

and restoration of water bodies, promotion of plantation programmes to enrich plants diversity and environmental awareness and educational programmes for rural community

- ◆ **Community Health** : Organisation is being involved in conducting health camps both for human and livestock at village level to improve the quality of life and productivity of animals respectively.

Implemented / Ongoing projects

- Promotion of organic vegetable cultivation through Vegetable growers association in Three villages in Tumakuru Taluka
- Agro forestry project implemented in 10 villages with 600 families in Two blocks. Promoted four farmers producers organization in three blocks of Tumakuru district with covering 2500 farming community
- Implemented integrated climate proofing watershed project covering 1368 ha in three micro watersheds 900 families in five villages sponsored by NABARD.
- Promotion & Popularization of organic farming for enhanced agricultural sustainability project implemented in 23 villages of 2 blocks in Tumakuru dist.
- Improving livelihoods of millet farmers through productivity enhancement in finger millet & promotion of minor millets in 3 villages in Tumakuru block.
- Implemented IGA & SEDP project for providing trainings on income generation activities (IGA) and skill trainings to women SHGs in 12 villages in Madhugiri block under PMKSY- watershed project.
- Conducted skill training on tailoring and embroidery for women SHG members 15 villages in three blocks with the support of NABARD, Bangalore
- Implementing tank desiltation program in 12 villages in Madhugiri block with the support of IIT for IIT.
- Empowerment of garment women leaders through awareness, training and capacity building in four blocks in Tumakuru district.

Faculty

AVISHKAR has core faculty in all the community and agriculture development disciplines comprising of very senior professionals and extension workers who have rich experience in respective fields including Organic farming, watershed development, Natural Resource management, building of village level institutions, restoration of tank system and tree based farming.

Physical Progress

When it was established by his highness in 2004 & has started field operations in the District of Tumakuru. Since then, AVISHKAR has reached over 2630 beneficiaries in over 73 villages.

4 Farmer Producers Organizations (FPO) formed, 1780 Farmers covered in FPOs, 165 women SHGs formed, 136 SHGs linked with Banks, 276 trainings conducted for women SHGs, 1760 training programmes conducted for farmers, 23 farmers converted in to organic farming, 360 farmers Convergence with KVK & line departments. 560 farmers Soil testing & soil health cards distributed. 65 programme Farmers to farmers extension programmes conducted. 1358 ha rejuvenated degraded rainfed dry lands. 95 adoption of viable livelihood activities. Soil Erosion reduced through 40413 cmt. of trench cum bunding activity. 37.62 crore litres rain water harvested through soil, water conservation activities & increased surface water & ground water in 270 bore wells. 22 farmers recharge of dried borewells covered. 530 farmers Tree based farming systems adopted.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Karnataka state.
- Save Indian Farmers, USA.
- Agriculture Department, Govt. of Karnataka
- Share and Care foundation, USA
- The Funds for Global Human Rights, USA
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Hirehalli, Tumakuru
- Reputed NGO's and Other Institutions
- All donors / contributors to the organisation



AVISHKAR

ASSOCIATION FOR VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS SOCIAL HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



🏠 #11, Sapthagiri Nilaya,
Near TUDA Office,
Adarshanagar,
Tumakuru - 572 103, Karnataka

☎ +91 9731329762

✉ avishkar2004@gmail.com

🌐 www.avishkarngo.org

"AN ACTION GROUP COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT"



Efforts towards involving the community in the development process through awareness creation on their potential and resources for achieving self reliant social and economic development initiatives. This will be achieved through enhancement of skills and capabilities of the communities and involving them actively in the development process.

Creates opportunities for providing sustainable livelihoods for the rural families, especially vulnerable sections and ensures sustainable livelihood, clean environment, good quality of life and human values. This will be achieved through effective utilization of local resources, extension, transfers of appropriate technologies, building village level institutions and their capacities. AVISHKAR is a secular, dedicated and professionally managed organisation.



About AVISHKAR

AVISHKAR is a non-governmental, non-profit, voluntary organisation conceived by a group of dedicated, young, social development professionals. AVISHKAR was started in the year 2004 to demonstrate sustainable development models in agriculture, natural resource management, health, education & economic development among rural communities through Village institutions.

The objective of the organisation is to improve the quality of life of the rural and urban poor youth and women communities, especially the farming community through regeneration of degraded resources such as land, water, vegetation live stock and human resources by adopting innovative and eco- friendly approaches.

Since 2004, the organization is involved in the implementation of various integrated Rural Development programmes in rural areas such as promotion and popularization of organic farming, watershed development, sustainable agriculture, promotion and strengthening Village institutions, empowerment of women through capacity building and awareness programmes, environment education for youth and women and organizing skill training programmes for women SHGs. AVISHKAR is presently working in 73 most drought prone villages spread in six blocks of Tumakuru district, Karnataka state.

The organization has got income tax exemption under 12 A certificate and 80 G under income tax department. The organization is also registered under foreign contribution regulation (FCRA) act

GENESIS OF AVISHKAR

AVISHKAR is the outcome of successful implementation of projects for the development & improvement of the living standard of rural & urban poor. The organisation has continual support of likeminded social workers & dedicated professionals. The founder of the organisation has experience, expertise, technical competence and support of dedicated team towards rural development. With this strength, a new institution as non-governmental organization AVISHKAR is established in Tumakuru.

The programmes are in aligning with the millennium development goals of United Nations, Ending poverty, providing basic education to all, abolition of child labour practice, providing the necessary skills to face the challenges of 21st century, work for the conservation of nature, food security & natural resources. The organization is maintaining high degree of transparency, accountability & ensuring stakeholder's participation at all levels.

APPROACH

AVISHKAR approach for livelihoods enhancement of poor

AVISHKAR's holistic approach provides invaluable contributions to rural development. The programme for sustainable development begins with integrated approach by considering a family as the unit of development in villages. AVISHKAR's develops & utilizes innovative technologies to support sustainable development. The capacity building programmes for participants, internal staff and collaborative organisations through training and knowledge-sharing.

1. Facilitate active participation of rural communities & formation of farmers groups for initiating sustainable development programmes.
2. Identifying youths for the cause of rural development & their capacity building for overall development of rural sector.



3. Problems analysis, evolving plans & solutions based on local resources by adopting participatory rural techniques.
4. Capacity building programmes for village level institutions for planning, implementation & post-implementation of projects.
5. Focus on sustainable & environment friendly initiatives for the conservation & improvement of natural resources.
6. Focus on promotion of sustainable agriculture, natural farming & organic farming practices.

AVISHKAR PROGRAMMES

- ◆ **Institution Building** : Empowerment of the women through the formation and strengthening of SHGs. Presently, the organisation has network with 165 SHGs mainly to achieve social and financial sustainability. Besides, the organisation has also involved in the formation and strengthening of farmers groups such as farmer clubs, FPOs, Joint liability groups, youth groups Self affinity groups etc.
- ◆ **Sustainable Livelihood** : The organisation has its own identity in providing services and implementation of project on natural resources management (NRM), livestock development, organic farming, tree based farming, on-farm livelihood activities and training and capacity building.
- ◆ **Food Security** : Efforts are being taken up towards enhancement of soil productivity through implementation of various activities of organic farming, INM, IPM, farmer field schools, composting and trainings for transfer of new and innovative technologies.
- ◆ **Environmental Security** : Achieving environmental sustainability will be the primary goal of the organisation through implementation of participatory watershed development programmes, rejuvenation