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Director's Message



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SUSTAINABILITY IS
ABOUT ECOLOGY,
ECONOMY, AND EQUITY

Director,
AHIMSA

Dear Partners, Friends, and Supporters,

As we close the fiscal year 2023-2024, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. Reflecting on this year's journey, I am reminded of the resilience of the communities we serve, the transformative power of partnerships, and our collective commitment to fostering a world that is just, equitable, and sustainable. Our accomplishments this year stand as a testament to the strength of collaboration and the unwavering human spirit.

This year, we directly impacted the lives of over 846 individuals through initiatives in agriculture, livelihoods, education, entrepreneurship health, and nutrition. Guided by the principles of dignity, inclusivity, and sustainability, we undertook transformative actions, including the establishment of Food Forests to enhance biodiversity and food security, and the revival of small and minor millets, pulses, and oilseeds to promote sustainable farming practices. Our awareness programs educated school children about the importance of millets and the role of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) in sustaining livelihoods. Additionally, we focused on protecting pollinators such as honeybees, cultivating Moringa for its nutritional and economic benefits, and expanding our Farmers Producer Company (FPO) to support local farmers. These achievements were only possible through the tireless efforts of our donors, volunteers, and field teams, whose dedication and hard work continue to inspire hope and change.

The year was not without its challenges. Locally, we faced low rainfall, water scarcity, funding shortages, and rising temperatures, while globally, climate change, geopolitical instability, and food insecurity posed significant obstacles. However, through resilience and innovation, we navigated these difficulties, turning them into opportunities to deepen our impact. By working closely with communities, listening to their voices, and co-creating meaningful solutions, we have reaffirmed the importance of collaboration and adaptability in achieving sustainable outcomes.

Looking ahead, our vision for 2024-2025 is ambitious and transformative. We will prioritize knowledge transfer to retain and empower young farmers and expand school-level awareness programs on millet, traditional rice, and moringa-based foods. Our focus will also include promoting value-added Non-Timber Products, enhancing organic product procurement through the FPO, and integrating digitalization and renewable energy solutions. Additionally, we aim to introduce after-school education and skill development programs and support vulnerable groups, such as older persons, single women and widows, while embedding sustainability into all our initiatives to ensure enduring impact.

To our donors, thank you for believing in our mission and investing in change. Your generosity transforms lives and inspires hope. To our volunteers and partners, your expertise and commitment make our work possible. To the communities we serve, your trust and courage motivate us daily. I extend special thanks to VASTENACTIE, ACWW, Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Women's World of Prayer, Haella, BASAID, CARITAS Ambrosiana and NABARD, whose steadfast support has been integral to our success. I also express my gratitude to our General Body, Executive Committee, advisory committees, AHIMSA team members, government officials, auditors, bankers, consultants, Bishop of Dindigul Diocese: Most. Rev. Dr.P. Thomas Paulsamy, Bishop of Tiruchirapalli Diocese: Most. Rev. Dr. Arokiaraj, and Manapparai vicariates Prist Rev.Fr. Thomas Ganadurai for their guidance and encouragement.

It is with immense pride that I present this annual report. I invite you to continue supporting AHIMSA's journey as we strive to create a brighter, more sustainable future. Together, we have achieved so much, and together, we can achieve even more in the years to come.

With gratitude and hope,
Victor Ignacy,
Director, AHIMSA



About AHIMSA

Association for Human Integrated Massive Social Action was instituted in 1989. It was registered under Section 10 of the Society Registration Act 27 of 1975, of Tamil Nadu and under FC(R)A, Govt. of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The primary focus of the organization is to identify & alleviate problems faced by marginalized farming communities & landless laborers.



Established by the Late Mr. P.A. Ignacy, the Founder Director of AHIMSA, on 21st February 1989, the organization has its office in Vaiyampatti, which is part of Tiruchirapalli district in Tamil Nadu, a southern state of India. AHIMSA has a team of committed men and women who are trained to design, implement and monitor projects that focus on key issues such as, conservation, biodiversity, women empowerment, skills enhancement, vocational education, employability etc. The underpinning focus is to work towards improving the quality of life in marginalized communities.

In 1991, the founder Late Mr.P.A.Ignacy and the current General Secretary Mr. Victor had the opportunity to participate in the training on Sustainable Ecological Agriculture organized by Agricultural Man Ecology foundation based at Bangalore. The training was done by Late Dr.Nammazhvar. This had a strong influence on them and changed their perspective of agriculture. Since then AHIMSA is concentrating on improving the lives of farmers through sustainable eco friendly approach. AHIMSA was also recognized as a lead NGO by Low External Input and Sustainable Agriculture (LEISA) supporting 10 NGOs and 200 farmers.

In collaboration with like-minded organizations and with the support of generous funding agencies, AHIMSA is continuing its developmental works for the past thirty two years.



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AHIMSA'S

V VISION

Transformation of subsistence farming to thriving agribusiness to improve the lives of small and marginalized rainfed farmers to create a poverty free, ecologically sensitive and inclusive society.

M MISSION

Impacting the lives of subsistence farmers and marginalized community by creating access to knowledge, technology, infrastructure and markets to enhance agricultural, production and productivity through sustainable and ecofriendly farming approach.

The broad purpose for which AHIMSA Stands for are:



Fostering rainfed agriculture: AHIMSA intends to rejuvenate rainfed agriculture by nurturing eco-friendly and sustainable agriculture building on the existing traditional knowledge and adopting new ideas and strategies for the same.



Promoting Farmers collectives: AHIMSA will focus on promoting people institutions owned and managed by the community, like farmer's producer organization for creating a self-reliant and resilient society.



Creating an Inclusive society: AHIMSA dreams of an inclusive society where everyone has equal opportunity for growth irrespective of their caste, religion and gender.



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Executive summary

The Annual Report 2023-2024 showcases AHIMSA's unwavering commitment to empowering communities and fostering sustainable development across marginalized regions. Guided by our mission to address critical challenges in agriculture, health, education, and livelihoods, we implemented transformative programs that reached over 846 beneficiaries this year. Through collaborative efforts, we achieved significant milestones, driving resilience, equity, and sustainability at the grassroots level.

These initiatives were supported by key donors, including VASTENACTIE, ACWW, the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Women's World of Prayer, Haella Foundation, BAS AID, and NABARD, whose contributions were instrumental in driving impact. Despite challenges like climate change, water scarcity, and economic instability, we adapted our strategies to deliver innovative and lasting solutions.

Looking ahead, AHIMSA is poised to expand its programs further. Priorities for 2024-2025 include knowledge transfer to retain young farmers, scaling awareness initiatives on sustainable agriculture, introducing digitalization, promoting renewable energy, and supporting vulnerable groups such as older persons and widows.

This report celebrates our collective achievements and serves as a testament to the power of partnerships and community-driven action. As we continue our journey, we reaffirm our commitment to building a world that is just, equitable, and sustainable for future generations.

Our key achievements include:

01.

Sustainable Agriculture Initiatives:

Establishing food forests, reviving traditional crops like millets, pulses, and oilseeds, and introducing eco-friendly practices such as organic farming, rainwater harvesting, and drip irrigation.

02.

Women's Empowerment: Training women in beekeeping and organic greens cultivation, enhancing their entrepreneurial capacities and increasing household incomes by 15-20% annually.

03.

Community Engagement: Raising awareness about the importance of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs), protecting pollinators, promoting kitchen gardening, and educating schoolchildren on environmental sustainability.

04.

Economic Development:

Expanding the operations of our Farmers Producer Company (FPO) to create market linkages, provide organic certification support, and ensure fair pricing for farmers' produce.

GLIMPSE of 2023-2024

846 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 645 201

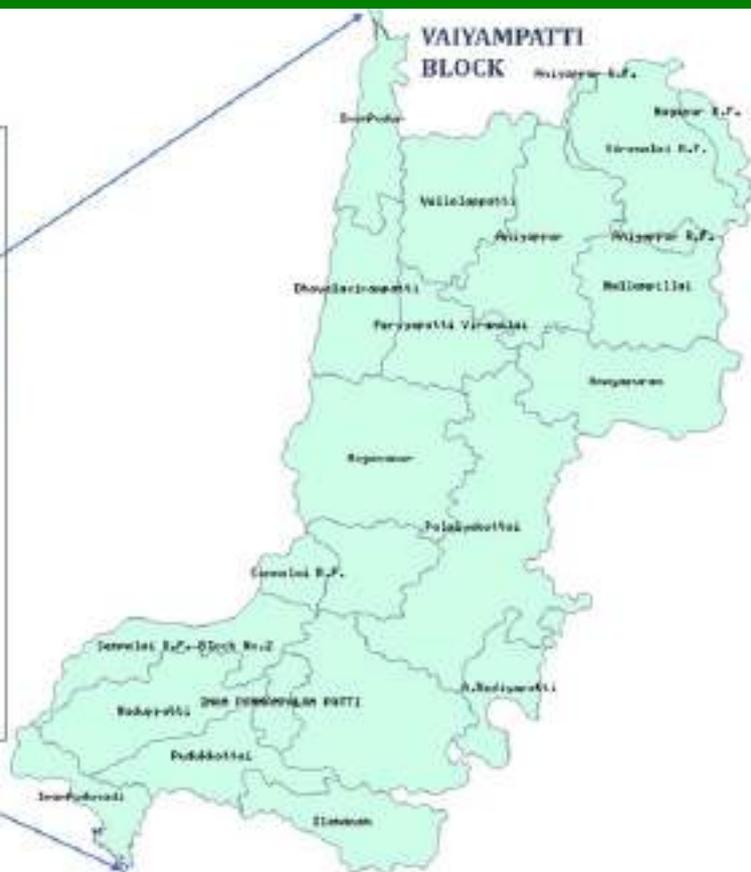
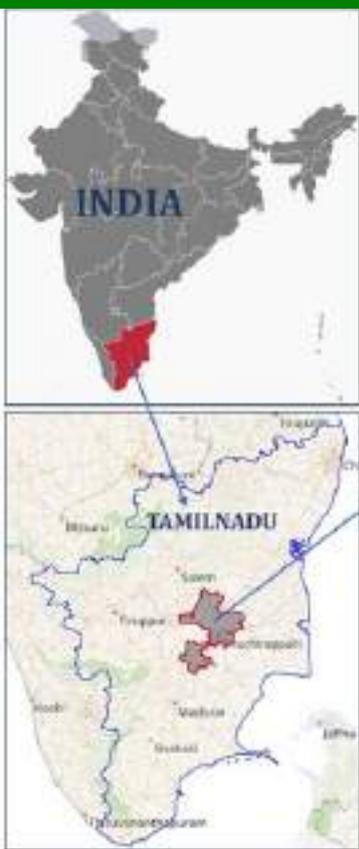
3555 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES



Project Location

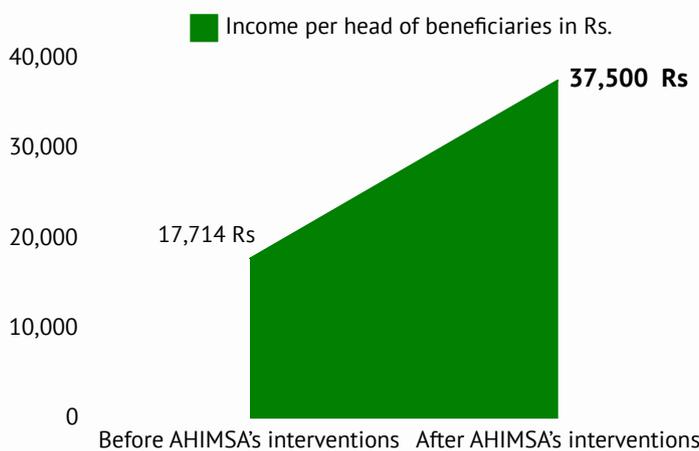
Vaiyampatti Block, Tiruchirappalli district, Tamilnadu state, India

Opening Budget Closing Budget

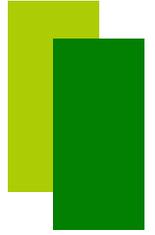


2

times increase in income



Projects done in 2023 - 2024



S. No	Project name	Funding agency
1	Expanding production of Millet, Oil Seeds, Vegetables and Fruits for Value addition and Marketing for Food, Nutrition and Livelihood security	VASTENACTIE
2	Improving Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Livelihoods of 100 Women-led families in Tiruchirappalli (India)	Women's World Day of Prayer
3	Territorial Food Crop for the Food and Livelihood security of the Women Farmers of Vaiyampatti	BAS AID
4	Promoting Environmental sustainability and Climate Resilience through Bee Keeping by empowering women in small farmers' families.	HAELLA Foundation
5	Enhancing Food and Nutritional Security and Reducing Pandemic Risk through the Promotion of Conservation Agriculture	Diocese Rottenburg Stuttgart
6	Organic Greens cultivation in small land holding by 30 marginal women farmers	ACWW
7	Organic Farming and Value Addition of Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) Products Training	NABARD

Activities done during implementation of projects in 2023-24

◆ Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Conservation:

- Establishing Food Forests to promote biodiversity and climate resilience.
- Reviving traditional crops like millets, pulses, and oilseeds to enhance food security and sustainability.
- Introducing organic farming practices, including vermicomposting, rainwater harvesting, and drip irrigation, goat farming and poultry farming with country chicken.
- Training women farmers in organic greens cultivation and preparation of bio-inputs like Panchakaviya and Fish Amino Acid.
- Protecting pollinators, including honeybees, and promoting beekeeping as a sustainable livelihood.

◆ Women's Empowerment and Livelihood Enhancement:

- Training women farmers in beekeeping and organic farming techniques.
- Promoting entrepreneurship through micro-enterprises focused on honey production, aromatic substances, and organic farming.
- Forming women's collectives like the Organic Greens Growers Group to strengthen community support and cooperative action.

◆ Community Engagement and Capacity Building:

- Raising awareness among school children about the nutritional and ecological value of millets and NTFPs.
- Conducting workshops and exposure visits to enhance knowledge of organic farming and sustainable practices.
- Training programs for kitchen gardening to improve household nutrition and food security.
- Creating linkages between communities and AHIMSA-promoted Farmers Producer Company (FPO) for better market access and fair pricing.

◆ Economic Development and Market Integration:

- Supporting the development of the Farmers Producer Company (FPO) to facilitate product marketing, organic certification, and supply chain efficiency.
- Establishing market linkages for the sale of organic greens, honey, and other agricultural products.
- Introducing a seed exchange model to provide financial support for seeds, fertilizers, and bio-inputs.



Activities done during implementation of projects in 2023-24

◆ Health, Nutrition, and Social Support:

- Promoting the cultivation and use of Moringa for its nutritional and medicinal benefits.
- Educating communities on the health benefits of consuming organic produce, particularly greens and traditional crops.
- Supporting vulnerable groups, including older persons and widows, through tailored initiatives.

◆ Institutional Strengthening and Future Focus:

- Strengthening AHIMSA's organizational capacity through review meetings, training sessions, and collaborations with stakeholders.
- Exploring the use of digitalization and renewable energy in future projects.
- Developing pilot programs, such as school-based organic farming, to integrate environmental education into community schools.
- Implementing Global Bio-Diversity Framework (GBF), Establishing Argo Ecological Model Farms and Model Botanical Garden.



INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report 2023-2024 reflects the journey of AHIMSA (Association for Human Integrated Massive Social Action) in driving impactful change across marginalized communities. Rooted in our mission to foster sustainable development and empower the underserved, this year's achievements stand as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, the power of partnerships, and the importance of eco-friendly and inclusive practices.

Throughout the year, AHIMSA's initiatives focused on addressing critical challenges in agriculture, health, education, and livelihoods. From promoting organic farming and value addition to empowering women through micro-enterprise development, our programs emphasized sustainable solutions that align with ecological preservation, economic growth, and social equity. With a strong foundation in community engagement, we have reached over 846 beneficiaries, fostering resilience, enhancing livelihoods, and building pathways for self-reliance.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the programs, activities, and outcomes achieved during the fiscal year. It highlights our key projects, such as the revival of traditional crops like millets and pulses, the promotion of sustainable practices through beekeeping and food forests, and our efforts in raising environmental awareness among schoolchildren. These initiatives were made possible through the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and dedicated teams, whose collaborative efforts have driven meaningful and measurable change.

Despite challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity, and socio-economic instability, AHIMSA has continued to adapt and innovate, ensuring our mission's sustainability and relevance. As we document this year's milestones, we also look to the future with renewed commitment to expanding our impact, strengthening community resilience, and fostering a culture of sustainability that benefits generations to come.

This report celebrates the collective achievements of our organization, our partners, and the communities we serve, while laying the foundation for continued progress in the years ahead. Together, we move forward, guided by the vision of a just, equitable, and sustainable world.





PROJECTS DONE BY
AHIMSA

2023-24

Organic Farming and Value Addition of Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) Products Training

The "Organic Farming and Value Addition of Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) Products Training", conducted under the NABARD Micro-Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP), was a transformative initiative aimed at equipping participants with essential skills and knowledge in sustainable agriculture. The 15-day program targeted 30 female beneficiaries, focusing on key aspects such as organic farming principles, soil health, crop rotation, organic fertilizers, pest management, and marketing strategies for value-added products.



30 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 

120 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES  

Funded by
NABARD under MEDP
Scheme

Structured to maximize learning, the program featured 18 theory sessions, 14 practical sessions, and 2 exposure visits to agricultural institutions. Participants gained hands-on experience in vermicomposting, achieving an 80% success rate in implementation, and beekeeping, with 70% engaging in honey extraction and hive management. Training outputs included skill development in organic certification, soil health improvement, and water-saving techniques, along with insights into marketing strategies for NTFPs, medicinal plants, and value-added agricultural products like essential oils and aromatic substances.

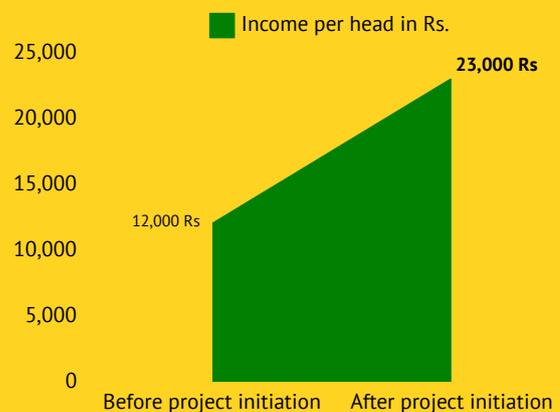


The impact of the training extended beyond skill-building. Around 60% of participants expressed their intent to launch micro-enterprises, reflecting the program's success in fostering entrepreneurial spirit. Additionally, 50% of participants adopted sustainable practices such as rainwater harvesting and drip irrigation, significantly reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers and pesticides and contributing to environmental sustainability.

The MEDP training empowered rural women to embrace sustainable practices, bolstered their entrepreneurial potential, and laid a strong foundation for innovative micro-enterprises. This initiative not only enhanced participants' skills but also fostered a commitment to environmental stewardship. With continued support and follow-up, the program promises to create lasting impact, driving community development and ecological balance.



**times increase in
income**



Promoting Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience through Beekeeping by Women

The "Promoting Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience through Beekeeping by Women" initiative, funded by the Haella Foundation and implemented by AHIMSA, made remarkable strides in empowering women and fostering sustainable agricultural practices. With a modest budget of €4514, the project directly benefited 25 women farmers from small farming families in the Pudukkottai Panchayat, Trichy District, showcasing the effectiveness of targeted, community-driven interventions.



The initiative allocated €1005 (22%) for distributing beehive boxes, €345 (8%) for honey extractors, and €328 (7%) for comprehensive beekeeping training sessions, blending practical and theoretical knowledge. Participants gained hands-on experience in hive management, leading to a projected 20-30% increase in agricultural productivity through enhanced pollination. Training in organic inputs, such as Jeevamirtham and Panchakavya, introduced cost-effective, eco-friendly farming techniques that improved soil health and sustainability.



25 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 

125 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES  

Funded by
Haella Foundation



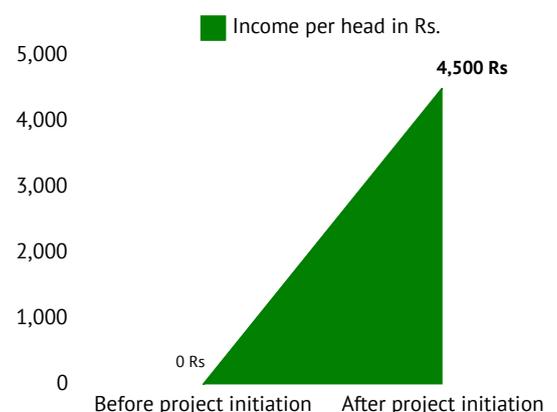
The outcomes extended beyond technical skills, driving economic empowerment as participants developed confidence in managing micro-enterprises centred on honey production and organic farming. The projected income from honey sales alone is anticipated to boost household earnings by 15-20% annually. Environmentally, the project contributed to biodiversity conservation and reduced reliance on chemical inputs, fostering long-term ecosystem health.

Community impact was evident through the establishment of kitchen gardens, which benefited over 30 families, enhancing nutrition with organic vegetables. Awareness programs extended the initiative's reach to neighbouring villages, fostering a broader commitment to sustainable practices.

This project highlights the transformative potential of integrating environmental conservation with income-generation to build resilient farming communities. Plans for future development include expanding market linkages, fostering cooperatives, and scaling training programs to replicate this successful model in other vulnerable regions.



New source of income created



Improving Food Security, Nutrition, and Sustainable Livelihoods of 100 Women-Led Families in Tiruchirappalli

The "Improving Food Security, Nutrition, and Sustainable Livelihoods of 100 Women-Led Families in Tiruchirappalli" project successfully demonstrated transformative impacts through targeted interventions over a one-year period. A total of 170 women farmers benefited from distributed seeds, including 485 kg of sorghum, 400 kg of pearl millet, and 255 kg of Kodo millet, ensuring enhanced agricultural productivity and food security. Moreover, 348 tons of farmyard manure were supplied to 120 women farmers, promoting organic farming practices and reducing dependence on chemical inputs. Training sessions engaged an average of 95 women per session, covering critical topics such as territorial food systems, eco-friendly technologies, and seed conservation.

**100**DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES**500**IN DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES

Funded by
Women's World Day of
Prayer, Germany

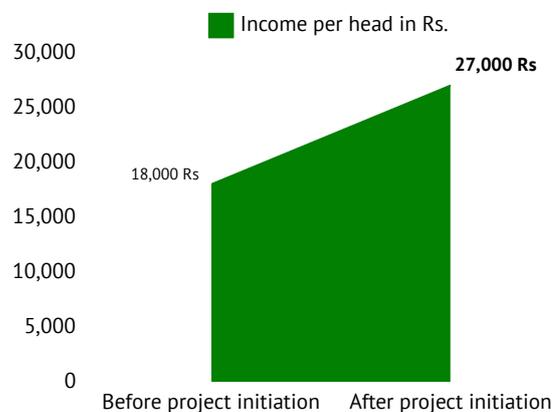
Significant outcomes include a 33% shift to organic farming practices, with women reducing production costs by over 50% through the use of free seeds and bio-manure. The project also saw 33 new members joining the AHIMSA Farmers Producer Company, reflecting strengthened community collaboration. Additionally, women-led efforts in seed conservation and organic farming techniques increased land fertility and reduced chemical usage, benefiting 70% of participants.



Through monthly planning meetings and exposure visits, the project empowered women to engage actively in decision-making and adopt leadership roles within their communities. This initiative not only improved livelihood opportunities but also challenged gender stereotypes, enabling women to influence farming decisions and contribute significantly to sustainable agriculture practices. The combined efforts fostered a resilient, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable agricultural ecosystem in Tiruchirappalli.



**times increase in
income**



Expanding Production of Millet, Oil Seeds, Vegetables, and Fruits for Value Addition and Marketing

The project "Expanding Production of Millet, Oil Seeds, Vegetables, and Fruits for Value Addition and Marketing", carried out by AHIMSA in Tamil Nadu, demonstrated remarkable impacts on agricultural sustainability and farmer livelihoods during the reporting period of January to December 2023. Directly benefiting 500 small and marginal farmers, including 350 women (70%) and 150 men (30%), the initiative reached an additional 1500 landless labourers and indirectly improved the lives of over 2000 community members, culminating in a total of 4000 beneficiaries.



Key achievements include the establishment of community seed banks that conserved 15 varieties of paddy, 8 varieties of millet, and 7 varieties of pulses, distributing 10,600 kg of seeds across 510 farmers. Furthermore, 5000 kg of oil seeds and 490 kg of organic vegetable seeds were provided, promoting crop diversity and home gardening. The distribution of 2000 horticultural plants, such as papaya and guava, further enhanced nutritional security.



531 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES  **343**  **188**

2100 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES  

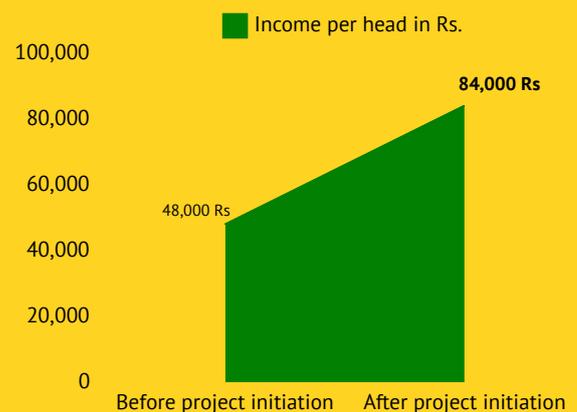
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Vastenactie, Netherlands



To bolster agricultural productivity, a Millet Processing Unit was installed, enabling value addition for millet crops, reducing post-harvest losses, and increasing farmer incomes. Additionally, a TATA Ace vehicle was procured to streamline logistics, minimizing transportation costs and ensuring timely market delivery. Training workshops on marketing strategies, organic certification, and value addition engaged 234 participants, with 174 women actively participating, enhancing their entrepreneurial and leadership skills.

This multifaceted approach not only increased the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices but also reduced production costs and improved market access for smallholder farmers. With 33% of participants transitioning to organic farming and reporting 50% cost reductions, the project has set a precedent for empowering rural communities, ensuring food security, and fostering environmental sustainability in drought-prone regions.

1.75
times increase in
income



Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security through the Promotion of Conservation Agriculture

The "Enhancing Food and Nutrition Security through the Promotion of Conservation Agriculture" project successfully implemented sustainable agricultural practices and food security initiatives from August 2023 to May 2024. The project directly engaged 450 local farmers, including 65% women and 35% men, in a series of transformative activities aimed at creating community-based food forests and promoting biodiversity. A total of 15,000 indigenous tree saplings and food tree species were raised and distributed through community nurseries, significantly contributing to reforestation efforts and environmental sustainability.



Workshops on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) trained over 120 farmers, reducing dependency on chemical pesticides and improving crop yields. Additionally, experimental food forests were established in the lands of 50 farmers by providing them planting material and livestock such as country chicken and goats to create a self-sustaining ecosystem. This innovative approach enhanced soil fertility and diversified income sources for farmers. Two exposure visits to successful food forest models in Puducherry inspired participants to replicate these practices locally.





50 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 37 13

250 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Funded by
Diocese of Rottenburg
Stuttgart



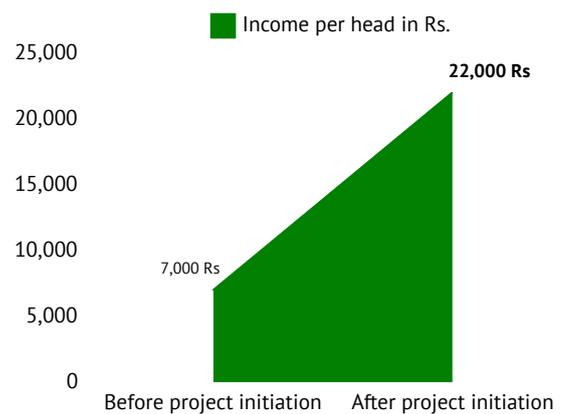


The project outcomes include improved nutritional security, enhanced local biodiversity, and increased farmer resilience through sustainable practices. The integration of livestock into farming systems and the adoption of organic models have set a benchmark for long-term environmental and economic sustainability in the region.

Furthermore, school-based forest gardens engaged 300 students, fostering environmental awareness and hands-on experience in agroforestry. The project also distributed 5000 educational materials, including booklets and pamphlets, to promote organic farming and conservation agriculture. Despite challenges posed by local elections, the project's objectives were met through collaboration with Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) leaders and volunteers, ensuring community buy-in and effective implementation.

3

**times increase in
income**



Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security through Organic Greens Cultivation

The "Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security through Organic Greens Cultivation" project, implemented by AHIMSA with support from EUCAN AID, successfully empowered 30 marginal women farmers across three villages in the Vaiyampatti Block of Tamil Nadu from June 2022 to May 2023. Each farmer, holding less than two acres of rainfed land, engaged in organic greens cultivation, with over 90% adopting at least two eco-friendly techniques for building soil health and pest management. Training sessions enabled participants to transition to organic farming, with a focus on preparing bio-inputs like vermicompost, Panchakavya, and herbal pest repellents.



Funded by
EUCAN AID, Belgium

A centralized seed bank established in Vaiyampatti distributed 5 kg of 12 varieties of greens seeds to the farmers, later expanding to include seeds for local vegetables and climbers, benefiting over 500 additional farmers in nearby villages. Women farmers cultivated greens on plots ranging from 10-30 cents, achieving daily harvests of 20-25 bundles per variety. With a market rate of ₹15-20 per bundle, each farmer earned an average of ₹1,000 for 20 days per month, totalling a sustainable monthly income of ₹25,000.

Beyond economic benefits, the project enhanced food security by increasing the intake of safe and nutritious greens. Farmers gained autonomy through a seed exchange model, which provided bio-inputs worth ₹6,275 per farmer on a loan basis, recovered through monthly instalments. and they have started to help each other in times of need. The project's success also inspired neighbouring farmers to adopt organic methods, indicating scalability and community-driven sustainability. By fostering women-led initiatives, establishing a self-reliant seed bank, and promoting organic practices, the project has set a benchmark for sustainable agriculture in drought-prone regions.



Territorial Food Crop for the Food and Livelihood security of the Women Farmers of Vaiyampatti Block

AHIMSA made significant strides in implementing the Moringa Project, designed to enhance the food and livelihood security of women farmers in Vaiyampatti. The project began with an orientation meeting and training session in September 2023, attended by 79 women farmers, which introduced sustainable farming practices, including soil preparation, planting techniques, pest management, and value addition for Moringa products. Following this, four capacity-building training programs were conducted between September 2023 and January 2024, covering the fundamentals of Moringa farming, integrated pest management (IPM), value-added processing, and marketing strategies. These sessions collectively engaged an average of 78 participants per module, providing essential knowledge to ensure the success of their farming endeavours.



Practical support was extended to 40 farmers for land preparation on a total of 20 acres, utilizing deep ploughing, harrowing, and levelling techniques to create optimal conditions for cultivation. Resource distribution included the supply of 15,000 Moringa seeds in two phases, alongside bio-manure and organic plant stimulants such as vermicompost to enhance soil fertility and crop growth. Farmers also participated in exposure visit to learn advanced techniques and value-added processing methods in December 2023 where 70 farmers were introduced to innovative practices at Best Moringa Farms.





80 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

300 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Funded by
BASAID



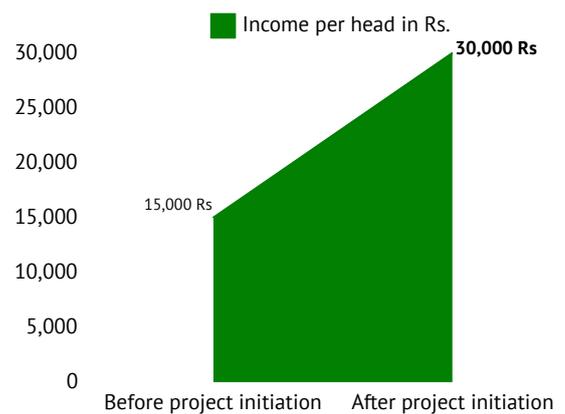


Despite challenges such as drought conditions and limited initial seed supply, the project maintained its momentum through the resilience of the drought-tolerant Moringa crop and phased distribution of resources. Plans were also developed to enhance value addition and marketing through advanced processing equipment, packaging materials, and market linkages with regional agricultural hubs. The year's activities significantly empowered women farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture, and laying a strong foundation for continued progress in the next phase of the project.



2

**times increase in
income**



Organic Greens cultivation in small land holding by 30 marginal women farmers

The project "Organic Greens Cultivation for Marginal Women Farmers", implemented by AHIMSA with support from the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), successfully improved the livelihoods and food security of 30 women farmers across three villages in Tamil Nadu in 2023. These women, owning small rainfed landholdings, were trained in organic farming practices, including the preparation and application of bio-manures like Panchakaviya, Fish Amino Acid, and neem-based pest repellents. The project reduced external input costs by 70% and water usage by 40%, significantly increasing the net farm income.



Each farmer cultivated 5 varieties of greens such as Pulichakeerai and Sirukeerai, on plots ranging from 10-30 cents. They achieved daily yields of 20-25 bundles per variety, generating ₱800 per day over 25 days per month. Seasonal income reached ₱40,000, ensuring annual earnings of ₱80,000 per farmer across two growing seasons. The nutritional impact extended beyond economic gains, with increased availability of organic greens enhancing the health of participating families and their neighbours.



30 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES 

160 IN DIRECT BENEFICIARIES  

Funded by
Associated Country Women
Of The World, United
Kingdom

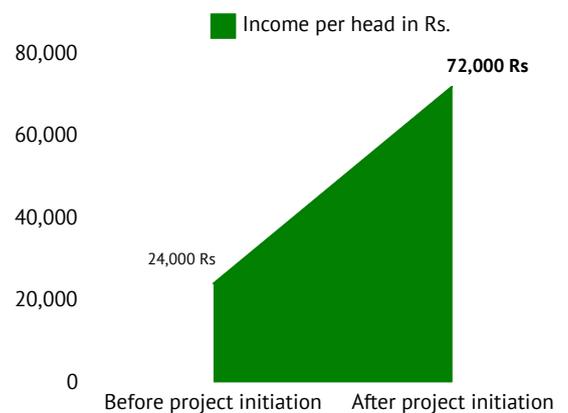


The project's collaborative approach also led to the creation of an Organic Greens Growers Group in each village, fostering peer learning and collective action. Twelve farmers expanded their activities by investing in livestock to integrate with organic farming practices. Additionally, the project supported bio-manure production, supplying 60 litres each of Panchakaviya, Fish Amino Acid, and Neem Kernel Extract.

Efforts to enhance sustainability included linking farmers to the AHIMSA-promoted Farmer Producer Organization (FPO), ensuring access to markets and continued technical support. The success of this initiative has inspired neighbouring farmers, indicating scalability and long-term impact. By empowering women as local trainers and establishing robust farming collectives, the project has created a replicable model for sustainable agriculture and rural economic development.

3

times increase in income





Conclusion

The Annual Report 2023-2024 stands as a reflection of AHIMSA's unwavering commitment to empowering communities, fostering sustainability, and addressing the pressing challenges of our time. Over the past year, our efforts have touched the lives of individuals across marginalized communities, bringing hope, resilience, and opportunities for growth. Through programs that promote organic farming, environmental conservation, and economic self-reliance, we have demonstrated the transformative power of collective action.

The accomplishments highlighted in this report –ranging from the establishment of food forests and revival of traditional crops to beekeeping initiatives and enhanced market linkages– would not have been possible without the tireless dedication of our staff, volunteers, and the trust of the communities we serve. These milestones are a testament to what can be achieved when people come together with a shared vision for a better future.

However, the journey is far from over. The challenges posed by climate change, resource scarcity, and socio-economic instability demand continued innovation, collaboration, and action. As we look ahead, AHIMSA remains steadfast in its mission to drive sustainable development, expand our reach, and deepen our impact. With plans to further knowledge transfer, promote organic practices, and support vulnerable groups, we are committed to creating a legacy of resilience and sustainability for future generations.

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, partners, and stakeholders, whose support has been the cornerstone of our success. Together, we have made significant strides, and together, we will continue to make a difference. Let us move forward with hope and determination, confident in our ability to create a world that is equitable, sustainable, and inclusive for all.



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