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The One Thing

On climate action, collaboration and hope.

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Chairperson's Note

### Climate action, collaboration and hope.

Dear OneStage Community,

Our journey in the past quarter has been nothing less than dynamic. We deepened and grew our early childhood development and climate action initiatives, launched a new agriculture research project, and advanced CSR solutions through <u>CPF</u>.

The exceptionally scorching summer heat became <u>the one thing</u> on our minds, too, strengthening our resolve to combat climate change with collective action and hope.

Amidst challenges and progress, <u>collaboration remained at the heart of our identity</u>. Together, we strive for a more equal humanity. We thank our communities, supporters, nonprofits, and CAF network partners for making transformative change possible.

With gratitude, Dr. Sanjay Patra.

*Innovation in focus* 

Combating the water crisis in rural India

Water crisis is staring at us in part due to overuse, mismanagement, and climate change. Solving it requires an innovative approach that uses local natural resources with elevated community care.

As part of the PANI initiative across 4 states in India (Haryana, Telangana, Jharkhand, and Karnataka), supported by partners like Rio Tinto and A.T.E. Chandra Foundation, communities are rejuvenating waterbodies, along with contextual interventions such as the use of solar water pumps and silt as manure, to replenish groundwater sustainably.



Watch the video story on recharging groundwater in Mehchana, Gurugram

Community stories

## **Equality in action**



Rahul, a young community member engaged with PANI in Haryana, reflects on how collection action drives change.

Non-profit partner spotlight

## **Partners-in-Change**



Mahita, our non-profit partner in Adilabad, Telangana, talk about our work and partnership in climate action.

### Key parenting behaviors for 0-3 years phase, Odisha

We are enhancing our early childhood development program in Odisha, known as 'Prarambh – Sukhad Shaishab'. This initiative is grounded in comprehensive formative research to promote responsive caregiving for children aged 0-3 years:

- Recently, we engaged caregivers and Aanganwadi workers in participatory workshops to create innovative IEC materials, establish fathers' club, and conduct state-level training programs.
- These efforts include videos that feature real families practicing playful responsive caregiving, fostering awareness about stimulation and play among parents and caregivers.
- The program also emphasizes early climate consciousness. Read more from Richa, our ECD advisor, on encouraging children to care for the planet.







#### **Fundraiser**

Support 5,000 households with smokeless cookstoves: an idea that will help them breathe easy and create a green future for all.

#Benevity users can donate by logging into the portal. Reach out to us at partnerships@theonestage.orgto to learn more.

**Quarterly initiatives** 

Sustainable agriculture

**Technology in operations** 

Researching the adoption of early sown wheat and zero tillage in Haryana to address stubble burning, while boosting income and food security. A randomized field trial is underway, with the University of Gottingen.

Strengthening internal systems by adopting digital platforms like Bigin (supported by Fidelity) and mGrant for improved lead management and program implementation in the organization.

### **Community data collection**

Gathering data from the field through enumerators and community members using mForm. This supports future project design and evaluation, as showcased in the pilot for Vidya Vahini, an education program.

### **CSR** solutions

Collaborative Philanthropy Foundation, built on the expertise of OneStage, starts projects powered by supporters like Verizon and Target in areas such as social

entrepreneurship and vocational training.

### More highlights from the quarter

- 1. Balancing risk and reward in philanthropy | <u>LinkedIn Impact Summit 2024 panelist</u> with AVPN & Tri-Sector Associates
- 2. Championing sustainable menstrual health and hygiene for young girls in Ajmer, Rajasthan | RASM initiative with Jansen Foundation's School Improvement Program
- 3. Strategic planning for the next iteration of Wings4Her, to better support girls in pursuing STEM | <u>Supported by RollsRoyce</u>
- 4. 51 families in Ladakh gain access to hot water using solar energy | Supported by Aon\_
- 5. Enhancing market opportunities for SHGs and self-employed youth in Himachal Pradesh | Workshop facilitated with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA-ODA)
- 6. <u>Capacity-building webinar</u> for our non-profit network partners | <u>With the Better</u> World Initiative

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