



# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

A JOURNEY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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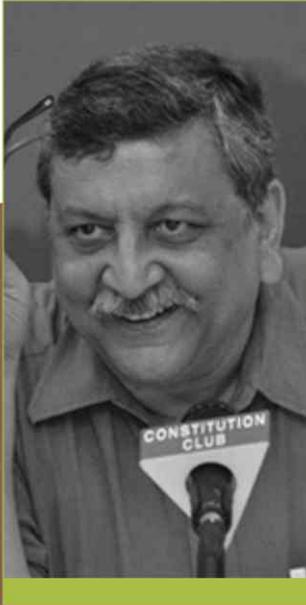


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FROM **THE CHAIR**  
**GAGAN SETHI**

Aatapi Seva Foundation finishes a decade of service to the vulnerable communities of Gujarat.

This year's annual report clearly attempts to map the activities from what impact we are making and not just a report of what we do but also how relevant we are. Thus, the numbers show an increase of both outreach and the difference we make to the lives of the vulnerable we serve.

Team at Aatapi prioritizes listening to the community, particularly women, actively engaging with them to understand their needs. Through collective action, we empower individuals, enhancing their agency and nurturing their leadership skills.

This year sees Aatapi increase its outreach as it engages with more Companies and their CSR program. CSR is an opportunity to humanize the Company ecosystem if they learn from the engagement and see the partnership as a dialogue with the world around them. Through this annual report and the narratives it shares, we aim to inspire increased investment while highlighting that development is not merely a technical or managerial endeavor, but a nuanced empowerment process that evolves in its own time and space.

Dr. Nandini Srivastava and Ms Chandrika Makwana who lead Team Aatapi, deserve heartfelt congratulations for their unwavering commitment and resilience.

I must mention the mentoring role of our founder Shri Tushar Dayal and Smt. Aruna Lakhani both of whom provide the guidance to the team.

My fellow Board members, our Auditors, who ensure the highest standards of probity, diligence and oversight, play a vital role in building a strong institution, my gratitude to them.

We hope to continue to enjoy the confidence and partnership with our Donors in our commitment for a just and more equal world.

Gagan Sethi



## FROM HEAD TO HEART TUSHAR DAYAL

With a sense of exhilaration; Aatapi completes 14 years of dedicated capacity building efforts of community partners across its expanding geographical outreach. Digital reach having been made accessible across nook and corner of rural trajectory, newer vistas in developmental opportunities have mushroomed in hitherto unimaginable areas, like for instance : remote farms, self help groups, rural waste collection and disposal. With a sense of pride, our stakeholders attend online training and meetings from village clusters, school class assemblies , training centres and farms, among others. Wider outreach and continuing presence/interactions on the social media, promote visibility and engagement. Unleashing of fresh opportunities in Development continue to provide impetus to Aatapi's ongoing efforts.

While our CBOs are enabled for receiving governance support from our end and progressively upgrade capacities, we believe, their participating in Research and Development Projects along with subject experts can potentially provide greater momentum to setting up business enterprises.

Companies with their ongoing CSR project commitments have progressively emerged as formidable contributors to development, many supporting well meaning developmental efforts and financial outlays in their respective company specific geographies.

Transcending boundaries for optimising developmental efforts and resources; and to reach the most marginal amongst the communities : more is needed. Larger institutional presence in Aatapi, and a growing support base, would pave the way for more opportunities.

It's a delight to take on record, ongoing support from Stakeholders like Promoters, members of the Board of Directors, Donors, Staff, CSR Partner companies, Governmental Agencies, the Community Based Organisations and Academic Institutions, among others.

Wishing the Aatapi team the very best to carry forward the impactful work!

Tushar Dayal

Founder, Director

## Introduction

Aatapi Seva Foundation, founded in 2009, operates as a developmental institution, duly registered under the Companies Act, 2013 (Section 8). Dedicated to fostering holistic and sustainable community development, Aatapi focuses on promoting and enhancing the capabilities of community-based organizations. Through capacity building and empowerment initiatives, Aatapi endeavors to enable local community partners to spearhead developmental projects autonomously.

Over the years, Aatapi has forged collaborative relationships with a diverse array of stakeholders, including community-based organizations, governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, and corporate entities, fostering mutually beneficial partnerships.

Steadfast journey through global pandemic reflected on the resilience of communities and commitment of Aatapi Seva Foundation towards nurturing marginalized communities throughout its existence. This also built the experiences that propelled the team to address the challenges faced during pandemic, incorporate innovative and sustainable approaches in its interventions, forge new collaborations and partnerships

Annual Report of 2022-23 is thus a narrative of consistent efforts of team, community and other stakeholders to build another milestone in the journey of building sustainable, resilient communities.

### Our **Vision**

We envision an inclusive, empowered and just society, enabling equitable opportunities and a life of dignity for the most marginalised.



### Our **Mission**

To facilitate and empower local communities, especially the most marginalised, to realise their latent potential, and to be active participants and owners of their inclusive & sustainable development.



## Approach

Aatapi's approach is rooted in empowering local communities, building capacities of community leadership to lead the process of development thus creating sustainable solutions for their challenges. Engrained participatory approach to development initiatives ensures community ownership as well as sustainability of the interventions. Aatapi proactively engages with varied stakeholders interested as well as responsible for the development of the community to build solutions which are contextual and serves to local needs. This also concurs with global indicators for development set by United Nations Aatapi's approach integrates holistic development across marginalized communities focusing on following pillars of Development:



# Outreach (Geographical and Constituency)

During the year 2022-2023 Aatapi reached out to more than 2,00,000 rural population, with direct benefits to around 22,000 small and marginal farmers, women, children, adolescents and persons with disabilities (PWD) in 134 villages of five blocks in Bharuch, Vadodara and Valsad Districts, Gujarat.

We had the privilege of engaging people from different segments, fostering meaningful connections and interactions across diverse segments of society.

### 3 DISTRICTS

Bharuch | Vadodara  
Valsad

### 5 BLOCKS

Jambusar | Padra | Vagra  
Ankleshwar | Valsad



134  
VILLAGES



5068  
WOMEN



2761  
FARMERS



498  
CHILDREN



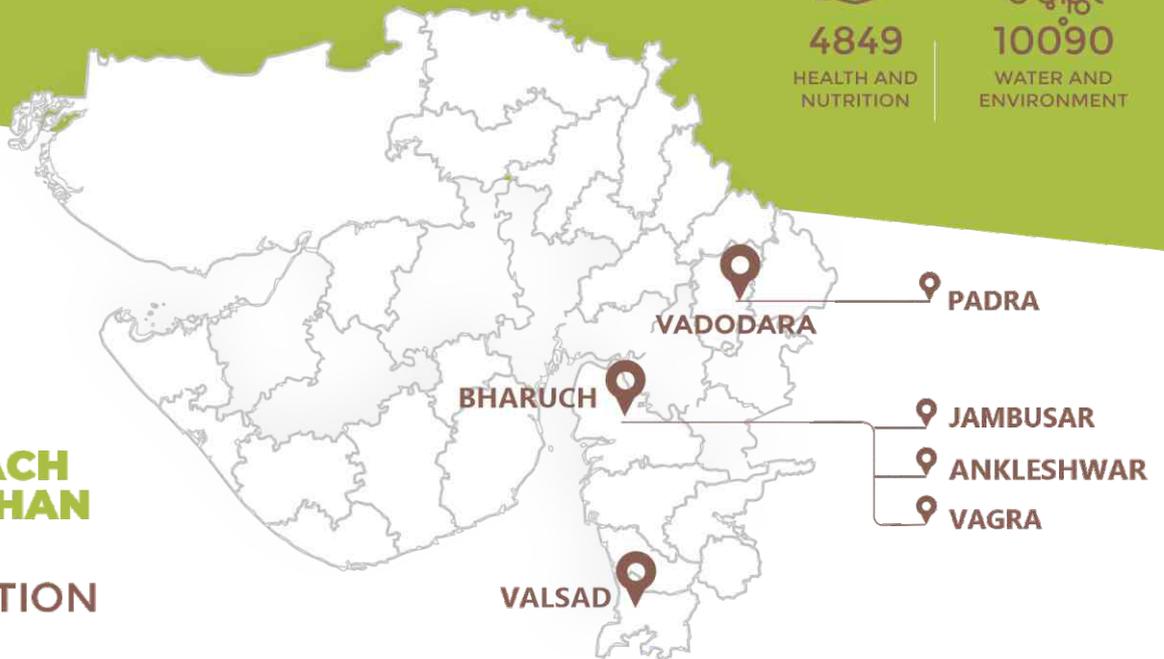
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PERSON WITH  
DISABILITIES



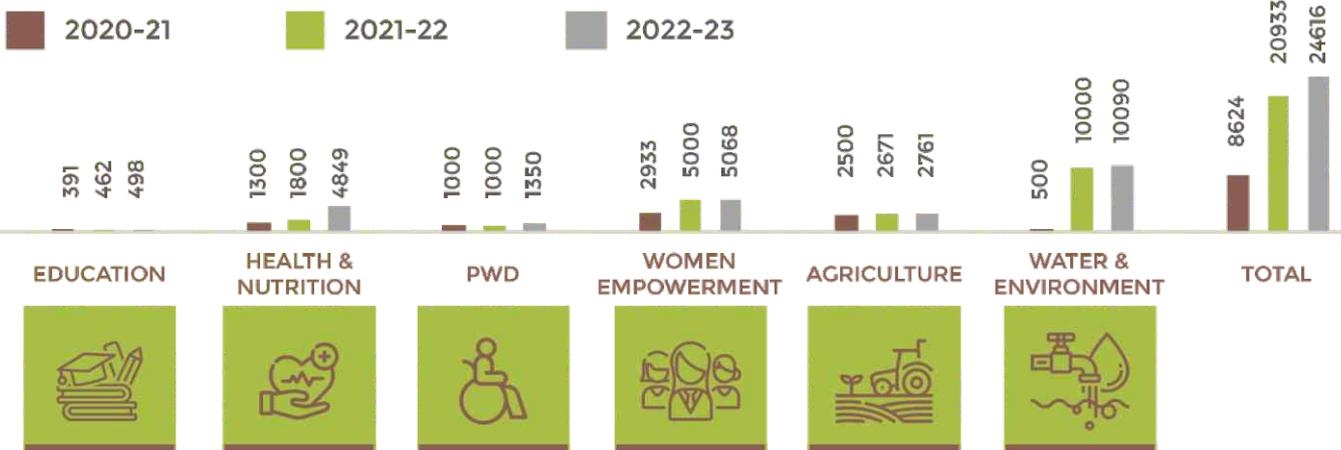
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HEALTH AND  
NUTRITION



10090  
WATER AND  
ENVIRONMENT



**OUTREACH  
MORE THAN  
2 LAKH  
POPULATION**



## Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Aatapi works diligently towards achieving **Sustainable Development Goals proposed by United Nations**



FPO registered three times growth in business compared to 2021-2022 - a business of INR 13 lakhs.

09

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2 of our mentored Women Self Help Groups were awarded Best Farmers Group by ATMA

08

ASTITVA- A 3-year project is launched that is aimed to build capabilities of Persons with Disabilities

07

First Mobile Health Unit launched to provide services in 14 villages of Vagra block, Bharuch district

06

Signed non-financial MOUs with two panchayats and societies for sustainable waste management in Dahej.

05

Partnership with Acharan Welfare Foundation for Solid Waste Management.

04

Smart Classes Infrastructure installed and training of teachers conducted in one school of Jambusar block.

03

1st batch of 11 unemployed youth successfully completed their vocational training in Electrical Technician. 8 students successfully placed with local industries earning monthly income of around Rs 8000 to 10000

02

Vocational Training Center (VTC) established in a sustainable mode.

01

Established new registered office in Vadodara supported by AGROCEL Industries Pvt. Ltd.



**MILESTONES**  
**2022-23**

**07**

“ The means may be likened to a seed, the end to a tree, and there is just the same inviolable connection between the means and the end as there is between the seed and the tree ”

**Mahatma Gandhi**

Hind Swaraj, (1952), p.71

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## SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT



Progressive development is critical for addressing the challenges rural communities are facing today but means to achieve the development are equally important. Aatapi's approach to economic development reflects the belief underlined in this philosophy. Agriculture being the backbone of rural economy has faced the brunt of development the most. Irrational use of chemical fertilizers shunning natural practices, impact of climate change, markets and revenues not in control of producers, conservative methods of irrigation, depleting water resources, allied economies like animal husbandry taking a back seat, has impacted farmers especially small and marginal farmers.

Thus, Aatapi's means is an approach to sustainable agriculture which involves promoting natural farming practices, enhancing crop productivity and ensuring climate-smart agriculture techniques. Localized trainings impart knowledge on natural practices like Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, Neemastra etc, while also providing access to affordable technologies aimed at boosting crop yields. Highest efforts are being put forward to ensure sustainable and climate smart agricultural practices; while attaining a self-sustained model which is of the community, by the community and for the community. In addition to this endeavour, Aatapi is dedicated to enhancing farmer cooperatives and facilitating market connections, empowering farmers with increased bargaining power. With this holistic approach, Aatapi attempts to contribute towards food security and environmental sustainability.



## Key highlights of Sustainable Agriculture Program 2022-23



A total of  
**2761 farmers**  
across  
**30 villages**  
of Jambusar block  
covered



### Climate Resilience through Agriculture

Aatapi forged a partnership with National Council for Climate Change & Sustainable Development (NCCSD),



**targeting 300 farmers directly and 950 indirectly with**

a holistic approach wherein technical support from Agriculture universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) is built in to impart timely information and assistance related to climate smart agriculture to marginalized farmers.

**Aatapi is the Steering committee members of National Coalition on Natural Farming demonstrating and facilitating adoption of Natural Farming activities by >200 farmers.**



## Gobardhan Project

Gobar Gas Cluster based project - In collaboration with District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) -Aatapi identified 106 farmers for linkage with scheme.



Linking with right resources led to technical trainings, demo kits, educational tours and exposure trips, promotion of agroforestry, integrated crop and pest management and thereby strengthening of Farmer Producer Organization as well across 30 villages:

### In the Process

Team reached out to  
**2,761 farmers**  
across  
**30 villages**

Trainings for package  
of practices covering  
**906 farmers**

Training for Integrated  
Crop Pest Management to  
**426 farmers**

Facilitating linkages of 394 farmers with Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and Centre for Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI) accessing subsidized kits consisting of seeds, fertilizers and technical information

Training on animal  
husbandry and animal  
treatment kits for  
**245 Farmers**

Exposure trips to  
Amreli FPO and  
Krishi Vigyan Kendra -  
Dry Farming Research  
Centre

Plantation of  
**1,700 trees under**  
agroforestry initiative.

### Special Feature

## Women In Agriculture



“

Women farmers if provided with productive resources would increase the yields by 20%-30% and add up to 2.5% to 4% to total agricultural inputs

- Food and Agricultural Organization UN

”

**Women farmers account for about 75 percent of full time workers in Indian farms.**

Women's contribution in agriculture plays a vital role in ensuring food security and agriculture sustainability. By empowering women farmers with technical information and skills, Aatapi harnesses their immense potential as change agents in building climate resilient and sustainable agricultural systems. Women have gained space in decision making in agriculture because of their access to savings and credit cooperative society UJAAS as well.

**Aatapi Seva Foundation has engaged with over 850 women farmers across 30 villages for various agricultural practices. More women have now started to incorporate technical skills in farming due to their new found knowledge.**

## Technical Skill Development



**55 women farmers**  
trained in soil and water sample testing



**350 women trained**  
in inter-cropping techniques



**250 women trained**  
in preparing compost manure



**135 women trained in**  
interflow irrigation systems



**450 women participated**  
in crop demonstrations



**6 women trained in**  
borewell recharge methods

131 women farmers were associated with the Climate Resilience Project providing women farmers with technical information on sustainable farming practices, adopting environment friendly farming techniques, and implementing changes to cropping patterns according to contingency plans to have climate-resilient crops.

## Knowledge Enhancement

- 350 women participated in exposure visits to agriculture institutions and demonstration farms
- 45 women participated in national level seminar organized by National Council of Climate-Smart Agriculture
- 131 women associated with the National Council for Climate Smart Project receiving technical information on organic farming

## Livestock Management and Horticulture

- 215 women trained in animal husbandry from Krishi Vigyan Kendra
- 3 women ventured into horticulture

## Adapting Sustainable Practices:

- 30 women participated in the biogas slurry project, with over 210 applications submitted for biogas project
- 2 women created farm ponds for irrigation purposes

## Recognition

- Two women groups registered with ATMA received the "Best Farmer Group" award

## Access to Modern Tools

- 113 women accessed modernized tools facilitated by women-managed mini-tool banks.

## Impacts

**865 farmers** report increased income by incorporating inter-cropping system

**1423 farmers** report reduction in chemical fertilizers and pesticides

**359 farmers saved 50% of** water cost by using inter flow irrigation

**706 farmers** registered under the scheme for cow based farming and Jivamrut production kits

**385 farmers** started using bio fertilizers and pheromone traps

**338 farmers** started using manure form composted beds

## Reaping what we sow- a success story

Minaben Jadav, a resident of Vedach village, has been an active member of the Women Saving Group (SHG) facilitated by Aatapi Seva Foundation for the past eight years. Through her participation in numerous capacity-building trainings and meetings over the years, she has developed her skills and leadership abilities. Presently, Minaben holds the esteemed position of Deputy Chief at the Women's Milk Cooperative Society, established by their SHG in 2014, showcasing her dedication and growth within the community.

Minaben has been actively participating in the meetings and training sessions held for farmers. She believes that her knowledge and skills in both agriculture and animal husbandry have enhanced. In the year 2020, she cultivated a plot of GTHH-49 variety of cotton in their field. Minaben dedicated her time to the farming, timely tillage, weeding and other maintenance work, resulting in a production of 550 kilograms of cotton from one bigha land. According to her, previously when they were cultivating other varieties of cotton, they used to obtain a production of 300 kilograms from one bigha. However, after switching to the GTHH-49 variety of cotton, they were able to achieve an extra production of 200 kilograms (which is worth Rs. 11,000/-).





## 02

# EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



“ Empowering women in key to building a future we want. ”

– Amartya Sen

Economic Development and Livelihood pillar is very intricately engaged with empowerment of women where they negotiate their spaces in mainstream sectors. As per data from Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report published by Government of India (2022-2023), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in India for men is 78.5 percent whereas for women it is 37 percent which has increased compared to previous reports. Empowering women will lead to their enhanced visible participation in all sectoral development. To achieve the same, Aatapi focuses on micro-financing initiatives, capacity-building workshops, and entrepreneurship training to weave an environment where women can thrive as leaders and entrepreneurs. Self Help Groups plays the role of incubators for women empowerment beyond financial empowerment, encompassing skill development, leadership training, and equal space as change agents contributing significantly for development of their communities. This approach has paved way for expansion of geographical boundaries for Aatapi in new districts.

In the year 2022-23, Aatapi focused on strengthening the Enterprise Development of women by partnering with Technical Agencies taking it forward in a structured format. Business Idea Generation workshops with experts and linkages with markets was undertaken. Exposure visits also built confidence of women to take up individual and group enterprises.



## 01 | ASMITA PROJECT

ASMITA initiative is undertaken across 20 villages of Jambusar and Ankleshvar blocks of Bharuch district, Gujarat focussing on empowering women through microfinance and capacity building. Since its inception in 2017, ASMITA has nurtured SHGs in villages of intervention enabling over 3000 women to live life of their choice, of financial self-reliance. This initiative is an incubator for entrepreneur women giving them opportunity to come out of their shells and build successful income generating initiatives. They are equipped with necessary skills and required attitude of entrepreneur.

Key highlights: Jambusar, 2022-23

**126 SHGs across  
15 villages**  
in Jambusar with over  
**1926 women members**

Internal Savings  
for the year 2022-23  
surpasses  
**INR 23 Lakhs**

Linkage of  
**68 SHGs to GLPC**  
for benefits under the  
Mission Mangalam scheme

**277 women**  
connected to various financial  
institutions for livelihood  
development opportunities

Increase in average income  
in Jambusar  
**Rs. 1,600 to Rs. 2,676,**



**190 members**  
received a joint liability  
group loan amounting to  
**INR 50 lakhs**

**89 women**  
generated an income of over  
**35 lakhs through**  
various income-generating  
activities

### Stories of Change

#### Rising from the ashes like a phoenix

Ranjanben Rajendra Padhiyar, a resident from Kareli village, stands as a prominent member of the SHG group. For the past six years, she has been actively engaged with both the PI Foundation and Aatapi. During this time, she received various skill based training such as tailoring, cattle rearing, beauty parlour and organic farming. She recalls that these trainings put her out of her misery as she was able to contribute to the income of the family. Presently, Ranjanben earns between INR 10,000 to INR 15,000 per month from various income streams, marking a remarkable transformation towards financial independence.

She has gained a lot of confidence, financial independence and is a proud member of the village. She not only learnt to handle finances but also contributes to the family decisions.



I am able to handle my accounts... and happy that I am also involved in the family's financial decisions.



## Key highlights: Ankleshvar 2022-23

**ASMITA - Ankleshvar**  
**80 SHGs across 5 villages in**  
Ankleshvar block, with a total outreach to  
**995 women members**

Groups saved over  
**INR 14 lakhs**  
as internal funds

Eight SHGs received  
cash credits totaling  
**INR 8 lakhs**

**961 monthly** and cluster  
meetings were conducted along with  
**annual general meetings**

**2 leadership**  
trainings conducted

Skill development  
trainings conducted  
**for 252 women**

**54 women generated**  
an income of more than  
**INR 1.6 Lakhs through**  
various income generating activities

Increased average  
income in Ankleshvar  
**Rs 1409 to Rs 3332**



## 02 | UTTARA PROJECT

UTTARA, initiated in 12 villages of Valsad in 2021 with ATUL Foundation aims at SHG formation and strengthening and creating livelihood opportunities for marginalised women.

**Total 45 groups**  
are active engaging  
**674 women in**  
**12 villages**

**381 women**  
linked with different  
Government Schemes

**6 capacity building**  
trainings conducted for  
strengthening the groups

Total savings of the  
groups in  
**2022-23**  
**INR 41,10,740**

**Total 389 women**  
accessed internal lending from  
the groups with  
**52 % of loans** as  
productive loans



## 03 | GARIMA PROJECT



Entrepreneurship trainings of the members, new product development trainings were conducted for **40 women**

Garima, a social enterprise aiming at making women financially independent, has been operationalised in Akhod village in Vagra, Bharuch. A Skill Training centre is set-up to impart various trainings, design and prepare items as per market demand.

- Two Self Help Groups, namely Pragati Swa Sahay Juth and Urja Swa Sahay Juth are constantly being mentored by the Aatapi. Each of the SHGs has about 15 members. So far, combined total of Rs. 56700/- has been accumulated by both the groups.
- About 26 women were linked to the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).
- Additionally, with enhanced stitching skills of the SHG women, they have expanded their product range to include jute bags alongside cotton bags.”
- The SHGs have exhibited their products like Rakhis and Bags in various Melas and Exhibitions.
- Both Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been awarded a revolving fund of Rs. 30,000 each under the NRLM scheme.
- The Women Entrepreneurs have started producing and marketing housekeeping products. A corpus of >12 lakhs has been generated under the project from sales.

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Capacity building of Community Based Organizations is an ongoing effort, integrated within our programs. Ujaas, FPO and our >300 SHGs, all showed immense growth and sustainability potential this year through team's efforts.

**Our Farmer Producer Organization - Vivekanand Khedut Mandali** - supports farmers in accessing agriculture inputs, technical knowhow through its center, and supports access to drudgery reduction agriculture tools especially for the most marginalized women farmers. The FPO, mentored by Aatapi, registered a business of almost 13 lakhs in the year, more than 3 times of last year.

**A community based organization - UJAAS Saving and Credit Cooperative** - has been formed and mentored in Jambusar with savings more than 2 Cr. The CBO is are now being steered through leadership development and enterprise facilitation towards sustainable financial empowerment of marginalized women. Ujaas now looks at sustaining itself, requesting NO financial support from Aatapi for its functioning.

**Aatapi's investment in CBOs is now showing great promise!!**



### 03 PUBLIC HEALTH AND NUTRITION



“Communities and countries and ultimately the world are only as strong as the health of their women.” – Michelle Obama

Healthy communities are fundamental to development, serving as the pillar for sustainable progress. They provide the necessary foundation for individuals to thrive physically, mentally, and socially, fostering an environment conducive to sustainable development. Central to achieving this goal is the concept of the "3 As" - Accessibility, Affordability, and Availability. Maternal and child health indicators are benchmarks for measuring health of the nation and thus are keenly monitored. Government has intensified its interventions at grassroot level bring overall improvement in maternal and infant mortality rates, malnutrition indices in infants and adolescent girls.

Joining forces with efforts of Government, Aatapi focuses on promoting health and well-being among vulnerable populations, with a focus on maternal and child health, nutrition, and preventive healthcare services.



## Highlights of 2022-23

Aatapi is engaged in providing Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition services in 5 villages of Jambusar block, Bharuch District, Gujarat,

Under this initiative

**306 Pregnant**  
and lactating women  
were covered of which  
**133 Identified**  
as high risk and were  
supported

**338 Poshan Vatikas**  
established, distribution of  
seed kits to  
**293 beneficiaries**

Improved dietary  
diversity in  
**93% of**  
beneficiaries attributed  
to Poshan Vatikas

Nutritional recipe  
demonstration -  
**45 sessions**  
on Suposhan Diwas and  
51 sessions on Annaprashan  
Divas at Anganwadis  
conducted

**153 underweight  
children**  
under 5 years age identified  
and supported for appropriate  
nutritional and health services

**200 pregnant**  
and lactating women  
reached out during  
celebration of  
**World Breastfeeding  
Week activities**

Forty-five groups of adolescent girls, comprising approximately 600 girls, were established. They received education on nutrition, reproductive health, and menstrual hygiene during regular group meetings.



Aatapi launched its first Mobile Health Unit (MHU) in the 14 villages of Vagra Block, aiming to extend curative and preventive services to those in need.



## 04 HOLISTIC EDUCATION AND SKILLS BUILDING



“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world ”

– Nelson Mandela

Aatapi is committed to nurturing holistic development of children that encompasses physical, cognitive, emotional and social development. The approach encompasses quality education, healthcare, fostering creativity and emotional intelligence to build sustainable future. Vocational trainings for dropped out youth is considered essential for supporting youth to live productive life.

At Aatapi, we uphold the belief that holistic child development extends beyond physical and cognitive growth to encompass emotional and social well-being. It encompasses quality education, healthcare, nutritious diet, and a safe environment. Emphasizing creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence empowers children to reach their full potential, fostering well-rounded development and raising productive individuals. With the help of our motivated partners and engaging members of Bal Sena, Aatapi aims to cater the needs of our children of rural India.

During the cotton harvesting season in the villages of Jambusar block, a significant migration of farm labor occurs. The families along with the children would migrate to Saurashtra region to work as casual labours in the cotton farms. Unfortunately, this migration disrupts the children's regular schooling, as they are often unable to return midway through the academic year. With the aim of promoting child rights, education and life skills to those who need the most, Aatapi has been working with the children of these marginalized families from 2017-18.



**A total of 462 children are part of the 14 Balkendra centers, where they receive holistic, inclusive, and high-quality education facilitated by dedicated Bal sathis.**

This aims at strengthening academic levels of children, child rights and life skills to children from most marginalised communities.

Children at Bal Kendras participated in various activities that boosted their knowledge, improved their attitude and built their skills. Some are enumerated below:



**Exposure Visits with aim of building understanding of public services and facilities:**

**Health Subcentres at Vedach and Kareli:**

**85 children**

visited sub centre to understand the health facility, learning healthy habits and sanitation

**Bharuch Gramin Bank:**

**60 children**

visited the bank to understand the functioning of bank

**Vedach Police station:**

**25 children**

visited police station to understand the police operations

**Mamlatdar Office and Taluka Panchyat:**

**25 children** visited to understand the functioning of public offices



Aatapi also organized a Balmela along with the local school authorities in Vedach village where 130 children participated. The Balmela provided the children with a platform to help them with their stage fear and showcase their talents in various fields.



Keeping in mind the cultural heritage, Aatapi also celebrates various festivals at the Balkendra including Kite flying, Republic Day and Children’s Day. All these events featured captivating activities such as drawing competition, rallies, elocution competition, dance performances, kite making and flying activities which showcased various talents of the children.

### Smart Classes to Support Educational Outcomes

Aatapi received support in installation of Smart Classes Infrastructure and facilitating training of teachers in one school of Jambusar block. Besides using the Smart Class for regular school, it will be used for VTC sessions and conducting hobby classes.

### Vocational Training of Unemployed Youth

To address the emerging needs of youth who have dropped-out of education, or remain unemployed despite being educated, a Vocational Training Center (VTC) was established in a sustainable mode.

One batch of 11 students graduated in January 2023 out of which, 8 have been placed with local industries receiving salary of around INR 8000 to 10000. Another batch of 18 students has been initiated.





## 05 SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



The need for conserving our ecosystem has never been so high. Waste management has become an imminent component towards environment conservation. Aatapi initiated a waste management project in three villages of Vagra block - Akhod, Suva and Atali. The project aims at creating Accelerated Circular Economy (ACE) and establishing a sustainable waste management model at village level. Under this project, the implementation plan includes door-to-door waste collection by 'Green Friends' (women members) and transportation via environment friendly tricycle rickshaws to Swachh Recycling Centre (SRC) for segregating dry and wet waste. After the segregation, the non-biodegradable waste is transported to external recycling agencies. With this initiative, we covered more than 600 households in both villages.

Till date, we have been able to collect more than 20000 kilos of non-biodegradable waste and around 1000 kilos of biodegradable waste. From the biodegradable waste, nearly 2000 kilos of organic manure has been produced and sold.

Aatapi, for its remarkable work in solid waste management, received an Appreciation Certificate from the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Bharuch. Moving forward, we will be expanding the waste management work in other surrounding villages for cleaner and greener environment.



**Other Achievements of ACE Program**



**All the 12 Green Friends are linked to the PMSBY, PMJJY and 5 Green friends connected with e-Shram Card Scheme.**



**Self help Group of the Green Friends save regularly.**



**Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Akhod village was honoured with the Best Panchayat award for cleanliness in the village.**



**Aatapi received an appreciation letter from Panchayat of Akhod and Suva for the remarkable work done under Solid Waste Management program.**



**An MoU with Galenda Village Panchayat for waste collection was signed. The Govt. also appreciated the work and recruited 2 waste collectors for Galenda village.**





## 06

# EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



One of the pillars on which Aatapi mounds its dream of equitable and sustainable development of the communities is INCLUSION; of most marginalized in the mainstream decision making processes, and development discourses. Thus the program on empowering persons with disabilities focuses on creating opportunities for economic empowerment, inclusivity and accessibility in public and social spaces. Aatapi's approach is of strengthening the local leadership to access their rights and entitlements.

Since its establishment, Aatapi has been unwavering in its commitment to empower individuals with disabilities and promote equality and diversity, ensuring they can live with dignity. Despite facing challenges, Aatapi has made significant progress in creating an inclusive environment, and employment opportunities for people with disabilities while advocating for their rights and entitlements.

Aatapi has identified 1100 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) across 45 villages of block who were engaged in various activities throughout the year. Aatapi has guided 35 PwD groups in these villages to develop strong leadership for elevating their socio-economic status. Capacity building sessions were conducted to empower leaders within these groups. The groups are propelled towards making a block level federation which will act as an advocacy group for their rights and entitlements.



**44 Village**  
level groups of  
PwD formed  
across  
**45 villages**



### 70 Group meetings

were conducted where the focus was on providing information regarding various government scheme linkages, employment, skill building and overall personality development.

Trainings were conducted for incense sticks, door mats, dhoo cup and kodiya decoration as part of income generating activities

**60 participants** underwent training on enterprise development using the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) module.



PGP Glass Pvt Ltd at Gajera provided employment opportunities to 30 PwDs.

A total of

**247 scheme linkages**

were formed with PwDs, which included

**180 Medical Certificates,**

**28 Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyot Yojana,**

**30 Jan Dhan Yojana and**

**9 E-shram cards**



With the aim of reaching out to as many PwDs as possible, in February 2023, Aatapi initiated work in Dahej, Gujarat with the aim of empowering PwDs towards inclusion in community development programs. The program identified 153 PwDs across five villages of Vagra block namely, Dahej, Luvara, Jageshvar, Lakhigam, and Ambheta. In the coming years, Aatapi aims to create and strengthen the platform for PwDs to engage them in community development processes and create role models of self-employed entrepreneurs and employees.



## Stories of Change

### Beacon of hope, resilience, and leadership

Narsanghbhai Shivabhai Padiyar, residing in Kareli village, Jambusar block, has been an active participant of Aatapi's program for the past six years, faithfully attending all meetings. His disability has not stopped him from being the leader of Viklang Parivartan Sangathan (VPS). He has been working as an LIC insurance agent apart from leading the Sangathan. As a leader, he works in eight villages, where he provides various information regarding the rights and entitlements for PwD which he receives from the authorities. After being associated with Aatapi, he came in contact with many other PwD and he feels that they all are able to help each other.

Viklang Parivartan Sangathan (VPS) was established by leaders of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) from 45 villages in the Jambusar block, and around 1200 PwD men and women with disabilities are part of this organization. Narsanghbhai is not only the leader of Kareli village but of the entire Vedach cluster which includes Kareli, Piludra, Kahanva, Dabha, and Uber villages, where he is in constant touch with the PwDs and helps them whenever necessary. On 21st February 2023, a disability certificate camp was organized in Jambusar.



Narsanghbhai encouraged around 150 PwD from eight villages to join the camp by providing information regarding the same. At the same time, he also arranged for transportation for the PwD to travel to Jambusar for the camp. These 150 PwDs were helped with provision of bus passes, insurance cards and disability certificates. Among the attendees was an eight-year-old boy from Vedach village, who, despite physical disabilities in his legs, received his disability certificate.



## PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIONS



### CORPORATE PARTNERS

- PI Industries Ltd.
- Piramal Glass Pvt. Ltd.
- Technip Energies Ltd.
- Mahindra and Mahindra
- CII Foundation
- ATUL Foundation
- Hindalco Industries Ltd (Unit: Birla Copper)
- SUMITOMO Chemicals
- Owen's Corning Group
- Gujarat Chemical Ports Ltd, Dahej
- TML Industries
- Excel Industries Ltd.
- Transpek Industries Ltd.
- Agrocel Industries Ltd.
- Shroff Family Charitable Trust

### KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS

- Shaishav – Bhavnagar
- NABARD
- Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell
- National Council for Climate Change and Sustainable Development (NCCSD)

### NETWORKS:

- Sajjata Sangh, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan,
- Consortium for Inclusive Education,
- National Coalition on Natural Farming

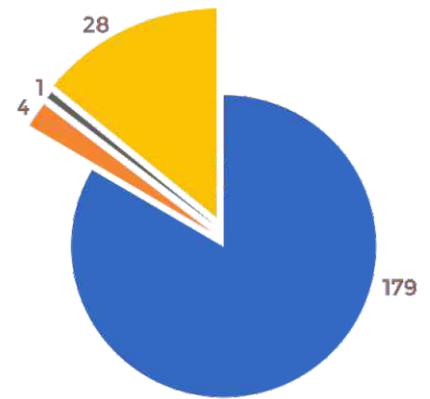
### COMPLIANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed under Sec 8, Companies Act, 2013, 12 (A) of the Income Tax Act 1961-80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961; Empaneled with NITI Aayog; Registered with MCA as an Implementing Agency for CSR (CSR-1); FCRA registered (23 Sep 2023)

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## FUNDS RECEIVED IN 2022-23 (In Lakhs)

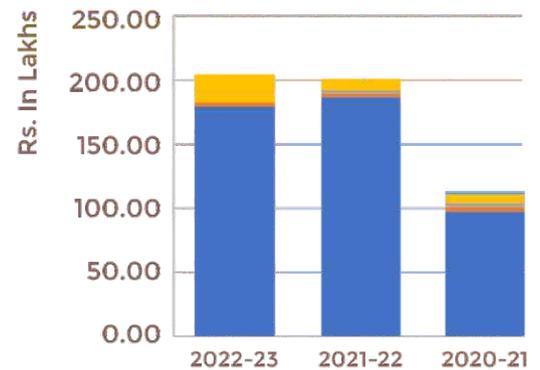
Types of Fund	Fund Received
CSR Grants	179
Institutional Grants	4
Donation	1
Other Receipts	28
Total	211



■ CSR GRANTS ■ INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS ■ DONATION ■ OTHER RECEIPTS

## FUND RECEIVED IN LAST 3 YEARS (Rs. In Lakhs)

Types of Fund	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
CSR Grants	179	187	97
Institutional Grants	4	3	4
Donation	1	3	3
Disaster Relief	28	9	2
Other Receipts	0	0	7
Total	211	202	114

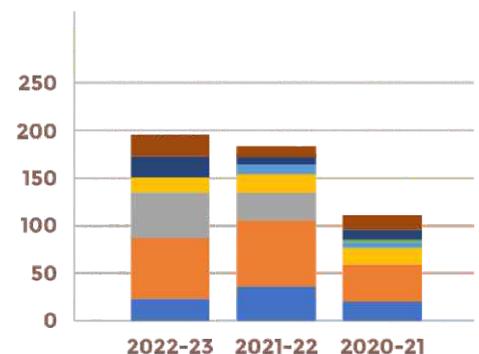


■ DISASTER RELIEF ■ OTHER RECEIPTS ■ DONATION ■ INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS ■ CSR GRANTS

## FUND UTILISED IN LAST 3 YEARS (Rs. In Lakhs)

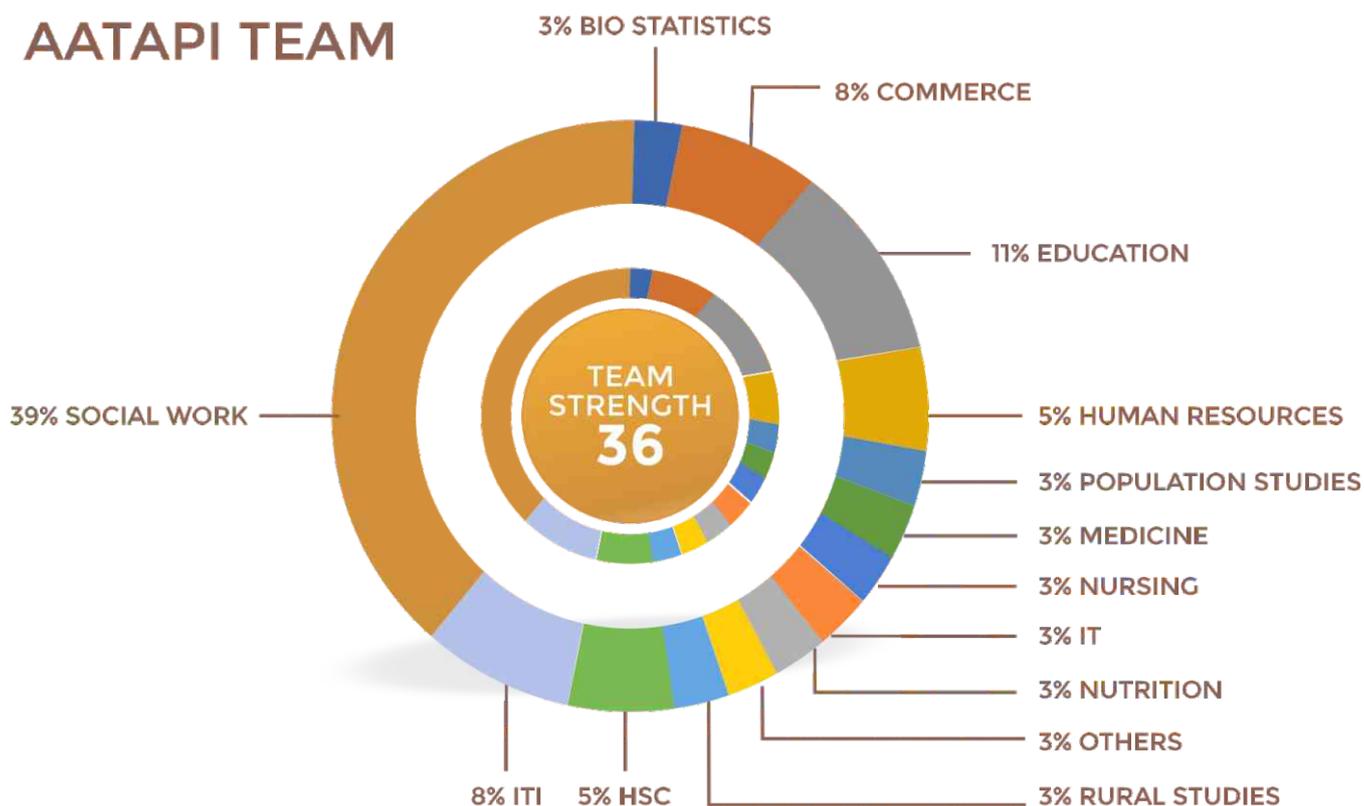
Programs	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Health and Education	24	37	22
Women's Empowerment	67	70	39
Solid Waste Management	45	30	0
Sustainable Agriculture	17	20	17
Person with Disability	15	11	7
Disaster Relief	0	0	2
Capital Expenditure	2	8	10
Admin Expense	29	12	11
Total	199	188	107

## FUND UTILIZED IN LAST 3 YEARS (IN LAKHS)



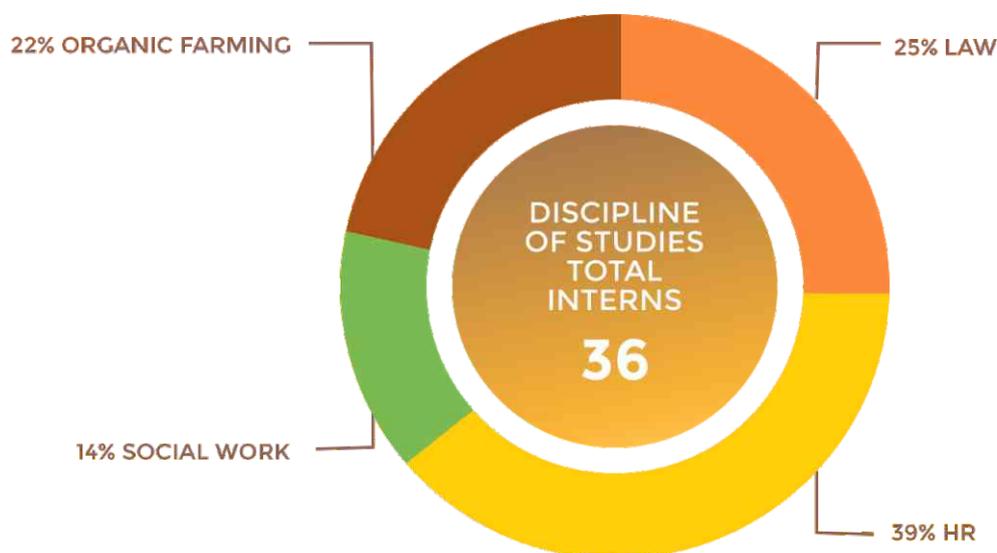
■ HEALTH AND EDUCATION ■ INCLUSION  
 ■ SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ■ PERSON WITH DISABILITY  
 ■ ADMIN EXPENSE ■ SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
 ■ WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ■ DISASTER RELIEF

## AATAPI TEAM



## STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We welcome students from diverse academic backgrounds, extending beyond social work, through collaborations with universities and colleges across Gujarat and other States. Our partnerships offer students invaluable on-field training experiences, enabling them to engage directly with communities and acquire practical skills essential for their future endeavors and personal growth journeys.





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