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Every rupee accounted for,
counting every smile as a bonus !





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स्वार्था पलीकडे जाऊन,
आपल्या मगदुरा नुसार कुणा साठी
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समाजाचा भाग म्हणून ,
वैयक्तिक जबाबदारी म्हणून
कांही समस्यांना भीडण्याचा प्रयत्न करतोय.
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सारेच आहेत...नामधारी....
नावं कुणा कुणाची ल्याहयची ?
उज्वल, मकरंद, राजीव, शुभा,
इंद्रजित, गणेश, राजा, श्याम, हरिष....
असंख्य कार्यकर्ते !
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आनंदाची गोष्ट... दिडकीची अपेक्षा नाही.
आणि समाज सतत सोबत आहे.
सार दिलं समाजानं...
अन्न धान्याची मदत,
पैशाची मदत,
सर्वात महत्वाचे म्हणजे
विश्वास आणि प्रेम.
या मुळेच
माझ वय पंचवीस वरच थांबलय...
हे काम थांबणार नाही...
आम्ही असू, नसू...!
धन्यवाद!



OUR VISION

To build a nation with equality of opportunity for farmers.

OUR MISSION

To build a sustainable and progressive society by facilitating development of rural areas, with the farmers problems at the core; so that they lead respectful and dignified lives.

OUR APPROACH

Provide immediate financial and moral support to the needy farming community.



Leverage on community support, a volunteer base, NGO partners and the Govt. network.



Appreciate traditional / local / farmers knowledge.



Creating a ripple effect for these initiatives.



ABOUT NAAM FOUNDATION

A helping hand, for hands that feed the nation

Rapid degeneration of villages in the wake of droughts, increasing farmer suicides, and constant water crisis, has been a cause for concern in recent years. Nearly 82% of Maharashtra state falls within the rain-fed sector, while 52% of the area is drought-prone due to uncertain, insufficient and irregular rainfall. This adversely affects agriculture, leading to an increasing number of farmers committing suicide, year after year.

During the severe drought of 2015, the State of Maharashtra witnessed 3,000 farmer suicides. This was a very tragic moment, as the farmers had lost their crops, the only source of livelihood for themselves and their families, and were unable to repay their debts. Several women who had lost their husbands, were left with no support.

These tragic events and the agony of the farmers in the media, stirred Nana Patekar (Nanaji). This triggered him and his friend Makarand Anaspure to do something for the well-being of the farmer's families.

Thus 'Naam Foundation' was born.

In September 2015, Naam Foundation was formally established with the aim of helping the widows of farmers who committed suicide due to crop failure, and related reasons.

Naam Foundation aims to facilitate development in deprived villages, and improve the quality of life for the people groups it supports.

A Transformational Shift

While the financial support provided to farmers gives them immediate relief and moral support, it is not a sustainable solution for dealing with their problem.

At the source of the issue is the water crisis, which if not dealt with, no permanent solution can be achieved. While insufficient and irregular rainfall is a reason for drought, it's not the only reason. Lack of a green cover, water conservation methods, imbalanced use of stored and ground water, cultivation of water intensive crops, silt deposition in dams, poor maintenance of existing canals and abandoned new projects, also contribute to the water crisis.

Naam Foundation initiated massive interventions in water conservation, to reduce the issue of water scarcity in the drought-hit villages of Maharashtra.

Naam Foundation is completely aligned with and contributing to the UN's sustainable development goals of 'No Hunger' and 'Clean Water and Sanitation' through various interventions.





THEMATIC FOCUS

Naam Foundation works towards the upliftment of marginalised farming communities through four key intervention areas:

Water conservation

- Widening and excavation of water bodies
- Enhancing the water storage capacity and ground water recharge

Support to suicide-affected families

- Financial and moral support to these families
- Supporting farmer's widows with small enterprise set ups

Livelihood support

- Innovative farming
- Small enterprise set ups

Disaster relief

- Immediate response to floods and drought-affected communities
- Support for farm animal feed during droughts

PROGRESS UPDATES

APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019

WATER CONSERVATION

Water is key to food security. Ensuring its availability and proper use is crucial to reform the farming sector.

Maharashtra is the second largest Indian state, in area as well as in population; yet it has very limited assured irrigation capacity and around 84% of its agricultural land is rainfed. Besides this, the soil is of poor quality and degraded land consists of 42.50% of the total area. Around 159 Lakh hectares of area are drought-prone.

Naam Foundation has taken on the enormous task of water conservation across Maharashtra, by finding long-term solutions to mitigate the effects of droughts. Using heavy machinery, Naam Foundation has excavated and widened existing rivers and *nalas* to improve their storage capacity which had hitherto reduced.

This indirect method to increase underground and well water levels, has increased the capacity of the rivers and enhanced percolation; thereby recharging the groundwater table. Nearby villages therefore have sufficient water for irrigation throughout the year.

THE WAY WE WORK

Communities approach for support.
Naam identifies the need.

Verification and assessment
by Naam with experts.

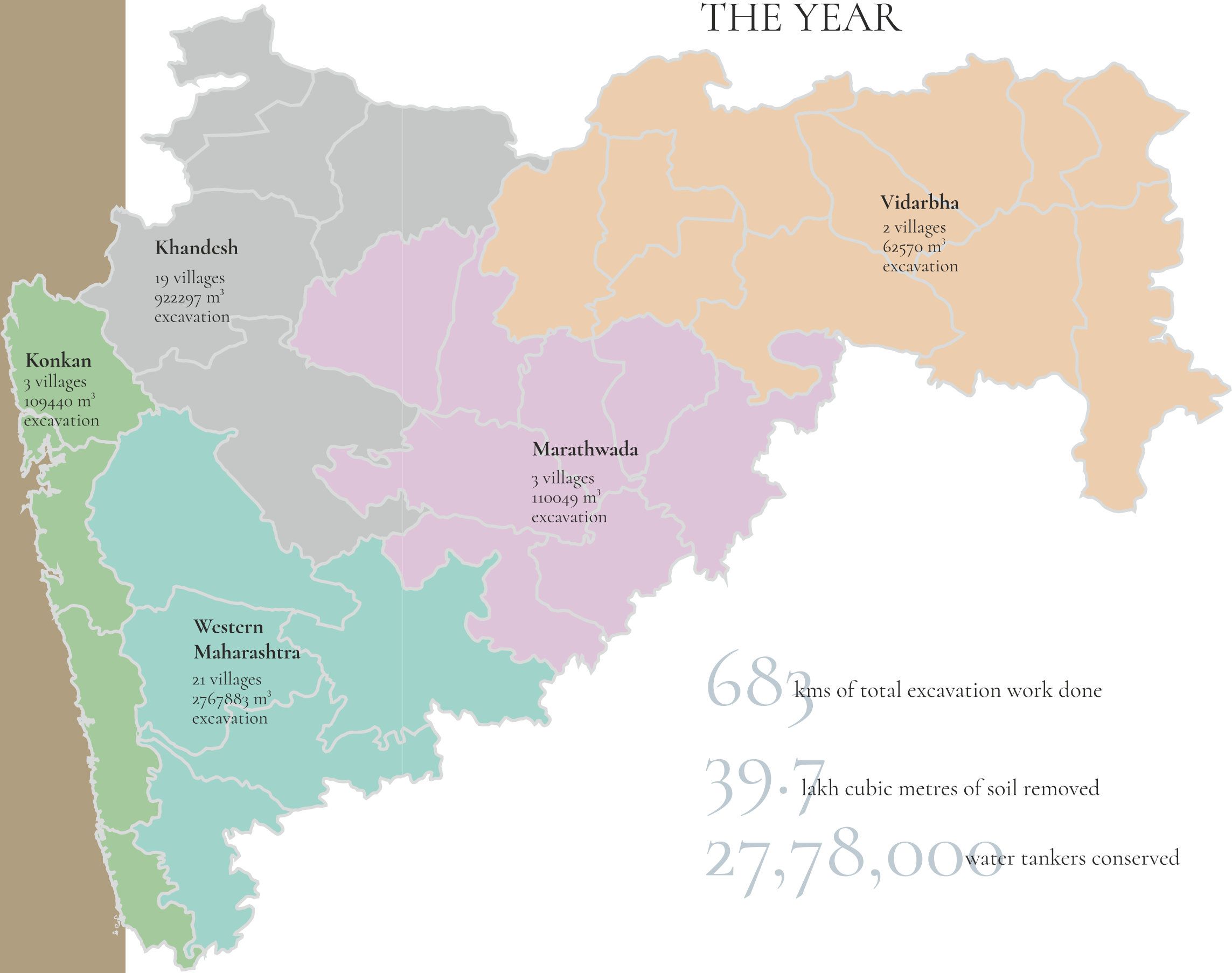
Discussion with community
for their contribution
and responsibility.

Gram Panchayat approval.

Initiative supervised by
Naam and community.

Hand over to the community.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR



MAJOR PROJECTS



Dham Project

The Dham river flowing through the Arvi Taluka of Maharashtra, caters to 50% of the population of Wardha city, which has a total population of 4.23 lakhs.

With time, the water storage capacity had reduced significantly due to siltation, resulting in the livelihood of the farmers nearby who were dependent on one crop, being affected.

After the assessment, it was decided to desilt up to 27 kms of the river, which would enable an approximate land area of 300 hectares to be brought under cultivation.

By the end of the year, work over 18 kms was completed enabling eight villages, viz. Kanchur, Morangna, Kharngna, Takkarkheda, Savadh, Kamthi, Khairi, Seva and Anji get water for irrigation. The plan is to complete the work in the subsequent year.

Key Impact

- 300 hectares of land brought under irrigation
- 50% of Wardha city benefitted with drinking water
- 8 villages benefitted from recharge of 9 wells
- Shift from single to multiple crops
- Reduction of migration

Vithalganga / Bend Nala Rejuvenation Project

The Madha block of Solapur had faced severe droughts in 2013-14 and 2015-16. Surface water disappeared, as rivers, canals, ponds and nalas all dried up.

The Bend nala has a watershed area of approximately 20,000 hectares geographically, and a length of 34,700 mts, which touches 13 villages. On demand from the 13 villages in the catchment, Naam Foundation took the initiative for rejuvenating the watersheds of this area, and work was initiated in April 2018, on a total length of 34.7 kms.

Of the 22,000 mts of excavation, the first phase of 8,900 mts was successfully completed in a record 90 days, while the second phase of 13,100 mts was completed by end April 2019, in partnership with the community, local NGOs and the Zilla Parishad, Solapur.

Key Impact

- 13 villages with 5,455 families benefitted
- 400 cr litres of rainwater stored / harvested
- 63,000 hectares of land brought under irrigation



Khadakwasla project

Khadakwasla dam is amongst the major sources of water for Pune city and the District. Over the years, the capacity of the dam has reduced due to siltation. A study revealed that the dam could not arrest rain water in the catchment due to massive siltation.

The plan is to build 44 kms of road with the desilted earth on the periphery around dam, and plant 10,00,000 saplings on the sides of the road. In the span of 6 months, 22 kms of road work along the periphery was done. This project is aiming to be a role model for the country and the world.

Key Impact

- 0.2 TMC storage capacity of dam increased. Equivalent to 655.2 crore liters of water
- 3.5 lakh plantations with automated drip irrigation system installed to water the saplings
- Approach road for farmers constructed, thus enabling better transport and communication
- Farmers can lift water which will support 3 crops in year as against 1 crop
- Cost-effective work done in very short time



Jaynagar - A water conservation initiative

Jaynagar is a village in Shahada Taluka of Nandurbar. The village was facing a lot of water crisis since a small dam which was constructed 15 years ago was washed away. This dam supported the 5 villages namely Jaynagar, Borale, Dhandre, Nimbhora and Kodhawal. On request of the villages, Naam Foundation carried out desiltation of 1 dam and 2 nalas in a short duration of 5 months.

Key Impact

- 1,42,582 m³ excavation
- 1,120 hectares of land brought under irrigation
- 15,900 beneficiaries of 5 villages

Natal Project **An intervention which revived Community Farming**

Natal is a village in Kankavali Taluka of Sindhudurg. The village was facing a water crisis for 15 years, since the river had dried up and a lot of silt had deposited, prohibiting the water to store; and hence not allowing the ground water to recharge, increasing the water scarcity in the 13 hamlets in the vicinity. Community farming which was a traditional activity earlier, had stopped due to lack of water.



Key Impact

- 12.5 kms excavation completed
- 5,000 beneficiaries across 13 wadis or hamlets
- This has led to the recharge of the wells and revival of community farming among villagers

Support to **Suicide-affected Families**

The year 2018-19 has been very challenging for farmers in the state, with 42% of the Talukas in Maharashtra facing a severe drought. The crisis has impacted almost 60% of farmers and destroyed large tracts of crops.

The most affected during such disasters are the women, whose vulnerability increases with husbands committing suicide due to crop failure and increasing debt; and are left with no survival avenues.

Naam Foundation provides financial support to these women as immediate relief, and believes in providing moral support to these shattered families during such low moments.

For sustainable support, some livelihood interventions are also initiated to help break the cycle of poverty.



LIVELIHOOD

Support to Farmer's Widows



This year farmer suicides were more rampant in Marathwada / Vidarbha, with the highest numbers in Vidarbha. To support these widowed women, Naam Foundation provided financial support of Rs.15,000/- as immediate relief, and initiated livelihood interventions to help them break the cycle of poverty and have additional income besides agriculture.

During the year, Naam Foundation provided financial aid of Rs.15,000/- each to 247 widows of farmers as temporary relief from 18 Districts across the Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra and Khandesh regions of Maharashtra.

Naam Foundation also endeavours to empower these women with sustainable sources of income through livelihood initiatives like sewing, goat rearing, floor mill operations, etc.

“My father committed suicide as he was troubled by crop failure due to drought. My mother works at the highway toll naka and earns around Rs.2,500/- per month. With her meagre income, it's difficult for my mother to manage the family. I secured 85% in 12th standard and I have one younger brother. My mother wanted to send me for engineering but had no support. Naam Foundation supported us with Rs.15,000/- after my father's demise and they helped me to take admission in MGM college in Aurangabad. Now I am in the 3rd semester.”

- Pranjali Narayanrao Bhende, 19 years, Hinganghat, Wardha.

247 beneficiaries

across Khandesh, Western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha



Sheela, now a confident entrepreneur

“My husband committed suicide as he was unable to repay the loan, and was left with hardly any source of livelihood. I live with my two children in a small village in Latur.

Naam Foundation came forward and supported me financially to buy a sewing machine for starting a tailoring business. As my earnings improved, I gradually added more sewing machines and started training two other women. With support from Naam Foundation, I started getting orders from nearby Talukas and villages.

Today I earn around Rs.25,000 - Rs.30,000 per month. Both my children are continuing higher education. I thank Naam Foundation for the support they provided me during the critical phase of my life, and for helping me live with dignity in society.”

~ Sheela Suryavanshi, Latur District



Kakasaheb Kardile from Paithan, Aurangabad, gains confidence in innovative farming

Innovative farming initiatives

To enhance livelihood opportunities for farmers, Naam Foundation emphasises alternate livelihood options, innovative farming and establishing enterprises for farming communities. In addition to ensuring they are financially supported, Naam Foundation also provides market avenues for sale of products.

Tulsi Farming - in collaboration with Himalaya Drug Company

Naam Foundation collaborated with Himalaya Drug Company, for empowering farmers in Maharashtra through contract farming of medicinal and herbal plants. Fifteen farmers from Aurangabad district cultivated Tulsi in their farms as a pilot project. The farmers were appropriately trained on land preparation, cultivation, harvesting and packaging. They were also provided with seeds, packing material and transport vehicles.

The concept was tried out on half of their land area, while the rest was used for growing cereals. A total of 10 acres of land was brought under Tulsi cultivation during the pilot.

The first yield provided an income in the range of Rs.15,440/- to Rs.31,960/- within a span of three months. Many other farmers who witnessed the pilot are now interested in taking this forward next year.

Key Achievements

- 13 farmers cultivated Tulsi on their farms through innovative methods
- Rs.90,000/- increase in income level amongst farmers
- Improved standard of living for farmers

Disaster Relief

Drought leaves farm animals vulnerable, due to lack of sufficient water and fodder. Naam Foundation supports farmers with fodder when they are unable to meet their fodder needs. Many of the farmers are bound to sell their cattle at half the price, when they are not able to manage them during this period.

Due to drought, drying greenery and water scarcity, farmers could harvest only half the production in the Kharif season and were unable to sow in the Rabi season. Farmers in the region use the remaining part of millet and maize as animal fodder. But falling production had left drought-hit farmers and livestock vulnerable.

Naam Foundation came forward and arranged to collect the surplus fodder from Western Maharashtra, and transported it to the Beed, Ahmednagar and Aurangabad Districts of Marathwada, to save farm animals.



OTHER INITIATIVES

Algarwadi, Adarsh Gaon

Algarwadi village, Chakur Taluka was awarded the 1st prize in the Marathwada region 'Zilha Smart Gram Purshkar,' under the Gram Swachhta Abhiyan by the Govt. The village had a vision to make it an 'Adarsh Gaon,' and an example for other villages.

Various schemes were implemented by a strong village and youth committee, and SHG. While all these issues were taken care of, the village faced a water scarcity for many years and was struggling to find a solution.

Naam Foundation supported the village in strengthening and widening the small river, or nala. This desiltation activity helped the villagers to increase the water table and agricultural production. The farmers are now able to grow multiple crops, and there has been a decrease in migration levels amongst villagers.



A Helping Hand to Army Martyr's Families

Naam Foundation has been extending its help to army martyr's families through financial support, to acknowledge their contribution to the country. Six army martyr's families from Kolhapur, Parbhani, Buldhana, Aurangabad and Thane, were provided with Rs.2.5 lakh each.



Safe and Secure Shelters to Poor Families

Naam Foundation has constructed five houses for extremely needy families in Aurangabad, Jalna, Solapur and Pune. The concept behind this initiative was to provide safe and secure shelters to families suffering as a consequence of social issues, diseases due to the harsh weather conditions, and lack of proper medical care.



Linkages with Educational Institutions

While working with the youth, Naam Foundation realised that many young people, particularly those from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds, struggle to find stable employment because they lack finances for fees, guidance and inroads into higher education colleges. Naam Foundation has partnered with two educational institutes offering higher education across Maharashtra.



Building Schools

Naam Foundation supported the construction of one floor in the Zilla Parishad school in Aachara village, Konkan region. The 5,000 sq. ft. construction accommodates six classrooms. This will help children have separate classrooms for each standard and enable a better learning atmosphere.



Mass Marriages

A very common reason for farmer suicides is the difficulty in repaying loans taken for their daughter's marriages.

A solution to reduce this debt is mass marriages organised by several institutions, wherein Naam Foundation provided financial support. In 2018-19, 32 marriages were supported by Naam Foundation.



Shetkari Swayamsevak Prashikshan Karyashala

Successful farmers across Maharashtra shared their stories at an event organised on 13th January 2019, in Karad. Topics included organic farming, exports, goat farming and dairy management. The event was attended by 2,500 farmers across Maharashtra.



Youth Melava

A one-day Youth Melava was organised during January 2019 in Karad, to encourage and motivate youth towards agriculture. Information and knowledge about cultivation of dragon fruit, horticulture, bee keeping and goat farming, was shared by successful farmers and officers. The event was attended by 5,000 youth.



OUR PARTNERS IN CHANGE:



Dr. Ranjit Jagtap, Cardiologist

Oswal Builders

Symbiosis Society, Pune

Join us in our Journey

Help the hands that are feeding you. Many of the problems farmers face today can be alleviated or even resolved with concentrated, collaborative efforts.

For Corporates

Corporates can strengthen their CSR programs by partnering with our projects and making a positive impact on the agrarian sector at large.

Partner for a Project

Naam Foundation works with corporations to form impactful partnerships, that help farmers and their families thrive. Partner with us for supporting projects that further a specific cause.

Payroll Giving

A small amount deducted from an employee's salary on pay day, can be sent to "Naam Foundation" as a consolidated amount every month. Employees receive a payment summary at the end of the financial year, along with the tax exception certificate.

Employee Engagement

We value your time, services and expertise. Do visit us with your team, interact with our beneficiaries, and contribute your skills.

For Individuals

Your donation will help us reach out to many more farmers and support in providing water to them.

Volunteering with Us

You can contribute your quality time and specialised skill towards any program of your choice. Naam Foundation volunteers have been a constant support in all our communities and villages.

Internships

We offer you the space and opportunity to explore your potential and use your existing knowledge to bring about change in society, while you learn the ground realities of life.

Tax Benefits

Naam Foundation will issue a receipt for the total amount donated. Donations made to "Naam Foundation" are eligible for a 50% tax deduction, under section 80G of the Income Tax Act of 1961.


You can donate on our website www.naammh.org, through cheque or bank transfers into this account:

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*The farmer is never relaxed,
He carries his heart in his boots;
For either the rain is destroying his grain,
or the drought is destroying his roots.*