

KHOJ

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PERIODIC REPORT

2017-19



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you our Progress Report for the period 2017-18-19.

The report comprises of brief updates on the programmes and processes that we have undertaken in these years and our successes and challenges.

We are thankful to all our donors and partners and our friends and well wishers who have put their faith in us and the work we do.

We shall be deeply obliged, if you can share your comments and feedback.

KHOJ Team

KHOJ – the programmes

In the recent past most of our work has been focused around the integration of various laws meant for the welfare and development of the tribal and indigenous communities and other forest dwellers and in empowering them to convert these into tangible resources that either support their livelihoods or helps in conserving the ecology. Secondly we continue our efforts to help increase the access and quality of the health and nutrition services provided by the agencies of the State to the women and children of Melghat and adjoining areas. Our interventions in the court have led to some significant systemic changes while on a few we keep struggling with a hope to make an impact.

In this journey we have been supported by various partners and programmes that we have evolved with them to meet our vision of empowering Gram Sabha's to be able to become the real decision making bodies in areas of livelihoods, conservation, and development.

Some of our milestones in the last two years have been as shared below-

1. Initiation of a new partnership with VSTF (Village Social Transformation Foundation) Mumbai wherein we had the opportunity to engage with 35 young people from indigenous or forest dwelling communities as the changemakers of their village



through convergence of various government programmes, especially



the flagship programmes of the Government and also that of the organisation.

Hence with the focus on CFR villages where rights of the community over forest rights has

been recognized, we focused on the issues of the villages prioritized by them under the Village Development Plans approved by them and their Panchayats. This programme covers 35 villages from 10 Gram Panchayats in Achalpur and Chikaldhara block.

This process now in second year, has given us some good young energetic people who are making efforts to bring about change in all indicators pertaining to health and sanitation, education, livelihoods, conservation, agriculture, animal husbandry and development of the community.



The process in the initial phase was guided and supported by the District Collector Shri Abhijit Bangar and Additional Chief Secretary



CMO - Shri Praveen Pardeshi.

Through this programme the local youths are expected to facilitate the resolution of their village level challenges with support from the



government agencies. These villages are priority for transformation targets in the State. VSTF provides an amount of Rs Ten Lakhs per village to meet their needs not enlisted in other government

programmes.

2. Convergence of governmental programmes- In post CFR situation, where communities are governing their forests and managing it sustainably, the administration is by law bound to support the process of convergence of all other programmes to support their developmental or conservation requirements.

During the last few years this has become our core strategy wherein we spend organizational resources only on those programmes that cannot be supported through Governmental programmes, rest we try and pursue to be done through Government funds. Convergence with NREGA provides great scope for soil moisture conservation works, for plantation and for other

developmental programmes of individual benefit like Cattle shed/
Toilets/ PMAY etc.



NREGA Convergence for the year 2017-18 was as below-

<i>Gram Panchayat</i>	<i>No of Persondays</i>	<i>Total Wages</i>
<i>Barugavhan</i>	<i>77526</i>	<i>15582726</i>
<i>Jamli R</i>	<i>34834</i>	<i>7001634</i>
<i>Khadimal</i>	<i>73666</i>	<i>14806866</i>
<i>Khatkali</i>	<i>8251</i>	<i>1658451</i>
<i>Morgadh</i>	<i>9315</i>	<i>1872315</i>
<i>Rahu</i>	<i>27858</i>	<i>5599458</i>
<i>Raipur</i>	<i>37019</i>	<i>7440819</i>
<i>Ruipathar</i>	<i>29790</i>	<i>5987790</i>
<i>Upatkhed</i>	<i>21705</i>	<i>4362705</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>319964</i>	<i>64312764</i>

The total convergence done in the last one year in the following Gram Panchayats is below -

Village	VDP Budget(included NREGA and other programmes)	VSTF	Total Funds Mobilised
BARUGAVHAN	85776335	310206	21735404
JAMLI R	53149442	0	14623172
KAKADARI	49733897	366000	5902269
KHADIMAL	292969878	592000	37394105
KHATKALI	94338904	473260	10835402
MORGADH	62640407	380966	12499816
RAHU	88102577	157755	16934827
RUIPATHAR	89589255	661640	27447512
ADNADI	112417917	951980	10825452
UPATKHEDA	236447726	621250	65781161
Total	116,5166338	4515057	223979120



Works so far includes mix of the following

- Motor Pump and Pipeline Borewell
- Drainage
- Dairy Units
- Gharkul
- Tree Plantation
- Fodder Plantation
- Caste Certificate/ Revenue Camp
- Social and Financial inclusion works
- Old age pension, Adhar Card,
- Widow pension, Job Cards,
- Aamrai
- Nursery
- LPG Connection
- RO Plant
- SHG formed ,
- Bank Accounts
- Nala Kholikaran Balcoa
- Bamboo Plantation
- Flour Mill
- Sabha Mandap
- Exposure
- Gym Equipments purchased

3. Recreating Aamrai – Mango orchards were traditionally found in many forest areas however slowly these trees are fast getting extinct due to grazing or illicit felling in the forests. Hence we thought of rebuilding these Aamrai for the future generations. In this plan we gave 500 saplings to 11 villages that dug pits for plantation voluntarily. Out of these approximately 400 were mango saplings of both native



and fast growing varieties and rest were fruit bearing trees useful for birds and animals in the forest. Approximately 17500 saplings were planted by the people.

4. Seed Development – During the last year, approximately 100 acres of land was covered under Chana seed plantation in collaboration with a programme called CAIM/Krusha Samrudhhi. This gave people an opportunity to increase their income through seed production using less water and in lower costs. The process was duly registered. Overall there was an yield of 7 quintals on an average per acre. The market rate was approximately 4000 per quintal for those who could not hold and stock.

5. Tendu Collection and Management- Collection of minor forest produce of tendu is an activity that is spread across 43 villages and that allows the village community to collectively work on its management. It is an opportunity to strengthen both Conservation and Governance of the villages and brings about participation of the villagers in the process. The total turnover of tendu for the year 2017 was approximately 1.14crores and the anticipated turnover for the 2018 was 1.33 crores. This entire finance is managed by the Federation of the Gram Sabha's. KHOJ works as their legal and technical consultant in the process overseeing the veracity of the entire process.



6. CFR Management plans- The process of preparation of Management and Conservation plans for another 20 CFR villages has been initiated since November 2018. We have already completed a similar process with 24 villages



from Melghat and Achalpur region. This process will engage with the village Gram Sabha's in their training capacity building on the provisions of the Act, Exposure to the functioning villages and assisting in mapping their existing resources. Based on the data and village needs, the CFR management plans shall be prepared with the Gram Sabha.

7. Dam De silting at Khadimal village – Villages with special needs like Khadimal which is a water scarce village had a pending demand to help increase water availability in the summer. Desilting and deepening of two of the dams has been carried on in two phases in the last two years and the storage increased considerably for over a couple of months. However even this was not enough and hence we requested the Government to further deepen the tank and plug some of the leakages as well as some minor repairs. Hopefully in the next season, if there is even an average rainfall, Khadimal should be able to manage its water needs.

8. Environment Education programme-Conducting environment education trails/ programmes and camps has become part of our



activities as we need to engage with the younger children to be able to help them continue their association with the forests and natural resources. Schools based activities are held in over 40 villages and occasional camps give children a space for their own creative learning and expression. We hope to be able to expand this area of work in our near future.

9. Health and Nutrition Support Programme- Our health and nutritional support programme aims to strengthen the quality of services on the ground level by constant dialogue with the health and district administration and addressing policy level concerns through the meetings of the Chief Secretary led Core Committee, follow up of the orders of the High Court and through individual/ family based counseling for women and children who need medical care and attention. It is often that doctors call up our teams for assistance in counseling and follow up patients who refuse to go to hospital, we not just





help these patients reach the facility but constantly follow up till they return so that their faith and trust in the

health system is built and restored and they do not undergo a bad experience, that would desist them from seeking further services.

10. Our efforts to support the villages in core area of the Melghat Tiger Reserve with livelihood options has been successful to some extent in Madizadap wherein we have been able to install 5 solar pumps that not just give drinking water to the people but also provide irrigation support to the villagers for their second crop and to some even a third round of vegetable cultivation. Seeing the result of this work, people from neighboring villages started asking for similar support. We helped them apply to the MEDA MSEDCL driven Solar pump drive and a few farmers have got their pumps installed in the farm while many applications are yet pending for clearance. But this experiment has brought a great awareness amongst the people. There are still people who need assistance with either a borewell or the pump and we try and raise support for the poorest of the poor people in the villages.



Funding Partners

- *Caring Friends*
- *Paul Hamlyn Foundation*
- *Tata Trusts*
- *Association for India's Development*
- *Village Social Transformation Foundation*
- *Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra*
- *Forest Department and IUCN*
- *IIESR and Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission*

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The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

SCHEDULE - IX
[VIDE Rule 17 (1)]

Name of the Public Trust : KHOUJ (Foreign Funds)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended : 31st March 2018

Registration No. F-19752 (MUM)

EXPENDITURE	Rs.		INCOME		Rs.	
	Rs.	Rs.	By Rent (Accrued) (Realised)	By Interest (Accrued) (Realised)	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :- Rates, Taxes, Cesses Repairs and maintenance Salaries Insurance Depreciation (by way of provision of adjustment) Other Expenses	-	-	-	(As per Schedule-C)	-	-
To Establishment Expenses (As per Schedule-E)	-	-	On Securities HDFC - Fixed Deposit ICICI Home Finance - Fixed Deposit HDFC - Fixed Deposit (TET)	-	-	-
To Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math including his household expenditure, if any	-	2,025.65	On Loans On Income Tax Refund On Saving Bank Account	-	51,845.00	51,845.00
To Legal and Professional Fees	-	NIL	By Dividend on UTI CRTS	-	-	-
To Audit Fees	-	-	By Donations in Cash or Kind	-	-	-
To Contribution and Fees	-	NIL	By Incentive on Investment	-	-	-
To Amount written off : a) Bad Debts b) Loan Scholarship c) Irrecoverable Rents d) Other Items - On Account of Death of Livestock & Investments	-	-	By Grants (As Per Schedule - D)	-	13,06,702.00	13,06,702.00
To Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	By Income from other sources	-	-	-
To Depreciation	-	-	By Amount No Longer Payable written off	-	-	-
To Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds	-	-	By Transfer from Reserve - Earmarked Funds	-	-	-
To Expenditure on Objects of the Trust (As per Schedule F) a) Religious b) Educational c) Medical Relief d) Relief of Poverty e) Other Charitable Objects Casual Help	-	13,06,702.00	-	-	-	-
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet	-	49,822.35	-	-	-	-
Total	Rs.	13,58,550.00	Total	Rs.	13,58,550.00	Rs.

As per our report of even date
For P. M. Bavishi and Co.
Chartered Accountants
FRN 124937W

For KHOUJ



Bhavishya
TRUSTEE

P.M. Bavishi
Partner
M.No. 37538
Date:
Place: Mumbai

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

Name of the Public Trust : KHOJ (Consolidated)
Balance Sheet As At : 31st March 2019

SCHEDULE - VIII
(Vide Rule 17 (1))

Registration No : F-19762 (MUM)

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS		Rs.	Rs.
Trusts Funds or Corpus :-				Immovable Properties :-			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		16,50,000.00		Plot at Gaekhedda		1.00	
Add: Additions during the year		10,00,000.00		Building		6,02,940.00	
Add: Interest earned on Corpus Grant		26,50,000.00		Add: Additions during the year		6,02,941.00	
			26,50,000.00	Less: Depreciation upto date		3,55,687.00	2,47,254.00
Other Earmarked Funds :-				Movable Properties :-			
(created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income)				Balance as per last Balance Sheet (As Per Schedule - B)		4,31,151.00	
Reserve Fund		5,00,000.00		Additions during the year			4,31,151.00
Fund For Car		1,85,000.00		Investments :-			
Staff Bonus Fund			6,85,000.00	Bank Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India			30,00,000.00
Loans (Secured or Unsecured) :-				Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good/doubtful			
From Trustees				Loans Scholarships		1,69,888.47	1,69,888.47
From Others (Unconfirmed)				Other Loans			
Current Liability:				Current Assets:			
For Professional Tax		5,265.00		Sundry Debtors:			
For Kitchen		17,800.00		Grant Receivables			
Unspent Grant Balance (As Per Schedule - A)		52,72,913.65		+ Income Outstanding :-			
Other Advance		90,397.73	53,86,376.38	Rent			
Income and Expenditure Account :-				Interest			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet				Other Income -			
Add: Appropriation, if any				Income Tax Deducted at Source (A.Y. 2018-19)		19,230.00	19,230.00
Add: Surplus as per Income and Expenditure Account				Cash and Bank Balances :-			
Less: Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account				a) In Saving / Current Account with (As Per Schedule - D)		44,59,085.34	
Balance taken as per Contra				b) In Fixed Deposit with			
				c) With the Trustees			
				d) With the Manager			
				e) TDS Imprest Account			44,59,085.34
Income and Expenditure Account :-				Income and Expenditure Account :-			
Balance as per Balance Sheet		(4,79,721.89)		Balance as per Balance Sheet			
Add: Appropriation, if any		(1,17,083.00)		Add: Appropriation, if any			
Less: Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account				Add: Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account			
Add: Surplus as per Income and Expenditure Account				Less: Surplus as per Income and Expenditure Account			
Balance taken as per Contra				Balance taken as per Contra			
Total Rs...		2,02,037.32	(3,94,767.57)	Total Rs.....			
							83,26,608.81

The above Balance Sheet to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and Assets of the Trust.

[Signature]
TRUSTEE

Total Rs. Dated at Mumbai.



Partner
M.No. 37558

Dated at 13th April 2019 Mumbai.

The Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950

Name of the Public Trust : KHOJ Consolidated

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended : 31st March 2019

SCHEDULE - IX
(VIDE Rule 17 (1))

Registration No. F-19762 (MUM)

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME		Rs.	Rs.
			By Rent (Accrued) (Realised)	By Interest (Accrued) (Realised)		
To Expenditure in respect of properties :- Rates, Taxes, Cesses Repairs and maintenance Salaries Insurance Depreciation on Buildings Other Expenses	27,473.00	27,473.00			57,354.74 1,06,202.00	1,63,556.74
To Establishment Expenses - (As per Schedule - E)						
To Remuneration (in the case of a math) to the head of the math including his household expenditure, if any						7,429.71
To Legal and Professional Fees						42,400.00
To Audit Fees						1,19,300.00
To Contribution and Fees						
To Amount written off : a) Bad Debts b) Loan Scholarship c) Irrecoverable Rents d) Other Items - On Account of Death of Livestock & Investments						4,27,138.00
To Miscellaneous Expenses						92,50,469.50
To Depreciation						
To Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds						
To Expenditure on Objects of the Trust- (As per schedule F)						
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet						
Total Rs.		1,00,10,293.95	Total Rs.			1,00,10,293.95

As per our report of even date
For P.M. Bavishi & Co
Chartered Accountants
FRN : 124997W



Dated at 13th April 2019 Mumbai,

Partner
M.No. 37558

Dated at Mumbai,

[Signature]
TRUSTEE

List of Trustees

Sr No	Name & Contact Nos.	Name of father	Gender	Nationality	Occupation	Office held in the association	Relationship with office bearers, if any	Address
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