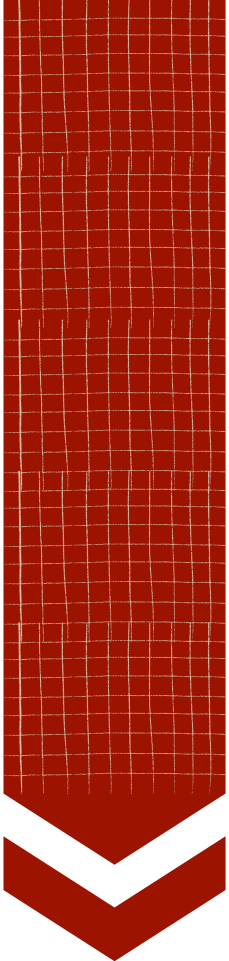




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ABOUT TAARAS

Taaras is a **national coalition of 62 community-based organisations (CBOs) led by and for women in sex work** and other marginalised identities. Each CBO anchors local action while contributing to collective strategy and learning.

Anchored by Swasti, the coalition is active across **5 Indian states**, advancing the rights to health, social protection, dignity, and leadership for over **1.38+ lakh women and trans individuals**.

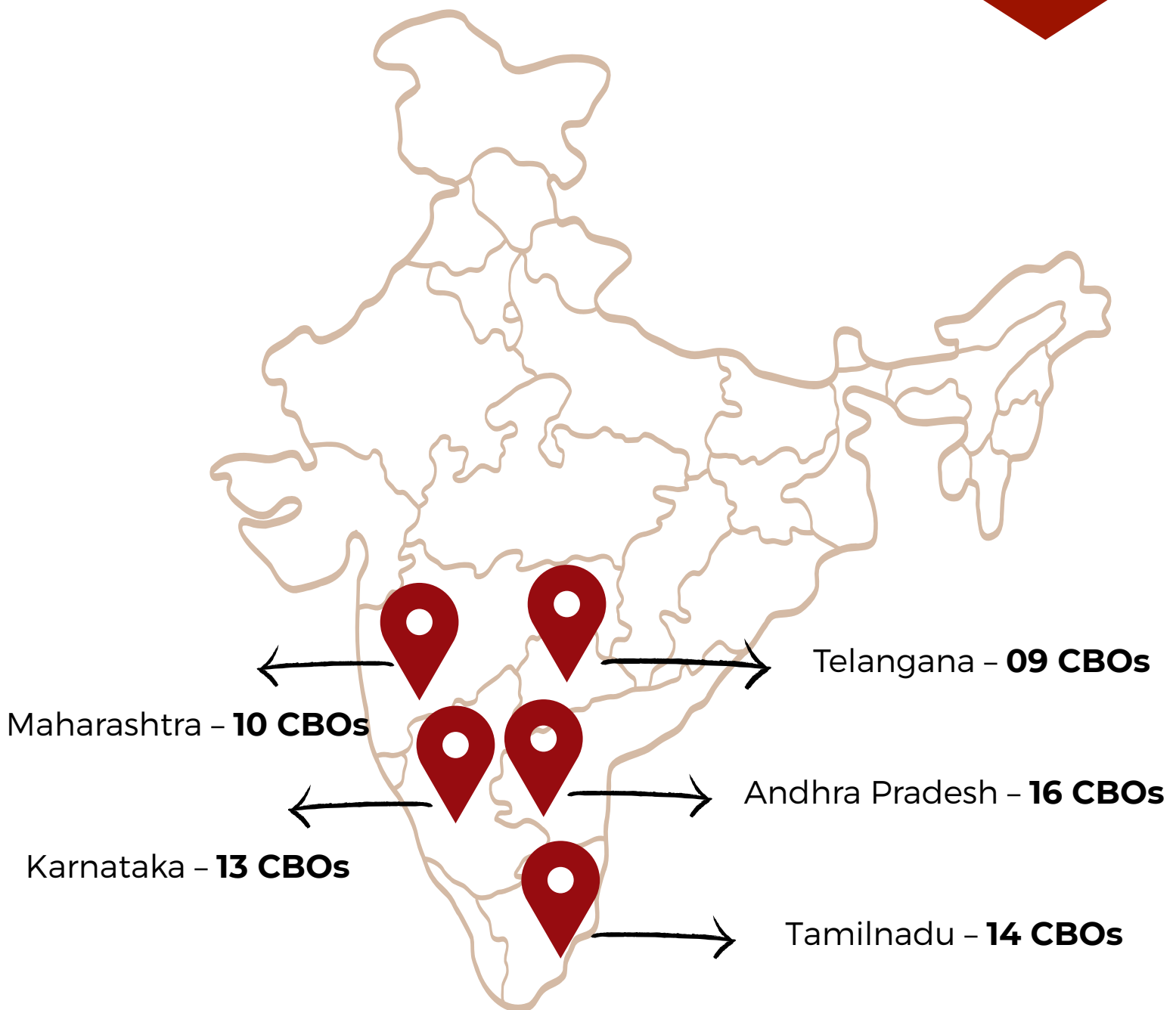
COALITION IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- **1,38,000+** community members reached
- **630** members started supplementary livelihood activities.
- **1,098** free health camps conducted
- **43,844** members screened; 49,606 referred & treated for Expressed illness
- **5,18,008** healthy days added between April-23 to March-24
- **36,122** social protection between April-23 to March-24
- **INR 84,63,232 lakh** mobilised for CBO-led work
- **28,340** reached through financial services
- **1,824** cases of violence and harassment addressed with linkage to support systems

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

States: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu

Districts: 52+



OUR KEY INTERVENTIONS

Leadership & Policy Advocacy

- Leaders participated in 10+ state and national-level meetings, including with NACO, CCM, Health Ministries, and more
- Taaras representatives appointed to key bodies like the PSM Committee for CSS and CLM and IEC of GFATM C19 RM Project
- Leadership engaged in budget consultations in Tamil Nadu, advocating for trans community inclusion
- Taaras leaders met Health Ministers of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh to demand TI programs for CBOs
- Representation at the National Conclave on Social Sector Federations by Dhwani Foundation



Crisis & Resilience Response

- Flood relief operations conducted in Vijayawada and Gadchiroli: distribution of food kits, shelter materials, and medicines
- 3 CBOs added to the coalition this year.
- Training programs conducted on legal literacy, HIV services, pandemic preparedness, and climate-health integration



Health & Social Protection

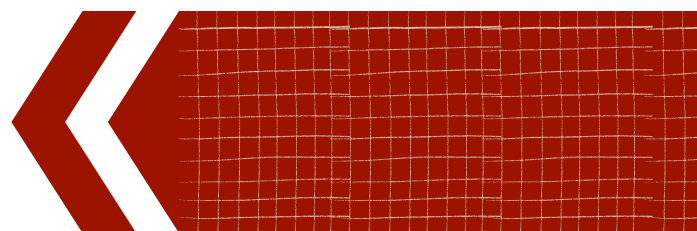
- 34,249 applications were facilitated for community members among them 32,266 services benefited
- Support provided to access pensions, housing, labour welfare, and other social protection schemes
- Participation in International Women's Day & world AIDS day across all states

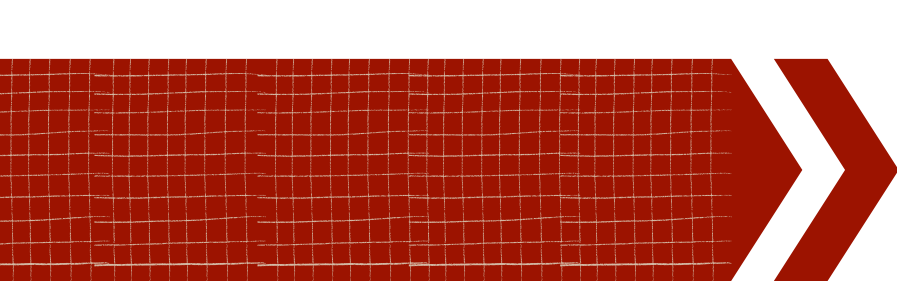
Livelihoods & Financial Inclusion

- 150 women trained in enterprise development under the GF-Taaras-LH-WSW project in Bengaluru
- 216 women entrepreneurs launched businesses under SVP (Social Venture Partner - Hyderabad Chapter)

Coalition Growth and Strengthening

- 62 CBOs completed statutory compliance and published Annual Reports
- Proposals submitted to GFATM, UNDP, Amplify Change, and others
- Monthly leadership MRMs and state Sammelans conducted across 5 states





VOICES FROM THE FIELD

"It's a truly worthwhile program for community members like us. E. Satyavathi community facilitators reached me and understood my needs. She helped me to get caste and income certificates. CBO field worker guided me to get the benefit of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana. Through the scheme, I received a financial grant of ₹ 1,00,000, this is a transformative support that laid the foundation for my economic recovery. I am very happy and grateful to KMSS CBO here in Andhra Pradesh."

~ Allada Dara Lakshmi (name changed)

"I never imagined I could be eligible for a pension. Thanks to the field worker of the CBO & project Manager, I now feel hopeful about my future."

~ Hemant (name changed)

"We all know how difficult it is to live with the label of a sex worker. For years, we were invisible, excluded, and ignored. But today, things are changing. Now, we can walk into a bank with confidence. We feel independent. Earlier, we were never counted — but today, the government acknowledges us. Our names are on official lists. That means we matter. All of this has become possible because of the Taaras. We are truly grateful for this support, for recognizing our dignity, and for including us in the system"

~ Renuka Jadhav (name changed)

STORIES OF CHANGE



Banking on Dignity

Chandramma, a single woman and daily wage labourer in Malur, couldn't access any welfare schemes due to not having a bank account. With support from CF Veena, she opened her first account and is now receiving key government benefits.

New Identity and New Access

Chandra, a construction worker in Thanjavur, had never accessed any labour welfare benefits. CF Kamatchi helped her apply for a labour card. She now has access to crucial welfare schemes.

From Loss to Support

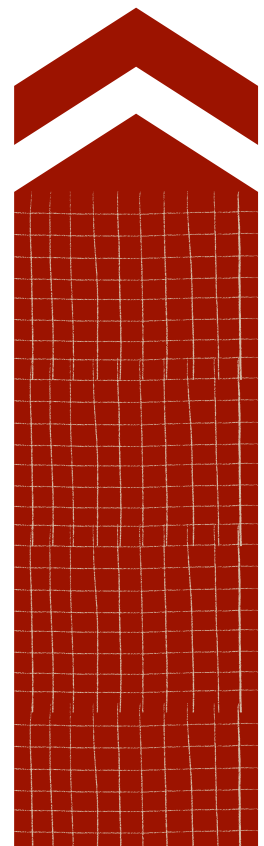
After losing her husband, Shabana from Chickballapur took up construction work and sex work to support her family. CF Amrutha helped her get an E-Shram card, securing her access to pension and insurance.

GOVERNMENT COLLABORATIONS

- National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) – Regular participation in PSM Committees and consultations
- Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) – Global Fund-related engagement
- District AIDS Prevention and Control Units (DAPCU) – Local coordination for service delivery
- District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) – Legal aid for violence redressal
- State Women Development Corporation (WDC) – State-level program implementation
- State Health Ministers (Telangana & Andhra Pradesh) – High-level advocacy
- State Food Commission, Maharashtra – Social protection services linkage
- Labour Welfare Board – Support for surgeries and health schemes
- Government of Tamil Nadu – Budget consultation and trans inclusion advocacy

FUNDERS & GRANT PARTNERS

- Macartha: SHILP program for resilient CBOs.
- Give Foundation – For livelihood support
- SVP (Social Venture Partner - Hyderabad Chapter) – Livelihood and entrepreneurship support



STRATEGIC & KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS

- Pollinate Group – Exposure visit for livelihoods replication
- St. John Hospital – Webinar on cervical cancer elimination
- Swasti – Taaras Technical partner.

LOOKING AHEAD

Taaras will continue to build a stronger, more resilient coalition by:

- Deepening CBO capacity in governance and leadership
- Driving climate-health integration across programs
- Amplifying survivor-led advocacy on stigma, protection, and dignity

Taaras remains committed to protecting health, upholding rights, and strengthening communities at every step.

