

# Annual Report 2023-2024



Public Advocacy Initiatives For Rights and Values in India



# *Message from the board*

*Dear Friends, supporters and well wishers*

We take immense pleasure in sharing this annual report for 2023-24 with you. We are happy to say that we have been able to deliver on the trust and confidence that you have reposed in us. We are also aware that one organization cannot do much despite the best of intentions and efforts in the hummoungous task of ensuring social, economic and environmental justice. Therefore, we are conscious of the fact that a lot more needs to be done and it is this partnership and collaboration that we seek with all of you.

At PAIRVI we have our first commitment to the most marginalized communities. We have been engaging with the women Beedi workers and Pahariyas, Particulrly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). We have the satisfaction to share with you that this year more than 700 women beedi workers from Bihar, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh were linked with the government programmes availing one time as well as recurrent benefits. With regular meetings with Pahariya community, their organization also took a leap in accessing government programmes and benefits as well as representing their issues, concerns and voices to the various stakeholders including the policymakers. We worked more closely with both of these communities by adapting our approach and having facilitators from their own communities and regions. we are sure that focus on their organization, linking with government programmes and organizing them would bear positive change in their attitude towards how they interact and engage with other stakeholders.

Capacity building has been the core strategy that PAIRVI utilizes across a number of stakeholder groups, CSOs, youth, women, media and peoples representatives. A number of workshops and consultations were held with these stakeholders to inform and engage them on variety of relevant issues related to development, governance, rights and sustainability, agriculture and food, reaching out to almost 300 participants over the year. We are proud to have taken several so called complex and technical discussion to the various groups including the grassroots communities. National workshop with the CSOs and Youth national workshop were preceded by number of state and local workshops to discuss

and explore ways to improve life and livelihoods, conditions human rights commissions and prisons, water, pollution, environment etc. Women Beedi workers and Pahariya PVTG also received due attention in capacity building and their concerns were also focus of several advocacy efforts including the National and State Consultations.

We have also taken many steps forward in our regional and global efforts on sustainability. Concerns related to climate change, sustainable development, environment, pollution, plastics etc. Working with several processes and agencies of the United Nations, we were able to participate and contribute in several processes including the UNFCCC COP 28 in UAE, SDGs Summit at New York, United Nations Environment Assembly In Nairobi, Regional (Asia Pacific) Environment Ministers in Colombo and Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok. We have also been part of the CSO Forum associated with these events where global south voices have been represented with impact and attention. More than our participation, we are also delighted to have opened up these spaces to some extent for the CSO fraternity in the region and beyond their participation.

We thanks our donors MISEREOR, FAO and others who have partnered with us in this journey of contributing towards development, rights and sustainability. We seek your attention to our efforts and look forward to your valuable comments and guidance.

### ***PAIRVI BOARD***

# Overview

Over the past year, PAIRVI has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to individual and institutional capacity building and empowerment, with a focus on creating sustainable structures within the communities it serves. This commitment has led to significant progress, particularly among women beedi workers and the Paharias. Women beedi workers have accessed a variety of financial and non-financial benefits, which promise lasting impacts. As access to different government benefit schemes grows, both one-time and recurrent benefits are expected to increase. The Paharias, too, have made a promising start and are anticipated to receive their entitlements and benefits in the upcoming phase.

Efforts in capacity building for CSOs and youth have borne fruit, with many individuals stepping into leadership roles within their communities. Despite this progress, the reach of these services remains limited compared to the demand, necessitating continued engagement with CSOs, youth, and policymakers to address development deficits, exclusion, and deprivation effectively. Within the beedi workers community, an informal network has been established, fostering ownership and leadership. These workers have advocated for increased rates and explored alternative livelihoods, showcasing exceptional leadership. However, further training is needed to help them navigate government documentation and access benefits. The Paharias have also begun to organize informally, showing promise in this new path forward. There is a growing demand for systemic change, with more organizations calling for comprehensive reform. Nationally, PAIRVI takes pride in transforming sustainability issues from elite and scientific discourse to public and policy concerns.

PAIRVI's objectives are threefold: direct work with communities, capacity building and advocacy, and representing the voices of the global south in regional and global processes. PAIRVI has exceeded its goals in both quantity and quality. Specifically, the work with women beedi workers has enabled over 700 women to access various benefits and pursue alternative livelihoods. The transformation of traditional homebound women, now engaging in dialogues and pursuing employment, has been particularly rewarding. Regarding the Paharias, initial assumptions about their openness to alternative livelihoods were challenged by their reclusive nature. The strategic shift towards organizing them for political empowerment has proven effective, with Paharias becoming more vocal about their priorities and inclusion in the PVTGs. However, empowering them to represent themselves on political and social platforms will require sustained engagement.

Capacity building and advocacy efforts have also overachieved, with a larger than expected number of CSOs and human rights defenders mobilized through National level, State Level and Local Level workshops, consultations and meetings. Significant issues such as children in jails, prison reforms, and the improvement of human rights commissions have been set firmly on the governance agenda. Policymakers are now more informed and sympathetic to these concerns. Furthermore, on climate change and sustainability, more CSOs are engaged in the nuanced debate on climate justice, demanding urgent and inclusive actions.

The third objective, representing the global south in regional and global processes, has surpassed expectations. PAIRVI's leadership has opened critical avenues for CSO participation in high-level fora. However, meaningful participation remains a challenge due to limited resources and the increasing influence of corporate interests. This highlights the need for continued efforts to make multilateralism truly fit for purpose.

In conclusion, the achievements of the past year underscore PAIRVI's dedication to empowering communities and driving systemic change. Moving forward, PAIRVI remains committed to expanding its reach, enhancing its impact, and advocating for a more inclusive and sustainable world.



# *Our interventions*

PAIRVI's national, regional, and global activities aim to tackle a wide range of social, economic, and environmental challenges through a multi-faceted strategy. Nationally, initiatives like the National Advocacy Workshop, National Youth Workshop and G20 Youth Consultation have fostered awareness, skill development, and leadership among diverse groups. These events created platforms for knowledge exchange, empowering participants to drive change in their communities. The political empowerment of marginalized groups, such as the Paharias, ensures their voices are heard in policymaking. Climate change and environmental sustainability were addressed through events like the P20 Climate Consultation and G7 People's Rejoinder, providing platforms for stakeholders to share insights and propose solutions. Socio-economic issues, such as those faced by women beedi workers, were tackled through consultations and capacity-building workshops, promoting rights advocacy and sustainable solutions.

Regionally, PAIRVI's involvement in events like the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), Asia Pacific Forum of Environment Ministers, Major Groups and other Stakeholders Forum and the Peoples Forum of APRCEM fostered robust dialogue and collaboration among CSOs, ensuring that regional voices are represented in global discussions.

Globally, PAIRVI's engagement with forums such as United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 6), High Level Political Forum (HLPF), SDG Summit, UNFCCC COP and United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF) demonstrates a proactive stance in influencing policy and fostering multilateral cooperation. Participation in these forums addresses critical environmental issues, broadens stakeholder representation, and contributes to global environmental governance. Their strategic engagement in summits and consultations underscores a commitment to inclusive and sustainable policies, fostering resilient and empowered communities worldwide.



# *National and Sub National Engagements*

The National and Sub-National approach as exemplified by the activities carried out by PAIRVI is a comprehensive, multi-pronged strategy aimed at addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges at various levels. This approach is characterized by its inclusivity, collaboration, and emphasis on capacity building, advocacy, and grassroots engagement.

At the national level, activities such as the National Advocacy Workshop (Kempty, Mussorie), National Youth Workshop (Sawai Madhopur) and the G20 Connecting with Youth Consultation (Bikaner) highlighted the PAIRVI's commitment to fostering awareness and critical understanding of key issues among diverse groups. These events bring together participants from different states, creating a platform for knowledge exchange and skill development. The National Advocacy Workshop, for instance, focused on public advocacy, media advocacy, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and leadership, equipping participants with the tools to drive change in their communities. Similarly, National Youth workshop enhanced the capacity of young participants from different states to look around and work together on the issues related to rights, justice, environment and others they are surrounded with. The G20 Youth Consultation educated young participants about the G20's role, associated challenges and opportunities in global governance and India's Presidency,

The empowerment of marginalized communities is another cornerstone of this approach. The regular meetings with the Paharia community in Dumka is a testament to the organization's efforts to involve indigenous groups in the mainstream development process. With the insights from the baseline surveys, PAIRVI and its partners aim to address the specific needs of these communities, ensuring their voices are heard in policymaking processes.

Addressing socio-economic issues, such as the plight of women beedi workers, is another key aspect of the national strategy. The National Consultation with Beedi Workers in Jabalpur aimed to discuss challenges related to employment, health, and alternative livelihood opportunities and explore improving the living standards of these workers by. This approach not only addresses immediate needs but also empowers them to advocate for their rights and seek sustainable solutions.

The sub-national approach, on the other hand, focuses on localised issues and community-specific interventions and ensures that we don't lose sight of macro issues in the broad spectrum approach. The discussion on the situation of school dropout children in Chhindwara district is a prime example. By identifying the root causes of school dropout rates, such as weak economic conditions, migration, and school environment, the organization aims to develop targeted interventions that can be implemented at the local level. Similarly, the Workshop on Gender, Inequality, and Legal Framework aimed to increase gender understanding and legal



rights awareness among rural adolescent girls and women, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

Workshops like Photography for Social Change in Bhagalpur and the National Youth Workshop in Sawai Madhopur are designed to build capacity and advocacy skills at the grassroots level. These events empower participants with practical knowledge and skills, enabling them to effectively communicate their messages, mobilize supporters, and influence decision-makers.

The sub-national approach also includes initiatives like the Beautician Training Workshop for Women Beedi Workers, which provides alternative employment opportunities and promotes financial independence among marginalized women. Additionally, legal assistance programs, such as those provided to children in conflict with the law in Bhagalpur, address immediate legal needs while promoting long-term justice and rights.

In conclusion, the National and Sub-National approach employed by PAIRVI and its partners is a holistic strategy that integrates advocacy, capacity building, grassroots engagement, and collaboration. By addressing a wide range of issues from climate change to gender equality and socio-economic development, this approach ensures that interventions are context-specific, inclusive, and sustainable, ultimately fostering resilient and empowered communities.

## *Highlights of National & Sub National Engagements*

### **NATIONAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP: SEEKING, DEMANDING AND ORGANIZING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE**

*Kempton, Uttarakhand | 10th to 12th  
May 2023*

The National Advocacy Workshop 2023 was held at SIDH Learning and Resources Centre, Kempton Mussoorie, attracting 27 participants from six states. The workshop covered a range of topics, including public advocacy, media advocacy, SDGs, team building, and leadership, providing participants with in-depth training and discussions on these topics.





## **SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PAHADIA TRIBE; FROM CHALLENGES TO SOLUTION**

*Dumka, Jharkhand | 10th June 2023*

The meeting aimed at the political empowerment of the Paharia PVTGs in Jharkhand. Over 35 Paharia community leaders participated, discussing the baseline survey results and development deficits affecting the Paharia people, emphasizing the need to address these challenges.

## **YUVA ISDN INTERVIEW**

*Online | 13th June 2023*

Ms. Doel Jaikishen interviewed Ajay K Jha for her doctoral research on Indian Philanthropy, focusing on enablers and demotivators in supporting justice and rights work.

## **G20; CONNECTING WITH YOUTH**

*Bikaner, Rajasthan | 15th June 2023*

This youth event at Swami Keshavanand Rajasthan Agriculture University in Bikaner brought together over 100 young participants. Organized by PAIRVI, Maitri Foundation, Dainik Lokmat, and CECOEDECON, the event focused on G20's role in global governance, its performance, and India's G20 Presidency, highlighting the associated challenges and opportunities.

## **NATIONAL CONSULTATION WITH BEEDI WORKERS AND EXPOSURE VISIT**

*Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh | 25th & 26th July 2023*

This consultation aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of women beedi workers in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. The two-day discussion covered employment challenges, labour unions, health impacts, and alternative employment opportunities.

## **DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF SCHOOL DROPOUT CHILDREN IN CHHINDWARA DISTRICT OF MADHYA PRADESH**

*Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh | 31st July 2023*

A discussion on the high dropout rates among children in Chhindwara district, focusing on factors such as weak economic conditions, migration, and lack of conducive school environments. The discussion was based on the fact-finding done by PAIRVI in association with Satyakam Jan Kalyan Samiti, Chhindwara. The discussion aimed at finding solutions to these issues.

## **WORKSHOP ON GENDER, INEQUALITY, AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

*Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh | 1st August 2023*

Organized by PAIRVI and Satyakam Jan Kalyan Samiti, this workshop aimed at increasing gender understanding and training on inequality and legal rights among rural adolescent girls and women in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PRISONERS' RIGHTS**

*Field Visit, Dehari, Rohtas, Bihar | 2nd August 2023*

A field visit was conducted in Dehari to discuss juvenile justice and prisoners' rights activities from the last five years. The team interacted with parents of juveniles in conflict with the law and prisoners on bail to understand their experiences and expectations. Additionally, they visited Maudihan Middle School, where they had previously organized a pesticide awareness campaign.



## REVIEW AND PLANNING MEETING

Patna, Bihar | 3rd August 2023

This meeting involved five state partners from Bihar working on child protection. Participants shared their learnings, challenges, and opportunities in child protection. A roadmap was developed to make justice for juveniles and undertrial prisoners more accessible, approachable, affordable, and time-bound by improving social and institutional responses.

## GEO-ENGINEERING AND GEO ENGINEERING GOVERNANCE IN THE UN PROCESSES

Delhi | 10th August 2023

Ajay K Jha from PAIRVI participated in the meeting and provided his inputs on geo-engineering discussion in the UNGA, UNFCCC and UNEA. ETC group and GRAIN organized this consultation to discuss state of affairs and trajectories of the geo-engineering issues in the UN processes including UNGA, UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNEA.

## G20 CONSULTATIONS

Delhi | August & September 2023

A series of meetings organized by CSO collectives in Delhi and elsewhere, including We20 and Peoples 20, to discuss and analyze G20 Summit outcomes. Ajay K Jha from PAIRVI participated in these meetings and provided his inputs.

## PRE COP 28 CONSULTATION

Delhi | 9th November 2023

A one-day consultation involving over 60 representatives from CSOs, discussing global and grassroots climate issues and expectations from COP 28.





## **WORKSHOP ON FRAMING PERSPECTIVES; PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE**

*Bhagalpur, Bihar | 30th November 2023*

This workshop focused on developing an understanding of photo and video documentation among grassroots workers/organisations, highlighting the importance of visual media in addressing social issues.

## **CLIMATE SHALA**

*Jaipur, Rajasthan | 22nd December 2023*

Organized by CECOEDECON for staff members and CSOs, focusing on the science, economics, politics, and social dimensions of the climate crisis. Ajay K Jha from PAIRVI was the key person of this workshop.

## **NATIONAL YOUTH WORKSHOP: NURTURING YOUTH – CREATING POSSIBILITIES**

*Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan | 26th-28th December 2023*

A workshop to build youth capacity and advocacy skills, involving 24 participants from various states. The focus was on advocacy, constitutional values, Digital Human Rights, community leadership, and social entrepreneurship.

## **BEAUTICIAN TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN BEEDI WORKERS**

*Chandan Village, Bihar | November-December 2023*

Women beedi workers, facing income inequality, have been demanding alternative livelihood options. A meeting with 15 women beedi workers on 26th October 2023 discussed the need for beautician training, the duration, the trainer, and the post-training steps. It was decided to organize a month-long workshop to develop beautician skills for alternative livelihoods. In November-December 2023 this month-long training workshop held at Chandan, Bihar to develop beautician skills among women beedi workers. We can consider it a success that almost half of the participants started working as freelance beautician immediate after the training.



## **WORKSHOP ON PROTECTION OF CHILDREN - SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2012**

*Bhagalpur, Bihar | 28th January 2024*

A workshop jointly organized by PAIRVI and Samavet Bhagalpur to train participants on the implementation of the Act and encourage reporting of sexual offenses.

## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH LAW IN BHAGALPUR**

Provision of legal assistance to 15 children in conflict with the law, with eight children granted bail and seven others in the process.

## **MEETING WITH GOOD FOOD INSTITUTE**

*Pune, Maharashtra | 29th January 2024*

Collaboration with Good Food Institute to promote smart protein at national and global platforms.

## **FOOD FESTIVAL, CECOEDECON**

*Chaksu, Rajasthan | 7th February 2024*

A consultation and food festival organized by CECOEDECON with PAIRVI partners displaying traditional seeds and products.

## **FAO/ITPGR PROJECT FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION**

The FAO/ITPGR project, which ended in February 2023, had its final report submitted in early June. An Interview and a Cover story based on the achievements of project farmer Ms. Pudi Soren from Jharkhand was also developed and published by FAO/ITPGR.



# *Regional and Global level Engagements*

PAIRVI's approach to addressing global and regional challenges is characterized by strategic engagement, inclusivity, and a strong focus on advocacy. PAIRVI's activities span a wide spectrum, from high-level international forums to local community engagements, reflecting its commitment to influencing policy and driving sustainable development. One of the key elements of PAIRVI's approach is fostering collaborative action among diverse stakeholders, including civil society organizations (CSOs), governments, international bodies, and local communities. This is evident from the diverse array of activities PAIRVI participate in and organized, such as the Peoples 20 Meeting and the Asia Pacific Social Forum, which emphasize the importance of collective advocacy and the need for informed discussions on global governance issues like climate change.

PAIRVI's commitment to environmental sustainability is demonstrated through its active participation in events like the UNEP Briefing on Mines and Minerals Management, the P20 Climate Consultation, and the Nature-Based Solutions Global Consultations. These events highlight PAIRVI's focus on contributing to the formulation of policies that are ecologically sound and socially just. By participating in discussions that address the management of natural resources and climate resilience, PAIRVI underscores the need for integrated approaches that align environmental conservation with social equity.

The organization also plays a crucial role in regional forums, such as the 5th Asia Pacific Forum of Ministers and the South and South West Asia Forum on Sustainable Development. These forums provide a platform for PAIRVI to engage with regional stakeholders, discuss sustainable development goals, and ensure that the concerns of marginalized communities are addressed. By organizing and participating in these events, PAIRVI aims to strengthen regional cooperation and enhance the impact of grassroots movements on policy formulation.

In high-level international events like the HLPF 2023 and COP28, PAIRVI demonstrated a proactive stance in influencing global policies. Involvement in these forums underscores the importance of strategic advocacy and informed engagement in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The virtual side event, "Change the System, Shift the Power," at HLPF 2023, for instance, focused on addressing systemic barriers to transformational change, highlighting PAIRVI's holistic approach to advocacy.

Another critical aspect of PAIRVI's engagement at regional and global level is its commitment to capacity building. This is evident in the engagement with youth and other marginalized groups. The Asia Pacific Youth Forum and other various consultations are prime examples of PAIRVI's efforts to empower communities through skill development and advocacy training. By organizing or participating in these events, PAIRVI not only provides practical knowledge

and skills but also fosters a sense of agency among participants, enabling them to advocate for their rights and pursue a sustainable world.

PAIRVI's strategic approach also involves addressing geopolitical issues, as seen in the consultation on "Imperialist Rivalry in South Asia." By engaging in discussions on geopolitical tensions and their implications for regional stability, PAIRVI underscores the importance of peaceful and equitable international relations.

Involvement in the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 6) and the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) illustrate PAIRVI's commitment to ensure that environmental policies are inclusive and address the needs of the most vulnerable communities. By advocating for broader stakeholder representation and contributing to discussions on critical environmental issues, PAIRVI plays a pivotal role in contributing to global environmental governance making it more accountable and responsive.

Overall, PAIRVI's approach is characterized by a strategic blend of advocacy, capacity building, and grassroots engagement. By integrating these elements, PAIRVI ensures that diverse voices are heard and that policies are both inclusive and effective. This holistic approach not only addresses immediate challenges but also fosters long-term resilience and equitable development, making PAIRVI an important part of the global movement for a sustainable future. Through its comprehensive strategy, PAIRVI effectively bridges local realities with global policies, advocating for solutions that are environmentally sustainable, socially just, and economically viable. This multifaceted approach reflects PAIRVI's unwavering commitment to creating a more inclusive and sustainable world.

## *Highlights of Regional & Global Engagements*

### **PEOPLES 20 MEETING**

*Bangkok (4-5 April 2023),*

PAIRVI facilitated a platform for over 40 global participants to discuss climate change and G20-related issues. This event underscored the importance of collective action in global governance and set the stage for further consultations on the G20 meeting in Delhi. By presenting working papers and facilitating discussions, PAIRVI emphasized the need for informed and strategic advocacy to address climate change effectively.

### **THE ASIA PACIFIC SOCIAL FORUM**

*Bangkok (6-8 April 2023)*

focused on the preparation and organization of the World Social Forum in Kathmandu. This forum highlighted PAIRVI's commitment to fostering inclusive and participatory processes.





By involving diverse stakeholders in discussions on methodologies, programs, and financing, the forum aimed to create a robust framework for social justice and sustainable development. PAIRVI's role in organizing and coordinating these efforts reflects its dedication to ensuring that all voices, especially those from marginalized communities, are heard and represented in global forums.

### **THE UNEP BRIEFING ON MINES AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT AND THE P20 CLIMATE CONSULTATION**

*(19 May 2023) and 29 May 2023)*

By participating in these discussions, PAIRVI aimed to contribute to the formulation of policies that are both ecologically sound and socially just. These events reflect an integrated approach to managing natural resources, where environmental conservation is aligned with social equity.

### **GLOBAL MGS MEETING & UNEA AND CPR BUREAU RETREAT**

*Morocco (4-6 July 2023)*

The Global MGS Meeting & UNEA and CPR Bureau Retreat involved discussions on preparations for the 5th Asia Pacific Forum and reflections on the draft Ministerial Declaration of UNEA 6. PAIRVI's participation in these meetings underscored the objective of ensuring that environmental policies are inclusive and reflect the needs of the most vulnerable communities. This involvement is indicative of PAIRVI's strategic efforts to influence global environmental governance.

### **HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2023**

*New York (10-20 July 2023)*

The HLPF 2023 saw PAIRVI's contributions to several events aimed at advancing the SDGs. Despite not participating in person, Ajay K Jha's involvement in the preparations underscored



the importance of influencing global policy through informed and strategic engagement. The virtual side event, *Change the System, Shift the Power* (19 July 2023), focused on addressing systemic barriers to transformational change. This event emphasized the need for structural reforms to achieve sustainable development, reflecting PAIRVI's holistic approach to advocacy.

### **IMPERIALIST RIVALRY IN SOUTH ASIA CONSULTATION**

*Online (21 August 2023)*

The consultation addressed geopolitical tensions between the US and China in the Indo-Pacific region, emphasizing the need for peaceful and equitable international relations. Participation in this event reflected PAIRVI's commitment to addressing complex geopolitical issues through informed and strategic dialogues.

### **SDG SUMMIT 2023**

*New York (18-19 September 2023)*

At the SDG Summit PAIRVI played a pivotal role in high-level dialogues and side events. By advocating for transformative multilateralism and partnerships, PAIRVI aimed to strengthen the multilateral system and promote unity and solidarity in global governance. Ajay K Jha was one of the five CSO speaker in the thematic dialogues along with heads of the State and heads of the governments.

### **MAJOR GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER FORUM**

*Colombo (3 October 2023)*

The Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum provided a platform for UNEP-accredited organizations to input on the 5th AP Forum and UNEA 6, discussing regional priorities

and progress on resolutions. The Asia Pacific Youth Forum (1-2 October 2023) in Colombo culminated in a youth manifesto on sustainability, reflecting the objective of empowering youth and promoting sustainable development practices.

### **5TH ASIA PACIFIC FORUM OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS**

*Colombo (3-6 October 2023)*

The 5th Asia Pacific Forum of Environment Ministers was a significant event where PAIRVI played a crucial role in organizing the Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum. This forum aimed to address regional environmental priorities and ensure that CSOs have a voice in shaping policies. The objective here was to strengthen regional cooperation and enhance the impact of grassroots movements on policy formulation. PAIRVI's involvement in coordinating the event, developing the concept note, and inviting participants showcases its organizational capabilities and strategic planning.

### **NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS GLOBAL CONSULTATIONS**

*Nairobi (9-13 October 2023)*

Ajay K Jha represented the Farmers Major Group. The discussions on standards, safeguards, best practices, and financing for nature-based solutions aimed to promote policies that are both environmentally sustainable and socially just. This event underscores PAIRVI's strategic focus on addressing environmental challenges through innovative and inclusive solutions.

### **SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST ASIA FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*Nepal (10-13 October 2023)*

The South and South West Asia Forum on Sustainable Development was focused on regional collaboration by bringing together various stakeholders to discuss sustainable development goals. PAIRVI's participation in preparatory meetings ensured that the forum was inclusive and addressed the concerns of marginalized communities. This approach highlights PAIRVI's commitment to fostering regional dialogue and cooperation for sustainable development.

### **ASIA PACIFIC CLIMATE WEEK & FOREST AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES**

*Johor Bahru (14-15 November 2023) and Monte Carlo (23-24 November 2023)*

The Asia Pacific Climate Week in Johor Bahru and the Forest and Communities Initiatives in Monte Carlo focused on climate resilience and forest conservation laws, respectively. These events highlighted the importance of enhancing climate resilience and promoting sustainable practices through informed policy advocacy and capacity building. PAIRVI's involvement in these initiatives reflects its comprehensive approach to environmental sustainability.



## **COP28**

*Dubai (30 November to 13 December 2023)*

The COP28 in Dubai saw PAIRVI, CECOEDECON, and MAUSAM participate in various discussions and side events on climate change and urban planning. The objective was to advocate for effective climate action and resilience building, particularly in urban areas. This event emphasized the historical and current impacts of cities on climate change, highlighting PAIRVI's focus on urban resilience and sustainable development. PAIRVI and CECOEDECON organized two side events at COP 28 in UAE, focusing on loss and damage and big fossil fuel projects, in collaboration with European and Asian partner organizations.

## **OWEG 2 SPP CONSULTATIONS**

*Nairobi (9-13 December 2023)*

The OWEG 2 SPP Consultations focused on managing chemicals and waste, with PAIRVI representing the Asia Pacific region. This aimed to ensure that policies are environmentally sound and socially just.

## **6TH ASSEMBLY OF UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA 6)**

*Nairobi (19-26 February 2024)*

The UNEA 6 involved critical discussions on various environmental issues, including hazardous pesticides, water management, and air pollution. PAIRVI's advocacy for broader stakeholder representation aimed to ensure that environmental policies are inclusive and address the needs of vulnerable communities. This event demonstrated PAIRVI's strategic approach to influencing global environmental governance.

## **ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (APFSD)**

*Bangkok (20-23 February 2024)*

Ajay K Jha from PAIRVI participated in the APFSD focused on coordinating civil society participation in the Forum. The preceding Peoples Forum (17-18 February 2024) allowed for extensive CSO engagement and strategizing for the APFSD. These activities aimed to enhance the impact of civil society on policy formulation and implementation.

# List of Activities

Sl	Activity	Date
1	Peoples 20 Meeting	4-5 April 2023
2	Asia Pacific Social Forum	6-8 April 2023
3	Meeting with the INC Secretariat	13 April 2023
4	National Advocacy Workshop on Seeking, Demanding and Organizing Transformational Change	10-12 May 2023
5	UNEP Briefing on Mines and Minerals management	19 May 2023
6	P20 Climate Consultation	29 May 2023
7	Meeting with UNDESA	17 May & 08 June 2023
8	Consultation on Socio-economic development of Paharia PVTG: From problems to solutions	10 June 2023
9	YUVA ISDN Interview	13 June 2023
10	G20; Connecting with Youth	15 June 2023
11	Solving for Humanity	22 June 2023
12	Global MGS Meeting & UNEA and CPR Bureau Retreat	4-6 July 2023
13	HLPF 2023	10 - 20 July 2023
14	National Consultation on Socio-Economic Development of Beedi Workers	25-26 July 2023
15	Regional Meeting with NBS Secretariat	26 July 2023
16	Consultation on Status of school dropouts in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh	31 July 2023
17	Workshop on Gender, Inequality and Legal Framework	1 August 2023

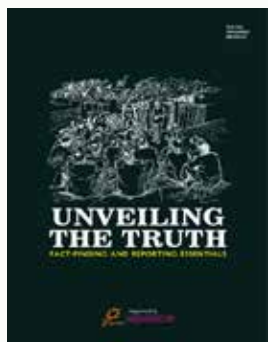
18	Juvenile Justice and Prisoner's Rights field visit in Dehri, Rohtas, Bihar	2 August 2023
19	Review and planning meeting,	3 August 2023
20	We20	18-19 August 2023
21	Imperialist Rivalry in South Asia Consultation	21 August 2023
22	Peoples 20	23-24 August & 1 September 2023
23	APRCM South Asia meeting	5 September 2023
24	SPP OEWG Regional Meeting	7 September 2023
25	SDG Mobilization Weekend	16-17 September 2023
26	SDG Summit	18-19 September 2023
27	Climate Action Summit	20 September 2023
28	OEWG 2 Webinar	26 September 2023
29	South Asia Peoples Forum	28 September 2023
30	OEWG 2 Meeting	29 September 2023
31	G20 APSD Meeting	29 September 2023
32	Major Groups and stakeholder Forum	3 October 2023
33	5th Asia Pacific Forum of Environment Ministers	3-6 October 2023
34	Nature Based Solutions Global Consultation	9-13 October 2023
35	South and South West Asia Forum on Sustainable Development	10-13 October 2023
36	UNEP FMG Meeting	24 October 2023
37	Meeting with women beedi workers on Skill Development Training,	26 October 2023

38	ESCAP APFSD Meeting	26 October 2023
39	Workshop on Framing Perspective; Photography for social change	30 November 2023
40	Pre COP 28 Consultation,	9 November 2023
41	Asia Pacific Climate Week,	14-15 November 2023
42	Forest and Communities Initiatives	23-24 November 2023
43	Beautician Training Workshop for Women Bidi Workers	November-December 2023
44	COP 28	30 November -13 December 2023
45	OEWG 2 SPP Consultation	9-13 December 2023
46	MGS Consultation	18-19 December 2023
47	National Youth Workshop: Nurturing Youth – Creating Possibilities	26-28 December 2023
48	Legal Assistance to Children in Conflict with Law in Bhagalpur, Bihar	December 2023 - January 2024
49	Workshop on Protection of Children - Sexual Offences Act 2012;Implementaion and our Role	28 January 2024
50	Participation in CECOEDECON Food Festival	7 February 2024
51	APRN SDG/SOTF Dialogue	12 February 2024
52	APRCEM Peoples Forum	17-18 February 2024
53	UNEA 6	19-26 February 2024
54	Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development	20-23 February 2024
55	High Level Meeting/GMGSF	25 February 2024

56	Linking of Bidi workers with Social security schemes in Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Jamui and Samstipur (Bihar)	April-November 2023 Jabalpur, Jamui and Samastipur
57	MGFC Meetings	13 Apr, 4 & 19 May, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 4 Sep, 20 Nov, 12 Feb, 11 March
58	Meeting with PECOSOC	20 Apr, 18 May, 26 Oct, 19 Jan, 15 Feb, 1 & 27 March
59	MGOS meetings	18 May, 30 Jun, 2 & 11 Aug, 26 Oct, 22 Dec, 2 & 9 Feb, 8, 22 & 28 March



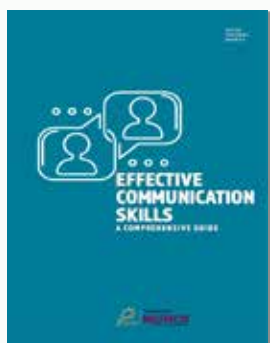
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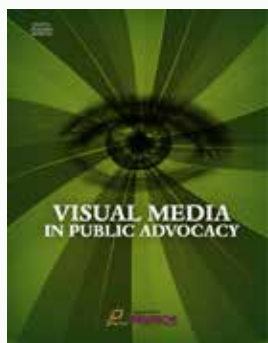
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- Challenges of Bhariya Community
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- Peoples' Demand from COP28 (Video)

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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## ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st. MARCH, 2024

EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)		INCOME	Amount (Rs.)	
	2023-2024	2022-2023		2023-2024	2022-2023
FCRA Programme Expenses	70,71,739.00	82,90,995.60	FCRA Grant*	1,07,80,932.75	82,41,810.60
Other Programme Admin Expenses	2,42,173.00	1,82,195.00	Interest Income	186249.00	215771.60
Current Assets written off	33,006.15				
Depreciation	1,26,004.00	1,49,795.00	Other Income -Contribution for Vehicle Charges	35532	35340.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Balance Sheet	3529791.60	0.00	Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Balance Sheet		130063.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11002713.75</b>	<b>8622985.60</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11002713.75</b>	<b>8622985.60</b>

## ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st. MARCH, 2024

LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)		ASSETS	Amount (Rs.)	
	2023-2024	2022-2023		2023-2024	2022-2023
SOURCES OF FUNDS			APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
I. FUND BALANCES:			I. FIXED ASSETS	4,70,406.00	5,84,646.00
a. Share Capital	500000.00	500000.00	II. INVESTMENT	20,00,000.00	20,00,000.00
b. Reserve and Surplus	-635091.28	-389591.13	III. CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES:		
c. Asset Fund	11764.00		a. Cash & Bank Balance	23,99,608.44	2415906.84
d. Project Fund	3775291.75	4273102.75	b. Other Current Assets	6,04,059.62	101800
e. Other Fund	1287583.59	1723319.59	Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS:		
II. LOAN FUNDS:			a. Current Liabilities	5,34,526.00	1004478.37
a. Secured Loans			NET CURRENT ASSETS	24,69,142.06	
b. Unsecured Loans					
<b>Total</b>	<b>4939548.06</b>	<b>6106831.21</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4939548.06</b>	<b>6106831.21</b>

Compiled from Audited Financial Statements of Even Date. Previous year figures are regrouped or rearranged wherever necessary.

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