

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

**Caritas India**, the official development and humanitarian arm of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, has been serving the nation since 1962. As part of the global Caritas Internationalis network, it stands at the forefront of social transformation, working across 200 partners nationwide. Rooted in compassion and justice, Caritas India addresses poverty, inequality, climate change, and humanitarian crises through programs in sustainable livelihoods, food security, health and nutrition, peacebuilding, migration, and child development. With pan India presence, it empowers marginalized communities to restore dignity, build resilience, and secure their rights. Guided by transparency, inclusivity, and professionalism, Caritas India continues to shape a just, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

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Formation of a just and sustaining social order by upholding values of love, equality and peace.

## MISSION

Restoration of human dignity of the poor and marginalised by partnering with intermediary organisations in extending support and facilitation and advocating for the rights of the people.

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# Executive Director's Message



As we turn the pages of this year's Annual Report we are reminded once again of what defines Caritas India not merely as an organization but as a movement of compassion resilience and hope. The year 2024 to 2025 has been one of profound transformation both within our communities and within ourselves. Despite the challenges that continue to evolve from natural calamities to social exclusion and economic vulnerabilities the spirit of solidarity that unites us has only grown stronger.

Across 26 states and countless villages our teams stood by millions from farmers reclaiming their food sovereignty to children rediscovering their right to learn from families rebuilding after disasters to communities striving for peace and dignity. Every number you read in these pages signifies far more than statistics. It tells a story of endurance, faith and shared humanity. These stories born in the floodplains of Assam, the hill slopes of Wayanad and the arid fields of Maharashtra are testaments to the strength of people who refuse to give up even when the odds are stacked against them.

This year our efforts in climate adaptive agriculture empowered farmers to restore balance between the land and the lives it sustains. Our humanitarian responses reached those most affected by disasters with dignity centered aid that values participation and preparedness. Livelihood and skill building initiatives opened new doors for women, youth and persons with disabilities to lead local enterprises. Programs addressing human trafficking, unsafe migration and child protection, safeguarded lives at the margins while our peacebuilding efforts renewed the fabric of trust and coexistence in communities fractured by fear or conflict.

Guided by our mission to restore human dignity and our vision of a just social order Caritas India has embraced innovation not only in what we do but in how we build local leadership. Initiatives under the Caritas Institute of Development Action and Learning (CIDAL) nurtured young

professionals and community leaders to carry forward this mission with integrity, excellence and heart. Our collaborations with national and international partners reaffirmed our collective belief that compassion when institutionalized becomes an unstoppable force for inclusive development.

This year also marked a deeply spiritual milestone as we journey together under the theme "Journey of Hope Share to Serve." In dedicating the Lenten Campaign to persons with disabilities we deepened our call to inclusion and recognized that hope becomes real when it embraces those the world often overlooks. Every action whether rebuilding a home, planting a seed, rehabilitating a child or training a volunteer has reflected this unbroken chain of solidarity rooted in our Christian faith but resonating universally through love equality and peace.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains unwavering to stand beside every life that seeks dignity, every voice that demands justice and every community that dreams of peace. This journey has been possible only because of the unwavering support of our Governing Board, Bishops, Diocesan Partners, Staff, Volunteers, Caritas Internationalis Confederation Government Collaborators, Corporate allies and the countless Well-wishers who have walked this path of service with us.

With gratitude in our hearts and renewed hope in our mission, we continue our journey inspired by the people we serve, strengthened by the partnerships that sustain us and guided by a faith that reminds us that love when shared, can heal the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Jesudass".

**Fr. R. Jesudass**  
**Executive Director**

# OUTREACH AT A GLANCE

Across India's diverse landscapes, Caritas India continues to strengthen its footprint of compassion and resilience. From the floodplains of Assam to the drought-hit villages of Maharashtra, our presence spans communities where the need for dignity, equity, and opportunity is greatest. Through partnerships with faith-based institutions, civil society, and local governments, Caritas India building resilience, restoring livelihoods, and protecting the most vulnerable.

Our impact stretches across states, districts, and villages, translating into tangible transformation of children at risk, widows, persons with disabilities, and families in distress. Each number reflects a story of hope. The growing reach of Caritas India stands not as an expansion of scale alone, but a deepening sign of solidarity and human connection across the nation.

# 10,17,439

People directly received some form of support from Caritas India

# 8,25,610

People indirectly received some form of support from Caritas India

## 26

States & UTs reached

## 147

Districts Covered

## 1,125

Gram Panchayats/ Municipalities Supported

## 132

Partners supported

## 13,343

Widows living a dignified life

## 4,995

Chronically Ill Persons received treatments

## 7,084

Children at Risk protected and promoted

## 322

Community leaders promoted

## 3,363

Volunteers engaged

## 8,308

People Living with Disabilities enjoying inclusion

## 65,981

Migrants facilitated

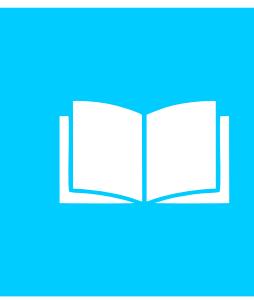
## 72,650

People availed Government entitlements and schemes

## 93,889

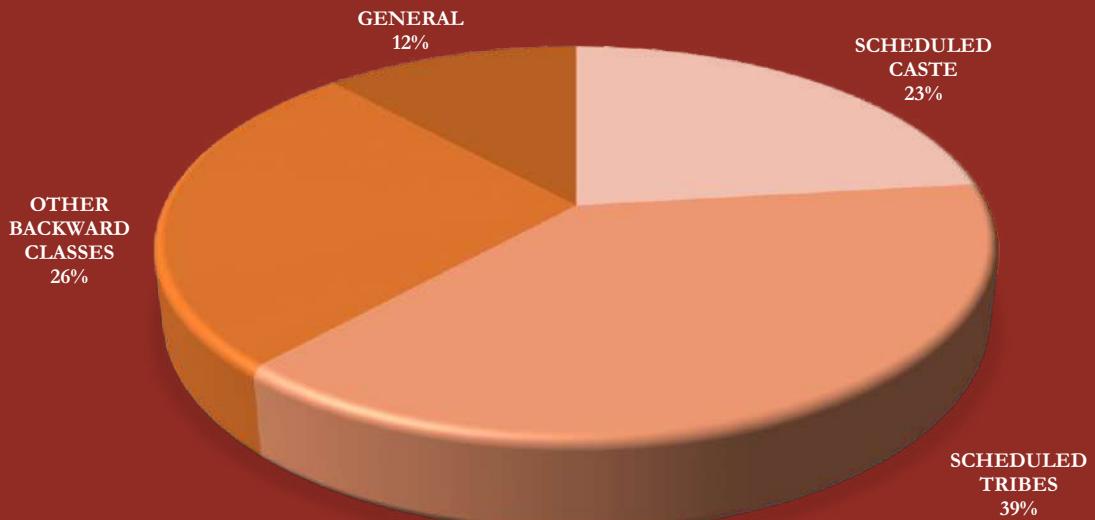
People trained & empowered

# Thematic Population Reach





# Social Composition



Caritas India's strategic project design intentionally prioritizes Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Castes (SC), and Other Backward Classes (OBC) and General Population due to their historical marginalization and heightened vulnerability to poverty, disaster, and exclusion. The largest beneficiary share is among Scheduled Tribes (39%) reached in tribal-dominated blocks across Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Assam, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Northeastern States, where communities face acute development gaps and ecological risk. Scheduled Castes (23%) are reached in districts of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala, among regions with entrenched social discrimination and weaker public service delivery. This strategic focus aligns with the global call of the Sustainable Development Goals and Caritas Internationalis, ensuring that humanitarian aid and inclusive development prioritize dignity, equity, and justice for every person, especially those living in poverty or facing systemic disadvantage in India.

# CLIMATE ADAPTIVE AGRICULTURE & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

STATES - 16 | PANCHAYATS - 521 | VILLAGES - 966 | POPULATION – 5,77,947

**Across India's farmlands, the changing climate continues to test human endurance and ecological balance. For millions of smallholder farmers, erratic rains, declining soil fertility, and crop losses have become the new normal. These are the same hands that feed the nation, yet they are often the first to experience hunger. And even when food is within reach, nutrition remains out of balance.**

Caritas India has taken this crisis head-on by steering a nationwide transformation towards food sovereignty and climate-resilient agriculture. Through an integrated portfolio of six flagship initiatives, i.e., U3 (Ujjwala, Uttoran, and Ujjevana), Saksham III, Jeevan – Women Led Empowering Action (WLEA), Sanjeevani, SAFBIN, and FARM Northeast, we are advancing a vision where every farming household has control over its food, its land, and its future.

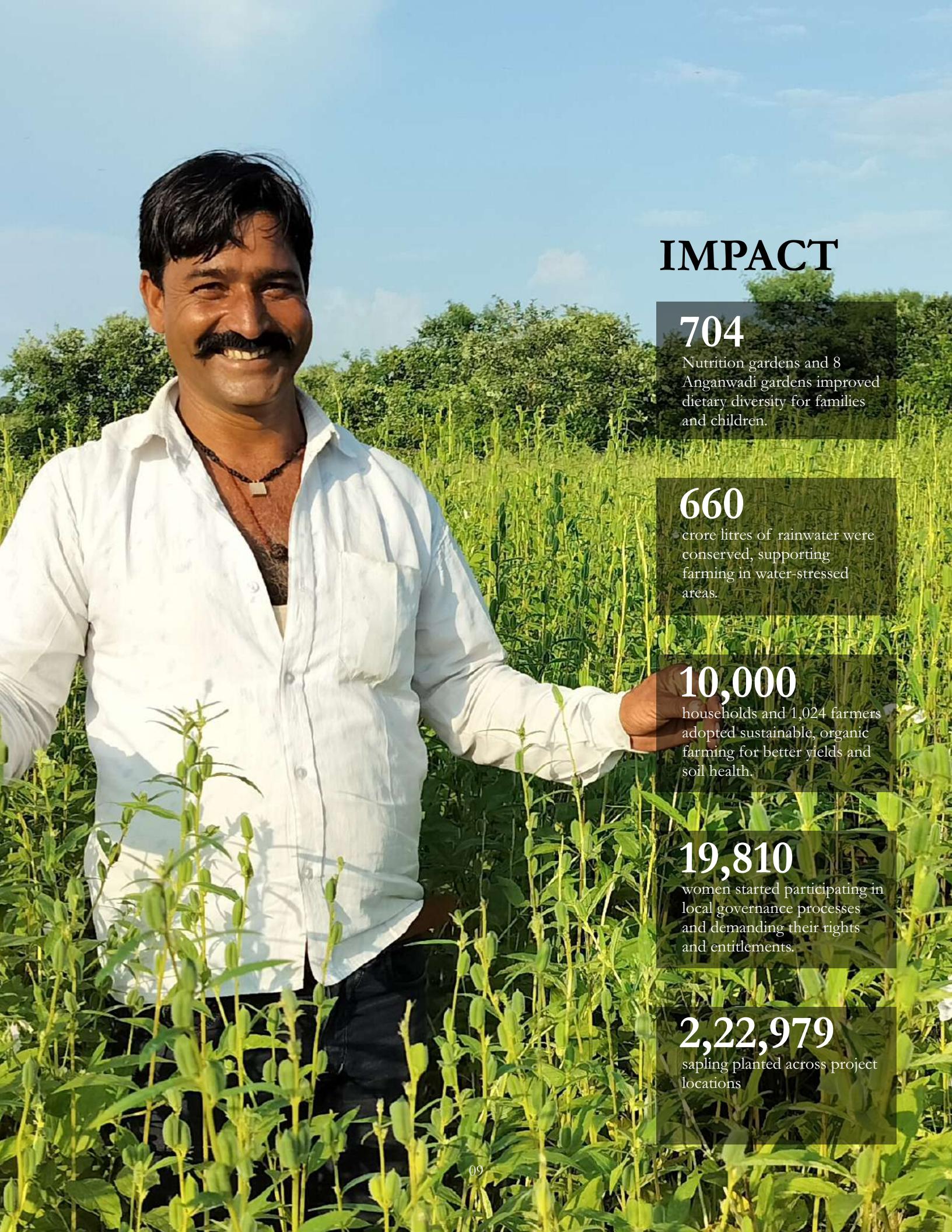
At the heart of this movement are India's smallholder farmers, who produce more than 70 percent of the nation's food. Our programs empower them to achieve sufficiency with sustainability—reclaiming traditional farming wisdom, restoring soil health, and reviving indigenous seed systems. We are strengthening local food chains

by promoting crop diversification, organic and natural farming, nutrition gardens, and vibrant rural markets that value local produce.

During this reporting period, 577,947 people across 16 states enhanced their resilience and food security through Caritas India's interventions. Farmers are cultivating climate-adaptive crops, experimenting through farmer field schools, and sharing innovations born from their lived experience. The shift is both practical and profound: improved yields, restored ecosystems, and renewed confidence.

Caritas India's growing expertise in soil and water conservation, integrated farming systems, sustainable agriculture, livestock rearing, and community-based markets is shaping a new paradigm of rural transformation. It is a movement powered not by technology alone but by trust—in the land, in the community, and in the enduring spirit of the farmer.





# IMPACT

**704**

Nutrition gardens and 8 Anganwadi gardens improved dietary diversity for families and children.

**660**

crore litres of rainwater were conserved, supporting farming in water-stressed areas.

**10,000**

households and 1,024 farmers adopted sustainable, organic farming for better yields and soil health.

**19,810**

women started participating in local governance processes and demanding their rights and entitlements.

**2,22,979**

sapling planted across project locations

# HUMANITARIAN AID AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

STATES - 6 | PANCHAYATS - 264 | VILLAGES - 229 | POPULATION - 1,00,298

**In recent years, India has witnessed an alarming rise in the frequency and the intensity of natural disasters. Floods, cyclones, landslides, and droughts have struck with growing ferocity, hitting the poorest communities hardest and eroding the fragile foundations of their recovery. Each disaster leaves behind deeper scars on lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems - demanding not just relief, but resilience.**

Caritas India has responded with urgency and vision, blending humanitarian commitment with scientific precision. Our strategy moves beyond response to build long-term resilience through an integrated approach that restores ecosystems, strengthens local systems, and empowers people to act before crises strike. Guided by the Core Humanitarian Standards, we embed inclusion, participation, protection mainstreaming, and localization in every phase of our work. The goal is not only to save lives but to enable communities to sustain them with dignity and preparedness.

During the reporting period, Caritas India reached 100,298 people across six states—Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, Manipur, Odisha, and West Bengal—through focused programs on

Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Risk Reduction (HADRR). Working in 48 blocks, 84 gram panchayats, and 229 villages, our teams have mobilized communities, conducted participatory risk assessments, delivered early warning communication, and organized training in disaster preparedness and emergency response. Ecosystem-based interventions, from mangrove restoration to soil and water conservation, have strengthened nature's own capacity to protect.

What makes this effort distinct is our community-first model. We recognize local knowledge as the foundation of resilience. Villagers, youth groups, and women's collectives are not just beneficiaries, they are planners, responders, and change leaders. Through this collaboration, disaster risk reduction becomes more than a technical exercise; it evolves into a process of empowerment and inclusion.

Today, Caritas India stands with its partners as a catalyst for a culture of preparedness, prevention, and protection. Every action, whether rebuilding homes, restoring ecosystems, or training first responders, moves us closer to a nation where even the most vulnerable can face the uncertainty of tomorrow with strength, solidarity, and sustainable hope.





## IMPACT

**4340**

households received WASH kits, improving hygiene and disease prevention in disaster-affected areas

**4,175**

families were supported with shelter kits, enabling them to rebuild safe living spaces

**525**

families received essential non-food items, such as kitchen utensils, to restore normalcy in daily life

**1,304**

households were provided unconditional cash transfers, empowering them to meet urgent needs with dignity and choice

**30,582**

people received disaster risk reduction services and knowledge to build their resilience

# LIVELIHOOD AND SKILL BUILDING

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STATES - 2 | PANCHAYATS - 74 | VILLAGES - 113 | POPULATION – 13948

**We believe in the concept of inclusive growth powered by people. By equipping women, youth, migrant workers, tribal communities, and persons with disabilities with skills, resources, and market access, Caritas India enables them to shape their own economic future. Through livelihood and skill-building initiatives, we nurture entrepreneurship and resilience, turning the marginalised communities into drivers of rural transformation.**

In 2024–25, our livelihood and skill development programmes reached 261,649 people across 4 states, 23 districts, and 182 villages. Guided by a Community-First approach, we focused on building diverse and sustainable income options through agriculture, livestock, non-timber forest products, and small rural enterprises. Families became the centre of change, combining farming with crafts, food processing, or digital services to strengthen household economies.

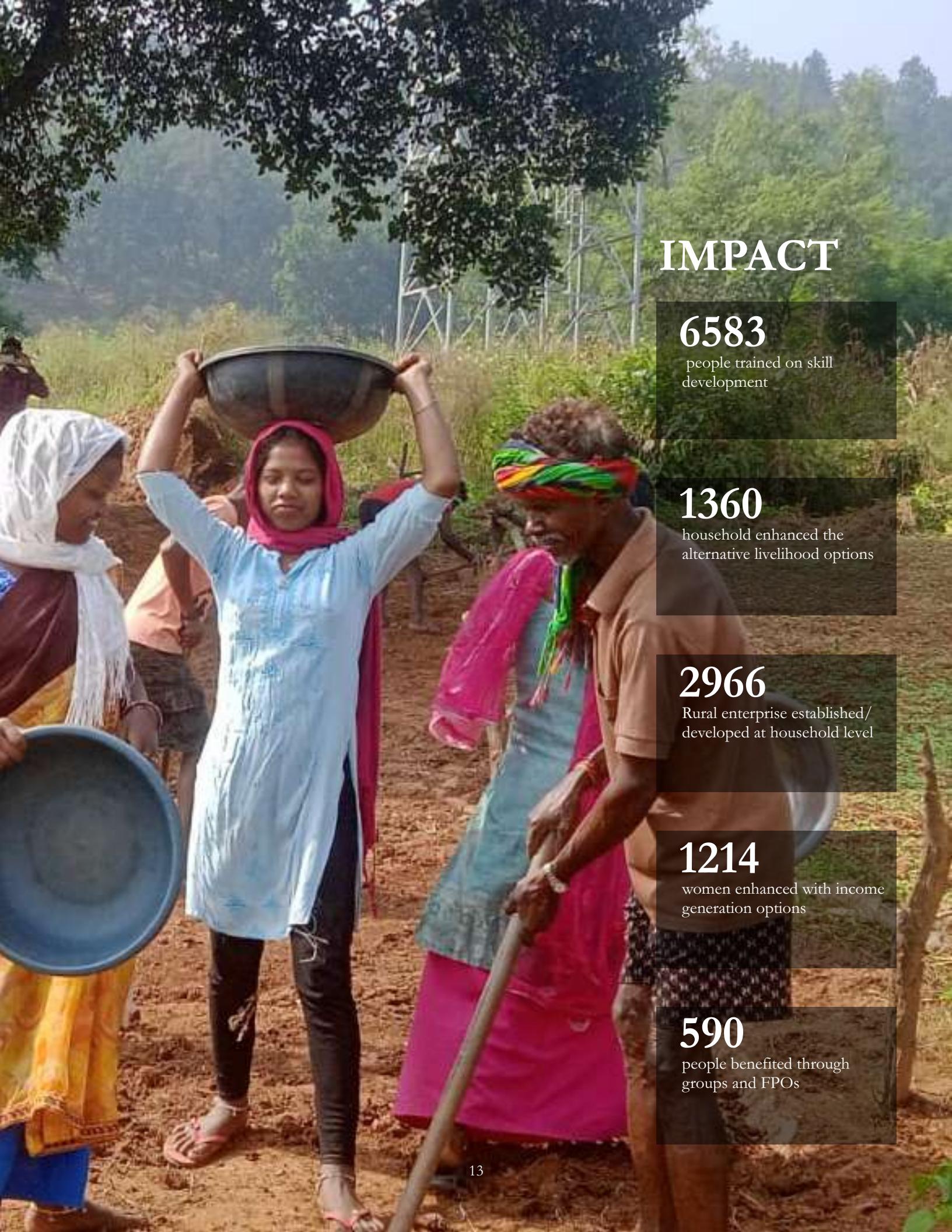
Flagship initiatives like Gram Nirman and the Livelihood Enhancement and Development Programme (LEDP) have deepened our reach and results. These programmes integrate value-chain models that ensure last-mile connectivity and community ownership,

linking producers to markets and transforming self-help groups into producer-owned institutions. Women, youth, and persons with disabilities are now emerging as rural entrepreneurs, leading small businesses that keep local economies vibrant.

Beyond individual livelihoods, Caritas India works to influence systems to strengthen partnerships with government, financial institutions, and training centres to embed livelihood opportunities into state and national frameworks. Digital tools for skill training, data-driven market linkages, and inclusive financing models are becoming part of our strategy to ensure scale and sustainability.

The impact is visible: communities once dependent on uncertain income now lead local enterprises, invest in education, and rebuild their ecosystems. Livelihood and skill development at Caritas India is no longer just about earning—it is about restoring dignity, strengthening self-reliance, and ensuring that opportunity thrives where it was once absent.





# IMPACT

**6583**

people trained on skill development

**1360**

household enhanced the alternative livelihood options

**2966**

Rural enterprise established/ developed at household level

**1214**

women enhanced with income generation options

**590**

people benefited through groups and FPOs

# ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MIGRATION, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

STATES - 7 | PANCHAYATS - 74 | VILLAGES - 152 | POPULATION - 37,088

**Across India, unsafe migration, human trafficking, and child vulnerability continue to threaten the dignity and rights of marginalized communities. Caritas India addresses these challenges through comprehensive programs that protect, empower, and transform lives.**

The Pravasi Bandhu Program works across six states to promote safe migration, connecting places of origin, transit, and destination. It identifies at-risk migrants and provides leadership development, access to livelihoods, housing support, and legal assistance. The program also fosters community awareness, builds organizational capacity, and strengthens networks with rights-based organizations and duty bearers. Key outcomes include thousands of migrants educated on safe practices, families connected to welfare schemes, and new livelihood opportunities established, ensuring migrants can pursue safe and dignified work.

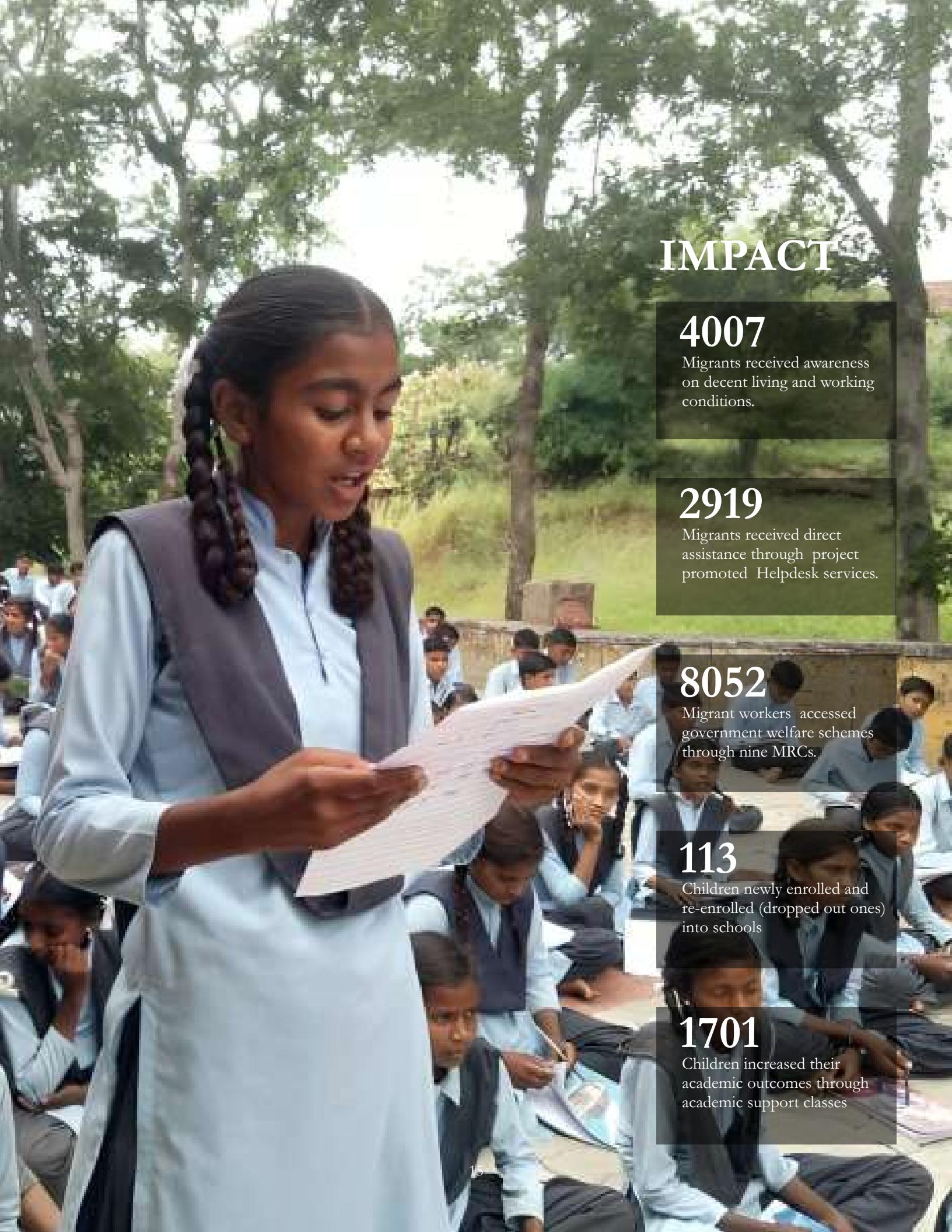
Children remain central to Caritas India's mission. The Khushaal Bachpan program creates enabling environments for children to lead safe, happy, and dignified lives. It addresses risks of child labor, early marriage, abuse, and poor nutrition, particularly among Dalit and tribal communities. By forming

child protection committees, fostering community participation, and advocating for policy improvements, the program ensures children can access education, protection, and meaningful participation in decisions affecting their lives.

Caritas India's integrated approach operates at micro, meso, and macro levels, combining household and community engagement with policy advocacy. At the community level, we strengthen local capacities and safeguarding systems. At the policy level, we influence child protection frameworks and ensure migrant rights are recognized in law and practice. During the reporting period, interventions reached 1,88,622 individuals across six states, 18 districts, and 286 villages, creating measurable improvements in safety, resilience, and opportunity.

Aligned with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Caritas India ensures that both women and children can access protection, education, and livelihoods, fostering long-term empowerment. By combining prevention, protection, participation, and advocacy, our programs create sustainable impact—building communities where every child and migrant can live with dignity, security, and hope.



A young girl with dark hair in braids, wearing a light blue school uniform, is looking down at an open book she is holding. She is in a classroom with other children in similar uniforms. The background shows green trees and a bright sky.

# IMPACT

**4007**

Migrants received awareness on decent living and working conditions.

**2919**

Migrants received direct assistance through project promoted Helpdesk services.

**8052**

Migrant workers accessed government welfare schemes through nine MRCs.

**113**

Children newly enrolled and re-enrolled (dropped out ones) into schools

**1701**

Children increased their academic outcomes through academic support classes

# HEALTH AND NUTRITION

STATES - 3 | PANCHAYATS - 54 | VILLAGES - 147 | POPULATION - 1,78,365

**Access to quality health and nutrition is a fundamental right, yet millions of marginalized communities in India continue to face preventable diseases, malnutrition, and social vulnerabilities. Caritas India addresses these challenges through a holistic, community-centered approach that combines prevention, treatment, capacity building, and strong linkages with public health systems. Our programs empower communities, strengthen local health systems, and ensure equitable access to services.**

During the year 2024–25, Caritas India advanced four key initiatives focused on drug abuse, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS, and disability care. The Water & Climate India (WCI) Project provided safe drinking water through Solar Water Disinfection (SODIS) with WADI devices. This sustainable technology reduced waterborne diseases, improved hygiene practices, and encouraged community-led water conservation structures.

In Kerala, the Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign reached 7,25,303 people through 12,909 awareness programs, addressing a severe drug crisis. Phase 2 expanded to five new regions, combining grassroots task force training, early intervention counseling,

and volunteer capacity building. These efforts strengthened community-based prevention, promoted behavioral change, and created sustainable networks to support youth and families.

The Roop – Community-Based Inclusive Development (CBID) initiative in Nuh, Haryana empowered 510 persons with disabilities across 13 villages. Through assistive devices, disability certification, education support, self-help groups, and livelihood linkages, the program enhanced mobility, independence, and social and economic inclusion. Policy engagement and awareness campaigns further strengthened community systems and promoted inclusion.

Together, these interventions showcase Caritas India's commitment to holistic health and nutrition, combining technological innovation, community mobilization, and systems strengthening. By addressing immediate needs while building long-term resilience, Caritas India ensures that marginalized communities can lead healthier, safer, and more dignified lives.



# IMPACT

**35,000**

Tribal households gained access to safe drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

**510**

PLWD supported through livelihood, inclusion, and community resilience initiatives.

**66**

Task forces trained to sustain the campaign through community awareness.

**49**

PLWDs enhanced with economic opportunities

**930**

PLHIVs regularly adhering ART regimen



# PEACE BUILDING

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STATE - 1 | PANCHAYATS - 54 | VILLAGES - 89 | POPULATION - 93,984

**In today's world, peace is increasingly rare, yet its necessity has never been greater. Peace and security form the bedrock of sustained development, yet conflicts, exclusion, and social tensions continue to disrupt lives, especially among vulnerable populations. Caritas India believes that peace is not only possible but achievable through conscious efforts that combine awareness, cooperation, and community engagement. Our interventions focus on three essential pillars, context, partnership, and accountability to prioritize those most affected by conflict, including children, youth, women, widows, persons with disabilities, the elderly, disaster survivors, political refugees, and marginalized communities.**

Through the Samvaad Program, implemented in collaboration with six dedicated partners, Caritas India has fostered peace and harmony across diverse communities. Peace clubs, community-based organizations, citizen forums, youth groups, and interfaith leaders actively participated in initiatives aimed at building understanding, trust, and reconciliation. The program's grassroots approach emphasized shared humanity, using joint celebratory events and community gatherings to transform suspicion into solidarity.

Conflict-prone areas benefited from facilitated dialogues, where youth, citizen forums, and community leaders helped resolve disputes and convert potential conflicts into opportunities for reconciliation. Interfaith leaders provided moral and spiritual guidance, promoting love and harmony, particularly around festivals and communal events. Children and youth became peace ambassadors, using sports, storytelling, and arts to spread messages of unity, responsibility, and non-violence within their communities. A signature initiative, Prem Bhoj (Love Feast), brought people from different backgrounds together to share food, cook collectively, and strengthen human connections beyond social and religious boundaries. This symbolic act reinforced the values of cooperation, mutual respect, and inclusivity.

By integrating awareness, dialogue, and active community participation, Caritas India has created lasting impacts. Communities now recognize that sustainable development is inseparable from peace. The ripple effects of these efforts are evident in strengthened local cohesion, reduced tensions, and empowered individuals committed to sustaining harmony and social justice.





## IMPACT

**4233**

People sensitised on fake news prevention

**93**

Peace clubs established

**55**

Interfaith events & Cultural Exchange conducted

**1500**

Peace club children sensitized through Peace Curriculum developed by Caritas India

**40,721**

households engaged through peacebuilding interventions, awareness campaigns, and program participation

# JOURNEY OF **HOPE** SHARE TO SERVE

The year 2025 is dedicated as Jubilee Year of Hope, a special period of spiritual renewal within the Catholic Church, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". Caritas India has embraced the theme "Journey of Hope; Share to Serve," with a special focus on bringing hope to persons with disabilities during the Season of Lent.

This year's Lenten Campaign emphasizes the importance of sharing our resources so that the Church in India can support persons with disabilities, those affected by disasters, and the poor and hungry.

Along with Caritas India, the Regional Fora are playing a vital role as co-facilitators in facilitating the Lenten campaign at the Diocesan level. Our focus would prioritize enhancing participation from individuals, institutions and likeminded organisation, effectively communicating the Lenten message through staff and volunteers at the diocesan level, and inspiring & facilitating people and institutions to contribute more resources to support the poor and needy.

The National level campaign at Sacred Heart Cathedral, New Delhi, on 9th March 2025 was launched by Archbishop Anil Couto. Shri Jose K Mani MP was present at the Chetana disability campaign launching. The event demonstrated the thematic interventions with disability inclusion. Caritas India and Chetanalaya jointly organised the events.



# CARITAS INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ACTION AND LEARNING (CIDAL)

The Caritas Institute of Development Action and Learning (CIDAL) as the knowledge and capacity-building arm of Caritas India, promoting learning, innovation, and integral development. During the last financial year, CIDAL strengthened its role as a hub for knowledge exchange and professional growth programmes through multiple initiatives focusing on integral ecology, project management, climate adaptation, and leadership development.

The Manual on Integral Ecology and the Development Dynamics Course (DDC) in Ajmer deepened participants' understanding of the interconnectedness of nature and human development within the Laudato Si' framework, training 27 participants from 10 states. The Project Design and Management Workshop in Indore enhanced the skills of 24 professionals in proposal writing, baseline assessments, and Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) systems, strengthening evidence-based program planning.



CIDAL's engagement at the Caritas Asia Regional Workshop on Integral Ecology positioned India as a leader in promoting eco-justice and sustainable resource management. Commemorating global observances, CIDAL hosted the "Our Land Our Future" webinar on World Environment Day 2024 and "Water for Future" webinar on World Water Day 2025, engaging over 100 participants across Asia on ecological conversion and climate action.



In response to the growing climate crisis, CIDAL organized a Climate Adaptive Farming System Workshop for 28 CSO representatives, exploring natural farming, renewable energy, water conservation, and green audit protocols to build community resilience. The Training of Trainers program focused on mission-driven resource mobilization, CSR, risk management, and collaborative partnership strategies, nurturing a cadre of in-house trainers.



# YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS



## Training of Trainers on Emergency Response and Volunteer Management

A two-day Training of Trainers under the EMPOWER series strengthened disaster readiness and volunteer management capacities in the northeastern region. Partner organizations from Manipur, Mizoram, Assam, and West Bengal enhanced their technical skills in emergency preparedness while building stronger community-organization collaborations for effective response during crises.



## Caritas Asia Partners Forum Meet

Participation in the Caritas Asia Partners Forum in Bangkok created an opportunity for deep engagement with 25 member organizations across the continent. Leadership from India shared best practices on operational excellence, called for unified humanitarian action, and emphasized collective responsibility toward addressing human suffering and environmental degradation.



## Learning Cycle Workshop on Strategic Plan and Safeguarding Roll-Out

A collaborative platform in Bangalore brought together 13 regional forums to accelerate the implementation of the Strategic Plan and safeguarding mechanisms. The sessions reinforced grassroots protection systems, accountability frameworks, and leadership capacity to foster a culture of safety within partner communities.



## Workshop on Strategic Planning, Resource Mobilization, and Safeguarding Policy

Representatives from seven southern partner organizations convened in Kerala to revisit volunteer engagement strategies. The workshop produced context-driven frameworks to institutionalize volunteer management as a vital pillar for community mobilization, resource generation, and grassroots leadership development.



## International Exchange Week on Reintegration

From September 30 to October 3, 2024, Caritas India showcased its reintegration efforts for returnee migrants during the International Exchange Week in Nepal. The event, co-hosted by Caritas Internationalis Belgium and Caritas Nepal, facilitated knowledge exchange between multiple Asian countries to develop sustainable reintegration strategies.

Caritas India organized two impactful regional webinars that fostered global dialogue on resilience and sustainability. On October 14, 2024, a webinar marking the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction explored “The Role of Education in Protecting and Empowering Youth for a Disaster-Free Future,” engaging over 140 stakeholders to advance youth-led disaster preparedness in line with the Sendai Framework. Continuing its advocacy for environmental stewardship, Caritas India’s CIDAL, in collaboration with Caritas Asia, hosted a World Water Day webinar on March 21, 2025, themed “Water for the Future.” With participation from 12 countries, the session underscored the urgency of water conservation and collective responsibility, reinforcing Caritas India’s leadership in promoting education, resilience, and sustainability across Asia.



### Strengthening Humanitarian Expertise Through DG ECHO Training

An intensive five-day technical training under DG ECHO enhanced organizational proficiency in humanitarian proposal design and implementation of ECHO-funded actions. The capacity-building process reinforced competence standards, accountability benchmarks, and global compliance mechanisms for effective humanitarian coordination.



### Dialogue with the French Ambassador on Social Development

A high-level engagement with the French Ambassador in New Delhi showcased impactful work in climate adaptation, child development, migration, and disability inclusion. The discussion highlighted a commitment to promoting inclusive growth and global solidarity through evidence-based programming rooted in compassion and justice.



### International Day of Persons with Disabilities – “Ability Utsav”

A vibrant celebration of inclusion, “Ability Utsav” brought together over 600 persons with disabilities, families, and partners to champion equality and empowerment. The event amplified stories of resilience and innovation emerging from rehabilitation programs that have transformed lives and livelihoods through early intervention and inclusive education.



### Regional Communication and Advocacy Committee Meeting

The regional meeting in Bangkok focused on advancing communication and advocacy capabilities across Asia. Contributions from the Indian delegation helped refine strategic priorities, strengthen regional advocacy messaging, and enhance the shared narrative around compassion, justice, and human dignity.



### Scalable Community Models at South India CSR Conclave

Scalable, community-led models in climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, water conservation, and eco-livelihoods were showcased at the South India CSR Conclave in Bengaluru. Represented by Dr. Haridas V.R. and Mr. Robert D’Souza, the organization promoted cross-sector collaboration, urging corporates and civil society partners to co-create sustainable and impactful development partnerships.

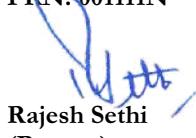
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

Amount in Rs.

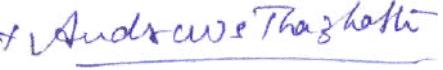
Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2025	For the year ended March 31, 2024
<b>OPENING BALANCE:</b>		
Cash in Hand	35,427	58,181
Bank Balance at State Bank of India	63,28,830	21,12,850
Bank Balance with Utilisation Bank Accounts	4,64,51,167	4,29,89,292
Investments	<u>64,22,59,809</u>	<u>66,88,77,646</u>
	<b>69,50,75,233</b>	<b>71,40,37,969</b>
<b>Receipts During the Year:</b>		
Foreign Contributions	12,77,64,795	27,11,03,156
Local Contributions	4,28,56,264	9,55,75,028
Local Contributions in Kind	4,00,000	-
Refund from Charitable Institutions	95,479	46,527
Interest Income	4,83,69,888	5,19,85,349
General Donations	6,54,250	13,00,170
Proceeds from disposal of Scraps	1,33,800	4,00,000
Other Receipts	1,20,000	3,01,500
	<b>22,03,94,746</b>	<b>42,07,11,730</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,54,69,979</b>	<b>1,13,47,49,699</b>
<b>Payments during the year:</b>		
<b>Programme Expenses</b>		
Relief of the Poor/Medical Relief Programmes	7,20,24,821	12,94,32,511
Relief of the Poor (Emergencies & Rehab. Prog.)	3,37,71,927	9,28,33,676
Education / Skill Training Programmes	35,78,651	6,62,53,763
Capacity Building & Development Programmes	67,75,019	66,12,505
Health Programmes	12,994	4,70,233
Environmental Programmes	2,67,28,006	4,25,03,079
Relief items in Kind	4,00,000	-
Grant to Charitable Institutions	4,12,25,427	1,87,16,351
Administrative Expenses	4,20,47,018	7,26,40,912
Addition to Fixed Assets	5,02,687	56,04,116
Account Receivable / Payable (Net)	1,71,31,616	46,07,320
	<b>24,41,98,166</b>	<b>43,96,74,466</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		
Cash in Hand	25,539	35,427
Bank Balance at State Bank of India	1,66,03,992	63,28,830
Bank Balance with Utilisation Bank Accounts	3,96,97,871	4,64,51,167
Investments	<u>61,49,44,411</u>	<u>64,22,59,809</u>
	<b>67,12,71,813</b>	<b>69,50,75,233</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,54,69,979</b>	<b>1,13,47,49,699</b>

As referred to in our report of even date attached

For J C Bhalla & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 001111N

  
Rajesh Sethi  
(Partner)  
M. No. 085669  
Place : New Delhi  
Dated : 12-03-2025



PRESIDENT: 

CHAIRMAN: 

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: 

**CARITAS INDIA**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025**

Particulars	Schedule	Amount in Rs.	
		As at 31st March, 2025	As at 31st March, 2024
<b>Source of Funds</b>			
Capital Fund (representing Fixed Assets)	1	14,64,75,650	15,03,88,320
Corpus Fund	2	12,54,42,566	12,54,42,566
General Fund	3	16,40,54,885	13,18,58,001
Endowment Fund	4	14,69,40,640	13,91,86,721
Designated Fund	5	30,16,17,503	34,89,15,426
<b>Total</b>		<b>88,45,31,244</b>	<b>89,57,91,034</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Gross Block	6	20,93,53,708	20,88,51,021
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		6,28,78,058	5,84,62,701
		<b>14,64,75,650</b>	<b>15,03,88,320</b>
<b>Investments</b>	7	61,49,44,411	64,22,59,809
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Bank Balances	8	5,63,27,402	5,28,15,423
Amount Receivables	9	7,61,37,439	5,95,73,813
		<b>13,24,64,841</b>	<b>11,23,89,236</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities:</b>			
Amount Payable	10	93,53,658	92,46,331
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>12,31,11,183</b>	<b>10,31,42,905</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>88,45,31,244</b>	<b>89,57,91,034</b>
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts	17		
Schedules 1 to 17 form an integral part of the Accounts			
As referred to in our report of even date attached			

For J C Bhalla & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 001111N

PRESIDENT: Andrew Thazhath

CHAIRMAN: Subrahmanyam

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Raman

Rajesh Sethi  
(Partner)  
M. No. 085669  
Place of Signature : New Delhi  
Dated : 12-03-2025



**CARITAS INDIA**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	Schedule	For the year ended 31st March, 2025	For the year ended 31st March, 2024
<b>INCOME</b>			
Allocation from Foreign Contributions		15,08,64,443	35,81,65,333
Allocation from Local Contributions		5,83,08,061	3,49,47,524
Local Contribution in Kind		4,00,000	-
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>		<b>20,95,72,504</b>	<b>39,31,12,857</b>
Donation	11	6,54,520	13,00,170
Interest Income	12	4,06,15,969	4,47,02,519
Other Income	13	2,53,800	7,01,500
<b>Sub Total (B)</b>		<b>4,15,24,289</b>	<b>4,67,04,189</b>
<b>Total (A+B)</b>		<b>25,10,96,793</b>	<b>43,98,17,046</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Programme Expenditure:</b>			
Relief of Poor	14	7,20,24,821	12,94,32,511
Relief of Poor (Emergencies & Rehab. Prog.)	14	3,37,71,927	9,28,33,676
Education / Skill Training	14	35,78,651	6,62,53,763
Capacity Building & Development	14	67,75,019	66,12,505
Health	14	12,994	4,70,233
Environmental	14	2,67,28,006	4,25,03,079
Relief Items in Kind		4,00,000	-
Grant to Charitable Institutions	15	4,12,25,427	1,87,16,351
<b>Sub Total (C)</b>		<b>18,45,16,845</b>	<b>35,68,22,118</b>
<b>Administrative Expenditure</b>	16	4,20,47,018	7,26,40,912
<b>Sub Total (D)</b>		<b>4,20,47,018</b>	<b>7,26,40,912</b>
<b>Total (C+D)</b>		<b>22,65,63,863</b>	<b>42,94,63,030</b>
<b>Surplus for the Period transferred to General Fund</b>		<b>2,45,32,930</b>	<b>1,03,54,016</b>
Significant Accounting Policies & Notes to Accounts	17		
Schedules 1 to 17 form an integral part of the Accounts			
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<b>For J C Bhalla &amp; Co.</b> <b>Chartered Accountants</b> <b>FRN: 001111N</b>		<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<i>Andrew Thazhath</i>
<i>Rajesh Sethi</i> <b>(Partner)</b> <b>M. No. 085669</b>		<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	<i>Subrahmanyam</i>
Place : New Delhi Dated : 12-03-2025		<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b>	<i>Raman</i>

Rajesh Sethi  
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Dated : 12-03-2025



# SPECIAL THANKS

Caritas India extends heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, partners, and supporters for walking alongside us in our mission to uplift the most marginalized. Your generosity and faith have strengthened our resolve to transform lives affected by poverty, disaster, and exclusion. Together with individuals, institutions, CSR and confederation partners, we continue to build communities of dignity, justice, and hope, turning compassion into meaningful action across India.

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



## CARITAS CONFEDERATION



## INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



## CORPORATE PARTNERS



# New Leadership



**Fr. Jesudass R.**  
Executive Director



**Fr. Benny Edayath**  
Assistant Executive Director



**Fr. Julian Fernando**  
Administrator

Caritas India extends a warm and heartfelt welcome to the new leadership team - Fr. Jesudass R, Executive Director; Fr. Benny Edayath, Assistant Executive Director; and Fr. Julian Fernando, Administrator. With their rich experience, deep commitment to social justice, and unwavering faith in humanity and the transformative power of collective action, we look forward to their guidance in strengthening our work for the most marginalized communities across the country.

# Past Leadership



**Fr. Antony Fernandes**  
Executive Director



**Fr. Anil Crasta**  
Assistant Executive Director

Caritas India expresses its sincere gratitude to Fr. Antony Fernandes, former Executive Director, and Fr. Anil Crasta, former Assistant Executive Director, for their dedicated service and visionary leadership. Their tenure was marked by compassion, commitment, and an unwavering focus on empowering communities and upholding the values of justice, dignity, and solidarity. Under their guidance, Caritas India continued to strengthen its outreach, deepen partnerships, and enhance the organization's mission of serving the most vulnerable across the country.

# Mainstreaming Sustainable Development Goals for Inclusive Growth



# Together, We build Hope.

Caritas India continues to walk with the most vulnerable, empowering communities to rise with dignity, resilience, and self-reliance.

Join us in shaping a just, compassionate, and sustainable India.



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