



Annual Report

(April 2024 – March 2025)

Summary

The year 2024-2025 stands as a testament to Earth Focus Foundation's unwavering commitment to the communities in Kanha. Across both our Education and Livelihoods programs, we witnessed significant growth and, more importantly, transformative impact.

Our **Contextual Education Program** became a beacon of learning for **3000+ children** in the Kanha region, spanning **77 Anand Ghars** – 35 primary schools and 42 Anganwadi centers.



We continue to strengthen our **Community Engagement through Mata Samitis**, organizing **over 850 mothers** into active committees across Anand Ghars and Anganwadis, fostering a powerful sense of our own.

Simultaneously, our **Nature based Livelihoods Program** expanded its agroforestry initiatives, bringing **~430 acres** of land under the intervention and directly benefiting **thousands of lives**. Leveraging the strong bottom up demand from the communities, our program focuses on restoring the ecological health of Kanha, while developing robust income streams for the native communities.



Map highlighting areas under interventions



Contextual Education Program

Earth Focus Foundation's Contextual Education Program is designed to create learning experiences that resonate deeply with the children of Kanha. We believe that education is most effective when it's rooted in the local context. Therefore, our program integrates elements of Kanha's rich biodiversity, tribal knowledge systems, and everyday life into the curriculum. This approach ensures that education is not just about textbooks, but about connecting with their environment, culture, and community, making learning both impactful and culturally relevant.



35 Villages
Reached through
77 learning centres



3,000+ children
provided with
contextual education



Team of **70**
members with over
90% from Kanha



850+ Mothers
sensitised through
active Mata Samitis



48 women
empowered as
Shiksha Preraks

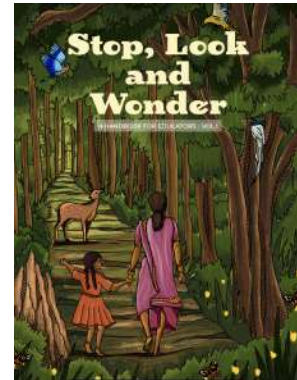


Exceeded **85%** children
attendance at Learning
Centres

Contextual Education Program Highlights of the Year 2024-2025

Stop, Look and Wonder: Launching the first of its kind biodiversity curriculum

Understanding the need to link education and environment, we developed a **Biodiversity Curriculum**. Six interactive modules, now compiled into a learning book, were tested and implemented, connecting classroom learning to the rich natural heritage of Kanha. First volume of the curriculum is linked here: [Stop, Look, Wander](#)



The Library Program: Opening doors to the world of reading



The **Library Program**, supported by IAHV, equipped 11 schools with 300 books each and provided 8 teachers with library management training, fostering a love for reading. Students showed a marked improvement in reading comprehension, fluency, and confidence, particularly through shared reading and read-aloud sessions. Additionally, borrowing trends indicated a growing enthusiasm for reading across different age groups, with certain books emerging as favorites among students.

Inculcating a love for the Arts and Sports: Launching Evening Anand Ghar

Launch of **Evening Anand Ghars**: Extending learning beyond school hours, Evening Anand Ghars offer a space for children to explore their talents and interests in sports, arts, and other extracurricular activities. These sessions complement academic learning and aim at holistic development and building confidence of children.

English Education Takes Root: New Program Launched in 9 Anand Ghars

Responding to the growing need for English literacy, we launched an **English Language Program in 9 Anand Ghars**, benefiting **225 students**.

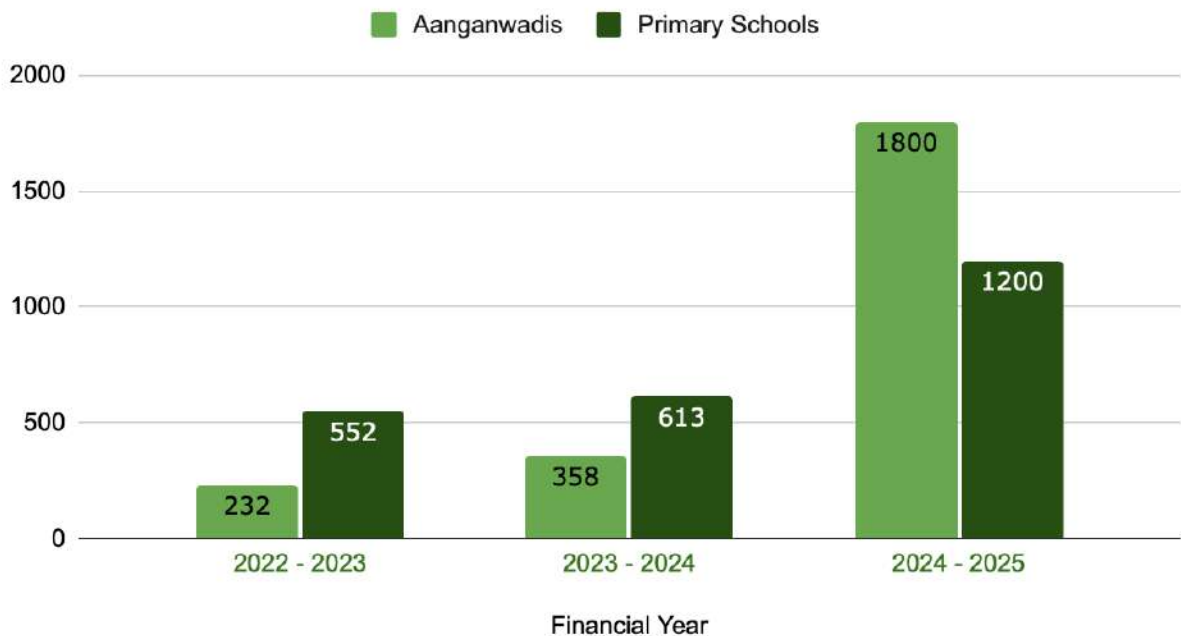
Stories of Resilience

Pratigya's story is one of resilience and ambition. Despite dropping out of secondary school due to financial constraints, she found her path with Earth Focus as a Shiksha Prerak. At just 22, she now heads the English Program Division, showcasing incredible growth and leadership.



Our Reach Through Years

Total Impact Figures - Education



Nature Based Livelihoods

The Earth Focus Foundation Livelihoods Program is built on the principle that thriving communities and healthy ecosystems go hand-in-hand. This program empowers families in Kanha to enhance their economic stability through sustainable, nature-based solutions like agroforestry and water resource management, encouraging a nature-based economy and fostering long-term prosperity and environmental stewardship.



Agroforestry interventions across over **430 acres**



Over **1,60,500** saplings planted with **93-95%** survival rate



460 farmers impacted



18 new water bodies created



21 community mobilisers trained



Over **INR 35,76,000** income unlocked through govt. schemes

Plantation Drive

We celebrated a significant milestone, planting **~1,00,000 new saplings** this year, bringing our **Current Total to ~1,60,500 saplings**. This includes ~1,06,000 bamboo saplings and ~54,500 native and horticulture saplings, selected for ecological and sustainable economic benefits.

Assets Created



Facilitated installation of **30 drip irrigation** systems for water conservation



2 Solar Pump sets installed to empower farmers with sustainable technologies



~ INR 1,22,00,000 total assets created directly benefiting over 460 individuals

Empowering Women Leaders: Building Community Resilience

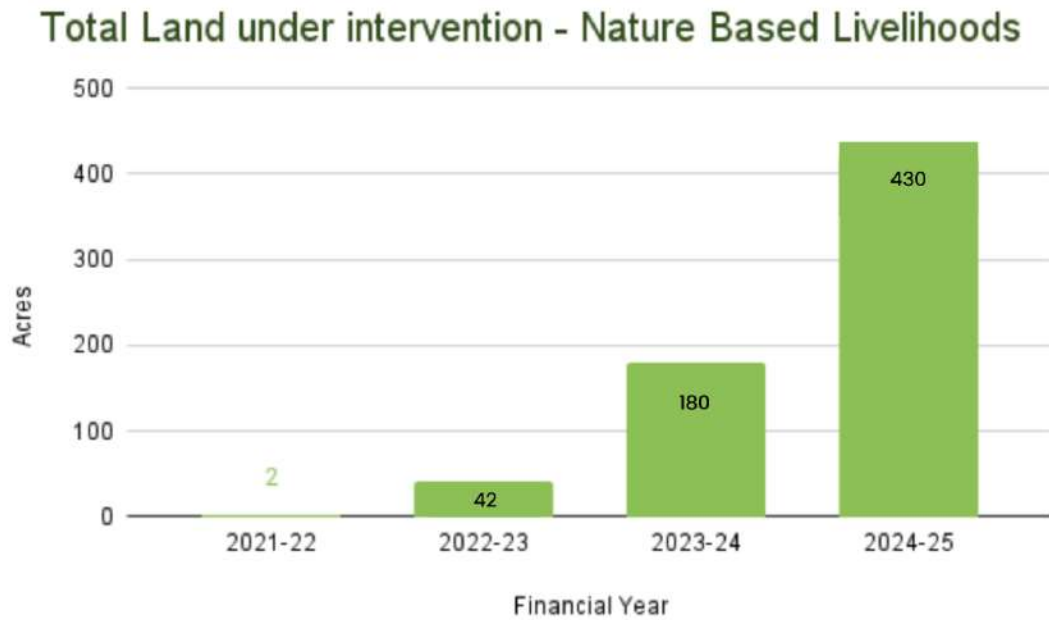
Recognizing the inherent resilience of women in these communities, our Livelihoods Program proudly trained **6 women as Samuday Preraks** this year. Just as Nandini Markam's story (below) demonstrates individual transformation, these women are now at the forefront of building community-wide resilience. As native members and community mobilisers, their leadership is crucial in fostering local ownership and the enduring success of our program.



Stories of Resilience

Meet Nandini Markam, 26, of Lagma village. Just a year ago, she was a daily laborer earning ₹2,500/month. Today, with support from Earth Focus Foundation's livelihoods program, she's a Patch Captain, managing 80 acres of restored land and earning ₹9,000/month

Our Reach Through Years



A farmer adding natural inputs in his mature bamboo plantation.

Achievements and Milestones

- We had our **First Bamboo Harvest**, generating **INR 6,000** from 150 saplings planted in 2021, a tangible example of the long-term economic benefits of agroforestry.
- Our team member, Kishan Puri, received the **TOFT's Climate Guardian Award**, recognizing his exemplary work with indigenous communities in sustainable development and conservation.
- 3 students achieved admission to the **prestigious Navodaya Vidyalaya Schools** this year- a first time for the children of this landscape.
- For the first time, the empowering **training of 6 women** joining our Samuday Prerak team.

Challenges



The growing threat of **climate change** with the Kanha floods as a stark reminder. The impact of the September floods was significant, resulting in a cumulative loss of **INR 3.61 lakhs** for our beneficiaries and disproportionately affecting **50 Baiga and Gond households**. Beyond the financial losses this event underscores the vulnerability of these communities to climate change.

Infrastructure limitations in some schools, particularly in areas like Chichrangpur, require continued attention and advocacy.

Way Forward for 2025 – 2026

- **Scaling Nature based Livelihoods:** We aim to expand our nature-based livelihoods program by an additional **500 acres**, extending our agroforestry initiatives to empower more families and restore more land.
- **Education Program Reach:** We aim to train **over 25 new Shiksha Preraks**, enabling us to bring contextual education to **over 800 children** across **30 additional villages**
- **Advocacy for Infrastructure:** A prioritized focus will be placed on advocating for essential infrastructure improvements in schools, actively seeking strategic partnerships to address this critical need and create better learning environments.
- **Data-Driven Improvement:** We will implement a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation (MEL) framework to rigorously track our progress, measure the depth of our impact, and ensure data-informed decision-making for continuous program enhancement.
- **Towards a Brighter Future:** Through these focused efforts, Earth Focus Foundation is resolutely committed to Empowering Indigenous Communities & Encouraging A Nature-Based Economy for the people of Kanha.



We deeply appreciate your belief in our mission and the transformative power of your contributions. Together, we are making significant strides towards empowering tribal communities and restoring nature in the buffer zone of Kanha National Park. Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. For any inquiries or further information, please contact us at partnerships@earthfocus.in