

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Social Action for Rural Advancement Society
(Registered Under the Societies Registration Act, 28, 1958)

SARA completed 34 years of its inception in 2023. In the past years of implementation and close community work, organization has seen transformation in development sector, social behavior, social practices and environmental conditions. Community has recovered from impact of COVID19, however new challenges in health sector have emerged pertaining to infectious diseases. In the light of growing need for sustainable employment and livelihood solutions, youth are focused on acquiring entrepreneurial skills to avail opportunities in the market. Meanwhile, local farming and cattle rearing remain affected due to various environmental factors, SARA is emphasizing upon environment sustainability along with advocacy for the rights of community to secure a safe future for upcoming generations. In the post-COVID world, growth and development among various sectors have picked up rapidly and skills and technology algorithms have completely changed. Rural technology and skills have advanced and youth are supposed to cope with changing environment by adopting and adjusting in current culture. Organization is now more focused on deriving sustainable solutions for environment and local skills. Experience of our past work and community engagement encourages us to engage more at local level to transfer technology innovations to the community. SARA will focus more in upcoming time on environment solutions and appropriate skills for women and youth to lead next ten years.



Year 2022-23

Annual Report 2022-23 reflect organization's efforts in the project area during the year 2022-23. This year, organization focused on establishing permanent solutions for the target community through thematic interventions on environment and sustainability. Organisation also organized fundamental right based protests for the semi-skilled labor class to ensure accountability of government and its employees to process designated provisions for the community on time. SARA also celebrated country's success on 75th Independence anniversary in the form of "***Amrit Mahotsav***" in the project villages. The report also includes efforts on child development and health in the project villages. Annual report 2022-23 summarizes activities in detail.

Environment Sustainability

SARA is committed towards sustainable development goals by contributing towards environment protection, governance and skill enhancement to address poverty. We are associated with foundations and philanthropic organizations to contribute in water conservation and green environment. We at SARA are working on technology enabled innovations to derive solutions for community. SARA works with partners and network organizations to assess status of environmental factors in the project area and coordinate with associated community members to propose plan of action. Over a period of time organization has assessed reducing water level, diminishing water resources and increasing dry land in the nearby area due to grazing and lack of attention towards plantation.

SARA partners are supporting the cause of environment protection through various mechanisms. Communities are on front end to plan, execute and monitor the progress of programs.

Participatory Planning

Communities are always in the center of SARA implementation plan. Projects are designed on the basis of community need and their participation is considered intact at every level of execution. The planning phase of programs is organized through village level meetings of community representatives to strategies project stages, community contribution and monitoring.



In the year 2022-23, SARA worked with Coca-Cola India Foundation to repair traditional water ponds in 10 villages in Jaipur, Sikar and Nagaur districts respectively. Community members collectively prepared the plan and proposed a maintenance strategy for next 10 years.

Water Conservation

Environment sustainability and governance is the vision of organization to ensure management of water resources in the project area through technological interventions. Coca-Cola India foundation is supporting various organizations in Rajasthan to promote water conservation. Foundation supported traditional water storage structures ten years back to various organizations in Jaipur, Sikar and Nagaur district. The condition of structures deteriorated with time such as ruptured face wall, vanished outlets, broken side walls and unnecessary herbs in the pond. Due to all above reasons, water storage and inlet was blocked and water was not retained in the structures.



Foundation gave responsibility of SARA to repair 10 such ponds in Jaipur, Sikar and Naguar district. During the repair work water retention mechanisms were executed comprehensively and total 27,995 sq feet of pond face wall, 7360 sq. feet of pitching work was done, 3200 sq. feet of pond outlets repair, 2000 sq feet of side wall repair, 5000 sq feet of white wash and paint, 15000 sq. feet of Kuchha wall repair and 161,050 sq feet of pond wall leveling was done. Repaired structures were supported with plantation work to retain soil and promote green environment on the face wall of ponds.

During current project district wise plantation targets were assigned and activity was completed with the help of youth and school children. Total 500 plants with tree guards were placed around ponds; Sikar - 100, Ajmer – 200, Jaipur – 200.



Completed Structures



Visibility

SARA environment sustainability work has been recognized at different levels. Coca Cola India Foundation installed visibility boards on the sites of ponds along with names of partners. The boards were installed in 10 villages of three districts Sikar, Nagaur and Jaipur

**WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT
SUPPORTED BY**



**IMPLEMENTED BY
SARA SANSTHAN, LAXMIPURA (SIKAR)
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
GRAM PANCHAYAT & LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Advocacy for Accountability

SARA actively raises voice for village groups, daily paid workers and women at various forums. Advocacy for fundamental rights empower people to fight for their rights and also provide information on various government provisions which are not served properly. SARA partnered with MKSS (*Majdoor Kisan Shakti Sangthan*) to organize an accountability march on 16th September 2022 to ensure accountability law applicable. A memorandum on the name of Chief Minister was given to administration stating to fix responsibilities of government officials and deliver on time.



In continuation to this, a protest was organized from 19th to 23rd September at Shaheed Smarak Jaipur along with network organizations and submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister.

Health & Child Development

SARA is a close associate of SWRC (Barefoot College) Tilonia. Organization participates in social development events and health awareness camps for the community. SARA organized eye care camp with support of Barefoot college Tilonia, Third World eye care society Canada and Santokba Durlabhji hospital Jaipur on 22nd to 24th February 2022. Free eye checkup was organized for the community. Free checkup along with distribution of eye glasses was done during the camp. Total 180 beneficiaries from Dantaramgarh and Khandela block availed services.

A workshop was organized for the children of project area on 20th March 2023 at Aadhar Research Institute Randoli (Jaipur). Total 63 children and 10 PRI members from 10 project villages participated in the workshop to sensitize children on water and village ponds, listing water related problems in project areas, assigning roles and responsibilities for repair and maintenance of rural ponds and discussing responsibilities of panchayat in water conservation.



Marudhara Me Jal Swavlamban Program

SARA partnered with Unnati Sansthan Jodhpur in 2021 and 2022 to implement Marudhara Me Jal Swavlamban program in 30 villages of Dantaramgarh block of Sikar. Team from Unnati visited SARA Sansthan on 3rd August 2022 in village Balyawas to capture traditional pond work and participation of community at various levels.



Team also interviewed SARA Director Mr Mota Ram to understand impact of traditional ponds in the project area. A state level workshop was organized under chairmanship of cabinet minister Mr Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. In the workshop roles and contribution of village level Jal Saheliya was shared with the audience. Mr Mota Ram and Hanuman Paraswal (community representative) participated from SARA. Organizations working on water conservation and environment protection were honoured by Unnati Sansthan.

Amrit Mahotsav

On the occasion of 75th anniversary of independence Amritmahotsav, SARA organized a program in village Balyawas on 14th August 2022. Coca Cola India foundation supported the program and a team of 5 representatives participated. Mr Sita Ram Lamba state minister, Rajasthan government joined the program as chief guest. SARA informed the audience about organizations efforts on water conservation and 300 men and women participated.



A plantation campaign was organized in the event in which 75 plants in village Balyawas, 90 plants in Dansroli, Mei and Kankra were planted.

Felicitation

SARA is working with HCL foundation on environment sustainability component. Organization had implemented COVID19 relief program to provide direct support to community during COVID period, livelihood support through labor work in development of traditional pond structures. The technology component was implemented by SARA and HCL identified SARA approach to present at national level. HCL foundation was selected at national level for environment efforts. SARA program work was presented during the national event. HCL team organized an online meeting on 20th February 2023 with SARA staff and village committee members (3 women, 3 men). SDM Dantaramgarh provided appreciation letter to SARA for the work which was submitted at national level for the event.



Legal Details:

- Registered Address: Village – Laxmipura, Post – Rajpura-Nosal, Tehsil – Dantaramgarh, District – Sikar, Rajasthan – 332742
- Registration details: Registered under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 28, 1958.
- Registration No. & date: 80/Sikar/1991-92 dated 26.02.1992
- FCRA Registration No. & date: FCRA No. 125650002 dated 12.04.1996
- Registration in Niti Aayog: NGO darpan No. RJ/2017/0163904
- Income Tax exempted: SARA in exempted under 12A, 80G, 10(23C)
- Income Tax certificate: PAN and TAN number of Income Tax Department.

Partners:

Bilateral/Multinational	Government/NGO
Coca-Cola Foundation, Atlanta (USA)	Ministry of Science & Technology
Anandana (Coca-Cola India Foundation)	Ministry of Water Resources
HCL Foundation	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Sida, Sweden	Ministry of Environment & Forestry
Plan International	SWRC (Barefoot College) Tilonia
RAM Association, Italy	Unnati, Ahmedabad
Save the Children (UK)	Government of Rajasthan

Executive Board Members:

Ms. Aparna Sahay	President
Dr. S. R. Nehra	Vice-President
Shri Mota Ram	Director
Shri B. L. Verma	Treasurer
Dr. Gopal Singh	Member
Shri Rampal	Member
Ms. Anop Kanwar	Member

Financial Details:

Social Action for Rural Advancement Society, Laxmipura (Sikar)
Consolidated
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Schedule	Amount
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
Capital Fund	'A'	4361924.0
General Fund	'A'	8961866.9
Revolving Fund		3658208.0
Unutilised Grant c/f - HCL Foundation		39000.0
Unutilised Grant c/f - Foreign Contribution		739915.6
TDS Payable		14778.0
Outstanding Expenses		32500.0
		<u>17808192.5</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Fixed Assets	'B'	4361924.0
Current Assets, Loans & Advances :		
Sundry Deposit (TDS)	'C'	46343.0
Loan & Advances		5000.0
Cash & Bank Balances	'D'	13394925.5
		<u>17808192.5</u>

Social Action for Rural Advancement Society, Laxmipura (Sikar)
Consolidated
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Schedule	Amount
Unutilized Grant b/f		<u>759265.6</u>
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Income:		
Project Grants :		
CCF Project		7260000.0
Other Incomes :		
Bank Interest - FDR		467187.0
Bank Interest - SB Account		128334.0
Interest on IT Refund		5265.0
Income charged from Projects		132382.0
CCF-Community Contribution		110500.0
	'a'	<u>8862933.6</u>
Expenses :		
Project Exp.		
CCF Project		7260078.0
CCF Contribution		110634.0
HCL Project Expenses		10000.0
Capital Expenditure		34000.0
Excess Interest on FD of last year reverse		355509.0
Old TDS written off		54416.0
Administration Expenses	'f'	<u>712124.1</u>
	'b'	<u>8536761.1</u>
Unutilized Grant c/f	'c'	778915.68
Excess of Expenditure over income-balance carried to balance sheet	(a-b-c)	452743.12



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