



R estoring Futures R eclaiming Roots

Annual Report
2024-2025

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Word from the LEADERSHIP



Since our inception in 2007, the Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti has been a beacon of hope, weaving stories of resilience and renewal across the heartlands of Chhattisgarh. Like seeds sown in fertile soil, our efforts have taken root, blossoming into transformative change that uplifts rural and tribal communities with unwavering purpose.

Spanning 15 districts, our journey painted vibrant strokes of progress. From empowering farmers to nurturing dreams in remote villages, we've touched thousands of lives, forging paths to dignity and self-reliance. Each milestone reflects the heartbeat of our communities—a rhythm of courage, unity, and shared aspiration that echoes through every endeavor we undertake.

Our initiatives shine as cornerstones of change. Our mental health programs break barriers, offering solace and strength to those in need. Through landscape restoration, we breathe life into ecosystems, combating climate change while securing livelihoods. Our gender transformation projects ignite empowerment, weaving equity into the fabric of society. Education

and social behavior change spark curiosity and reshape mindsets, while health and nutrition efforts fortify futures. Our cleanliness drives foster pride in pristine surroundings, sustained by the passion of our 15,000+ volunteers, 117 Kavir Sakhi, 368 Kavir Kisan, and 30 Man Mitra—who are the soul of our mission.

As we gaze forward, we dream boldly, envisioning our impact rippling beyond borders to touch lives globally. We aim to share Chhattisgarh's lessons of resilience, crafting a world where sustainability and equity flourish hand in hand.

This tapestry of progress would be incomplete without our extraordinary volunteers, team members, partners, and board members. Your relentless dedication is the spark that lights our path. With heartfelt gratitude, we honor your contributions and invite you to join us as we continue to cultivate a future brimming with hope and possibility.

MR. RAJNISH AWASTHI
President, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti



Word from our **SECRETARY**

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

What an incredible year we've had at the Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti! I'm bursting with excitement to share our Annual Report, filled with the heartwarming stories and amazing progress we've made together across 15 districts in the vibrant rural and tribal communities of Chhattisgarh. We have spread joy, sparked hope, and changed lives in ways that truly matter!

Our work has touched our hearts and transformed communities. Through our mental health programs, we've created safe spaces for people to share, heal, and grow stronger together. Our efforts to restore the land have brought back lush greenery, helping fight climate change while filling local communities with pride. Our gender programs have empowered women and marginalized groups to dream big and shine bright. In classrooms, we've ignited a love for learning, and our health, nutrition, and cleanliness initiatives have brought smiles

and stronger, happier communities to life!

This journey wouldn't be possible without our fantastic volunteers, team members, partners, and Executive members. You are the heartbeat of our mission! Your passion, creativity, and tireless support have made every moment of this year unforgettable. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for pouring your love and energy into our shared vision.

As we celebrate these achievements, we're buzzing with excitement for what's to come. This report captures our story, our impact, and our big dreams for a brighter, more inclusive future. Let's keep the spark alive and continue making a difference, hand in hand, across Chhattisgarh!

With heartfelt gratitude and endless enthusiasm,

MANAS BANERJEE

Secretary, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti

Who are WE

Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti is a non-governmental organization registered in 2007 under the Societies Registration Act (1973). Over the Years, we have touched the lives of over 1 million people across 16 districts in Chhattisgarh.

Nearly three-fourths of the families CAS works with belong to Scheduled Tribes. CAS is continuously expanding its activities across different areas of Chhattisgarh.

Focusing on the overall quality of life of the beneficiaries, CAS extensively intervenes on major subjects such as Sustainable Agriculture and allied livelihood, Environment and Ecosystem and Community Mental Health & Psychosocial Support.

CAS harnesses the power of more than 10,000 youth volunteers across CG, local level influencers and Information, communication & Technology methods to effectively implement all its projects and programs. Many of our interventions are backed by concepts of social behavioral change in communication.



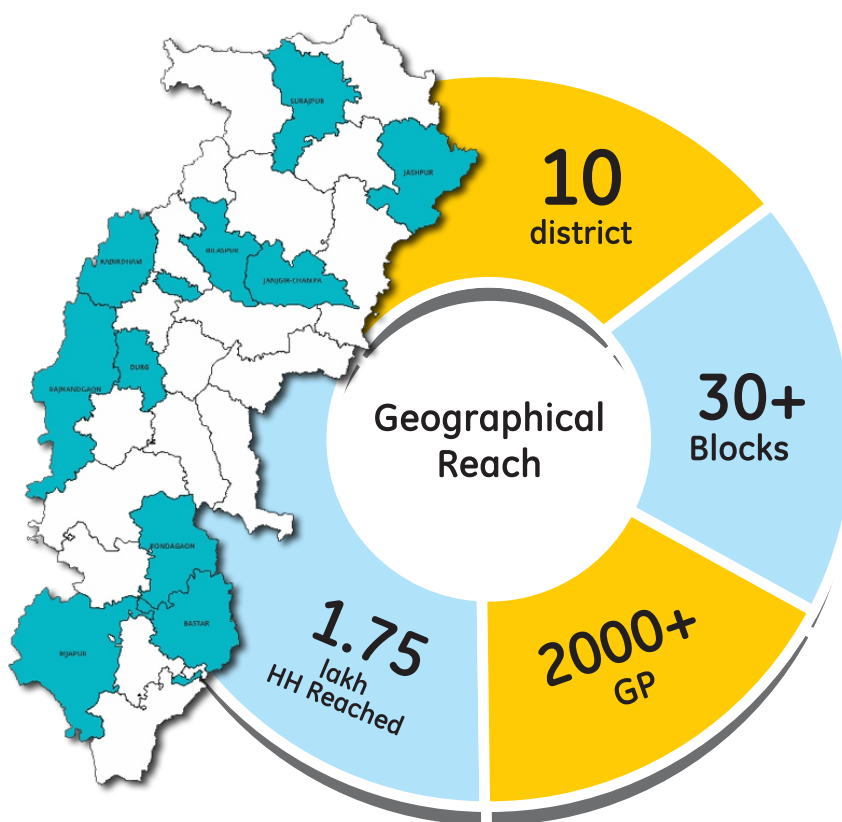
VISION

Our vision is to scale up the quality of life of people in different communities.

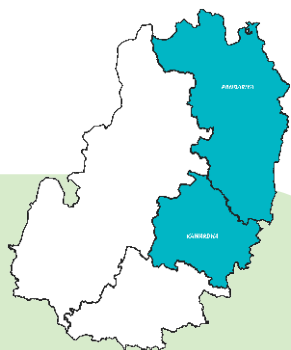


MISSION

We aim to drive sustainable agriculture and ecosystem restoration, enhancing community livelihoods and environmental resilience. Our mission focuses on reducing inequalities and promoting social inclusion, with measurable outcomes in nutrition, health, and psychosocial well-being. We are committed to fostering a culture of peace and diversity, contributing significantly to the upliftment of marginalized groups, gender equality, and child safety.



Thematic FOCUS



In the financial year 2024-25, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti (CAS), through the CHIRP (Central Highlands Restoration Program), implemented a transformative model of landscape restoration across ten villages in Kabirdham district. Grounded in the 4 Returns framework (inspiration, social, natural, and financial), the program went beyond sectoral interventions to build a resilient, inclusive rural economy that centres people, ecosystems, and future preparedness. Our work reflected an integrated approach to regenerative agriculture, ecosystem conservation, ICT innovation, gender equity, and climate-responsive systems.



02
Block



10
Villages



190+
Farmers

Sustainable Agriculture & Landscape Restoration

● Women at the Frontline of Ecological Restoration



A. Community Land Plantation

20 acres

of barren community land restored across 4 villages with native species like jamun, Karanja, and jackfruit.

31 women

led the aftercare, earning ₹75,000+ by managing plantation upkeep.

500 kg

of vegetables produced from community land, saving household income of ₹11,000+.

B. Homestead Agroforestry

250 households

adopted backyard plantations focused on nutrition and food security.

→ **100 households**

supported through the Horticulture Dept. with seeds and vegetable saplings.

150 households ←

supported directly by CAS with moringa, papaya, and banana.

**Estimated income saved
₹25 lakhs**

reducing market dependency and improving household diets.



C. Mass Production of Bio-Inputs

10 women

engaged in village-level bio-inputs production—strengthening local organic farming.

Supported adoption of safe, low-cost alternatives



● Advancing Climate-Smart Irrigation for Sustainable Water Management

To tackle water scarcity and adapt to climate variability, CAS promoted efficient and sustainable irrigation practices across multiple crops and regions:



Paddy

Approximately
131 million

liters of water saved per cropping cycle across 90 acres through AWD, while also reducing methane emissions and improving plant health



Sugarcane

Approximately
182 million

liters of water saved per cropping cycle across 65 acres under Drip Irrigation



Horticulture

20 acres
of community plantations integrated with drip irrigation

Approximately
19.8 million
liters of water saved across 20 acres of community



Water Harvesting Infrastructure

Community Pond constructed in Domsara with a storage capacity of

Approximately
3.8 million

liters for year-round water availability

● Regenerative Agriculture: Bringing Soil Back to Life

To transition from high-input monoculture to climate-resilient farming systems, CAS supported farmers in adopting regenerative and climate-resilient practices:

Green Manuring

85 acres

covered with Green Manure crops, enhancing nitrogen levels and reducing chemical dependency.





Direct Sowing

111 acres

shifted to Direct Seeding in paddy, helping reduce water usage, save labor and lower cultivation costs, while maintaining productivity.

Integrated Pest and Nutrient Management (IPM/INM)

200+ acres

acres brought under bio-based nutrient and pest management, using Neemastra, Jeevamrut, wood vinegar, and seaweed gel—leading to healthier crops and improved soil condition.



Climate-Resilient Seed Trials

In partnership with IRRI, 20+ rice varieties introduced under Rice Varietal Cafeteria.

07 promising varieties were tested on field plots creating a powerful base for future seed selection in local farming systems.

● The Kavir Lab : Turning Knowledge into Action

In March 2025, the Kavir Bio-Inputs Lab—a state-of-the-art, full-fledged biotech laboratory established with technical support of NIPHM—was launched. The first of its kind is Kabir Dham, the lab also functions as a learning and training center for farmers and volunteers. The KAVIR Lab model goes beyond soil testing and input production; it nurtures a transformative shift—from dependency to empowerment, from routine practices to resilient systems. Most importantly, it fosters a localized ecosystem where science serves the community, and communities shape the future of farming.



Scientific innovations often miss the mark when detached from farmers' realities. Kavir Lab bridges this gap by:

- Enabling direct interaction between farmers and scientists.
- Organizing field visits and on-site demonstrations for real-time learning.
- Providing practical, farm-level training to ensure effective adoption of scientific advancements.

By fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, we made scientific advancements more accessible and relevant to local farming needs. A crucial part of this initiative is that the Kavir Lab will also behave like a Tinkering Lab/Participatory Action Lab, a community-driven space where farmers & volunteers can experiment, develop, and apply scientific solutions to developmental challenges.



350+ Soil Tests

These tests helped identify nutrient deficiencies and supported farmers in customizing their crop and nutrient plans.

Bio-Input Production

Prior to the official setup and launch of the Bio-input lab, 125 liters of Trichoderma were produced. The plan is to scale up production to develop bio-fertilizer and bio-pesticide kits for 1,250 acres of land for Kharif 2025.



Carbon Credit Project

Scaling Conservation through Climate Finance

Monetizing Conservation through Climate Finance

Chhattisgarh Agricon Pvt. Ltd. launched a Carbon Credit Project which complemented our Work in Landscape Restoration. CAS has played a critical role in providing technical support for implementing Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) practices across paddy landscapes. The initiative leverages climate finance to scale conservation efforts and ensures community benefit through structured reinvestment mechanisms.



10
Cluster



300+
Villages



1500+
Farmers

Key Highlights

- **Project Scope:** Promote AWD irrigation across **18,000+** hectares of paddy field by 2026, reducing methane emissions.
- **Projected Impact:** **50,000+** carbon credits to be generated, monetizing conservation through verified emission reductions.
- **Community Benefit:** Funds generated through carbon credits will be reinvested into restoration activities via benefit-sharing with **10 FPOs**.

This innovative finance model is the next frontier in scaling ecological restoration while making it profitable for rural communities.



● Laying the Groundwork in Bastar

Building on insights from Kabirdham, CAS conducted a comprehensive 4 Returns Need Assessment in the ecologically critical Kanger Valley landscape of Bastar. Spanning 40 villages across Darbha, Jagdalpur, and Tokapal blocks, the process engaged over 600 stakeholders—including farmers, indigenous communities, government functionaries, civil society, and private sector actors—in a participatory diagnosis of the region's ecological and socio-economic realities.



The study surfaced key systemic challenges:

1

Degraded natural resources—including water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and soil decline due to unsustainable land use

2

Low awareness around landscape restoration, but emergent local leadership showing potential for collective action

3

Erosion of cultural identity linked to land and forests, driven by migration and livelihood insecurity

4

Underutilized ecosystem assets, such as NTFPs, eco-tourism potential, and carbon sequestration





In parallel, a workshop was organized—bringing together **CAS, Bastar Sevak Mandal, PRADAN, FES, Saathi Trust, Unexplored Bastar, ATREE, WTI, AHBSS and SEBA** —to anchor long-term work in the landscape.



This multi-stakeholder platform, informed by the 4 Returns framework, now forms the backbone for a context-specific, community-rooted restoration strategy. Future interventions will center regenerative agriculture, traditional knowledge systems, gender equity, and climate resilience, charting a transformative and inclusive pathway for Bastar.

What Changed on the Ground

The impact was rooted in building back land, strengthening people, unlocking economic value, and inspiring communities.



Inspiration Returned

110+
women
190+
lead farmers
250+
volunteers

took charge as local change-makers.

Scientific knowledge

became practical action—farmers directly applied lab learnings to their fields.

07

climate-smart rice varieties were tested locally, offering hope for more secure future harvests.

KAVIR Sakhi

initiated in May 2024, became a powerful platform for women-led development.



Social Capital Grew Stronger

200+

community meetings sparked conversations on gender, land, food, and mental health.

120+

women took active roles in village decisions and field implementation.

70+

weather advisories reached

13,800+

people—building local trust in climate alerts.

Community knowledge systems revived

blending traditional wisdom with scientific tools.

Multi-stakeholder coalition

formed in Bastar to co-lead long-term restoration.



Nature Recovered

20 acres

of barren land greened with native trees—bringing back biodiversity.

250

households turned their backyards into nutrition gardens—reducing forest pressure.

330+ million

liters of water saved through smart irrigation methods.

3.8 million

liters of water now stored in a new pond—boosting year-round farming.

390+ acres

transitioned to low-input, healthy soil practices.



Financial Returns Became Tangible

₹25,00,000

saved by families growing vegetables at home.

₹75,000+

earned by women through community plantation care.

₹11,000

worth of vegetables produced for family consumption—cutting food bills.

125 liters

of Trichoderma produced.

Carbon Credit Project to unlock income from emission reduction across

18,000 hectares

5–6 quintals/acre

yield gain and ₹6,200/acre cost saved.

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

Building Safe Spaces Through Peer Support

Main Hoon Na volunteers are compassionate peers trained to provide emotional first-Aid support to those in distress. They create a safe and non-judgmental space for individuals to share their feelings, ensuring no one feels alone in their struggles. Equipped with tailored tools and techniques, they guide people toward coping with strategies and appropriate resources. Through their presence and care, they build a strong peer-support network that fosters resilience and community well-being.

Main Hoon Na is CAS's peer-to-peer support model, creating safe, informal spaces for emotional sharing and mutual help.

185

volunteers trained in psychosocial first aid and facilitation.



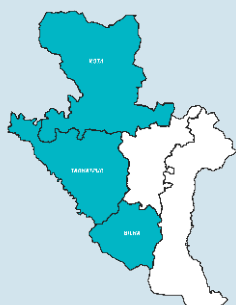
Bastar



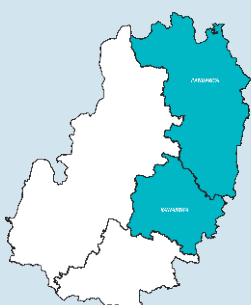
Bijapur



Kondagaon



Bilaspur



Kabirdham



05
district



20
Block



1.03+
Lakh
HH reached

● Capacitate Local Cadres for Mental Health Support

Mann-Mitra are trained community volunteers who act as local champions for mental health. They create awareness about emotional well-being, reduce stigma, and promote positive mental health practices in their villages. They facilitate helping individuals share experiences and find solutions together and provide basic client-based services like counseling and psychosocial support to those in need. By engaging communities and linking them with existing services, Mann-Mitra strengthens local ownership of mental health, ensuring sustainable and community-driven support systems.

Mann Mitra is dedicated mental health cadre, trained to identify, support, and refer individuals in distress.



30
Mann
Mitras

trained in
psychological
first aid,
client follow-
up, and
referrals.

● Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Building Emotional Resilience

SEL has been central to CAS's approach in schools and communities, equipping children and adults with tools for emotional resilience, empathy, and positive behavior change. This work is anchored in Panthak2.0, CAS's structured SEL module designed for primary and middle school contexts.

Panthak 2.0 focuses on five core units: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and decision making. It equips teachers, parents, and adolescents to build healthy coping strategies and supportive environments.



42000+

Children
Reached



2600+

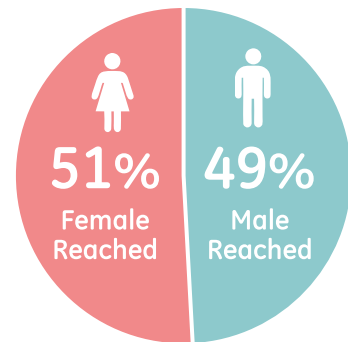
Teachers
Trained



200+

No. of Schools
Reached

PANTHAK 2.0



Pathways to Inclusion Client Care through PHF Support

Bilaspur District Kota Block



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District



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Block



30
Villages



2300+
HH reached

Bastar District Tokapal Block



CAS paired community awareness with personalized follow-up and care through trained Mann Mitras.

24
clients

registered (cumulative) in community-based care.

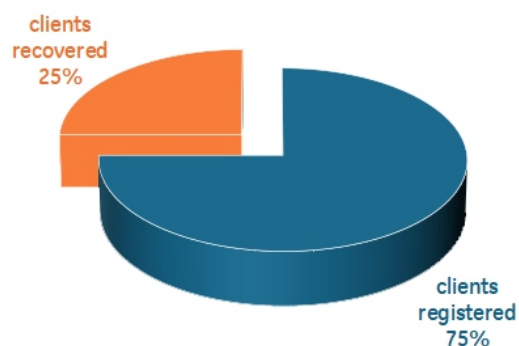
08
clients

recovered or improved significantly, supported through follow-ups.

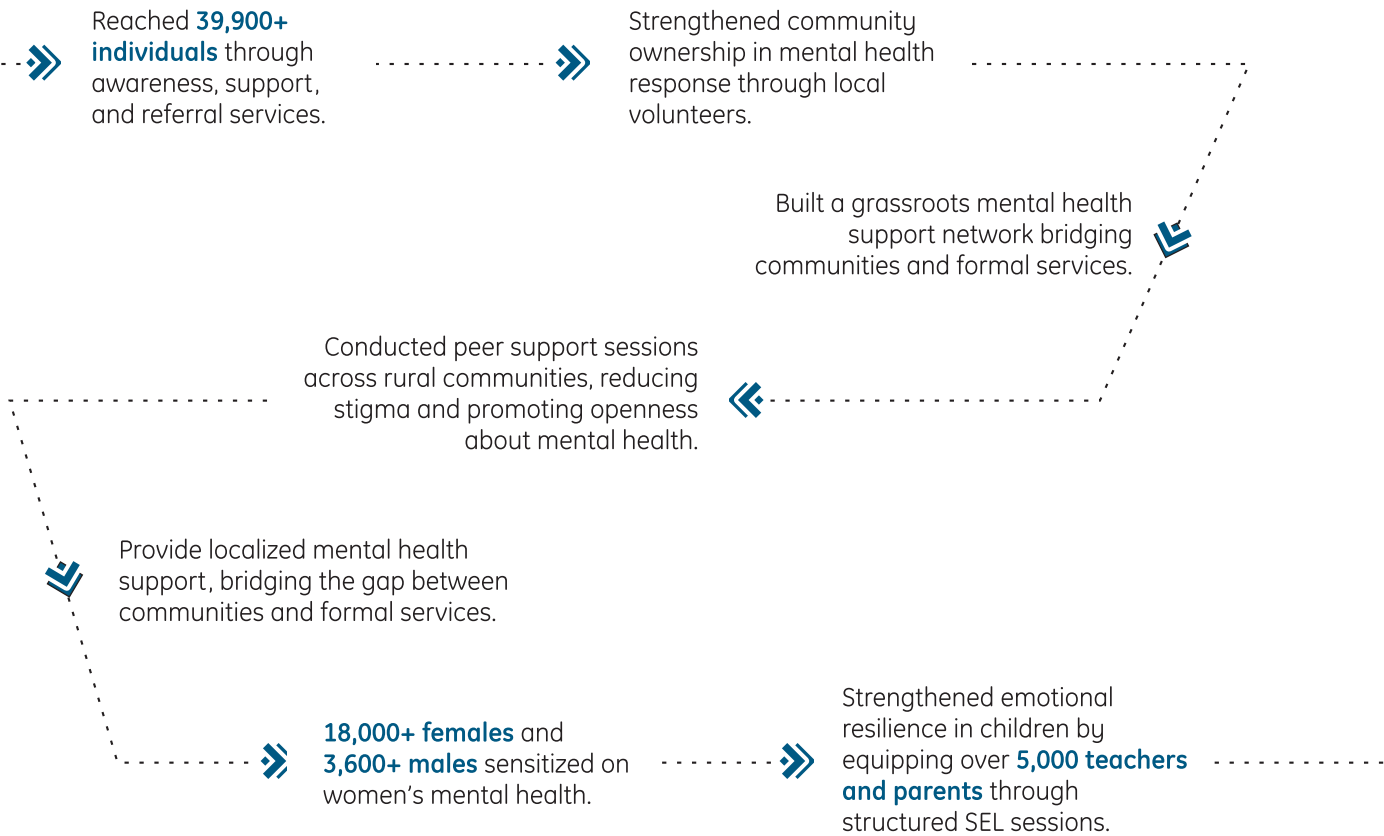
Community-based campaigns across districts improved mental health literacy and service linkages, leading to 55 referrals to DMHP

This approach ensured timely identification, counseling, and reintegration, embedding mental health care within community structures.

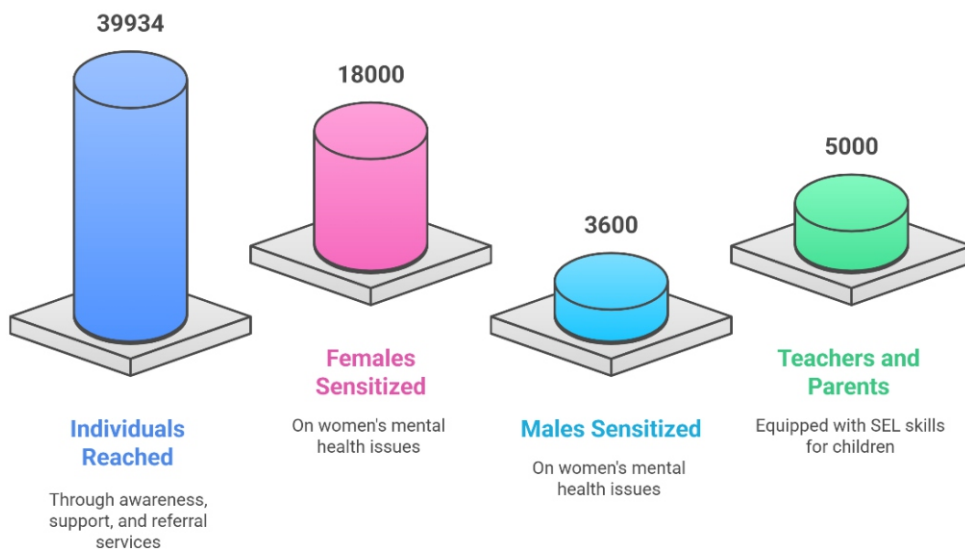
Pathway to inclusion



Impact on Field



Impact on Mental Health Services



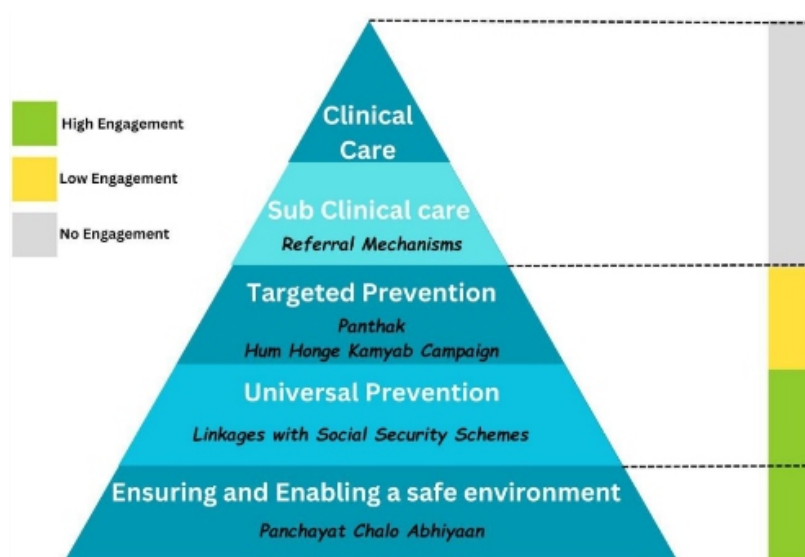
Aao Baat Karein – Our Journey Toward a Community-Centered Mental Health Approach

Over the last five years, we have walked alongside communities in Chhattisgarh—listening, learning, and responding to the growing mental health needs of diverse groups. Our journey began with the guidance of the Bapu Trust, followed by learning and resources from multiple organizations. As we deepened our engagement, it became clear: addressing mental health in rural landscapes requires a cohesive, inclusive, and locally rooted approach.

This is how Aao Baat Karein (ABK) came to life—a strategy born from lived experience, co-created with communities, and grounded in compassion, dignity, and care. Drawing on the MHPSS framework’s layered care model (as represented in the pyramid), ABK integrates the strengths of psychosocial support, individual care, and clinical pathways through a hybrid approach.

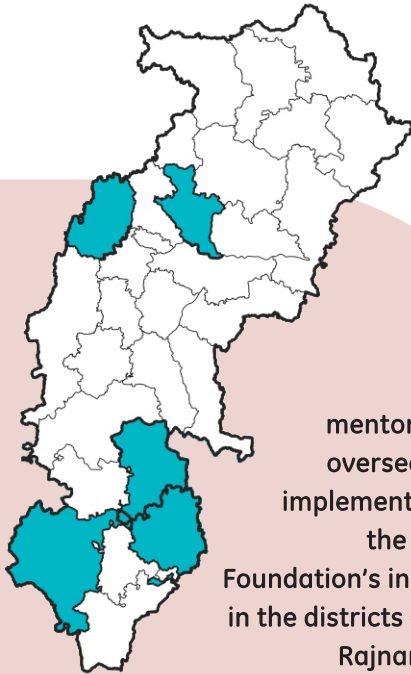
It combines awareness generation, community-based psychosocial first aid, and referral systems—anchored by trained cadres of Mann Mitras and Main Hoon Na volunteers. At its heart, ABK ensures that every individual—regardless of age, gender, or background—has access to safe spaces, support systems, and healing networks within their own community.

With ABK, we are not just addressing mental distress, we are nurturing a culture where conversations are courageous, care is collective, and communities are resilient. It is our commitment that no one feels alone in their struggles, and that mental well-being becomes a shared journey of hope, healing, and inclusion.



MHPSS Pyramid

Youth & Adolescent



We are mentoring and overseeing the implementation of the Agricon Foundation's initiatives in the districts of Durg, Rajnandgaon, Janjgir-Champa, Surguja, and Jashpur.



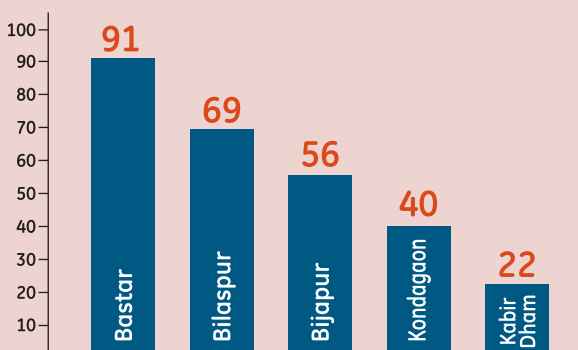
2.6+ lakh
people reached
in community



1.29+ lakh
HH
Reached

The VLC model is not just a programmatic shift—it's a generational one. One that recognizes that when young people are given space, support, and belief, they don't just imagine a better future—they create it.

VLC FORMED



Village Level Club: A growing moment of Youth leadership & Community Action

In rural Chhattisgarh, youth-led change is gaining ground. **250+ Village-Level Clubs (VLCs)** have been established across **five districts**, providing structured spaces where young people lead, collaborate, and act on community issues.

The model was developed in response to gaps observed in the earlier **Yuvodaya Volunteer Program**—where youth were motivated but lacked consistent, organized platforms for sustained engagement.

VLCs now serve as regular spaces for self-reflection, community mapping, power walks, and idea-sharing—helping youth identify problems and co-create solutions from within.

These clubs operate within a three-tiered structure

- Village-level clubs as the grassroots foundation,
- Linked to cluster and block-level platforms for scaling innovations,
- Supported by district-level youth forums that provide strategic guidance and visibility.



Impact on Field

a total of
2,800+

volunteers registered,
strengthening Yuvoday
grassroots youth network.

4,56,000+

people reached through
awareness campaigns and
activities

850+

individuals successfully
linked to social security
schemes.

29,000+

students reached through
Hum Honge Kamyab
campaign, to cope up with
exam-stress and anxiety.

97,000+

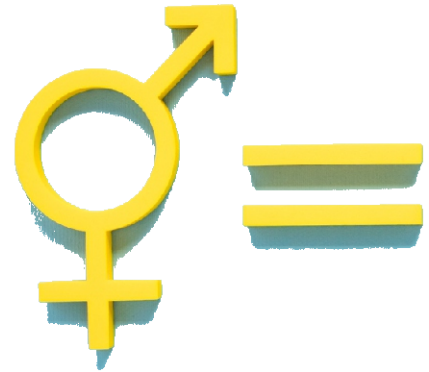
individuals engaged in
hygiene and sanitation drives.

22,500+

individuals reached through
education efforts like Mohalla
classes, "Padhai Ka Kona"
and "Aaj Kya Seekha".

Gender Equality & Transformation

Over time, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti (CAS) has evolved in its understanding of gender by actively engaging in reflective training and dialogues. CAS also initiated a 'Naari Chetna Par Chintan' workshop and delivered in-depth Gender Transformation Trainings to deepen community reflection and practice. This journey has shaped its approach, enabling it to integrate gender sensitivity into its mindset, programs, and community engagement efforts—marking a significant step toward inclusive and equitable development



Realization

Recognized gender imbalance through a 2020 workforce audit, leading to reflection on privilege and power.

Reflection

Questioned internal norms via gender sensitization workshops and value clarification exercises.

Relearning

Redefined gender equity through trainings on roles, participation, and shifting social norms.

Rebuilding

Institutionalized gender transformation with a Kawardha pilot, Women Development Facilitator, and Kavir Sakhi network.

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Positioning Local Wisdom on a Global Stage

In April 2024, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti (CAS) was invited to represent India at the Global Learning Summit on Landscape Restoration, hosted by the Common Land Foundation in Amsterdam. With participation from 23 countries, the summit marked a decade of global collaboration in restoring degraded landscapes, and offered a powerful space for reflection, learning, and solidarity.

Manisha Motwani, Program Coordinator at CAS, joined restoration practitioners, researchers, and innovators from around the world to share experiences and co-create knowledge. The summit underscored a vital truth: land degradation is universal—and so is the hope for restoration.

Through deep-dive sessions on adaptability, resilience, carbon finance, women's roles, and participatory monitoring, the experience reaffirmed that our challenges in central India—ecological fragility, social inequality, and economic stress—mirror those of communities across continents. Field visits showcased regenerative practices like crop rotation and soil revitalization, aligning closely with CAS's on-groundwork.

Participation in this summit not only amplified CAS's voice on a global platform, but also strengthened our conviction that local knowledge, when shared globally, drives transformation in both ways. As we continue building context-rooted, community-led restoration models, we do so with a renewed sense of solidarity—knowing we are part of a larger movement, connected by purpose and bound by care for the Earth.





NAARI Chetna par Chintan A Vision for Transformation

The “Naari Chetna par Chintan” Women Empowerment Workshop, held in Kawardha in May 2024, marked a significant step toward developing a gender-transformative vision for CAS. Facilitated by Chinmayee Joshi (Subject Matter Expert on Women Empowerment), along with CAS District Coordinators Yogesh Purohit (Bilaspur) and Ashok Pandey (Bijapur), the workshop brought together representatives



from UNICEF, Common Land, Samerth, IGKV, and CAS teams to co-create a Theory of Change on women’s empowerment. Grounded in field insights from TISS-led surveys, the sessions built practical skills in communication, fairness, and inclusive leadership. Participants also drafted localized action plans for Bastar and Kabirdham, contributing to a stronger, field-driven gender strategy for the organization.



Celebrating the Spirit of Kavir Volunteers at PM Awas Mela 2024

In October 2024, over 300 Kavir Volunteers were recognized at the PM Awas Mela in Kawardha for their grassroots contributions to the PM JANMAN Awas Yojana. Their role in beneficiary support, awareness generation, and last-mile delivery across Bodla and Pandariya blocks was acknowledged by senior government officials.





Local Impact, Global Spotlight: UNICEF & Sony in Sikagaon

In November 2024, a significant field event took place in Sikagaon village, as part of the Community Mental Health and Child Protection Program. The program was organized under the leadership of District Collector Mr. Kunal Dudawat in collaboration with UNICEF and was graced by representatives from Sony Corporation Japan along with UNICEF teams from Delhi and Chhattisgarh.

The event began with a traditional Mandari Nacha, warmly welcoming the guests by SHG women, Anganwadi workers, panchayat members, and Yuvoday volunteers. A series of interactive activities with children, including “Red Balloon” and “Snake & Ladder” games, emphasized emotional well-being and safe spaces for expression. The visiting teams also reviewed locally developed IEC materials and engaged with the community to understand on-ground realities and feedback.

Later, a reflection session was held at the District Collector’s office, where 30 Yuvoday volunteers shared field experiences, insights, and the challenges they encounter. The visitors acknowledged the volunteers’ dedication and appreciated their role in strengthening the local mental health ecosystem. This event highlighted the power of community-led initiatives and marked a step forward in fostering international collaboration for sustainable, grassroots impact.





Farmers Week 2024: Empowering Change Through Peer-Led Innovation

In December 2024, Kavir Farmers took the lead in organizing interactive stalls that displayed local innovations in regenerative farming. These peer-led booths became spaces for farmer-to-farmer learning, where practices such as direct sowing, IPM, AWD, and bio-input preparation were explained through visuals, demonstrations, and open discussions. The event fostered a spirit of collective learning and ownership, with several young and first-generation farmers stepping up to share their experiences and learning journeys. The Celebration gathered 2,545 attendees.





Noni Johar 3.0 – Youth Leadership for Change

Held in December 2024, Noni Johar 3.0 united 150+ youth volunteers across Chhattisgarh to engage in themes of self-awareness, ecological action, and social equity. Highlights included a participatory “Visualizing Landscapes” session on environment restoration and a gender-inclusive Frisbee match. The event deepened peer leadership and collective accountability among youth.





Kanha Team Retreat: Laughter, Learning & a Little Jungle Magic!

In December 2024, the CAS team escaped to the wilds of Kanha, Madhya Pradesh—not for a safari (well, maybe a little)—but for a heartwarming, soul-refreshing retreat! bringing together over 40 team members from across our Yuvoday, Mental Health, Gender, and Landscape Restoration initiatives. More than just a break from routine, the retreat was designed as a space to pause, reflect, and realign with purpose.

Through a thoughtful mix of storytelling, outdoor activities, creative group challenges, and thematic reflections, the retreat created an atmosphere of trust, openness, and collective learning. “Life Journey” mapping allowed individuals to connect beyond their roles, while playful group tasks sparked laughter and bonding. Discussions around vision and values helped strengthen cross-team synergies.

This retreat was a reminder that well-being, empathy, and joy are not side-notes to development work — they are central to building resilient, motivated teams. It reaffirmed CAS’s belief that investing in people is foundational to sustain community impact.





Beyond Barriers: Gender Transformation for a More Inclusive Society

To promote equity and inclusion at the grassroots, In January 2025, a two-day Gender Transformation Training was organized in Raipur. The workshop brought together community leaders, field facilitators, and youth champions to critically examine gender roles, power dynamics, and systemic inequalities that affect both women and men. Through participatory methods—such as the Power Walk and Cross the Line—participants experienced firsthand how privilege, discrimination, and unconscious bias shape lives differently. Sessions on positive masculinity, gender-based violence, and bodily autonomy led to deep self-reflection and active dialogue.

One participant shared, “I never realized how certain behaviors, which seemed normal, reinforced inequality. This training helped me see the need for change, starting with myself.”

By the end of the training, participants pledged to conduct gender sensitization efforts in their communities—through schools, SHGs, and local meetings. The event not only initiated personal transformation but also set the stage for wider community-level change, reinforcing the organization’s commitment to gender justice.





Purple Jallos 2025 – National Platform for Inclusion

Agricon's Yuvoday team showcased its mental health and disability inclusion work at Purple Jallos 2025, a national-level festival in Pune organized by Divyang Bhawan Foundation and PCMC. Invited by UNICEF Maharashtra, five youth volunteers led interactive stalls featuring mental health games and activities, reaching 14,700+ participants. Their innovation and impact were appreciated by the Governor of Maharashtra.





The Balance of Responsibility and Stewardship -Bhuiyan: Jimmewari aur Jatan

In March 2025, The Bhuiyan event focused on promoting gender-equitable, community-led landscape restoration by merging traditional wisdom with scientific methods. Over 400 participants, including farmers, women entrepreneurs, students, and researchers, took part. One of the major highlights was the inauguration of the Kavir Lab, which now houses a biofertilizer production unit, soil testing centre, and behaviour lab. Alongside cultural programs led by Baiga artists and school children, thematic stalls provided learning spaces on mental health, microbial soil health, gender transformation, and carbon finance. Experts from academia, forest department, and innovation platforms shared actionable insights, enriching the community dialogue around restoration and sustainability.



Community VOICES

From Silence to Solidarity Omprakash's Turning Point



"I once stood alone in my field—every decision mine to bear, every setback mine to absorb," says Omprakash Chandrakar, a farmer who transformed his path after joining the Kavir Farmer Group. What began with a missed meeting soon turned into a monthly ritual of learning, sharing, and growing. "It wasn't just about techniques—it became a space of trust, a space where I felt heard," he reflects. Today, Omprakash is a Master Trainer, mentoring others as he was once mentored. What once felt like isolation is now community. What once felt like burden is now collective strength. "Our farmer group is more than knowledge. It's our backbone—it's where hope grows."

Community VOICES



The Garden of Savings

I was just managing the kitchen—but the courtyard outside held a hidden opportunity,” says Sunita Chandravanshi from Daujri village. In a joint family of 14, the rising cost of vegetables strained their monthly budget. After joining the local farmer group, Sunita transformed her unused courtyard into a thriving kitchen garden.

Battling early setbacks like pests and crop failure, she stayed committed—learning to use natural solutions like Neemastra and Jivamrit. Her persistence paid off. Today, she grows her own vegetables and saves ₹3,500–₹4,000 every month.

Her garden is now more than just a source of food—it’s a source of pride, independence, and quiet leadership. “What once felt like a small step,” she says, “now feeds us, saves money, and inspires others.

Community VOICES



The ₹3,000 That Changed Everything

Vijay Meravi, Kabirdham

I tried everything—migrated for work, labored for years—but poverty never left my side. Even farming felt impossible; I didn't know enough and spent more than I earned.

Then I joined the local farmer group. I tested my soil for the first time and learned how to cut down input costs. With savings from organic practices like biochar and homemade solutions, I started a small shop with ₹3,000, which has now grown into ₹10,000. My farm is thriving, and my children go to a good school.

I used to carry my struggles alone. Now, I walk with a community. And I finally believe—I can build a better future.

Community VOICES

Finding My Voice



Jeevan Dhurve, Kabirdham

For a long time, I stayed quiet—not because I didn’t want to speak, but because I didn’t know how to. I would keep everything inside and slowly lost the confidence to be around people. Things started to change when I became a Kavir volunteer. During one of the trainings, someone said, “Your feelings matter. It’s okay to talk.” That one line stayed with me. I began sharing a little—first with friends, then slowly with more people in my village. Today, I lead the “Aao Baat Karein” campaign and have spoken to children through the “Hum Honge Kamyab” program in eight schools. I never thought I’d be the one standing in front of people, helping others open up. But here I am—proof that even the quietest person can become a voice of support for many.□

Community VOICES

Where Compassion Healed What Medicine Couldn't



Rukmani Telam, Bijaduteer Volunteer

In Tumnaar village, Sandhya had long been dismissed—people called her “mad” and stopped visiting. But I saw something else. I believed she didn’t need pity—she needed patience and support. I began stopping by her home every day, sitting with her, sometimes in silence, sometimes just talking about the weather. I gently spoke to her family and neighbors, explaining that mental illness isn’t something to be feared—it’s something that can be understood and treated. Slowly, Sandhya changed. She began smiling, responding, recognizing people again. We created a daily rhythm—cooking, watering plants, small things that helped her rebuild her sense of self. Now, she joins her family at meals, laughs, and even helps around the house. Her story changed how our village sees mental health. For me, it proved that with empathy and time, healing becomes possible—one quiet step at a time.

Community VOICES

Timely Action, Life Saved: Volunteer Impact Story



**Sunil Kumar Nirmalkar,
Yuvodaya Manobal Volunteer**

That day in Lakhasar is etched in my memory. A pregnant woman from Amora was being rushed to the hospital, but her pain grew intense and urgent. I was nearby when I heard the commotion. Without hesitation, I called Rajkumari, a fellow Yuvodaya volunteer and trained Mitadin.

By the time she arrived, it was clear—there was no time to reach a hospital. Right there, by the roadside, Rajkumari took the lead, and I supported her however I could. Together, we helped bring a baby girl safely into the world. After the delivery, we ensured both mother and child were taken to the health center for further care.

People say it was heroic. But for us, it was simply being prepared and present when it mattered most.

This is why training and local support systems are important—because when communities have people to turn to, every crisis becomes a moment of care, not fear.

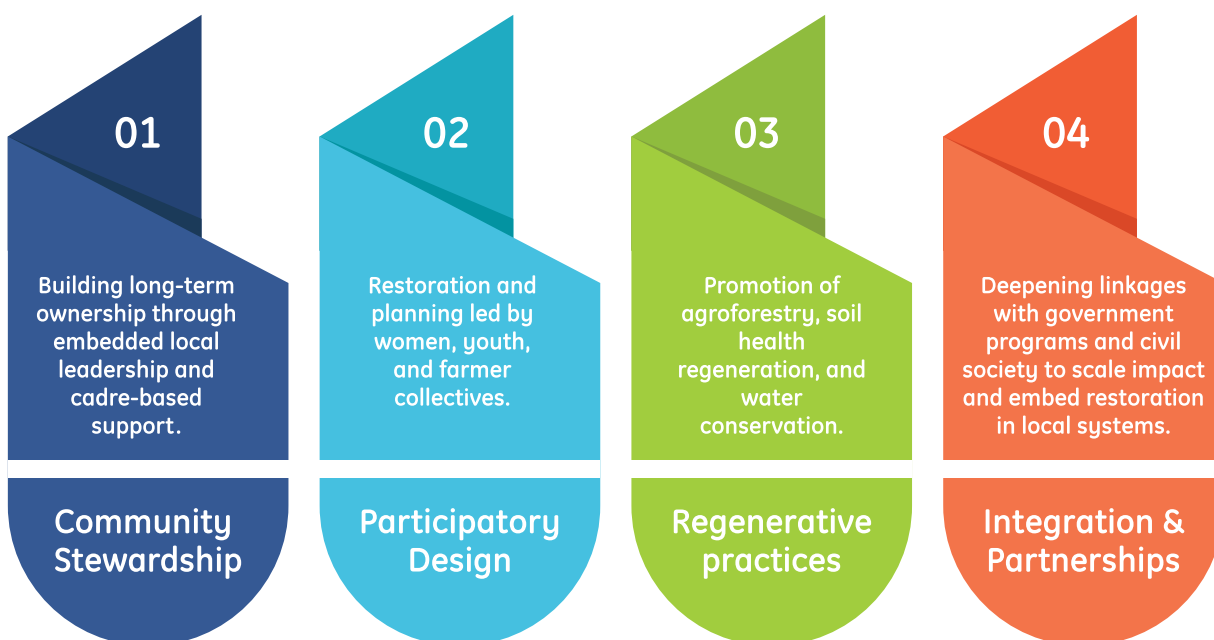
Way Forward Next Year's Plan

Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti (CAS) is committed to enhancing ecosystem services & ecological resilience within the community. Our plan aims to foster positive social impacts and empower local stakeholders for a sustainable and thriving future.

The key areas that will be focused on are:

01 Landscape Restoration

In 2025–26, CAS will scale its landscape restoration efforts across 30 micro-watersheds in the Sakri, Magnanda, and Haf river basins in Kabirdham. A three-year model focusing on implementation, sustainability, and exit will guide this process. Activities will include regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, soil and water conservation, and participatory river restoration. SHGs, farmer groups, and youth volunteers will play a central role in ensuring community ownership and impact.



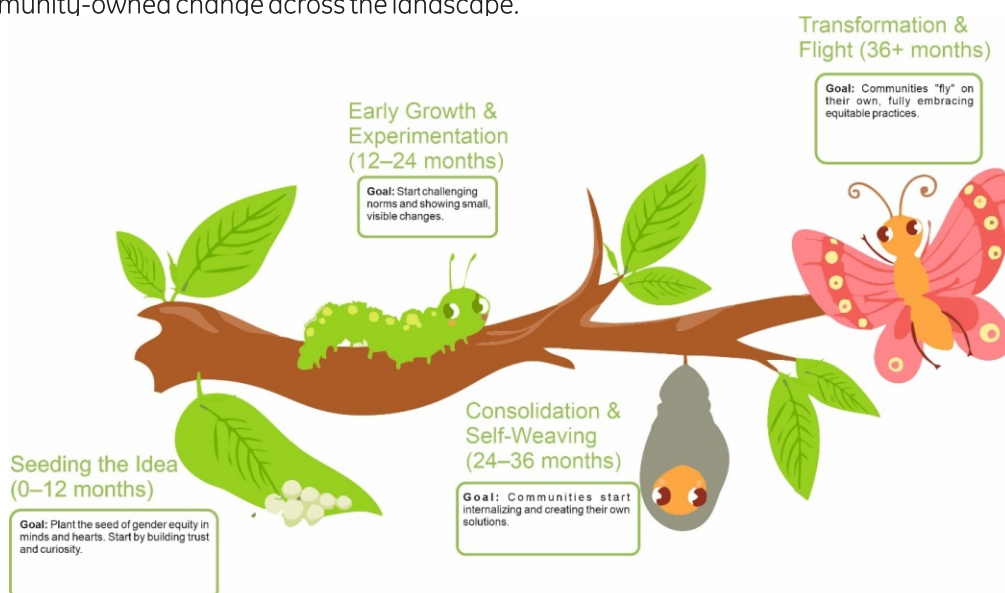
02 Collaborative Ecosystem Building

CAS, in partnership with PRADAN and BSF, will strengthen the ecosystem of anchor CSOs and grassroots institutions in Bastar. Joint capacity-building sessions based on the 4 Returns Framework will be organized. The focus will be on knowledge sharing, field-based action learning, and long-term institutional collaboration to enhance the quality and scale of landscape restoration efforts.



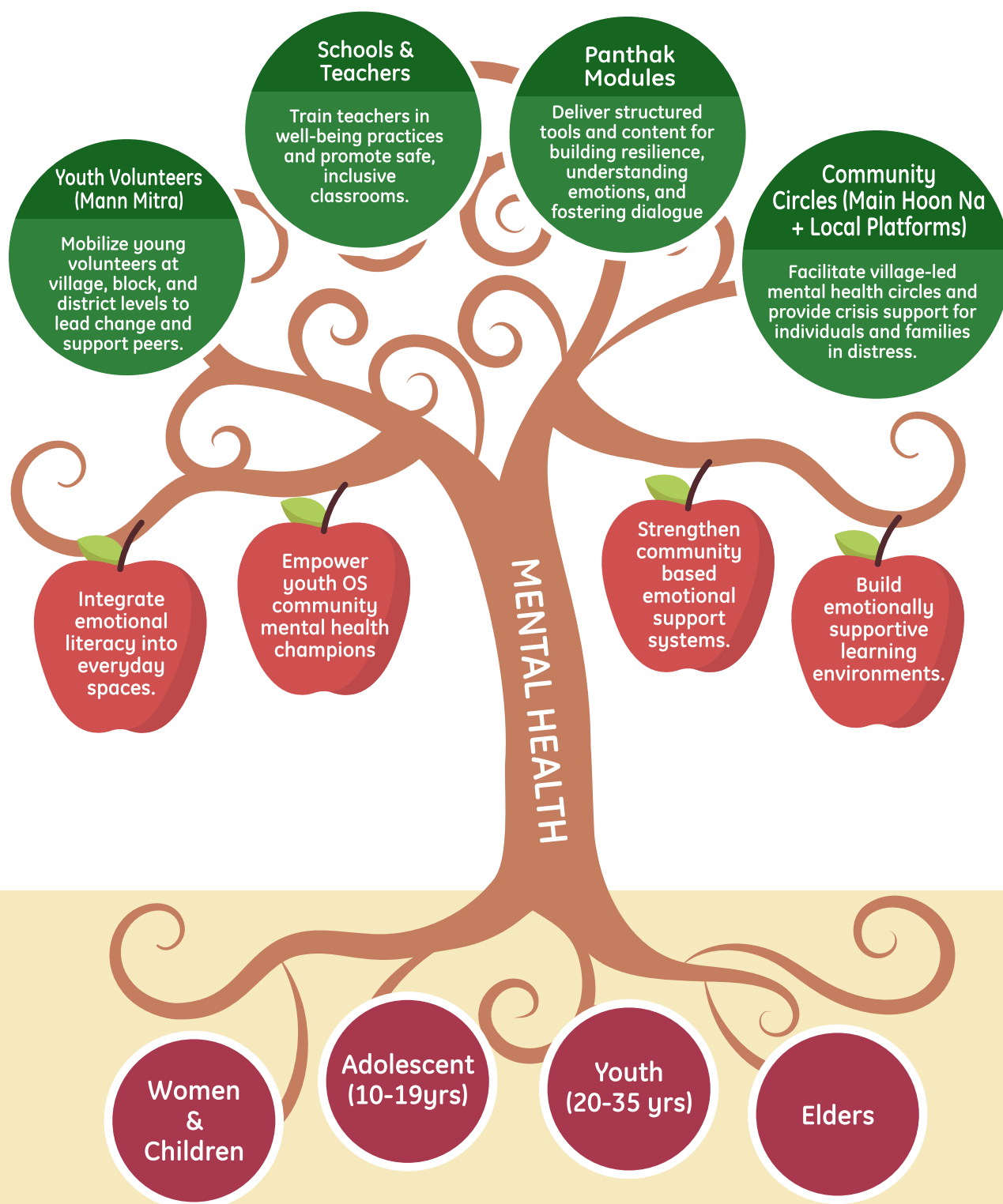
03 Gender Transformation Approach

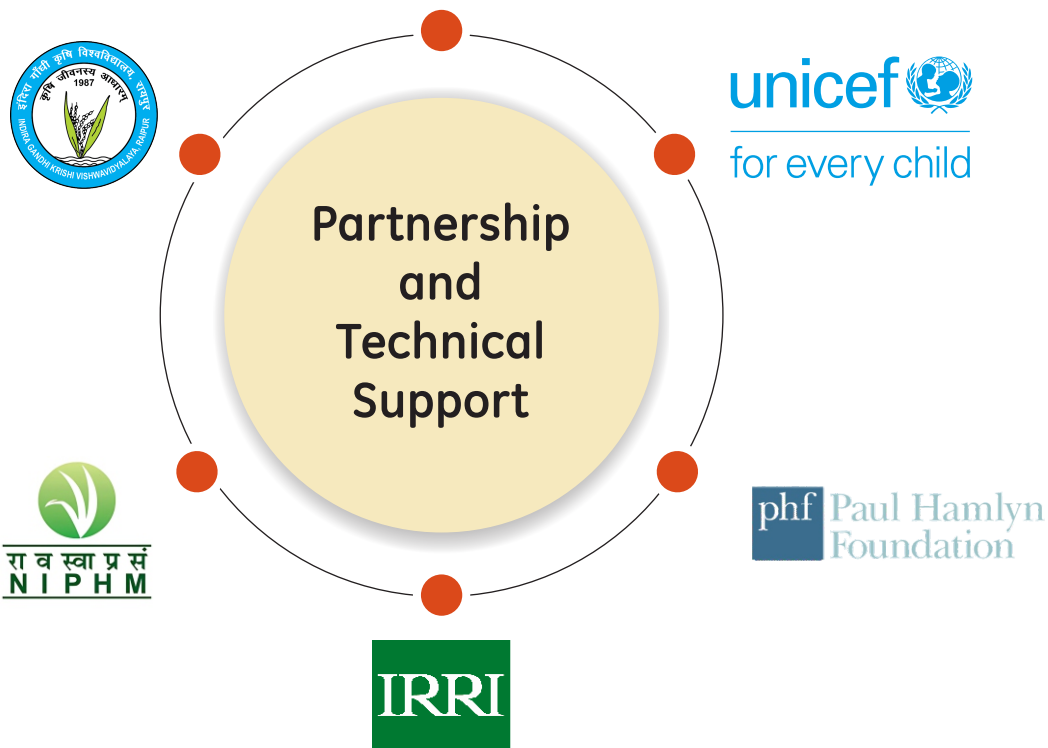
In the coming year, CAS will initiate a gender transformation journey using the Butterfly Cycle approach — a four-phase model that seeds gender-equity ideas, nurtures local champions, supports community-led action, and institutionalizes change. This long-term process will work with women, men, youth, and governance systems, aligning with existing government schemes like NRLM, NHM, ICDS, and GPDP. The goal is to shift deep-rooted social norms and foster inclusive, community-owned change across the landscape.



04 Mental Health and Youth Engagement

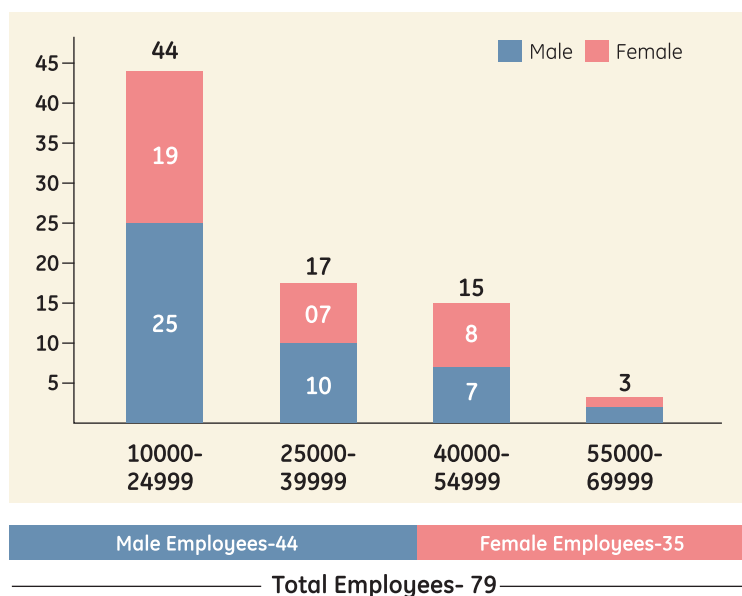
The mental health initiative will expand to six districts, deepening the role of youth as changemakers. Youth Volunteer Clubs will be activated at village, block, and district levels. Teachers will be trained to promote wellbeing in schools, and a cadre of community-based mental health resource persons will be built. Emotional resilience tools will be integrated into community platforms to support individuals and families in distress.





Human Capital Snapshot

Employee Salary slab report for the FY-24-25 with **44%** of women being a part of our development workforce.



Overview of Project Expenditure

Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti
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Registered Under Society Registration Act 1860
Registration Number: CGSTATE-1661 Dt: 23/02/2007
Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2025

Particulars	Annexure	Foreign Funded	Indian Funded	Total
Equity & Laibilities				
General Fund	1	511,260	2,758,040	3,269,300
Sundry Creditors	2	-	1,298,213	1,298,213
Branch Transfer		-	-	-
Unutilized Grant	3	2,455,185	-	2,455,185
Provision	4	224,192	452,109	676,301
Total		3,190,637	4,508,361	7,698,998
Assets				
Fixed Assets	5	44,956	440,165	485,121
Deposites	6	-	38,000	38,000
Branch Transfer		(4,676)	4,676	-
Loans & Advances	7	-	2,326,412	2,326,412
Sundry Debtors	8	-	1,212,679	1,212,679
Other Assets	9	2,220,090	271,029	2,491,119
Cash and Bank Balance	10	930,267	215,401	1,145,667
Total		3,190,637	4,508,361	7,698,998

For, **Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti.**
CHHATTISGARH AGRICON SAMITI

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Secretary

President

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Treasurer

Secretary

Date: 14/07/2025

Place: Raipur

UDIN: 25415199BMMHYU5940

For, **Shashank Moghe & Co.**
Chartered Accountant
FRN: 0007030C



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Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2025

Particulars	Annexure	Foreign Funded	Indian Funded	Total
Income				
Grant Received	11	22,398,627	8,958,073	31,356,700
Other Income	12	198,515	167,841	366,356
Total		22,597,142	9,125,914	31,723,056
Expenditure				
Expenses on Object of Society	13	21,987,528	8,248,007	30,235,535
Administrative Expenses	14	218,142	370,741	588,883
Income over Expenditure		391,472	507,166	898,638
Total		22,597,142	9,125,914	31,723,056

For, Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti.
CHHATTISGARH AGRICON SAMITI

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DRIVING SOCIAL CHANGE

ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

THE ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET (APP) is a grassroots movement that was founded in 2012. It is a coalition of various civil society organizations and individuals who are committed to addressing the climate change crisis and promoting sustainable development. The APP has been instrumental in organizing various campaigns and events, including the 'Noni Johari' campaign, which aims to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on the environment and society.

Championing equality and action

THE APP is associated with the 'Noni Johari' campaign, which is a grassroots movement that aims to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on the environment and society. The campaign is based on the principle of 'Noni Johari', which means 'I am who I am' in Malay. The campaign is a call to action for people to take responsibility for their actions and to work together to address the climate change crisis.

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CHAMPIONING EQUALITY AND ACTION

ABIS Bahal, in association with UNICEF, the Alliance for Behaviour Change, the Chhattisgarh government, and The

3.0 event in Raipur on December 16-17 to raise awareness on gender equality, mental health, and climate change

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A CSR 2024 booklet is also being launched

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A CSR 2024 badge with icons representing various themes like environment, social justice, and community.



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