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FROM SECRETARY'S DESK



I am pleased to share the annual report of Mount Valley Development Association (MVDA) for the year 2016-17 in an open platform. In past 22 years MVDA has proved its efficiency in creating visible impact in ground reality. Within the broad spectrum of rural development we have worked mainly with mountain communities.

Our work themes vary time to time based on the needs of community such as constant focus on education to rehabilitation after disaster. Detailed information about our programs, achievements and lessons learnt in the last year are included in this Annual Report. This report is a valuable document to review and evaluate our activities. Through this report the reader can get an overview of our work.

I would like to acknowledge all the board members, who have always believed in MVDA. We feel empowered because of their faith on our vision; to work for and with community. We look forward for this support in the many years to come. I also

thank the team including all the staff members, volunteers and interns for taking the work forward. MVDA is fortunate to have a dedicated team as their efforts strengthen the internal organizational stability and promote greater understanding of developmental issues in our community.

On behalf of the board and MVDA team, I wish to express sincere gratitude to our esteemed partners who have become our ambassadors. I am overwhelmed for their continued support and encouragement. My gratitude must go to the community, village community leaders and individuals for their encouragement and commitment. Lastly, I extend my gratitude to entire team of MVDA for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and dedication to achieve our common goals. We look forward to very promising prospects of the coming year, and hope that, with the support of all our partners, well-wishers and the community, we will again make a very successful year.

Avtar Singh Negi

Founder & Secretary



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A twenty two year long journey and still counting, MVDA has always pioneered to bring excellence and great service to the local community in terms of livelihood and education. We are committed to deliver services to the community at various aspects such as women empowerment, health, education, water and sanitation and natural resources management. Our dedicated team had a great 2016 and this report will throw light upon the achievements that we had last year.



2016 was a very challenging year, though we managed to breakout with the tremendous support of our team members and the funding partners. This report documents our engagements with community through different projects. In the year 2014 we partnered with American India Foundation, to promote livelihood opportunities for the women who were affected by the 2013 floods. The project was complete by the end of 2016 and as a result 600 families of 11 villages were benefitted by selling various agri-based products. Along with ITC's support 1592 families from 76 villages were supported in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. We also took the initiative starting the sustainable agricultural development program in Saharanpur and Hathras. Around 11187 farmers from 142 villages were benefitted from this program. A thought of empowering women should always begin from the roots and this is how we started a program to educate the girl child. This program was initiated in the 4 districts of Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi, Haridwar and Dehraun and this IIMPACT made this work easier for us. We focused on girls who were dropouts, slow learners and one's who had never been to school. This program has been a great success and still running with all sheer guidance and faith. To create a sense of hygiene among the primary school kids we launched a program called E-WaSH. The Central Himalayan Education Initiative was also started to improve the quality of education and this project has been running successfully. The Central Himalayan Micro-Finance Initiative has defined a meaning financial inclusion for the people who were associated with it.

We would like to conclude by thanking all our stakeholders, board members, funding partners and all the community members who have stood by us. Their trust and dedication has given us strength to perform better. Indeed it has been a long journey and we wish to run longer.



ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Mount Valley Development Association (MVDA) is a grassroots organization working with the himalayan communities of Uttarakhand. The idea of MVDA was inspired by Sarvodaya Movement and its approach in Himalayas. In early 90s poor economic conditions and slow pace of development in Bhilangana Valley of Tehri Garhwal district compelled MVDA to work for the community. Initially the organization adopted a right based approach to work for community rights which led to mobilize communities and campaign against the inadequate state development initiatives. Finally the organization came into existence in 1995 and was registered under Society Registration Act, 1860.

A twenty two year long journey and still counting, MVDA has always pioneered to design and deliver services to the local community.

Presently MVDA is working with nearly 9,000 families reaching over 48,000 individuals and formed nearly 450 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in harsh mountainous terrain of Tehri Garhwal, Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag and Haridwar districts of Uttarakhand and plain areas of Saharanpur & Hathras in Uttar Pradesh. MVDA has also registered 03 Women federations. We are educating more than 5000 girl Childs via different programs. MVDA's operation covers more than 850 villages of 6 districts in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.



VISION

Our vision is to be a catalyst of change in supporting the local community towards eradication of poverty through sustainable livelihood initiatives, creation of a society firmly rooted on the principles of social harmony, justice and solidarity.



MISSION

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of rural people- especially women and the disadvantaged in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand. Our approach at MVDA towards fulfilment of our goals is through interventions in education with special emphasis on the girl child, natural resource management and by providing access to diversified livelihood options.



THEMATIC AREAS

EDUCATION

Since the beginning, MVDA has focused on improving the quality of life by targeting individual at an early age that is through education. MVDA believes that a community can achieve its socio-economic development only if their children can build a strong foundation in life as an individual. Currently MVDA is focusing on supporting children at the early childcare and education initiatives at Aanganwadis and underpinning education at primary level. In the last 7-8 years MVDA has founded and continuously strengthening 30 Bal panchayats. Now focusing on integration of information technology at the level of primary and secondary education and education through water, sanitation and hygiene. MVDA believes that with transforming global dynamics in education the grass root education system should also change with it. The way forward is amalgamating modern pedagogy with traditional knowledge.

LIVELIHOOD

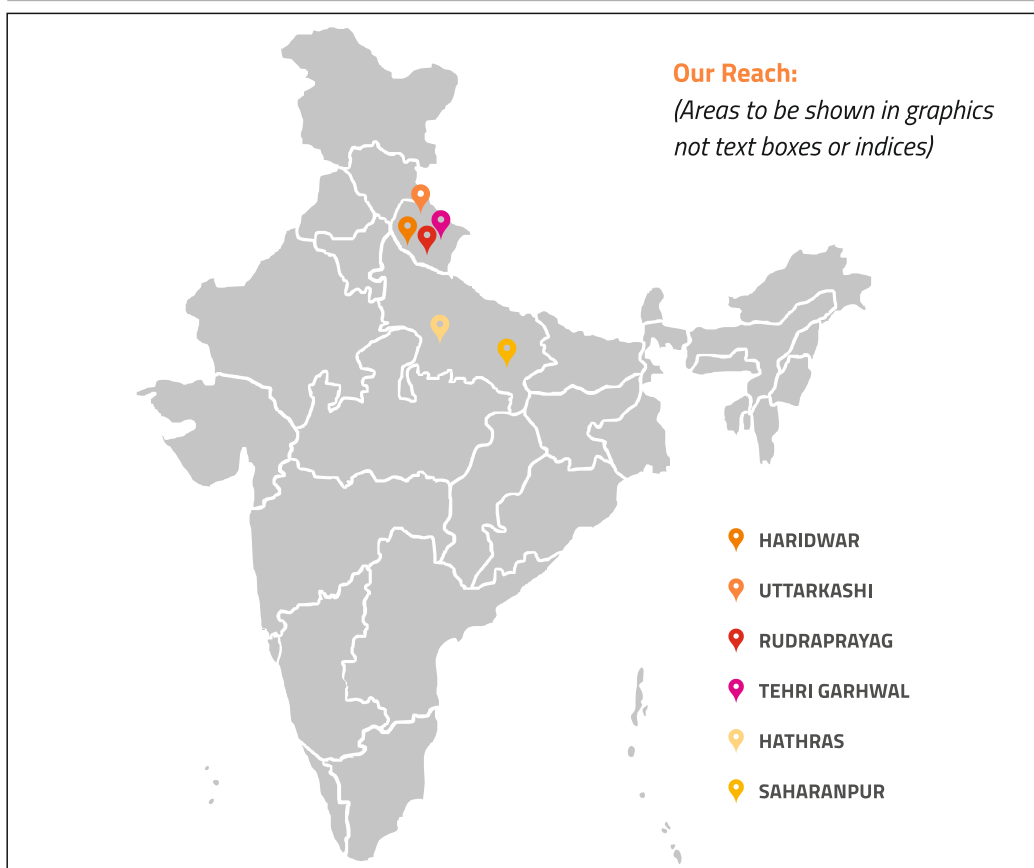
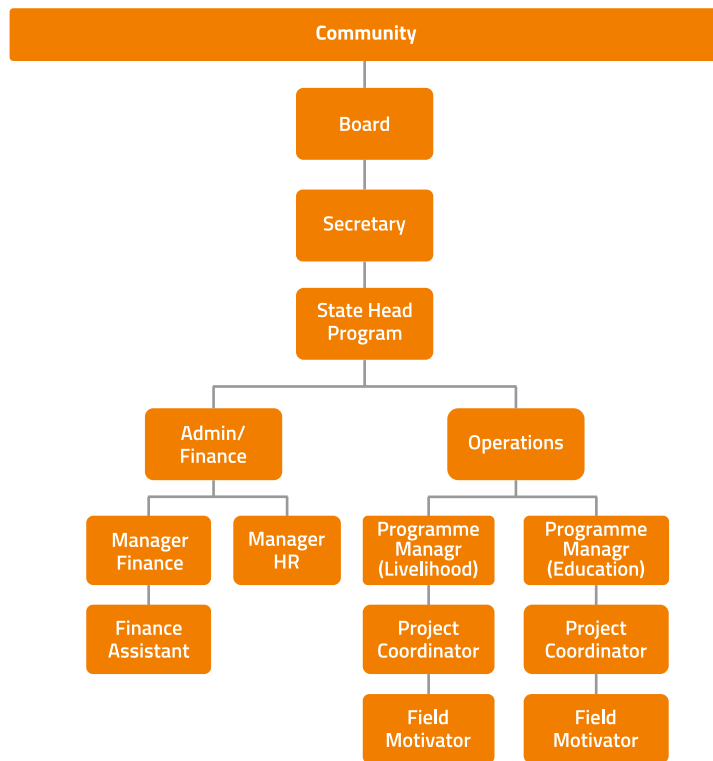
In this era of globalization and liberalization, economic stability has become an urgent need of hour. MVDA believes that it is more vital at grassroots where people are struggling to earn their daily bread. Livelihood initiatives by MVDA were always in order to support economic stability at household level. These initiatives were always taken by keeping women at core. The amount of labor a mountain women puts in her daily life is known worldwide. MVDA has been putting efforts in the direction of making the labor profitable and to reduce women drudgery. Till date, we have registered 3 women federations for dairy development, agricultural surplus and organic food produces. We envision our work to become self-sustainable in the coming years.



AGRICULTURE

MVDA believes that agriculture is the oldest and foremost practice for survival. With time it has become the primary source of income at grassroots. We believe that agriculture should be less damaging and ecologically more sustainable through pursuing a more holistic and integrated approach to organic food production and consumption. Since our beginning we have been working with various organizations and research institutions to enhance the capacities of farmers in order to practice agriculture in a more organic way. Many beneficiaries of our programs are practicing new techniques such as line sowing and System of Rice Intensification methods. We work towards pursuing agriculture to build resilience of local food systems to avert large-scale future shortages and to ensure food security and good nutrition for all. We foresee our interventions in coming years to be more sustainable in the eco-friendly manner.

ORGANOGRAM





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

125

MVDA is currently running 125 learning centres for school dropouts and slow learners girls in four districts of Uttarakhand.

40

Formed approximately 40 Bal Panchayats and remedial education was provided to 58 students below average

83

Developed learning skill of 83 students by providing them foundation level training.

500

About 500 girls of 6th to 8th standard were given special attention by providing them academic support, material support, life skill education and mentoring to promote girl's education.

450

Formed 450 Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women which includes 5000 women which led to the formation of 3 self-reliant cooperatives (300 women in each cooperative).

30

Mobilized a loan of Rs. 4.6 million under NABARD scheme for purchase of better quality cattle for 30 SHGs.

Developed a talent pool of resourceful people equipped with skills to efficiently mobilize farmers for System of Crop Intensification (SCI) promotion. With knowledge and experience in System of Rice Intensification Program, MVDA has developed a model village Thaeli in Bhilangana block of Tehri Garhwal district.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

GIRL CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM



This intervention is spread in 125 learning centres deploying its efforts to support 3000 girls in Rudraprayag, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarkashi and Haridwar districts of Uttarakhand. The aim is to provide free quality primary education to the girl child belongs to poor economic background. 766 dropouts, slow learners and girls who had never gone to school were included and these girls were enrolled at the primary level as learners.

EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION (ECCE)



The aim of the intervention is to built capacity and strengthening of skills of Aanganvadis and various stakeholders and partners about their roles. Focusing on awareness amongst parents, community members and the AWW's about the importance of pre-school education and child care for children between the age group of 3 to 6 years.

CENTRAL HIMALAYAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE (CHEI)



The aim of the project is to enhance the quality of education for over 700 children by building life-skills and increase role of innovation and technology in education. The project focuses on two subjects namely language and computers in the primary schools.

EDUCATION - WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (E-WASH)



The purpose of the project is to initiate 21 primary schools to improve their student attendance by at least 40% and to particularly emphasize on the girl child and also to reduce the spread of water borne disease by 90% among the school going kids. The goal is to establish proper sanitation facilities and make sure that potable water is available at each and every school which comes under this project.

PROMOTING WOMEN LIVELIHOOD IN DISASTER AFFECTED HILL REGION OF UTTARAKHAND

The aim of the project was to support 600 families from 11 villages in Ukhimath block of Rudraprayag with focus on agri based livelihood activities by women. In order to promote and strengthen women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in these villages, a federation was formed and registered as a legal entity under the Uttarakhand cooperative Act 2006 and created a cadre of 11 trained village service providers as entrepreneurs, mainly women to strengthen the federation in promoting its business activities.

Outcome

- **5150** kg of Himalayan Amaranth from **153** families worth Rs **154580/-** was sold through the federation.
- **2000** kg of malta from **43** families worth Rs 17600/- was sold through the federation.



612 beneficiaries from 11 project villages have earned Rs 9, 75,268.3/- from selling various agri-produces and products.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION



This intervention to support farmers through dairy development and allied services is being implemented since 2012 in 57 villages from 4 blocks namely Nanouta, Gangoh, Rampur and Nakur in Saharanpur District of Uttar Pradesh.

Outcome

- **1592 farmers from 76 villages were benefitted**
- **3 trained para vets provide extension health services**
- **2400 AI were done**
- **1540 minor veterinary services were provided including deforming.**
- **1207890 litres of milk was produced**
- **The net sale was Rs, 41804278**

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Due to excessive use of chemical pesticides and ignorance towards organic manure like compost, soil health of cultivable land is degrading day by day. The need of the day is to make some interventions for judicious use of fertilizers and enhance the practices suitable for improving the soil organic carbon. Establish long term marketing linkage of agri produce to create agriculture based income generation opportunities for the farmers.

Outcome

- **11187 farmers from 142 villages were benefitted**
- **Area under guava cultivation is 28 hectare**
- **Area under jamun cultivation is 140 hectare**
- **Area under lemon cultivation is 2 hectare**
- **Area under Jaid is 34 hectare**
- **A total number of 44 field demonstrations were organized**
- **A total number of 160 nadep structures were constructed**
- **3 SHG's have been formed**

SATURATION OF SELECTED BLOCKS (SSB)

To promote organic farming methods and technique by saturating the entire Ukhimath Block covering 70 Gram panchayats, 135 revenue villages for organic certification, MVDA implemented the project under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) with Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board (UOCB) in Ukhimath block of Rudraprayag district.



Outcome

- **Training of village motivator from 60 villages at UOCB Training Centre, Majhkhali**
- **Village level trainings of field motivators and farmers in 154 villages during the year 2015-16 about the project theme**
- **7 organic produce groups (OPG) covering 3000 farmers have been registered under organic certification with UOCB**
- **717 Vermi Compost structure, 690 Nadep Compost, 578 Bamboo Nadep and 293 Liquid Compost structure were constructed during the period 2015-16**
- **Jaivik Krishi Mela was organised at Mansuna, Ukhimath Block in which 397 farmers participated. Representatives from UOCB, Horticulture & Agriculture department briefed about different government schemes for promoting organic farming**
- **Interactive session with the farmers, in which MVDA displayed organic products made from local produce to encourage farmers**

PARTICIPATORY LIVELIHOOD REHABILITATION PROJECT



The aim of the project was to provide food security to the families affected by the natural disaster in the year 2013 by alternative means of livelihood. To promote farm and nonfarm activities as a source of livelihood through use of available natural resources as a source of livelihood and strengthening of village level institutions.

Outcome

On farm activities			Non-farm activities.		
Activity	Families benefitted	Total Area (Nali)	Activity	Families benefitted	BPL Families
Crop intensification	418	531	Kruoiler	116	78
Vegetable cultivation	439	326			
Spice cultivation	609	339			
Poly tunnel	104	-			

Natural resource Management

(A) Fodder

(B) Construction Work

Activity	Area/No	Families benefitted	Activity	Families benefitted	Technical Support
Fodder Development	10.75 Hectare	699	Drinking water pipeline	130	PWD/Star
Napier grass plantation	15650 roots	170	Naula repair	36	Star

(C) Convergence

Activity	Families benefitted	Technical Support
Construction of 425 meters CC road in 3 Gram Panchayats	155	Gram Panchayat
Water harvesting Tanks	116	Gram Panchayat
Construction of water diversion canal in 2 Gram Panchayats	143	Gram Panchayat

MAXIMIZING MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE PROJECT (MMAP)



The aim of the project is to organize farmers into Producer Groups and Cluster Federations for cultivation, value addition marketing of selected crops using and demonstrating appropriate scientific input like fertilizer, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Plant Nutrition and Management (IPNM) etc. on farmer's fields.

THE CENTRAL HIMALAYAN LIVESTOCK INITIATIVE (CHLI)



The aim of the project is to promote an improved livestock breed, better livestock health and management practices to enhance the livestock production system in one project cluster. The area covered over 54 ha of community and private land under fodder plantation to increase fodder availability and to reduce women drudgery and risk related to fodder collection from forests and enhance the income (by Rs 2 lakhs / year / hh) and quality of life of the 1,000 families to be benefitted by the program..

THE CENTRAL HIMALAYAN MICROFINANCE INITIATIVE (CHMI)



The aim of the project is to promote Self-sustained & financial viable community institutions and micro-insurance & social security schemes.

Outcome

- **66 SHG's with a total 766 members are benefitted from the project.**
- **2 Federations have been formed to facilitate CCL to be used for livelihood activities.**



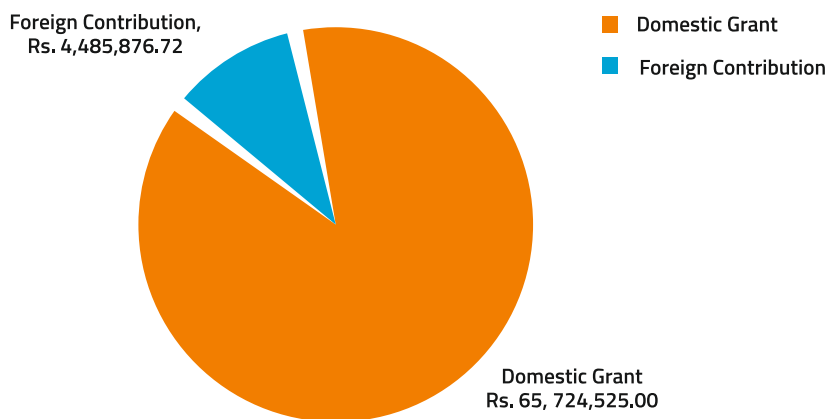
FINANCIAL REPORT

MVDA's balance sheet and consolidated income and expenditure account for 2016-17, ending March 31, 2017 are given below. During the year it generated grants worth Rs. 7,02,10,401.72.

The pie charts below shows the sourcing of income from local grants and foreign grants in the year 2016-17.

MVDA is thankful to all of them for their support.

MVDA Grant 2016-17



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF GRANT RECEIVED AND FUNDS UTILISED BY MVDA

Sl. No.	Project	Grant Received	Grants Utilised
1	PROMOTING WOMEN LIVELIHOOD FOR DISASTER AFFECTED HILL REGION :	13,37,537.00	22,55,889.00
2	FC (ACTION AID INDIA, OXFAM INDIA, ETC.)	3,76,785.00	3,69,824.90
3	IIMPACT	99,81,000.00	1,05,00,388.00
4	MAXIMIZING MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE PROJECT	7,72,880.00	8,74,321.00
5	HIMMOTTHAN	3,95,220.00	4,14,975.00
6	M.V.D.A. (INSTITUTIONAL)	12,000.00	1,80,511.36
7	STAR INDIA (PSI)	4,95,876.00	5,23,330.00
8	BUILDING CAPACITY OF MVDA WORK ON ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	8,00,000.00	18,90,185.68
9	SATURATION OF SELECTED BLOCK	19,01,000.00	5,87,499.00
10	CENTRAL HIMALAYAN LIVESTOCK	12,24,109.00	12,02,667.00
11	SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	1,41,500.00	6,59,075.00
12	E WASH (HIMMOTTHAN)	4,63,000.00	6,16,027.00
13	DDPA (DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA)	4,29,74,064.00	4,36,01,899.63
14	SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FC	7,40,236.00	6,53,045.50
15	SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	56,34,005.00	53,38,007.00
16	TATA RELIEF COMMITTEE	21,65,751.00	19,14,137.00
17	LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT THROUGH DAIRY DEVELOPMENT	7,95,438.72	9,84,334.93
		7,02,10,401.72	7,25,66,117.00

ASSOCIATION WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

MVDA has been actively involved with various academic institutions. Many students approached for volunteering and internships. Field trips were also done by different institutes such as Ambedkar University, Delhi, Azim Premji University, Delhi University (DU) and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).

Last year's engagement of students in different projects can be seen in the table below:

University	Number of students	Duration	Project
TISS	3	Aug-Sept, 2016	Education and E-WASH
TISS	2	Aug-Sept, 2016	Livelihoods: Dairy marketing and MGNREGA
TISS	1	Aug-Sept, 2016	Documentation of women drudgery
TISS	1	Aug-Sept, 2016	Case study-Organic farming
TISS	1	Aug-Sept, 2016	Case study- Coping strategies in disaster prone area
DSSW, DU	1	Dec, 2016	Agriculture based livelihoods
DBS, college Dehradun	2	June, 2016	Girls education program

MVDA has a strong networking system with other organizations. Many partner organizations and funding partners visit MVDA on regular basis. Last year IIMPACT, Tata Trust and Himmotthan Society, regularly visited various field centres. IDS, VDS, KVK, TRC and some others also visited MVDA.

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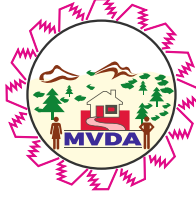
'All the visitors to our organization are our guest. We are privileged that every year many visitors including donor agencies, other NGOs, trainers, Interns, Research Scholars, technical service providers, citizens and local officials come to visit our organization and the project area. The feedback and suggestions of the visitors always inspire us to bring further improvement in our implementation strategy'

*Avtar Singh Negi
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Please extend your support and contribute to our mission in the following ways

Ideas, innovations, skills, knowledge, feedback, volunteering and Donations etc. to support and contribute towards Girls child education and livelihood generation for women folks of remote mountains community of Uttarakhand.

People with commitment and dedication are welcome to work in challenging conditions of mountain terrains, Uttarakhand.



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