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PLAN FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FOR THE DIRECTOR

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It is my privilege to present the annual report of PLAN Foundation, highlighting our achievements and endeavors during the year 2022-23. This year brought its own set of challenges as we worked towards recovering from the global disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These times required us to rethink strategies, enhance our resilience, and expand our focus on sustainable community development.

Despite the obstacles, we remained unwavering in our mission to create a meaningful impact in the communities we serve. This year, we intensified our efforts to rebuild and expand our programs, emphasizing innovation and inclusivity.

One of our key initiatives during 2022-23 was the Targeted Intervention Project in Jalandhar, which continued to address the pressing issue of HIV/AIDS among the migrant population. Over the course of the year, we provided essential HIV prevention and care services to approximately 12,000 migrants, offering health education, testing, and treatment support.

In addition, we conducted social impact studies under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement (LARR) framework. These studies served as critical tools for evaluating and mitigating the social implications of infrastructure development projects, ensuring equitable outcomes for affected communities.

The year 2022-23 reaffirmed our belief in the power of collaboration. Our progress would not have been possible without the dedication of our team, the unwavering support of our partners, and the generosity of our donors. Together, we navigated challenges and harnessed opportunities to create a stronger impact.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, we will strive to transform lives and build a brighter future.

With gratitude,

Mangat Ram Chauhan

Executive Director

About us

PLAN Foundation was established by a group of individuals deeply committed to uplifting underprivileged communities and addressing the physical, mental, and social well-being of individuals and society. Their shared vision of empowering marginalized populations led to the creation of this non-profit, non-religious, and non-sectarian voluntary organization, registered at the state level and actively linked with grassroots organizations and community health programs across Himachal Pradesh.

The foundation plays a crucial role in community health and development, supporting grassroots organizations in planning, implementing, and evaluating their programs. By serving as a liaison between local non-profits, the state and national governments, and international agencies, PLAN Foundation ensures that community-based initiatives receive the necessary support and resources. The organization is firmly committed to promoting social justice in the equitable distribution of healthcare services throughout Himachal Pradesh.

Vision and Key Objectives

PLAN Foundation's core mission is to improve the lives of underprivileged individuals, particularly women and children residing in rural and tribal Himalayan regions. Over the years, the organization has focused on holistic healthcare services, human resource development, youth engagement, and community mobilization. It also envisions creating safe spaces for destitute and orphaned children, providing them with protection and care.

To achieve its objectives, PLAN Foundation engages in:

- **Advocacy and Policy Research** – Driving social change through campaigns, policy research, and media engagement.
- **Capacity Building & Training** – Conducting need-based training programs for community development.
- **Health Education & Awareness** – Producing and distributing innovative health education materials.
- **Resource Mobilization & Networking** – Collaborating with national and international partners to secure funding and technical support.
- **Environmental and Occupational Health** – Promoting sustainable agriculture, traditional medicine (AYUSH), and assessing the risks of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and insecticides in farming practices.

Through its multifaceted approach, PLAN Foundation continues to empower communities, advocate for sustainable development, and improve healthcare access for those in need.

Year in Review 2022-23

1. PAHAL

The "Pahal" program, a collaborative initiative by PLAN Foundation in partnership with YMAD USA and the Elementary Education Department of Himachal Pradesh, was successfully implemented in following schools in District Kullu, H.P.:

1. Govt. Primary School Shegali
2. Govt. Primary School Niyalag
3. Govt. Primary School Chiba Ra Koot

The workshop was scheduled to 21st November to 28th Nov. 2022. This initiative aimed at introducing participatory learning techniques through trained volunteers from various schools in the USA. During the one-week workshop in each school, trained volunteers conducted interactive sessions focused on participatory learning methodologies. The sessions benefited school teachers by exposing them to modern teaching techniques used in the USA, enhancing their instructional approaches. Additionally, the workshops provided students with



an engaging learning experience, improving their understanding of language, science, and basic concepts through fun and interactive activities. As part of the program's support, every student received a hygiene kit along with essential school supplies such as bags and shoes. Further, to improve the learning environment, each participating school was provided with necessary furniture and other resources. PLAN Foundation will continue to monitor the impact of this initiative and explore opportunities for expanding the program to more schools in the region. **There is no financial involvement in this initiative. The role of PLAN Foundation is restricted to coordination between ILP and Government Schools.**

2. The International Language Program

The International Language Program (ILP), a collaborative initiative by ILP USA and PLAN Foundation, is being implemented in Government Primary School Sultanpur and GPS Akhara Bazar, District Kullu, HP, in consultation with the Elementary Education Department of Himachal Pradesh. The program aims to enhance English language proficiency among students through trained volunteers and teachers deputed by ILP USA. These professionals are conducting regular English language classes, focusing on improving spoken and written skills through interactive and participatory teaching methodologies. The program, set to continue until 2026, has the potential for further extension based on periodic progress evaluations. Early assessments indicate that students are showing remarkable improvement in spoken English, demonstrating increased confidence in communication. **There is no financial involvement in this initiative. The role of PLAN Foundation is restricted to coordination between ILP and Government Schools.**



3. Targeted Intervention Project (Migrants) Jalandhar Punjab

The Targeted Intervention Project for HIV/AIDS, implemented by PLAN Foundation in Jalandhar, Punjab in financial support of **Punjab State AIDS Control Society**, has been a significant endeavor aimed at addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by the migrant population in relation to HIV/AIDS. This project, which covered a population of approximately 10,000 migrants, has played a crucial role in providing essential health services, awareness campaigns, and support systems to mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS in the community.

Counselling services played a pivotal role in supporting individuals and addressing the psychosocial aspects associated with HIV/AIDS.

The Targeted Intervention Project for HIV/AIDS in Jalandhar, Punjab, has made a significant impact on the lives of migrants. By providing crucial health services, conducting awareness campaigns, and fostering a supportive community, the project has contributed to reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and promoting healthier lifestyles among the migrant population.



Achievements:

- General Medical Checkup: 4891
- Migrants contacted through VPLs: 42517
- Counselling Sessions: 5342
- HIV test conducted: 2826
- TB Screening: 4891



4. Support Intervention under Jal Jeevan Mission

PLAN Foundation played a crucial role in supporting the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) by acting as an Implementation Support Agency (ISA) and collaborating with Water and Sanitation Support Organizations (WSSOs) to ensure the effective planning, implementation, and sustainability of rural water supply infrastructure. The foundation's contributions focus on community mobilization, need assessment, capacity building, and long-term sustainability of JJM initiatives in Shimla (28 Panchayats), Kullu (32 Panchayats) and Mandi district (12 Panchayats)



Key Responsibilities of PLAN Foundation was:

1. Community Engagement & Awareness
2. Planning & Implementation Support
3. Capacity Building & Training
4. Social Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC)
5. Monitoring & Documentation

By leveraging its experience in community development and grassroots mobilization, PLAN Foundation played a pivotal role in ensuring that JJM achieves its objective of universal access to safe and sustainable drinking water in rural Himachal Pradesh.



5. Urban Sector Reform: Property Tax Modernization ULBs.

As part of its commitment to sustainable urban development and effective governance, PLAN Foundation has been actively supporting property tax reforms in the Municipal Councils of Sundernagar and Rohru. This initiative aims to enhance transparency, efficiency, and equity in property tax assessment and collection, ensuring a more robust financial framework for urban development.

We provided software service to MC Sundernagar, District Mandi and tax collection service along with software to the MC Rohru, district Shimla HP.

Moving forward, PLAN Foundation will continue to monitor the impact of these reforms, provide ongoing technical assistance, and explore opportunities to expand similar initiatives in other urban areas across Himachal Pradesh.

6. Recognition of Prior Learning

The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program, supported by Jal Shakti Vibhag under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Himachal Pradesh, aimed to enhance the skills and employability of youth by certifying their existing competencies. Under this initiative, PLAN Foundation trained 280 youths during the year 2022-23 in various job roles, including Plumber, Mason, and Pump Operator. The program focused on bridging skill gaps, improving technical knowledge, and ensuring better livelihood opportunities for participants. By equipping local youth with industry-relevant certifications, the initiative contributed to strengthening the rural workforce and supporting the efficient implementation of water supply infrastructure in the state.

7. Social Impact Assessment Studies for Proposed Projects in Bilaspur District

PLAN Foundation has undertaken two distinct Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Studies in Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh, focusing on the proposed projects of the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line and the Hydro Engineering College in Bandla. These studies have been conducted under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement (LARR) framework, emphasizing the significance of assessing the social implications of development projects and ensuring the well-being of affected communities.

The SIA for the proposed land acquisition for the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line project aimed to understand and evaluate the potential impacts of the project on the surrounding communities. Through a systematic and comprehensive assessment, PLAN Foundation examined the social, economic, and environmental aspects associated with the land acquisition process and the subsequent development of the railway line. The study focused on identifying the potential risks, challenges, and opportunities for the affected communities and proposed appropriate mitigation measures to address any adverse effects.

Similarly, the SIA for the proposed Hydro Engineering College in Bandla sought to analyze the potential social impacts of establishing the college. The study aimed to assess the effects on the local communities, including the socio-economic dynamics, cultural heritage, and livelihood patterns. By conducting extensive consultations and surveys with community members, stakeholders, and experts, PLAN Foundation gained valuable insights into the potential positive and negative implications of the project. Based on these findings, the study provided recommendations to ensure inclusive development, community participation, and sustainable practices.

Both SIAs recognized the importance of community engagement and participation in the decision-making process. Public consultations and stakeholder engagement sessions were held to ensure that the voices and concerns of the affected communities were heard and taken into account. These interactions fostered an inclusive approach, enabling the affected communities to actively participate in shaping the project design, implementation, and subsequent development.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-23

The Social Impact Assessment Studies conducted by PLAN Foundation highlight our commitment to promoting responsible and inclusive development practices. By assessing the potential social impacts of proposed projects, we strive to minimize negative consequences and maximize positive outcomes for the affected communities. These studies contribute to the overarching goal of sustainable development, ensuring that development projects are implemented in a manner that respects the rights, interests, and well-being of the communities involved.

In conclusion, the Social Impact Assessment Studies conducted by PLAN Foundation for the proposed Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri railway line and the Hydro Engineering College in Bandla exemplify our commitment to ensuring responsible and sustainable development.

We are collaborative and seek to work with partners and stakeholders to identify problems and develop solutions. We have an extensive network of research sites, institutional partners and work with other NGOs and environmental organizations. We are an organization that is proposing change. We are innovative. We believe in the objectivity of the scientific method and are rigorous in its application, but we also have a view of the state as we would like to see it