

# Annual Report

## 2016-17



# 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

PAN; AATK7925Q. And TAN. MRTK00713G provided by Income tax department.

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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-

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

KAGAS has implemented Promotion of 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 increase their income and increased the agriculture 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 federate these groups in a cooperative. So that these cooperative may undertake input supply and marketing activities for these farmers.

We are providing various trainings and exposure visits to farmers and developing their linkage with national markets for their organic product. We hope that farmers will get



better Price of their organic product inspite of other agri Product. We have organized a Awareness campaign and training of Organic farming system in all these 20 villages. And formed farmers 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 now 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.

## Watershed Project

KAGAS has implemented Watershed Project in Champawat district with the support of Chief Agriculture Office Champawat under PKSY (Pradhanmantri Krishi Sichai Yojna). Under this programme we have trained secretaries of watershed committees in Finance related activities. This training has been organized in Champawat district in three parts. Under this training we have trained 20 secretaries in Pati, 22 secretaries in Champawat and 18 secretaries in Manch.



## Community Health Project, Pithoragarh

KAGAS has implemented Community Health Programme in Pithoragarh district with the support of Hindu society Canada. The programme aims to build the capacity of the community to own and manage primary health care services. Specifically, the objective of the programme is to improve the accessibility of health services for the community, promote community health education and reduce the economic burden of health care costs.



The programme identified the major health problems prevailing in the area through a need assessment study and baseline survey. Following this, health awareness campaign is taking place through IEC activities including rallies, street shows etc. Health training material is being developed and a cadre of Community Health Volunteers ASHA and ANM's has been selected with the help of the community. Over the year, it is expected that these ASHA and ANM's will be involved in intensive training on human anatomy, common illnesses, reproductive and child health and traditional health systems. The ASHA's will act as strong mediums between the programme and the community and will be trained to mobilize and transfer knowledge and skills to the



community. It is expected that the community is sensitized on basic health and hygiene awareness, has observed healthy practices, has generated demand for better health services and linkages with government health centers established and primary health care is managed and delivered at community level.

We have also organized Health camps, Awareness campaign, Schools Health Camp and Co-ordination Meeting with Govt. Health department. Summary of these activities are as under:

Kagas has implemented this programme in 10 villages of Munakote block. Objective of the project is as under

1. To improve the accessibility of the community to primary health care services.
2. To promote community health education.
3. To enable community to own and manage primary health care programme.
4. To reduce economic burden by reducing medical care costs.

The achievement of project is as under-

#### Meeting with ASHA, ANMs and other stakeholders

S.N.	Volunteers	Number of Beneficiaries
1-	PRI members	12
2-	Asha/ ANMs	38

#### Number of Beneficiaries from Health Camp

S.N	Health Camp	Number	Beneficiaries
1-	Village/School Health Camp	6	458

#### Number of Participants of Co-ordination Meeting with Asha/ ANM

S.N	Meeting	Number	Participants
1-	Co-ordination Meeting with Asha/ ANM	1	36

#### Number of Participants of Skill Development Training

S.N	Meeting	Number	Participants
1-	Skill Development training	3	90

## 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 150 student in both of the Distt. And running their Usha Silai schools smoothly.

KAGAS Pithoragarh has organized Usha Satalite Silai School Training from 22/02/2016 to 27/02/2016. This trailing was organized for 30 learners in three batched i.e. 10 learner sin each batch. The master trainer of the training is Mrs. Devki Devi and this training was coordinating by Shahnaz Qureshi. This six days Usha Satalite Silai School Training at organized at KAGAS head quarter Priya Sadan Near Anand Hotel Pithoragarh.



Under this training we have trained total 30 learners in advance training of Fashion Designing according to content (Syllabus) provided by USHA International. This was the two days training for the learners to the improve the quality of Fashion Designing and compete with the market in presence. During the six days training participants has prepared Blouses, Kameez, Patiyala Salwar, Mobile Cover, School Uniform, Pillow cover, cushion cover etc according to syllabus.

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