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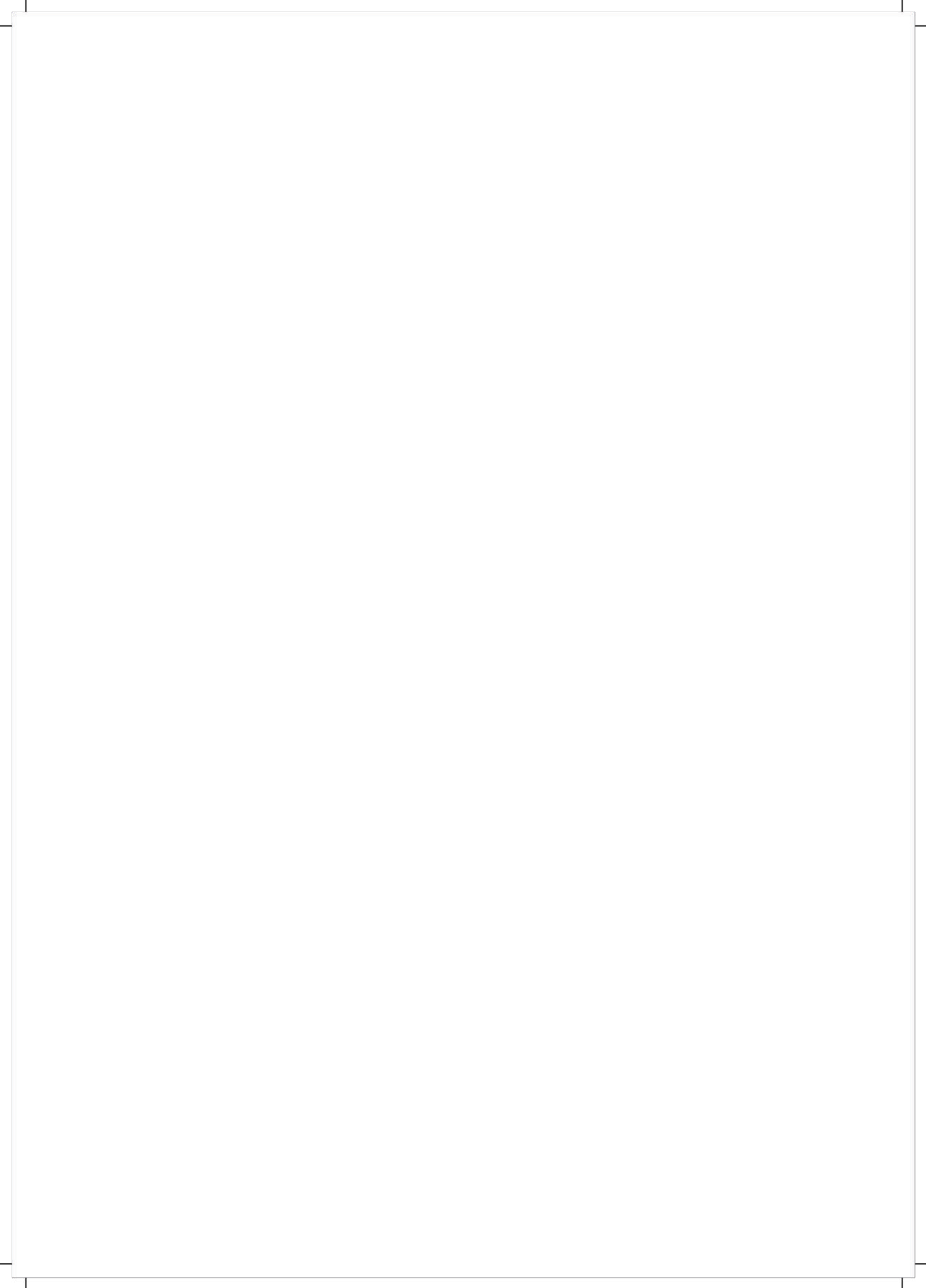


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Building a legacy is not just about achieving success in life, it is about creating a lasting impact that will be felt for generations to come. It involves working towards a greater purpose, whether that be creating something new, contributing to society, or leaving behind a positive legacy through the way we live our lives.

To build a legacy, it is important to have a clear vision of what we want to achieve and to make intentional choices that align with our values and goals. This may involve taking risks, stepping out of our comfort zones, and being willing to fail and learn from our mistakes.

But building a legacy is not just about personal achievement. It is also about lifting others up and creating opportunities for those who come after us. This may involve mentoring and supporting others, sharing our knowledge and resources, and creating a culture of inclusivity and diversity.

Ultimately, building a legacy is about leaving the world a better place than we found it. It is about creating a positive impact that will continue to inspire and benefit others long after we are gone. So, let's work towards building a legacy that we can be proud of and that will make a difference for generations to come.

Building a Legacy, Embracing the Future

Welcome to our Annual Report, a showcase of our achievements, progress, and commitment to excellence throughout the financial year 2022-23.

Leading with Vision, Inspiring Success

With great exultation, we present our Annual Report for the year 2022-23, chronicling our triumphs and the enchanting journey behind them. As we gaze upon the milestones achieved, our hearts swell with pride, for it is a testament to the unwavering dedication and indomitable spirit of our team.

The fire within our team members, burning with passion and expertise, has been the cornerstone of our accomplishments. We bow in reverence to their unwavering commitment and their tireless pursuit of excellence, which led us in this financial year to the **SHCO certification of NABH** and **reaching the milestone of providing eye care to more than a million** (excluding surgeries) individuals through our Eye Hospital.

We extend our gratitude to our esteemed partners who have placed their unwavering trust in us, enabling us to work together to create a positive impact in society. We are grateful for the insights, support, and feedback that you have shared with us, which have propelled us to new heights and contributed to our success.

As we gaze upon the horizon, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our core values and delivering sustainable value to our stakeholders. We are excited to embark upon this journey with the confidence and resilience that have brought us this far.

On behalf of the entire leadership team, we assure you that we will continue to prioritize transparency, integrity, and responsible growth in everything we do. Together, let us embrace the future with optimism and determination, knowing that our collective efforts will shape a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and we invite you to delve into the following pages of this report to discover the milestones, achievements, and exciting prospects that define our organization.

When this report gets printed, India might have landed on the South Pole of the Moon! It would be a historical moment for all of us! So, all the very best wishes to everyone!

Sincerely,



Bhakta Purkait
General Secretary



Gopal Pramanik
President



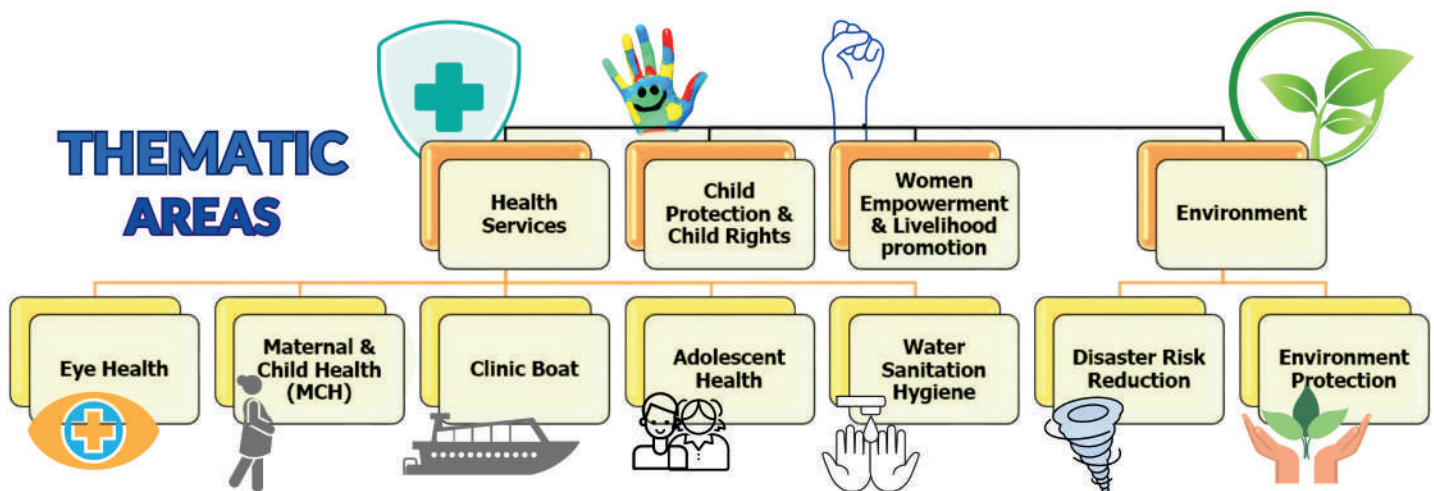
The Purpose, Roadmap to the Future



Uphold the human dignity of the poor and marginalized through the process of empowerment



Build up a just society where love, peace and equality is discovered, lived and nurtured



Goals Achieved Delivering Quality



Experience our
achievements of this
financial year

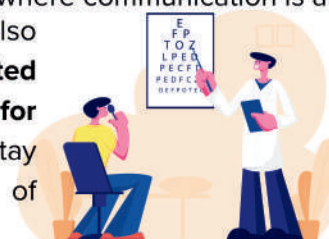
Eye Health Care

Everyone has right to sight

There is high demand of Cataract surgeries in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, especially in the Sundarbans region; the demanding poor people do not have that adequate financial condition to go for Cataract Surgery. SSDC Eye Hospital (recipient of **National Eye Award in 2007, International Eye Health Hero Award in 2017 & NABH SHCO certification in 2022**) has all the modern infrastructure with **2 Operation theaters and 21,000 sq. ft. of area** to provide improved quality eye care services and to meet the demand. SSDC has the functional **50 bedded modern eye hospital** at its head office, and **19 Vision Centres** across the whole district of South 24 Parganas for providing primary eye care services.



In hospital, we provide **quality services** at a subsidized rate to eye patients through **modern instruments, patient friendly infrastructure, qualified and experienced doctors and medical staffs**. Keeping Sundarbans' perspective in mind, where communication is a huge barrier, we also have **dedicated transport facilities for the patients** who stay at remote parts of distant island areas.



We have established 19 Vision Centers in various locations throughout the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Our aim is to offer doorstep services to underprivileged communities, raise awareness about eye healthcare, provide rudimentary eye check-ups, and refer patients to eye hospitals as required.



Eye Health Care

Everyone has right to sight

Cataract Surgeries in this F.Y



5364

60% FREE SURGERIES
40% PAID SURGERIES



PATIENTS TREATED SINCE 2004 (AT OPD, CAMPS & VISION CENTRES)



Patients Treated through OPD, Camps & Vision Centres in this F.Y.



83634

13011



STUDENTS OF 32 SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SCREENED.



1254

SCHOOLCHILDREN RECEIVED FREE SPECTACLES WITH POWER GLASSES AFTER SCREENING



Clinic Boat

Health Care Services at Doorsteps

132

Numbers of Clinic Boat Camp



The **Clinic Boat** concept of SSDC is providing basic health care in the remotest areas of Sundarbans islands. The Clinic Boat is adequately staffed and has diagnostic facilities. This financial year the clinic boat reaches out to 7655 beneficiaries and apart from providing basic health

care (diagnosis and free medicine) to the vulnerable people of Sundarbans, it conducts awareness health camps with the help of ASHA workers to spread good health and hygiene practices.

the Clinic Boat of the SSDC sails forth to the far-flung isles of the Sundarbans. These mystical lands, where nature's forces reign, often bar access to the embrace of the healer's touch and the warmth of infrastructure. Our vessel, a beacon of hope amidst the turbulent tides, carries the gifts of life to those in need. From the depths of adversity, we emerge with renewed vitality, bringing succor to those beset by floods, cyclones, and the harsh grip of fate.



7,665
PATIENTS WERE TREATED AND GOT ACCESS TO FREE MEDICINAL SUPPORT



Perinatal Health

Improving the Health status of Mothers & newborns

SSDC is initiating a project aimed at resolving the critical issues related to inadequate perinatal healthcare service delivery and timely service uptake by mothers and newborns in West Bengal's Sundarbans region. The project aims to tackle the challenge of insufficient antenatal screening, timely identification, and referral of high-risk pregnancies for further medical attention, and on-time, appropriate uptake of services to achieve favorable perinatal outcomes.



Distribution of POCT devices

Devices	No. of Sub-centres
Haemoglobin Meter	37
Foetal Doppler	37
BP machine	37
Stethoscope	37
Manual Hb meter	37



Also, total 117 Thermometers and 17 weighing machines being distributed to sub centres

2,420

GOVT. FRONTLINE WORKERS & BLOCK & PRI MEMBERS CAPACITATED



1,44,000

AS SEED CAPITAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO 9 WOMEN GROUPS



Water Sanitation Hygiene

Strengthening WASH Services

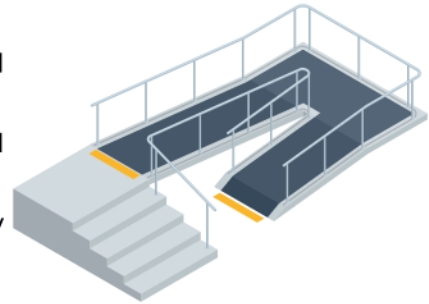


The COVID-19 pandemic amplified the importance of WASH in Health Care Facilities (HCFs), and further highlighted the inadequate investment in WASH infrastructure and the inequities that exist globally regarding access to basic WASH services. In the Health Care Facilities (HCFs) of the Sundarbans region, where WASH infrastructure is available, services' accessibility, quality and functionality are often inadequate and inappropriate. Due to the lack of access to water and sanitation, women

and persons with disability (PWDs) are further discouraged from visiting HCFs and opting for an institutional delivery and can delay health-seeking behaviour.

Keeping in mind of the above, SSDC in this F.Y., implemented activities related with WASH with the objectives to -

- strengthen system to facilitate sustained, functional and adequate WASH services in HCFs
- support core universal health care aspects of quality, equity and dignity for all, by availing functional WASH services.



WASH FACILITIES OF

9

HCFs including 1 sub division hospital have been renovated to make them accessible for everyone including persons with disabilities



2 times

cleaning materials supplied to 9 HCFs



1320

Number of Health workers and officials have been capacitated on hospital wash facilities



Women Empowerment

Agriculture Based Entrepreneurship

SSDC is actively involved in uplifting the livelihoods of 750 small and marginalized farmers in five administrative blocks of Kalimpong & Darjeeling District, West Bengal. Our primary objective is to promote indigenous farming practices, enabling farmers to sustainably cultivate crops using their own resources.

As part of this initiative, we are providing farmers with a diverse range of indigenous seeds, fruit saplings, paddy, cash crops, medicinal plants, and spices to cultivate and increase their yield for local and external markets. Our efforts are directed towards improving the production of cash crops, animal husbandry (including ghee processing), beekeeping, and enhancing the value of marketing in Kalimpong and other states like Sikkim.

Item	Total production	Total income
COW GHEE	1330 KG	Rs. 931000
HONEY	79 KG	Rs. 79000
LARGE CARDAMOM	620 KG	Rs. 341000
RAW TURMERIC	120 KG	Rs. 3300
TURMERIC POWDER	46 KG	Rs. 13800
PADDY	21190 KG	Rs. 2110900
ROUND CHILLY	350 KG	Rs. 87500

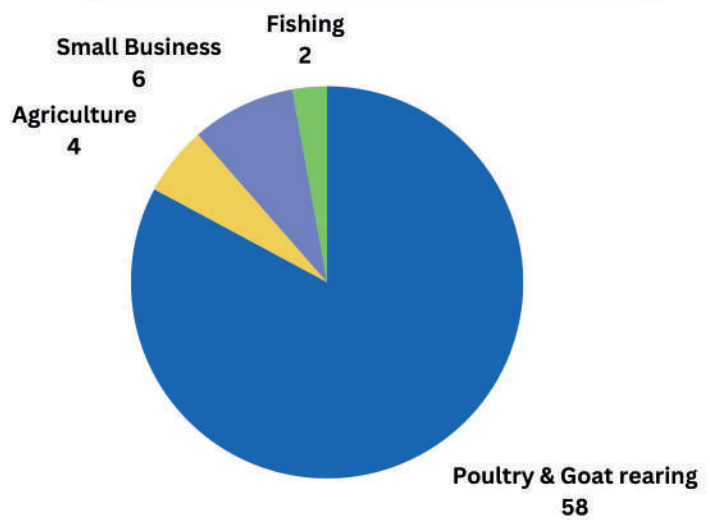


Livelihood Promotion

Improved income opportunities for persons with and without disabilities

During this financial year, SSDC placed an emphasis on fostering capacity development for individuals with disabilities and women-led families. Following the provision of skill development training via government departments, each of the 70 beneficiaries received a one-time seed capital of INR 10,000 credited to their bank accounts. This capital infusion has facilitated the beneficiaries' progress towards enhancing their respective livelihood options.

No. of Beneficiaries received Seed Capital



Type of Beneficiaries received Seed Capital

Woman headed families
17.1%



Person with Disabilities
82.9%



10,000

As seed capital has been transferred to each of the 70 beneficiaries' bank accounts



Mitigating Pollution

Dream of a Plastic Pollution Free World

Plastics are spread throughout the water column and have been found in every corner of the globe, from Mount Everest, the highest peak, to the Mariana Trench, the deepest trough.

Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues, as rapidly increasing production of disposable plastic products overwhelms the world's ability to deal with them.

Today, single-use plastics account for 40 percent of the plastic produced every year. Many of these products, such as plastic bags and food wrappers, have a lifespan of mere minutes to hours, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years.



The solution is to prevent plastic waste from entering rivers and seas in the first place, can be accomplished with improved waste management systems and recycling, better product design that takes into account the short life of disposable packaging, and reduction in manufacturing of unnecessary single-use plastics.

We have planned in the FY 22-23 to mitigate the plastic pollution by partnering 30 schools of South 24 Parganas district. Through this initiative school students developed sustainable and correct management of waste plastic through innovative thinking, so that they can give the next generation a pollution-free environment and keep their surroundings clean.

1656
Kgs

OF PLASTIC COLLECTED & RECYCLED



455

students of 10 schools collected perishable waste and made compost pits and used it as organic fertilizers for school plants



30896

STUDENTS OF 30 SCHOOLS WERE TRAINED ON WASTE PLASTIC MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS



Disaster Risk Reduction

Building Disaster-resilient Communities



Climate change is no longer a debate in the case of the Sundarbans. The Sundarbans are part of the world’s largest active delta, with a network of tidal rivers, channels, creeks, islands, mudflats, coastal dunes, changing landscapes and climatic hazards. The impacts of climate change in the target location,

such as changes in rainfall trends, floods and extreme weather, has affected productivity, employment, health, and livelihood options. Climatic shocks have been striking with higher frequency and intensity causing severe damage to life and livelihoods.

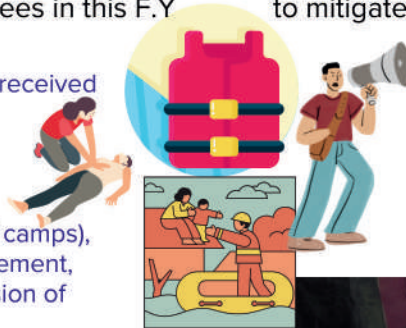


SSDC in this F.Y. took a pilot project in one of the Gram panchayats of the Patharpratima block of the Sundarbans to mitigate the effects of natural disasters through building a disaster-resilient community focusing on disaster risk reducing interventions. Moreover, we took the initiative to plant 1,50,000 saplings of native trees in this F.Y to mitigate Climate change effects.

6

Number of Task Force Groups received training on

- first-aid,
- rescue operation,
- early alarming,
- shelter Management (relief camps),
- health and hygiene management, with special focus on inclusion of persons with disabilities



6

FIRST AID KITS HANDED OVER TO THE TASK FORCE GROUPS



TASK FORCE GROUPS ALSO RECEIVED

Task Force Kit

Containing Life jacket, Gumboot, Solar Torch, Rescue Rope, Fire extinguisher, Wheelchair, Stretcher, Wood cutter, Metal cutter, Industrial hair Cap – Helmet, Petrol generator, Lifebuoy, Rescue Ladder, and Megaphone

Child Protection

Strengthening Communities

We have our prime concern for child protection from all types of deprivation, abuse, violence & other risk of vulnerability. Approximately 4000 children between the age group of 0-18 years from Mandirbazar block are directly intervened and over 6000 indirectly through integrated child development activities. Early marriage, Child Domestic Workers (CDW), trafficking, school dropout are the key issues that relatively brings target-oriented intervention carried out to all children in multi sectoral approach. The targeted villages fall under socio-economically backward section and the resident population is at risk of issues like Child Marriage, Child Labour, Child Domestic Worker (CDW), violence related to dowry and child trafficking etc.



Few Moments Few Photographs





Solid Growth Sustainable Prosperity

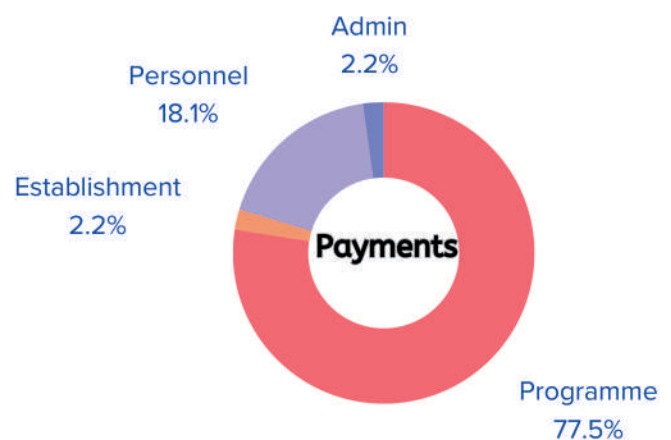
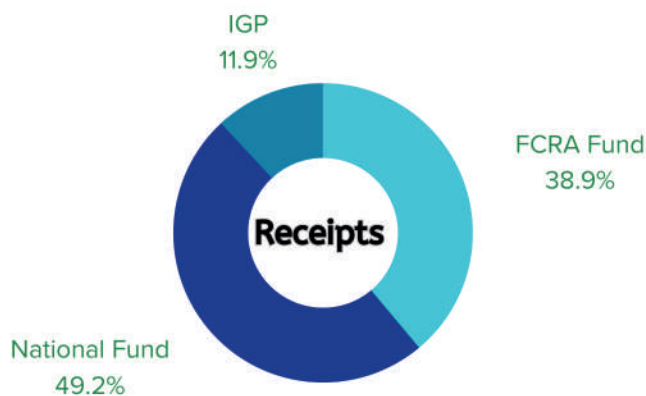


Explore our financial performance and key financial metrics that demonstrate our strong fiscal health.

Financial Statement

Receipts & Payments for the year 2022-23

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (INR)	AMOUNT (INR)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (INR)	AMOUNT (INR)
Opening Balance		18216998.75	Programme Cost		90906541.09
FCRA Fund			Establishment & Infrastructure Cost		2568903.00
Grant	43791408.00	44097572.00	Personnel Cost		21279060.00
Interest	306164.00		Administration Cost		2584372.90
National Fund					
Grant & Donations	55514187.68	55696832.68			
Interest	182645.00				
Collection from IGP					
Sales Unit	13500446.00	13524656.00			
Interest	24210.00		Closing Balance		14197182.44
TOTAL		131536059.43	TOTAL		131536059.43



Financial Statement

Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure

Abridged Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2023

LIABILITIES		AMOUNT (INR)
General Fund / Fund Balance		80316391.44
TOTAL		80316391.44
ASSETS		AMOUNT (INR)
Fixed Assets		58984774.00
Investments		0.00
Net Current Assets		
Stock of Materials	5651886.00	21331617.44
Current Assets	17797088.44	
Less: Current Liabilities	2117357.00	
TOTAL		80316391.44

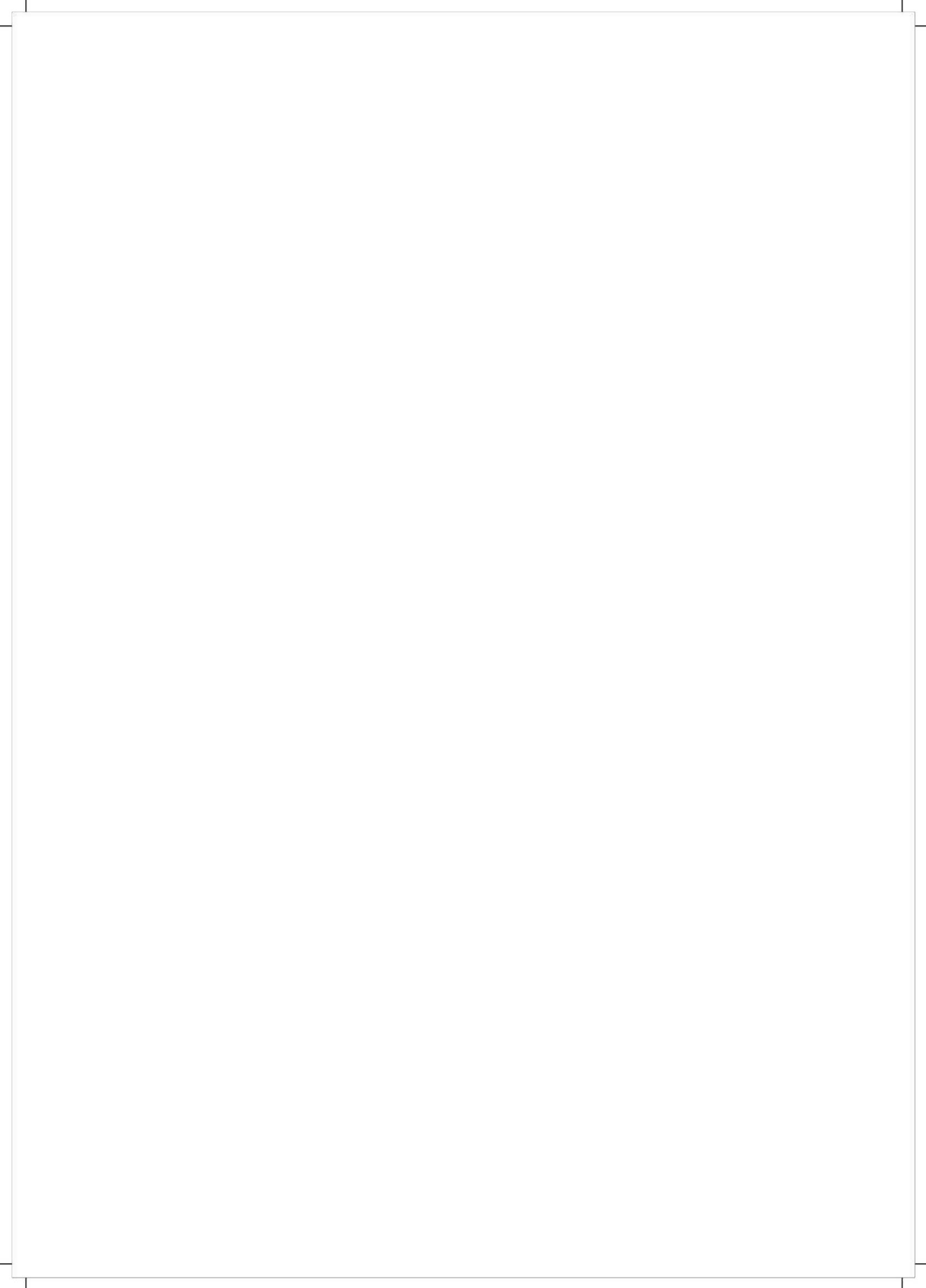
Abridged Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31.03.2023

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (INR)
Expenditure on the objects of the society	94856078.70
Depreciation	8252845.00
TOTAL	103108923.70
INCOME	AMOUNT (INR)
Income from Local & IGP sources	56045069.39
Income from Foreign sources	43791408.00
Interest from Foreign sources	306164.00
Interest from Local & IGP sources	206855.00
Change in Stock	1169958.00
TOTAL	101519454.39
<i>Excess of Expenditure over Income</i>	<i>1589469.31</i>

Gratitude, Collaboration, and Continued Success

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, including partners, employees, and the Government, for their steadfast support.

- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India & Govt. of West Bengal
- Department of Panchayats & Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal
- Department of Sundarban Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal
- Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal
- The District Magistrate & all the Additional D.M.s of South 24 Parganas District
- The Member of Legislative Assembly (Patharpratima, Mandirbazar, Kulpi, Kakdwip, Sagar Legislative Assembly)
- The Chairman, Sundarban Development Board
- The Sabhadhipati & all the Karmadhakshyas, South 24 Parganas Zilla Parishad
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health, South 24 Parganas District & Diamond Harbour Health District
- Sabhapati, all the South 24 Parganas District Panchayat Samities
- Block Development Officer, all the South 24 Parganas District Block Development Offices
- Block Medical Officer of Health, all the South 24 Parganas District Block Primary Health Centres
- Inspector-in-Charge & Officer-in-Charge, all the Police Stations of Sundarban Police District
- Pradhans & Panchayat members, all the South 24 Parganas District Gram Panchayats
- Japan High Commission, Kolkata
- BMZ & SDL
- cbm
- Cognizant Foundation
- PAZ
- The Hans Foundation
- ChildFund Germany
- Sight Savers India
- Seva Foundation
- Mission for Vision
- Operation Eyesight Canada
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Child Rights and You, America
- Terre des hommes Foundation
- Help Age India
- Ipas Development Foundation
- UNICEF, Kolkata
- Symagine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- CHILDLINE
- KFB, Austria
- Kolkata Sanved
- Numerous individuals



The logo for SSDC, consisting of the letters 'SSDC' in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced, with the 'S's overlapping. The background features abstract brushstrokes in shades of blue, purple, and yellow.

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