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Message

We are happy that despite challenges faced by economies across the globe, India continued to make significant strides in various sectors in the year 2022-23. India's economy remained buoyant, with a GDP growth of 7.2%. Robust domestic consumption, a manufacturing rebound, and a service revival drove this growth.

India continued to excel in space exploration, launching its first dedicated commercial satellite launch vehicle, the LVM3. India's digital revolution gained momentum, with the adoption of digital technologies accelerating across various sectors. India also made significant progress in its transition to renewable energy. The commitment to clean energy aligns with India's global climate change commitments.

These milestones highlight India's remarkable progress in various sectors, demonstrating its ability to navigate challenges and seize opportunities. As the country moves forward, it is poised to make even greater strides in the future.

The Government has implemented several social welfare initiatives to uplift the lives of citizens in need. This includes the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for affordable housing, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission), and the Skill India program for vocational training. Important schemes for the financial upliftment of deprived communities include the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

In 2022-23, ActionAid Karnataka Projects focused on making available social welfare schemes and policies more known to the targeted communities and helping them register and access the entitlements. In the Delhi NCR region, we were able to continue to support vulnerable communities to rebuild livelihood options.

As India progresses, marking new milestones in its remarkable progress across various sectors, we continue to work with vulnerable communities at ActionAid Karnataka Projects to help them navigate challenges and seize opportunities. As the country moves forward, we strive to ensure no one is left behind.

If you want to learn more about ActionAid Karnataka Projects, please contact me at the address below. We welcome any comments and suggestions you may have.

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ActionAid Karnataka Projects



About Us

ActionAid Karnataka Projects (AKP) is a society registered on 19 November 1988 under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, with its headquarters in Bengaluru, Karnataka. AKP has been established with the charitable objective of promoting integrated development. AKP seeks to help children, families, and communities eradicate poverty and secure lasting improvement in the quality of their lives.

AKP does this by promoting and supporting programmes on health, education, employment and other development-related activities. This includes spreading awareness on issues that help promote socio-economic development of vulnerable communities. In particular, focus is on supporting and promoting schemes for child welfare and their education; schemes that are aimed at empowerment of women and girls and livelihood promotion and skill building programmes for people from low incomes groups. AKP strives to strengthen and stimulates people's involvement in all these initiatives.

AKP also undertakes action studies and supports people-led research on significant issues faced by the vulnerable communities. This is done with the aim of identifying and promoting community led-alternatives. AKP develops awareness material on all these aspects of its work.



Awareness Generation among Informal Workers

Overall, the country continued to be a vibrant and thriving economy in the year 2022-23, poised for continued growth and development in the years to come. The economic growth was driven by solid performance in the IT, manufacturing, and various key sectors. The year saw progress in social development indicators, with improvements in education, healthcare, and social welfare. There was an increase in literacy rates, a decline in child mortality, and the expansion of healthcare facilities.

While on one side these great strides have been made, a vast majority of workers who are into informal sector employment, continue to face several challenges. A large number of these are migrant workers who come to seek employment opportunities and get into work at construction sites, into waste picking, street vending while many women start working as domestic workers. Many of them are involved in hazardous working conditions, including exposure to hazardous waste, dust, fumes, and other harmful substances. With lack of documentation, many of these workers get excluded from social protection schemes, such as pensions, health insurance, and unemployment benefits.

AKP has been engaged in generating awareness among the informal workers on issues that affect them. This includes the question of wages/minimum wages, safe working conditions, various protective mechanisms that workers can adopt to keep themselves safe, social security provisions, skill development programmes and micro-finance. Meetings were organized across 150 urban settlements and 500 villages across 9 states.

Information was also shared about various welfare schemes of state and central government for informal workers. Around 1000 active leaders and volunteers were identified and they were sensitized to facilitate entitlement linkages for informal workers. The volunteers helped the informal workers in accessing mandatory documents and proofs that are required to prove eligibility to access benefit of welfare and social security programmes of the state.

Registration drives were supported to facilitate their registration on E-shram portals. Micro level drives initiated by AKP helped in reaching out the vulnerable workers and their collectives at their point of locations providing a focused need-based support.

In order to support continued education for children of informal sector workers, AKP conducted education campaigns to promote enrolment of the children in the government schools.

Information was also shared on various scholarships schemes meant for the children of economically weaker families e.g. construction workers, girl child etc. and support was provided to families to register their children for these scholarships.

By working together alongside government departments, authorities and civil society organisations, our overall efforts aimed at creating better lives for workers and their families that helps uphold their dignity and basic rights.

Assistance to Vulnerable Communities

During the year, AKP also supported 400 very poor and vulnerable households in Delhi, with cash-based support. This assistance helped these families to ease their financial hardships and they were able to meet their family needs of medicines, clothing for winters and other household requirements. This strategy of cash-based assistance to very poor families encapsulate the values of equity and inclusiveness while helping addresses the diverse needs of different segments of the population and family members, fostering a more just and empowered society.