



## SOCIAL REVIVAL GROUP OF URBAN RURAL AND TRIBAL (SROUT)



## 26th ANNUAL REPORT

### Financial Year 2025 - 2026

*Empowering Communities • Protecting Children & Women • Building a Healthier Chhattisgarh*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It gives me profound pride and immense satisfaction to present the 26th Annual Report of the Social Revival Group of Urban, Rural, and Tribal (SROUT) for the year 2025-26. Building on twenty-five years of grassroots work, this year reflects our deepening commitment to the communities of Chhattisgarh through health, child protection, women's empowerment, natural resource management, and animal welfare interventions.

From a modest initiative in a single district, SROUT has grown into a multi-sectoral development organization implementing programs across health (Project Arogya), early childhood development (Nandghar and Rural Creche Initiative), child and women protection (Children's Home and Shakti Sadan), livelihoods, watershed development, and animal welfare. Our partnerships with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, NABARD, BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR, and the Azim Premji Foundation continue to strengthen our reach and impact.

This year, our Children's Home reinforced its role as a lifeline for vulnerable children — with 13 new children admitted and a cumulative 217 children having received shelter since inception, of whom 189 have now been successfully restored to their families and equipped with skills for gainful employment. Our Shakti Sadan continued to provide shelter, counselling and vocational training to women in distress, while the Songudha Watershed Project neared the completion of its final year of soil and water conservation works benefiting hundreds of farming families.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our partner organizations, government departments, donors, staff, volunteers and, most importantly, the communities who repose their trust in us. As we look ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to inclusive, sustainable, and compassionate development.

Warm regards,

**Dicson Masih**

President, SROUT

## PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN THE YEAR 2025 - 26

During the financial year 2025-26, SROUT implemented the following programs across Korba, Balrampur, Raipur and Kabirdham districts of Chhattisgarh:

| S.No | Program                                                                                             | Funding Agency                        | Duration                    | Coverage                                                              |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Songudha Watershed Development                                                                      | NABARD                                | April 2022 to March 2026    | Songudha, Aurakachar & Dondaro villages, Korba block                  |
| 2    | Shakti Sadan (Ujjwala Grih)                                                                         | Ministry of Women & Child Development | June 2013 onwards           | Korba district                                                        |
| 3    | Children's Home for Boys (50 children)                                                              | Women & Child Development Dept.       | November 2013 onwards       | Korba district                                                        |
| 4    | Project Arogya – Phase II                                                                           | BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR             | April 2024 onwards (Year 2) | 45 villages/urban slums, Korba block                                  |
| 5    | Nandghar Project                                                                                    | Vedanta BALCO CSR                     | June 2024 to April 2027     | 33 Anganwadi Centres, Korba district                                  |
| 6    | Rural Creche Initiative (RCI)                                                                       | Azim Premji Foundation                | January 2025 onwards        | Balrampur block, Balrampur district                                   |
| 7    | Animal Welfare Program                                                                              | BALCO CSR                             | April 2025 to March 2026    | Korba block, Korba district                                           |
| 8    | Farmer Producer Organization (Nav Kisaan FPO)                                                       | Self-sustained                        | August 2016 onwards         | 20 villages, Korba block                                              |
| 9    | Promoting Access & Consumption of Diversified Food and Nutrition (Biodiversity & Nutrition Project) | Terre des Hommes (TDH), Germany       | December 2024 to March 2026 | 8 villages (Lalpur, Konkona, Binjhra, Gudrumuda GPs), Korba district  |
| 10   | Barra Community Development Project                                                                 | BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR             | July 2025 to March 2026     | 9 villages, 7 Panchayats, Kharsia block (Raigarh) & Korba districts   |
| 11   | Unnati Project (SHGs & Livelihood Promotion)                                                        | BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR             | April 2025 to March 2026    | 45+ urban & rural areas around BALCO, Korba (561 SHGs, 6,003 members) |
| 12   | Promotion of Kosa Silk                                                                              | BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR             | October 2025 to March 2026  | Dhangaon & Churikala villages, Korba district                         |

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2025 - 26

### Child Rights & Protection — Children's Home for Boys

- **217 children** have received shelter, care and protection at the SROUT Children's Home since its inception in 2013, out of which **13 new children were admitted** during 2025-26.
- **189 children** have so far been successfully restored to their families after counselling and support, and provided with skill training that has led to job opportunities and gainful employment.
- The Children's Home continues to work closely with the local Child Welfare Committee to secure the best interest of every child, with reintegration into the family as the guiding principle wherever safe and feasible.

### Shakti Sadan (Women in Distress)

- During the year, 8 women and 7 children were newly admitted, and 10 women and 7 children were discharged and reunited with their families after counselling.

- 16 women received legal counselling, 16 received health services, 9 underwent vocational training (stitching and paper bag making), and 14 participated in recreational activities.
- The Shakti Sadan was regularly inspected during the year by officials of the District Women & Child Development Department and the Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission, who commended the upkeep, hygiene and care extended to residents.

### **Health & Nutrition — Project Arogya (Phase II)**

- 4,129 patients received primary healthcare services through the Chuiya and Parsabhatha Rural Health Posts (RHPs), against an annual target of 4,000.
- 691 individuals were tested for HIV (630 through 50 outreach camps and health camps, 61 through the ICTC/FICTC centre); 1 positive case was identified and referred for treatment. 2,592 high-risk individuals received counselling and 34,549 people were reached through World HIV/AIDS Day awareness activities.
- 864 community members participated in 70 Para Baithak meetings on TB awareness; 16 TB patients were supported with Nikshay Mitra nutrition kits; a TB awareness rally (Jagrukta Rath) reached approximately 27,636 people across 45 areas.
- 3,340 children (0-6 years) were screened for malnutrition across 68 Anganwadi Centres; 268 malnourished children were rehabilitated through 18 PD Hearth sessions, with 241 children improving from MAM to Normal and 17 from SAM to MAM.
- 2,310 mothers and adolescents were screened for anaemia; 1,137 mothers attended 45 two-day anaemia counselling sessions; of 691 women re-tested, 637 (92%) achieved normal haemoglobin levels.
- 3,201 villagers were engaged in de-addiction awareness activities; 8 villages adopted community resolutions banning illicit liquor brewing.
- 198 couples (107 husbands, 91 pregnant women) were oriented on safe motherhood under the Partners' Orientation Program, resulting in 107 women completing their first ANC check-up and 75 institutional deliveries.

### **Early Childhood Development — Nandghar Project**

- SROUT operates 33 Nandghar-developed Anganwadi Centres in Korba district (27 urban, 6 rural), reaching 1,368 children aged 7 months to 3 years, 332 pregnant women and 219 lactating mothers.
- Pre-school education reached 828 children (3-6 years); attendance at Anganwadi Centres improved from 60% to 75% of enrolled children over the project period.
- The “Khilte Phool” early-stimulation program conducted 132 sessions reaching 2,247 mothers, and the “Sneh Milan” parental engagement program conducted 132 sessions reaching 1,688 mothers.
- 1,647 children were screened for malnutrition; 293 children were covered under PD Hearth sessions, with growth improving in the majority of SAM/MAM cases by March 2026.
- 1,338 individuals were reached through vaccination support sessions and 611 home visits were conducted for malnourished and at-risk children and mothers.
- 111 Anganwadi Workers (across Korba, Kabirdham and Raipur) and 32 Anganwadi Helpers were trained on ECCE, hygiene and nutrition; 42 Anganwadi Workers were felicitated at the Nandghar Samman Samaroh.

### **Rural Creche Initiative — Balrampur (Azim Premji Foundation)**

- The Rural Creche Initiative was launched in Balrampur block to provide day-care, nutrition and Early Childhood Development support for children aged 7 months to 3 years, enabling mothers to engage in livelihood activities.
- 5 creche locations — Bhaisamunda, Maharajganj, Pachawal, Vishramnagar and Putsura (Bhedmi) — were finalised along with selection of creche caregivers, following community meetings and field surveys.
- Field surveys covered 254 children and 278 households across the 5 Gram Panchayats (Maharajganj, Pachawal, Vishramnagar, Sarangpur and Bhaisamunda/Putsura), laying the foundation for full-scale creche operations.

### **Soil & Water Conservation — Songudha Watershed Project**

- In its concluding year, the NABARD-supported Songudha Watershed Project treated a total project area of 990.25 hectares (69.65 ha under CBP and 920.60 ha under FIP) across Songudha, Aurakachar and Dondaro villages.

- Against a total sanctioned grant of ₹1,94,59,917, ₹1,67,96,774 was received and ₹1,60,19,199 utilised as cumulative expenditure till the end of the financial year.
- Area treatment works included 28,590 cum of farm bunding, 15,255 cum of contour bunding, 20 farm ponds, stone outlets and grass seeding, alongside efficient water-use structures such as drip and sprinkler irrigation.
- Livelihood support was extended to landless persons and women through Self-Help Groups — including vegetable production, tent house, mushroom cultivation, poultry, boutique, beauty parlour, food processing, carpentry, bee-keeping, and mini flour/rice mills.
- A cumulative community contribution (Sharamdan) of ₹9,11,558 was mobilised, and ₹55,37,367 was disbursed as cumulative wage/labour payment to local villagers, generating sustained local employment.

### **Biodiversity & Nutrition — Terre des Hommes (TDH) Project**

- A new project, “Promoting Access and Consumption of Diversified Food and Nutrition among Communities from 8 Villages of Korba, Chhattisgarh,” was launched with support from Terre des Hommes (TDH), Germany, running from December 2024 to March 2026 with a sanctioned budget of Euro 21,285 (approx. ₹18,51,795).
- The project works with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) — Hill Korva, Birhor and Pando communities — across 8 villages in Lalpur, Konkona, Binjhra and Gudrumuda Gram Panchayats, covering a total population of 9,094 including 770 PVTG persons in 216 PVTG households.
- 8 Youth Groups and 8 Women Groups were formed, with 24 youth meetings and 24 women's meetings conducted till August 2025 against an overall meeting target of 64 each.
- 56 demonstration kitchen gardens were distributed and installed to improve household access to fresh, nutrient-diverse vegetables, with a project target of 80.
- Biodiversity mapping was completed in all 8 project villages, and the first PD Hearth session (26 August – 6 September 2025) was conducted to address child malnutrition, with 16 PD Hearth sessions planned over the project period.
- A 4-day staff training was conducted to build project team capacity on biodiversity conservation, nutrition and community mobilisation.

### **Barra Community Development Project**

- The Barra Community Development Project, supported by BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR, was launched in July 2025 across 9 villages under 7 Gram Panchayats spanning Kharsia block (Raigarh district) and parts of Korba district, covering a population of 14,820 across 3,759 households (35% ST, 6% SC).
- 26 Mobile Health Van (MHV) camps reached 1,254 beneficiaries at Daldali (Kabirdham), Mainpat (Surguja) and Rampur (Korba), while 4 Multispecialty Mega Health Camps at Puchiypali, Rampur and Khadgaon/Khamhar reached 844 beneficiaries — together screening for hypertension, diabetes, cataract and anaemia and referring critical cases for treatment.
- 28 Anganwadi Workers were trained on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), 20 Anganwadi Centres received nutrition garden seed kits, and 10 MHM/de-addiction/HIV-AIDS awareness sessions reached 517 adolescent girls across schools and colleges in Kharsia block.
- 100 youth (17 male, 83 female) were trained in vocational trades such as sewing machine operation, food & beverage service, solar PV technician and mobile repair, with 72 successfully placed in jobs earning ₹12,000-₹23,000 per month.
- A survey identified 288 Self-Help Groups (3,708 women) across the project villages, of which 50 active SHGs (600 women) were selected for support; 103 SHGs (272 members) were trained on the SHG “Panch Sutra” (Five Principles), and 70 women underwent stitching training, with 12 provided sewing machines to start independent livelihoods.
- Community infrastructure support included a girls' hostel boundary wall at Khamhar, kabaddi mats for local youth, 30 solar street lights across 8 villages, and a 5,000-litre solar water tank at Kafarmar; 15 water coolers were installed benefiting around 1,399 people, and Shishu Sanjivni nutrition packets reached 800 children across 28 Anganwadi Centres.
- 191 stakeholder meetings were held with government departments (ICDS, Education, Health, NRLM/BIHAN, PRI members) to strengthen departmental convergence and project implementation.

## Livelihood Promotion — Unnati Project (SHGs & Enterprise Development)

- Supported by BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR, the Unnati Project strengthened **561 SHGs covering 6,003 women members** across 45+ urban and rural locations around BALCO, Korba, with 2,259 women identified as Economically Engaged Women (EEW).
- 5 functional Micro Enterprises (Chhattisa, Dekoratti, Cleanla, Mushroom Spawn and Unatex units) were strengthened and 3 new enterprises — a Mushroom Production Unit, the Black Maize Restaurant, and the Koshakari Silk Promotion Unit — were established, together generating a total revenue of **₹20.64 lakh** during the year.
- 78 Nano Enterprises** (57 existing plus 16 new, and 5 SHG-led) were supported through awareness sessions, handholding and rebranding, achieving an average monthly net profit margin of 42% across supported units.
- The Unnati Mahasangh (UMS) federation was formally institutionalised as **Unnati Global Enterprises Limited**, completing company registration, PAN and GST, and linking 298 SHGs and 679 members to UMS-led enterprise initiatives.
- 25 community and enterprise-promotion events reached over 1,481 beneficiaries, culminating in the flagship **Unnati Utsav** on 30 March 2026, which drew 479 community members and recognised 15 SHG achievers.

## Kosa Silk Promotion Project

- Supported by BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR and implemented by SABD Foundation, the "Promotion of Kosa Silk" project completed a baseline profiling of **140 weavers and allied artisans** across Dhangaon and Churikala villages of Korba district.
- A Kosa Silk Weaving Training Centre was established at Dhangaon, with **20 women weavers** enrolled in two 60-day training batches; the first batch has completed training and the second batch is ongoing.
- 50 product SKUs were fully developed and catalogued (with 50 more identified for the production pipeline), and a premium brand identity, "**Kosakari**," was launched with a provisional trademark and Silk Mark certification.
- A Kosakari website was developed and launched with 43+ products onboarded, integrated with Amazon, Flipkart and Meesho, alongside a demonstration-cum-warehouse facility set up at BALCO Township for display, storage and dispatch.
- Market exposure included a 6-day trade fair in Bilaspur generating approx. **₹30,000 in sales**, a pop-up store at Palm Mall, Korba, and a stall at Unnati Utsav 2026, alongside convergence with the local weavers' society and NABARD.

## Animal Welfare Program

- 100 stray dogs were vaccinated against rabies on the occasion of World Rabies Day, and 200 dogs were fitted with reflective collars for road-accident prevention.
- 1,400 cows were fitted with reflective collar belts to reduce night-time road accidents involving cattle.
- 20 awareness programs on animal welfare, cattle care and wild-animal/biodiversity protection reached over 1,370 students and community members, including at BTS School, Bal Sadan School, Skill School and Parsabhantha Community Hall.
- The Kanji House (cattle shelter) was renovated, with a new shade roof constructed and repairs completed on the existing structure.

## Women Empowerment & Livelihoods

- SHG members were supported with livelihood assets and enterprises — including tent house material, rice mills, boutique shops and grocery units — under the Watershed development program.
- Vocational training in stitching, paper bag and pickle making continued at the Shakti Sadan, alongside livelihood training for SHG women under the watershed program.

## OUR VISION & MISSION

### Our Vision

Our vision is to create a society where every individual lives with dignity, thrives in prosperity, and embraces life with true happiness.

### Our Mission

Empowering marginalized communities through inclusive growth, access to information, and sustainable development. We bridge gaps and amplify voices for lasting change.

## OUR FIELDS OF INTEREST

- Health and Nutrition
- Child Rights and Protection
- Livelihood
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Women Empowerment and Protection
- Education
- Sanitation and Environment
- Advocacy
- Early Childhood Development
- Animal Welfare

## OUR CORE VALUES

| Value          | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Respect        | We do not violate any person's fundamental human rights. We recognise that all people are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and are sensitive to the moral values, religion, customs and traditions of the communities we serve. |
| Responsibility | SROUT is entrusted with a responsibility to the public. We take ownership, take initiative, and proactively mobilise resources to find and implement feasible solutions, remaining accountable for outcomes and striving for excellence.  |
| Accountability | SROUT is accountable for its actions and decisions, primarily to the communities it serves, and also to funding agencies, government, staff, volunteers, members, partners and the public at large.                                       |
| Transparency   | SROUT is transparent in its dealings with government, the public, partners and beneficiaries. Our financial information, governance structure and activities are open to public scrutiny.                                                 |

## GOVERNANCE & TEAM

At SROUT, the management and staff are guided by an experienced and dedicated team of board members. The governing body as of FY 2025-26 is as follows:

| Name                  | Profession            | Designation | Area of Competency                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Dicson Masih          | Social Worker         | President   | Strategic planning, monitoring & evaluation |
| Moh. Sajid Fehjaan    | Reporter/Entrepreneur | Secretary   | Program development                         |
| Satya Prakash Jaiswal | Social Worker         | Treasurer   | Financial control                           |
| Anuradha Singh        | Entrepreneur          | Member      | Strategic advice and support, M&E           |
| Gopi Kaushik          | Advocate              | Member      | Strategic advice and support, M&E           |
| Rajendra Tiwari       | Entrepreneur          | Member      | Strategic advice and support, M&E           |
| Dinesh Tiwari         | Social Worker         | Member      | Strategic advice and support, M&E           |

During 2025-26, the Board held regular meetings to review program performance, financial management, and strategic direction.

### Bankers

Axis Bank, Korba; HDFC Bank, NTPC Korba; UCO Bank, Korba

### Auditors

CA Mukesh Kumar Singhanian, 077605 008454C, D-13 First Floor, Deendayal Market, Korba – 495677

## LEGAL ENTITY & REGISTRATION DETAILS

| Registration         | Details                                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Society Registration | Registered under the Societies Registration Act of Chhattisgarh 1973, vide Regn. No. 2499 dated 29th April 1999 |
| 12-A                 | AAETS3216NE20142                                                                                                |
| 80G                  | AAETS3216NF20211                                                                                                |
| PAN No.              | AAETS3216N                                                                                                      |
| FCRA No.             | 327610002 (renewal under process)                                                                               |
| NGO Darpan Unique ID | CG/2009/0015818                                                                                                 |

## PROJECT DETAILS

### Project Arogya – Phase II



Project Arogya is a comprehensive community health initiative implemented by SROUT in partnership with BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR. FY 2025-26 was the second year of the three-year Arogya Phase-II program, covering 45 core villages and urban slums with a population of over 59,000 across the Chuiya, Jambahar, Bela, Dingapur, Bhadrappara and Parsabhata clusters. The project adopts an integrated approach addressing Primary Healthcare, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Maternal & Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN), Anaemia control, and De-addiction, aiming to build a healthier, disease-free community.

Key achievements this year include 4,129 patients served through Rural Health Posts, 268 malnourished children rehabilitated through PD Hearth sessions, 691 anaemia re-screenings with a 92% normalisation rate, and sustained community engagement reaching over 92,000 beneficiary-touchpoints across all program components during the year.

### Nandghar Project



Nandghar is a flagship initiative of the Vedanta Group, implemented in partnership with the Government of India, aimed at transforming the lives of children and women through a holistic approach to early education, healthcare, nutrition and skill development. In Chhattisgarh, SROUT implements the Nandghar program across 33 Anganwadi Centres in Korba district, of which 18 are jointly covered under Project Arogya and 15 are exclusive Nandghar centres.

The project focuses on Pre-School Education, the “Khilte Phool” early stimulation program for children aged 0-3 years, the “Sneh Milan” parental engagement initiative, THR (Take-Home Ration) awareness, vaccination support, nutrition gardens (Poshan Badi), and community capacity-building of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers. During 2025-26, attendance at Anganwadi Centres improved from 60% to 75% and the quality of pre-school education delivery improved to 80% of centres, reflecting the program's growing impact.

### Children's Home for Boys

Operating under Mission Vatsalya (formerly the Integrated Child Protection Scheme) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Children's Home for Boys has been running in Korba district since 2013 with a sanctioned capacity of 50 children. It serves as a shelter for children in need of care and protection — including children without parental care, runaway and migrant children, and child substance abusers — providing accommodation, basic care, counselling and support, and working closely with the local Child Welfare Committee to secure appropriate outcomes for every child.

Since inception, a cumulative 217 children have received shelter at the Home, including 13 new admissions during 2025-26. Of these, 189 children have been successfully restored to their families with proper education, counselling and vocational training, going on to secure job opportunities and gainful employment — reflecting the Home's core objective of safe, dignified reintegration wherever possible.

### Shakti Sadan (Ujjwala Grih)



Operating under Mission Shakti of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shakti Sadan (formerly Ujjwala Grih) provides shelter to women and girls who are abandoned by their families or are victims of harassment, domestic violence or other forms of abuse. Since its inception in Korba district in 2013, Shakti Sadan has provided legal counselling, health services, vocational training and recreational support to hundreds of women.

During FY 2025-26, Central and State grants totaling ₹23,69,131 were fully utilised for the running of the facility. The year saw 8 women and 7 children newly admitted and 10 women and 7 children successfully reunited with their families following counselling and rehabilitation support, including training in stitching and paper bag making for sustainable livelihoods.

### Rural Creche Initiative (RCI) — Balrampur

Supported by the Azim Premji Foundation, the Rural Creche Initiative was launched in Balrampur block to provide day-care services for children aged 7 months to 3 years for six hours a day, six days a week — enabling mothers to engage in employment, farming or household livelihood activities while their children receive nutrition, health and Early Childhood Development support. The program is implemented as a community-based centre run by Panchayat Committees.

During the launch phase, the SROUT Balrampur team completed community meetings and field surveys across multiple Gram Panchayats, finalised 5 role-model creche buildings and their caregivers, and conducted door-to-door surveys covering 254 children and 278 households. Coordination with ICDS (Anganwadi Workers/Helpers) and Panchayati Raj institutions (Sarpanch, Sachiv, Panch members) has been central to securing creche buildings and community buy-in for the initiative.

### Songudha Watershed Development Project



Agriculture is the primary income source for roughly 80% of Chhattisgarh's population, most of whom depend on rainfall and traditional cultivation methods, making them highly vulnerable to unpredictable weather. The Watershed Development Program, facilitated by SROUT and funded by NABARD (with BALCO support), improves soil quality and water conservation through community-led earthen structures and water-management strategies. FY 2025-26 marked the concluding year of the main phase of the Songudha Watershed Project, spanning Songudha, Aurakachar and Dondaro villages of Korba district.

The project treated a total area of 990.25 hectares through farm bunding, contour bunding, farm ponds, stone outlets, drip and sprinkler irrigation, organic farming, SRI cultivation, and vermi-compost/NADEP units, while nurturing Self-Help Groups for landless and women beneficiaries through livelihood enterprises such as vegetable production, tent house, poultry, mushroom cultivation, boutique and grocery units.

### **Terre des Hommes (TDH) — Biodiversity & Nutrition Project**

SROUT entered into an agreement with Terre des Hommes (TDH), a branch of Terre des Hommes Deutschland e.V., Germany, on 5th December 2024 for the project “Promoting Access and Consumption of Diversified Food and Nutrition among Communities from 8 Villages of Korba, Chhattisgarh” (Project Code: SROUT-IND-24-26). The project runs for 16 months, from 1st December 2024 to 31st March 2026, with a sanctioned budget of Euro 21,285 (approx. ₹18,51,795), released in yearly tranches of Euro 870 (2024), Euro 16,350 (2025) and Euro 4,065 (2026).

The project's overall goal is to empower communities to initiate local actions for biodiversity conservation, addressing challenges arising from deteriorating natural resources, while improving child nutrition outcomes. It is implemented across 8 villages under the Lalpur, Konkona, Binjhra and Gudrumuda Gram Panchayats of Korba district, home to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) including Hill Korva, Birhor and Pando communities — a combined population of 9,094 across 2,597 households, including 770 PVTG persons in 216 PVTG households.

Key planned deliverables include capacity-building of 16 community groups (Youth and Women) on biodiversity conservation and its link to health; biodiversity mapping of all 8 villages; establishment of 80 demonstration organic kitchen gardens; training of 320 women in preparing nutrient-rich food for children; and rehabilitation of 80 underweight/wasted children to normal health through PD Hearth sessions, with the goal of at least 240 households adopting environmentally-friendly practices by project end.

As of the reporting period, 8 Youth Groups and 8 Women Groups have been formed and are meeting regularly, biodiversity mapping of all 8 villages has been completed, 56 kitchen gardens have been installed, the first PD Hearth session has been conducted, and staff capacity-building has been carried out. Planned activities through December 2025 include completion of village biodiversity reports, training of 16 legal/entitlement committees, 7 additional PD Hearth sessions, continued group meetings, and 8 entitlement camps to link communities with government schemes.

### **Unnati Project — Empowering Women through SHGs and Livelihood Promotion**

Building on the success of earlier BALCO CSR-supported SHG programs, SROUT implements the Unnati Project across 45+ urban and rural locations around BALCO, Korba, with support from BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR. The project takes a comprehensive women-empowerment approach — strengthening the institutional capacity of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), promoting Micro, Nano and SHG-led enterprises, and enabling market linkages and compliance frameworks — with the Unnati Mahasangh (UMS) federation serving as the apex platform for enterprise support and long-term sustainability.

During FY 2025-26, the project reached 561 SHGs and 6,003 women members (against a target of 550 SHGs and 6,000+ women), with 2,259 women engaged as Economically Engaged Women (EEW). Five Micro Enterprises — the Chhattisa, Dekoratti, Cleanla, Mushroom Spawn and Unatex units — were strengthened, and three new enterprises were established: a Mushroom Production Unit at Bhatgaon and Checkpost, the Black Maize Restaurant (upgraded from the Unnatti Chaupal community stall), and the Koshakari Silk Promotion Unit. Together, the Micro Enterprises generated total annual revenue of ₹20.64 lakh. A further 78 Nano Enterprises (57 existing, 16 new and 5 SHG-led) were supported through awareness sessions, rebranding and continuous handholding, delivering an average monthly net profit margin of 42%. The Unnati Mahasangh was institutionalised during the year as Unnati Global Enterprises Limited, completing company registration, PAN and GST and linking 298 SHGs (679 members) to its enterprise-based revenue model. The project also facilitated convergence with NRLM, NABARD, CSIDC, PM SVANidhi and multiple banks, and culminated in the flagship Unnati Utsav event on 30 March 2026, attended by 479 community members.

### **Kosa Silk Promotion Project**

Supported by BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR and implemented in technical partnership with SABD Foundation, the "Promotion of Kosa Silk" project runs from October 2025 to March 2026 across Dhangaon and Churikala villages of Korba district. The project works with traditional Kosa silk weavers and allied artisans to strengthen the local silk value chain — covering livelihood enhancement, product development, brand-building, digital and offline market linkages,

and skills training — with the aim of establishing Kosa silk as a viable, market-ready livelihood option for rural women.

During the reporting period, a baseline survey profiled 140 weavers (40 in Dhangaon, 100 in Churikala), and a Kosa Silk Weaving Training Centre was established at Dhangaon, where 20 women weavers enrolled across two 60-day training batches — the first completed and the second ongoing — alongside an exposure visit to Champa covering dyeing, printing, painting and calendaring processes. Fifty product SKUs were fully developed and catalogued (with 50 more identified for future production) in collaboration with the Jai Maa Ambe Weavers Society. The project launched a premium brand identity, "Kosakari," securing a provisional trademark and Silk Mark certification, and produced a brand film to showcase the story of Kosa silk and its artisans. A professional Kosakari website was developed with 43+ products onboarded and integrated with Amazon, Flipkart and Meesho, supported by active Instagram and Facebook pages. A demonstration-cum-warehouse was established at BALCO Township for display, storage and dispatch, and market exposure included a 6-day trade fair in Bilaspur (generating approx. ₹30,000 in sales), a pop-up store at Palm Mall, Korba, and a stall at Unnati Utsav 2026 — supported by convergence with the local weavers' society and NABARD.

### Barra Community Development Project

The Barra Community Development Project, supported by BALCO (Vedanta Group) CSR, was launched in July 2025 in the Kharsia block of Raigarh district and adjoining parts of Korba district, and runs through March 2026. A full, detailed account of this project follows in the section below.

## BARRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT — DETAILED REPORT (July 2025 – March 2026)

### Overview & Objectives

The Kharsia block of Raigarh district continues to face multi-dimensional development challenges in health, nutrition, education, agriculture and livelihoods, particularly among pregnant and lactating women, children under five, and economically marginalised households. The Barra Community Development Project adopts an integrated, convergence-based approach — spanning health, early childhood care and education, sustainable livelihoods, women's empowerment and community infrastructure — to achieve measurable improvements in nutrition, service access, education and household incomes across the target villages.

- **Health:** Ensure accessible, quality primary healthcare through health camps, the Mobile Health Van (MHV), free medicines and referral linkages; strengthen maternal and child health; and improve TB nutrition support.
- **Education & ECCE:** Strengthen Anganwadi and school ecosystems (Nandghar, Learning Centres); build Anganwadi Worker capacity on ECCE; improve child nutrition through PD Hearth, THR training and Nutrition Gardens; and address adolescent health through MHM, de-addiction and HIV/AIDS awareness.
- **Sustainable Livelihoods:** Promote climate-resilient agriculture, form Village Development Committees (VDCs), and build youth employability through market-relevant skill training.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Strengthen SHG leadership, functioning and financial literacy through the Panch Sutra (Five Principles), and support women-led livelihoods such as stitching and mushroom cultivation.
- **Community Assets:** Improve safety and basic services through girls' hostel infrastructure, solar street lighting, water tanks and local sports facilities.

### Project Area & Coverage

The project covers 7 Gram Panchayats and 9 villages across 2 districts (Raigarh and Korba), reaching a total population of 14,820 across 3,759 households (50% male / 50% female). Literacy stands at 69% (male) and 58% (female); the population is 35% ST and 6% SC. Farming (45%) and ad-hoc labour (23%) are the dominant occupations, with 25% of the working-age population unemployed.



## Health

### Mobile Health Van (MHV)

26 MHV camps were organised at Daldali (Kabirdham), Mainpat (Surguja) and Rampur (Korba), reaching 1,254 beneficiaries (598 male, 656 female) with free primary healthcare, disease screening and health awareness. Screening identified 41 sugar (diabetes) cases, 84 BP (hypertension) cases and 6 cataract cases, all referred for further treatment; all patients received free medicines.

| Location           | Beneficiaries | Male | Female | Sugar | BP | Cataract |
|--------------------|---------------|------|--------|-------|----|----------|
| Barra Project Area | 271           | 167  | 104    | 16    | 43 | 6        |
| Daldali Mines Area | 368           | 165  | 203    | 4     | 9  | 0        |
| Mainpat Mines Area | 615           | 266  | 349    | 21    | 32 | 0        |
| Total              | 1,254         | 598  | 656    | 41    | 84 | 6        |

### Multispecialty Mega Health Camps

Mega Health Camps at Puchiypali (15 September 2025), Rampur (19 November 2025) and Khadgaon & Khamhar (20 & 24 March 2026) together reached 844 beneficiaries (278 male, 385 female, plus children), identifying 30 cataract cases, 37 anaemia cases, 10 diabetes cases and 37 hypertension cases — all referred to district hospitals for further care, alongside free medicines and hygiene/nutrition counselling.



## Education & Early Childhood Care

### Anganwadi Workers Training on ECCE



A two-day ECCE training (4–5 September 2025) at the Barra Anganwadi Centre built the capacity of 28 Anganwadi Workers across 8 villages on child development, prenatal care, early stimulation (0–3 years), school readiness (3–6 years) and creation of child-friendly learning environments.

### **Nutrition Garden**

20 Anganwadi Workers were provided seasonal vegetable seed kits, curry leaf saplings and watering cans on 7 September 2025 to establish nutrition gardens supporting fresh vegetable access for malnourished children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

### **MHM, De-addiction & HIV/AIDS Awareness**

10 awareness sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management, de-addiction and HIV/AIDS were conducted across schools and colleges in Kharsia block — including Swami Atmanand Higher Secondary School Rampur, and Government schools/college in Nagoi and Jobi — reaching 517 adolescent girls with information on adolescent development, menstrual hygiene practices and myth-busting.

### **Sustainable Livelihoods (Skilling & Agriculture)**

Under the Youth Skill Development program, 100 youth (17 male, 83 female) from Raigarh district and the project area were mobilised and trained in trades including Sewing Machine Operation, Food & Beverage Service, Solar PV Technician, Fitter (Electrical Assembly / Levelling, Alignment & Balancing) and Mobile Repair Technician, with free residential training, accommodation and food. 72 youth were successfully placed in jobs earning ₹12,000–₹23,205 per month, while the remaining participants pursued self-employment.

| Course                                    | Trained | Placed | Monthly Salary (₹) |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------|
| Sewing Machine Operator (SMO)             | 81      | 59     | 13,500–14,500      |
| Fitter – Levelling, Alignment & Balancing | 7       | 4      | 23,205             |
| Food & Beverages – Steward                | 6       | 5      | 12,000–15,000      |
| Mobile Hardware Repair Technician         | 2       | 1      | 16,238             |
| Solar PV Technician                       | 2       | 1      | 15,000             |
| Fitter Electrical Assembly                | 1       | 1      | 16,000             |
| Food & Beverage Service Assistant         | 1       | 1      | 12,000             |
| Total                                     | 100     | 72     | —                  |

## Women's Empowerment

### Survey of SHGs

A baseline survey, using BIHAN portal linkages verified by Sakriya Mahilas, identified 288 SHGs (3,708 women members) across the 9 project villages. Following field verification, 50 active SHGs covering 600 women were finalised for project support.

### Training on the SHG Panch Sutra (Five Principles)

11 capacity-building sessions trained 103 SHGs (272 members) across Mingaon, Puchiypali, Bagjhar, Rampur, Karwadih and Khadgaon on the Five Principles of SHG functioning — regular meetings, regular savings, internal lending, timely loan repayment, and proper record-keeping — strengthening group management, financial literacy and member confidence.

### Need-Based Support & Stitching Training



70 women (30 in Puchiypali, 40 in Rampur) enrolled in three-month stitching training programs covering basic stitching, garment construction and advanced designing. Of an earlier batch of 30 trained women, 12 economically needy women were provided sewing machines to launch independent stitching livelihoods, while the remaining 18 purchased machines on their own — with certificates awarded to all successful participants.

### **Special Days Observation & IEC**

- World Breastfeeding Week (5–6 Aug 2025): 58 participants reached with breastfeeding and hygiene counselling.
- National Nutrition Month (6 days, Sept 2025): 196 students/women reached via film screenings, drawing and games across 4 villages.
- Chhattisgarh Silver Jubilee & Women Awareness Camp (30 Oct 2025, Rampur): 150 women engaged on MHM, “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” and girl-child education.
- Wajan Tyohar / Weight Festival (8–18 Feb 2026): 208 participants; height/weight/DOB verification for 32 children across 4 villages.
- International Women's Day (12 Mar 2026): 50 SHG women and stitching trainees shared experiences and built confidence.
- Exposure visit to Unnatti Utsav: 45 women learned about successful CSR-supported micro-enterprise models.
- Sewing Training Certificate Distribution, Puchiypali: certificates awarded to 30 graduating SHG trainees.

In total, 15 special-day and IEC activities reached 692 beneficiaries during the year.

### **Community Assets & Local Sports Promotion**



- A boundary wall with secure entrance was constructed around the girls' hostel at Khamhar, significantly improving safety and privacy for resident students.
- Kabaddi mats were provided to rural youth at Badgadh Khola, enabling more effective training for state/national-level competition.
- 30 solar street lights were installed across 8 villages (Khamhar, Khadgaon, Jobi, Kafarmar, Kurru, Karuwadih, Sajapali, Gadapali) to improve night-time safety, along with a 5,000-litre solar water tank at Kafarmar for clean drinking water.

### Stakeholder Meetings & Departmental Convergence

191 stakeholder meetings were conducted during the year to strengthen departmental convergence, including with the District Programme Officer, Block Medical Officer, ICDS Project Officer, NRLM/BIHAN, Block Education Officer, PRI members and Gram Sachiv — alongside 85 Anganwadi Worker/Sahayika meetings and 51 school teacher meetings.

### Exposure Visits

- 10 unemployed youth visited the BALCO Vedanta Skill School, learning about trades such as Hotel Management, Electrician, Welder, Fitter, Sewing Machine Operator, Solar PV Installer and Mobile Repair, and available free training.
- 12 SHG women from Puchiyapali visited the SROUT Stitching Centre at Darri, Korba, building interest in tailoring-based livelihoods.

### Other Benefits

- 15 water coolers were installed at schools, the Jobi Police Station, Post Office and Block Education Office, benefiting approximately 1,399 people.
- 2 units of blood were voluntarily donated at a camp organised at BALCO Hospital.
- Shishu Sanjivni nutrition packets were distributed across 28 Anganwadi Centres, benefiting 800 children aged 4–6 years.

### Challenges

- Alcohol addiction in the community hampers communication and participation in project activities.
- Malnutrition remains a serious problem in some villages, particularly among children.
- Low education levels, especially in tribal areas, make it harder to build community understanding and participation.
- Many SHGs are inactive in practice despite appearing active on paper, compounded by limited support from the BIHAN team.
- Sarpanch-level permission requirements delayed work in some villages; partial permissions were eventually secured in Rampur and Puchiyapali.
- Plans to upgrade Anganwadi Centres into Nandghars faced local resistance and were shelved for the year.

## Future Action Plan

- Establish a dedicated Skill School to expand vocational training opportunities for rural youth.
- Construct CC roads and repair drainage systems as per Panchayat demand.
- Initiate Nandghar, Learning Centres, PD Hearth and THR training under the health and nutrition component.
- Form Village Development Committees (VDCs) and orient them on modern, climate-smart agriculture practices.
- Extend solar street lighting, high-focus public lighting and solar-powered water tank/pump systems to all villages.
- Renovate school and Anganwadi kitchens, bathrooms and boundary walls to improve safety and sanitation.

## Conclusion

The Barra Community Development Project has made meaningful progress in improving health, livelihoods, education and basic infrastructure across its target villages. Health camps, skill development, SHG strengthening and awareness activities have increased access to services and community awareness, with encouraging women's and youth participation reflected in improved employment, self-reliance and health-seeking behaviour. Despite challenges such as low awareness, malnutrition and administrative constraints, continuous field engagement and stakeholder support have built a strong foundation for sustainable, long-term community development.

## Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)

The Nav Kisaan Farmer Producer Organization assists small and marginal farmers in Bhatgaon village, Korba district, to access inputs, technology and markets through collective action, helping them achieve better returns through efficient, cost-effective and sustainable resource use. The FPO's input shop, constructed with BALCO CSR support, continues to operate, focusing on awareness of new farming techniques and expansion of its farmer membership base.

## Animal Welfare Program



With support from BALCO CSR, SROUT's Animal Welfare Program focuses on the care and protection of stray dogs and vulnerable cattle. During FY 2025-26, the program conducted an anti-rabies vaccination drive for 100 stray dogs, fitted reflective collars on 1,400 cows and 200 dogs to reduce night-time road accidents, and conducted 20 community awareness programs on animal welfare, cattle care and wildlife/biodiversity protection reaching over 1,370 students and residents. The Kanji House (cattle shelter) also underwent renovation, including construction of a new shade roof.

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