

# Annual Report 2015-16

## KAGAS

(Kumaon Agriculture and Greenery Advancement Society  
Pithoragarh)

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## Organization History

KAGAS is a non-governmental organization registered in 1992 under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. It is currently working with rural communities of Pithoragarh, Champawat, Udham Singh Nagar; Bageshwar and Nainital Districts of Uttarakhand State (India), Kagas is working in the field of community's innovation, income-generation, watershed development, women empowerment, education community, health, and technology transfer.

The Kumaon Agriculture and Greenery Advancement Society Based in Pithoragarh, was established in 1992. Here Kumaon stands for the hilly area, a part of recently formed state Uttarakhand and the agriculture and greenery criteria are included in the target of this very organization. KAGAS is one of the voluntary organizations devoted for the rural development of Kumaon region. Our main objective is to create awareness amongst the working poor, so that they may try to bring progressive changes in their life style and embellish their standard of living. KAGAS is a continuous and creative progress to know, to understand, to respect the rural community personally and to uplift the standard of their life. KAGAS is going ahead for their facility and are always active to provide them a cozy life. We are dedicated for the development of poor, backward and rural community.

We have been working with bilateral and international agencies like CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), CECI (Canadian Center for International Studies and Cooperation), Action Aid, Skill share International, Room to Read, and also with State and National Governments.

### Legal Status:

Registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860, Registration No.759-date 04/03/1992

Registered under 12A (a) of the Income Tax Act of 1961

Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act of 1976, No. 347990010

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**Year of Establishment: 1992**

### Organizational Vision/ Mission:

Improved living conditions of the poor and disadvantaged communities, especially women, in remote and inaccessible areas and their sustainable livelihoods promotion through self-reliant community based organizations.

## **Objectives/Goals of Organization:**

- Promote self-reliant community based organizations by ensuring the sustainability of developmental interventions and integrating concepts of community leadership and community ownership within the community.
- Mobilize communities with strong focus upon women to utilize their resources effectively for their own use and benefit in a sustainable manner.
- Create synergy with like-minded NGOs, international development agencies and the government and facilitate dialogues, networking, information and development communication.

## **Governance Policies:**

We do have:

- Administration
- Finance
- Recruitment
- And gender policies and we adhere to the same strictly as and when required.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Kagas is mainly work in development sector. We have as-

### **Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health Program (ARSH)**

Adolescence is a crucial Phase in the life of women. At this stage, she stands at the threshold of adulthood. The Stage is intermediary between childhood and womanhood and is the most eventful for mental, emotional, and psychological as well as psychological well being. This is also the period of psychological transition from a child who lives in the protective shelter of the family to an adolescent who is coming to grip with the realities of society. The adolescence is especially vulnerable, being often deprived of both adequate care and learning opportunities and being more vulnerable to nutritional deficiencies, during this period. They have limited life option and are caught up in a cycle of early marriage, pregnancy and childbearing with little control over their lives.

This project was conceived for empowering adolescence from these blocks of US Nagar through health, nutrition and overall development and create an enabling environment for the adolescence to take initiatives for fulfilling their potential.

#### **Objectives**

1. Enhance General Health, Hygiene and Nutrition Status of adolescence in the project blocks.
2. Promote Reproductive and sexual health with a special focused on RTI/ STDs and HIV/ AIDS among adolescence.
3. Empower adolescence through like skills, vocational skills and livelihood options.
4. Establish Inter sectoral collaboration and linkages as well as promote community participation in enabling adolescence health and development.

**Kagas** is implanting ARSH Programme in U.S. Nagar Distt. in 2 Blocks

- 1- Rudrapur and
- 2- Khatima

### **Project Activities**

In consideration of above, objectives as well as adolescence following activities were planned & implemented under the project.

- ✓ Formation of Groups of adolescence and community sensitization
- ✓ Development of training modules and kit on participatory training for adolescence.
- ✓ Training of Adolescence focusing sexual and reproductive health, General health and Nutrition, Vocational Skill, Legal rights, Life skill, Communication etc.
- ✓ Regular meeting of adolescence at village and cluster level and its monitoring for hand holding.
- ✓ Capacity binding of staff on project indicators and monitoring
- ✓ Life skills, nutrition's, HIV/AIDS Vocational options and other relevant issues, Impact assessment.



Total 200 adolescence where selected for the various activities out of 200 adolescence 100 was female and 100 was male. During the year we have completed activities as under-

- 1- 5 days training adolescence to understand the basic concept and issues.
- 2- 20 Health camp
- 3- 8 exposure visit
- 4- Advocacy workshop with ASHA, ANM and Adolescence girls
- 5- School Based Activities

1 month Livelihood training for 20 male and 20 female adolescence. In spite of this regular awareness campaign with the community in the project area.

### **Achievements-**

- 1- 200 adolescence group has been formed in project area.
- 2- 40 adolescence has been trained in livelihood activities so that they can start as income generation activities at their villages.
- 3- Exposure visit increase their confidence level and provides job opportunities to adolescence.
- 4- During the health camp about 1000 adolescence has been provided health checkup services and health care instructions and also provided Iron and Re-powerment Tablet to the adolescence.

## Usha Silai School Programme

The broad vision of the Silai School Project is to reach the most remote villages of the areas through its Silai School Program. The programme would reach out to the most Marginal Communities and would focus on women who have an inclination towards sewing by imparting sewing skills to them and encouraging them to train other village girls and women.

The women would be given a sewing machine, the know-how of stitching and maintenance of sewing machine. The women in turn would have to teach at least 20 students in a span of 1 year. The women would also be taught how to service the machines and repair minor problems. The women can use these skills to earn their livelihood and become financially independent. Therefore the women would have three sources of earning:

- a. Income from teaching sewing.
- b. Income from stitching.
- c. Income from servicing the sewing machine of others.

Kagas is implementing this programme in Pithoragarh and Champawat District with the support of Usha International under **CRS**. In this programme we have selected 10 women from 10 villages in every district and provided 10 days training on Fashion Designing by the Fashion Designer. After the completion of the training we have provided one Sewing Machine in each participant and motivate them to start an Usha Silai School in their villages and trained to interested women at village level and get some Fees from trainees. Therefore, during this year 10 women in a district has trained and started income generation. These silai school has trained around 90 student in both of the Distt.

## Promotion of Organic Farming (Cof-III Project)

KAGAS is implemeting Promotion Organic Farming Programme in 20 villages of Champawat District with the support of Uttarakhand Organic Board Dehradun. Under this programme we are mobilizing farmers to adapt organic farming system to increaese thier income and increased the agrivulture production,.

The market demand of organic product is



very high and demand of these product is increasing day by day, Because of now peoples are being health concious.

So we are motivating farmers to adapt organic farming and adapt new agricultura technology for organic product.

Under this Project we have formed 16 Groups of farmers and in second stage we are going to fédérate these groups in a cooperative. So that these cooperative may undertake input supply and marketing activities fot these farmers.

We are providing various trainings and exposure visits to farmeres and developing thier linkage with national markets for thier organic product. We hope that farmers will get better Price of their organic product inspite of other agri Product. We have organized a Awareness campeign and training of Organic farming system in all these 20 villages. And formed fa rmers groups and linkages with Banks/ Financial Institutions. So that these groups can also take financial support from these institutions for development of organic agriculture system. This programme is for 3 Year and after that federations will be takeover the all activities to support the farmers for their betterment. Right now about 300 farmers has involved in organic farming system in this district. In future we have planned to increase this number and villages in Champawat district.

***Thank You***