

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

## Introduction

The CHF India Foundation has remained committed in its mission to uplift under-resourced communities through impactful initiatives in **waste management, sanitation, nutrition, education, and women's enterprise**. This year marked a significant milestone as we expanded our reach to **28 villages** across **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra**, reinforcing our grassroots presence. Our interventions were guided by a community-led approach and aligned closely with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, especially **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 13 (Climate Action)**.

With strong collaboration from our CSR partners such as **Bharthi Cements, Kalburgi Cements, Mahindra Teq and SECO Tools Pvt. Ltd.**, we have addressed key issues like poor sanitation, malnutrition among children, low awareness around waste segregation, and environmental degradation. Our programs are inclusive, participatory, and driven by evidence collected from years of on-ground experience and community dialogue. The 2024–2025 period witnessed renewed energy in expanding women-led microenterprises, mobilizing community-based organizations, and fostering behavior change among youth and rural families. Through a multi-sectoral approach, we were able to meet pressing needs while laying the foundation for long-term transformation. This report presents a comprehensive summary of the progress and lessons learned from each of our programmatic interventions.

### 1. Solid Waste Management (Aligned with SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13)

In the financial year 2024–2025, CHF India Foundation strengthened its solid waste management program, reaching over **4,075 households** in selected intervention areas. Our team conducted regular **door-to-door awareness campaigns, corner meetings, and community discussions** that led to a dramatic improvement in behavior related to waste handling. **More than 75% of households** in our host communities now practice **segregation of waste at the source**, a vital step toward sustainable waste management.

Locations		Total Dry waste ton	Total Wet Waste ton	Dry waste sent to Kiln ton	Compost Generated ton
Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa	120.562	14.329	17.030	1.550
Karnataka	Kalburgi	366.117	508.941	0	1.624
Maharashtra	Koregaon Bhima	182.329	146.207	0	17.152
Total		761.322	668.709	0	20.634

Collected **wet waste** is processed into compost through decentralized composting units operated by trained local staff. The **compost produced** was either sold at a nominal rate to promote its use or distributed free to encourage **organic farming practices** among small and marginal farmers. Over **7 tonnes** of compost were utilized this year across 14 villages. Additionally, **visual aids,**

**youth clubs**, and **street plays** were used to enhance awareness, especially among school children and women’s self-help groups.

The program also led to better waste collection coverage, cleaner streets, and reduced burning of waste in the open. Monitoring was improved through digital dashboards that helped assess the quantity of waste collected, compost generated, and adoption rate of segregation practices. By creating jobs in waste collection and composting, this initiative also supported local livelihoods, especially for **underemployed youth and women**. These efforts contributed directly to **reducing pollution, improving sanitation, and building climate-resilient communities**.

## 2. Tree Plantation and Green Cover Restoration (Aligned with SDG 13, SDG 15)

The 2024 monsoon season saw renewed efforts under our **Green India initiative**, where the CHF India Foundation conducted large-scale **tree plantation drives** across **Digranjwadi and adjoining forest lands**. This year alone, over **7,000 trees** were planted in degraded and underutilized spaces, with a focus on **native and climate-resilient species**. The program not only enhances biodiversity but also helps restore microclimates, prevents soil erosion, and contributes to long-term carbon sequestration.

With the support of long-term CSR partner **SECO Tools Pvt. Ltd.**, and valuable contributions we continued our tradition of involving **local schools, women’s groups, and youth volunteers** in the plantation campaigns. The involvement of local communities has been a key to the survival rate of saplings, which now stands at an impressive **78%**, thanks to dedicated **post-plantation maintenance**.



Over the last few years, we have cumulatively planted more than **62,000 trees**, transforming barren lands into thriving green belts. The initiative also introduced **environmental education modules** in schools and supported eco-clubs to foster youth-led climate actions. Employment was generated for local women for watering and safeguarding trees, and **farmer field schools** were introduced to teach agroforestry techniques. Through this program, CHF actively contributes to **SDG 13 (Climate Action)** and **SDG 15 (Life on Land)**.

## 3. Supplementary Nutrition Program (Aligned with SDG 2, SDG 3, SDG 4)

CHF India Foundation addressed child malnutrition and food insecurity by expanding its **Supplementary Nutrition Program** to cover **13 Anganwadi centers and 11 government primary schools** across **11 villages** in **Kamalapuram Mandal, Andhra Pradesh**.



The program focused on providing **nutrient-rich meals** to children aged 3–10 years, ensuring that they received essential micronutrients that are often missing from their regular diet.

This year, over **483 children** benefitted from our interventions, Community ownership was ensured by involving mothers and SHGs in the planning and preparation of meals. Special health days were celebrated to raise awareness about **balanced nutrition, anemia, and hydration**, especially during the summer months. Moreover, local women were employed for preparing and distributing meals, ensuring **income generation and empowerment**. By tackling the root causes of malnutrition, this program directly supports **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** and **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**.

#### 4. Anganwadi Development (*Aligned with SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 6*)

As part of our commitment to strengthening **early childhood care and education**, CHF India Foundation developed **four model Anganwadi centres** in **Kamlapuram Block, Andhra Pradesh**. Each center was redesigned to be **child-friendly, safe, and stimulating**, incorporating colourful classrooms, age-appropriate furniture, and engaging **early learning materials**. The centers were also upgraded with **sanitation units**, safe drinking water systems, and proper ventilation, ensuring a **hygienic and healthy environment** for children.



Developed 4 Anganwadicenters in 2024-25:

1. Yeragudipadu center-1
2. Dondapadu center, Yerraguntla
3. 14<sup>th</sup> ward 4<sup>th</sup> center, Kamalapuram
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> ward, Kamalapuram

Nutrition was a key focus; enhanced **meal plans** were introduced to address micro-nutrient deficiencies and support physical and cognitive development. All caregivers and Anganwadi teachers underwent **comprehensive training** in early childhood education methods, emotional well-being, and interactive play techniques. These **model Anganwadis** now serve as demonstration hubs for neighbouring communities, showcasing best practices in early education and child health.

Parents observed a notable **increase in school attendance**, improved eating habits, and greater enthusiasm among their children. Community involvement, including participation of mothers’ groups and SHGs, was instrumental in managing and sustaining these centers. This initiative strongly supports the objectives of **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**, **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**, and **SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)** by offering holistic early childhood development solutions.

## 5. Supporting Infrastructure in Schools – Prayer Shed at APSWRS (Gurukulam), Kamalapuram *(Aligned with SDG 4, SDG 9, SDG 10)*

Recognizing the importance of holistic school infrastructure, CHF India Foundation supported the construction of a **prayer and assembly shed** at **APSWRS (Gurukulam) School, Kamalapuram**. This initiative aimed to create a dedicated space where students could begin their day with group prayer, participate in cultural events, and gather for announcements in a safe, shaded environment.

Prior to the construction, students faced difficulties during **morning assemblies** and **afternoon activities**, especially during the summer heat and monsoon rains. With this newly built structure, over **300 students** now have access to a weatherproof, clean, and ventilated common area that enhances the learning environment.



The prayer shed is also used for extracurricular programs such as **yoga, debates, music, and awareness sessions**, contributing to the students' **overall development**. Teachers and school management have reported an improvement in **student discipline, attendance, and school engagement**. CHF engaged local artisans and laborers in the construction, ensuring **local livelihood support**.

The initiative has fostered a sense of pride among students and teachers alike, giving them a dignified space that reflects the school's culture and values. It aligns with **SDG 4 (Quality Education)** by improving school infrastructure and **SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure)** through the development of inclusive public utility facilities.

## 6. Scholarships in Primary and Secondary Schools *(Aligned with SDG 4, SDG 10)*

To encourage continued education and academic excellence among rural students, CHF India Foundation implemented a **scholarship program** targeting **42 students** from Classes 5 to 10 in the villages of **Karachkhed, Chatrasala, and Burugpalli**. These students attend three primary schools and one secondary school and were selected through a **transparent, merit-based process**, ensuring fairness and inclusivity. The program aimed to alleviate financial pressure on economically disadvantaged families while promoting academic perseverance.

Eligibility criteria included **academic performance, family income, and recommendations** from school teachers and local village panchayats. A deliberate emphasis was placed on **gender balance**, ensuring equal representation of **girls and boys**, and encouraging parents to prioritize the education of their daughters. By engaging local governance bodies, we ensured **community ownership and accountability** in the selection process.

The scholarship program used a **tiered award structure**:

- **INR 6,000** for 1st rank holders
- **INR 5,000** for 2nd rank
- **INR 4,000** for 3rd rank

The funds were earmarked for educational essentials like **books, stationery, uniforms, and school bags**, making it easier for children to remain in school. Disbursement was conducted in collaboration with school management to ensure **transparency and proper utilization**. Through this initiative, CHF advanced the causes of **educational equity, student motivation, and community development**, thereby contributing to **SDG 4 (Quality Education)** and **SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)**.

### 7. Scholarships to Girls for Higher Education *(Aligned with SDG 4, SDG 5, SDG 8)*

CHF India Foundation extended its education support by providing **scholarships to 10 deserving girls** pursuing higher education in fields such as **Computer Science and Management**. These young women, selected based on **academic merit and economic background**, belong to families that would otherwise struggle to support higher education.



The initiative reflects our deep commitment to **women’s empowerment** and the belief that **education is the key to gender equality** and socio-economic mobility. In addition to financial assistance, each beneficiary received **mentorship, career counseling**, and opportunities to build confidence through interaction with professionals. CHF staff regularly monitored their academic progress and offered continued guidance, creating a support system beyond just funding.

By helping girls transition from secondary education to higher studies, the program enhances their **employability and social standing**, while also reducing early marriages and dependency. This initiative was particularly important in rural areas where cultural and financial barriers often prevent girls from continuing their studies. The success stories emerging from this program are already inspiring other girls in the community to aim higher.

Through this initiative, CHF has advanced the goals of **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**, **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**, and **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**, by building a future where every girl has the opportunity to learn, grow, and lead.

### 8. Women Enterprise and Livelihoods *(Aligned with SDG 5, SDG 8)*

In 2024–2025, CHF India Foundation made major strides in **supporting rural women entrepreneurs** through targeted livelihood interventions. Women’s Self Help Groups (SHGs) were mobilized and trained in **micro-business operations**, including **Shavi Making and Scuber packaging**. Over **12 women** across 2 villages began new or expanded existing enterprises through seed funding, capacity-building workshops, and market linkages.

In collaboration with our CSR partners, we facilitated trainings in **financial literacy, product pricing, branding, and quality control**. These enterprises contributed to the local economy while reducing dependency on seasonal labor and migration. Encouraging replication in nearby villages. This initiative has had a strong impact on **household income, self-confidence, and community leadership roles** for women. The program supports **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)** and **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**.

## Conclusion

The financial year **2024–2025** has been a transformative period for **CHF India Foundation**, marked by deepened community engagement, cross-sector partnerships, and measurable impacts on health, education, environment, and livelihoods. Our integrated approach, rooted in **field experience**, community mobilization, and a strong commitment to the **Sustainable Development Goals**, has yielded sustainable improvements in the lives of thousands.

Whether through nurturing children in **model anganwadis**, building the aspirations of **bright students through scholarships**, **greening rural landscapes**, or empowering women to become self-reliant—each of our initiatives is built on the pillars of **equity, inclusiveness, and sustainability**.

We thank all our partners—**Bharthi Cements, Kalburgi Cements, Mahindra Teq and SECO Tools Pvt. Ltd.** local governance institutions, school authorities, and community members—for their unwavering support and trust. As we move into the next financial year, our focus remains on **scaling proven solutions, strengthening grassroots partnerships**, and ensuring that **no village and no child is left behind**.

CHF India Foundation is more than an implementing agency—it is a **catalyst for social transformation**.

