

Acwerk Rural Development Foundation

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025–2026

1. Message from the Managing Trustee

The financial year 2025–26 marked a phase of consolidation and purposeful groundwork for Acwerk. As a public charitable trust committed to ethical, sustainable, and community-rooted development, this year was consciously approached as a period of strengthening foundations rather than rapid expansion.

During this year, Acwerk focused on refining governance systems, ensuring regulatory compliance, and designing integrated development models that respond meaningfully to rural and underserved communities. The Trust prioritised depth, responsibility, and long-term impact over short-term visibility.

While the year presented challenges—particularly in fundraising timelines, regulatory processes, and operational coordination—it also reinforced the importance of patience, planning, and accountability. These learnings have helped Acwerk evolve with greater clarity and institutional maturity.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our advisors, collaborators, donors, and well-wishers who have supported Acwerk's vision with trust and integrity. As we move forward, the Trust remains committed to transparent operations, ethical growth, and impact rooted in dignity, sustainability, and long-term social value.

Athiya Chinnaiyan

2. About Acwerk

Legal Status: Public Charitable Trust

Nature: Non-profit organisation

Area of Operation: India

Vision

To enable holistic social and rural development through sustainable practices that integrate wellbeing, ecological balance, and ethical livelihoods.

Mission

- To support community-led rural development initiatives
- To promote preventive healthcare and wellbeing
- To enable sustainable livelihoods and regenerative agriculture
- To uphold transparency, accountability, and ethical governance

Core Values

- Integrity and transparency
 - Sustainability and ecological responsibility
 - Community participation
 - Long-term, systems-based impact
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3. Governance & Compliance

Acwerk is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for strategic direction, oversight, and adherence to ethical and legal standards.

Governance Practices

- Periodic reviews and consultations were conducted during the year
- Clear separation between governance and operational responsibilities was maintained
- Decisions were aligned with the Trust Deed and applicable statutory regulations

Compliance

- Statutory records were maintained systematically
 - Financial accounts were maintained with transparency and accountability
 - Audits and statutory filings were undertaken as per applicable laws
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4. Key Focus Areas & Activities (2025–26)

A. Yoga, Meditation & Medical Outreach for Tribal Children – Jawadhu Hills

During the financial year 2025–26, Acwerk conducted integrated **yoga, meditation, and healthcare outreach programs** for tribal children in the Jawadhu Hills region.

A large-scale **meditation and wellness camp** was organised at **SFRD School**, during which **approximately 350 tribal children** participated. The program included:

- Guided meditation practices appropriate for children
- Simple breath awareness and calming techniques
- Practices to support focus, emotional regulation, and inner stability

Alongside the meditation sessions, a **medical camp** was also conducted for the children. The medical component focused on:

- Basic health check-ups
- Early identification of common health concerns
- General health awareness and guidance

This integrated approach ensured a **holistic model of child wellbeing**, addressing both mental and physical health needs in a single outreach program.

In addition, Acwerk conducted a focused meditation and wellness session for **20 tribal children** in collaboration with **Menmai Trust** in the Jawadhu Hills region. This smaller group setting enabled closer interaction, personalised guidance, and deeper engagement with the children.

These initiatives reflect Acwerk's commitment to **preventive healthcare, early-life wellbeing education, and inclusive access to wellness and basic medical support** for marginalised tribal communities.

B. Regular Healthcare & Patient Support – Kubera Nagar

Alongside rural outreach initiatives, Acwerk supported **regular patient treatment and healthcare services** in Kubera Nagar, focusing on individuals and families with limited access to consistent medical care.

Key aspects of this initiative included:

- Ongoing patient treatment and health support
- Assistance for routine and chronic health conditions
- Community-level engagement to ensure continuity of care

Rather than one-time medical camps, the Trust prioritised **consistent and sustained healthcare engagement**, recognising that long-term relationships are essential for meaningful health outcomes in economically vulnerable communities.

C. Integrated Rural Development Planning – Mekkalur, Kilpennathur

During the financial year 2025–26, Acwerk initiated the **research and design phase for an integrated rural development model** proposed to be implemented in Mekkalur, Kilpennathur.

This planning phase focused on understanding how **healthcare services, employment opportunities, and regenerative agriculture** can be developed as interconnected systems rather than isolated interventions.

Key areas of research and design included:

Healthcare Services Planning

- Studying local healthcare needs and accessibility gaps
- Exploring preventive, primary, and wellness-oriented care models suitable for rural settings

Employment & Livelihood Opportunities

- Exploring sustainable livelihood and skill-development models
- Identifying potential employment opportunities for rural youth and women

Regenerative Agriculture

- Researching regenerative agricultural practices to restore soil health
- Supporting biodiversity and long-term food and livelihood security

The Trust intentionally prioritised **planning, feasibility assessment, and contextual understanding**, laying a strong foundation for phased and responsible implementation in subsequent years.

5. Impact Overview

During the financial year 2025–26, Acwerk’s initiatives contributed to:

- **370 tribal children** accessing meditation, wellness, and basic medical services in the Jawadhu Hills region
- Continued healthcare support for underserved urban communities
- Strengthened collaboration with local schools and community-based organisations

- Foundational research for integrated rural development encompassing healthcare, livelihoods, and regenerative agriculture

Acwerk consciously prioritised **quality, preparedness, and ethical engagement** over rapid numerical expansion.

6. Financial Overview (Summary)

- Funds during the year were utilised for program activities, planning, compliance, and operational sustainability
- Expenditure was aligned strictly with the Trust's charitable objectives
- Financial records were maintained transparently and systematically

Detailed financial statements and audit reports are provided as annexures.

7. Challenges & Learnings

- Fund mobilisation required longer timelines than initially anticipated
- Regulatory processes reinforced the importance of robust documentation
- Program planning highlighted the value of patience and phased implementation

These learnings have strengthened Acwerk's strategic and operational framework.

8. Plans for 2026–27

In the coming year, Acwerk aims to:

- Pilot community-based healthcare initiatives in Mekkalur, Kilpennathur
 - Initiate livelihood and regenerative agriculture pilots aligned with research outcomes
 - Expand structured wellbeing and awareness programs
 - Strengthen fundraising outreach, monitoring, and reporting systems
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9. Acknowledgements

Acwerk expresses sincere gratitude to:

- Advisors and mentors
- Donors and supporters
- Partner organisations

- Volunteers and community members

Their continued trust and collaboration remain central to Acwerk's journey.
