



Social Impact Assessment - Executive Summary – 3 projects of Mindtree Foundation

The Mindtree Foundation is a not-for-profit organization formally established on November 20, 2007. Its focus is on engaging and supporting the needy and underprivileged sections of society. Helping businesses and societies flourish has been the consistent vision of Mindtree. Mindtree Foundation has implemented 31 projects through 25 partner NGOs in 7 states of India. These projects focus on a wide range of beneficiaries – children, youth, women, disabled, elderly and the environment.

SAN India conducted a social Impact assessment of the projects implemented by 3 implementing partners during the period April 2022- March 2023. They include -

| S.no | Partner, Project | Amount spent |
|------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Agastya Lab on a bike | 11,985,920 |
| 2 | NAF Integrated Watershed Community Development Program (IWCDP) | 12,454,409 |
| 3 | RCME, Aravind Eye Hospitals, Cataract Surgeries | 10,000,000 |
| | TOTAL | 34,440,329 |

1. Lab on a bike project implemented by Agastya Foundation

The Lab on a Bike aims at making quality science education accessible in rural areas. Each LOB comprises of 10 boxes filled with experiments covering different concepts from Physics, Chemistry and Biology and travels to remote schools in 16 districts of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. The Agastya Trainer travels to different schools with one box and on completion of visiting all the pre-defined schools, he starts his next cycle with the second box and so on. One Lab on Bike (LoB) reaches out to approximately 1,000 children and generates 10,000 children exposure as it interacts ten times in a year with the same group of children. Over 300 teachers of these 132 schools have also been trained in conducting the science experiments.

| State | Districts | Number of Schools | Boys | Girls | Total |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Maharashtra | 5 | 48 | 3,163 | 2,951 | 6,114 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 6 | 51 | 4,343 | 4,522 | 8,865 |
| Telangana | 5 | 33 | 3,636 | 4,516 | 8,152 |
| TOTAL | 16 | 132 | 11,142 | 11,989 | 23,131 |



*“Agastya’s efforts are visible in my school children, as they deliver hands on sessions on science topics which has enhanced their learning and practical knowledge.” **Principal***

*The method of teaching is very good, practical, and were according to the standard/level of the students.-**Teacher***

*I never realized how much I could learn from simple experiments and activities until I participated in this program. It has truly opened my eyes to wonders of science - **Student***

2. Integrated Watershed Community Development Program implemented by National Agro Foundation at Karya District of Karnataka

As the Karya area was a hilly terrain and rainwater flowed directly into the rivers, the need for water catchment was high in the area. The project comprised of strengthening 4 waterbodies, constructing/restoring 5 water channels and building 6 check dams within the project area. The project Location comprised of 5 villages in the Karya watershed area- Karya, Karepura, Hadya, S.Chinnamballi and Thagaduru. The initial work was started in two villages – Hadya and Karya, where the Maynakatti Pond in Hadya was desilted, bunds strengthened, and the 821 meter long channel was strengthened and deepened. At Karya village, the work commenced for strengthening and deepening the existing 990 meter long channel. Over a period of 9 months, beginning from April 2022, all the structures were built in the 5 villages. Machinery was used for excavation purpose for building check dams, channels and waterbodies. The watershed interventions in the 5 villages include –

| Village | Interventions |
|----------------|--|
| Karya | 1 Waterbody strengthened, 1 Check dam and 1 Channel built |
| Karepura | 1 Waterbody strengthened |
| Hadya | 2 Waterbodies strengthened, 2 Check dams & 1 Channel built |
| S.Chinnampalli | 1 Check dam and 1 Channel built |
| Thagaduru | 2 Check dams and 2 Channels built |

In my 35 years of farming I have never witnessed such an abundance of water in this season. Water table increased from 100 feet to 30 feet. Birds used to drink water through drip pipeline but now they are feeding from the pond.”

3. Cataract Surgeries implemented by RCME, Aravind Eye Hospitals



Mindtree Foundation funded the surgeries of 5000+ patients identified in Rural Camps implemented by Aravind Eye Hospitals of 5 locations – Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem Pondicherry, and Tirunelveli - during the period July 2022 to October 2022. The total budget allocated was Rs 1.54 crores. The funds were routed through Rotary Club of Madras East.

46 rural eye camps were held during the period and 5,017 patients were brought to the Aravind base hospitals for eye surgeries.

| Location | No. of Surgeries done |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Chennai | 1,527 |
| Coimbatore | 948 |
| Salem | 519 |
| Pondicherry | 1,100 |
| Tirunelveli | 923 |
| Total | 5,017 |

2,838 (57%) of the patients who underwent eye surgery were females and 2,179 (43%) were males. 85% of the patients were less than 70 years.

*Doctors treated me well and they explained clearly about what I should do and what I should not do after the treatment.
We had absolutely no problem, they took care of me very well and after treatment they helped me return safely to my home. - Patients*

Relevance, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Sustainability and Social Impact of the Projects

The Projects were evaluated based on how relevant it was, whether its effectiveness in creating a lasting and sustainable impact and the cost efficiency of the projects using varied indicators. They were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest. The rating were as below-

| Parameters | Agastya | NAF | RCME |
|----------------|---------|-----|------|
| Relevance | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Effectiveness | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Efficiency | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 |
| Sustainability | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| Social Impact | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.4 |

These ratings reflect the credibility and the extent to which social impact was created through the projects implemented by Mindtree Foundation. **Most of the indicators have a score of 4+ indicating that the performance of all the 3 projects were HIGHLY SATISFACTORY.**

SDG Alignment



The 3 projects were aligned to 11 SDGs, -SDG 3, 4, 5,6, 8,10,11,12,13,15 and 17.

Recommendations by SAN

- Mindtree Foundation to create documentation formats for the implementing partners to report on a monthly basis along with photographs and scanned copies of the documents maintained by the partners.