

# **WOMENS ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (WEDS) KOPPAL**



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## **ABOUT WEDS**

WEDS Organization operates in four districts in Karnataka i.e Koppal, Gadag, Vijayanagar, Yadagiri, Chikkaballapur and Kolar, covering approximately 365 villages. Its initiatives primarily focus on rural women's empowerment through engagement with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs). Additionally, the organization promotes climate resilience and sustainable development via its Watershed Development Program, spanning 20000 hectares. This program includes soil and water conservation, horticulture, and forestry plantation, benefiting small and marginal farmers and landless labourers. Furthermore, WEDS Organization actively mentors 10 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to improve farmers' price realization.

## **GOAL**

WEDS goal is to empower and elevate rural communities by equipping them with essential resources and knowledge for self-sufficiency. Through sustainable programs, we seek to nurture strong local economies, ultimately improving the well-being and livelihoods of individuals and families. Our mission is to bring about enduring positive transformation, advocating sustainability and prosperity in rural regions.

## **VISION**

Building Resilient and self-reliant rural communities leading towards thriving and sustainable economies, improving lives and livelihoods

## **MISSION**

To empower and uplift rural communities by providing them with the necessary resources, and knowledge to cultivate resilience and self-reliance. Through targeted interventions and sustainable initiatives, we aim to foster thriving local economies, thereby enhancing the quality of life and livelihoods for individuals and families in these communities. Our mission is to create lasting positive change, promoting sustainability and prosperity in rural areas.

  
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## WEDS PROJECTS HANDLED IN 2022-23

1. Shidaganahalli Tribal Development Fund (TDF)
2. Abbigeri Watershed Project
3. Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)
4. PMKSY 2.0
5. BIJ 3.0-Reliance Foundation
6. Atala Bhujal Project-World Bank
7. DEA Programmes for RBI
8. NABFINS-Micro Finance

### 1. SHIDAGANAHALLI TDF PROJECT

Integrated Tribal Development Project supported by NABARD is being implemented in 5 villages (Chikkabommanahal, Hiresulikeri, Chikkasulikeri, Hanamanahalli & Shidaganahalli) of Koppal Taluk and district during **2022-23 to 2026-27**. The project aims to improve the socio-economic and living standards of schedule tribe community over a period of 5 years. 500 tribal families including 63 landless families are targeted under this project through various land based & non land-based interventions.

**Aim :** The project aims to improving socio-economic status of tribal families through their active participation in orchard development and livelihood interventions with their special interest and involvement in the project.

  
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**Highlights :** Project activities like Mango, Lemon, Forestry (WADI) development, soil conservation, water resource development, community health and sanitation, women empowerment, livelihood interventions, sustainable agriculture and community capacity building activities are taken up in all project villages.



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## 2. ABBIGERI TANDA WATERSHED PROJECT

Abbigeri Tanda watershed is located in Koppal taluk & district and it has total area of about 833.87 ha covering 4 villages of 279 families and 70 landless

**Coverage :** Watershed activities have been taken in capacity Building Phase area of 100.09 ha and full implementation area 733.87 ha , total treatable area is 833.87 ha covering 4 villages

### Interventions Done

- Farm bunds are constructed across the slope based on land slope and soil type and bunds covered with grass seeds for fodder production and bund stabilization.
- Training, capacity building, crop demonstration, livelihood activities for poor and landless, development village knowledge center and seed & fodder bank activities are planned under the project.
- Waste weirs are created at suitable location to dispose surplus runoff water from lands using locally available boulders.
- Farm ponds are built to harvest excess surface runoff and water stored in the pond is used for protective irrigation for plantation. Boulder bunds are constructed in steep slope where the soil bund is not suitable to with stand the runoff water, locally available boulders are used for boulder bund construction.
- Forestry plants are planted on bunds and farm ponds in CBP area with different varieties of forestry plants such as fodder, timber, fire wood and biomass yielding species etc. Horticulture plants are provided to each farmer. Grass seeds are sown on bunds and farm ponds as cover crop on bunds for stabilization of bund.
- Along with soil and water conservation measures, climate proofing interventions like drip irrigation, borewell recharge, soil health improvement activities like green manure crops, liquid manure preparation, integrated Pest & nutrient management, crop rotation inter cropping and integrated farming activities also being taken up.

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### 3. NABARD-FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANIZATION PROJECTS (FPO)

With focus on benefit to farming community through fair pricing and marketing of their produce by establishing their own crop based farmer producer organization, we promoted five farmer producer organizations in Koppal & Ballari Districts under NABARD-Producer organization fund. 5 FPOs are registered and have completed 3 years and 5 FPOs have been sanctioned. FPOs are promoted to improve the productivity of lead crops by adopting appropriate technology. Training, demonstration and collective marketing system.

- a. **Gavisiddeshwara Farmer Producer Organization Irakalagada, Koppal Tq & Dist :** has been promoted for collective production and distributing the low prices fertilizers and seeds.  
575 Shareholders and 11 villages covered.  
11 members executive committee was formed and registered.
- b. **Annadaneshwara Farmer Producer Organization Kukanoor Town & tq, Koppal Dist :** has been promoted for collective production and distributing the low prices fertilizers and seeds.  
685 Shareholders and 5 villages covered.  
11 members executive committee was formed and registered.
- c. **KanakarayaFarmer Producer Organization Muradi, Yelburga tq, Koppal Dist :** has been promoted for collective production and distributing the low prices fertilizers and seeds.  
185 Shareholders and 5 villages covered  
11 members executive committee was formed and registered.

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- d. **Mahasatidevi Farmer Producer Organization Maduru, HBHalli tq, Ballari Dist** : has been promoted for collective production and distributing the low prices fertilizers and seeds.

425 Shareholders and 8 villages covered

11 members executive committee was formed and registered.

- e. **Gudekote Farmer Producer Organization Gudekote, Kudligi tq, Ballari Dist** : has been promoted for collective production and distributing the low prices fertilizers and seeds.

529 Shareholders and 10 villages covered

11 members executive committee was formed and registered.



#### 4. PMKSY 2.0

We Implemented PMKSY 2.0 Watershed activities in Yadagiri and Shahapur taluks. Each watershed we covering 9 villages. In all the villages we conduct the gramsabhas, jathas, street play and PRA exercises in all project villages. The department of Agriculture Yadagiri and Shahapur technical team supporting to preparation of DPR (Detailed Project Report) ridge to value concept. Mainly soil and water conservation activities Horticulture plantation and bund plantation with people participation.

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## 5. BIJ 3.0

We entered CSR project supported to Reliance Foundation Mumbai. In this project mainly climate resilience activities, RNGs, Safe drinking water and value chain activities and DRIWE activities in 3 taluks of 93 villages.





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## 6. ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

This programme implementing 2 districts. Namely Ballari district covering Harapanahalli black and Chikkaballapur district covering Shidlagatta black. This program giving awareness to development and control of borewell digging and stop the flood irrigation in all 56 GPs covering 372 villages. We conduct the gramasabhas in GP level formed the PGWC (Participatory Ground Water Committee) and given the awareness of rain water harvesting, construction of water bodies and management of groundwater.



## 7. RBI DEA PROGRAMMES

In this programme we arranged DEA (Depositor, Education and awareness) programs in Koppal district covering 10 villages participated 640 womens. Mainly focus on banking system, opening SB and RD accounts, fixed deposit and benefits of senior citizens schemes.

## 8. NABFINS

In this program we formed SHGs and JLGs in different projects. Totally 328 SHGs we formed and 168 JLGs we formed in Koppal district. Most of the mothers are needed loan for there survivals because of this purpose we contact the NABFINS bank Bengaluru to help the SHG Members credit linkage. Yearly 5000-6000 mothers getting credit linkages and there start the business (Dairy, Sheer Raring, Tailoring, Petty Shops and bangle business).



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