବିରରେ ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଶିକ୍ଷକଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହି ଶିବିରରେ ପ୍ରାଣୀ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଶିକ୍ଷକଙ୍କୁ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା ।

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