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In search of Inclusive development

45th Annual Report 2022-23



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Details of the Trust

Registration No: E3183 Ahmedabad

FCRA No: FCRA Reg. No. 041910016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Harinesh Pandya, Chair Person
Dr. Indiraben Hirway, Founder Trustee
Ms. Alkaben Palrecha, Trustee
Ms. Neeta Hardikar, Trustee
Mr. Rajesh I. Shah, Managing Trustee

AUDITORS

H. Rustom & Co. & A. S. Shaikh & Co.
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1) About VIKAS CFD

a) The goal of VIKAS CFD

To plan and implement community led initiatives to address the twin issues of climate change and abject poverty.

b) Our Understanding of Development Process

VIKAS CFD defines development process as a movement of marginalized sections of the society from the state of existence characterized by poverty, deprivation and under development to a state of being where all attain better quality of life and live with self-respect and dignity.

c) We Work With

The economically and socially marginalised communities include agriculture labourers, small and marginal farmers, fishermen, small salt producers, charcoal makers and industrial workers belonging to scheduled tribe and caste.

d) Focus Areas

VIKAS CFD focuses on twin interlinked issues of Climate Change and abject Poverty. The concrete initiatives include rejuvenating coastal resources by carrying out large-scale community led plantation of mangroves and associates along the coast of Gujarat, revitalizing village water bodies, reducing carbon footprints by promoting use of renewable energy, establishing village level solid waste management programmes water & sanitation, waste management and livelihoods & enterprise development.

Over the years, VIKAS CFD has been focusing on restoring linkage between environment and human beings, particularly marginalised coastal communities through implementing development programmes which improve their quality of life through innovations and by deploying resources of the state, industries and resource institutions.

e) Development Approach

Our approach, keep people from marginalised sections of the society in the center in the entire development process starting with defining the problem and designing as well as implementing the solutions.

Environment and institutional sustainability are two key elements of the development strategy of VIKAS CFD. The organisation focuses on participation and empowering of local people, particularly women in planning and implementation of the programmes. VIKAS CFD invests efforts and resources to improve quality of environment through initiating and strengthening the village and area level organisations of local people so that future sustainability of the initiatives is ensured.

f) The Process we follow

1) Inquire – understanding the situation, 2) Identification of Issues, 3) Designing the Initiatives, 4) Implementation process moving from small to large scale by establishing, 5) Impact assessment, 6) completing the loop by reflecting on feedback.

The process of *action and reflection* is an integral part of our development work. In essence VIKAS CFD is an ever learning organisation.

g) Our Competencies:

Strength of VIKAS CFD is in finding creative and innovative solutions to issues and problems faced by marginalized sections of our society through community rooted processes.

h) Out Team

Our strength lies in the team of 38 persons combining idealism with Professionalism. The team is headed by an Architect having 50 years of work experience in urban and rural development. The team members include persons with background in Architecture, Regional Planning, and Masters in Rural development, Masters in Social Work having more than 20 years of work experience in rural development.

The team also has good mix of people coming from marginalized sections of the society and having traditional understanding and wisdom of issues faced by poor and marginalized communities.

2) Activities carried out during the year

I) Green Projects - (Supported by Goodcarbon Impact)

- Great Green Wall of Gujarat – Pilot Project

- Plantation Target-12.50 lakh mangrove plants. Actual Surviving-11.18 lakhs.
- Focus on understanding the socio-economic impact of the project on local people particularly, marginalized sections of the villages, which include farmers, fisher folks, agriculture labourers, salt pan workers and cattle breeders. For this purpose a baseline survey was carried out.
- The experiences of pilot project would help in designing pre-plantation, plantation and post- plantation activities for the larger project to follow. It would also help in integrating technical, financial and institutional aspects of the project design such that it will ensure long term sustainability of the initiative.

- Great Green Wall of Gujarat – Feasibility Study

- SAVE Private Limited an associate organisation carried out a feasibility Study - Great Green Wall of Gujarat aimed at identifying potential mangrove plantation sites along the entire coast of Gujarat.
- The Teams visited 229 villages along the coast of Gujarat in 25 talukas and identified 58 plots measuring 18,500 ha area of potential mangrove and its associate plantation. Along with identifying the land, technical as well as social feasibility of plantation projects were also ascertained. GIS based maps prepared and detailed project proposal is being made to present to Government of Gujarat and Government of India and get the administrative permission for the identified lands.
- While, the larger project is being designed, the efforts are being made to get the administrative permission from the concerned department of Government. Meetings were organized with officials of Revenue, Environment & Forest and Climate Change Department of Government of Gujarat. The response from State Government is positive however, there is no clear policy for giving permission for mangrove plantation and accepting carbon finance.



II) Plantation Projects – (Supported by GRASIM Industries - CER) 37,500 plants.

- In July 2022, GRASIM Industries assigned VIKAS CFD to carry out Plantation of 20,000 Trees/Plants around Village Vilayat. In the last year, we have planted totally 29,956 trees in area measuring 11 ha.
- Further, GRASIM Industries have commissioned another tree plantation project at Amleshwar village to grow 17,500 trees. Work in the project has commenced in January 2023. Till March 2023, one of the plots has been cleaned. The Plantation activity will start in June/July 2023





III) Seaweed Cultivation

- The Pilot Project being carried out by VIKAS/SAVE in association with AKRSP-I and GVT, Dwarka, in two coastal villages of Dev-bhumi Dwarka District.
- The project started with 02 rafts, concluded with 09 rafts. Each raft produces 70kg of Seaweed over 05 cycles in 10 months period. The Seaweed produced was used on a pilot basis as liquid fertilizer in coastal villages of Dev-bhumi Dwarka district. The feedback is very encouraging
- In June 2023, once the Pilot Project is over, we need to assess the productivity and profitability of the operations as well as livelihood potential for the local people. We also need to learn more about the importance of the activity in the context of Climate change. Seaweed is a risky business as it very much depends on the natural climatic conditions at the sea-coast where it is being grown. However, as we are in the Pilot Stage, we too are learning.

IV) Renewable Energy Projects

- Solar Pumps for Salt Producers

- VIKAS CFD & SAVE in association with AHRM has been implementing solar pump systems since past five years in the LRK. During this period collectively we have installed 362 solar pumps which are annually saving about 3.62 crores of cost to Agariyas. The Government subsidy scheme has been completed in 2021-22. Hence, in the last year, salt

season 2022-23, VIKAS CFD/SAVE has installed ten solar pumps for needy Agariyas who have been left out of the scheme, due to incomplete documents. Support for this has been provided by Atul Foundation, Valsad & Raajratna Foundation, Ahmedabad.

- The Life of the Agariyas in the LRK has undergone a big change after introduction of Solar System due to the surplus generated from the Savings of non-use of Diesel to pump out brine water from the underground. It has impacted positively for the Agariyas in Education, Health, Home etc.

- Solar Linked Drip Irrigation System

- In November 2022, SAVE in association with VIKAS CFD, Samvedna Trust, Banaskantha, Aravali Janvikas Trust, Danta and financial support from AID USA, the company installed 13 Drip Linked Solar Systems. The eight month pilot project would conclude in June 2023. Based on the encouraging results of first four months, we hope to scale up the initiative of promoting the systems.
- The Pilot Project is with 13 Farmers having land holding of 1 to 2 acres of Land. Six Farmers are from Amirgadh and seven are from Danta taluka. The Project started in November 2022 and will end in June 2023.
- In order scale up the initiative we need to complete the whole cycle till June 2023. Following this prepare a comprehensive documentation of experiences of farmers, partner organisations and implementing team for all 13 systems.





V) Solar Street Lights

- In order to ensure greater night time security of women in the villages and to promote use of renewable energy, an initiative to provide solar street lights was implemented in five villages of Vagra taluka. Totally 133 street lights have been installed with active participation of women leaders and village panchayats. The project was funded by LUBRIZOL under CSR.

VI) Sustainable Solid Fuel - Biocoal

- A first trial to convert chips of Prosopis Juliflora (Ganodo Baval) was carried in Vagra taluka in association with Transform Poverty Global (TPG), USA. The results of the trial were encouraging however, the kiln needs more technical improvement. After improving the design of the kiln, the second trial was conducted in February 2023. The overheating during the trial has damaged the equipment. The third trial is planned in April after repairing the equipment.

VII) Waste Management - Plastic Waste Digester

- The initiative by SAVE Ltd, an associate of VIKAS CFD, to digest plastic through the process of Pyrolysis is progressing well where we have received incubation support from LJ University. The pilot with 20 Kg. capacity has been successful. VIKAS CFD & SAVE are trying to take the innovation to the next level for which we have had discussions with Department of Gujarat Clean Technology and Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Government of Gujarat for technical endorsement and approval.
- Further, the process of Patent Registration and technology validation are under way. Once both these processes are over, funds for scaling up and wider application will be taken up.

VIII) Women Empowerment Initiative

- Savings Linked Credit Programme

- VIKAS CFD has been engaged in a long term women empowerment process in 19 villages of Vagra taluka. The initiative is built around setting up savings linked credit activity through the organisational vehicle of Self-help Groups.
- At present, about 586 women have got organised under 46 SHGs in 20 villages. They have collectively saved around Rs. 14.88 lakh and have provided credit to 134 women members for various needs.
- Capacity building and training programmes are being regularly organised to impart skills in book keeping, accounts etc. LEAP - Livelihood and Enterprise Advancement Programme - Under this programme two training programmes and one exposure visit were organised. As a result about 22 women have started income generating activities.
- Recently on 20th March, 2023, we hosted International Women’s Day Celebration along with LUBRIZOL at village Suva, in Vagra Taluka, Bharuch District. There was a participation of 550 Women in this event. The Chief Guests for this event were Women Leaders from Kutch, namely, Rajiben Vankar, Pabiben Rabari and Kankuben Vankar. Rajiben has been felicitated by “Nari Shakti Puruskar 2023” by the Hon. President of India on 8th March, 2023. It was very inspiring to hear all the 03 Women speak and to hear their story of struggle and how they have reached the place of recognition that they have today.



3) Auditors' Report

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Chartered Accountants

H Rustom & Co.
Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the members of
VIKAS Centre for Development
Registration Number: E/ 3183
Ahmedabad

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of VIKAS Centre for Development having registration Number: E/3183/AHD, which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023, the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Management of the trust is responsible for keeping regular accounts that facilitate preparation of the financial statements that give a true account of the financial position and financial performance of the Trust in accordance with the requirements of The Bombay Public Trust, Act, 1950 (as applicable to Gujarat State) ("the Act"). This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the keeping of the accounts that give a true account and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY:

Our responsibility as per Section 34(1) of the Act is to prepare these financial statements and to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error in making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

OPINION:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet of the Trust for the year ended March 31, 2023 and Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending on that date gives true and fair view and are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:

As required by Rule 19 of the Rules framed under the Act, we report that:

1. The accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provision of the Act and the Rules.
2. The Receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the Account.
3. The cash Balance and vouchers are in the custody of the manager or Trustee on the date of audit and are in agreement with the accounts.
4. Books, Deeds, Accounts, vouchers and other documents and records required by us were produced before us.
5. The inventory, certified by the Trustees of the moveable properties of the Trust has been maintained.
6. The manager / Trustee appeared before us and furnished the necessary information required by us.
7. The Property of Funds of the Trust was not applied for any object or purpose other than the objects or purpose of the Trust.



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8. No tenders were invited for repairs or construction as the expenditure involved did not exceed Rs.5000/-
9. No money of public Trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of section 35
10. No alienation of immovable property has been made contrary to the provisions of section 36 of the Act.
11. The amount outstanding for more than one the year and the amounts written off, if any; Rs. 24,70,000/- is outstanding for more than one year, amount written off is Rs. Nil.

FOR A.S.SHAIKH & Co.
Chartered Accountants
FIRM REGISTRATION NO.139775W




(Aslam Shaikh)





Proprietor
Membership No: 162345
UDIN: 23162345BKP5837
Place: Ahmedabad
Date: 11.07.2023






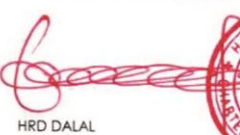
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FIRM REGISTRATION NO.108908W




(HRD Dalal)

Proprietor
Membership No: 31368
UDIN: 23031368BKPEJW4662
Place: Ahmedabad
Date: 11.07.2023

Name of the Public Trust : Vikas Centre for Development Trust No.E / 3183 / AHMEDABAD Date of Registration : 4 th January, 1978 Address of the Trust's office : "ISHAVASYAM", OPP. LAJPATNAGAR, ESHITA TOWER ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABAD - 380014 BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st March, 2023 Bank Account No. of Trust for transaction of Foreign Contribution: 40030079307 - State Bank of India F.C.R.A. No. 041910016 Dated: 10 th January, 1985 (Renewal till 31 st March 2027)							
Amount in Rs.							
PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	FC FUND	NFC FUND	Consolidated As at 31 st March 2023	FC FUND	NFC FUND	Consolidated As at 31 st March 2022
FUNDS & LIABILITIES							
TRUST FUNDS	A	-	10,13,429	10,13,429	-	9,83,911	9,83,911
UNUTILISED GRANTS & REVOLVING FUND	C	71,48,574	50,78,005	1,22,26,579	39,00,374	10,48,167	49,48,541
CURRENT LIABILITIES	E-6	-	53,364	53,364	-	2,07,865	2,07,865
UNSECURED LOANS	F	-	24,70,000	24,70,000	-	56,10,000	56,10,000
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	D	1,74,62,938	44,00,453	2,18,63,391	1,09,38,656	33,80,564	1,43,19,220
TOTAL		2,46,11,512	1,30,15,251	3,76,26,764	1,48,39,031	1,12,30,507	2,60,69,537
ASSETS & PROPERTIES							
GROSS BLOCK OF FIXED ASSETS		1,37,49,615	49,66,043	1,87,15,658	1,33,72,613	45,17,902	1,78,90,515
DEPRECIATION FUNDS		60,83,301	26,69,109	87,52,410	58,95,046	24,36,734	83,31,780
NET FIXED ASSETS	B	76,66,314	22,96,934	99,63,248	74,77,571	20,81,169	95,58,740
GRANT RECEIVABLE	C	-	-	-	-	9,38,661	9,38,661
INVESTMENTS	G	88,96,986	17,35,668	1,06,32,654	52,10,524	17,74,920	69,85,444
CURRENT ASSETS	E	80,48,211	89,82,644	1,70,30,855	21,50,935	64,35,755	85,86,690
TOTAL		2,46,11,512	1,30,15,251	3,76,26,764	1,48,39,031	1,12,30,507	2,60,69,537
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Amount in Rs.							
PARTICULARS	ANNEXURE	FC	NFC	Consolidated 2022-23	FC	NFC	Consolidated 2021-22
INCOME							
GRANTS & DONATIONS	H	1,06,97,374	1,84,81,876	2,91,79,250	73,89,171	1,58,47,566	2,32,36,736
INTEREST INCOME	I	6,11,919	1,68,455	7,80,374	3,24,249	1,06,574	4,30,823
INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES	J	-	6,03,280	6,03,280	-	9,44,962	9,44,962
PROFIT ON SALE OF LAND	O	49,84,412	-	49,84,412	-	-	-
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOM	D	-	-	-	2,05,484	7,85,341	9,90,825
TOTAL		1,62,93,705	1,92,53,611	3,55,47,316	79,18,903	1,76,84,443	2,56,03,346
EXPENDITURE							
EXPENDITURE ON OBJECTS OF THE TRUS	L	88,99,386	1,49,07,603	2,38,06,989	71,52,737	1,47,62,868	2,19,15,605
ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	K	6,81,782	29,26,711	36,08,493	6,33,182	25,44,034	31,77,216
STATUTORY AUDIT FEES	M	-	1,10,000	1,10,000	-	1,25,000	1,25,000
CHARITY COMMISSIONER LAGO	N	-	27,516	27,516	-	24,806	24,806
DEPRECIATION	B	1,88,255	2,32,374	4,20,629	1,32,984	2,27,735	3,60,719
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITUR	D	65,24,282	10,49,407	75,73,689	-	-	-
TOTAL		1,62,93,705	1,92,53,611	3,55,47,316	79,18,903	1,76,84,443	2,56,03,346
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