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Hill Agriculture and Rural Development Promotion Society (HARP)

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HARP: Growing with determination every year

The 'Hill Agriculture and Rural Development Promotion Society' (HARP) was founded on the 29th January, 2009. HARP is registered under the Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2006. The objectives of HARP are as follows:

- To support the efforts of different organisations involved in the promotion of agriculture, rural development, social welfare, environment, improved livelihood and skill development.
- To promote socio-economic development of different type of groups like farmers, women, rural poor and youths.
- To evaluate the impact of different public sector projects/schemes implemented by the government, both State as well as Central.
- To promote and support the Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and all other institutions of farmers like SHGs, JLGs, etc.
- To take up volunteer activities for rural poor in the areas of health, education, environment and general social initiatives.

Vision: To provide morally right and value driven solutions to our clients for the growth of agriculture and social development as well as for educational and economic empowerment of people in rural India.

Mission: To work with determination in order to provide sustainable livelihood to the rural poor and the underprivileged through participatory practices and by responsibly improving the development in agriculture, health, education and other skill sectors.

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From the Chairman Desk



It is my greatest privilege to announce that HARP has successfully completed fifteen years in January 2024 and it has now firmly established as an Institution. The credit goes to all members of HARP (past and present) and all my colleagues who have, with their earnest efforts, established the credibility of the organization. I express my unbounded gratitude to the entire HARP team.

The survival of a “No profit - No loss Society”, like ours, depends upon the continuous flow of funds that we receive after successful implementation of various types of developmental projects that are awarded to us by different organizations for the benefits of farmers. It gives me immense joy to say that HARP is now growing rapidly and is securing long term developmental projects from different organizations, thus directly contributing towards a positive social and economic change.

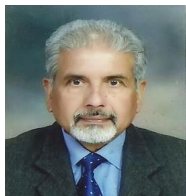
HARP is also one of the consultants of NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. (NABCONS), and other government agencies. The NABCONS is providing services in third party inspections/monitoring and evaluation of different programmes executed by the Government Departments.

HARP has been working with multiple government bodies & financial institutions like Department of Agriculture, Department of Rural Development, NABARD, HP State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), consulting institutions like NABCONS and many others like ICAR, IARI, etc. From the year 2020-21 HARP has been associated with the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (SJVN) and utilizing their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds on the affected families of hydropower projects in District Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh. The unique selling point (USP) of HARP is its experienced as well as dedicated and technically competent team, which differentiates us from various other NGO(s). It is a matter of pride for us that all the projects we have undertaken so far have been executed and completed with utmost precision and within stipulated time. I wish to end this note by saying that we have barely scratched the surface and we are absolutely geared up to continue our good work in the coming years.

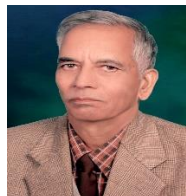
(DR. R. S. Ratan)

Our Team

The following were the members of HARP during the financial year 2023-24:



DR. R.S. Ratan
Chairman



DR. B.D. Sharma
Chief Advisor



Er. R.K. Sharma
Advisor



Dr. Harinder K. Thakur
Secretary



Ms. Indu Rattan
Treasurer



DR. H.R. Sharma
Executive Member



DR. P.L. Sharma
Executive Member



Ms. Vidya Chauhan
Executive Member



DR. G.S. Verma
Executive Member



Mr. Dinesh Chand
Executive Member

Meetings and announcements

- In the financial year 2023-24 one meeting of the General House (GH)-cum-Governing Board (GB) on 09/02/2024, and two meetings of GB were held 30/06/2023 and 30/09/2023.
- In the GH-cum-GB meeting, held on 09/02/2024, all the members of HARP were informed about the activities carried out by the members and the employees of the HARP during the year 2023-24. All members of the General House who were present in the meeting unanimously resolved that the performance of HARP during the year remained good.

- The members of the GH were also informed about the newly received programme of JLG (Joint Liability Group) for Lahaul Valley from NABARD under which 32 JLGs have been formed out envisaged 50 JLGs.
- In the GB meeting held on 30-06-2023 all the members of GB were informed by the Chairman that the HARP has not received any project so far despite our earnest efforts for preparing the TDF Project for Keylong, District Lahaul & Spiti. He requested all the active members of HARP that they can also suggest any area/field on which the project can be prepared.
- In the GB meeting held on 30/09/2023, the Chairman HARP, informed the members that HARP has received a new project namely “Formation of Joint Liability Group (JLG) in Lahaul Valley of District Lahaul & Spiti (HP) under which 50 JLGs are to be formed in Lahaul Valley. Though the size of the project is very small, yet it is an important programme for the livelihood of rural women folks of tribal area of HP, therefore, the society (HARP) will have to work on this programme earnestly show the results to the funding agency.

Overview of year 2023-24

During the year 2023-24, HARP worked on multiple government and public sector projects, and various voluntary initiatives/activities in Himachal Pradesh, which are narrated as below:

1. Integrated Tribal Development Programme

The programme is being implemented in Bari and Tranda panchayats of District Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh funded by NABARD under the Tribal Development Fund (TDF) and SJVN under CSR funds since the year 2020-21. The total size of the project is Rs. 537.71 lakh and total period of the project is 6 years. This is the only TDF project of NABARD in which a company like SJVN has participated with NABARD in converging its CSR funds.

Under TDF programme there are three main components namely:

- Horticulture Development – Under this component apple plant sapling has been planted in the field of 244 farmers.
- Water Resource Development (WRD) – WRD by constructing water tanks and connecting these tanks with HDPE pipes and further distributing the water to the plants through drip irrigation.
- Capacity Building of Farmers - By educating the farmers through various trainings in management of apple orchards.

Total size of the TDF programme is Rs. 537.71 lakh; out of which Rs. 165.72 lakh is grant of NABARD, Rs. 222.33 lakh is the CSR fund of SJVN and Rs. 149.67 lakh is the contribution of participating farming families. During the year 2023-24 following activities under this project has been carried out:

a) Water Resource Development (WRD)

Under irrigation scheme Tegkhatlang at Vikasnagar, the remaining incomplete work of HDPE pipe laying was completed during the year. Now only some minor works/finishing works are left to be completed in all the irrigation schemes. Thus under WRD component of the project all 11 irrigation schemes have been completed.

b) Skill development training in the area of training, pruning and cuttings of apple plants

The skill of the farmers of project was developed/improved in the area of cutting pruning and training of the apple plants by organizing a training programme at three venues during the month of January 2024. The date venue and number of participants are given in table 1.

Table 1. Skill development training in pruning of apple fruit plant

Sr. No.	Date	Venue	Village from which the farmers participated	Total No. of participants
1	05-01-2024	Kafour	Wadi farmers of Village Shilani, Kafour ,Nigulsari, Chhonda, Nanspo & Tranda	45
2	07-01-2024	Bari	Wadi farmers of Village Bari & Vikasnagar	17
3	08-01-2024	Chaura	Wadi farmers of Village Chaura	15

DR. GS Verma (Rtd. Deputy Director Horticulture) and member of the society (HARP) was the resource person who imparted the training as well as demonstrated the methods of training and pruning of apple fruit plants to the participants. This was a skill development programme, therefore, the training and demonstration were given in the field. This programme will be repeated every year so that all the farmers are skilled in carrying out the pruning and training of apple trees growing in their fields.



Figure 1. Skill development training in training and pruning of apple plants.

c) Farmers Exposure Visits

Since the wadi farmers of the project are not so skilled in the maintenance of an apple orchard, therefore, a few farmers of the project area were sent on an exposure visit (25th January 2024) to the orchard of a progressive farmer of District Shimla who is adopting best practices of apple orchard maintenance. The farmers were taken to the orchard of Mr. Suresh (Dimpal Panjata) of village Baral, Tehsil Rohru, District Shimla, HP. Shri Sandeep Kumar (Project Coordinator), Ajay (Field Coordinator), and Hemant (Field Coordinator) accompanied the participating farmers. Total 42 wadi farmers visited the orchard of Mr. Panjata and got exposure in the best orchard maintenance practices.



Figure 2. Exposure visit of farmers held at the orchard of a progressive orchardist at Village Baral, Tehsil Rohru, District Shimla, District Shimla.

d) Technical Support of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)

In order to technically monitor the wadis of farmers of Bari and Tranda Gram Panchayats, DR. Arun Negi, Scientist KVK Sharbo, Reckong Peo, District Kinnaur, randomly, visited the wadis of farmers of Chaura, Thach, Kafour and Bari on 20-07-2023 and 28-07-2023. The main objective of this visit was to inspect the wadis of farmers of the project area, discuss problems, farmers are facing in the maintenance of their wadis and insect pest attack, etc. The scientist gave solutions of their problems in situ. Shri Sandeep Kumar Project Coordinator and his Field Coordinators also accompanied the scientist.



Figure 3. Scientists of KVK Sharbo, District Kinnaur giving on the spot technical advice to the Wadi farmers of the project area.

e) Training on Woman & Child Nutrition Management

Four training programmes on woman & child nutrition management were organized at Bari, Tranda and Chaura Gram Panchayats, in which total 223 women, representing all villages of the project area actively participated. The objectives of these trainings were to make aware the farm women about different issues concerning to the health of women and children and to train these women about women and child nutrition management. During this training programme the farm women were also made aware about different micro-enterprises which they can start in small groups like JLGs & SHGs.

Table 2. Detail of trainings on Woman & Child Nutrition Management.

Sr. No.	Date	Venue	Village from which the farm women participated	Total No. of participants
1	25-04-2023	Bari	Bari & Vikasnagar	39
2	26-04-2023	Kafour	Kafour, Shilani, Chaura & Chhonda	54
3	27-06-2023	Bari	Bari & Vikasnagar	90
4	28-06-2023	Nigulsari	Nigulsari, Nanspo, Tranda, Kafour, Thach, Chaura & Chhonda	40



Figure 4. Training on woman and child nutrition management.

f) Distribution of Inputs for cultivation of Off-Season Vegetables

In order to support the 0.5 acre wadi farmers, for raising off season vegetables inputs like vegetable seeds, organic manures, pesticides, plastic crates & kilta (basket) were distributed on the dates given in table 3.

Sr. No.	Date(s)	Venue	Village from which the farmers participated	Total No. of participants
1	1 st to 4 th December 2023	Nigulsari & Kafour	Nigulsari, Chhonda, Tranda, Nanspo, Thach, Kafour, Shilani & Chaura	95
2	7 th December 2023	Bari	Bari & Vikasnagar	80



Figure 5. Distribution of inputs for the cultivation of off-session vegetable.

g) Distribution of Plant (apple) Protection material

Sr. No.	Date(s)	Venue	Village from which the farmers participated	Total No. of participants
1	1,2,4,12-2023	Village Nigulsari & Kafour	Nigulsari, Chhonda, Tranda, Nanspo, Thach, Kafour, Shilani & Chaura	124
2	07-12-2023	Village Bari	Bari & Vikasnagar	120



Figure 6. Distribution of inputs of plant (apple) protection material to the Wadi farmers.

h) Monitoring of Project

For monitoring the implementation of project different tools have been adopted like sending quarterly/annual progress report, review meetings, visits of DDM and other senior officers of the NABARD etc.

i) Project Monitoring and Implementation Committee (PMIC) meetings

For monitoring the project implementation, a project implementation and inspection committee has been constituted in which the members of village planning committee (VPC), members of project tribal development committee, project implementation agency are the members. The progress made under the project and other project implementation issues are being discussed and reviewed in the PMIC meetings. During the year 2023-2024 one PMIC meeting on 19th January 2024 was held in which the officers from NABARD & SJVN, representatives of PIA and members of PTDC and VPCs were present.



Figure 7. Project Monitoring and Implementation Committee (PMIC) meetings held on 19/01/2024.

2. Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

a) Training of BODs and CEOs

A capacity building training of BODs and CEO of the FPO – Bari Fruit & Vegetable Grower cum Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd. VPO Bari, Teh. Nichar, District Kinnaur was organized by HARP from 27th to 29th September 2023 at Agriculture Co-operative Staff Training Institute (ACSTI), Sangti, Summer Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Total 6 participants (CEO & BODs) actively participated in this training programme.



Figure 8. Participants of Capacity Building Training Programme organised for BODs and CEO of the FPO - Bari Fruit & Vegetable Grower cum Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd. at ACSTI, Shimla.

3. Joint Liability Groups Programme in Lahaul Valley

A Programme on Promotion and Credit Linkages of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) in Lahaul Valley of District Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh from NABARD vide their letter No. NABARD/RB(HP)/533/MCID(JLG)/2022-23 on dated 10th July 2023 for Rs. 2.00 Lakh was received. The implementation of this programme was started on 9th Oct. 2023. First of all the stakeholders were made aware/sensitized about the programme w.e.f. 09-13 Oct. 2023 through holding eleven awareness camps. Thereafter, 32 joint liability groups were formed and organized.



Figure 9. Meeting with the representative of Mahila Mandal & SHGs of Jobrang Gram Panchayat, Lahaul Valley, District Lahaul & Spiti.

Another meetings with these 32 JLGs were held with w.e.f. 06-09 Nov. 2023 in which the trade/avocation these groups wanted to start, were discussed.



Figure 10. Meeting with the representative of Mahila Mandal & SHGs of Jahalma Gram Panchayat, Lahaul Valley, District Lahaul & Spiti

Media Reports

During the year 2023-24, the print and electronic media also highlighted the activities carried out by HARP. A few clippings of news which appeared in different newspapers and media channels are given as below:

चौरा गांव में महिलाओं को पोषाहार पर किया जागरूक



चौरा में महिला एवं बाल पोषाहार प्रबंधन शिविर में मौजूद तीन पंचायतों की महिलाएं। -संवाद

भावानगर (किन्नौर)। नाबार्ड एवं एसजेवीएन के सौजन्य से हार्फ संस्था ने चौरा में महिला एवं बाल पोषाहार प्रबंधन शिविर का आयोजन किया। इसका शुभारंभ नाथपा झाकड़ी परियोजना के प्रमुख आरसी नेगी ने किया।

शिविर में महिलाओं को स्वस्थ एवं पोषाहार से जुड़ी विभिन्न लाभकारी जानकारी दी। शिविर में तीन पंचायतों बरी, तरंडा और चौरा की महिलाओं ने हिस्सा लिया। नाथपा झाकड़ी परियोजना प्रमुख

आरसी नेगी ने बताया कि ऐसे शिविरों के आयोजन से ग्रामीण महिलाओं को विभिन्न स्वास्थ्य एवं पोषाहार से जुड़ी जानकारियां मिलती हैं। इस दौरान स्वास्थ्य विभाग के चिकित्सकों और हार्फ संस्था के डॉ. आरएस रतन ने उपस्थित महिलाओं को विभिन्न जानकारी दी। डॉ. आरएस रतन ने बताया कि महिला एवं बाल न्यूट्रिशन प्रबंधन के बारे में शिविर लगाकर महिलाओं को जागरूक किया गया। संवाद



नाबार्ड व एसजेवीएन के सौजन्य से हार्फ ने लगाया चौरा में शिविर

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नबार्ड व एसजेवीएन के सौजन्य से हार्फे संस्था द्वारा नौरा में संस्थागत गण्ड महिला एवं बाल पोषण कार्यक्रम शिविर। शिविर का विभिन्न उद्घाटन किया गया। इसका डी पी प्रोबन्धन प्रमुख आरती नेगी ने। शिविर के दौरान महिलाओं को संस्था एवं पोषण से जुड़ी विभिन्न समस्याओं का जानकारी दी गई। शिविर में तीन पंचायत की महिलाओं ने हिस्सा लिया। नबार्ड और एसजेवीएन के सौजन्य से लगभग 100 संस्थागत गण्ड। इस एक दिवसीय शिविर में महिला एवं बाल पोषण प्रबंधन की जानकारी दी गई। शिविर का उद्घाटन नारपा इसका डी पी प्रोबन्धन प्रमुख आरती नेगी ने किया। इस शिविर में बाल, संतान और नौरा पंचायत की महिलाओं ने हिस्सा लिया। इस दौरान नारपा इसका डी पी प्रोबन्धन प्रमुख आरती नेगी ने बताया कि ऐसे शिविरों के आयोजन से ग्रामीण महिलाओं को विभिन्न समस्याएं एवं पोषण से जुड़ी जानकारी मिलती है। इससे ग्रामीण महिलाओं को लाभ होगा। इस दौरान सार्वजनिक स्थलों के भित्तियों पर हार्फे संस्था के डॉक्टर और एवं सदन ने उपस्थित महिलाओं को विभिन्न जानकारी दी और कहा कि उनका प्रयास है कि ऐसे शिविरों के माध्यम से ग्रामीण महिलाओं को सार्वजनिक पोषण से जुड़ी जानकारी मिल सके।

शिविर डॉक्टर और एवं सदन ने बताया महिला एवं बाल न्यूट्रिशन प्रबंधन के बारे में अब शिविर लगाकर महिलाओं को जागरूक किया गया। उन्होंने बताया कि अक्सर देखा गया है की दूर दराज की महिलाओं को सार्वजनिक संबंधी स्टिक जानकारी नहीं होती है, ऐसे में शिविर के माध्यम से उन्हें जागरूक किया गया। उन्होंने बताया गया की सार्वजनिक स्थलों के लिए जागरूकता फैला दी।

नौरा गांव की किरण ने बताया कि आज यहां पर एक शिविर लगाया गया है। जिसमें बाल, संतान और नौरा की महिलाओं ने हिस्सा लिया। इस दौरान बाल पोषण व महिला सन्तान के बारे में बताया गया। उन्होंने बताया की महिलाओं को यह बताया गया की खान पान कैसा हो। बच्चों की परवरिश कैसे हो। शिविर में महिलाओं को कई नए नए जानकारी मिली।

नौरा की लड़ने वाली बेहता प्रभ ने बताया शिविर के दौरान उन्हें कई तरह के सार्वजनिक से जुड़ी जानकारी दी गई। उन्होंने बताया कि घर में महिला शिक्षित होगी वह संतान पर विचारित होत है। उन्होंने कहा शिविर में उन्हें बताया गया की किस तरह का आहार लेना चाहिए महिलाएं लड़के महिलाएं क्या करने सार्वजनिक हो। इसके साथ साथ न्यूट्रिशन की उच्च कक्षा होगी महिलाएं यह सब लगी बाते बताई गई।

Financials

Balance Sheet of HARP for the year ended 31/03/2024

Liabilities	Amount (Rs.)		Assets	Amount (Rs.)	
Capital Account		4565610.33	Fixed Assets		253104.00
Capital A/c	505133.69		COMPUTERS/LAPTOP	17045.00	
General Fund A/c	4060476.64		FURNITURE A/C	53583.00	
			Plant & Machinery	92886.00	
Loans (Liability)		0	Projectors	53465.00	
Current Liabilities		218859.05	Camera	36125.00	
Duties & Taxes	0				
Provisions	0				
Sundry Creditors	159259.05		Current Assets		4532171.38
Audit Fee Payable	35600		Loans & Advances (Asset)	281350	
Accounts Charges Payable	24000		Bank Accounts	4248421.38	
TDS Payable	0		TDF-1	-20000.00	
			TDS	22400.00	
Branch / Divisions		344306	Branch / Divisions		343500.00
TDF 1 Management	28000		SJVNL TDF II-M	250000.00	
TDF Works	29500		General Ac	29500.00	
SJVN TDF II (Works)	250000		TDF Management Branch	64000.00	
General Ac Ok	-27194				
TDF W	64000				
Total		5128775.38	Total		5128775.38

Income and Expenditure A/C of HARP for the year ended 31/03/2024

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)		Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	
Indirect Expenses		6142993.57	Indirect Incomes		6142993.57
Accounts Charges	44000.00		Interest Received	176767	
Administrative Expenses	14114.00		Membership Fee	2000	
Audit Charges	12500.00		Grant From NABARD	897132	
Audit Fee	22000.00		Farmers Contribution		
Bank Charges	1068.72		Off Season Vegetable	44500	
BSNL Fiber (Internet)	2950.00		Farmers Contribution		
Depreciation A/c	36878.00		Plant Protection	208995	
Farmers Exposure Visit	30000.00		Grant From SJVN	1638000	
Godown Rent	44000.00		Excess of Expenditure	3175599.5	
Honorarium Consultant Horticulture	432999.00		over Income	7	
Honorarium POPI	176544.00				
Horticulture Development	3500159.05				
Interest Refund (NABARD)	69041.00				
Internal & External Monitoring	53289.00				
Joint Liability Group	26187.00				
Mobilization of FPO	4480.00				
Office Expenses	128643.00				
Office Rent	10500.00				
Preparation of watershed DPR	67325.00				
Preparation of PRC of TDF 1	10000.00				
Printing & Stationary Expenses	450.00				
Project Office Rent	65000.00				
Promotion of JLG	5150.00				
Salary Expenses	12500.00				
Salary Field Coordinator	295999.00				
Salary Project Co-Ordinator	260000.00				
TDF Proposal Survey	8671.00				
Technical Support of KVK Scientists	6330.00				
Training Material-PA System Etc.	137.80				
Training of BOD	46346.00				
Training of CEO	2200.00				
Training on women & Child Nutrition	22948.00				
Management					
Transportation Charges	5500.00				
Travelling Expenses	2500.00				
Wadi Related Trainings	16184.00				
Water Resource Development	706400.00				
Total		6142993.57	Total		6142993.57