

Project Progress Report

Name of NGO : **Banwasi Sewa Ashram**

Project Manager: **Girdhari**

Name of Project: **Vocational & Education training** Amount of IDS grant in <2025-26> **10000 \$**

1. Please provide a brief summary of the project's accomplishments over the past year.

We have tried to link rural youth and school children interests with rural development interest. And draw intersection among the projects we are doing in different domain with vocational training. We are gradually able to create space to connect vocational training with ongoing activities such as Hospital, Water and Soil Conservation, School, Environment protection, Food and Nutrition.

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.

We have managed to use the fund according to the case by case basis.

We have bought materials and equipments for the training, in laboratory, have improved accommodation facilities for residential training, and trainers residence.

There is also frequent power cut in the area, which affects computer classes and accommodation, so funds have been used to buy inverter and battery, with better power back up.

To support entrepreneur skills, youths have been supported to learn practical skills by cooking, food production, selling, food processing, and account management.

3. How many people were helped by your project? Please also give a detailed report of how many men, women, and children were helped.

Around 250 people including youth, children and women have received training. Some of the youths have received training in multiple domain, as they are trained in residential mode for three months. For example same youths of batch 8 have received training in computer and electricity, and English.

Exact numbers of beneficiaries will be shared by end of this month.

4. What do you see as the impact of your work? If you have outcome data, please provide it.

We have seen improvement in confidence level and skills in youth after training. With skills they are able to express their views in more efficient manner. Women and youths are able to earn more and save more. The collective development and increase in social interaction during the training is also bale to create positive impact in their life.

Being able to be useful for their community and village panchayats, people feel better than working and learning for only themselves. Training in health, environment testing, food and nutrition, being able to do survey and to data entry and discussion on community problems, have given more meaning to their life as a social being, and it is reflected after weeks of training.



5. Do you feel you were able to reach your goals? If not, what were the reasons?

We need a full-time person to coordinate this activity, and we are not able to offer good honorarium/salary for that. If we do that, half of the fund allocation will be just spent on the coordinator's salary. We are trying to work on convergence with different activities and projects we are running. Hopefully, we can work it out better in upcoming year.

6. Did you experience any challenges in carrying out the work?

It is difficult to engage youths for vocational training, without giving them support in terms of food, accommodation and stipend. And provide decent honorarium to resource persons coming from far places. Residential facilities and basic mobility and recreation needs to be created along with the training.

7. If IDS support were to continue next year, would you follow the same format, or do you see a change?

We would like to operate more on residential training of minimum 15 days to 3 months. And offer apprenticeship wherever possible with partner organization to youths. The mode in which we planned the courses, was not working properly. As the youths from 14 years of age starts working here and support their family. We need to give them stipend and create basic recreational facilities for them to stay here.

We are working to provide them basic accommodation for 15 boys and 15 girls at a time. And engage them in meaning activities from morning to evening.

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.)

We will share it by the end of this month Apr 2026.

