

**TRUST COMMUNITY  
LIVELIHOODS**



**2022-23**

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## Forward by Executive Director

Trust Community Livelihoods (TCL) enters its second decade with even greater commitment and confidence in its mission to improve the lives of the rural poor, particularly in eastern Uttar Pradesh—a region deeply entrenched in poverty and social backwardness.

During the year, we adopted Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices in our livelihood intervention. This strategic shift acknowledges the significant impact climate change is having on those dependent on agriculture. We also expanded our rural livelihood portfolio to include livestock. We are placing greater emphasis on goats as a livelihood resource for the ultra-poor households as they possess minimal agricultural land. Goats and cattle not only offer additional income to farmers but also have symbiotic relationship with agriculture, where the residue of one becomes a valuable resource for the other.

Additionally, this year, we rediscovered the power of women's agricultural collectives as producer groups (distinct from women self-help groups), which we believe will play a pivotal role in achieving economic and social sustainability.

TCL has got a significant opportunity by the IndusInd Bank through its Aspirational District Flagship Program. This program spans all the fourteen blocks of Bahraich. Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is the lead partner in this. We are covering seven blocks each. It would require us to draw upon our intellectual and managerial resources to make a tangible impact on the district's Aspirational district indicators.

This year marked expansion of our education program. TCL has commenced operations in two hundred government primary schools in two blocks of Bahraich, up from fifty schools in the previous phase.

I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Dr. Kanchan Sinha, one of the four founders, who left the Board of TCL. She is etched as someone who raised critical social impact issues in the Board and other forums, while being always ready to help. I also welcome Ms. Alka Talwar, Mr. Manoj Sharma and Ms. Shubha Prem, who have joined the TCL Board. They are pioneers in their respective fields and we would be enriched with their views and suggestions.

I take this opportunity to thank all our partners who provided grant support and technical support, that enabled us to make a significant difference in the lives of people. The year has been immensely gratifying for TCL.

Vinod Jain  
Executive Director

# Vision & Mission

## Vision

“Empowered Society that creates equal opportunities for dignified life to Each and Every Individual”

## Mission

“TCL promotes and partners with community institutions to empower women, children and marginalized households to enhance and sustain their economic and social well-being”



# Governing Board



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**Chairperson**



**Padmaja Nair**  
**Member**



**Manoj Kumar**  
**Member**



**Alka Talwar**  
**Member**



**Shubha Prem**  
**Member**



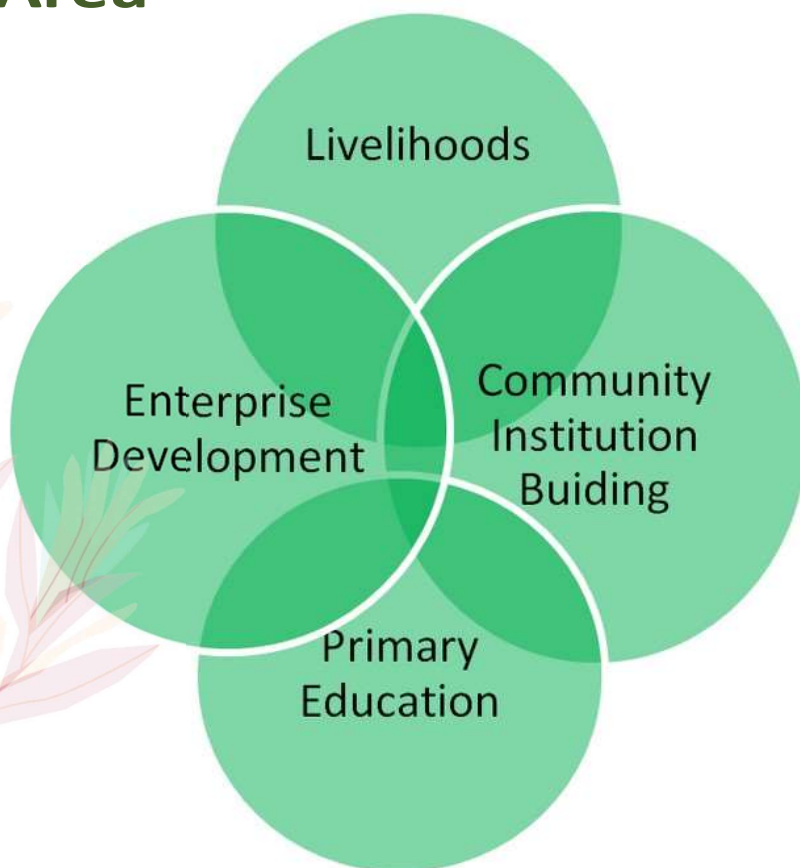
**Vinod Jain**  
**Managing Trustee**



# Program Area Profile



## Thematic Area



# Program Area Profile



# Our Approach

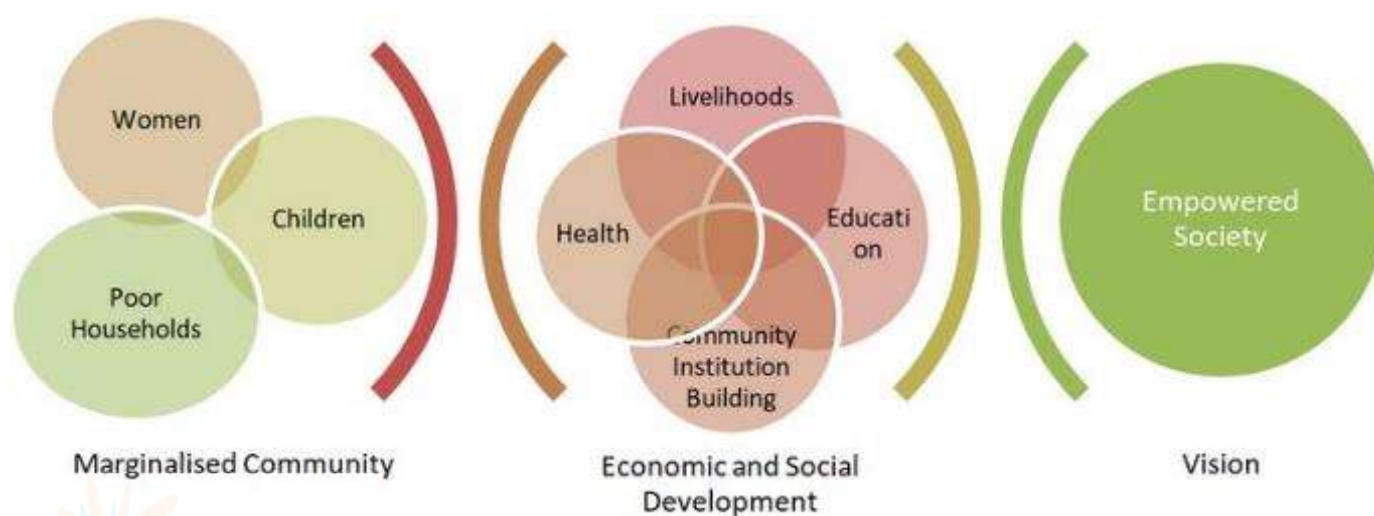
TCL's core philosophy centers on the pivotal role of household well-being in shaping societal welfare, with a particular focus on the prosperity of women and children. Well-being, encompassing social, economic, and health dimensions, is actively pursued through livelihood, government support programs, and the prioritization of children's education and healthcare.

Central to TCL's approach is the active involvement of women in livelihood activities, working alongside men. Women excel in agriculture, often transitioning into entrepreneurial roles with motivation and skill development. Their active participation is essential in realizing the overarching vision.

In rural India, a majority of poor households rely on traditional agriculture and allied sources as their primary livelihood, often lacking access to modern farming techniques. TCL sees this as an opportunity for intervention, aiming to blend traditional practices with innovative, cost-effective, and market-oriented approaches, minimizing disruptions to farmers' lives.

Empowered households become catalysts for community well-being, challenging established norms with innovative practices. TCL firmly asserts that an empowered society arises from economically stable households deeply committed to the education and health of women and children.

The below diagram represents TCL approach as described above.





# OUR INTERVENTIONS

## LIVELIHOODS

Trust Community Livelihoods is dedicated to improving the livelihoods of women farmers in eastern Uttar Pradesh, near the Nepal border. Our focus is on promoting sustainable agriculture practices that not only increase income but also benefit the environment. We aim to create lasting economic and social improvements for families in the region through agriculture and allied activities.

To achieve this, we employ a strategy that involves training local women to serve as catalysts for change. These women, who are deeply embedded in the community, become leaders and agents of transformation. They play a crucial role in implementing our programs, which are designed to empower women and make them self-sustaining.

As these women take charge, they gradually become self-reliant and continue to provide valuable services to their community. This approach ensures the sustainability of our efforts and a brighter future for the women and families we serve.



### Outreach and Strategies

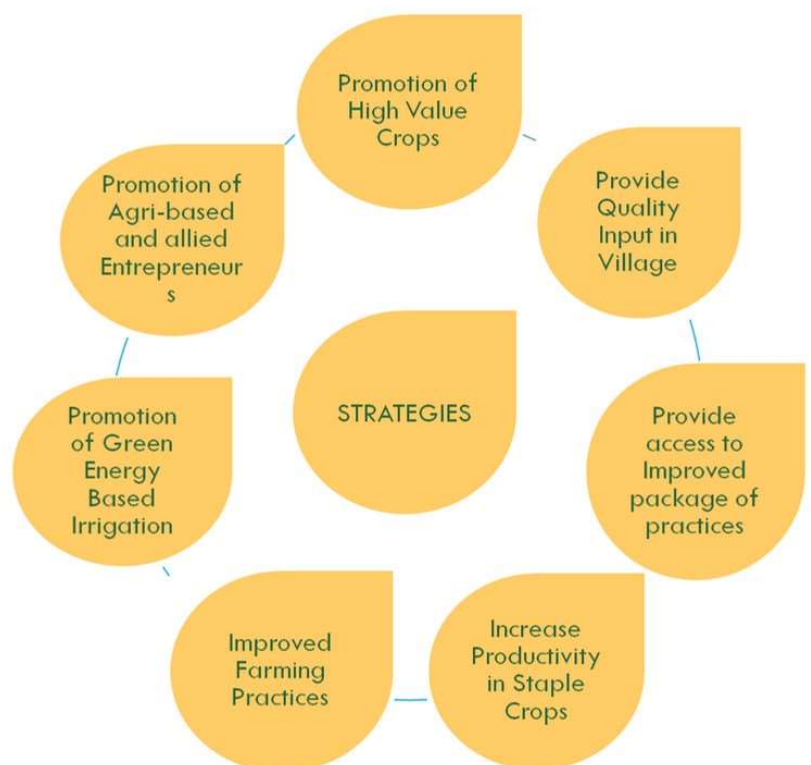
**2 Districts**

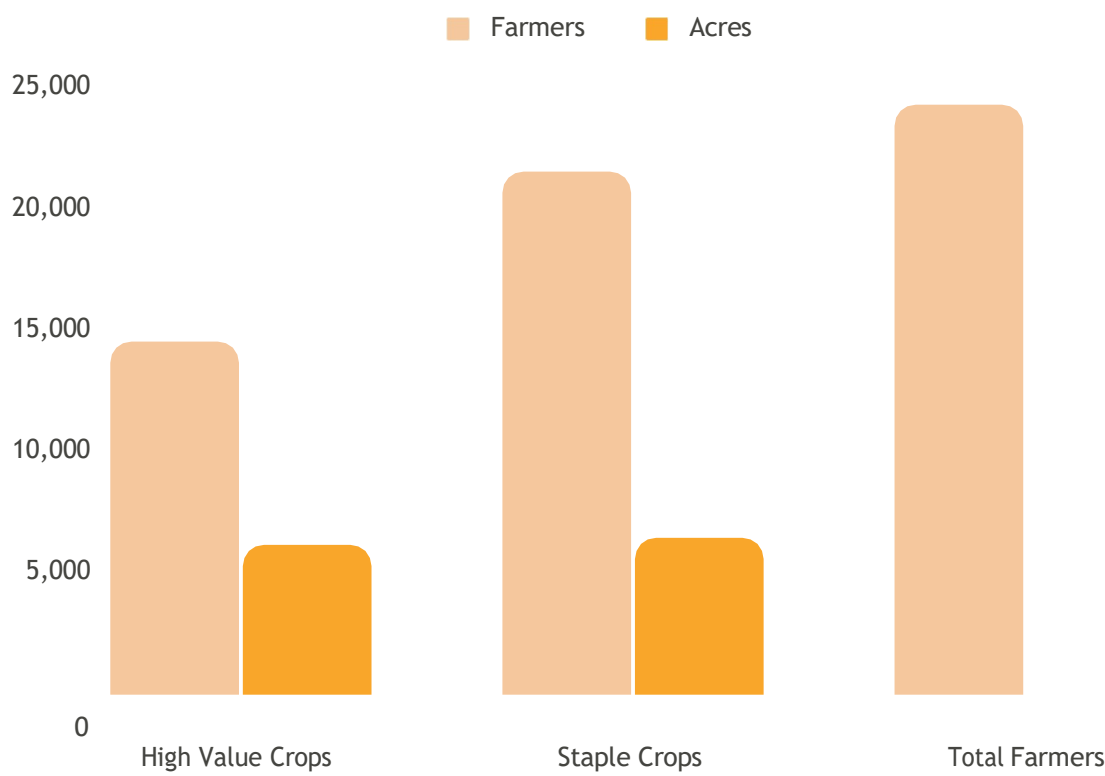
**4 Blocks**

**24244 Farmers**

**2500 Goat Farmers**

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## KEY INTERVENTIONS

### High Value Crops (HVC)

The intervention area is endowed with Agro-climatic condition ideal for cultivation of high value crops like vegetables, groundnut, cucurbits etc. These crops provide higher net returns per unit area to the farmer than traditional crops. Emphasis is on promoting high value vegetable crops to increase net returns from agriculture and create sustainable source of income for the farmers. Major crops promoted were chilli, potato, onion, okra, cole crops and cucurbits.

HVC especially vegetables enable farmers to grow multiple crops on the same piece of land, as the duration of these crops is comparatively less as compared to stable crops also these crops it can be grown as as inter crops along with staple crops.

### Staple crops Including Pulses

Improvement in productivity of staple food crops and pulses. During the reporting period key crops under pulses and staple crops were maize, black gram, pigeon pea, lentil, wheat, and paddy. Over the period we have seen a significant growth in the number of farmers and area under new package of practices introduced by us. The purpose of this intervention to increase the productivity. It will be helpful to food and income security for marginal farmers.



## Soil Health

Soil health is key for sustainable agriculture and plays a vital role to enhance crop productivity and production. The soil health deteriorating everyday due to indiscriminate use of chemicals. It is reaching alarming situation needing policy intervention. To improve the soil health, we covered 11576 acres area under pulses, organic manure, and bio composting/waste decomposer.



## Promotion of Green Energy Based Irrigation

The farmers were made aware about the demerits of flood irrigation and excess use of water. Ridge and furrow method of cultivation along with raised bed cultivation was prompted to conserve water. TCL has also mobilised the farmers for sprinklers as government is providing subsidy up to 90 per cent to small and marginal farmers. TCL has facilitated installation of 100 solar irrigation pumps in the year and 190 till now for reducing cost of irrigation, improving viability of cultivation and creating opportunities for having additional high-value crop during the summer season.

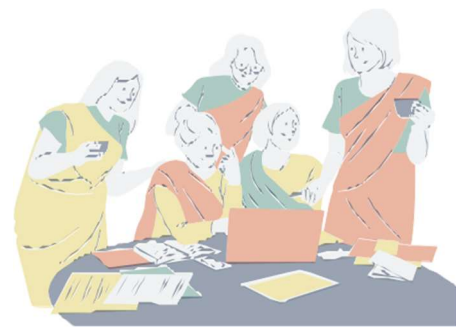
## Improved farming practices



## Enterprise Development

**Supporting Women in Agriculture:** In the farming world, women have faced unfair treatment for a long time, which has made it hard for them to start their own businesses. This has led to very few women becoming entrepreneurs. But when women start their own businesses, it gives them recognition, confidence, and self-esteem. They also learn valuable business skills. Agri-Entrepreneurs (AEs) are really important for the success of Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs). They work in villages and handle most of the sales. Sixty-four women received online training from the Syngenta Foundation to become AEs, learning about agri-business economics. They are now connected to the FPC at the local level and have set up supply outlets in each village, providing farming materials to women farmers. They will also help in buying crops like wheat and maize to sell at a profit.

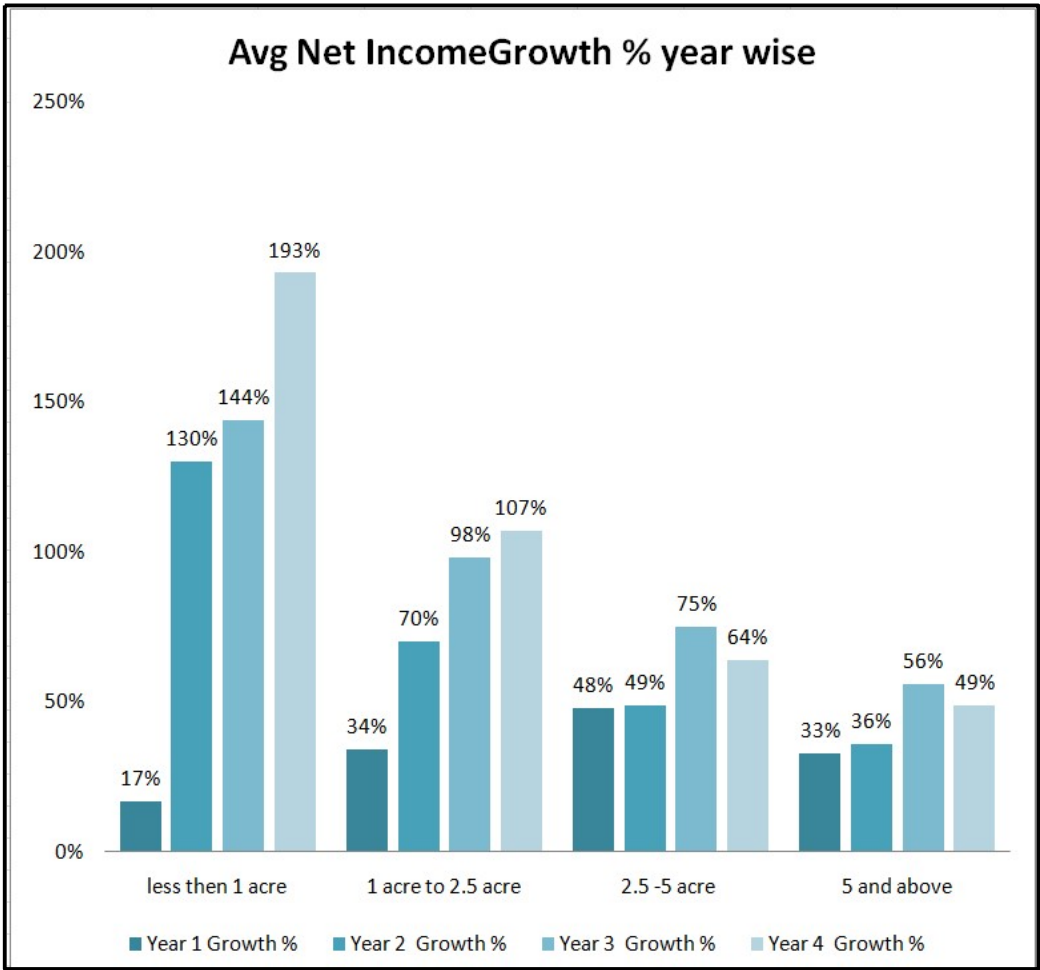
**Polyhouse Farming:** Seven AEs set up polyhouses at reduced prices. These polyhouses are used to grow high-quality vegetable plants early in the season. Farmers get their seedlings from these polyhouse entrepreneurs and can then sell their produce earlier in the market for better prices. AEs set up four polyhouses at reduced prices. These polyhouses are used to grow high-quality vegetable plants early in the season. Farmers get their seedlings from these polyhouse entrepreneurs and can then sell their produce earlier in the market for better prices.





Impact

TCL is intensively working in Bahraich to increase farmers income through agriculture. Through our efforts we have been able to observe the growth in farmers' income. In last four years the net income has increased by 193% for farmers up to 1 acre from the base year. Similarly, there is significant growth in net income of farmers in all category of farmers as can be seen in graph below.



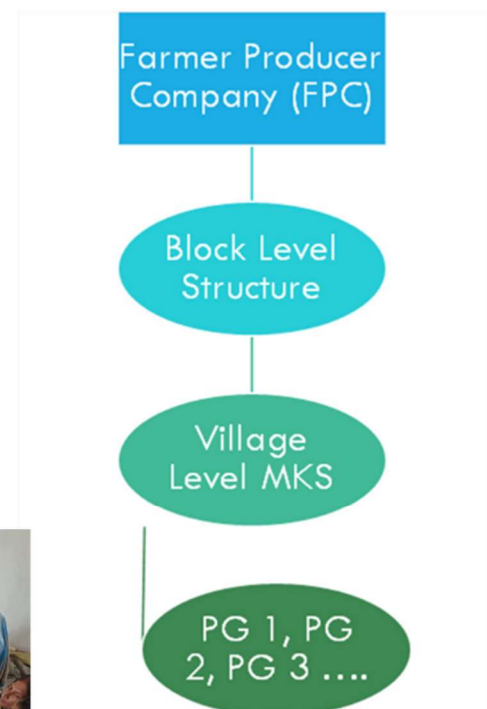
# EMPOWERING AND BUILDING COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

TCL, since inception has been working with marginalized, underprivileged and weaker section of the society. It believes that communities even most underprivileged have the potentials to work for their own social, economic and political development. Our stakeholders are women farmers, rural youth, children and migrants. We are working with this segment to make them change agent so that they can positively influence the society. These people can be helped to feel their power to take decision about themselves using community organization as their collective strength.

TCL forms community organizations, builds their capacity, so that the stakeholders take over from TCL. Our key stakeholders are women farmers, rural youth, children and migrants. We are working with this segment to make them change agent so that they can positively influence the society.

TCL is creating a three-tier structure of the community. It is forming Producer Groups (PG) at the village level. Member of PG have contiguous patch of land so that they can adopt similar crops cycle, support each other and work together for procurement of inputs, ward and watch the crops, and even aggregate to sell collectively. This would increase production, enhance quality and ensure better price realization. PG women are becoming members of Udyami Mahila Producer Company Ltd. which provides quality inputs and technical support, reinforcing community empowerment. Other tiers are in the making.

## Structure of CI



## UDYAMIMAHILA PRODUCER COMPANY LIMITED (UMPCL)

### Turnover of UMPCL in the year 2022-23

Annual Turnover - 2022-23							
Coverage				Turnover (2022-23)		Services provided	
No of Shareholders	Paid up share capital	Items/input being provided to farmers		Activity	Turnover	Activity	No of shareholders
		No of Item	Name of Item				
1381	168,200	10	Seed	Agri input	7,491,486	Seed	681
				Cattle feed	1,807,749	Cattle Feed	240
				Rural Mart	56,705		
				Dal Mill	700,151		
				FMB	132,840		
				Vegetable Value Chain	512,549		
				Output Business (Wheat, Maize and Vegetable)	2,750,878		
1381	168,200	10			13,452,358		921





## Promoting and Strengthening Community Based Organization - Musahar Manch

The Musahar, are Schedule Caste (SC) community in the eastern Gangetic plain and the Terai region. They are among India's most marginalized communities even among the SCs. Almost all Musahars live in rural areas, with a mere 3% living in the city. In the rural areas, Musahar are primarily bonded agricultural labourers, but often go without work for as much as eight months in a year. Children work alongside their parents in the fields or as rag-pickers, earning as little as ₹25-30 a day. The Musahar literacy rate is 3% overall, and falls to an abysmal 1% among women. By some estimates, as many as 85% of some villages of Musahars suffer from malnutrition and with access to health centers scant, diseases such as malaria and kala-azar are prevalent.

TCL has supported formation of a formal organisation as Musahar Manch (MM) of musahars living in Maharajganj district. Musahar Manch as membership body is working for accessing government entitlements, health and education.

### Key Activities

- Musahar Manch (MM) has undertaken a comprehensive array of initiatives aimed at community empowerment and development. They've conducted 208 community meetings involving 5,200 members, fostering self-awareness and alignment with MM's mission.

- Jan Sunwai or public hearings with government officers were held in which over 200 members participated and shared their grievances and highlighted community concerns.

- Health camps and capacity-building efforts reached out to members, training them in various aspects, including organizational development and leadership.

- Financial transparency and accountability are prioritized through a strengthened financial system supervised by TCL. Regular staff meetings ensure efficient activity implementation.





- Musahar Manch is a membership based community organization, where in they pay annual fees of Rs 100.
- Women leadership in the Tola (hamlet) level is fostered. They address critical issues like child marriage, education, and women's rights. Youth leadership development and public hearings help engage and empower the community.
- Workshops on land and women's rights were held to inform and empower the community. Income-generating ventures, such as tent houses and goat micro-leasing, offer sustainability to the Manch.
- Annual convention was held to express solidarity, strengthen common heriage and identity and dialogue with government officials, yielding commitments to address community concerns.
- Musahar Manch at district level has emerged with strong identify for advocacy. The tola or the hamlet level Manch needs to become strong for grassroots leadership to emerge and take roots in the organization.



# PRIMARY EDUCATION



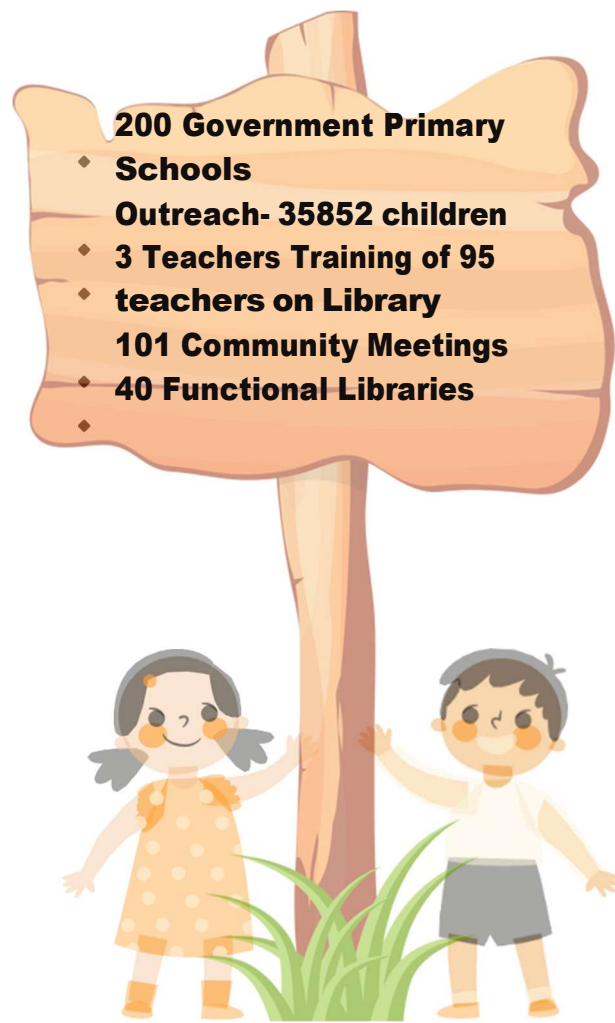
Education plays a pivotal role in a society's socio-economic development, unlocking human potential and fostering a just and equitable society. The United Nations' 2030 sustainable development agenda emphasizes inclusive, high-quality education for all. While India has made strides in expanding educational access through policies like the Right to Education Act and the National Early Childhood Care and Education Policy, it faces challenges in improving education quality.

Uttar Pradesh (UP), for instance, grapples with low parental support for home-based learning, contributing to its 73% literacy rate, below the national average, with gender disparities. Trust Community Livelihoods Education Programme in Eastern UP, initiated in 2016, is addressing these issues. Its third phase in Bahraich district targets underdeveloped areas based on poor human development indicators, including low literacy, income, health, and high child marriage rates.

Education program intervention is implemented in 200 Government Primary Schools in two blocks of the Bahraich district. The strategy to implement the project consists of two approaches, intensive (40%) and extensive (60%). Intensive involves direct implementation while extensive approach is achieved by training teachers to undertake necessary activities.

## Key Activities:

- 2302 Classroom Demonstration on
  - ♦ Language, Mathematics, EVS, Library.
- Capacity Building of Team: The focus of the
  - ♦ program is to build capacity of its team on various aspects. in the year 2022-23 the team undergone training on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Physical Literacy, Children Library Course, Theater workshop, Training on Mathematics etc.
- 21 Teachers Collective Meetings with
  - ♦ participation of 943 teachers
  - 5 Summer Camps
  - ♦ 4 Winter Camps
  - ♦ 7 Book Fairs
  - ♦ 100 schools with print rich class rooms
  - ♦





## Anecdote

A government School teacher Mr. Shiv Kumar of Fakharpur Block of Bahraich district took initiative to establish community Library in his village Tendwa Alpmisra. He discussed this with TCL as TCL was running libraries for children in community during covid 19 and also involved Pradhan and members from the community to provide support in establishing library. TCL play a crucial role by taking this idea with community members so that their involvement can also be ensured. Alongside, we facilitated the decision by the community where the library should be established so that everyone can come and read books. TCL also provided books and print rich material for the library.



# DONORS AND PARTNERS

We thank our donors and partners for their continuous support in this journey of Rural Development.





# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## TRUST Community Livelihoods

3/455, Vishal Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 (UP)  
Consolidated Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2023

Amount In Rs FY 2021-22	LIABILITIES	Schedules	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23
1,31,25,224	Capital Account Committed Funds (Grants & Interest)	Annex 1 & 1a	82,12,820
35,71,280	Capital Reserve for Fixed Assets	Annex 2	71,50,092
9,72,057	Current Liability	Annex 3	3,24,169
15,65,349	Reserves & Surplus		38,98,970
1,92,33,910	Total		1,95,86,051

Amount In Rs FY 2021-22	ASSETS	Schedules	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23
39,31,541	Fixed Assets	Annex 4 & 4a	98,19,482
1,50,59,902	Current Assets Bank Accounts	Annex 5	94,97,231
120	Cash		28
65,981	TDS on Interest Received		1,60,379
1,76,367	Other Advances & Security	Annex 6	1,08,932
1,92,33,910	Total		1,95,86,051

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Managing Trustee

Place : Lucknow  
Date: 11/09/2023

# TRUST Community Livelihoods

3/455, Vishal Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 (UP)

## Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement For The Period 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

Amount In Rs FY 2021-22	EXPENDITURE	Schedule	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23
	<b>Indirect Expenses</b>			
	<b>Program Cost</b>	Annex 7		4,24,23,326
2,64,96,296	A. Agriculture based livelihoods		3,48,48,991	
66,59,243	B. Education Rural Communities		45,41,918	
34,56,404	C. Community Development Program		28,83,805	
52,10,003	D. Covid Relief And Vaccination Program		1,48,612	
42,86,230	<b>Personal Cost</b>	Annex 8		50,89,370
8,75,820	<b>Capital Cost</b>			14,07,206
	Office Equipment		8,75,106	
	Furniture & Fixture		30,600	
	Software		5,01,500	
29,56,424	<b>Overhead Cost</b>	Annex 9		32,26,599
56,211	<b>TCL, Own Expenses</b>	Annex 10		6,46,729
	<b>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>			24,17,403
4,99,96,630	<b>Total</b>			5,52,10,634

Amount In Rs FY 2021-22	INCOME	Schedule	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23	Amount In Rs FY - 2022-23
	<b>Indirect Incomes</b>			
4,99,32,205	<b>Grants Revenue</b>	Annex 11		5,21,96,502
	<b>Own Funds Income</b>			
-	Assets From Projects		27,94,639	
-	Donation		31,100	
64,425	Interest From Bank Account		1,88,392	30,14,132
4,99,96,630	<b>Total</b>			5,52,10,634

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