

## Key Highlights for the Month

- ▶ Preventive Health Care through 3 Mobile Health Vans & Awareness on COVID-19
- ▶ Project Vriddhi - Improved health and nutrition status of children and adolescents
- ▶ Organizing Free Health Camp on Paediatrics at Sarod Vanta
- ▶ Skill Development Centre
- ▶ Vocational Training Programme on Chemical Plant Operators
- ▶ ASMITA Project- Women Empowerment through improved access to credit and livelihood initiatives in 20 villages
- ▶ Reviving Cotton Production and increasing Growers' Income in India through eco-friendly PB Knot Technology
- ▶ Project Sahyog

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### HEALTH, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase access to quality healthcare</li> <li>Improve Preventive healthcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Around 1,00,000 people will be treated by Mobile Health Vans and health camps</li> <li>50 % decrease in primary healthcare issues within MMU outreach</li> <li>Setting up of a hospital</li> <li>10,000 people will be benefitted from Blood Bank Project</li> <li>Support Government, District Administration, Municipal Corporation, farmers and communities during COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>

### WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Financial and legal literacy</li> <li>Livelihood Promotion</li> <li>Develop women entrepreneurs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 7,500 women will be covered through the program</li> <li>&gt; 3,500 women will have undergone financial and legal literacy training</li> <li>&gt; 3,250 women will have better livelihood opportunities and income generating activities</li> </ul>

### RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening rural infrastructure through need based interventions</li> <li>Strengthening drainage network to improve sanitation facilities in the villages</li> <li>Farmers empowerment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening rural infrastructure specially drinking water and toilets &amp; rural roads.</li> <li>Strengthening of drainage network around plant location</li> <li>Need based farmer empowerment programs</li> </ul>

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impart Sustainable Agricultural practices</li> <li>Environmental Sustainability through Conservation of Natural Resources</li> <li>Environmental and health consciousness through stewardship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will benefit over 50,000 new farmers through DSR, PB Knot &amp; other CSR projects on Agriculture</li> <li>1.8 trillion liters of water will be saved using DSR</li> <li>Avg. ₹7,500/Acre will be saved in the cost of paddy cultivation</li> <li>Promote product stewardship</li> </ul>

### QUALITY EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Objectives	Expected Outcome FY'23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve age appropriate learning levels</li> <li>Improve attendance</li> <li>Setting up an Educational Institution</li> <li>Improve youth's employability through skill development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% Increase in class appropriate learning levels</li> <li>~15,000 students will be covered through the program</li> <li>Train ~550 underprivileged youth and help them obtain jobs</li> </ul>



## Providing Access to Affordable, Quality Rural Healthcare Services through Mobile Health Vans

**PI Foundation in collaboration with GVK-EMRI is implementing Swasthya Seva through 3 Mobile Medical Vans that support more than one lakh population from 64 remote villages of Jambusar.**

PI Foundation and its partners continuously organise awareness sessions on precautions against COVID-19 and communicable diseases around Jambusar and Panoli. Mobile Health Van staff spread the messages among community members and beneficiaries come to avail the health services by providing updated information.

Screening of labourers is happening once a week around our plant in Jambusar.

SN	Date	No. of Labourers screened
1	02-11-2022	75
2	09-11-2022	76
3	16-11-2022	73
4	23-11-2022	87
5	30-11-2022	88



## Highlights of the ongoing activities for the month:

COVERAGE	
Mobile Health Unit in field	3
Villages Covered	64
<b>Population Covered</b>	<b>1,18,851</b>

OPERATIONS	
Total Beneficiaries treated (2020-21)	80,985
Total Beneficiaries treated (2021-22)	90,287
Total Beneficiaries treated (YTM FY'23)	59,206
Total Beneficiaries treated in November 2022	8,803
Total working days in November 2022	26

PERFORMANCE	
Average Beneficiaries / MHU/ Day	113
Average Villages visited/MHU/Day	3



ROUTE 1	ROUTE 2	ROUTE 3	
MHU_PIF_1	MHU_PIF_2	MHU_PIF_3	MHU WISE BENEFICIARY REPORT Jambusar
<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>3,097</b>	BENEFICIARY COUNT - NOV. 2022





## Project Vriddhi - Improved Health and Nutrition Status of Children & Adolescents

**PI Foundation in collaboration with Institute for Global Development (IGD) has been implementing Project Vriddhi to create an integrated model for improved health and nutrition status of children and adolescents based on a continuum of intensive care approaches in Jambusar block of Bharuch district.**

### Objectives:

- Identify and intervene with vulnerable children and adolescents for health and nutritional impact.
- Involve adolescents and peer groups to bring about behavior change with a special focus on health and nutrition.
- Enhance the knowledge and skill sets of all caregivers, healthcare providers, ICDS functionaries, and school teachers towards improving the health and nutritional status of children and adolescents.

- Facilitate educational institutions to promote health and nutritional guidance.
- Promote peer leadership to spread health awareness among the target group affecting social behavioral change and its application.
- Engage with all key stakeholders including parents and community members through advocacy and liaison for appropriate social and behavioral changes in different activities of health and nutrition.



## Highlights of the Month

- During the month, continuous engagement was made at the community and household level to enhance their knowledge and promote health and nutrition with the objective of improving the health status of children, and pregnant and lactating women. During these visits, the caregivers were mobilized and made aware of their entitlements.

<b>Anganwadi visits</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Household visits</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Group meetings</b>	<b>3 in 13 villages</b>



**625** beneficiaries identified through **17** Anganwadis visits and **54** household visits

S.No.	Particulars	No. of Beneficiaries	Cumulative (Till Nov. 2022)	Household Visits
1	No. of SAM Child	26	100	08
2	No. of MAM Child	51	289	08
3	No. of Infants	28	111	12
4	No. of ANC	89	382	20
5	No. of PNC	107	321	16
6	No. of Adolescents	300	596	00
7	Other / General	00	68	00
8	Children	00	1032	00

- This month 4 Mobile Nutrition Guidance Centre (MNGC) sessions were conducted on Nutrition, Health, and Hygiene. These sessions were attended by 845 boys and 857 girls. The number of adolescent girls among them is 171. The total number of beneficiaries from MNGC introductory sessions is 1704 Students.

The following numerical data shows the current outreach through Mobile Nutrition Guidance Centre:

S.No.	School Name	No. of Staff	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total	No. of Adolescent Girls/Special Children
1	Primary School Kareli	16	326	339	665	96 Adolescent Girls
2	Primary Mishra School Piludara	12	236	247	483	50 Adolescent Girls
3	Primary School Sarod Vanta	11	178	175	355	9 Special Children
4	Primary School Nahar	8	105	96	201	25 Adolescent Girls
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>180</b>

In the MNGC sessions, the discussion is centered around the delivery of educational content for improved nutrition practices such as promoting a balanced diet and the improved use of locally available foods to ensure increased intake of important nutrients, promoting the intake of micronutrients and fortified foods, and even addressing topics like health and hygiene care, STD disease, SRM education, IFA tablet for adolescent (Iron & Folic Acid Tablet). Sessions on SRM education with adolescent girls were conducted. They were made aware of precautions against anemia, communicable diseases, and hygiene practice during the menstrual cycle.





## Free Health Camp on Paediatrics at Gram Panchayat, Sarod Vanta, Jambusar

PI Foundation organized a free Health Camp on Paediatrics at Gram Panchayat Hall, Sarod Vanta village, Jambusar on November 24, 2022. The Camp was inaugurated by Lady Sarpanch of Sarod Vanta in presence of Member, Taluka Panchayat, Jambusar and other Sarpanchs of surrounding villages.

Dr. Prashant Soni, Paediatrician from Gotri Hospital, Vadodara led the initiative. Local community members applauded the efforts made by PI Foundation. The Camp is aimed to contribute towards specialized health care for children. Free check-up with diagnosis, prescriptions and free medicines were dispensed. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activity was carried out prior to the scheduled camp date.



**215** children from surrounding villages benefitted.





## Responsible Management of Used Plastic Containers

Today's farmers lack awareness on how to dispose of agri-packaging like fertilizer sacks, agrochemical cans, plastic containers etc. and the effects of resorting to harmful practices like burning. To facilitate the safe disposal and responsible management of these plastic containers, PI along with Bayer has initiated the '**Plastic Take Back Programme**'. The technology-powered initiative aims to reduce the impact of farm-based plastic on the environment through proper collection, recycling and incineration of non-recyclable plastic waste. Recykal is working with us on this project to provide the solutions (both digital and physical) to ensure safe disposal.

### Farmers Process Flow





## Dealers Process Flow

01



Training & onboarding of Dealers' on Smart Centre App

02



Conducting awareness session for farmers along with various stakeholders on bringing back the empty bottles to the dealers

03



**Dealer :**

1. Farmers bring back the empty bottles
2. New farmers are registered
3. The waste qty. Is weighed and verified
4. Dealers pay farmers for the material keeping their margin

04



**Local aggregator:**

1. Recykal's local aggregator visits the Dealers as per the scheduled time and date
2. They collect the material and pay the dealers accordingly

05



Aggregator/Recycler picks up material from the shops

06



The waste is transferred to a processing facility.

## Aggregator Process Flow



01

Identification & onboarding of medium to large aggregators network



02

Conducting awareness session for farmers along with various stakeholders



03

Collection Drive: Aggregator plans door to door collection drive on a regular basis



04

Collection Drive activity data: All the trained local aggregators will enter the door to door collection data on the smart center app



05

Small aggregator/medium aggregators channelise the material to a large aggregator



06

The waste is transferred to a processing facility.



## Nashik (Site visit)



Interaction with Bayer and Sahyadri Farms employees



Nilwandi

## Guntur (Site visit)



Visit to Aggregator facility



Shredding machine at the site



Behed - Site visit



Conversation with the Recycler regarding the collection and logistics way forward for the material



Entry to warehouse



Storage of segregated waste



## Reviving Cotton Production and Increasing Growers' Income in India through Eco-friendly PB Knot Technology



PI Foundation in collaboration with the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC) has been implementing an innovative and multi-stakeholder 'PROJECT BANDHAN: A Knot of PBW Protection' to embrace cutting-edge innovation by tagging the environmentally-friendly PB Knot technology to protect the cotton plant from devastating PBW (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).

### North India PB Knot Clusters' Farmer Harvest Bountiful Cotton – The White Gold

Cotton farmers across 7 districts in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan have completed 3-4 pickings. Some of them are completing final pickings to successfully accomplish the field demonstration in Kharif 2022 season in North cotton growing zone. **PB Knot clusters farmers have reported a significant yield saving, reduced cost of spraying, easy cotton pickings and better quality of cotton than their counterparts in neighborhood and the control plots.**

PB Knot farmers have also reported a better realization of cotton due to enhanced quality of cotton and market price. All 7 PB Knot clusters in North cotton growing zones were under close supervision and weekly monitoring under the technical guidance of expert team. Regular visits by expert team is backed by collection of multivariant dataset including the recording of moth catches of PBW from installed pheromone traps, weekly rosette flower, locule damage and green boll damage. Close interaction and handholding of farmers throughout the season by the expert teams - **farmers' friend** - has empowered the farmers with information and knowledge of IPM.





Project Bandhan continues to empower our smallholder farmers with tools and techniques such as PB Knot to adopt mating disruption innovations to overcome losses caused by voracious pest Pink Bollworm in producing quality cotton. Project Bandhan has been successfully demonstrated in Kharif 2022-23, implemented over 469 acres in 7 clusters situated in 7 districts covering Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan of North cotton growing areas.

### **PB Knot Cotton exhibit at National Agri Start-up Conclave and Kisan Sammellan at IARI, New Delhi**

PI Foundation led Project Bandhan exhibited a massive stall on PB Knot technology & IRM program during the National Agri Start-up Conclave and Kisan Sammellan held at IARI, New Delhi. PB Knot technology was demonstrated and the team is grateful to Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research for encouragement for its effort in reaching out to the frontline with cutting-edge technologies and innovations in cotton sector. A large number of farmers visited the exhibition and learnt about mating disruption and insect resistance management (IRM) in cotton. The Project Bandhan team was led by Dr. Bhagirath Choudhary and Dr. Deepak Jakhar along with Mr. Boota Singh.





## Mega Farmers Melas on PB Knot Clusters in Maharashtra - Public Private Partnership

Continuing our engagement with smallholder cotton farmers demonstrating innovative disruption PB Knot technology supported by PI Foundation, Dr. Charudatta Mayee, President of South Asia Biotechnology Centre interacted with ~500 cotton farmers, Vice Chancellor and senior most officials of Dr. PDKV, Akola; KVK staffs; officials of Dept. of Agriculture and State Govt. officials at Shri Shivaji Agriculture College-Amravati at Amaravati and at village Masrul of Buldana district of Maharashtra. Showcasing the success of PB Knot technology, Dr. Mayee educated stakeholders & intensified our engagement with smallholder growers in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

Consequently, a mega farmers mela was organised at village Masrul of Buldana district on Nov 3, 2022 in the vicinity of two PB Knot clusters located at villages Deulgaon Raja & Sindkhed Raja where cotton farmers have adopted PB Knot technology over 125 acres to control devastating pink bollworm, reduce cost of cultivation, increase income, improve livelihood and food security. Famers Mela at PB Knot clusters in Buldana was attended by large numbers of cotton farmers as part of Project Bandhan where Dr. Charudatta Mayee and Dr. DB Undirwade, Director of Extension Education, Dr. PDKV, Akola interacted with farmers in the presence of local officials including Shri Santosh Dabare, SAO of Buldhana.





## Telangana showcases PB Knot Technology to Key Stakeholders

Hundreds of cotton farmers, RAWE students & DAESI retailers along with agriculture department and PJTSAU officials from Telangana came to see the ground impact of PB Knot mating disruption of Pink Bollworm technology demonstrated in the mega farmers' mela attended by around 500 farmers and key stakeholders at village Kapulapally, Jammikunta mandal of Telangana on Nov 9, 2022. Village Kapulapally is one of 19 clusters of country-wide Project Bandhan implemented jointly with KVK, Jammikunta Karimnagar and South Asia Biotechnology Centre, guided by ICAR Central Institute for Cotton Research and supported by PI Foundation.

Expert team interacted with farmers in PB Knot demo field spread over 65 acres and briefed them about innovative mating disruption or mating confusion technology to ward off Pink Bollworm in cotton.





## Sahyog - Advocacy, Awareness & Training of Farmers and Applicators on Safe Usage and Spraying of Agrochemicals

**Project Location:** Punjab and Haryana

PI Foundation in partnership with Roots Foundation launched Project Sahyog, a unique initiative that focuses on Advocacy, Awareness & Training of Farmers on the benefits of proper application of agrochemicals. Distribution of 90 Boom Sprayers was done free of cost for progressive and entrepreneurial farmers of Ludhiana and Kurukshetra.

The project also includes making available efficient spraying equipment to farmers (Boom Sprayers), training them in the appropriate use of such equipment and entrepreneurship development.

Additionally, more than 5,000 farmers and applicators in selected districts of Punjab and Haryana will be indirect beneficiaries who will be made aware of the benefits of this equipment. The Project also aims at ensuring increased incomes with entrepreneurship opportunities among these farmers as they lease out the equipment and transfer knowledge to other farmers.

Project Sahyog is about ensuring reduced agrochemical related health hazards to farmers and end consumers to reduced adverse impact on soil and the environment.

### A. Boom Sprayers Delivery

1. Delivery of all the 90 Boom Sprayers to selected farmer entrepreneurs is complete. a. Karnal: 33; b. Hisar: 13; c. Ludhiana: 34; d. Bhatinda: 10







## B. Farmer Training and Support

1. Training to operate Boom Sprayer is provided to all the farmers with demonstrations on the field.
2. Providing support to operate and maintain the equipment on a time-to-time basis.
3. Field assistants organising sensitisation meetings on safe usage of Agrochemicals and awareness on the availability of Boom sprayers in the respective areas.

## C. Knowledge Dissemination

1. Regular updates of Project Sahyog on all social media platforms, i.e., LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook, while tagging PI Foundation.
2. Banners, standees, and training material of Boom Sprayer prepared and approved in English, Hindi, and Punjabi language.
3. A social media calendar till December is prepared and being followed to create more extensive awareness amongst the community.
4. We plan to get 8-10 video testimonials from the beneficiaries during our field visit in December 2022.



## ASMITA Project - Women Empowerment through Improved Access to Credit and Livelihood Initiatives in 20 Villages

ASMITA project is being implemented with an aim to form and strengthen Self Help Groups (SHGs) of women for creating a sustainable base for microfinance activity in 20 villages- 15 villages of Jambusar (Sarod, Nodhna, Uber, Vedach, Samoj, Kavali, Nahar, Kangam, Amanpur, Tundaj, Kareli, Kahanva, Piludra, Nobar & Bhodar) and 5 villages of Panoli area (Panoli, Sanjali, Kapodara, Bakrol & Umarwada).

### Highlights of Jambusar

- **Strengthening of SHGs:** Monthly meetings of 123 group out of 126 groups were conducted during the month. SHG members without bank accounts were advised to open one for schematic linkage with Govt programs. 2 groups had internal issues one in Bhodar and another group in Tundaj. Hence their savings were not collected.
- In the reporting period, 18 new members joined Self Help Groups.

- **Saving:** Members of 126 SHG deposited their savings amounting to ₹2,09,850 in Jambusar during the month.
  - Total savings of 126 Groups (till date): ₹98.98 lacs
  - Internal lending of Loan: ₹39.68 lacs
  - Total Cumulative Saving in FY 2022-23: ₹15.28 lacs



## Highlights of Panoli

- Monthly meetings of 80 groups were conducted, out of which 32 meetings were conducted by SHG leaders, and the remaining 48 meetings were conducted by Project staff. During the meeting, counseling on the timely payment of loans availed through NRLM was done. The discussion was held for encouraging SHG members to establish a local market for housekeeping products such as phenyl, dishwashing liquid, and similar items.
- **Saving:** Members of 80 SHG deposited their savings amounting to ₹1,13,000 in Panoli during the month.
  - Total savings of 80 Groups (till date): ₹27.97 lacs
  - Internal lending of Loan: ₹7.97 lacs
  - Total Cumulative Saving in FY 2022-23: ₹9.61 lacs

## Formation of Village Organisation

- **Jambusar:** The process of opening an account for the purpose of VO for two groups has been initiated in Jambusar.
- **Ankleshwar:** Total of 5 village organizations (VOs) have been formed in Ankleshwar block.



## Skill Training for Income Generating Activities

20 women from 4 SHGs of Vedach village were provided training for making candles. They also trained on how to colour diyas and decorate them. During the training, women were informed to select wax for different types of candles and moulds available for various designs.

S.No	Item	Sale done (₹)
1	Decorated Diyas	₹8,000
2	Jewellery	₹2,260
3	Dishwashing liquid and Phenyl	₹1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>₹11,260</b>



## Linkages with Govt. Schemes

Documents from 97 SHG women were collected and submitted to concerned Govt. Department for linkage to rights entitled to them in Jambusar & Ankleshwar.

SN	Name of Scheme	Documents Collected	Documents Submitted	Scheme Approved
1	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Suraksha Bima Yojana	45	45	45
2	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana	22	22	22
3	Ayushman Bharat	10	10	10
4	E-Shram Card	20	20	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>97</b>





## Economic Empowerment of Women Smallholders and Workers through Improved Agriculture and Inclusive Dairy Value Chain Promotion

PI Foundation along with CARE India is implementing a project titled 'Improved Agriculture and Inclusive Dairy Value Chain Promotion' (IAIDVC-II) in 59 villages of Jambusar block of Bharuch district in Gujarat. The project is working with 3,369 women smallholders through 293 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 6 cluster-level federations. The goal of the project is to enhance economic empowerment of women smallholders and landless workers through improved agriculture, livestock, and inclusive dairy value chain promotion.

### Highlights of the Month - Strengthening of SHGs and Federation

**SHG Meeting:** Following the practice of SHGs, cluster-level federations also organized a monthly meeting of the members of respective cluster-level federations in the villages. These meetings

helped them discuss their plans, work out solutions for their challenges, and align their objectives with the objectives of the block-level federation. This month all six cluster-level federations had their monthly meetings with 48 members and 16 male champions of the respective villages. These male champions play a supportive role in the meetings. Federation meetings have become a platform for meaningful discussions amongst women and men in the village.



To create a sense of ownership among the block-level federation, the project engages the committee members in all interventions of the project. The block-level federation committee members participated in the meeting with the project team every first Wednesday of the month. In this meeting project team share the last month's achievements/updates and the plan for the next month according to the Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) and gets feedback/suggestions from them.

**Internal loan:** The availability of paperless loans at low-interest rates through SHGs has become one of the noticeable changes in a rural community as SHGs have become a way to get rid of private money lenders and Microfinance institutions' trap of high-interest loans. Women's engagement in SHGs is being supported by the family and recognized by society.

₹1,19,000/- has been accessed by 21 SHG members as an internal loan mainly for purchasing agriculture input material, cattle feed, goat purchase, starting a small petty shop and medical help, children's education, support in group enterprise, etc.

**Bank Linkage:** Because of regular interaction with the banks, interface meetings and support of bank sakhis, SHG and federations members visit the banks without hesitation or fear. This month two SHG savings bank accounts were opened with Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank, Jambusar. Documents of 24 SHGs have been submitted to the respective banks for the process of Cash Credit Limit and 20 SHGs were submitted for opening the Bank account.



## Agriculture Activities

To ensure the sustainability of the introduced practices of agriculture, it is necessary to ensure the accessibility of input materials. The team has worked on linking the farmers with relevant agencies, government departments, and market players. Now these stakeholders upfront connect with the community and support them in getting the benefits of various schemes. Umra village's SHG members, Agri leaders, and Male champions were linked with ATMA in this month. A program was organized on cotton crop disease precautions and preparedness.

30 women and men participated in the program. ATMA had provided the organic pesticides for the cotton crop to the farmers. A total of 60 liters of organic pesticides was distributed and demonstrated in the cotton crop by ATMA representative Mr. Rangun Bhai with the support of the SHG guide.



## Milk Collection Centre- Center of Excellence

The team engaged various stakeholders with project interventions to sensitize them on gender equality and women's challenges. As a result, an enabling environment has been created where women directly connect with the relevant stakeholders with confidence. This month the members of Milk Collection Centers had a meeting with Shri Jagdishbhai, Director of the District Dairy Cooperative in Jambusar. They discussed how to distribute the bonus which they received from the District Dairy Cooperative and expressed their gratitude to Shri Jagdishbhai for his support throughout the years.



## Income Generating Activities

The project has identified 15 master trainers to scale up the skill training for the women in villages. Taking this ahead, cluster-level federations – Maa Sakhi Sangh, Dabha and Malpur Sakhi Sangh, Malpur have collaborated with Gram Vikas Trust (GVT) to set up training centers in their respective villages. 50 trainees (women and girls) are getting training in tailoring and beauty parlor. In the batch Jyotika Ben and Urvashi Ben (Master trainers) are conducting the training and getting a salary of ₹5,000 per month.

Tirth Sakhi Sangh tailoring unit started its new batch in Nahar village with 50 enrollments. Master trainer Laxmi Ben is providing the training in 2 batches to these 50 trainees.

## International Participants Visit at IAIDVC Project

The workshop on scaling up FFBS was organized by CARE global at Vadodara for 7 days. 3 team members of our project participated. 40 participants from different country offices of CARE attended this workshop and visited Dabha and Bojadra villages.

In Dabha 2 groups focused on exploring and observing Pashu Sakhi, cattle farmers, and agriculture demonstration plots. In Bojadra village, participants met with the Milk Collection Center and Agri Silvi plot farmer. After the visit, they reflected that most of the major components of the FFBS toolkit are being implemented in the IAIDVC project with an effective outcome.





## Stakeholders Meeting with Foreign Delegates

The learning and sharing session during the workshop was a great opportunity to share from the field visits and interactions with stakeholders.

4 Stakeholders participated in the FFBS workshop: Vadodara- Mr. Kuldeep Vyas, Deputy Director, Govt of Gujarat, Mr. Shrikantbhai, Asst. Manager from Dudhdhara Dairy, Mr. Lalit Patil, Senior Scientist, Krushi Vigyan Kendra and Mr. Jignesh Parmar, Lead District Manager, NRLM, Govt of Gujarat.

The most important takeaway was the importance of linking intervention with other actors, especially market actors. In addition, our discussions with stakeholders showed us how important it is for each program to focus on both their knowledge and distribution channels in order to best serve their community's needs.

*“Internal loan helped me support family’s livelihood”*



**Ms. Jayaben Raisangbhai Rathod** from village Dehgam says that for last 5 years the SHGs are functioning in my village, and I am a member of a group named Lilagar. In my group, there are total 10 Members. Through the project we have received different types of training like financial literacy training, leadership training, book & records keeping, and animal husbandry training, as well as understood power relation through the gender dialogue conducted by the project about husband and wife participating in each other's work and taking responsibility for doing the same. I have taken an internal loan of ₹10,000 and started a small shop from which I am supporting my family's livelihood. This enterprise has been started two months ago and I am currently earning ₹6,000 to ₹8,000 per month. I express my gratitude to the project that helped me in changing my thought process as well as strengthening the economic condition of my family.



## Vocational Training Program on Chemical Plant Operators at DDU, Nadiad

PI Foundation in association with Dharmsinh Desai University - Anchor Institute - Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Nadiad, promoted by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development - Industries Commissionerate, Government of Gujarat initiated the 10<sup>th</sup> batch of Vocational Training Programme on “Chemical Plant Operators” on 3rd November, 2022 with **50 science graduates** (B.Sc & M.Sc.).

9 out of 50 students are female. 9 batches of the Vocational Training Programme on **Chemical Plant Operators** have been successfully completed.

Participants in the program are selected through a rigorous process. The objective of the program is to help the students to undergo a specially designed vocational training course on chemical engineering concepts, industrial safety, and environmentally sustainable practices, combining classroom study with practical industrial experience. The aim is to enhance the employability of budding science graduates from economically weaker backgrounds. The focus of the program is on building the technical and soft skills of

the candidates that would accelerate their professional careers. The course curriculum is 90-days of classroom training with hands-on training in DDU lab and industrial visits.





## Employability-linked Skill Development Centre at Jambusar

PI Foundation along with Rural Shores has been running Skill Development Centre in Jambusar. At the centre, unemployed and underprivileged youth are trained with vocational training courses across various sectors. A new 'electrician' course has been introduced with an annual intake of 480 students replacing the earlier 'food & beverage service stewards' course basis the post-covid assessment of low potential employment opportunities in nearby areas. These are 3 monthly courses with min 500 hours per trainee.

PI Foundation Skill Development Centre has been running smoothly with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocol. Total 345 students were enrolled in 2022-23. 247 students completed their course and 172 students got placement. 98 students are continuing their courses in 'Advanced Excel', BPO, BFSI and Electrician trade.

Type of Courses	No. of Students	No. of Students Completed the Course	No. of Students Placed
Advanced Excel & C++	147	107	75
Electrician	84	48	39
BPO	60	38	27
BFSI	54	54	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>172</b>





## Improving Learning Outcomes in 135 Govt. Elementary Schools of Jambusar

PI Foundation in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation has been implementing a CSR project to improve learning outcomes of over 12,000 children enrolled in Govt. Elementary Schools located in 82 villages of Jambusar block. The project envisages age & grade-appropriate learning standards for students in 135 schools of Jambusar taluka in Bharuch district.

### Highlights during the month



- Refresher training organized for Project Team for 6 days on Basic and Advanced Learning Camp & 3 days for Science Training.
- 40 days Learning Camp running in 18 Schools for Std. 3 to 5.
- Light Activities running in 18 schools with Std. 1 & 2.
- 30 days Advance Learning Camp started in 7 schools for Std. 6 to 8.
- Library Group running in all villages.

### Basic Learning Camp



- 40-day Learning Camp started in 18 schools for Std. 3 to 5.
- 10-day fourth Learning Camp completed in 15 schools and 10-day third Learning Camp completed in 3 schools.
- In Learning Camp, 3 hours of Language & Math activities are running with targeted children by Community Instructors.





## Light Activities



- Light activities are running with total of 932 children in Std. 1 & 2 in 18 schools. Community Instructors organize these activities for an hour
- Basic Math and Language activities are being organized with all children under Light activities
- Community Instructors also organize Balgeet and fun activities with children

## Advanced Learning Camp



- 30 days Advanced Learning Camp running in 7 schools for Std. 6 to 8 post-Deepavali vacation.
- Community Instructors organize the Learning camp activities based on CAMaL methodologies. CIM is also organizing Math and Language activities with Std. 6 to 8 children for practices.
- Before the start of advanced camp CIM tested pen paper assessment of Std. 6 to 8 children. Pen Paper assessment completed with 322 children in Std. 6 to 8.
- Advanced Camp is running with 178 targeted children in 7 schools.
- CIM is facilitating Advanced Math and Language activities for Std. 6 to 8 children daily. CIMs are also coordinating with schools teachers, Sarpanch, SMC members, and parents and inform them of their progress in the Advanced Learning Camp on weekly basis.





## Science Assessment



- 3 days of Science Training organized at Jambusar Science center. A total of 13 CIM participated in this training
- This training was focussed on the topic of Magnet and related community workshops.
- 2 days Piloting workshop finished post-training in 2 schools. Piloting workshop completed with 82 children in 2 schools.



## Library Group Activities



- Library groups are running in 82 villages through volunteers
- Total of 503 groups actively participated in Library activities. Total 2541 children covered from Std. 3 to 8. 1231 children covered from Std. 3 to 5 and 1310 children covered from Std. 6 to 8
- CIM provided day wise material to all 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 Library groups and also visited the groups on daily basis to support children's and volunteers





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## DECEMBER UPDATES COMING SOON

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