

Annual Report 2024-2025

MINERAL FOUNDATION OF GOA

**"BUILDING
LIVES,
SUSTAINING
THE
PLANET"**





MISSION STATEMENT:

“To promote social investment programmes through capacity building of stakeholders, participatory decision making; support ongoing efforts and to improve the natural environment for sustainable development of the State of Goa ”

Celebrating International Year of Cooperation

Front Cover: Safai Saathi from integrated Waste Management Facility at Lakhere, Bicholim

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of the Mineral Foundation of Goa (MFG) for year 2024-25. We are halfway through the United Nations declared “International Year of Co-operatives, 2025” (IYC 2025) and at MFG I find lot of synergy with the works we have been supporting over last two and half decades. Our Foundation understood the need for robust, functional and active cooperation at the grassroots level when we started our activities in December 2000. We supported organization and capacity building of Women's Self Help Groups across our service area reaching out to more than 5000 women at the peak of our operation.

As the Project Implementing Agency for the National Watershed Development Program for Rain-fed Areas, we promoted a micro watershed based cooperative in Mangal village in 2005 and subsequently in Rivona, Mhascavre, Malkarne, Cavre Pirla, Adne- Balli and Mayem. We also mobilised Village Panchayat level Society of Self Help Group in 2012. All these initiatives are mainstreamed and institutionalised by the Government of India through the National Rural Livelihood Program “Stree Shakti”. We also established the first village based tourism cooperative (Aangan) consisting of households from Verlem in Sanguem Taluka. Some of these societies are still operational and I would credit the local leadership of these organisation for the success.

That Cooperatives build a better world is a demonstrated fact and we are experiencing it across our externally funded projects related to Solid Waste Management and Eco Tourism. We as a civilisation have established and prospered through cooperation. The 17th Sustainable Development Goal of Revitalising the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development to be achieved by 2030 summarises its importance.

Community engagement and sustainability have been bed rock of our project conceptualisation from beginning. Our initiative of Solid Waste Management “Neetal Gram” from Viridi, Sankhali, North Goa in 2013 has scaled up with App development that enables real time monitoring of door to door collection of solid waste. Strengthening welfare of Safai Saathi’s through formalisation of association and access to basic facilities has been an integral part of this Information, Education and Communication initiative. Recent Government of Goa efforts in these sectors exhibit much commonality with the works we have been doing for past decade. We are happy that Foundation’s work in this area has earned acceptance and appreciation at the Government level.

The Mineral Foundation of Goa model was unique to our country as mining companies from Goa initiated combined efforts to address social and environmental issues even before Corporate Social Responsibility or District Mineral Foundation were talked about. The Mining Rule amendment by Government of India in 2015 adopted the concept of Mineral Foundation of Goa and led to the creation of District Mineral Foundation. The sectors we worked in at MFG are mirrored in high and other priority sectors addressed by DMF. We at MFG are elated that our pioneering efforts of collective foundation have been adopted by Government and today benefit more than 640 Districts in India addressing key issues in mining affected areas. As a Project Management Unit we have assisted North Goa and South Goa District Mineral Foundation to bring uniformity, efficiency, improve interface and facilitate speedy execution of projects. Convergence with existing government projects and perspective planning for mining affected areas are two areas which we will continue to address. We continue to assist North and South Goa DMF in ensuring that the benefits of projects are taken to last deserving member of the mining affected population.

Our unique and path breaking work with Persistent Foundation on documenting White Bellied Eagle nests along the Goa coastline has been appreciated and has contributed to conservation efforts of this species. We have been able to create awareness amongst local communities highlighting the importance of this species in the food chain and how it benefits the local community. The project has been well received.

At the Mineral Foundation of Goa we will continue to upgrade ourselves and contribute our expertise for the betterment of the community and environment in Goa and the country. I thank my colleagues on the Governing Board of Mineral Foundation of Goa and the entire MFG team for their support in guiding the organisation towards the goal of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.

SWATI SALGAOCAR
CHAIRMAN

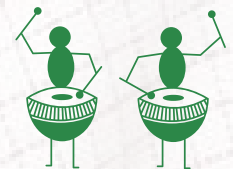


MFG FORMATION

The Foundation was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on December 12, 2000. The Foundation operates on a two-tier arrangement of a Governing Board and an Executive Committee. The power of managing the business and funds of the Foundation as well as formulating broad policies are vested with the Governing Board. The Executive Committee examines the proposals received from the communities and recommends to the Board for its approval, besides monitoring the implementation of the projects.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 *Address environmental and social issues concerning the communities in the mining belt of Goa through formulation and implementation of developmental programmes.*
- 2 *Contribute to the economic and social development of the local communities.*
- 3 *To channelize the efforts underway and to pool together activities to improve the environment.*
- 4 *To improve the conditions of women, old people and the youth of the region.*
- 5 *To revive participatory approach in agricultural, livestock and other activities of Foundation.*





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PROJECTS CARRIED OUT UNDER MFG IN 2024-25



NEETAL GRAM : DRY WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



SAFAI SATHIS AT SEGREGATION BELT AT MRF FACILITY AT BICHOLIM

Long before today's emphasis on cleanliness, Mineral Foundation of Goa started its engagement in Solid Waste Management in year 2013 in one village ward with 168 household. Today the MFG along with its partners is reaching out to 30 panchayat, 4 municipal councils covering 4 Lakh population.

This project of MFG supports the ongoing efforts of the State Govt. Between 2018 to 2022 the Foundation partnered with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to execute **"Plastic Waste Management Programme"**. For past two years we are working on CSR project funded by **Godrej Consumer Products Pvt. Ltd.** We work on Information Education, Communication of the

stakeholders and operations at the Bicholim Material Recovery Facility. The project has introduced digital technology to monitor the waste collection and segregation in the Panchayats and Councils. The **"Waste Wise"** app developed by the MFG employs a QR codes based system to scan every household and generate realtime data on segregation and service provided by the Panchayat. The generated data helps the Panchayats plan their strategy of awareness, collection, and enforcement in an organized manner. **The Panchayats in the project area are the first in Goa to employ this system.**

The project aims at 100% collection in all the project area and a minimum of 80% segregation at source. Till date more than 1500 Information, Education and Communication activities have been done in the project area impacting more than **31,000 individuals**.



Another important component of the programme has been the Social Support extended to the informal waste sector within the project area. The MFG has registered and linked more than **350 Safai Sathis** to various social security schemes including health and accident insurance, conducted health camps for the workers, various awareness programmes were conducted and health cards were issued for vector borne diseases. The project also envisages setting up a waste workers co-operative going forward to mainstream the waste workers and give them a voice in the fast-changing waste management ecosystem.

Till date, around 7668 tonnes of dry waste was handled and processed. Out of this waste, 3560 tonnes was recovered as recyclable component amounting to **46.42%** of the total dry waste, the highest in the State.



Linking Rural and Ecotourism Potential to SHG Livelihood in the Tambdi-Surla Cluster

In 2008 Mineral Foundation of Goa worked on participatory and decentralised model of drinking water distribution at Talade hamlet of VP Sacorda of present day Dharbandora taluka in South Goa. A group of local ladies maintained the water distribution system through collection of maintenance charges from the benefitting household. Later the scheme was amalgamated with government's water distribution supply. Encouraged by this experience the MFG designed another project with the aim of creating a model of an alternate/additional source of livelihood that is based on tourism, especially for the



Homestay- Village activities experienced by the tourists



women of the Tambdi-Surla cluster while preserving and nourishing the local lifestyle, values and culture.

The above said project is being implemented by the Mineral Foundation of Goa and funded by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) - Goa vide the MoU signed on February 06, 2023. The objective is to scale up the existing tourism project in Taldem village to other villages and for the benefit of other women SHG's which will also serve the purpose of preserving local culture, art and create livelihood opportunities.



Under the project a homestay has been set-up in the village of Taldem called the Jungle Trails Homestay owned and operated by members of the Brahmani Self Help Group. Further, a Village Organisation (VO) established under National Rural Livelihood Mission with participation of 6 SHG's from the cluster with over 80 members have been provided training on various handicraft items such as Agarbattis, Fridge Magnets, Wooden Pendants & Earrings.



Assessing the population of the White-bellied Sea Eagle in the state of Goa, threats and conservation strategy

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AND FOREST DEPARTMENT OF GOA.



The White-bellied Sea Eagle is categorized as a large raptor primarily found along coastal regions, estuaries, and inland water bodies across South and Southeast Asia, including India. While on a global level, it is classified as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List, in India it has received the highest level of legal protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. This status highlights its ecological importance and the need for focused conservation efforts.

As a top predator in coastal ecosystems, the White-bellied Sea Eagle plays a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance by regulating prey populations and contributing to the health of marine and estuarine environments. The state of Goa, with its extensive coastline, estuaries, and riverine habitats, provides an ideal environment for this species. However, rapid urbanisation, habitat destruction, and other anthropogenic pressures pose potential threats to its population.





The primary objective of this assessment was to evaluate the current status of the WBSE population in Goa through systematic surveys and monitoring.

Project Objectives



- To assess the existing population of White-bellied Sea Eagles in Goa



- To identify the nesting sites and habitat for the White-bellied Sea Eagles in Goa



- To carry out systemic documentation of the nesting and breeding biology of the White-bellied Sea Eagles in Goa



- To carry out the Information-Education-Communication (IEC) within the community and educational institutions located around the nest



- To assign the best measures for conservation action







Orientation Programs Conducted,
Creating awareness for public
sharing niche with White Bellied Sea
Eagle.



Schools Engaged
Creating Awareness



Active nests Located
of White Bellied Sea Eagle



Nests Monitored
in detail understanding
their breeding



BMCs Contacted
for nest searches



District Mineral Foundation (Trust) NGDMF and SGDMF

NORTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST & SOUTH GOA DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST



The District Mineral Foundation Trusts were instituted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Act 2015 as non-profit trusts to work for the interest and benefit of the people and areas affected by mining related operations. The trusts are chaired by the respective District Collectors with Deputy Directors of Mines as its Member Secretary. The trusts are governed by Goa DMF Rules and which are guided by the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana Guidelines (PMKKKY).





The Mineral Foundation of Goa has been working in the Mining Affected Areas of North & South Goa since year 2000. Thus in May 2021, the Mineral Foundation of Goa was invited to work with the District Mineral Foundation (Trust), North Goa/South Goa.

The MFG works with the DMF, line departments and stakeholders; to identify projects benefiting the local communities, scrutinise proposals for their benefit and sustainability, inter-departmental working and communication, monitoring of execution, data handling and report preparation.

In close coordination with the Managing Committee and Governing Council of the respective DMFs, the mineral Foundation of Goa has helped to develop Standard Operating Procedures, Brochures, Annual Reports, Proposal Formats, so that the community benefits most.

The objective of District Mineral Foundation trust is to work for the benefit of the people and areas affected by mining related operations, as per Goa DMF (Trust) Rules, 2018 as amended from time to time. As of now MFG works with DMF in **46 Village Panchayats and 5 Municipal Councils** under this project.



We are working with the North Goa and South Goa District Mineral Foundation to identify the projects benefiting communities in High Priority areas like Drinking Water Supply, Environment preservation and pollution control measure, Healthcare, Education, Welfare of women and children, Welfare of aged and disabled, Sanitation, Housing, Agriculture, and Animal Husbandry. The Other priority areas include Physical infrastructure, irrigation, Energy and watershed development, and Any other measures for enhancing environment quality in mining affected district.



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Meets
Sustainability."



In last 4 years the MFG has helped North Goa and South Goa District Mineral Foundation (Trusts) to mobilise projects in various sectors. We have also facilitated completion of 54 Projects, and helping to manage 51 projects which are in pipeline or yet to be started. We actively work with different stakeholders to ensure that the project benefits are passed on to the population in mining bet.





FINANCIALS



Expenditure in 2024-2025



₹ 2,33,44,423

Solid Waste
Management

₹ 3,00,000

₹ 11,10,516



Educational Support for
Kids



Community Based
Eco-Tourism



₹ 16,46,776

Conservation of White
Bellied Sea Eagle

₹ 47,29,991



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