

Dear Grant Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from India Development Service (IDS) to fund your project. As you know, IDS is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that supports non-political, secular organizations that work to benefit the disadvantaged in India.

Before you begin the application, please read this brief summary of our requirements and expectations for the projects we support with financial grants.

1. Reporting requirement

IDS has an obligation to inform our donors about how their money is being spent. Therefore, we publish blog posts (which appear on our website and Facebook page) with news about the various NGOs and projects we support. Each year, we publish an annual report that contains an article (illustrated with photos) about each project and its progress during the past year.

Both the blog posts and the annual report rely on information and photos from our grant recipients. If your NGO is awarded an IDS grant, you will be required to report on your project twice; once in the middle of the year (June 30) and again at the end of the year (December 15). Project reporting forms are included in this grant application packet.

If your NGO publishes quarterly, semi-annual, or annual reports that include information about the IDS-supported project, IDS would appreciate receiving those, too.

Success stories, such as those that describe the growth of a specific person who was helped by your project, are especially valuable and appreciated!

2. Photo requirement

Photos are very important to us and to our donors; good photos can bring projects to life. We require *at least* seven project-related photos from each grant recipient with each progress report. There are three requirements:

- A. **Quality:** Photos must be bright and well focused.
- B. **Subject matter:** Photos must clearly illustrate project activities and/or outcomes; for example, patients being treated in a village clinic, children learning in a classroom setting, or other situations in which people's lives are improving as a result of the IDS-supported project.
- C. **Resolution:** Photos must have a resolution of 300 dpi or more. Typically, acceptable photos have a file size of 2 MB or more. Photos may be taken with a digital camera or with the camera on any modern smartphone.

Noncompliance with IDS reporting and photo requirements will result in the suspension of your project's IDS funding.

Finally, please acknowledge IDS support in your published material and social media by including this line: This project was made possible by a grant from IDS (India Development Service), Chicago.

Thank you once again for your interest in IDS grants. If you need assistance in completing the application, you are welcome to contact your IDS Project Coordinator.



Global Vikas Trust

Name of NGO

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Website (URL)

FCRA is required. Please submit a copy of your FCRA along with your application.

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Title of Project

State:- Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh

Location of Project (City and State)

Project categories (choose one or two of the following to describe the goals of your project)

- Education/Training
 Empowerment
 Environment
 Health Care
 Income Generation

March 2024

Mayank Gandhi

Proposed Start Date (Month and Year)

Project Manager

10 lacs per Year

3 Years

Funds requested per year

Number of years of funding requested

If funding is approved, would you like funds sent by check or wire transfer?For **wire transfer**, please provide the following details:

Name of Account Holder	Global Vikas Trust
Address	Registered Address:- C/o. G-1, Plot No. 215, Nilan Sagar CHS Ltd. Jawhar Nagar Road No. 3, Opp. I.B. Patel Road, Goregaon West. Mumbai 400062
Account Number	41199661151
Bank Name	State Bank Of India
Bank Address	New Delhi Branch
Bank SWIFT Code	SBININBB104
Bank IFSC Code	SBIN0000691





A. ABSTRACT

Describe the project in 500 words or less. Be sure to include descriptions of a.) the recipient community
b.) the locality
c.) the size and scope of the project; and
d.) the goals of the project.

This abstract should summarize the more specific information given in the sections that follow.

Ans. a) The recipient community:- Farmers, primarily marginal and involved in traditional farming, face a dire situation with an average family monthly income of Rs. 3,500. This financial strain often leads to depression followed by tragic outcomes, including suicides due to the inability to repay loans. The persistent scarcity of water due to persistent droughts further constrains farmers from diversifying into alternative crops. Consequently, the prevailing poverty & depression in these communities is exacerbated. "People are living there because they were not dead."

b) The locality:- Districts of Marathwada region like Beed, Osmanabad, Latur, Parbhani, Aurangabad, Solapur etc.

c) The size and scope of the project:- The project is ambitiously designed to encompass a diverse range of programs aimed at holistic agricultural development:

1. The initiative involves suggesting and supporting farmers in making informed choices regarding crop selection and altering cropping patterns to include more remunerative crops. Additionally, the project encourages the adoption of horticulture practices for sustainable and profitable farming.
2. A crucial aspect of the project is the sourcing of high-quality saplings, ensuring that farmers have access to superior planting materials. This emphasis on quality inputs is expected to translate into a better overall quality of produce.
3. To enhance the knowledge base of farmers, the project is dedicated to providing comprehensive training on farming processes and techniques. From pre-plantation to post-harvest stages, farmers will be equipped with better practices to maximize yields and improve overall efficiency.
4. The creation of a supportive ecosystem for farmers is a pivotal aspect of the project. This includes ongoing training, the incorporation of relevant technologies, the establishment of a call center, and 24x7 support provided by trained agriculturists. This multifaceted approach ensures that farmers have constant access to assistance and guidance.
5. Facilitating the sale of produce is another significant component, wherein the project aims to connect farmers directly to buyers. This strategic intervention is designed to empower farmers to secure the best possible prices for their produce, fostering a more economically viable and sustainable agricultural model. In essence, the project's size and scope are expansive, addressing critical facets of agricultural development, from crop choice to post-harvest processes, with a strong emphasis on technology, knowledge enhancement, and market connectivity for the benefit of the farming community.

d) The goals of the project:-

- 1) To increase the farmers income by atleast four times.
- 2) Get maximum farmers out of poverty trap
- 3) Work on soil, water & farming sustainable practices
- 4) Teach appropriate technology & systems to empower farmers



5) Create a proof of concept to replicate & scale up across the nation



B. COMMUNITY NEEDS

1. Describe the recipient community and its residents' needs.

Ans. The recipient community:- Farmers, primarily marginal and involved in traditional farming, face a dire situation with meager incomes. This financial strain often leads to tragic outcomes, including suicides due to the inability to repay loans. The persistent scarcity of water further constrains farmers from diversifying into alternative crops. Consequently, the prevailing poverty in these communities is exacerbated,

Community needs:- A better income to lead a better life. Addressing the plight of these farmers requires a holistic approach, incorporating measures to alleviate financial burdens, enhance water accessibility, and promote diversification in agricultural practices. By doing so, we can strive to break the chains of poverty and foster a more sustainable and resilient future for our farming communities

2. Provide us with some information on the locality. Is the locality a classified *backward* district by the Government of India?

Ans. a) The locality:- Districts of Marathwada region like Beed, Osmanabad, Latur, Parbhani, Aurangabad, Solapur etc. These are some of the most backward districts in the country & NITI Aayog has selected Osmanabad as an aspirational district.

3. Are other NGOs operating in the area and providing services similar to those you propose? If so, please list their names and briefly describe their projects and the population they target.

Ans. Very few NGO's are operating in this area



4. Are you pursuing partnerships with any NGOs or other organizations in order to have a deeper and more sustainable impact?

Ans. No

5. What is the scope and size of the project? Specify the number of people, the community or population range, and the types of services your project will offer.

Ans. The project organization has been actively engaged in several programs that align with the proposed project.

These major programs include:

Farmer Training and Capacity Building, Focus on sustainable agricultural practices and improved farming techniques, Emphasis on efficient water and resource management, Post-harvest management training for enhanced productivity, Market Linkages and Value Chain Development, Facilitating collaborations with buyers, processors, and retailers, Natural Resource Management, Promotion of sustainable practices, including soil conservation and water management, Provision of Vermicompost beds and Go Krupa Amuratham (Bacterial Culture) for enhanced land productivity and demonstrated expertise and commitment. Considering 80,000 Plantations an average 80 + farmer families will be benefitted. (depending on the crop)

6. What are the goals of the project? Describe the difference your project will make to the community or population served.

1) Eradicate Poverty Among Farmers: Targeted interventions and support systems to improve economic conditions to annually earn over Rs.1 lakh per acre

2) Promote Sustainable Practices in Soil, Water, and Farming:

Focus on soil conservation, efficient water management, and the adoption of eco-friendly farming methods to promote long-term resilience and resource conservation.

3) Empower Farmers Through Technology and Systems:

Provide training on appropriate agricultural technology, modern farming systems, and efficient practices to equip farmers with the skills needed to thrive in a dynamic agricultural landscape.

4) Develop a Scalable Proof of Concept:

Create a comprehensive proof of concept that showcases the effectiveness of the proposed interventions. This includes documenting successful case studies, implementing scalable strategies, and identifying key factors for widespread implem



C. LONG TERM PROJECTION

1. What resources will you bring to this project? In addition to financial resources, list resources such as special skills, volunteer help, or buildings and other such facilities.

Ans. The project consists a comprehensive 167 members team structure across 10 offices in Marathwada, each with dedicated roles crucial for project success. The team comprises Managers overseeing operations, Data Operators managing information, Outreach Staff engaging with the community, Accountants handling financial aspects, and Support Staff providing overall assistance. This well-rounded team approach ensures a collaborative effort toward achieving the project's objectives and underscores the commitment to the success of the initiative.

2. Do you have additional funding for this project? List any funding from entities other than

IDS. Ans. Yes, we do have additional funding for this project

- 1) Motilal Oswal Group
- 2) UPL Limited.
- 3) HEG Limited.
- 4) Borosil Limited. and many others

3. The Government of India provides extensive resources. Are you aware of the governmental resources available? Have you applied for such resources?

Ans. Yes, we are aware of the government resources. The farmers have direct access to government resources, and they often apply independently for such support.

Government schemes like National Horticulture Mission, Bhausaheb Fundkar Falbag Yojana etc.



4. What steps are you taking to avoid duplicating the efforts of the government and/or other NGOs?

Ans. To the best of our knowledge, neither government agencies nor any non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are pro actively engaging with farmers to promote tree planting initiatives and augment their income. This awareness underscores an unmet need and an opportunity for our organization to fill the gap by implementing targeted programs that not only contribute to environmental conservation but also empower farmers economically through sustainable practices & forward linkages.

5. How will you sustain the project after exhausting the grant from IDS?

Ans. We are already being supported by multiple CSR donations. The upcoming IDS is poised to play a pivotal role in expanding plantation initiatives and providing a sustainable source of livelihood for farmers. The combined impact of CSR donations and the IDS underscores a collaborative effort to enhance agricultural practices, promote environmental sustainability, and uplift the economic well-being of farmers.

6. Please provide a projected financial outcome (e.g., \$75/year to educate one child; donate \$25 to save the life of a mother at childbirth).

ANS. RS.25/- PER SAPLING.

THE ANTICIPATED UTILIZATION OF THE SAID FUNDS SHALL BE TOWARDS;

- A. SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
- B. PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES
- C. REGIONAL OFFICES, NURSERY STOCK POINTS & EXPERTS
- D. TRANSPORT & TRAVEL CHARGES
- E. RESEARCH
- F. VERMI COMPOST BED AND GO KRUPA DISTRIBUTION TO FARMERS
- G. MOBILIZATION OF FARMERS
- H. INDIVIDUAL ON FIELD & GROUP TRAINING TO FARMERS (LODGING, BOARDING, FOOD, TRAINING MATERIAL)
- I. DATA MANAGEMENT AND ERP FOR MAINTAINING FARMER DATA
- J. FARMER MEETINGS
- K. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.



D. PROPOSED INTERVENTION

Explain in 500 words or less how you will measure and/or demonstrate progress in the categories you selected on the first page of the application.

Ans. The proposed project is of great significance for the target community due to the following reasons: Encouraging farmers to adopt fruit tree plantation alongside traditional farming practices has proven to be a transformative strategy with dual benefits—bolstering farmers' income and contributing indirectly to environmental well-being.

1. Increase in Income: The farmer's present annual income is around 15,000-40,000 Rs. per acre. Our goal will be to increase it to over 1 lakh per acre annum of at least 80% of our selected farmers.

2. Diversification of Income Sources:

Introducing fruit tree plantation serves as a diversification strategy for farmers, offering an additional and sustainable income source.

By cultivating fruit trees, farmers reduce reliance on single-crop farming, mitigating the impact of market fluctuations and unpredictable weather conditions on their income.

3. Increased Profitability:

Fruit trees, once mature, yield high-value produce, contributing to increased profitability for farmers. The demand for fresh fruits remains consistent, providing a reliable market for farmers and ensuring a steady income stream throughout the year.

4. Environmental Benefits:

Fruit tree plantation contributes to environmental conservation through increased tree cover and biodiversity.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide, mitigate climate change, and promote soil health, enhancing the overall environmental resilience of farming ecosystems.

5. Soil Conservation and Improvement:

The root systems of fruit trees help prevent soil erosion, particularly in hilly or sloping terrains.

Fallen leaves from the trees act as natural mulch, enriching the soil with organic matter and improving its fertility.

6. Water Conservation:

Fruit trees, once established, often require less water compared to certain traditional crops.

This leads to better water conservation practices, particularly in regions facing water scarcity challenges.

7. Biodiversity Enhancement:

Fruit tree plantations attract diverse fauna, contributing to enhanced biodiversity on farmlands.

The presence of pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, benefits both fruit production and the broader ecosystem.

8. Sustainable Farming Practices:

Integrating fruit trees into farming systems aligns with sustainable agricultural practices.

It reduces the need for excessive use of chemical inputs and promotes a more holistic and balanced ecosystem on the farm.

9. Community Resilience:



Fruit tree plantation fosters community resilience by providing a buffer against economic uncertainties associated with traditional monoculture practices.

Diversifying crops creates a resilient agricultural landscape, reducing vulnerability to pests and diseases.

10. Knowledge and Skill Development:

Encouraging farmers to adopt fruit tree plantation necessitates knowledge and skill development.

Training programs on agroforestry and sustainable orchard management empower farmers with valuable insights, enhancing their capacity for informed decision-making.

11. Long-Term Sustainability:

Fruit trees contribute to the long-term sustainability of farming systems, providing ongoing economic and environmental benefits.

The investment in fruit tree plantation yields returns over an extended period, promoting sustainable practices for future generations.

In conclusion, the encouragement of fruit tree plantation among farmers serves as a holistic approach that not only boosts their income but also contributes positively to the environment. This innovative agricultural strategy aligns with principles of sustainability, resilience, and biodiversity, making it a win-win for farmers, ecosystems, and the broader community.



E. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Provide a detailed cost analysis of the project's anticipated yearly expenditure.

Ans. RS.25/- PER SAPLING.

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F. EXPERIENCE

1. How long has your organization been working in this region?

ANS. SINCE 7 YEARS THE ORGANIZATION WORKING IN THIS REGION

2. List other projects in this region that you have worked on.

Ans. Work Completed

a) Tree Plantation

No. of fruit trees booked/planted till date

i) Calendar 2019: 11.85 lakh

ii) Calendar 2020: 19.06 lakh

iii) Calendar 2021: 77.69

lakh iv) 1.1.2022 – 2023: 201.94 lakhs

v) FY 2023 – 2024: 142.58 lakhs (Ongoing Season)

Total: 453.12 lakhs

b) Water harvesting

c) Desilting and desilting of ponds, Repairing /Raising of Check Dams

d) Recharging Bore wells, Farm Bunds, Farm Ponds

e) Recharge in Rivers (33 villages): 17.9 Cr Lt.

f) Pond deepening: 21 nos.

g) Riverbed recharge: 17 nos.

h) Global River Aqua shafts (3) – 65 Cr Litres

3. Describe (in a few sentences) the relevant experience of each of your team members.

Ans. The team member has been an integral part of the transformative journey we've embarked upon. Having directly experienced the positive outcomes of our initiatives, their enthusiasm has been ignited, propelling them to work with even greater passion towards our shared mission. Witnessing the tangible impact on farmers' lives, the improvement in soil health, and the flourishing biodiversity has not only validated our team's collective efforts but has also instilled a profound sense of pride and purpose within them. As they move forward, their dedication remains unwavering, and they aspire to continue contributing to sustainable agriculture, extending our reach to more communities, and shaping a resilient and prosperous future for all.



4. IDS supports only non-political, secular organizations. Please provide a written statement that your organization is non-political and secular and, if available, your organization's mission statement.

Ans. Our organization is proudly non-political and secular, committed to fostering an inclusive and unbiased environment. We prioritize the principles of neutrality and diversity, ensuring that our initiatives and activities remain free from any political affiliations or religious influences. Our mission is centered on promoting universal values, embracing individuals from all backgrounds, and working towards the betterment of society through collaborative and non-partisan efforts.

Mission Statement:- Changing cropping patterns & creating - sustainable ecosystem, robust backward integration, innovative forward linkages & adopting cutting edge technology.

Please attach a copy of the FCRA (required)

and a copy of your NGO's most recent annual report (if possible).

Thank you!



G. IDS REQUIREMENTS

The grant recipient will be assigned an IDS Project Coordinator who will assist with the grant application process and with submitting the required mid-year and end-of-year project progress reports to IDS.

The reports will help assess how the project is progressing. The award recipient will document how the proposed intervention is addressing the specific community needs. Sharing data, documents, metrics, and photos is required.

We recognize that there will be deviations from the expected outcomes. If the award recipient encounters difficulties and wants to change the scope of the project, it is the recipient's responsibility to discuss the matter with the assigned IDS Project Coordinator.

IDS supports risk taking, innovation and, more importantly, learning. We expect that your organization will be sharing information with IDS and other projects that IDS supports; in that way, the award recipient and IDS learn from both the partnership and the project.

IDS Project Coordinators, board members, volunteers, and monitors from IDS may visit the project.

India Development Service is a nonprofit organization that, in compliance with federal, state, and local laws, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion/creed, age, gender, national origin, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, alienage or citizenship status, veteran status or disability. India Development Service does not knowingly support or patronize any organization that engages in discrimination.

26-12-2023

 Signature of Project Manager

Date

 Mayank Gandhi

Print Name

 Gobal Vikas Trust

Name of NGO



Project Progress Report 1

Please use this form to summarize the project's progress at its midpoint. IDS will use this information in a blog post about your project. This report is due by **June 30, 2019**.

Noncompliance with IDS reporting and photo requirements will result in the suspension of your project's IDS funding. Please contact your IDS Project Coordinator if you have questions.

Name of NGO

Project Manager

Name of Project

Amount of IDS grant in 2019

1. Please provide a brief summary of the project's accomplishments so far (no more than a few lines).
2. Describe how the IDS funds have been used. Be as specific as possible, relating the use of the funds to your original grant request. Please summarize in less than 500 words.
3. At this point, how many people have been helped by your project? Please also give a detailed report of how many men, women, and children were helped.
4. What do you see as the impact of your work? If you have outcome data, please provide it.
5. Do you feel you are reaching your goals? If not, why not?
6. Have you experienced any challenges in carrying out the work?
7. If IDS support were to continue next year, would you follow the same format, or do you see a change?
8. If you have any inspiring personal stories of beneficiaries to share, please do share those with IDS. (Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.)

IMPORTANT: Please provide a minimum of seven good quality, high-resolution photos of project activities for IDS to use to illustrate blog posts and our annual report.

The photos can be taken with a digital camera or with the camera on any modern smartphone. If you email photos to us from a smartphone, be sure to choose the "Full Size" option. Alternatively, you could send your photos to IDS by sharing them on Google Drive. Contact your IDS Project Coordinator for more information.



Project Progress Report 2

Please use this form to summarize the project's progress at the end of the project year. This report is due by **December 15, 2019**.

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Name of NGO

Project Manager

Name of Project

Amount of IDS grant in 2019

1. Please provide a brief summary of the project's accomplishments over the past year (no more than a few lines).
2. Describe how the IDS funds were used. Be as specific as possible, relating the use of the funds to your original grant request. Please summarize in less than 500 words.
3. How many people were helped by your project? Please also give a detailed report of how many men, women, and children were helped.
4. What do you see as the impact of your work? If you have outcome data, please provide it.
5. Do you feel you were able to reach your goals? If not, what were the reasons?
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