



SWAYAM SHIKSHAN PRAYOG

From Margin to Mainstream



QUARTERLY REPORT

July'25-Sep'25

About SSP

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) was established in 1998, four years after partnering with the Government of Maharashtra on the Latur earthquake reconstruction project (covering 1200 villages), where SSP reshaped a beneficiary program into a successful community women led effort.

With a vision to empower grassroots women to move from “Margin to Mainstream”, the late Prema Gopalan and SSP have developed a model of livelihood diversification.

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) promotes inclusive, sustainable community development by empowering women in low-income, climate-threatened regions. It strengthens women’s collectives by training them as farmers and entrepreneurs, enhancing their social and economic resilience.



SWAYAM
Self - Empowerment



SHIKSHAN
Continuous
Education



PRAYOG
Experimentation

SWAYAM stands for self-empowerment—fostering women’s leadership, awareness of rights, and access to financial, digital, and market systems.

SHIKSHAN emphasizes continuous learning to help women address household and community challenges.

PRAYOG encourages grassroots innovation to solve issues like climate-resilient farming, food security, entrepreneurship, and natural resource management.

Overview

Vision

To build a robust partnership ecosystem that enables grassroots women's networks to access skills training, financial and digital literacy, and technology and marketing platforms.



Mission

To promote inclusive and sustainable community development by empowering women in low income climate threatened communities/regions. Swayam Shikshan Prayog repositions women's collectives by training them as farmers and entrepreneurs and thereby increasing their economic and social resilience.

OUR KEY SECTORS



Women-Led
Climate Resilient
Farming



Women's
Entrepreneur-
ship

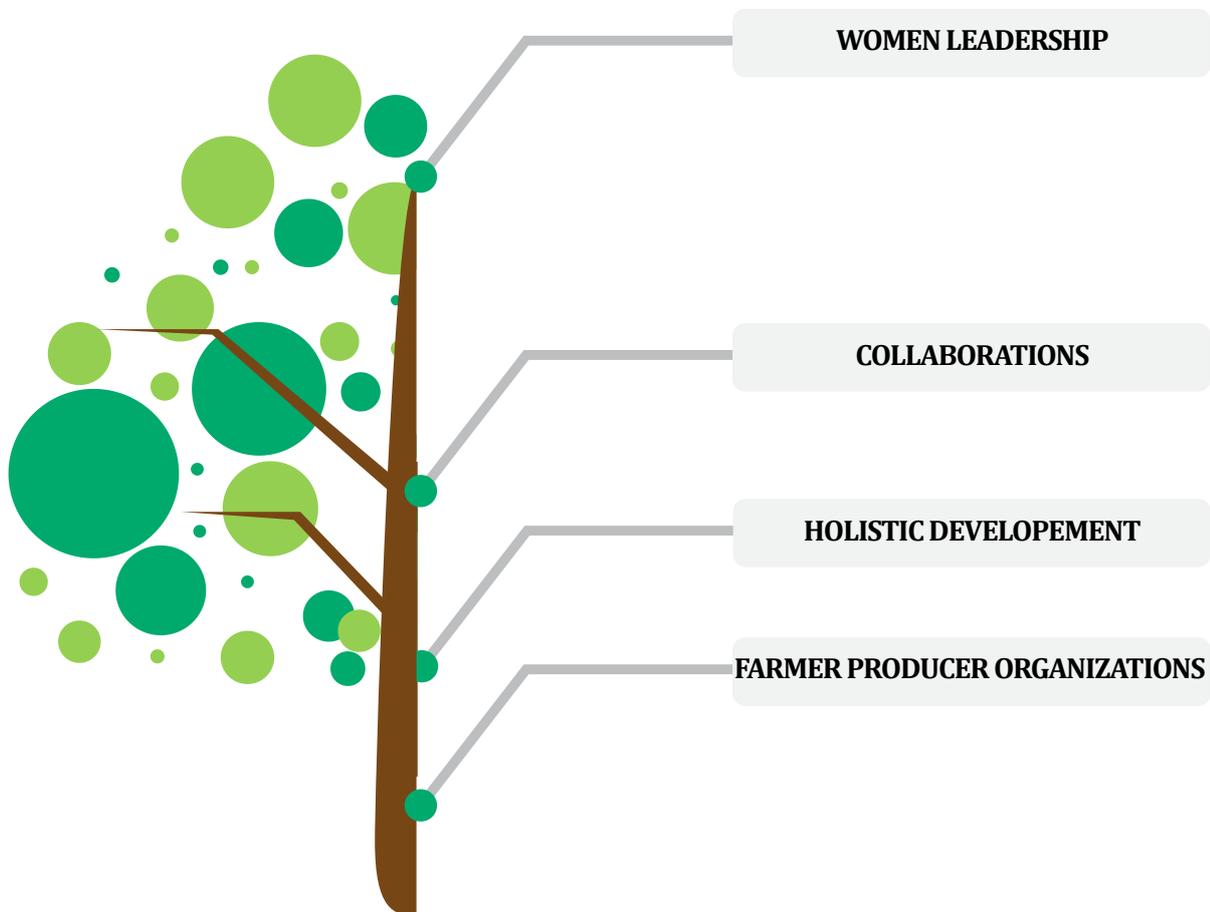


Health, Water,
Sanitation &
Hygiene



Clean Energy &
Environment

OUR INITIATIVES



STRATEGIC APPROACH

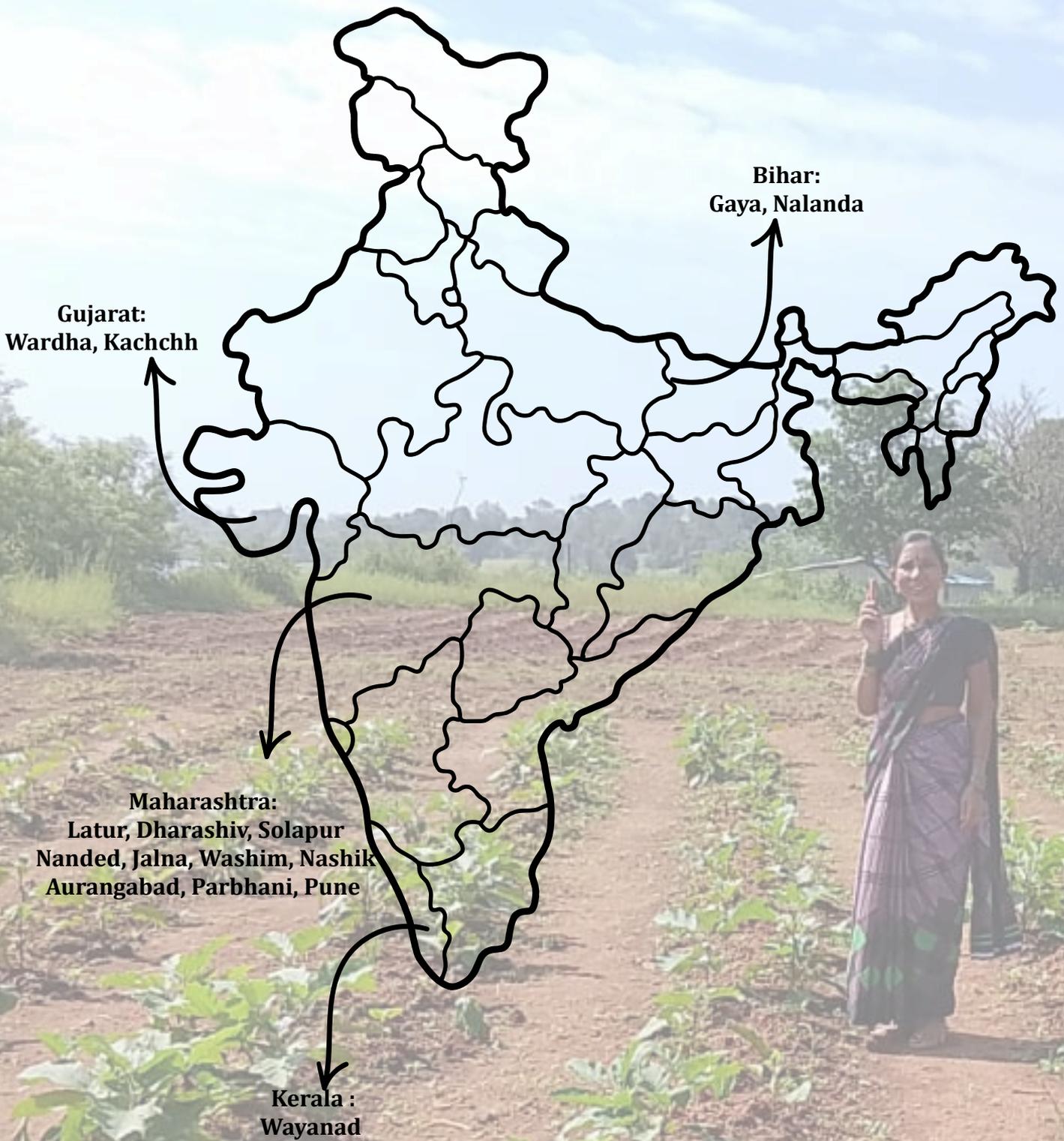
Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) supports community development by empowering women in low-income and climate-threatened areas. SSP helps rural women in problem solving, decision making and provides insights to tackle issues like water scarcity, food security, sustainable farming and improved livelihoods.

Women trained through SSP cultivate fast-growing, climate-resilient crops, manage diversified agricultural practices, and adopt strategies that reduce dependency on debt—resulting in improved cash flow, greater food security, and enhanced household income.

SSP focuses on transforming the society by building skills, providing technical support and leadership development.

Trained groups of SSP Sakhis, women’s collectives, and Village Action Groups (VAGs) lead these efforts, working with local governments and market systems.

GEOGRAPHY



Outreach (July'25-Sep'25)

Empowering rural women for 3 decades

Quarterly Outreach (July'25-Sep'25)



44,950

rural women

Transformed as entrepreneurs, farmers.



19,136

women farmers

Empowered with women led climate resilient agricultural practice (WCRF)



6219

rural women

Received entrepreneurship related training and handholding



18353

rural people

Trained in Health, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene



7000+

people

Provided awareness related to Clean Energy and Environment

Collaborations

1.60 Cr

Government Scheme Linkage (Amount in Rupees)

1.58 Cr

Bank Scheme Linkage (Amount in Rupees)

Outreach (July'25-Sep'25)

Empowering rural women for 3 decades

Various Initiatives Outreach

Women Leadership

6307

VAG Members

1023

Rural women received land titles

116

VAG Cluster Level Meeting

198

Gramsabhas conducted

Farmer Producer Organisation

8

FPO Supported

2

New FPC's in progress

8

Solar Dryer provided to 4 FPCs

4

Dal Processing Unit provided to 4 FPCs

1

Millet Processing Unit provided to 1 FPC

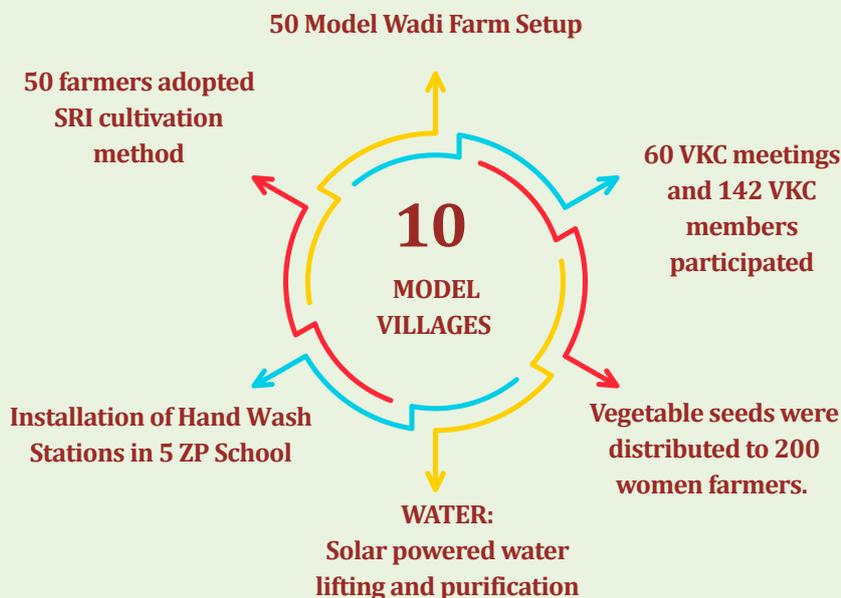
7000+

women farmer shareholders

75.8 Lakhs

worth of asset provided to FPCs

Holistic Development of Tribal villages in Nashik



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Various Initiatives Outreach (FY 24-25)

Gender Sensitisation

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP), in partnership with UNICEF, started the Gender Transformative Programme (GTP) in Dharashiv (Osmanabad) in 2022. The programme uses Meena Raju Manch (MRM)—a play-based, child-friendly platform—to engage children, teachers, School Management Committees (SMCs), and communities. The aim is to challenge harmful social norms and create gender-equal schools and villages.

265

Teachers trained through orientation training

35

Formation of Meena Raju Manch Group

2882

MRM session conducted with school children

256

Gram Panchayat members sensitised

232

SMC members sensitised on gender equity



CORE PROGRAMS

Women-led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF)



Strengthening WCRF

From July to September, SSP continued strengthening women-led climate-resilient farming across Ausa, Nilanga, and Deoni blocks under the support of Axis Bank Ltd. A total of 1,493 women farmers participated in WCRF trainings that focused on low-chemical, water-saving, and nutrition-oriented cultivation practices. Through practical demonstrations, women learned ways to reduce crop cultivation costs, improve soil health, diversify crops, and adopt farming methods that enhance food security at the household level. Conducted across 120 villages, these sessions helped rural women gain confidence in using sustainable and climate-prepared farming approaches.

Dairy and Livestock Initiative

Under ORACLE supported project, 30 model farms were set up across 30 villages to showcase best practices of the WCRF model. Farmers received guidance while Sakhis regularly visited fields to support demonstrations. Mobilization was carried out in nine villages across three clusters. Pimpranwadi, Shevadi, and Dagadgaon in Loha block, Nanded, have been selected for dairy units, with beneficiaries preferring buffaloes. Each unit receives ₹50,000 support from SSP, with mandatory participation in WCRF, EDP, and milk business training, adoption of organic practices, and animal insurance.

WCRF Training for Women Farmers

5,365 women farmers across 189 batches in three districts participated in WCRF training to promote chemical-free, sustainable farming. Sessions highlighted the One Acre Model for optimal land use, crop diversification, improved nutrition, and income.

Women leadership in farming

This quarter focused on strengthening women's leadership in climate-resilient agriculture across the project villages. Forty-four rainfall measurement stations were installed, enabling Sakhis to record daily rainfall and share timely weather information with farmers. This helped communities plan irrigation, sowing, and crop protection more effectively during the Kharif season.

Women farmers engaged actively in climate-resilient practices, with 440 participants trained in WCRF methods, including soil health improvement, mixed cropping, and organic input preparation. Through regular follow-up, Sakhis supported farmers in adopting diversified cropping and sustainable cultivation techniques. To address malnutrition and household food security, nutrition gardens were promoted across all programme villages. Women were trained to grow a mix of leafy vegetables, pulses, and seasonal crops, improving the availability of nutrient-rich food at home. This initiative is supported by Misereor.

Innovation and Best Practices

300 model farmers received support kits containing Solar Trap, Sticky Trap, Vermi Bed, Drum, Culture, and Jaltara to promote natural pest control, soil health, and water conservation. Solar Traps effectively control harmful insects without chemicals, supporting eco-friendly pest management. Farmers have actively adopted these methods, contributing to healthier and resilient farms.

Women-led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF)

Establishment of Model farms

Thirty model farms were established across 30 villages to demonstrate practical applications of the Women-Led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) model. These farms served as learning sites where women farmers could observe methods such as diversified cropping, organic input preparation, mulching, and soil and water conservation. Sakhis conducted regular field visits to support farmers in maintaining these demonstration plots and adopting sustainable practices. The initiative helped strengthen women's technical capacities and encouraged wider community adoption of climate-resilient agriculture.

Awareness Sessions at Village Level

A total of 100 village-level awareness sessions were conducted across the project area, reaching 6548 participants, supported by Kadoori Charitable Trust (KCF). These sessions focused on introducing programme activities, disseminating information on various government and credit schemes, and enhancing awareness among women farmers. Through these meetings, women farmers were mobilized to understand the importance of the WCRF initiative and were kept informed about annual opportunities and updates. These sessions helped participants identify ways to access government support for improving small farm infrastructures and increasing agricultural productivity.

Awareness Sessions at Village Level

This quarter, the OAK programme advanced climate-resilient farming through trainings, demonstrations, and local partnerships. In Kerala, 91 women received WCRF Kharif training, supported by refresher sessions for 10 CRPs. Six demonstration plots helped farmers learn raised-bed cultivation, multi-tier cropping, and organic methods. Agri-allied activities grew with mushroom units, vermicompost, apiculture, seedling sales, and marigold cultivation on three acres. Weather advisories, community events, and partnerships with Agriculture Department, KVK Ambalavayal, RARS, HUME Center, and Keravriksha strengthened technical support and outreach.

Strengthening Women's Leadership in WCRF

During this quarter, the project strengthened women's leadership and promoted sustainable farming across programme villages. Forty village-level Sakhis ensured regular follow-up with farming households. Training gained momentum, with 690 women completing modules on pest control and sustainable agriculture. Sakhis then supported Kharif-season pest management, enabling 2,050 women farmers to adopt low-cost techniques. Adoption on the ground was encouraging: farmers prepared organic inputs like Neem Ark and Dash Parni Ark, installed colour traps, and practised seed treatment. These efforts improved crop health and reduced chemical dependence. Additionally, 87 women accessed government schemes, securing agri-inputs and infrastructure support worth over 30 lakh rupees. This initiative was supported by Manjri Stud Farm Pvt Ltd.



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Strengthening WCRF Model and Partnerships in Bidar

In Bidar, 30 model farms showcased WCRF best practices with continuous support from Sakhis. Collaboration with the Mahamaya Organisation deepened through online meetings and a leadership workshop in Pune. Despite heavy rains affecting crops and slowing activities, coordinated efforts with local government ensured steady progress.

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Women's Entrepreneurship



Skill Training for Farmers and Landless Women

To support income generation among small and landless households, 139 women were trained in blouse stitching and jute bag making across different project blocks. These skill-building sessions provided women with practical knowledge to start small home-based activities and contribute to household earnings. Entrepreneurship development training was conducted with 217 women from 50 villages. The sessions focused on creating livelihood opportunities, encouraging product diversification, strengthening daily business management, and promoting the use of digital payment methods.

From this group, 30 women expanded their existing enterprises by introducing new products and improving operations. Seventeen women started new small businesses following the training. To enable access to credit, 60 applications were submitted to the District Industries Centre under CMEGP and PMEGP. Project proposals are currently being prepared for ventures such as dairy, goateries, sewing units, flour mills, and noodle-making units. This initiative was supported by Axis Bank Ltd.

Skill Building Training

Supported by Avendus, Entrepreneurship development training continued across Chakur and Renapur blocks, focusing on strengthening women's confidence and skills in running small enterprises. During this quarter, 300 women entrepreneurs from 30 villages in Chakur and 200 women from 20 villages in Renapur participated in the programme. In addition, 200 women from urban Latur were selected and trained under the Urban Laxmi initiative. The trainings helped women explore new enterprise ideas, understand basic business planning, and improve financial and market awareness. Many participants used the sessions to refine their existing livelihood activities, while others gained the motivation needed to begin their entrepreneurial journey. Details of enterprise progress and credit linkages are being compiled for the next reporting cycle.



Women's Entrepreneurship

Basic Business Training

Last phase of the Fair For All project, supported by Huairou Commission, SSP has conducted basic business training for 1,200 women to strengthen basic entrepreneurial skills. The trainings was focussed on business awareness, customer behaviour, product quality, accounts and business management, economic aspects, hygiene, and marketing tips. Participants also received information on government schemes and credit linkages.

Advanced Entrepreneurship Trainings

500 women were completed the 10-day advanced entrepreneurship training conducted across Kerala and Maharashtra. The training covered ten business domains and focused on helping women refine their business ideas, adopt market-responsive models, and build long-term growth strategies. Out of the total participants, 350 women prepared detailed business plans and submitted them to banks to access government schemes and credit opportunities to strengthen their enterprises.



Value Chain Promotion Meetings

Three value chain promotion meetings were held with FPO shareholders and women farmers to expand producer group membership and strengthen existing value chains. The discussions focused particularly on millet and ghee-based enterprises managed through FPOs, helping women understand market requirements, quality improvements, and opportunities for scaling their products.

Building Women's Entrepreneurial Skills

During the quarter, 24 cluster-level EDP trainings were conducted with the participation of 1,062 women farmers and entrepreneurs. Each training spanned five days, focusing on both soft skills and technical competencies essential for enterprise development. The sessions covered topics such as basic business skills, record-keeping, quality management, costing and pricing, and marketing. Technical modules included training on vermi-composting, seed production, vegetable cultivation, goat rearing, and dairy products. These trainings enhanced women's entrepreneurial capabilities, enabling them to manage and scale up their small enterprises effectively and sustainably.

Strengthening Rural Women's Enterprises

During July–September 2025, the Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) advanced women-led enterprise development across Jalna, Latur, Dharashiv, and Dhule. A total of 151 new enterprises were created in Jalna, while 34 existing units received counselling, market support, and credit access. Through the Community Enterprise Fund, 353 women secured ₹129.10 lakh, and 296 business plans worth ₹126.20 lakh were approved.

Preparatory work for new blocks in Latur, Sindkhede, and Paranda - such as surveys and enterprise censuses- set the stage for upcoming interventions. Despite delays in banking and portal issues, digital performance tracking and cluster-based promotion strengthened the rural enterprise ecosystem and women's economic leadership.



Health, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



Highlights

Advancing Community Health and Nutrition

During this quarter, the Health and Nutrition Project under PHC Sonkhed strengthened women's wellbeing and community awareness across 30 villages. Monthly review meetings with 161 Arogya Sakhis improved data reporting and coordination, while the MGRANT app helped record health information from 9,635 families. Awareness meetings reached over 6,000 people, covering nutrition, hygiene, menstrual health, and gender equality. Youth and school sessions engaged 3,600 students, and Mahila Mahiti Kendra activities supported more than 2,300 villagers. In flood-affected Loha and Kandhar, the team provided ration kits and agri-inputs, with Arogya Sakhis leading local health outreach. Partnerships with NGOs and Panchayats strengthened WASH, recovery, and community systems. This initiative is supported by Kamal Udwadia Foundation

Strengthening Community Engagement and Nutrition through LANN+PLA

During the quarter, the WHH-supported project advanced community engagement and nutrition awareness across Wardha and Kutch. Under the LANN+PLA initiative, 106 community meetings were held across five phases, engaging 823 women from an overall target of 2,000. These sessions covered hygiene, sanitation, safe drinking water, resource mapping, IYCF, food processing, and uncultivated foods. A refresher training on nutrition, hygiene, WASH, and local food practices was conducted for 315 Community Resource Persons. Three review and planning meetings with women leaders further strengthened coordination and leadership.

Promoting Sustainable Farming and Household Nutrition through SIFS

SIFS activities focused on building farming skills and improving nutrition security. Training on pest control and management reached 26 leaders and lead farmers, while 1,278 women farmers learned to prepare and use bio-pesticides. Livestock training on shed management and composting supported 37 farmers, and 479 farmers were trained in Azolla cultivation and fodder practices. Nutrition garden training was delivered to 420 women through 43 demonstrations. The project conducted 17 haemoglobin testing camps for 280 women and facilitated a learning exchange workshop with 37 government and NGO representatives. Survey and study activities included household surveys, FGDs, and studies on nutrition gardens, bio-pesticides, and haemoglobin status across project and non-project villages.

Capacity-Building Workshops on Water Planning and Budgeting

Under Kadoori Charitable Foundation (KCF), Trust supported project, 48 village-level capacity-building workshops were organized with 834 participants, including Gram Panchayat members and local stakeholders. These workshops focused on water planning and budgeting, addressing the broader water needs of the villages. Participants were guided to plan and prioritize water conservation structures and develop strategies to ensure adequate water availability for agriculture and household use. The sessions strengthened the Gram Panchayats' capacity to undertake sustainable water resource management and integrate it into their local development plans.

INITIATIVES

Women's Initiative to Learn and Lead (WILL)



Community Engagement and Women's Leadership

This quarter strengthened collective action and inclusive participation among women from diverse social and economic backgrounds. Village Action Groups created a shared platform for dialogue, problem-solving, and mutual learning. Women reported greater confidence in understanding local challenges and working together for sustainable solutions. The initiative also helped reduce gender and caste-based barriers, as women leaders from different communities collaborated on planning, prioritizing needs, and accessing government programmes. These efforts contributed to stronger local leadership and more cohesive community decision-making.

Sakhis Strengthening Community Systems

Sakhis played a key role in monitoring, livestock training, and preparing for clean energy initiatives. A revised baseline survey format was introduced, and Sakhis were trained in digital data collection, enabling more accurate household-level reporting. Livestock management training reached 891 women, covering balanced feeding, preventive healthcare, and disease control, facilitated by veterinary experts. This quarter improved Sakhis' digital skills and strengthened women's knowledge of livestock care, laying the foundation for climate-resilient, women-led livelihoods. This leadership initiative is supported by Ford Foundation.

Network Meetings

8 cluster-level network meetings were organized, engaging 391 women entrepreneurs and farmers, including Sakhis, financial institutions, and government officials. These meetings facilitated linkages between trained women entrepreneurs and relevant agencies for credit access and enterprise development. Existing and successful entrepreneurs shared their experiences, inspiring and guiding new participants. This initiative is supported by Kadoori Charitable Foundation.

WILL Network Meetings

Under Fair For All project, Four WILL network meetings were organized in Maharashtra and Wayanad, bringing together women farmers and entrepreneurs for peer learning and leadership building. These sessions enabled women to discuss challenges, share solutions, and learn from each other's experiences. The meetings also included guidance on government schemes and credit linkages, helping women strengthen their economic networks and collective voice.



WOMEN FARMER PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS (FPOs)



Partnerships and Collaborations

A meeting in Nashik, facilitated by Samita, brought together the American team and local FPC leaders. Ms. Dipali Thodsare, CEO of Manjiri Sakhi FPC, and Ms. Seema Sayyad, CEO of Prema Gopalan FPC, shared insights on their initiatives to strengthen women-led enterprises. Discussions highlighted challenges such as market linkages, scaling operations, and access to finance, while exploring opportunities for future collaborations.

During the quarter, our team actively engaged with 418 women entrepreneurs through community meetings and household visits, bringing them closer to the project's vision of sustainable enterprise development. Among them, 256 women participated in the second round of entrepreneurship training, gaining skills in dairy, poultry, goatry, and vegetable businesses.

In addition, 60 women received focused handholding support to strengthen their enterprise operations, business planning, and market linkages. Through careful identification, 30 Super Entrepreneurs were selected to serve as role models, with 20 receiving specialized mentoring to enhance their leadership and enterprise management skills.

A major milestone was connecting 308 women entrepreneurs with relevant government schemes and credit programs, enabling them to expand their businesses, increase income, and achieve greater financial stability.

The quarter's journey reinforced important learnings: continuous mentoring and field-level support are critical for sustaining enterprise growth, while linking women to multiple schemes builds a stronger financial base. The Super Entrepreneur model has proven effective in providing peer guidance and motivation, showing that combining entrepreneurship training with practical market access and business planning boosts both confidence and business performance. This project is supported by SBI Foundation.

Gender Transformative Programme (GTP)



During the quarter, the Gender Transformative Programme (GTP), supported by UNICEF, made significant progress in strengthening gender awareness and child rights across schools and communities. A Teachers' Orientation Training was conducted in 32 schools, engaging 265 teachers and equipping them to effectively conduct Meena-RajuManch (MRM) sessions and coordinate with School Management Committees (SMCs) for greater impact.

MRM sessions reached 2,882 students across 50 schools, including 1,556 girls and 1,326 boys, enabling direct learning and interaction on gender equality. A total of 28 sessions were completed in 10 schools and 13 sessions in 40 schools, fostering awareness and active participation among students.

The Students' Champion Group training, held in Dharashiv on July 2, 2025, strengthened adolescents' capacity to conduct gender social audits. Facilitated by Mr. Suraj Pawar and supported by UNICEF representatives, students learned to assess gender equality in schools and communities using tools based on children's rights, including the Right to Participation, Protection, Development, Survival, and Education. Group discussions enabled them to evaluate school facilities, safety, nutrition, learning resources, and access to public services, empowering them as advocates for child rights and social change.

At the governance level, SMC training sessions were conducted across 30 villages, reaching 232 members. These sessions clarified the roles and responsibilities of SMC members, introduced the GTP and MRM initiatives, and explored the Right to Education (RTE) Act. Members reflected on their personal school experiences, gaining a deeper understanding of their active role in school development.

Orientation and sensitization sessions for Gram Panchayat members were conducted in 25 villages, engaging 156 elected representatives, including Sarpanchs and Deputy Sarpanchs. The sessions focused on gender equity, inclusive governance, and women's active participation in decision-making. Interactive discussions helped participants identify persistent gender biases and explore actionable strategies to promote equitable access to resources and create gender-responsive governance.

Overall, the quarter strengthened the engagement of teachers, students, and local governance actors, fostering inclusive, gender-just, and child-friendly school and community environments.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



In the last three years, SSP has experienced rapid scaling up. Therefore, alongside the core function of program execution, effective support functions become paramount to ensure seamless overall operations. Therefore, SSP started implementation of The Centralised Data Management System from 1st July 2024. The system is being built using Dhvani's mGrant portal, tailored to SSP's multi-project, multi-state operations. The progress and key milestones achieved under the project are as follows:

- 100% projects on mGrant
- 100% Baseline data captured
- Activity data capturing in progress
- mGrant training provided in Nanded and Latur
- mGrant FAQ , training materials , training video created
- Organisation dashboard review conducted and changes communicated with Dhvani's Team in Delhi
- Cadre Management module preparation in progress

Voices of Women

From Farmer to Community Leader: Sunita Shelke's Journey of Change

Sunita Shelke, a progressive farmer from Shivangaon, adopted biogas, improved soil health, and reduced fuel expenses. She now leads 30–40 women in learning sustainable practices like vermi compost, azolla, and nutrition gardens, inspiring neighbouring villages to improve health, nutrition, and farming resilience.



Investing in Women, Harvesting Change

Sheeba Baby from Wayanad transformed her life through SSP's Sakhi Farmers Group—training in climate-friendly farming, managing a flour mill and coconut oil unit. Now earning steadily, she supports her family, guides other women, and leads local farming enterprises with confidence and purpose.

Major Events

The NGO Conclave 2025 | Catalysing Grassroots Action for a Resilient Future

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) participated in the NGO Conclave at the International Conference on Sustainable and Resilient Futures (ICSRF25) held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kollam from 31 August to 1 September 2025. The conclave focused on catalysing grassroots action for a resilient future. Jinto Jose presented SSP's women-led initiatives in climate-resilient farming and sustainable livelihoods across Kerala, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Master classes on carbon credits and the Social Stock Exchange, along with discussions by NGOs, social entrepreneurs and corporate leaders, enriched the event. The conclave emphasised collaboration, knowledge sharing and strengthening networks like SustIN for inclusive, sustainable development.



Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs on World Entrepreneurship Day with SBI Foundation

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) joined the SBI Foundation LEAP team in celebrating World Entrepreneurship Day, honouring the achievements of women entrepreneurs from seven partner organisations. SSP showcased innovative products developed by women-led Farmer Producer Companies, reflecting their growing confidence and enterprise skills. Women supported through SBI Foundation's initiatives shared stories of resilience, innovation and leadership, inspiring everyone present. Dedicated stalls allowed visitors to interact directly with entrepreneurs, learn about their products and support their businesses.

India-Nepal Learning Exchange | CRPP Project:

Strengthening Women's Leadership for Climate Resilience

Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP) hosted a four-day India-Nepal Field Learning & Exchange Program from 25–28 August 2025 under the Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP), supported by the Huairou Commission. Grassroots leaders from Lumanti, Deepshikha Cooperative and CWF in Nepal visited SSP's Dharashiv office to understand the Women's Initiative to Learn and Lead (WILL) model.

The sessions, facilitated by Devkanya, Godavari and Vikas Sargar, focused on women's leadership in climate resilience, livelihoods, health, water security and social protection. Field visits in Osmanabad showcased how Village Action Groups (VAGs) select Sakhis, plan actions and work with Gram Panchayats. The exchange highlighted transparent leadership processes, inclusive participation, data-driven planning and strong grassroots confidence—reinforcing the power of women-led resilience across borders.



National Level Workshop on Leadership Orientation – Pune | 10th September 2025

SSP organised a full-day Leadership Orientation Workshop on 10 September 2025 in Pune, with 21 participants from Bihar, Odisha, Karnataka and Kerala. The workshop strengthened partners' understanding of the Women-led Climate Resilient Farming (WCRF) model, clarified roles in implementation and created space to co-develop strategies suited to diverse local contexts.

Sustainable Development **GOALS**



SDG 1: No Poverty

SSP's Work: Micro-entrepreneurship Programs: SSP supports rural women in starting and growing micro-enterprises, which generate income and lift families out of poverty. Financial Inclusion: SSP facilitates women entrepreneurs' access to financial services, including savings, credit, and insurance.



SDG 2: Zero Hunger

SSP's Work: Food Security Initiatives: SSP promotes sustainable agricultural practices and provides training to women farmers, increasing food production and security. Nutrition Programs: SSP conducts nutrition education programs to ensure families, especially children, receive nutritious balanced diets.



SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SSP's Work: Health and Sanitation: SSP implements community health programs, including maternal and child health initiatives, and promotes clean water and sanitation access. Health Enterprises: SSP supports women in establishing health enterprises that provide affordable healthcare services in rural areas.



SDG 5: Gender Equality

SSP's Work: Women's Empowerment & Leadership through its WILL process: SSP focuses on empowering women through leadership training, economic opportunities, and participation in decisionmaking processes. Gender Advocacy: SSP advocates for gender equality and works to change societal norms that hinder women's progress.



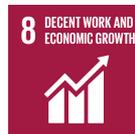
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SSP's Work: Water Management: SSP promotes community-based water management practices and the construction of sustainable sanitation facilities. Awareness Campaigns: SSP conducts awareness campaigns on water conservation and hygiene practices.



SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

SSP's Work: Renewable Energy Solutions: SSP supports adoption of clean energy solutions, such as solar lighting and clean cooking stoves and biogas in rural communities. Energy Enterprises: SSP helps women entrepreneurs establish energy enterprises that provide sustainable energy solutions.



SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SSP's Work: Entrepreneurship Development: SSP fosters entrepreneurship and provides business development support thus creating decent work opportunities in rural areas. Market Linkages: SSP connects women entrepreneurs with markets, enhancing their economic growth and sustainability.



SDG 13: Climate Action

SSP's Work: Climate Resilience: SSP works to build climate resilience in rural communities through sustainable farming practices and disaster risk reduction initiatives. Environmental Education: SSP educates communities about climate change and promotes environmental stewardship.



SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SSP's Work: Collaborative Networks: SSP builds alliances and networks of grassroots women leaders, civil society organisations, private sector companies and policymakers to work towards common goals. Resource Mobilization: SSP mobilizes resources and technical expertise through partnerships with various stakeholders, enhancing the impact of its initiatives.

Through these multifaceted approaches, Swayam Shikshan Prayog contributes significantly to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, fostering inclusive and sustainable development in rural India.

Partners

Axis Bank Foundation | Aventus | FORD FOUNDATION | GIZ & Welthungerhilfe | HSBC | Huairou Commission | KamalUdwadia Foundation | LIC HFL | Mankind Pharma | Misereor | Oak Foundation | Oracle Financial Services Software Limited (OFSS) | Shapoorji Pallonji Group | SIDBI | SBI Foundation | UNICEF | Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission-UMED



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