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Society for Urban, Rural, Economic and Socio Habitation (S.U.R.E.S.H)

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“Empowering Communities, Transforming Lives”

The Society for Urban, Rural, Economic and Socio Habitation (S.U.R.E.S.H) presents its Annual Report for the year 2023-24, reflecting its continued commitment towards inclusive development, social justice and empowerment of marginalized communities. This report highlights the organization’s journey, achievements and impact across rural, tribal and underserved regions, showcasing its efforts in strengthening livelihoods, promoting education, improving health and ensuring dignity and equality for all.

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Message from the President

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It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of S.U.R.E.S.H for the year 2023–24. Over the past year, our organization has continued its dedicated efforts to support marginalized and vulnerable communities across rural and underserved regions. Through focused interventions in safe drinking water, livelihood development, women empowerment, education and community health, we have worked to address the basic needs of the people while promoting dignity, self-reliance, and social inclusion. Our approach remains rooted in close engagement with communities, ensuring that our initiatives are meaningful, sustainable and responsive to their real needs.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our committed team members, volunteers, partners, donors and community stakeholders whose continuous support has made our work possible. Their collective efforts have helped us create a positive and lasting impact in the lives of many families. As we move forward, we remain determined to strengthen our programs, expand our outreach and continue working towards building a just, inclusive and equitable society where every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity and respect.

Mr. Stanley Jaya Prakash
President, S.U.R.E.S.H.

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1, 0, BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION.

1.1. Geneses.

Society for Urban, Rural, Economic and Socio Habitation (SURESH) was established on 17 December 1994 under the Societies Registration Act. The organization emerged from the struggles of marginalized communities who experienced social exclusion, exploitation and discrimination. SURESH was formed to organize these communities, build their capacities and help them overcome barriers to social, economic and cultural development. The organization follows a non-violent, democratic and participatory approach, ensuring that development is driven from the grassroots with active involvement of the communities themselves.

SURESH works with a rights-based perspective, empowering marginalized groups, especially women and other vulnerable sections to become agents of change. It promotes social harmony by challenging discrimination, fostering inclusion and supporting collective action to claim human and constitutional rights. Economic initiatives undertaken by SURESH aim to reduce dependency strengthen community leadership and enhance self-reliance. The organization complies with all statutory requirements and emphasizes transparency, accountability and community-led sustainable development in all its programs.

1.2. Legal Status and Statutory Compliance.

S.U.R.E.S.H is a legally registered and fully compliant non-governmental organization under the Societies Registration Act (Registration No. 816/1994).

The organization maintains high standards of governance and transparency through the following registrations:

1. Registered under Income Tax Act with valid 12A certification
2. Holds CSR-1 Registration, enabling corporate partnerships
3. Registered under FCRA (No. 010140230) valid from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2028
4. Registered with NITI Aayog DARPAN Portal (ID: AP/2017/0170962)
5. Permanent Account Number (PAN): AADTS 6265 J

These certifications ensure credibility, financial accountability, and compliance with national and international regulatory frameworks.

1.3. Vision.

To build a barrier-free society where all individuals enjoy equality, dignity and human rights, free from discrimination and exploitation, guided by egalitarian values and promoting sustainable and inclusive development.

1.4. Mission.

To organize and empower marginalized and historically oppressed communities, enabling them to claim their rights and access resources, while fostering self-reliance, dignity and leadership so they can actively shape their own social, economic and civic destiny.

3.0.THE PROGRAM INTERVENTIONS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS -2023-24.

3.1. Women Empowerment Programs.

The Women Empowerment Program of S.U.R.E.S.H was designed to strengthen women socially and economically by enhancing their leadership capacities, improving financial independence, and increasing their participation in decision-making processes at both household and community levels. During the year, the organization facilitated the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in rural areas, creating a strong platform for collective action and mutual support. Regular meetings, structured capacity-building sessions, and training programs were conducted focusing on leadership development, financial literacy, savings practices, credit management and entrepreneurship skills. These interventions aimed to build confidence and equip women with practical knowledge for self-reliance.

As a result of these efforts, more than 25 Self-Help Groups were strengthened, benefiting over 300 women across multiple communities. The program led to noticeable improvements in women's confidence, leadership abilities and participation in collective decision-making. Many women began engaging in income-generating activities and contributing to family income while also taking active roles in community development initiatives. Overall, the intervention enhanced economic independence, improved savings behavior and enabled women to emerge as leaders, thereby strengthening their social position and influence within their communities.

3.2 Community Health Initiatives.

The Community Health Initiatives were implemented with the objective of improving the health status of rural populations through awareness generation, preventive healthcare practices, and improved access to basic health services. S.U.R.E.S.H organized a series of health awareness camps, medical outreach programs and educational sessions focusing on key issues such as maternal health, child nutrition, sanitation, hygiene and the prevention of common diseases. These programs were conducted with the support of healthcare professionals and trained volunteers who provided essential medical guidance and services to the community.

Through these initiatives, more than 600 individuals benefited across various villages. The program resulted in increased awareness regarding hygiene, nutrition and preventive healthcare practices, leading to positive behavioral changes among community members. Women and children, in particular, showed improved health-seeking behavior and greater utilization of

healthcare services. Overall, the initiative contributed to enhanced community health outcomes and strengthened the capacity of individuals to maintain better health and well-being.

3.3 Environment and Sustainability.

The Environment and Sustainability initiative focused on promoting environmental conservation and building climate resilience among rural communities. S.U.R.E.S.H conducted awareness programs on climate change, environmental protection, and sustainable resource management to sensitize communities about ecological challenges. Tree plantation drives and community-based campaigns were organized to encourage environmentally responsible behavior and foster a sense of ownership towards natural resources.

During the reporting period, more than 1,000 saplings were planted, and awareness sessions reached over 500 community members. These activities contributed to increased environmental awareness and encouraged the adoption of sustainable practices such as water conservation, proper waste management and nurturing of planted trees. The initiative played a significant role in promoting ecological balance and strengthening community participation in environmental protection efforts.

3.4 Livelihoods and Economic Development.

The Livelihoods and Economic Development program aimed to enhance income-generating opportunities and ensure economic stability for rural and urban poor households. S.U.R.E.S.H supported the promotion of small businesses, skill-based employment and various livelihood activities tailored to the needs of the community. The organization provided guidance, mentoring and necessary support to help beneficiaries establish and sustain their income-generating initiatives.

As a result, approximately 500 families benefited directly and indirectly from these interventions. The program led to improved household incomes, reduced economic vulnerability, and increased financial stability among beneficiaries. By promoting diversified livelihood options and strengthening economic resilience, the initiative contributed to improving the overall quality of life and long-term sustainability of beneficiary households.

3.5 Skill Development and Livelihood Promotion.

The Skill Development and Livelihood Promotion initiative was designed to equip women and youth with practical vocational skills that enable sustainable income generation. S.U.R.E.S.H conducted training programs in tailoring and other vocational trades, providing necessary equipment such as sewing machines and training materials to ensure effective learning. These programs were structured to enhance employability and encourage self-employment among participants.

During the year, more than 120 women and youth were trained, with many successfully starting their own tailoring units or securing employment opportunities. The initiative significantly improved the economic independence of beneficiaries, particularly women, and contributed to

enhancing their confidence and social status. It also helped improve household incomes and living standards, thereby supporting overall community development.

3.6 .Strategic and Advocacy Initiatives.

a) Social Justice and Rights Advocacy.

The Social Justice and Rights Advocacy initiative aimed to promote equality, social justice, and the protection of human rights among marginalized communities. S.U.R.E.S.H conducted awareness campaigns, community mobilization programs, and advocacy activities to address issues related to discrimination, inequality and lack of access to rights and entitlements. These efforts focused on empowering individuals with knowledge and encouraging active participation in social change processes.

Through these initiatives, more than 400 individuals were reached and sensitized on issues of rights and justice. The program resulted in increased awareness and confidence among community members to raise their voices against injustice and discrimination. It also strengthened community solidarity and encouraged collective action towards building an inclusive and equitable society.

b) Disaster Management.

The Disaster Management initiative focused on enhancing the preparedness and response capacity of vulnerable communities to effectively deal with emergencies and natural disasters. S.U.R.E.S.H organized training programs and awareness sessions on disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and emergency response strategies. The organization also extended support during crisis situations to ensure timely assistance to affected families.

During the reporting period, more than 200 families were supported through emergency response efforts. The initiative improved the resilience of communities by equipping them with the knowledge and skills required to respond effectively to disasters. It also reduced vulnerability and helped communities recover more quickly from adverse situations.

c) Financial Literacy Programs.

The Financial Literacy Program was implemented to improve financial awareness and management skills among community members. S.U.R.E.S.H conducted training sessions focusing on key aspects such as savings habits, credit utilization, banking services and financial planning. These sessions aimed to promote responsible financial behavior and improve access to formal financial systems.

More than 200 individuals benefited from these programs, leading to improved financial discipline and increased savings among participants. Beneficiaries gained a better understanding of financial services and were able to make informed decisions regarding their finances. This contributed to enhanced economic stability and reduced financial vulnerability within the community.

d) Social Housing Initiatives.

The Social Housing Initiative aimed to ensure safe, secure and dignified housing for marginalized and vulnerable communities. S.U.R.E.S.H actively advocated for access to government housing schemes and supported beneficiaries in availing housing-related benefits. Awareness programs were also conducted to educate communities about their housing rights and available support systems.

Through these efforts, more than 100 families were assisted in accessing housing support. The initiative contributed to improved living conditions and increased access to safe and secure housing. It also enhanced the dignity and well-being of beneficiary families by providing them with better shelter and stability.

4. PARTNERSHIPS & NETWORKING.

At S.U.R.E.S.H, we strongly believe that real change happens when people and institutions come together with a shared purpose. Over the past year, we have built and strengthened meaningful relationships with government departments, local leaders, community groups and well-wishers who share our vision for a more just and inclusive society.

These partnerships have helped us reach more people and respond better to their needs. Whether it was connecting families to government housing schemes, organizing health camps with the support of doctors, or conducting skill trainings with experienced resource persons, every collaboration added value to our work. We have also continued to engage with networks and forums where we could learn, share, and raise our voice on issues affecting marginalized communities. These collective efforts have made our work stronger, more effective and more connected to the realities on the ground.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

This year's journey would not have been possible without the support of many people who stood with us at every step. We are deeply thankful to our team members and volunteers who worked tirelessly in the field, often in challenging conditions to ensure that our programs reached those who needed them the most.

We sincerely thank our partners, supporters, and donors for believing in our work and encouraging us to continue. Our appreciation also goes to government officials and local authorities who extended their cooperation and helped us connect communities with essential services. Above all, we are grateful to the communities we serve for their trust, their strength, and their willingness to work together for a better future.

Their stories, struggles, and progress continue to inspire us. As we move ahead, we remain committed to walking alongside them in their journey towards dignity, equality and self-reliance.

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