

United Nations Development Programme Country: INDIA 2013 Annual Work Plan

Programme Title: SWAAYAM

The Swaayam programme comprises three projects listed below. The multiplicity of projects is the result of consecutive agreements with the IKEA Foundation in the course of the last five years. The AWP for 2013 includes all projects. It has been agreed that as of 2014 all projects will be consolidated into one programme which is currently being redesigned.

Project Titles

- Women's social, economic and political empowerment in Jaunpur, Mirzapur and SantRavidas Nagar of Uttar Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "Pilot")
- Scaling up women's empowerment in Jaunpur, Mirzapur, sant Ravidas Nagar and Sonbhadra districts of Uttar Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "Expansion - UP") with a renewable energy add on component
- Integrated Women's Empowerment Sustaining Change for Generations: Replication of the Integrated Women's Empowerment Model in Cotton Areas of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan (hereinafter referred to as "Expansion - Cotton") with an add on component focusing on ultra poor

Implementing Partner: United Nations Development Programme

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. State the specific development challenge or gap that this AWP is addressing:

Gender equality and women's empowerment are critical to realization of human rights, sustainable development and achievement of MDGs. Serious efforts made especially since the 1990s to promote gender equality through various legislations, policies, and schemes have not resulted in a significant improvement in women's condition and position. India's Gender Inequality Index (GEI) places the country at 0.748¹, ranked 122 globally – below Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal and second only to Afghanistan in the region.

This project is located in Uttar Pradesh, which is ranked at the 2nd lowest position in the Gender Development Index (GDI)¹ for 35 states. UP also ranks 25 among 30 states on violence amongst women and its female work participation rate is recorded at 17%, which is 8 points lower than the national average.

- B. Select one or more of the below strategies for addressing the above mentioned challenge/gap and describe in the context of this AWP:
 - Changes in attitudes and access to decision making through awareness raising, brokering, convening.
 - Changes in the lives of individuals and communities through implementation for inclusive development.

C. List the specific strategies to be adopted to achieve the targets:

To address the above, UNDP has designed and piloted an integrated women's empowerment project covering all dimensions – social, economic, political and legal across 500 villages across three districts of the state – Juanpur, Mirzapur and Sant Ravidass nagar.

UNDP with support from the IKEA Foundation is adapting and up-scaling the integrated women's empowerment approach (SWAAYAM) across 7 districts of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

D. Possible improvements in the capacities of institutions, individuals and systems that will occur as a result of this AWP:

- Strengthened capacities of block federations of SHGs comprising 32,500 women, so that they function more effectively.
- 1,000 women will be educated on their legal entitlements and redressal.

E. List of gender issues and specific ways in which they will be addressed

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Direct Implementation

Gender issues spelt out in the section on developmental challenges. Ways of addressing the same spelt below:

- Improve women's condition (i.e. improvements in access to basic services) and women's position (i.e. improvements in power structures ,decision making and management).
- Enhancing political participation and representation of women in local self-government.
- Creating a supporting environment for women empowered in this project by working with male champions/advocates for women's rights.

F. List of South-South cooperation opportunities and specific ways in which they will be addressed

Programme Period: 2013-2017

Pilot (July 2009 to December 2013)Key Result Area (Strategic Plan): Poverty Eradication & Achievement of

Atlas Project ID 00049804

Atlas Output ID

1 January 2013 Start date:

End Date

31 December 2013 21 December 2012 PAC Meeting Date

Implementation modality

USD 1,500,000 2013 AWP budget:

Multiyear indicative budget::

USD 45,536,446

Source of funding:

Regular:

n/a

IKEA Foundation

USD 1,493,800

Rabobank Foundation USD 6,200

Donors	Total Project	A	ctual Expen	diture (year	rs)		Budgets	(years)	
	budget	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
*IKEA-Pilot- UP	7,494,774	541,951	1,547,572	1,977,976	1,873,938	1,279,871		273,466	
**IKEA- Expansion UP	16,319,876	0	0	0	589,609	100,069		15,630,198	
#IKEA-Cotton	21,391,478	0	0	0	0	113,860		21,277,618	
##Rabobank	330,318	0	0	0	114,528	6200		209,590	
Total	45,536,446	541,951	1,547,572	1,977,976	2,578,075	1,500,000		37,390,872	

^{*} A grant of Euro 5,554,104 was approved by IKEA Foundation in the project document which was equivalent to USD 7,991,517 at the time of signing (June 2009). The actual receipts of the 4 tranches as per the CSA stood at USD 74,94,774. An amount of USD 273,466 will remain unutilized at end 2013.

Agreed by UNDP:

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^{**}A grant of Euro 12,631,483 was approved by IKEA Foundation in December 2011 which was equivalent to USD 16,319,745 at December 2011 UN rate of Exchange (1 USD = 0.774 Euro).

[#]A grant of Euro 17,343,512 was approved by IKEA Foundation in August 2012 which was equivalent to USD 21,254,304 at August 2012 UN rate of Exchange (1 USD = 0.816 Euro). A planning grant of Euro 100,000 was approved in September 2011 which was equivalent to USD 137,174 at September 2011 UN rate of Exchange (1USD = 0.729 Euro)

^{##}A grant of Indian Rupees 17,160,000 was approved by Rabobank Foundation in July 2011 which was equivalent to USD330,318 at July 2011 UN rate of Exchange (1 USD = 51.95 INR)

I. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Year: 2013

Key area of UNDP strategic Plan:

Poverty eradication, achievement of MDGs

UNDAF / CPAP OUTCOME

Inclusive and equitable growth policies and poverty reduction strategies of the Government are strengthened to ensure that most vulnerable and marginalized people in rural and urban areas have greater access to productive assets, decent employment, skills development, social protection and sustainable livelihoods.

CPAP OUTCOME Indicators

- Percentage increase in the number of households from persistently excluded groups' in rural and urban areas accessing national flagship livelihood and employment schemes and missions: MGNREGP, NRLM, NULM
- Number of districts in which Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) value increases by 10 per cent

CONTRIBUTING TO CPAP OUTPUT

Scalable solutions for inclusion of marginalized groups are designed and implemented

CONTRIBUTING TO CPAP 5 year target

- 20% Percentage increase in the number of households from persistently excluded groups' in rural and urban areas accessing national flagship livelihood and employment schemes and missions: MGNREGP, NRLM, NULM
- 10 districts in which Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) value increases by 10 per cent

Annual OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES Month of		RESPONSIBLE	PLA	ANNED BUDGE	T
		completion	PARTY	Funding Source	AC-Code	Amount¹(In USD)
Output 1: Social Empowerment (Pilot) - Poor women organized in strong collectives at group and cluster levels and their capacities developed for running these sustainably.	1.1.1 Validated database of 50,000 SHG women and updated SHG records in web enabled MIS Action 1: Agencies to develop software and to validate the SHG database contracted. Action 2: Training of staff hired by agency, PMU team and Federation staff on software and validation process organized. Action 3: Village level validation and	November	ТВІ	IKEA Foundation (hereinafter IF)	72125	7,000

¹ Budget amounts do NOT include Direct Project Costs. An internal working sheet will be developed with RMU. RMU will assist on this.

updation of SHG records completed and data uploaded in web enabled MIS.					
Action 4: Validated SHG database shared with Federations for periodic update.					
 1.1.2 2000 vulnerable women mobilized into SHGs Action 1: With the support of village representatives of federations vulnerable households identified. 	November	Federation	IF		
Action 2: Women from vulnerable households mobilized by old SHGs.					0
Action 3: Training on SHG management and strengthening completed for newly inducted vulnerable women.					
Action 4: New SHG/members data added into validated database.					
1.1.3 Existing capacity of at least 3500 SHGs to function independently & manage their groups without	November	Federation	IF		19
external support strengthened. Action 1: Grading of all SHGs completed.					0
Action 2: 50,000 SHG members linked to six block level federations.					
Action 3: Training on capsule module on SHGs/federations and bank linkage completed.					
1.2.1 Infrastructural support to 6 registered federations provided. Action 1: Assessment of infrastructural requirements completed. Action 2:Goods procured and provided to six block federations.	November	UNDP	IF	71300, 72200	10,151

1.2.2 Service package on micro insurance rolled out.	November	Amicus Advisory	IF	72100	
Action 1: Assessment of comprehensive insurance package and premium payment capacity completed. Action 2: Indicative comprehensive policy cover developed and validated with industry representatives. Action 3: Insurance company selected and agreement between Federations and insurance company finalized.					23,000
Action 4: Provision of micro insurance services by federations initiated.					
1.2.3 Management support to federations at cluster and block federation provided. Action 1:Agency to recruit block managers, cluster coordinators and link workers contracted. Action 2: Recruitment and posting of required federation staff competed.	November	SAMS	IF	72100	70,000
1.2.4 Delivery of basic services to member SHGs for women empowerment related activities through block and cluster federations strengthened. Action 1: Agency for developing basic service package contracted. Action 2: Training service package developed and approved. Action 3: Standard operating procedure of federations developed and approved. Action 4: Capacity building of federation staff completed. Action 5: Pre training assessment of satisfaction of SHG members conducted Action 6: Capacity building of federation	November	Access	IF	72100	20,698

executive members completed. Action 7: Post training assessment of satisfaction of SHG members conducted. Action 8: Exposure visit of federation executive committee members completed. Basic service package develop by agency approved. Action 9: General body and executive committee meetings of all six federations organized. Action 10: Federation business plan developed and exit/sustainability plan finalized.					
1.2.5 Satisfaction survey of women on federation services conducted. Action 1: Agency for conducting satisfaction survey contracted. Action 2: Inception meeting organized and strategy finalized. Action 3: Survey tools finalized. Action 4: Beneficiaries identified and survey	Agreed to do this in 2014	TBI	IF	72100	0
completed. Action 5: Final report of survey submitted. 1.2.6 Identify and train 500 men in book keeping and promotion of gender understanding Action 1: Federations to identify men Action 2: ACCESS trains men in book keeping Action 3: Agency is contracted to train men in promoting gender understanding. Action 4: SHGs identify target groups to promote gender understanding Action 5: Men are trained by contracted agency	November	PMU, Federation, ACCESS and agency TBI	IF	71300	15,000
1.2.7 Grievance redressal through federations	December	TBD	IF	72100	

	streamlined. Action 1: Status of existing grievance redressal process assessed. Action 2: Capacity of federations in redressing grievances mapped. Action 3: Grievances redressal mechanism designed and rolled out.					
	1.3 Professional Fee and Travel 1.4 Liaison with government, private sector,	December December	PMU PMU	IF IF	71400, 71600 71400, 71600	27,970
	allied institutions and networks for formalizing partnerships for the project.					0
Sub Total Social Pilot						173,819
Output 2: Economic Empowerment (Pilot) Capabilities enhanced and economic enterprises of women established and/or strengthened for enhanced	2.1 At least 10,000 project beneficiaries trained on financial literacy and linked with formal financial institutions and availed social security schemes. Action 1: Agency to organize training on financial literacy contracted. Action 2: Inception meeting organized and	November	ACCESS	IF	72100	37,787
household income.	strategy finalized. Action 3: Training module developed and approved. Action 4: Field implementation plan approved and rolled out. Action 5: Final report submitted by agency.					
	2.2 Settlement of operational expenses of SKPCL from August to December.	October		1F		40,000
	2.3 Settlement and closure of contracts of technical resource agencies					140,500
	2.4 Management review of SKPCL	November	TBD	IF		10,000
	2.5 Determination of market assessment, scope and methodology for new value chains	November	TBD	IF		15,000

	2.6 Redesign of economic component	November	Consultant	IF.	72100	25,000
	2.7 Database of 35,000 SHG women trained/linked to enterprises validated and updated in web enabled MIS Action 1: Agencies to develop software and to validate the SHG database contracted.	November	ТВІ	IKEA Foundation (hereinafter IF)	72125	
	Action 2: Training of staff hired by agency, PMU team and Federation staff on software and validation process organized.					7,000
	Action 3: Village level validation and updation of SHG records completed and data uploaded in web enabled MIS.					
	Action 4: Validated SHG database shared with Federations for periodic update					
	2.8 Professional fee & Travel	December	PMU	IF	71400, 71600	36,364
	2.9 Liaison with government, private sector, allied institutions and networks for formalizing partnerships for the project /leveraging resources and capital for the project	December	PMU	IF	71300, 71600	0
Sub Total Economic (Pilot)						311,651
Output 3: Political & Legal Empowerment (Pilot) Women leader supported to contribute effectively in local decision making and demand quality public services.	3.1 Capacity of at least 1000 women (elected women representatives, master trainers (Aaganwadi workers), para legal workers and federation board members) on legal rights and entitlements strengthened and linked with local administrative and legal authorities in coordination with Government's Ahimsa programme.	December	TBD	IF		12,000
	Action 1: Agency to train on legal rights and entitlements contracted.			*		
	Action 2: Inception meeting organized and implementation strategy finalized.					

Action 3: Previously developed training modules adapted and training roll out plan developed.					
Action 4: Training rolled out and post training awareness level of participating women assessed.					
Action 5: Final report of assignment submitted.	B 1				
3.2 Gender training for at least 1000 women (elected women representatives, master trainers, para legal workers and federation board members) organized.	October	TBD	IF		
Action 1: Agency to train on gender issues contracted.					
Action 2: Inception meeting organized and implementation strategy finalized.					13,000
Action 3: Previously developed training modules adapted and training roll out plan developed.					
Action 4: Training plan approved and rolled out.					
Action 5: Final report of assignment submitted.					
3.3 Legal literacy material (AISSCET and A2J material) to at least 1000 participants disseminated.	October	TBD	IF		
Action 1: AISSCET and A2J material Printed/procured.					12,727
Action 2: On training site resource material distributed.					
3.4 Professional Fee and Travel	December	PMU	IF	71400, 71600	27,273
3.5 Liaison with government, private sector,	December	PMU	IF	71300, 71600	0

	allied institutions and networks for formalizing partnerships for the project/leveraging resources and capital for the project.			
Sub Total Political (Pilot)				65,000
Expansion Project	4.1 Project teams and Project offices established and implementing partners identified. Action 1: SWAAYAM Project Managers including Programme Coordinator and International UN Volunteers on board. Action 2: Programme officers and project personnel selected and state offices made functional Action 3: Implementing partners selected for each state and work plans for 2014 submitted to UNDP. Action 4: Baseline commissioned for the Expansion phase. Action 5: Linkages with key state and district departments as well as government schemes and missions established. Action 6: Intervention strategy for ultra poor component developed in new design of	December		70,000
	programme in cotton areas. 4.2 Balance Payment released to Janak Samiti and SVSS for Establishing Women Empowerment Centres in Jaunpur and Sant	October		30069
Total Expansion	Ravidas Nagar			100.000
Renewable Energy	5.1 Merging of a detailed subset of inputs to	August		100,069
Component	economic component.	August		27,000
Rabobank Support	Rabobank support Economic Component		Rabobank	6200
Total of project costs	Total for project costs (A)	4		683,739
	Project staff salaries and project			226,050

management expenses ² (B)		
Project staff salaries and project management expenses Gujrat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan (C)		113,860
Annual Audit, Evaluations, Micro assessment costs ³ (D)		30,000
Budget Line for direct project costs 2012 (E)	Recover in 2013	146,351
Budget Line for direct project costs 2013 (F)		300,000
AWP TOTAL IN USD (G) = $(A)+(B)+(C)+(D)+(E)$		1,386,140
AWP GRAND TOTAL IN USD		1,500,000

² Costs for communication and state offices will not be charged to each AWP separately

³ Once a project has incurred expenditure for micro-assessment, do not budget for it in subsequent years.

II. MULTI YEAR PROJECT STRATEGY DESCRIPTION (OPTIONAL FOR YEAR 1)

Situation Analysis:

The XIIth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) of the Government of India recognises that barriers to women's empowerment are manifested in various ways. It calls for addressing deep rooted gender biases and discrimination that hinders women's participation in social, economic and political spheres and improving their status and position in the society.

Uttar Pradesh where this project is located is India's most populous state with a population of 166 million. It is also the second largest economy in the country. Poverty is widespread with 59 million people living below the poverty line. Women's status in Uttar Pradesh continues to present challenges as reflected in the indicators below:

- UP ranks at the second lowest position in the Gender Development Index (GDI) for 35 states.
- U.P is ranked 25 among 30 states on violence amongst women and over forty percent women have experienced physical violence in their lives (NHFS III)
- In rural Uttar Pradesh over 60 % of women were already married by the age of 18 (NHFS III)
- Maternal mortality indicators are worst in the state. In Uttar Pradesh, a woman has one in 42 chances of maternal death while the probability is just one in 500 in Kerala.
- Decision making in the family and community is influenced by men (NHFS III)
- The average Female Work Participation Rate (WPR) in UP is recorded at 17% 8 points lower than the national average

Within the state, the eastern region where the four project districts namely Jaunpur, Mirzapur, Santa Ravidas Nagar & Sonbhadra has long been a microcosm for patriarchal values that have traditionally undermined the status and position of women. Three of the four project districts (Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra) also figure among the 250 most backward region districts of India. According to the official Below the Poverty Line Census (2002), against the state average of 41.4 percent, 68.8 percent households have BPL cards in Mirzapur, followed by Sonbhadra at 65 percent, Jaunpur at 43.6 percent and SantRavidas Nagar at 24.7 percent. Schedule Castes constitute an average of 23.4 percent in the three districts of Jaunpur, SantRavidas Nagar and Mirzapur, while in Sonbhadra the percentage of Schedule Castes population is highest at 42 percent. Other Backward Caste groups constitute 46 percent of the total population of the four districts and nearly 10 percent belong to the minority groups.

As per the findings of the situational analysis and stakeholder consultations carried out by UNDP in 2011-12, women in the project districts were found to be disadvantaged on multiple accounts. Women are unable to fully realise their worth and rights due to engrained gender disparities embodied at household, community and societal level. This coupled with institutional limitations stand in their way of women actualizing their full potential. The pilot project implemented by UNDP since 2009 across 500 villages has demonstrated the transformational impact of an integrated approach to women's empowerment, covering all dimensions- social, economic, political and legal. This approach is now being up-scaled across 6264 new villages which will address many of the aforesaid challenges.

SCOPE AND STRATEGY:

The project scope and strategy is available in the three project proposals submitted to the donors (IKEA Foundation and Rabobank). However, following extensive reviews and in consultation with the donor, the programme design and strategy is being revisted and will be finalised at the end of 2013.

Results framework:

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The detailed multi year results framework will be prepared along with the revised programme design and strategy by the end of 2013.

III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

For details refer to section D1 of the project documents.

IV. MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND EVALUATION

In accordance with the programming policies and procedures outlined in the UNDP User Guide, the project will be monitored through the following:

- A. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT: The Implementing Partner, in consultation with the project teams, will provide brief monthly updates on progress against planned activities and budgets. These monthly reports will be provided in the format provided at Annex1. These monthly reports will be consolidated, as required, by UNDP's quality assurance team for progress review meetings.
- B. ONE TIME RISK LOG:Based on the initial risk analysis, a risk log shall be activated in Atlas and regularly updated by reviewing the external environment that may affect the project implementation. This will be completed by UNDP project assurance team in consultation with the Implementing partner. Use the standard Risk Log template
- C. An external EVALUATION will be commissioned by IKEA Foundation during September-December 2013.
- D. ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT: An Annual Review Report shall be prepared by the Project Manager and shared with the Project Board and the Outcome Board. The reporting format at Annex 2 will used to provide brief description of results achieved in the year against predefined annual targets.
- E. ANNUAL PROJECT REVIEW. Based on the above report, an annual project review shall be conducted during the fourth quarter of the year or soon after, to assess the performance of the project and appraise the Annual Work Plan (AWP) for the following year. In the last year, this review will be a final assessment. This review is driven by the Project Board and may involve other stakeholders as required. It shall focus on the extent to which progress is being made towards outputs, and that these remain aligned to appropriate outcomes.

Annex 2 – Annual progress report format

Key area of UNDP strate	enic Plan			
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Project title				
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Annual Outputs	Allocated budget	Total Expenditure	Progress on planned outputs and key successes	
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3				
Policy results and any additional results achieved				
Lessons learned, project shortcomings and solutions	5			P
Follow-up Actions				