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HUMARA BACHPAN



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List of Abbreviations

HBT	: Humara Bachpan Trust
P.A.C.E	: Personal Advancement & career Enhancement
I.T.I	: Industrial Training Institute
N.C.W	: National Commission for Women
RSETI	: Rural Self Employment Training Institute
CDA	: Chilika Development Authority
BMC	: Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
BSCL	: Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited
CHG	: Child Help Group
IEC	: Information Education Communication
SDG	: Sustainable Development Goals
CWC	: Child Welfare Committee
ANM	: Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery
CRVDP	: Climate Resilient Village Development Plan
DLSA	: District Legal Services Authority
SRI	: System of Rice Intensification
UCDAP	: Urban Community Development Action Program
SVHPS	: Safe Vibrant Healthy Public Space
WRI	: World Resource Institute
DCSV	: Demonstrating Climate Smart Village
DCPO	: District Child Protection Officer
WSC	: World Skill Centre
OSDA	: Odisha Skill Development Authority
NEPC	: National Education Policy Centre
EDP	: Entrepreneurship Development Program
FCF	: Female Cotton Farmer
UHND	: Urban Health Nutrition Day

Locations Covered

Bhubaneswar	:	Bhubaneswar is the capital city of Odisha
Sundargarh	:	Sundargarh is a district in the northwestern part of Odisha
Puri	:	Puri is a coastal district in Odisha
Balangir	:	Balangir is a district in the western part of Odisha
Khaprakhol, Belapada & Patnagarh	:	Blocks of Balangir district
Keonjhar	:	Keonjhar is a district in the northern part of Odisha
Patana, Harichandanpur, Hatadihi & Keonjhar Sadar	:	Blocks of Keonjhar district.
Bramhagiri & Krushnaprasad	:	Coastal blocks of Puri
Tilori	:	Village in Malanpur area of Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh
Girongi	:	Village in Malanpur area of Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh
Kandhamal	:	Kandhamal is a tribal dominated district of odisha.
Phulbani, Phiringia, Raikia, Tikabali & Khajuripada	:	Blocks of Kandhamal district

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Dharitri Pattnaik

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The year 2024–25 reaffirmed our conviction that sustainable change is possible only when communities take the lead, systems are responsive, and women and children are placed at the core of development.

At Humara Bachpan Trust, our work is guided by the lived realities of marginalized communities—realities increasingly shaped by climate uncertainty, economic vulnerability, and deeply embedded social norms. This year, our strategic focus centered on building climate resilience through climate-adaptive livelihoods, while addressing the socio-economic and cultural barriers faced by women—particularly women farmers, who are disproportionately impacted by climate change yet remain underrepresented in access to resources and decision-making.

Across coastal and agrarian regions, women adopted climate-smart practices such as SRI paddy cultivation, sustainable mud crab culture, vermicomposting, and diversified livelihood models. Alongside technical support, we strengthened women's leadership and facilitated convergence with government systems—enabling access to soil health cards, crop insurance, irrigation planning, and agricultural subsidies. Women cotton farmers in Balangir demonstrated how climate-resilient practices, combined with collective action and institutional linkages, can significantly improve productivity and household security. These efforts reflect our commitment to building women-led, climate-resilient livelihood ecosystems.

Parallelly, we addressed the structural challenges faced by women entrepreneurs—limited access to finance, markets, formal recognition, and business skills—which often confine capable women to subsistence livelihoods. Through SAMBHAVI, our flagship women empowerment model, we supported women to transition from informal work to formal enterprises by integrating life skills, entrepreneurship development, mentorship, and market linkages. Initiatives such as Swakalpa enabled women across Puri, Khordha, and Balangir to establish MSMEs in handloom, food processing, agri-preneurship, and services—building sustainable income pathways. SAMBHAVI goes beyond economic participation; it nurtures agency, transforms power relations, and strengthens collective resilience.

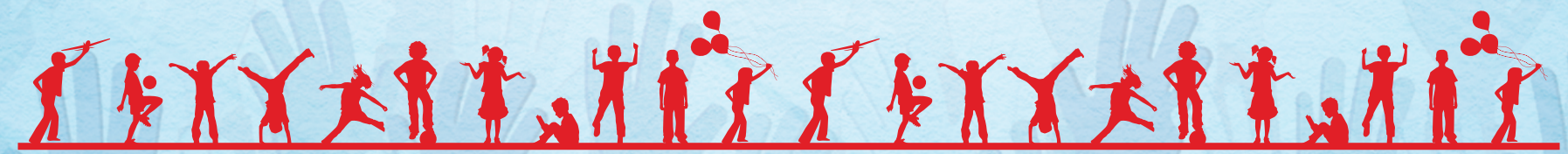
Child protection and adolescent leadership remained integral to our mission. Through the Just Rights for Children program in Keonjhar and Kandhamal, we addressed child trafficking, child marriage, and abuse through justice delivery and community-led prevention. In Bhubaneswar, adolescents emerged as Public Space Ambassadors, demonstrating how youth voices can influence inclusive urban planning and public infrastructure.

Across all our interventions, we emphasized strengthening local systems and amplifying community leadership, while facilitating access to social protection schemes and essential services to help vulnerable families withstand climate and economic shocks.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our teams, the courage of women and adolescents who lead change on the ground, and the continued support of our partners and stakeholders. Together, we are working toward a future where women are not only survivors of climate change but architects of resilience, entrepreneurship becomes a pathway to dignity, and every child grows up safe and empowered.

As we move forward, Humara Bachpan Trust remains committed to advancing climate justice, gender equity, and child rights—placing communities at the center of sustainable development.

Smaritri Patnaik



ABOUT HUMARA BACHPAN TRUST

Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) is a not-for-profit organization working since year 2014, advocating for safe and healthy living conditions along with enhancement of socio-economic status of communities living in poverty. It is led by children, youth and women who identify the issues, prioritize the man propose solutions to address those issues before the respective authorities. The focus of our work is creating an enabling built environment, public-civic engagements, community participation in and entrepreneurship for women living in poverty has been initiated by HBT in 2017. The initiative ensures better jobs for women and young people by providing more targeted and inclusive vocational training, and investment in start-up entrepreneurs.

Humara Bachpan Trust works at par with the United Nation's 'New Urban Agenda' for sustainable organization with children, youth and women to have their voices heard and make them active participants in planning and shaping their cities to socially smart cities. Its work is aligned with the Sustainable development goals (SDG's) of 'Gender Equality' and sustained and inclusive economic grow than productive employment and decent work for all.

SAMBHAVI, an innovative model of women empowerment with capacity building for enterprise and entrepreneurship for women living in poverty has been initiated by HBT in 2017. The initiative ensures better jobs for women and young people by providing more targeted and inclusive vocational training, investment in startup entrepreneurs.



VISION

To create a society that fosters active Citizenry among people especially children, Youth and women living in poverty.



MISSION

Eradicate the barriers of poverty, marginalization and discrimination and empower communities to lead a life with dignity and better standard of living

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS



OUR THEMATIC FOCUS

Humara Bachpan works on some key areas towards fulfilling its goal of addressing issues of inequality, marginalisation and discrimination. Following are the focus areas:



Child Protection and Development

- *Children's Equitable Access to Justice*
- *Empowering Adolescent Girls*
- *Empowering Children through Sports*



SAMBHAVI- Women Empowerment with Enterprise and Employability

- *Empowering Women through Transformational Life Skills*
- *SWAKALPA-Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship Development*



Community Health

- *Community Health Screening & Outreach*
- *Urban Community Development Action Program*
- *Healthcare Support for the Vulnerable*



Creating Pathways

- *Encouraging Education for All*
- *School Chalo Abhiyan (Back to School) Campaign*
- *Linkages with ITI & Career Counselling*



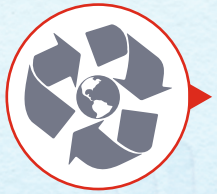
Governance & Advocacy

- *Leadership Building*
- *Healthy City for Adolescents (Phase II)*
- *Increased Accessibility of Resources & Services*



Action Against Gender-Based Violence

- *Safety Audits*
- *16 Days Activism against Gender based Violence*



Environment & Climate Change

- *Clean & Green Environment*
- *Plastic Free Pana Yatra- An Effort Towards Chilika's Ecosystem Conservation*



Disaster Preparedness & Response

- *Strengthening Coastal Resilience: Livelihood Promotion and Climate Adaptation in the Chilika Landscape*
- *Empowering Women for Climate-Resilient Cotton Production*
- *Climate Resilient Village Development Plans*
- *Demonstrating Climate Smart Villages for Resilient Agriculture & Livelihhods*



CHILD PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT



At Humara Bachpan Trust, we are committed to nurturing every child's right to grow, thrive, and lead. Our efforts focus on:

- ➪ *Protecting childhood by preventing exploitation, child marriage, and abuse, while ensuring justice and rehabilitation for survivors.*
- ➪ *Creating safe spaces where children feel secure, valued, and empowered within their communities.*
- ➪ *Fostering young leaders by building confidence and leadership skills, enabling children to voice their rights to freedom, safety, health, and education.*
- ➪ *Strengthening support networks so that families, schools, and communities work together for children's well-being.*

Just Rights: Protecting Children, Transforming Communities

The 'Just Rights' program, implemented in Keonjhar and Kandhamal districts in partnership with the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, US, envisions communities where children are free from violence and exploitation. The initiative works to ensure justice for children trafficked for labor, marriage, or sexual exploitation, as well as survivors of child sexual abuse. At the same time, it tackles the deep-rooted challenge of child marriage by addressing the social and cultural norms that fuel its persistence. By combining justice delivery with community transformation, Just Rights is paving the way for safer, more supportive environments for children in both districts.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Prevention

- *Program Reach – 150 villages of 6 vulnerable blocks in Keonjhar & 50 villages of 5 vulnerable blocks in Kandhamal*
- *Children made aware of safety issues -3525*
- *Community Vigilant Committees formed: 50*
- *Emergency Contact Points prepared: 25*
- *Child Marriage Prevented - 301 (Keonjhar), 302 (Kandhamal)*

Addressal

- *Children Rescued - 441*
- *Child Marriage Cases Intervened - 603*
- *Child Trafficking Cases Intervened- 138*
- *Child Labour Cases Intervened - 51*
- *Child Sexual Abuse Cases Intervened - 20*
- *Total FIR Lodged - 73*

Rehabilitation

- *Counselling & Follow-up Support Provided to Rescued Children- 441*
- *Stakeholder Coordination Meeting Conducted for Rehabilitation - 103*
- *Rescued Children Enroled in Vocational Training - 4*
- *Children Provided Medical Support -57*

Protecting Prita Kanhar from Exploitation and Ensuring Her Safety

Prita Kanhar (name changed), a 16-year-old girl, belongs to Mulagudari, Gudari, Khajuripada in Kandhamal district. On July 28, 2024, the Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) Kandhamal team received information from a concerned adult regarding the trafficking of Prita for the purpose of marriage. It was reported that Prita had been trafficked by Naresh Bindhani (name changed) from Kadrapada village six months prior. The two had been living together at his home, cohabiting as a couple.

Upon receiving this report, the HBT team promptly contacted the local Anganwadi Worker (AWW) and the ICDS Supervisor to verify the situation. On July 30, 2024, the HBT team, along with the village Sarapanch, ward member, AWW, and Supervisor, visited the location and conducted a raid on the boy's house. At the time of the raid, Prita was found working in the field behind the house. She was immediately rescued and, following a verbal order from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Kandhamal, placed in the Odisha Support Centre for temporary shelter.

During initial counseling, it was revealed that Prita had been living at the boy's house for the past six months, maintaining a couple-like relationship. In consultation with Prita's family, an FIR was lodged at the Khajuripada Police Station. With police support, Prita was produced before the CWC. Based on the CWC's order, she was then transferred to the Sadhan Shelter Home for her protection and further care.

This swift intervention ensured that Prita was rescued from a vulnerable situation and placed in a safe environment where her well-being could be safeguarded.

Facilitation under Mission Vatsalya

Under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) facilitated the linkage of 31 children (orphans and from single-parent households) to ensure their access to social protection and financial support. Each eligible child receives ₹4,000 per month as direct monetary assistance to support their education, health, and overall well-being.



HBT staff actively coordinated with multiple stakeholders—Community representatives, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Office (DCPO), Banks, and the Collector's Office—to streamline the facilitation process. The Social Investigation Report (SIR) was prepared and submitted to the Collector's Office for approval and disbursement to the concerned beneficiaries.

Through this sustained facilitation, HBT ensured that vulnerable children are not only linked to government welfare schemes but also receive consistent follow-up and support for their holistic development.

Leadership Initiatives: Women Paving the Way for a Child Marriage-Free Future

Across Kandhamal and Keonjhar districts, Anganwadi Supervisors, Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), Lady Supervisors, Panchayat Leaders, and Self-Help Group (SHG) Federation Presidents are emerging as powerful change-makers in the fight against child marriage. Under the Just Rights program, these women leaders use their official roles and community influence to prevent child marriages, rescue vulnerable children, and advocate for education and child protection. Their leadership not only raises awareness but also mobilizes families, frontline workers, and local governance systems to safeguard children's rights and create safer, more supportive environments.



Spotlight Story – Anjana Sethi: A Champion for Child Rights



As the President of the Gram Panchayat Level Federation in Patna, Keonjhar, Anjana Sethi leads 150 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) with over 1,500 women. Through continuous awareness drives and close collaboration with HBT, she has played a pivotal role in preventing 40 child marriages. Anjana has also facilitated access to government support under the Vatsalya scheme for two highly vulnerable children, strengthening their protection and well-being. Her unwavering commitment to education and protection ensures that children in her panchayat are given the chance to learn, dream, and grow free from the burden of early marriage.

"Every child deserves a childhood filled with learning and dreams, not the burden of marriage. Education and awareness are our strongest tools to break this cycle," says Anjana.

These collective efforts highlight how empowered women leaders are transforming their communities, proving that local action is key to building a child marriage-free future.

Achievement of the Year

25 adolescent groups *formed with* ***625 members***

75 girls taking leadership roles *in their communities & schools, facilitating girls' access to education, healthcare & empowerment programs*

31 children linked under Mission Vatsalya Scheme *and each receiving Rs 4000 per month*



Play to Grow: Children's Holistic Growth through Sports

Sports serve as a powerful medium for the holistic development of children and adolescents—enhancing physical fitness, mental well-being, and essential life skills like teamwork and leadership. Under the PARIVARTAN program, sports tournaments were organized to promote youth engagement and community bonding.



***130+ adolescents** participated in dynamic sports events under the PARIVARTAN program*
Girls' Tournament** featured **Kho-Kho & Kabaddi
Kho-Kho Winner: Ghirongi
Kabaddi Winner: Tilori



***Boys' Cricket Match drew 100+ players** and spectators from Ghirongi, Tilori & Rithora*
Winner: Tilori
Man of the Match: Tilori player

Nurturing Creativity and Skillsets

As part of the commitment to holistic child development, a range of creative and skill-based activities were organized across the operational areas. These initiatives encourage children to explore their imagination, develop practical skills, and build confidence to strengthen critical thinking, innovation, and overall growth.

Major Activities:

- ***Art & Craft Competitions –*** *Activities like Rakhi making, painting workshops, Rangoli design, and "Kabaad Se Jugaad" encouraged creativity and sustainability.*
- ***Science Exhibitions –*** *Showcased innovative models on renewable energy, robotics, and water conservation, inspiring scientific thinking.*
- ***Knowledge Corners–*** *Quizzes, essay writing & engaging model-making sessions strengthened critical thinking, digital literacy, and practical problem-solving.*
- ***Girls' Self-Defence Training –*** *Equipped adolescent girls with skills for personal safety, discipline, and self-reliance.*





Sambhavi - Women Empowerment with Enterprise and Employability



*Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) places women empowerment at the center of its work, with **SAMBHAVI** emerging as a flagship initiative since 2017. This model equips women from economically marginalized backgrounds with **life skills, vocational training, and entrepreneurial capacity**, enabling them to overcome poverty and move towards self-reliance.*

*SAMBHAVI is built on a **four-pillar framework**:*

- ***Power Within** – nurturing self-confidence and self-awareness*
- ***Power To** – developing skills, creating income opportunities, and connecting women to markets*
- ***Power Over** – challenging and transforming unequal power relations at home and in the community*
- ***Power With** – fostering solidarity and collective action for shared growth*

By combining personal growth with collective mobilization, HBT helps women strengthen their agency, improve livelihoods, and create pathways to gender equality.

*program under the **Odisha Skill Development Project (OSDP)** in **Puri, Khordha, and Balangir** districts. Focused on **gender equality and inclusion**, the initiative achieved **over 81% women participation** from diverse backgrounds.*

*Guided by the **World Skill Center (WSC)** and **Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)**, Swakalpa provided **104 hours of entrepreneurship training** and **24 weeks of personalized mentoring**, equipping women with the skills, resources, and market linkages to successfully establish their own enterprises.*

Swakalpa Key Highlights

Component	Details
Mentorship	24 weeks of intensive mentoring support, providing dedicated guidance to help mentees build skills and knowledge in their chosen field.
Mentor Support	6 mentorship coordinators deployed to track mentee progress and monitor growth trajectories.
Bootcamp Mode Mentoring	1 bootcamp (Bhubaneswar) held to help youth assess business requirements and develop ideas into full business pitches.
Enterprises Set Up	**Food Processing – 18** **Handloom & Handicraft – 18** **Beauty & Wellness – 3** **Apparel – 12** **Agri-preneur – 20**



182 Women Trained

6 Batches Formed (Bhubaneswar 4, Bolangir 2)

170 Female Certified





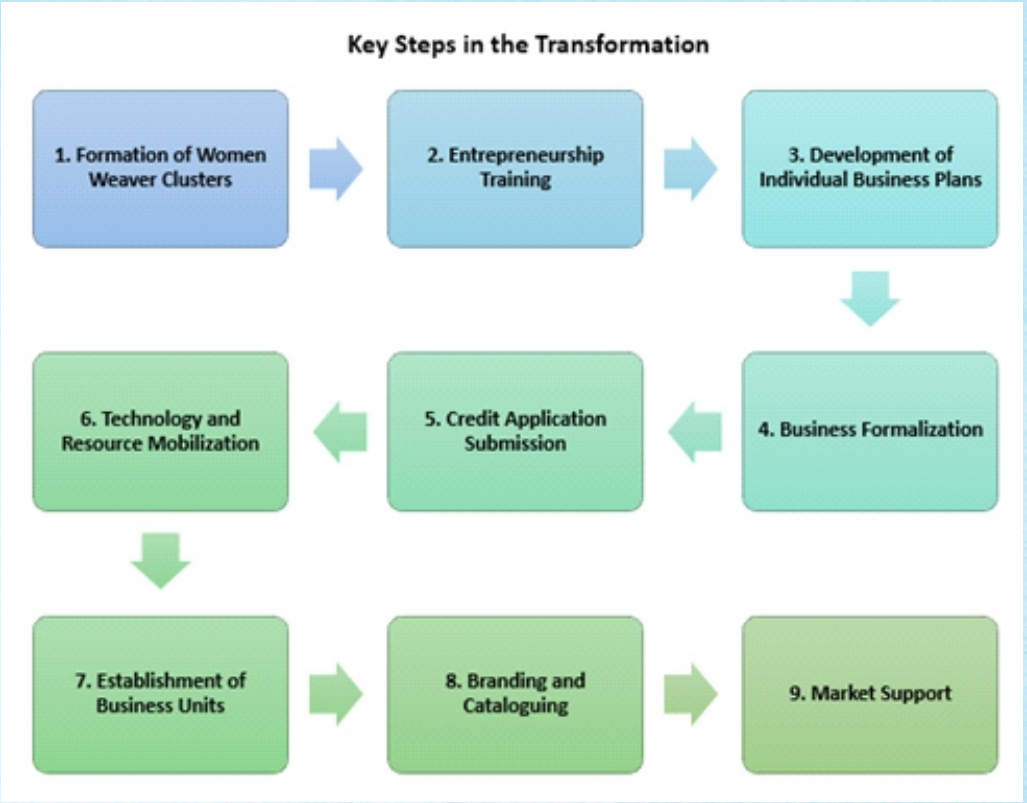

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Transforming the Journey of Women Weavers in Balangir

In the villages of Salepali and Dumuripali in Balangir, 60 women handloom weavers—once shadow weavers working behind male family members—have taken a bold step towards entrepreneurship with the support of Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT). Despite their exceptional weaving skills, these women faced barriers such as limited access to raw materials, modern equipment, financial resources, and fair market opportunities.

Through HBT's Swakalpa Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP), they were trained and mentored to transform their traditional craft into sustainable businesses. The training covered entrepreneurship fundamentals, branding, marketing, financial management, and digital tools to meet changing market demands. All 60 women were certified by the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) and the Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC)—a major milestone in their journey toward self-reliance.



The women also participated in Gap Inc.'s globally acclaimed P.A.C.E. (Personal Advancement and Career Enhancement) program, which strengthened life skills such as communication, problem-solving, and career development—equipping them to handle challenges confidently.

Impact at a Glance

60 women weavers trained, certified, and registered as entrepreneurs	Bank accounts and credit linkages established for financial independence	Improved product quality and productivity, meeting modern market demands	Expanded market access through vendor partnerships and online platforms

This initiative has transformed traditional weavers into self-reliant entrepreneurs, blending heritage craftsmanship with modern business practices to create sustainable livelihoods and stronger market presence.

Empowering Women Weavers of Maa Mahalaxmi SHG through Skilling and Entrepreneurship

Maa Mahalaxmi Self-Help Group (SHG) from Salepali village in Khaprakhol block of Balangir district comprises 10 skilled women who have been weaving Sambalpuri sarees for over two decades. While weaving has been their traditional livelihood, they faced challenges in scaling up their work due to a lack of funds and structured business opportunities.

Challenges Addressed

The women of Maa Mahalaxmi SHG primarily depend on cotton cultivation during the rainy season. However, for the remaining six months, they struggled with unemployment and limited income sources. Recognizing their potential, the SHG members were introduced to the Swakalpa Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) under the Odisha Skill Development Project (OSDP).

This program, along with GAP Inc.'s P.A.C.E. (Personal Advancement and Career Enhancement) training, equipped the women with essential skills to transition from seasonal employment to sustainable entrepreneurship.

From Skill Development to Business Expansion

The initiative adopted a step-by-step approach to strengthen women-led weaving enterprises through collective action and entrepreneurship development:

1. ***Formation of Women Weaver Clusters:*** *Women weavers were organized into 2 clusters to promote collective production and peer learning.*

2. ***Entrepreneurship Training:*** *104 Hours Capacity-building sessions under the Swakalpa program enhanced business planning, enterprise management, and marketing skills.*

3. ***Development of Individual Business Plans:*** *A personalized business plan was prepared for each weaver to guide investments and enterprise growth.*

4. ***Business Formalization:*** *All 10 members registered their enterprises on the MSME portal and obtained Udyam Aadhaar certifications.*



5. ***Credit Linkages:*** *The SHG secured a* ***loan of ₹3,00,000*** *from* ***Utkal Grameen Bank, Dhandamunda Branch****, with* ***each member receiving ₹30,000*** *to invest in business expansion.*

6. ***Technology and Resource Mobilization:*** *Linkages were established for raw material procurement and production support, improving quality and reducing dependency on middlemen.*

7. ***Establishment of Business Units:*** *10 weaving units were set up by ten women weavers*

8. ***Branding and Cataloguing:*** *Product branding and cataloguing initiatives were introduced to enhance visibility and promote products*

9. ***Market Support:*** *Agreements were signed with vendors for raw material procurement and handloom product sales, ensuring a steady supply chain. Additionally, partnerships with* ***e-commerce platforms such as Meesho*** *helped expand market reach and create new sales opportunities for the women entrepreneurs.*

Formalizing Enterprises

Ten registered weaving units were established, each managed and owned by a woman from the Self-Help Group (SHG). The enterprises — Asha Enterprise, Gulapi Enterprise, Jashobanti Saree Making Unit, Jayanti Saree Unit, Kishori Enterprise, Lobhagini Enterprise, Mamata Enterprise, Minakshi Enterprise, Mitarani Enterprise, and Saraswati Enterprise — are individually registered in the names of their respective beneficiaries, promoting women-led ownership and entrepreneurship.

Weaving Process and Income Generation

It takes two days to weave a saree, for which the weaver earns ₹1,000. Additionally, they earn ₹300 per day for thread bounding and saree art. On average, each weaver earns ₹15,000 per month from saree weaving, ₹9,000 from thread bounding, and ₹9,000 from saree art, significantly improving their livelihoods.

Sustained Impact and Future Prospects

The women of Maa Mahalaxmi SHG have successfully turned their seasonal occupation into a year-round business. With PACE training and support from Swakalpa, they have transformed their weaving skills into a sustainable livelihood. The combination of climate-resilient cotton farming during the rainy season and weaving during the off-season ensures financial stability.

Maa Mahalaxmi SHG is an example of how skill development, financial support, and entrepreneurial guidance can empower women to break barriers and achieve economic independence while preserving traditional crafts.







Key Highlights of the Year

60
Women Handloom - preneure evolved

1000
Women imparted with P.A.C.E. training in Balangir

Women Entrepreneurship: Vermicompost Initiative for Female Cotton Farmers

*Under the Empowering Female Cotton Farmers (FCFs) program in Balangir district, HBT introduced a **vermicompost production initiative** to promote sustainable livelihoods and strengthen women's economic independence. Implemented across **Khaprakhol, Belpada, and Patnagarh blocks**, the program directly benefited **1,000 female small and marginal cotton farmers**, with **300 women** now actively engaged in **vermicompost production as an entrepreneurial activity**.*

*Implemented in **Self-Help Group (SHG)** mode and in collaboration with **Gramin Product Marketing, Bhubaneswar**, the program equipped women with technical know-how, resources, and market linkages to run successful vermicompost enterprises.*

*A **baseline survey** with **206 Female Cotton Farmers (FCFs)** provided key insights into awareness levels, challenges, and adoption trends around vermicomposting. Findings revealed growing interest and confidence among participants to integrate organic composting into cotton farming — improving **soil fertility**, **reducing input costs**, and **increasing crop yields**.*

*Through this initiative, HBT has enabled women to transform into **eco-entrepreneurs**, contributing to climate-resilient agriculture while ensuring **sustainable income generation and community well-being**.*

300 - Female cotton farmers started vermicompost production as entrepreneurial activity





COMMUNITY HEALTH



Humara Bachpan Trust places Community Health at the core of its work towards the Sustainable Development Goals, resonating with the global vision of healthier lives and equitable access to healthcare. Through health camps and outreach programs, HBT promotes nutrition, hygiene, and disease prevention, empowering families—especially women and children—to live healthier, informed lives.

Nurturing Families through Health & Nutrition Awareness

Community-level sensitization programs were organized to raise awareness about the importance of attending Urban Health and Nutrition Day (UHND) camps under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program. These efforts aimed to encourage lactating mothers, pregnant women, adolescents, and caregivers to access government-provided benefits, including early pregnancy registration, antenatal care (such as IFA supplementation, TT vaccination, BP monitoring, and nutrition counseling), child immunization, and birth preparedness.

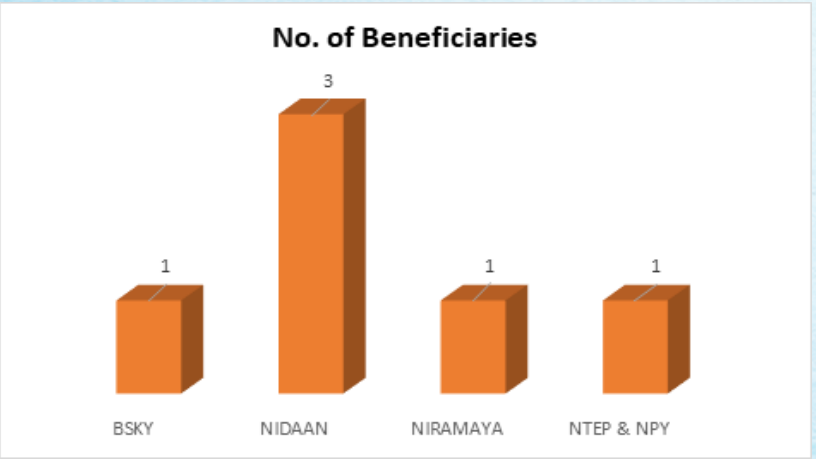




Healthcare Support for the Most Vulnerable

HBT assisted residents from the Fire Station, Bhagabati, Kandha Sahi, and Mahinshkhal neighborhoods in accessing healthcare services through the BSKY, NIDAAN, and NIRAMAYA schemes at KIIMS and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar during the reporting year. Beneficiaries received treatment for serious health conditions including cancer, paralysis, tuberculosis, spinal cord disorders, and other critical illnesses.

Beneficiaries Supported Through Health Schemes



Bringing Adolescent Health Services Closer to Communities



Under the UCDAP project, an Adolescent Health Check-up Camp was held in collaboration with UPHC Baramunda as part of the Kishor Swasthya program. In its first phase, 20 adolescents from local communities accessed free health check-ups and counseling, supported by medical and community health personnel—enhancing awareness and access to adolescent health services.



Annapurna – Finding Healing through Support and Trust

Annapurna, a 22-year-old student pursuing +3 Arts at Rajdhani College, Baramunda (Bhubaneswar), lives with her grandparents, stepmothers, and a younger stepbrother. Having lost her parents 15 years ago, she faced emotional neglect and family challenges. For years, Annapurna silently suffered from a suspected breast tumor, experiencing regular discharge and discomfort. Fear of stigma and lack of family support, especially from her stepmothers, kept her from speaking out. She chose not to burden her elderly grandparents, despite their love for her.

In 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) began working in Fire Station Basti (Ward No. 50) under BMC. During community engagement sessions with adolescents and youth, Annapurna opened-up about her health issues to HBT team member. With consistent counseling and emotional support, she agreed to seek medical help. The HBT team accompanied her to KIIMS Hospital, where she underwent a full health check-up and breast examination as advised by doctors. She received timely treatment for the non-cancerous lump, and has now fully recovered, feeling healthy and relieved. Annapurna expresses her heartfelt gratitude to the team that stood by her side, helping her regain both her health and confidence when she had no one else to turn to.

Key Achievements

14
Community-level sensitization programs *conducted to encourage people to attend UHND camps*

130
Women & adolescents *started attending UHND*

20
Adolescent boys and girls *availed* ***free health check-up*** *and counselling services*

6
Residents *availed health care services through various schemes*

CREATING PATHWAYS



Through its Creating Pathways initiative, Humara Bachpan Trust is unlocking the doors to education and opportunity—one child at a time. From remedial classes and back-to-school drives to hands-on vocational training and lessons in financial and digital literacy, the program empowers young minds to dream big and build brighter futures.

Ensuring Education for All: Transforming Futures

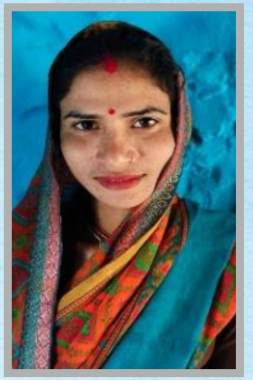
Project 'Parivartan,' implemented in villages of Ghirongi and Tilori in Malanpur District of Madhya Pradesh, focuses on uplifting underprivileged children, especially those in government schools or who have dropped out due to financial challenges. The project focuses on delivering early childhood, non-formal, and remedial education, ensuring these children receive the support they need to succeed. Further, it addresses the educational gap among women through adult literacy programs and provides digital education to youth and adolescents. With support from AkzoNobel India, 'Parivartan' also enhances educational infrastructure and offers career guidance to empower local youth with the skills and knowledge needed for meaningful career opportunities.







Educate a Woman, Transform a Family: Neetu's Story



Neetu Pal, a mother and homemaker from Tilori, grew up in Mahavan in a humble farming family. Despite having a strong desire to study, poverty and traditional expectations held her back from formal education. After marriage, she took on household responsibilities but often felt limited by her inability to read or write—especially when helping her children with schoolwork or handling daily tasks independently.

Her journey took a positive turn when she enrolled in the Adult Literacy Program under Project Parivartan, implemented by Humara Bachpan Trust with support from Akzo Nobel India. With determination and regular attendance, Neetu learned to read newspapers, write her name, and understand basic instructions. She also gained practical skills in budgeting, health and hygiene, stress management, and legal rights awareness.

Today, Neetu is more confident and self-reliant. She actively supports her children's learning, contributes to family decisions, and encourages other women in Tilori to pursue education. Her transformation has made her a role model in the community. She expresses heartfelt gratitude to Humara Bachpan Trust and AkzoNobel for giving her a second chance at learning and a renewed sense of purpose.

"I never imagined I'd be able to read, write, or help my children study. This program has changed my life and given me hope for the future." – Neetu Pal

Fueling Aspirations: How Support Shaped Poonam's Future

Poonam is the youngest of four siblings in a modest household in Tilori village. Her father, Mr. Ramhet Singh, works in a factory and earns Rs. 10,000 per month, which is just enough to meet the family's basic needs. Her mother, Mrs. Geeta Bai, is a homemaker. Despite financial challenges, the family prioritized education for their children. Her elder brothers either work in local factories or are pursuing vocational training.

Poonam's academic journey began at the Government Higher Primary School in Malanpur, where she studied till Class 7. She walked 3 kilometers daily to attend school while also managing household chores from an early age. The burden of balancing domestic responsibilities with studies often shook her confidence in continuing education.

*In 2020–21, **Humara Bachpan Trust** began working in Tilori village under the **Project Parivartan** initiative. Recognizing Poonam's potential and the family's financial limitations, the project team responded to a parental request to support her education. The Project Manager and staff engaged with Poonam to understand her aspirations. She expressed a strong desire to become a doctor and serve society with honesty and compassion.*



To support Poonam's journey, thae Parivartan team built a strong rapport with her family, assessed their financial situation, and provided digital and remedial tuition support. They regularly counseled and motivated her, helped her develop and follow a study routine, and encouraged her to join group study sessions with peers—strengthening both her academic performance and confidence.

*The intervention led to significant positive changes in Poonam's academic engagement and self-confidence. With added coaching and consistent encouragement, she overcame her fear of exams. In the **Higher Secondary Board Exams (Feb–Mar 2024)**, Poonam scored **322/500 (64.4%)**, passing with distinction—a proud moment for both her and her family.*

*Currently, Poonam is enrolled in **B.Sc. Biology** at a college in **Mau district** and continues to move toward her dream of becoming a doctor.*

"The support I received gave me the confidence to believe in myself again. I want to study further and help others in need." – Poonam





School Chalo (Back to School) Campaign

*HBT staff members **facilitated the re-enrollment of 10 drop-out school children** - 9 girls and 1 boy - into Shahid Government School, National Institute of Open School, Patharabandha Government School, and Unit 1 Boys' High School in Bhubaneswar.*





Linkages with ITI and Career Counseling

In collaboration with Industrial Training Institutes under the Skilled in Odisha initiative, HBT is enrolling underprivileged students in technical trades to prepare them as skilled or semi-skilled workers. Before each academic session, career guidance camps and exposure visits are organized to inform communities about vocational options. An exposure visit to CIPET, Bhubaneswar, engaged 50 adolescents from 10 communities, while 12 awareness programs across the city reached 125 adolescents. As a result, 40 youths have successfully enrolled in various courses at Government ITI, Bhubaneswar.









A New Chapter: Soni's Success Story with Humara Bachpan Trust



S. Dilama, also known as Soni, is a 19-year-old girl from Pradhan Sahi, near Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Khordha district, Odisha. She comes from a financially struggling family of four—her father is an auto-rickshaw driver, her mother works as a daily labourer, and she has a younger brother studying in a Government ITI. After completing her 10th standard in 2022, Soni had to drop out of school due to her family's poor financial condition and lack of support for her continued education. Her parents even began discussing her marriage within a couple of years, which left her disheartened and hopeless.

Soni was identified by Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) during an adolescent club meeting, where her sadness drew the attention of her peers. When asked, she shared that she wanted to study further and work to support her family, but her parents were against it. Encouraged by her friends, she approached the HBT team with their support. The HBT team counseled her and immediately engaged with her parents to explain the importance of vocational education. With their motivation, Soni was enrolled in Government ITI, Bhubaneswar, for a Computer Trade course in the academic year 2022–2023.

Through her hard work and the support, she received, Soni's efforts bore fruit. In 2024, during her training period, she was selected through a campus recruitment drive and secured a job at Tata Electronics System Solutions (TESS) in Karnataka. She now works as an assistant in the iPhone manufacturing unit and earns a gross monthly salary of Rs. 19,903. Soni and her parents are extremely proud and grateful for the support received from Humara Bachpan Trust, which helped her transform her dreams into reality and become financially independent.







Key Achievements

Remedial education reached ***210 children*** *in Malanpur, MP*

Digital literacy provided to ***31 youth in Ghirongi*** *and* ***30 in Tilori***

50 adolescents from 10 city communities *participated in an exposure visit to CIPET, Bhubaneswar, and* ***125 adolescents attended 12 awareness programs.*** ***40 youths*** *enrolled in various courses at Government ITI, Bhubaneswar*

419 women & 128 adolescent girls *were sensitized on Menstrual Hygiene, Central & State Govt. Schemes for women, Gender-Based Violence, Women's Legal Rights, and Girls Education*

Adult literacy program enabled ***120 women in Ghirongi and 270 in Tilori*** *to become literate*

275 *students received first-hand exposure to diverse career paths including commerce, engineering, vocational trades, and digital technologies.*

26 children *from Bhubaneswar and Keonjhar enrolled back in schools*

50 girls *took self- defence training &* ***210 adolescents*** *benefitted through career guidance & exposure visit of govt. polytechnic & Govt. ITI Bhind & Gwalior*

1305 Children & youth *were reached through awarness activities on international Literacy Day, ' Beti Bacho Beti Padho' campaign International Day of the Girl Child, and National Youth Day*

GOVERNANCE AND ADVOCACY



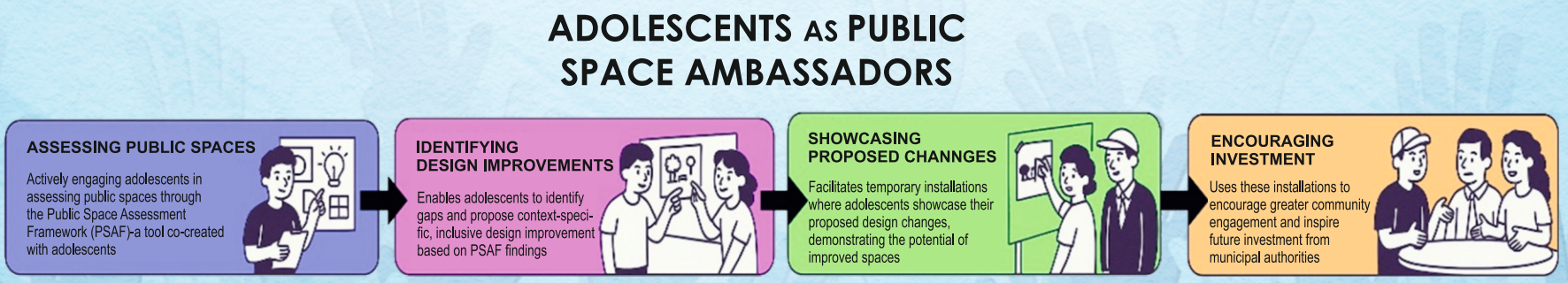
HBT works to empower the poor and the marginalized communities on their rights and to create avenues for these individuals to effectively access and enjoy their fundamental entitlements.

The strategic objectives of our programmes are:

1. *To build and strengthen agencies of children, adolescents, youth & women and enhance their capacities to be effective champions in their spheres*
2. *To make the public spaces and infrastructures people friendly by ensuring their participation in the planning in designing process*
3. *To increase people's access to rights & entitlements*
4. *To promote good democratic governance through devolution*

Safe, Vibrant, Healthy Public Spaces

The Safe Vibrant Healthy Public Spaces (SVHPS) program is being implemented in Bhubaneswar in partnership with WRI India to promote inclusive, accessible, and adolescent-friendly public spaces. Through participatory design, evidence-based interventions, and strong community engagement, the program empowers adolescents as Public Space Ambassadors who actively contribute to transforming their everyday environments.



Adolescent-Led Public Space Assessments

- *The public space assessment framework (PSAF) adopted as a **participatory tool** for adolescents to evaluate the quality, accessibility, and inclusivity of public spaces.*
- ***250 adolescents trained** to translate lived experiences into measurable indicators and carry out systematic assessments.*
- ***16 spaces audited** across Bhubaneswar, including **7 open spaces, 2 incidental spaces, 4 public facilities, and 3 rights-of-way**, generating evidence on safety, vibrancy, cleanliness, and inclusivity.*
- *PSAF findings informed **program planning, community-led interventions, and engagement with city authorities**, contributing to safer, more vibrant, and adolescent-friendly public spaces.*





Reimagining Rajdhani: Adolescents Transform a Campus Front through Tactical Urbanism

*The Rajdhani College Frontage was transformed into a **Model Adolescent-Hub** using Tactical Urbanism (TU) principles. The intervention converted an underutilized transit corridor into a multifunctional, safe, and engaging micro-public space through low-cost, modular, and participatory design. More than **800 adolescents** contributed directly to the redesign and activation process.*

Prior to intervention, the Rajdhani College frontage exhibited several characteristics typical of compromised urban incidental spaces:

- *No designated pedestrian pathways or traffic-calming measures*
- *Safety risks due to unregulated vehicular movement*
- *Absence of play, rest, or social interaction infrastructure*
- *Poor lighting, low vibrancy, and lack of adolescent-specific utilities*
- *Minimal user engagement and zero sense of place*

The Pre-PSAF Audit rated the space Red on safety and accessibility indicators. The need for a youth-responsive spatial intervention aligned with the city's vision for inclusive public space development.

Technical Approach

Using a TU framework, the project applied:

- *Rapid, low-cost spatial improvements using modular and reversible materials*
- *Co-design with adolescents through design-thinking workshops*
- *Behavior mapping and PSAF audits to inform design decisions*
- *Urban Play selected as the central theme to integrate learning, play, and social interaction*

Key Design Components

Functional Zones:

Social Nodes

Bamboo gazebos, tyre seating clusters, reoriented concrete blocks

Play & Learning

Floor games, activity walls (Tic-Tac-Toe, Bingo), chalkboard walls, selfie points

Mobility & Safety

Ramps, tabletop crossings, color-coded pathways, no-parking zones, signage

Aesthetic Upgrades

Murals, tree art, hanging planters

Sustainability

Upcycled tyres and bamboo used extensively

Stakeholders' Engagement

Stakeholder	Outreached	Capacitated
Adolescents	750+	250+
Community Members	560	40
City Officials	52	13

Outcomes

- ***Footfall:***
  1,650 registered users in 20 days;
  200–250 unregistered daily visitors

- ***Perception Surveys (135):***
  Significant improvement in safety, accessibility, and usability

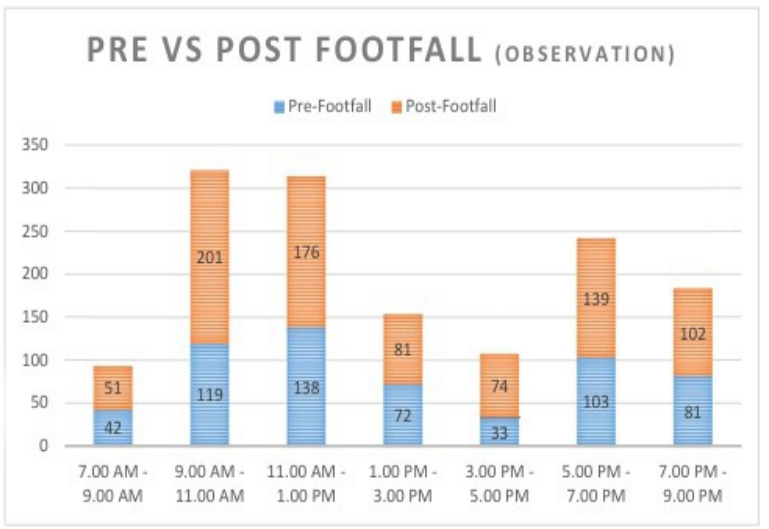
- ***Post-PSAF Audits (50):***
  Shift from Red to Green/Amber ratings

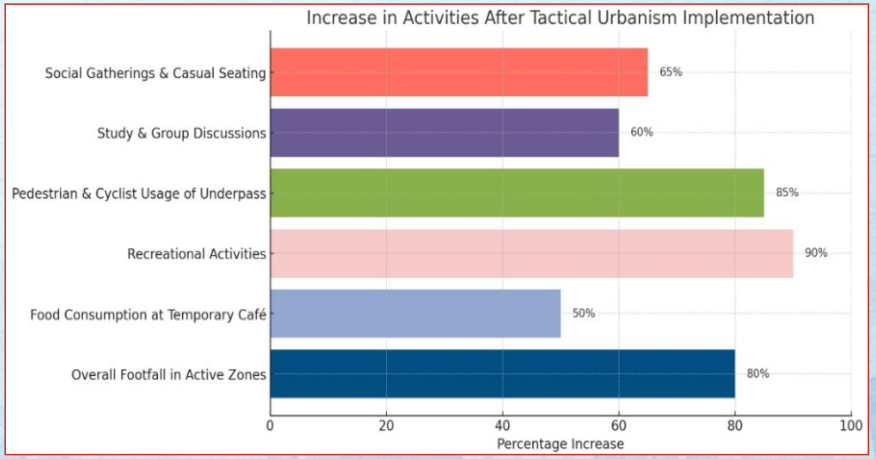
- ***TU Surveys (75):***
  Strong positive feedback on design functionality

- *Strengthened institutional collaboration with **BMC** and **BSCL***

- ***Institutional Support**:*
  *Collaboration with **BMC** and **BSCL** strengthened advocacy for adolescent-friendly planning.*

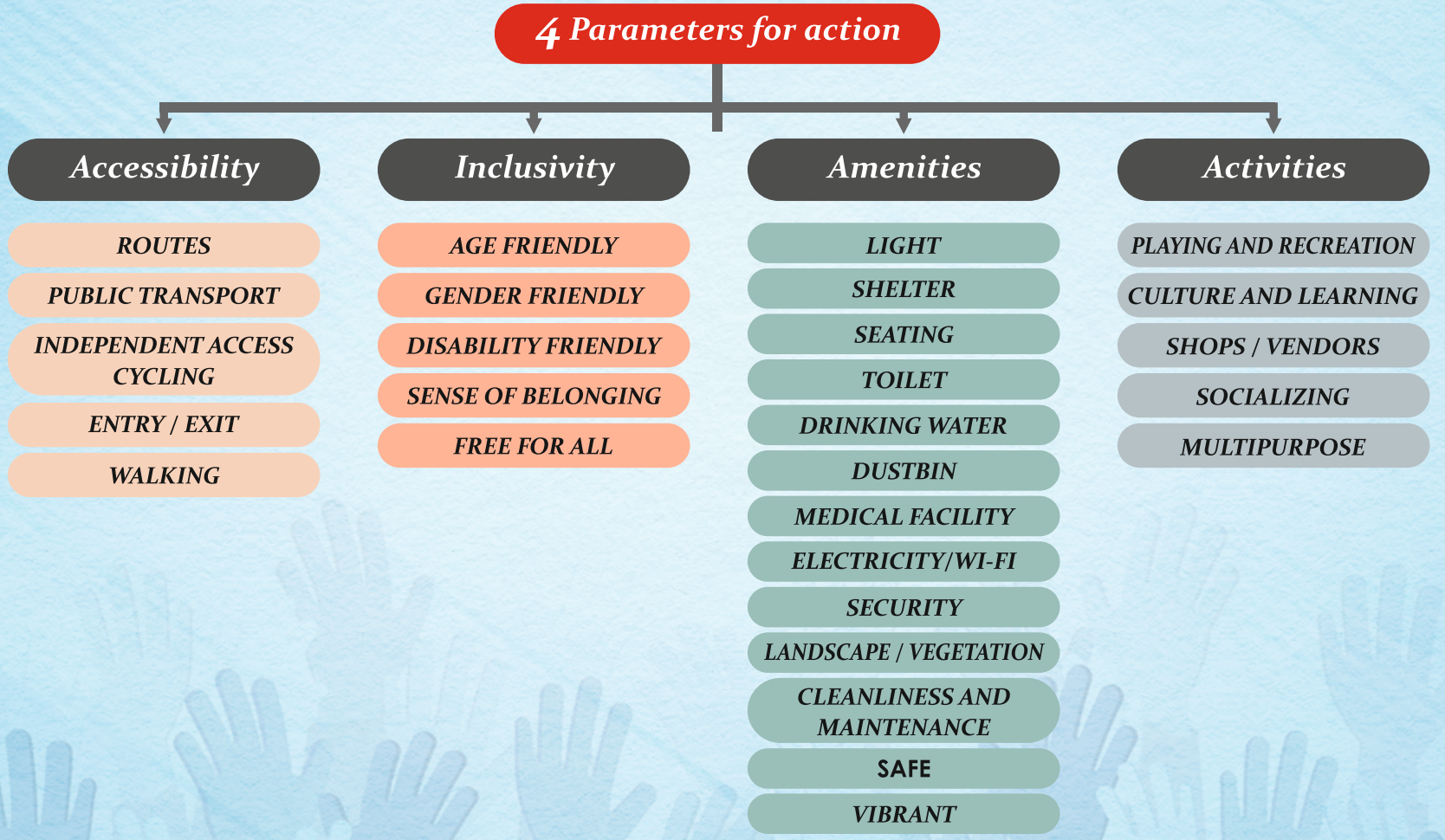
PRE IMPLEMENTATION AND POST IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY ANALYTICS





Activation (2–12 Jan 2025)

10-day activation tested space performance through activities like model making, games, cultural programs, inclusivity audit, mental health dialogue, cyber safety session, and self-defense training.



Rajdhani College Front TU Site – Before & After Analysis

Aspect	Before Intervention	After Intervention
Overall Use	*Underutilized transit zone for college students, passersby, and commuters.*	***Vibrant adolescent hub** with a clear identity and multiple interactive features.*
Accessibility & Safety	*Uneven surfaces, no proper pedestrian pathways, no designated seating/activity areas.*	***Ramps, pedestrian pathways, tabletop crossings, and no-parking zones** improved safety and movement.*
Adolescent Engagement	*Minimal interaction; no shaded or interactive areas for socializing or leisure.*	***Interactive seating, mural painting, activity walls, and feedback boards** encouraged active participation and ownership.*
Vehicular Management	*Unregulated parking and vehicle movement restricted pedestrian use.*	***Defined zones and traffic-calming measures** eliminated encroachment and improved walkability.*
Inclusive Features	*No dedicated play, learning, or relaxation spaces for diverse users.*	***Selfie zones, shaded seating, flexible activity areas, and play-based learning spaces** created a multiuse environment.*
Community Involvement	*Limited engagement from adolescents or local stakeholders.*	***Participatory design process** fostered stronger involvement of adolescents, faculty, and city officials.*

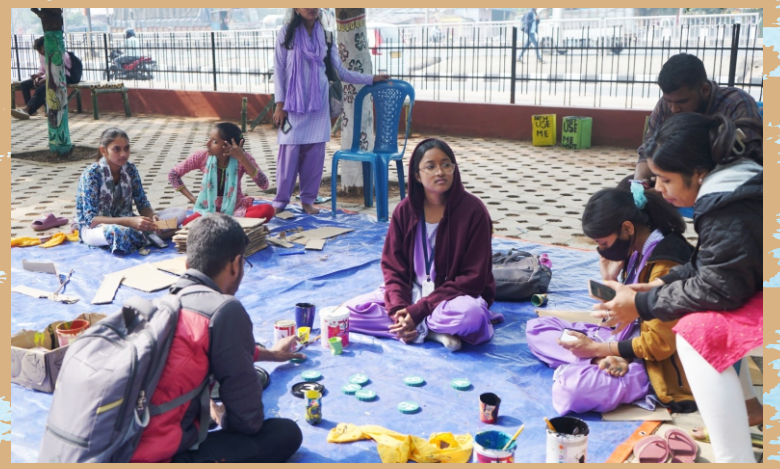







Vibrant and Healthy Public Spaces
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Community-Level Initiative for Infrastructure Development

In July 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) conducted a Drain Audit engaging ~25 adolescents across multiple communities in Bhubaneswar to identify unsafe and open drains. The audit focused on key locations including Jagamara Bridge, Fire Station Basti, Baramunda Village, Airport Backside, Baramunda Overbridge Underpass, Siripur, Iskcon Temple Area, and Bhagabati Basti.

Key Highlights:

- *Adolescents, with local residents,* ***inspected and documented unsafe drains, waterlogging, and hazardous public spaces****.*
- *Findings were compiled into a* ***comprehensive report and presented to Hon'ble Cabinet Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra*** *(Housing & Urban Development, Odisha).*
- *The audit prompted* ***targeted government action****, resulting in:*
  - ***Permanent drainage construction completed*** *in Fire Station Basti.*
  - ***Ongoing drainage work*** *in Bhagabati Basti.*
- *A* ***Charter of Demands (CoDs)*** *prepared by youth under the UCDAP project facilitated effective advocacy with the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC).*
- *The initiative demonstrated the* ***impact of youth-led community engagement*** *in improving public infrastructure and safety.*







Key Achievements

4 safety audits conducted across Bhubaneswar involving 37 women and adolescent girls.	*Engaged 250 community members in cleanliness drives across 5 communities.*	*85 participants took part in community drains and toilet cleaning drives across 5 localities.*	*25 adolescents participated in a drain audit covering 10 key areas, leading to infrastructure improvements.*
Water quality testing benefited 700 households across 3 communities, led by adolescent girls.	*15 adolescents raised garbage management issues in Bhagabati and Fire Station neighborhoods; as a result, BMC now ensures regular garbage collection.*	*70+ outreach sessions conducted, reaching 400+ adolescents & 90+ community stakeholders & parents outreached*	*14 capacity building workshops for adolescents & 3 for community stakeholders capacitating 260 adolescents & 65 community stakeholders & parents*
Engaged 38 city stakeholders including BMC, BDA, BSCL, CRUT, Ward Officers, and Corporators.	*Conducted 21 PSAF audits across various public space typologies.*	*Constructed 1 Tactical Urbanism (TU) site at Rajdhani College.*	*HBT represented at the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo organized by WRI.*

Increased Accessibility of Resources and Services

Many poor and marginalized families continue to struggle with inadequate access to essential public services. Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) addresses this challenge by creating strong community linkages with government welfare schemes and social security programs. Through targeted awareness drives and capacity-building initiatives, HBT enables vulnerable groups to identify available benefits, navigate application processes, and secure the resources needed for improved living conditions and long-term well-being.





ACTION AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Prevention and response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is central to Humara Bachpan Trust's mandate. By treating GBV as a structural and community-level issue, the organization strengthens prevention mechanisms, promotes accountability, and advances violence-free and inclusive environments for women and girls.

Women's safety is mainstreamed across all HBT programmes, ensuring that prevention, protection, and access to justice are integrated into community health, adolescent empowerment, and urban safety initiatives. Through sustained advocacy, community sensitization, and facilitation of legal support, HBT strengthens awareness, reporting mechanisms, and survivor support systems.

As part of its commitment, HBT annually leads the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, engaging communities, institutions, and local stakeholders to challenge harmful norms, promote gender-equitable attitudes, and reinforce zero tolerance for violence. These efforts have contributed to increased community ownership, improved awareness of women's rights, and stronger collective action towards building safer and more inclusive communities.

During this year's 16 Days of Activism, HBT organized a series of community events aimed at raising awareness on GBV across its operational areas. Different activities were tailored to address specific issues in each region, aligning with the unique challenges faced in these areas.

- ***Kandhamal & Keonjhar**: Focused on making these districts free from child marriage and child abuse.*
- ***Bhubaneswar**: To ensure public spaces are safe for women and girls. Safety audits were conducted, and recommendations were given by adolescents, girls, and women, addressing safety concerns in these areas.*
- ***Balangir**: To address taboos and inequalities faced by women farmers. HBT facilitated gender sensitization workshops and training on women's rights, focusing on domestic abuse and land rights.*
- ***Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh**: Emphasized the importance of continuing education for girls, along with digital literacy to empower them.*

Safety Audit

To evaluate the safety and accessibility of public spaces in Bhubaneswar city, 6 safety audits were carried out across locations including the railway station, resettlement colony, right-of-way areas, parks, and bus stop rest sheds. These audits engaged young girls and women, aiming to identify potential risks and vulnerabilities that women and girls face while accessing these spaces. The assessment was conducted with a focus on addressing gender-based violence (GBV) concerns and understanding the risks present in these environments.

Context Setting with Adolescent Girls through FGD → **Transect Walk for Rapid Situation Analysis followed by Planning** → **Design of Audit Tool & Orientation of Adolescent Girls about the tool & process** → **Mapping of Public Spaces followed by Key Informant Interviews** → **Community Sharing of Findings, Analysis & Setting Recommendations**







Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (Child Marriage Free India)

As part of the Just Rights for Children (JRC) alliance, a network of 250+ civil society organizations across 400 districts, HBT led district-level launches in Keonjhar and Kandhamal, alongside its ongoing collaboration with the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation to create child-marriage-free districts.

The campaign's rollout in Kandhamal extended to village-level initiatives across 50 villages in five Panchayats—Raikia, Mandakia, Gochhapada, Phiringia, and Kainjhar. Similarly, Keonjhar hosted block-level events in Patana, Hatadihi, and Banaspal, reaching 50 villages across 13 Gram Panchayats. Around 4,300 participants, including Anganwadi workers, SHG members, PRI representatives, parents, religious leaders, and youth, engaged in rallies and oath-taking ceremonies as part of the "Empower Her Tomorrow" campaign, uniting efforts to end child marriage and gender-based violence.







Session on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

In 2023, 51,100 women were killed by family members or partners—one every 10 minutes. Thus, 2024 campaign theme was, ***"Every 10 Minutes, a Woman is Killed. #NoExcuse. UNiTE to End Violence against Women."*** *To address this, sessions on IPV were conducted in Tilori and Ghirongi, Parivartan Resource Centres, Madhya Pradesh. The sessions covered IPV forms—physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse—and its impact on families. Discussions further focused on recognizing signs, understanding the violence cycle, and promoting mutual respect.*



Gender Sensitization Workshops on Domestic Abuse & Land Rights for Female Farmers

Female Cotton Farmers (FCFs) of ***Pandamunda, Khaprakhol, Belapada, and Padiabahal GPs, Balangir*** *participated in discussions on GBV, legal rights, and equality in agriculture. The session covered important topics including legal rights, government schemes like 'Beti Padhao Beti Bachao' and 'SWADHAR Greh', and available women safety helplines, empowering them to fight back against gender-based violence. Through role-plays and interactive discussions, participants explored ways to challenge gender norms, promoting equality in farming and within families.*





Cybercrime Awareness and Digital Safety Workshops

***Digital safety sessions** under the GBV initiative were conducted in Ghirongi and Tilori (Madhya Pradesh) and Govt. Girls High School Barmunda, Bhubaneswar, and Patana, Keonjhar. The session addressed online threats such as harassment, cyberstalking, and doxing, emphasizing the **importance of Safe Online Spaces**.*







"Sambhavi Khola Mancha" Program

*The "**Sambhavi Khola Mancha**" program was organized at Tapovan Community Centre. Around 120 Sambhavi women members and adolescent girls gathered to reflect on their collective efforts and reaffirm their commitment to ending gender-based violence (GBV).*

The session also focused on intimate partner violence (IPV), addressing its various forms—physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse—and its impact on families. Discussions highlighted recognizing the signs of IPV, understanding the violence cycle, and promoting mutual respect within relationships. Participants learned about resources like helpline numbers and legal guidance.





Media Outreach

Media plays a crucial role in addressing GBV by amplifying voices, raising awareness, and challenging societal norms. Recognizing its impact, HBT collaborated with various media houses this year to strengthen advocacy efforts. ***Press meets, dissemination of press briefs, and active social media engagement*** *were done to highlight critical issues such as child marriage and intimate partner violence. These collaborations aimed to foster awareness, drive accountability, and inspire collective action against GBV.*

Humara Bachpan launches 16-day activism against gender violence

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Girls making rangoli on the issue

CITY-based organisation Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) on Monday launched a 16-day activism against gender-based violence to address pressing issues like intimate partner violence, child marriage, and other forms of violence.

The campaign launched in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women will continue till December 10 that marks the International Human Rights Day.

As part of the campaign, an event was organised at an anganwadi centre in Patana of Keonjhar. Around 40 participants including women self-help group members, adolescent girls, and PRI leaders attended.

The campaign highlighted the risks of sexual, physical, and psychological violence along with the consequences of child marriage, and featured a rally with slogan activities to inspire collective action.

Around 26 adolescent girls and women from Bhagabati neighbourhood of Bhubaneswar also participated in creative initiatives such as rangoli-making and oath-taking ceremony, fostering discussions on safety, equality, and solidarity against gender-based violence.

The HBT also facilitated community-based training sessions on women's rights and legal awareness in Girongi of Madhya Pradesh in which 45 adolescent girls and women participated.

The programme emphasised on building legal awareness about various legislations designed to protect women and girls from injustice and discrimination.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

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HBT Kick-Starts 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence



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On 25th Nov HBT inaugurated this significant campaign in Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, kicking off a series of events that will span 16 days across various operational locations. These activities aim to address pressing issues like intimate partner violence, child marriage, and other forms of gender-based violence.

In Keonjhar, an event at an Anganwadi center in Patana engaged 40 participants, including women self-help group members, adolescent girls, and PRI leaders. The campaign highlighted the risks of sexual, physical, and psychological violence, along with the consequences of child marriage, and featured a rally with slogan activities to inspire collective action.

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In Girongi, Madhya Pradesh, HBT facilitated community-based training sessions on women's rights and legal awareness. 45 adolescent girls and women participated in interactive discussions and viewed informative videos addressing domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence. The program emphasized on building legal awareness about various legislations designed to protect women and girls from injustice and discrimination.

By tackling issues like intimate partner violence and strengthening legal awareness, the organization aims to create safer, more equitable communities. These efforts are part of a larger campaign to mobilize communities, empower survivors, and promote lasting solutions to gender-based violence.

HBT launches campaign against gender violence

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The campaign aims to address critical issues such as intimate partner violence, child marriage, and other forms of gender-based violence through a series of activities across Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

In Keonjhar's Patana block, HBT organised a community event at an Anganwadi centre, which engaged 40 participants, including members of self-help groups, adolescent girls, and PRI leaders. The programme emphasised the risks and consequences of sexual, physical, and psychological violence, as well as child marriage. A rally with slogans was held to inspire collective action against these issues.

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Through these efforts, HBT seeks to mobilise communities, empower survivors, and create safer, more equitable societies. The campaign aligns with the global movement to eliminate violence against women and promote lasting solutions to gender-based violence.

Key Achievements

Villages Covered: **242**	Gram Panchayats Engaged: **26**	Women Sensitized : **2,864**
Girls Reached : **2,077**	Stakeholders Involved: **336**	Men and Boys Sensitized: **525**

42 Child Marriage Cases Intervened	**6** Child Trafficking Cases Intervened	**34** Media Houses reached	**69** Media Publication/ Releases made

150
Individuals (adolescent girls and Sambhavi women members) sensitized against GBV, its various forms, and legal guidance.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE



At Humara Bachpan Trust, climate action is not just a priority—it's a responsibility. Guided by the spirit of Sustainable Development Goal 13, our efforts focus on nurturing clean, green, and resilient communities. From advocacy to on-ground action, we remain committed to protecting the environment and building a sustainable future for generations to come.

Highlights of the Year

Nutri – Garden Promotion:

A total of 766 household Kitchen Gardens were developed across 36 Gram Panchayats of Brahmagiri and Krushnaprasad blocks in Puri district. Women of the households cultivated a variety of plants such as coconut, mango, drumstick, lemon, jackfruit, papaya, brinjal, tomato, etc with seeds and saplings procured from the Assistant Horticulture Office (AHO) at subsidized rates, ensuring affordability and wider participation.



Compost Pits Promotion:

Composting emerged as a simple yet powerful solution to turn household and community waste into a resource. Women from local communities gained practical skills in setting up and managing compost pits, enabling them to recycle everyday organic waste into nutrient-rich soil. Beyond individual households, the initiative expanded to include farm-based composting and temple compost pits, offering sustainable ways to manage agricultural residues and holy waste while enriching the soil.



Community Plantation Initiatives

*HBT facilitated extensive plantation drives across schools and communities, distributing **fruit-bearing saplings** to **households and Anganwadi centers**. Events like **Vana Mahotsav** and **World Environment Day 2024** combined clean-up drives, pond restoration, and tree plantation with awareness campaigns and oath-taking under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam." Children and community members actively participated through plantation, cultural activities, and pledges, reinforcing the vision of cleaner, greener, and resilient communities.*





Eco-Friendly Diwali

*Environmentally conscious celebrations were conducted during **Diwali** festival.*

*During **Eco-Diwali**, participants—including adolescent girls and women—celebrated sustainably by adopting the **3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)**. Activities included making useful items from waste, painting old diyas, creating organic Rangoli, and avoiding crackers to reduce air, sound, and land pollution. These initiatives fostered community awareness and encouraged environmentally responsible practices.*





International Coastal Cleanup Day

To mark International Coastal Clean-up Day 2024, a beach cleanliness drive followed by an oath-taking ceremony was organized at Krushna Chilika Mouth. The event saw active participation from forest officials, GPLF members, and HBT team members, collectively raising awareness on the importance of protecting and maintaining clean coastal ecosystems.



Eco-friendly Rakshyabandhan

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Humara Bachpan Trust organized eco-friendly celebration at Brahmagiri and Satapada to promote environmental awareness and unity. The event focused on reducing waste and spreading the message of sustainability in the face of climate change.

Eco friendly handmade Rakshi (made from natural materials like Seeds, Flower, cotton, jute, and paper) were tied up in the hand of Forest Official, Police officials, Lectures and students by climate champions and college Students. Community level meeting and College level meetings were held on the impact of plastic pollution and climate change. Instead of gifts wrapped in plastic, plants were exchanged as tokens of love and protection — for both siblings and the Earth.



Plastic Free Pana Yatra – An Effort Towards Chilika's Ecosystem Conservation

In 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) scaled up its ***"Plastic Free Pana Yatra" campaign*** *during the week-long Pana Sankranti festival in Deulapada village, Krushnaprasad block, Puri. The 'Pana Yatra', organized on the occasion of 'Pana Sankranti' (also known as 'Vishuva Sankranti'), is celebrated across different parts of the state and generates massive waste around the fragile* ***Chilika lagoon****.*

Building on last year's efforts, when 9.3 tons of plastic waste were managed, this year ***women Eco Changemakers from Gomundia, Badajhada & Titipa*** *Gram Panchayat Level Federations (GPLF) of Krushnaprasad block, Puri led daily clean-up drives, collecting* ***3–4 quintals of waste every day****. On* ***Day 1 alone, 125 kg was cleared****, and over the* ***seven days, nearly 2.9 tons of waste*** *was safely disposed of instead of entering the lagoon.*



The women also guided festival-goers on proper waste segregation, promoted alternatives to single-use plastics, and showcased eco-friendly products. Their collective effort turned the festival into a ***cleaner, more sustainable celebration****, while encouraging local communities to take care of Chilika's ecosystem.*





Key Achievements

778 ***Nutri-gardens*** *promoted across communities*	***603*** ***compost pits*** *developed*	***494*** *organic manure preparartion demonstrations conducted with* ***3099*** ***women farmers***	***2.9 tons*** *plastic waste managed at Pana Yatra*
School Awareness programmes conducted in ***33 schools*** *reaching out to* ***1633 school children***	***106*** ***communities*** *sensitized on Environment & Climate Change issues. involving* ***2457 people***	***2 Beach*** ***Cleaniness drives*** *conducted involving* ***161 individuals***	***296 village*** ***sanitation programmes*** *conducted with* ***2412*** *community members*
800+ people *reached through* ***street plays*** *in BBSR on environmental conservation and community participaton.*	***250*** ***community members*** *participated in cleanliness drives across* ***5 communities*** *in BBSR.*	***1,680 families*** *in 7 Bhubaneswar neighborhoods sensitized on environmental cleanliness and safe sanitary waste disposal*	***400 FCFs*** *took up sustainable agricultural practices like Handikhata, Jeevamruta, Bijamruta, Agniastra, Neemastra etc. (organic fertilizer/pesticide)*

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) is committed to building safer and stronger coastal communities by promoting climate preparedness and resilience. With a special focus on women and marginalized groups, the initiative supports communities in anticipating climate risks, reducing vulnerabilities, and recovering more effectively from climate-related disruptions.

HBT's Disaster Strategy

Risk Mapping : *Engage communities in participatory mapping to identify local risks and vulnerabilities.*

Resilient Communities: *Build skills and systems that enable people to anticipate, prepare for, and reduce climate impacts.*

Sustainable Livelihoods: *Encourage climate-smart practices that secure income and strengthen resilience.*

Collaborative Action: *Partner with local institutions and government agencies to reinforce disaster preparedness and response.*

Eco-Restoration: *Promote sustainable resource management to revive ecosystems and lower disaster risks.*









Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Livelihood Support and Climate Adaptation in the Chilika Region



SRI Cultivation



Mud Crab Culture



Application of Neem Oil

*The **"Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities" (ECRICC)** initiative, led by **Humara Bachpan Trust** in collaboration with the **District Forest Office (Wildlife Division), Puri**, is working in 18 villages of **Krushnaprasad and Brahmagiri blocks** to strengthen the resilience of coastal communities against climate challenges. The project promotes sustainable livelihoods that are adaptive to changing climatic conditions, including **climate-resilient paddy farming, horticulture, crab fattening, fish value addition, dry fish promotion, beekeeping, ornamental fisheries, Asian Sea Bass cultivation, and azolla cultivation**. By weaving **climate adaptation strategies into disaster management and local planning**, the project emphasizes both **ecosystem restoration** and the development of **climate-smart livelihood options** for coastal populations.*

3 Strategic Pillars for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

Raising Awareness on Climate Resilience and Coastal Ecosystem Restoration: *Engaging diverse participants, including women farmers, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Community-Led Federations (CLFs), Gram Panchayat Level Federations (GPLFs), school students, and panchayat and block-level government stakeholders, to build knowledge and understanding of climate-resilient practices and ecosystem restoration.*

Promoting Climate-Adaptive Livelihoods: *Supporting sustainable livelihood practices such as System of Rice Intensification (SRI) for Kharif and Rabi crops, crab farming, ornamental fisheries, mushroom cultivation, and value-added fish products, including fish smoking units, to enhance income while adapting to climate challenges.*

Integrating Government Schemes with Project Initiatives: *Facilitating access to government programs and benefits to reinforce climate-resilient livelihoods and natural resource management, drawing support from departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Resources, Soil Conservation & Watershed, and Mission Shakti/OLM.*

Anusuya Sahoo's Journey to Higher Paddy Yield through the SRI Method



Smt. Anusuya Sahoo, a progressive farmer from Gadarodanga village in the Bramhagiri block of Puri district, Odisha, has long been involved in paddy farming. Gadarodanga is predominantly known for its paddy cultivation. However, in recent years, farmers in the region have faced challenges due to water scarcity in Rabi season. The unreliable release of water from dams and unpredictable rainfall have often resulted in crop loss. Furthermore, the diminishing use of organic manure, due to the decreasing availability of livestock-based fertilizers, has further impacted soil fertility and crop yield.

Challenges Faced

Anusuya Sahoo, along with her husband Janarddan Sahoo, cultivates rice on their 0.5-hectare farm. She used conventional methods of farming and usually harvested an average of 2500 kg of paddy per acre. However, this yield was not enough to meet their growing family needs, and the reliance on chemical fertilizers had increased their production costs. Frustrated by the low yield and rising expenses, Anusuya was in search of a more sustainable and productive farming method.

Introduction to SRI Method



Through HBT, under the ECRICC project, Anusuya learned about the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method in the training conducted at her village. The training highlighted key aspects of SRI, including seed selection, nursery preparation, land preparation, transplantation, organic pest control, and weeding. In the Rabi season, she decided to implement the SRI method on 0.2 hectares of land, using the Syngenta (NK 5251) variety of paddy. She transplanted 8–12-day seedlings, with a spacing of 25cmx25cm on her land. By transplanting seedlings at the recommended spacing, she ensured that the plants had enough room to grow robust root systems and absorb nutrients effectively. After the second weeding, she observed an impressive ***tiller count*** *of around* ***47 to 52*** *per plant, indicating strong growth and potentially higher yields.*

Comparison of Yield Between Conventional and SRI Methods

After implementing the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), Anusuya saw significant improvements in her crop yield and a reduction in cultivation costs. The table below highlights the differences in yield between the conventional and SRI methods, along with expenditure details:

Method	Yield per 25 sqm	Yield per acre	Expenditure (per 0.2 ha)
Conventional Method	15.6 kg	2500 kg/acre	₹12,400
SRI Method	31.68 kg	5068 kg/acre	₹9,200

Impact on the Community

Anusuya Sahoo and her husband have become pioneers of the SRI method in their village. Their success in achieving an "unbelievable" increase in paddy production has sparked widespread interest among other farmers in the region.

Due to the consistent efforts of the HBT-ECRICC team and the proven impact of the SRI method, 100 farmers from the region have already shown interest in adopting SRI during the upcoming Rabi crop season. Anusuya's adoption of the SRI method is a testament to the effectiveness of agricultural innovation in improving livelihoods and promoting sustainable farming practices in coastal areas.







Trinathgoswami SHG: Advancing Sustainable Crab Culture in Nuagaon Village

Trinathgoswami SHG, consisting of 12 women from Nuagaon village, had experience in various livelihoods, including agriculture, phenyl making, bamboo, and cashew plantation. They had previously ventured into traditional crab culture in group approach, without adequate technical skill support.

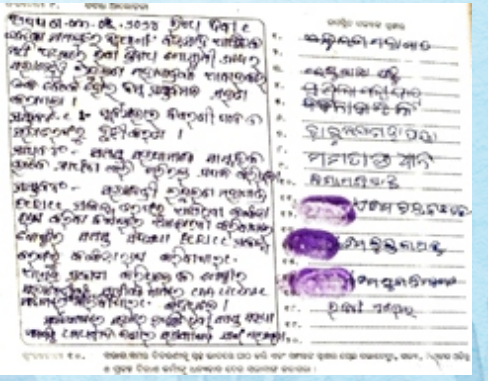
They faced challenges such as crab health issues, difficulty maintaining the pond environment and high mortality rate. Without proper training, it was hard to manage these complexities of crab farming, from water quality to disease control. They couldn't able to generate marginal profit after managing the initial investment and maintenance expenses which led them stop doing crab culture since last 2 years.

In 2024, after receiving series of training sessions on mud crab culture package of practices under the ECRICC program, they decided to resume crab farming. They leased a pond from its owner Shri Jambeswar Mohapatra having permission from Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) to conduct brackish water culture in Nuagaon village. The pond situated at Latitude 19.689372, Longitude 85.470612 having water spread area of 0.48 hectre was found suitable by DPMU with its salinity value and availability of brackish water connectivity for the entire year.

On 1st June 2024, the members of Trinathgoswami took a proactive step towards sustainable aquaculture by submitting the FPIC resolution to follow the SOP outlined in the ECRICC Mud Crab Culture program and adopt scientific methods of crab culture. They further made formal agreements with the pond owner and DPMU.







Under the guidance of HBT's technical team, Trinathgoswami SHG restructured its approach to crab culture:

- *Pond Preparation and Biosecurity: The pond was sun-dried, ploughed, and treated with lime, cow dung, and groundnut residue to enhance plankton growth and stabilize pH. A double-layer Silpaulin fencing replaced the earlier fragile setup, ensuring the crabs remained secure even during strong winds or storms.*
- *Feeding and Monitoring: Members adopted catwalk-based feeding, broadcasting fish-based feed (Tilapia and other small species) without entering the pond. Feeding was carefully monitored using check trays, helping to track consumption and avoid wastage.*
- *Water Quality Management: Regular 30% water exchange and the application of lime and zeolite improved oxygen levels and controlled ammonia buildup. Fortnightly monitoring maintained ideal water parameters—pH between 7.3–8.5, salinity of 15–35 ppt, and dissolved oxygen above 4 ppm.*
- *Moulting Safety and Hygiene: Instead of letting water weeds grow unchecked, SHG members installed mud pipes, clay pots, tiles, and sand heaps as safe hideouts for crabs during moulting, while maintaining cleanliness of the pond.*



- ***Stocking Process:*** *On June 8, 2024, 2160 nos. of Scylla Serata crablets, sourced from RGCA, Chennai, were stocked in the pond under SMS and LO's supervision.*
- ***Feeding Supervision:*** *Daily field cadre visit was made to the pond to supervise and monitor the feeding process.*
- ***Water Exchange****: The water in the pond was exchanged in fortnight interval to keep it hygienic and maintain optimal conditions for the crabs.*
- ***Broodstock Screening:*** *Regular screening of matured crabs is being done to detect signs of disease or infections if any*



Monitoring Details

During the initial stocking, 390 nos of crablets (out of 2160) died due to transportation stress and sudden water changes, but no further mortality was observed afterward. The crabs adapted well and are active, with almost all the food from the check trays consumed.

Comparison of Crab Growth

Before PoPAfter PoP (102 Days)Weight: 110-120 gramsWeight: 490 gramsBefore adopting the new practices introduced by the ECRICC program, the crabs typically weighed around 110-120 grams. After 102 days of following the scientific approach, the heaviest crabs reached approximately 490 grams. This remarkable growth has given SHG members hope for a substantial income from the upcoming harvest, planned for January–February 2025.

Before PoP	After PoP (102 Days)
Weight: 110-120 grams	**Weight:** 490 grams

"Before, we fed crabs leftover food like rice, leading to poor growth and high mortality. With the ECRICC program's scientific feeding practices and disease-free crablets from RGCS, Chennai, we now see healthier, more uniform crab growth. This gives us confidence for a successful harvest," shares Smt. Banita Barik, a member of the Trinath Goswami SHG.





Empowering Women for Climate-Resilient Cotton Production in Bolangir

*Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) implemented **GAP Inc.'s P.A.C.E. program** to promote **climate-resilient cotton farming** among **1000 women farmers** in Khaprakhol, Belapada, and Patnagarh blocks of **Bolangir district**.*

- *Building a women-led, sustainable cotton farming ecosystem.*
- *Empowering women as agricultural leaders by addressing social barriers.*
- *Supporting resilient livelihoods in small and marginal farming communities.*



Empowering Female Cotton Farmers; (FCFs) was an evidence-based initiative that generated defined datasets highlighting key gender principles and social biases that affect the acknowledgment of women's roles and contributions both on the farm and within the household. The program equipped women farmers with the necessary skills and knowledge to adopt climate-resilient cotton production practices and there is a notable improvement in the production and productivity of cotton this year following the adoption of sustainable farming methods by these women.

Adoption of improved farming practices resulted hight cotton production. The production and productivity verification made by Dept of Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment reported the followings:

- Average Bolls per Plant : 60
- Highest Boll Weight : 50 gm
- Average Boll Weight : 33 gm
- Average Seed Weight : 3.8 gm
- Average Cotton Weight/Boll : 1.9 gm
- Fibre Length : 28.5 mm

Transforming Cotton Yields through Mulching – The Journey of Jagyaseni Thakur



"Plastic mulching has been a game-changer for my farm. It retains soil moisture and reduces weed growth. Seeing my success, other farmers are eager to adopt it. It feels good to lead by example." – Jagyaseni Thakur

*Jagyaseni Thakur, a marginal farmer from **Pacher village, Khaprakhol Block, Balangir district**, supports her family of five through cultivation and labor work. Owning **3 acres of land**, she cultivates **cotton on 1 acre**. Her farming journey transformed in 2023 when she joined **GAP Inc.'s P.A.C.E. program**, implemented by HBT under the **Empowering Female Cotton Farmers initiative**, which equipped her with skills in **leadership, communication, and decision-making**.*

*Her plot faced challenges such as **sloping terrain, water runoff, poor moisture retention, excessive weeds, and low yields**. Through **Climate-Resilient Agriculture (CRA) training**, she learned **pest management, composting, organic manure application, intercropping, and moisture management**. To address moisture loss and weeds, she implemented **plastic mulching**, alongside **micronutrient application and intercropping cotton with arhar dal**.*

*Using skills from Climate Resilient Agriculture training, Jagyaseni improved her **cotton yield from 3 quintals in 2023 to 9 quintals in 2024**—a threefold increase. Her **1-acre demonstration plot**, part of a **15-acre area shared by 10 Female Cotton Farmers**, inspired the other nine farmers to adopt mulching in the next cropping season. The **reusable mulching material** also makes this a cost-effective solution.*



*Through sustainable practices and the P.A.C.E. program, Jagyaseni overcame **moisture loss, weed growth, and low yields**, turning her plot into a **model for other farmers**. Her journey exemplifies how **knowledge, leadership, and determination** can transform lives and inspire communities.*

Women-Led Gram Sabha for Irrigation Security in Cotton-Growing Regions



Padiabahal Gram Panchayat is a cotton-dependent region where water scarcity poses a severe threat to agricultural productivity and year-round livelihoods. With cotton as the sole crop, access to reliable irrigation is critical for economic security and climate resilience.

Amid the state's commitment to expand irrigated agricultural land and saturate irrigation schemes by 2029, 110 women cotton farmers took a historic step by convening a special Gram Sabha on Republic Day to collectively address the challenge of water scarcity.

The Gram Sabha witnessed active participation from elected representatives and institutional stakeholders, including the Sarpanch, all ward members, GP-level Mahasangha President, Cluster Resource Persons (CRPs), and MBKs. Women farmers from Dedhara, Sanauden, Padiabahal, and Pacher villages led discussions and conducted participatory mapping of irrigation channels.

The women farmers proposed:

- *Establishment of nine lift irrigation points sourcing water from Jimzor Nala (a distributary of Upper Suktel)*
- *Land development and irrigation canals under MGNREGS*

The proposed systems are expected to support cotton cultivation across nearly 70 acres of land.

The Gram Sabha unanimously approved the women-led proposals, marking a significant milestone in participatory governance and climate-responsive planning.

This process was facilitated under Humara Bachpan Trust's 'Empowering Female Cotton Farmers' program, implemented across Khaprakhol, Belpada, and Patnagarh blocks, engaging 1,000 women cotton growers to build a women-led, climate-resilient, and environmentally sustainable cotton production ecosystem.

Demonstrating Climate Smart Villages for Resilient Agriculture and Livelihoods – Puri District, Odisha

The project "Demonstrating Climate Smart Villages (CSVs) for Climate Resilient Agriculture and Livelihoods" in Banakhandi and Simili Gram Panchayats of Gop block, Puri district, aims to pilot climate-adaptive farming practices and resilient livelihood models. By combining localized climate insights with traditional knowledge and strengthening convergence with existing development programs, the initiative seeks to operationalize and demonstrate the Climate Smart Village approach.

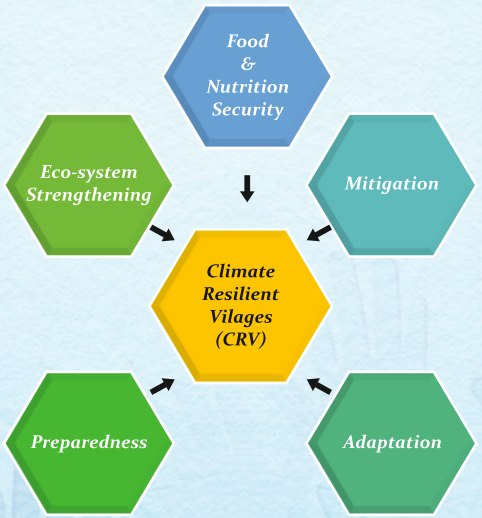
Primary Objective

Develop and implement a data-driven framework for climate adaptation planning in two Gps.

Key Areas of Intervention

- ***Climate-Adaptive Agriculture:*** *Sustainable farming techniques & resilient cropping systems*
- *Natural Resource Management: Water conservation & soil health improvement*
- *Technology Integration: Using localized climate data for informed decision-making*
- *Community Engagement: Capacity building & stakeholder training*
- *Convergence Approach: Aligning with government schemes & policies*

Our Strategies



Food & Nutrition Security	Nutrient rich crop promotion Kitchen garden Millet Promotion
Mitigation	Climate Smart Agriculture Improved Livestock Management Promotion of Green Enterprises Agro-advisory through Automated Weather Monitoring Station (AWS) Facilitate Crop - Insurance
Adaptation	Livelihood diversification Value Chain establishment Village Infrastructure Development
Preparedness	Community-based cadre as First Responders Community capacity building to cope with disaster events. Building community institutional mechanism to manage climate risks Development of CRVDP (Climate Resilient Village Development Plan
Eco-system Strengthening	Plantation (Coastal plantation, 5-layer plantation] Sequestering additional carbon in agriculture Ground water recharge Promotion of sustainable energy products Encouraging environment-friendly behaviors among communities

Key Achievements

2
Climate Resilient Village Development Plans (CRVDP)
prepared for 2 villages (Kunanga & Nuagaon in Gop, Puri

1206
women farmers in Chilika Landscape adopted SRI method of paddy cultivation over 120.6 hectares of land during Rabi season

1874 female farmers
adopted the
SRI method of paddy cultivation
in
468.5 acres of land

150
households received Fenugreek, coriander & cucumber seeds distribution through MIDH

80 Hhs
planted Coconut, Mango & Cashew through MGNREGS on 17.8 acres of land

6,228
bovines vaccinated across
1827
households through Animal Resource Department

1270
women farmers in Chilika Landscape adopted SRI method of paddy cultivation over 127 hectares of land during Khariff season

1,122
farmers in the Chilika landscape adopted biofortified paddy cultivation using the SRI method

11 SHGs
capacitated for ornamental fishery interventions

2
female beneficiaries linked to the 500 Boiler Farm Scheme

107
households supported through cattle insurance

150
farmers received Danicha seed for green manure promotion

342
women farmers insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

190
households supported with 2,600 fruit-bearing plants through Horticulture Department

1000
female cotton farmers supported through "Climate-Resilient Cotton Production" program in Balangir

560
female farmers adopted climate resilient cotton production

300
women farmers demonstrated-resilient cotton farming across 216 hectares of agricultural land

3 SHGs piloted & 7 more SHGs capacitated to adopt Sustainable Mud Crab Culture in Chilika

7 SHGs with 68 farmers availed agri equipment @ 60% subsidy under PM-KUSUM scheme in Bolangir

696 Soil health Card generated in Puri & Bolangir in convergence with Dist Agri Dept

26 FFS model training conducted for 1206 female cotton growers in Bolagir

210 female cotton farmers accessed subsidies, and benefits under NFSM & IAP scheme

Special Events 2024-25

World Menstrual Hygiene Day – May 28th 2024

Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) observed World Menstrual Hygiene Day 2024 across Balangir and Bhubaneswar under the global campaign ***#PeriodFriendlyWorld****. In Dedhara village, 30 female cotton farmers and 38 adolescent girls participated in the Red Drop Challenge, watched an informative film, and pledged to advocate for menstrual health and self-confidence. Similar events in Tilori and Ghirongi villages (Madhya Pradesh), engaged 67 women and 42 girls in discussions on hygiene practices, proper use of sanitary products, and nutrition while breaking myths and taboos. In Bhubaneswar, an interactive awareness session encouraged adolescent girls to share their experiences and embrace menstruation with openness and pride.*







World Environment Day – June 5th

Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) celebrated World Environment Day 2024 through a series of community-led initiatives across Odisha and Madhya Pradesh, promoting the message of building an Environment-Friendly World. Children in Ghirongi and Tilori villages expressed their commitment through plantation drives, awareness dramas, drawings, and pledges for a greener planet. In Patnagarh, an interface program brought together agriculture officials and female cotton farmers to discuss Climate Resilient Cotton Farming and develop an action plan for the cropping year across three operational blocks. At Maa Baliharachandi Periphery, a cleanliness drive, plantation, and oath-taking on proper waste disposal were jointly organized by the HBT-ECRICC team with the Brahmagiri Wildlife Range staff and youth groups. In Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with JIVADA, community members, women, and children participated in cleanliness drives, street plays, and kitchen garden initiatives to make the city clean, green, and sustainable.







International Yoga Day – June 21st

*On the occasion of 10th International Yoga Day 2024, children from Parivartan Centres in Malanpur & urban communities of Bhubaneswar practiced various Asanas and Pranayam techniques, enhancing their concentration, comprehension, and memory. The session promoted the essence of "**Yoga Wellbeing**" and the belief that truly, "**Yoga Heals**."*



Vana Mahotsav 2024

Extensive Plantation Drives took place in communities & schools across urban and rural communities of Keonjhar, Puri & Khorda during Vana Mahotsav 2024. The combination of awareness campaigns and mass oath-taking ceremonies underscores our commitment to the theme 'Ek Paudha Maa ke Naam.'



Public Outreach Campaign on Climate Action

Under the ECRICC project, Humara Bachpan Trust organized two street-level awareness campaigns at Panaspada and Sunamunhi road points to sensitize local residents and tourists about climate change and environmental conservation. The campaign emphasized the importance of keeping water bodies free from plastic and waste, reducing CO_2 and greenhouse gas emissions, and adopting eco-friendly habits for a cleaner and greener environment. Active participation from Climate Champions, Self-Help Group (SHG) members, and HBT–ECRICC staff helped effectively engage the public and promote collective action towards building a sustainable ecosystem.





Swachhata Diwas – Oct 2nd

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Swachhata Diwas 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) organized multiple cleanliness and awareness initiatives promoting safe, hygienic, and liveable spaces. Cleanliness audits and awareness drives were conducted at Rajdhani College frontage, along with a placemaking workshop engaging children and adolescents to envision better public spaces. Adolescents from Bhagabati Sahi created a Swachhata Wall to inspire community responsibility and cleanliness habits. During Swachhta Week, awareness sessions and drives on sanitary product disposal and waste segregation were held with BMC sanitation workers and community members. In the Chilika landscape, Climate Champions, GPLF members, villagers, and PRI representatives joined hands with government officials for clean-up drives, community pond restoration, and plantation activities.







Gandhi Jayanti – Oct 2nd

*On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) facilitated the inclusion of critical **#ChildProtection** issues—such as child marriage, child labor, child trafficking, and child sexual abuse—into the Gram Sabha resolutions in Raikia and Phiringia blocks of Kandhamal, and across six Gram Panchayats in Keonjhar. Community members actively participated and took an oath to prevent and report such violations, reinforcing collective responsibility toward ensuring a safe and protective environment for every child.*





Children's Day - Nov 14th

Children's Day was joyfully celebrated at the Parivartan Resource Centres in Ghirongi and Tilori, where 101 children participated in games, dances, and races, and scholarships were awarded to the top five students from Classes 10 and 12. In Hatadihi and Patana blocks of Keonjhar, the event engaged 220 participants, including adolescent girls and school officials, through awareness sessions on child harassment, child marriage, child rights, and Supreme Court rulings on child pornography, along with discussions to strengthen PLCPCs.





National Youth Day – Jan 12th

On National Youth Day 2024, the Parivartan Resource Centres at Ghirongi and Tilori celebrated the legacy of Swami Vivekananda with 50 students through Surya Namaskar, self-defence training, and motivational sessions on youth empowerment and leadership.



National Girl Child Day – Jan 24th

On National Girl Child Day 2024, Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) organized awareness events in Keonjhar and Kandhamal districts to promote child rights and end child marriage. In Keonjhar, over 250 participants joined a cycle rally, district-level consultation, and cultural activities celebrating girls' empowerment. In Kandhamal, HBT in collaboration with the DCPU convened more than 200 stakeholders for a district-level consultation meeting, awards ceremony recognizing girl achievers, and a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao signature campaign marking its 10-year celebration.







World Day of Social Justice – Feb 20th:

To promote a fair and equitable world and strengthen efforts to end violence against children, World Day of Social Justice was observed in Raikia, Kandhamal. The event brought together community leaders, Anganwadi Workers, and adolescents to collectively advocate for social justice and equity for all.



International Women's Day – Mar 8th

*International Women's Day 2025 was celebrated across multiple districts with the theme **Accelerate Action**, recognizing women's leadership in justice, climate action, and community development. In Bhubaneswar, over 250 participants discussed the new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—alongside state-specific women-led development schemes. At Maa Baliharachandi Beach, Brahmagiri, women joined forest officials in a beach cleanup and oath-taking for environmental sustainability, highlighting their role in climate-smart practices. In Balangir, achievements of women cotton farmers adopting climate-resilient methods were celebrated at a*





sharing district level meeting in Pandamunda GP. From Ghirongi to Tilori, cultural performances and felicitation of self-reliant women showcased empowerment through skills and enterprise. In Keonjhar, women changemakers—SHG members, AWWs, and ASHAs—pledged to end child marriage, trafficking, and labor, reaffirming collective commitment to securing just rights for every child.

International Day of Girl Child – Oct 11th

Humara Bachpan Trust (HBT) celebrated International Day of the Girl 2024 across Odisha with a series of empowering activities promoting girls' rights, safety, and equal opportunities. Over 50 participants in Raikia and Phulbani voiced their aspirations for education, safety, and inclusion, reaffirming the commitment to girl's empowerment. At Patharbandha, Bhubaneswar, 70 participants, including representatives from CWC, CDPO, CIPET, and ICDS, joined the celebration featuring adolescent-led role plays on gender inequalities and discussions on child protection, child marriage laws, and youth skill training initiatives. A special orientation was conducted



with the Block Level Protection Committee on the POCSO Act and Supreme Court guidelines to address online abuse and ensure child safety. In Bhubaneswar, adolescent girls carried out a Gender Safety Audit and Tactical Urbanism exercise at Rajdhani College, engaging with SDG4, SDG5, SDG6, and SDG10 to envision safer and more inclusive public spaces for girls.



National Science Day – Feb 28th

National Science Day 2024 was celebrated at the Tilori Parivartan Resource Centre, where students showcased innovative science models that reflected creativity, curiosity, and a passion for learning. The event encouraged young minds to explore STEM and embrace science as a tool for change and innovation.







PARTNERSHIPS

Special thanks to partners of HBT who supported the organisation's work throughout the year. The support of these partners has immensely contributed to the success of HBT's work.

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- Puri District Administration
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- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
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- Puri Wildlife Division

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HUMARA BACHPAN TRUST

PLOT NO - 261, FLAT NO - 31, BIGHNESWAR HOMES, SAILASHREE VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR - 751021, ODISHA

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2025

LIABILITIES	Amount(Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount(Rs.)
General Fund:		**Fixed Assets: (As per Schedule-A)**	
Opening Balance	1,15,05,988.89	HBT	2,22,674.89
Add: Excess of Income over Exp.	25,78,887.88	CIF	11,267.23
Total	**1,40,84,876.77**	CCRS	2,74,063.50
		NSDC	62,909.65
Current Liabilities:		**Current Assets:**	
Duties and taxes Payable	1,44,397.00	Grant Aid Receivable	62,07,154.60
Sundry Creditors	1,77,901.00	TDS Receivable-F.Y.2024-25	2,68,193.40
Outstanding Expenses Payable	46,181.00	TDS Receivable-F.Y.2023-24	1,69,062.00
Rent Payable	21,000.00	TDS Receivable-F.Y.2022-23	45,794.00
Salary Payable	6,80,409.00	TDS receivable FY 2021-22	3,18,747.82
Audit Fees Payable	60,000.00	Security Deposit for Rent	56,000.00
		GST Receivable FY 2020-21	2,918.00
		Bank Guarantee-SNG Project	7,28,740.00
		Security deposit (BPCL)	1,700.00
		Loans And Advances	9,470.00
		Advance to Party	2,970.00
		Closing Cash & Bank Balance:	
		Cash at Bank:-	
		Axis Bank - 9170 1004 6539 533	30,54,966.65
		Axis Bank - 9170 1005 1656 047	38,068.00
		Axis Bank SB A/c No - 918010040618471	47,869.90
		Axis Bank - 9180 1003 1558 481	3,10,938.40
		Cash at Bank - SBI A/C No-3839 724 8187	2,27,553.24
		HDFC Bank - 50200079762850	14,240.75
		FCRA Closing Balance	
		Closing Cash & Bank Balance:	
		SBI, A/C No 4001 157 4758	21,65,023.34
		SBI, A/C No 3839 724 6065	9,74,439.40
Total	**1,52,14,764.77**	**Total**	**1,52,14,764.77**

As per our separate report of even date.

For Nanda Ranjan & Jena
Chartered Accountants
(Firm Registration No.325365E)

CA. P K Nanda (FCA,DISA)
(Partner, Memb.No.058439)
UDIN: 25058439BMMASG9754

Date:29/09/2025
Place: Bhubaneswar

For Humara Bachpan Trust

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the period from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025

Expenditure	Amount(Rs.)	Income	Amount(Rs.)
Programme Expenditure	2,20,29,500.33	Grant In Aid	2,71,79,904.27
Administrative Expenses	29,15,582.16	Donation	-
Depreciation	1,83,337.91	Bank Interest	2,27,404.00
		Other Receipt	3,00,000.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	**25,78,887.88**		
Total	2,77,07,308.27		2,77,07,308.27

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