



ATSWA TRUST

Annual Report

20 YEARS OF COMPASSION, COMMITMENT, AND COMMUNITY

2025 – 2026



Message from the Founder

Dear Friends, Partners, Supporters, and Well-wishers,

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I welcome you to the Annual Report of ATSWA TRUST as we celebrate 20 years of service, compassion, and community transformation. What began as a humble shelter home providing hope, care, and protection to vulnerable children has grown into a trusted community-based organization committed to creating dignified lives for individuals and families. Over the past two decades, we have evolved to address the changing needs of communities through our five key focus areas: Education, Health, Livelihood, Disaster Risk Reduction & Response, and Environmental Sustainability.

The year 2025–2026 marks another important milestone in our journey. Together with our dedicated staff, partners, donors, volunteers, and community members, we have continued to create meaningful impact by empowering communities, strengthening resilience, and expanding opportunities for sustainable development.

As you explore this report, you will find stories of hope, resilience, and collective achievement that reflect the trust placed in ATSWA TRUST and the unwavering spirit of the communities we serve. While we celebrate the progress of the past 20 years, we remain committed to building a future where every individual can live with dignity, security, and opportunity. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire ATSWA family, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported our mission. Your partnership has been instrumental in every milestone we have achieved.

Together, let us continue to transform lives and build stronger, more resilient communities for generations to come.

With sincere gratitude,



Seva S. A. Chelladurai
Founder & Managing Trustee



How.. It All.. Began...



1990's — A Time of Hardship

Famine, Poverty,
HIV/AIDS, and
social vulnerability
affected families
along the Tamil
Nadu—Andhra
Pradesh border.



Youth Coordinator Journey

Mr. Seva S.A. Chelladurai
served as a Youth
Coordinator with the Dalit
Liberation and Education
Trust in Thiruvallur District.



Inspired by Mother Teresa

Inspired by her teachings,
he began caring for
orphaned children and
HIV-affected mothers.



A Home That Became Hope

What began as a small
act of compassion
became a shelter and
support system for
vulnerable families.



2004 Tsunami

The tsunami devastated
coastal and fisherfolk
communities around the
Pulicat Lagoon,
deepening ATSWA's
humanitarian mission.

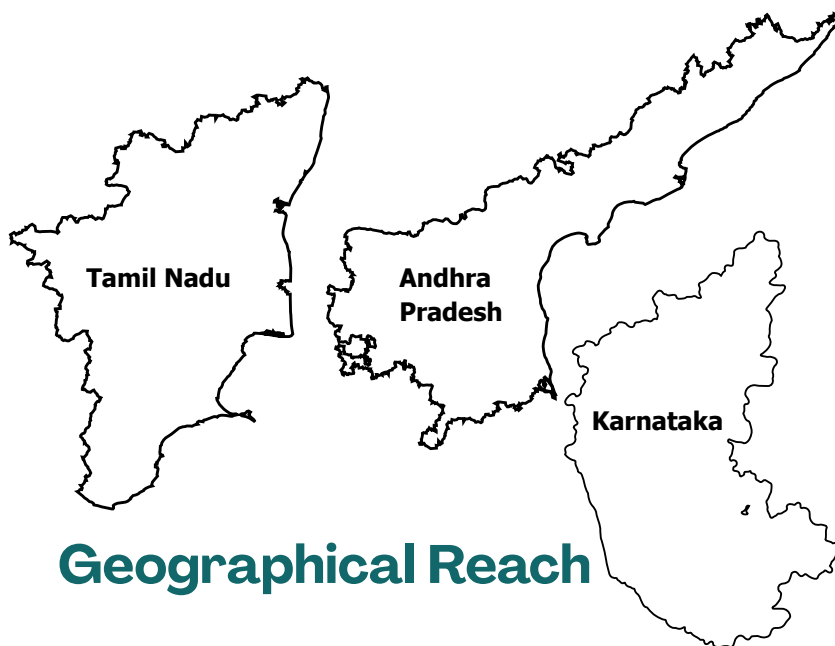
2005 — A New Beginning

A charitable trust was
formed in 2005 to care
for and support
vulnerable communities.

Compassion ANNAI - MOTHER



From one act of compassion began a lifelong journey of service.



Geographical Reach



About ATSWA TRUST

Established in 2005, ATSWA TRUST is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable and marginalized communities through sustainable development. What began as a shelter home for children has grown into a community-based organization working across Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

For over 20 years, ATSWA TRUST has partnered with communities to create dignified lives through integrated interventions in Education, Health & Nutrition, Livelihoods & Social Inclusion, Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Resilience, and Environmental Sustainability. By fostering community participation and building strategic partnerships, we continue to strengthen resilience, promote inclusion, and create opportunities for lasting social change.

Vision

"A just community living with the fullness of life."

Mission

"To create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, illiteracy, inequality, and social injustice."

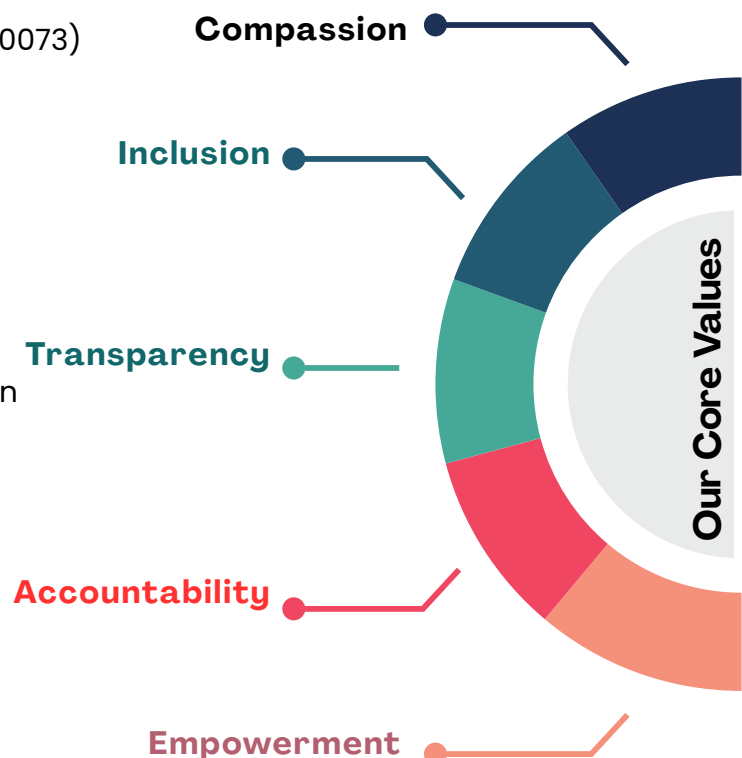
Legal Status & Compliances

- Registered Charitable Trust (Reg. No. 465/2005)
- 12A Certified
- 80G Certified
- FCRA Registered (FCRA No. 076020073)
- CSR-1 Registered
- NGO DARPAN Registered

Our Approach

Our work is driven by:

- Community-Led Solutions
- Gender Equity and Social Inclusion
- Child-Centered Interventions
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Disaster Preparedness and
- Environmental Responsibility



Our Thematic Approach

Through our thematic approach, ATSWA TRUST contributes to achieving SDG by advancing dignity, resilience and inclusion



FY 2025–2026 Highlights

A Year of Impact, Resilience, and Growth

During FY 2025–2026, ATSWA TRUST continued its commitment to empowering vulnerable communities through integrated development programmes. Working across Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, we strengthened resilience, enhanced livelihoods, promoted education and health, responded to emergencies, and advanced environmental sustainability through collaborative partnerships.



Through collaborative partnerships with communities, government departments, corporate CSR partners, and development organizations, we delivered impactful programmes in Child Residential Care & Elderly Care, Education, Health & Nutrition, Livelihoods & Social Inclusion, Adolescents & Youth Empowerment, and Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Resilience. The following pages present the key interventions and achievements that defined our work during the year.



Program Intervention 2025-2026

Safe Homes, Brighter Futures

Child Residential Care & Elderly Care



ATSWA TRUST is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing, and family-like environment for children in need of care and protection while ensuring dignity and well-being for vulnerable older persons. Through our residential care initiatives in Sathyavedu Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh, we provide holistic support including shelter, education, nutrition, healthcare, counselling, and life skills development, enabling children to grow into confident and responsible individuals.

A year with unique challenges

Our commitment extends beyond children through our Elderly Care Initiative, which provides nutritious daily meals to older persons, fostering health, dignity, and social inclusion. Together, these initiatives reflect ATSWA TRUST's belief that every individual, regardless of age or circumstance, deserves care, protection, and the opportunity to lead a life of dignity.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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Residential Homes

191

Children Supported (51 boys, 100 girls, and 40 HIV-affected community boys)

250

Older Persons Provided with Nutritious Daily Meals



Partnership Spotlight

Feeding India continued to be a valued partner during FY 2025–2026 by supporting nutritious meals for children residing in our care homes and older persons under the Elderly Care Initiative. Their contribution strengthened our efforts to ensure food security and promote the health and well-being of vulnerable beneficiaries.

Key Interventions

- Residential care and holistic development for children in need of care and protection.
- Safe shelter, education, nutrition, healthcare, counselling, and life skills support.
- Community-based educational and welfare support for boys from HIV-affected families.
- Daily nutritious meal support for vulnerable older persons.
- Strengthening care through partnerships with local stakeholders and Feeding India.

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Empowering Young Minds,
Inspiring Confident Futures

Education and Adolescent Empowerment

Program Overview

ATSWA TRUST believes that education and adolescent empowerment are the foundation for building confident, informed, and resilient communities. Through academic support, life skills education, gender sensitization, leadership development, and awareness programmes, we create safe and inclusive spaces where children and adolescents can learn, grow, and realize their full potential. Our interventions encourage young people to make informed choices, promote gender equality, and develop the confidence to become active contributors to their families and communities.

Programme Details

1. After School Education Programme
2. Adolescent Girls Empowerment Programme
3. Empowering Adolescents for a Resilient Future

Impact Snapshot

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Education &
Empowerment
Programmes
Implemented

760

Adolescent Girls
Empowered

1,180

Children &
Adolescents Reached



Project	Key Activities	Outcome
After School Education Programme	Academic support, remedial coaching, co-curricular activities, and life skills education.	120 children improved their learning outcomes and continued their education.
Adolescent Girls Empowerment Programme	Gender sensitization, menstrual health and hygiene awareness, life skills, leadership development, child protection, and awareness on rights.	760 adolescent girls developed confidence, leadership skills, and greater awareness of their health, rights, and future opportunities.
Empowering Adolescents for a Resilient Future	Life skills education, psychosocial support, health awareness, resilience building, and community engagement.	300 adolescents strengthened their resilience, self-confidence, and ability to make informed life decisions.

Partnership Spotlight



ChildTuition

Key Highlights

- 24 Adolescent Collectives engaged nearly 600 girls and 100 boys.
- 48 Peer Leaders trained to lead groups and community initiatives.
- 5 Community Initiatives successfully led by adolescent peer leaders.
- Residential Leadership Camp strengthened leadership, communication and teamwork.
- 557 Girls continued their education, with 2 girls re-enrolled in school.
- 36 Girls transitioned to higher education, including opportunities beyond their villages.



Health & Well-being

Program Overview

ATSWA TRUST is committed to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable communities through preventive healthcare, nutrition, health awareness, and community-based interventions. Our programmes focus on enhancing access to quality healthcare, addressing nutritional deficiencies, promoting hygiene and sanitation, and supporting individuals living with chronic health conditions. By working in partnership with healthcare institutions, development organizations, and local communities, we strive to build healthier, informed, and resilient communities.

Key Highlights

- Conducted anaemia screening and nutrition interventions for 600 adolescent girls.
- Strengthened community health through Project RISHI – UCLA outreach initiatives.
- Organized a community medical camp, benefiting 500 community members.
- Promoted safe water, sanitation, and hygiene practices through the WASH Intervention.
- Continued health, nutrition, and psychosocial support for 40 HIV-affected community boys.



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Community Health &
Well-being Initiatives

500

Community Members
Accessed Healthcare

600

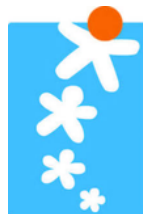
Adolescent Girls
Screened for
Anaemia



Partnership Spotlight

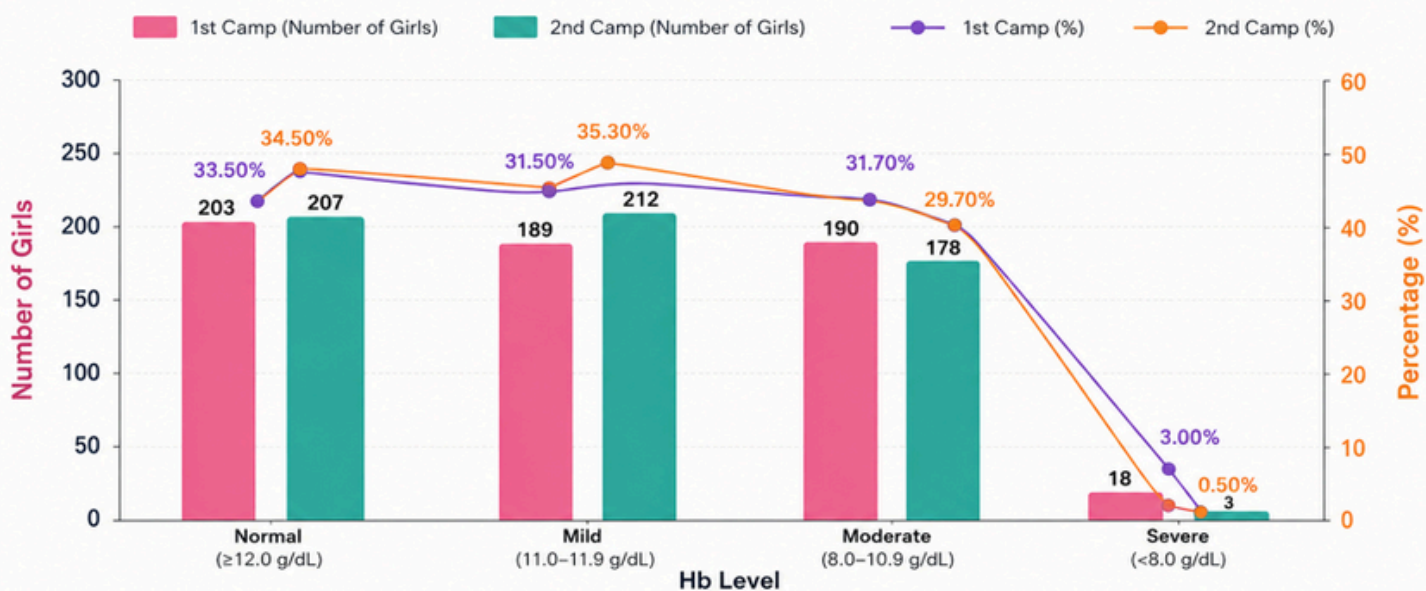
PROJECT
RISHI

UCLA



Azim Premji
Foundation

(1st Camp vs 2nd Camp)



Hb Level	Normal (≥ 12.0 g/dL)	Mild (11.0–11.9 g/dL)	Moderate (8.0–10.9 g/dL)	Severe (< 8.0 g/dL)
1st Camp (Number of Girls)	203	189	190	18
1st Camp (%)	33.80%	31.50%	31.70%	3.00%
2nd Camp (Number of Girls)	207	212	178	3
2nd Camp (%)	34.50%	35.30%	29.70%	0.50%

 Total Girls: 600 | Two Hemoglobin Screening Camps Conducted

Two medical camps were organized in December 2025 and May 2026 covering 600 adolescent girls in the programme. The camps focused on anaemia screening, nutrition counselling, and referrals to Primary Health Centres and other government health facilities. The programme continued to strengthen convergence with local health systems and ICDS services.

- Severe anaemia reduced from 18 girls during the first screening to 3 girls during the second screening.
- Girls demonstrated improved awareness of nutrition and adolescent health.
- Increased referrals and follow-up strengthened access to health services.



Creating Opportunities for Self-Reliance

Livelihoods & Social Inclusion



ATSWA TRUST believes that sustainable livelihoods are the foundation for building resilient families and thriving communities. Through vocational skill development, employability training, entrepreneurship promotion, and social inclusion initiatives, we empower women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities to achieve economic independence. Our interventions bridge the gap between skills and employment by providing industry-recognized certification, placement support, market linkages, and opportunities for self-employment.

Centre for Skills & Livelihoods

The ATSWA Centre for Skills & Livelihoods at Red Hills, Chennai, serves as a hub for vocational education and employment generation. The Centre offers NCVRT-certified diploma and short-term certification programmes designed to equip women and youth with industry-relevant skills and connect them to sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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Youth & Women Skilled

60

Sustainable Livelihood

82

Persons with
Disabilities & Young
Women Supported
Through Inclusive
Livelihood Programmes



Employment & Entrepreneurship

Outcomes

ATSWA's livelihood interventions extend beyond training by ensuring participants are connected to employment opportunities and sustainable income generation.

- 85% placement support provided through industry partnerships and employers.
- Career guidance, interview preparation, and job placement assistance.
- Entrepreneurship guidance and market linkages for self-employment.
- Continuous mentoring to support long-term livelihood outcomes.

Key Highlights

- 237 women and youth completed NCVRT-certified vocational training programmes.
- 85% placement support facilitated through industry partnerships and market linkages.
- 60 women established sustainable livelihoods through self-employment.
- 575 waste pickers received occupational safety awareness, safety kits, and livelihood support.
- Strengthened employability and economic opportunities for persons with disabilities and young women through inclusive livelihood programmes.

Community Livelihood Initiatives

Initiative	Key Outcome
Pulicat Women's Livelihood Initiative	60 women from vulnerable communities were trained in Beautician and Aari & Embroidery skills and established self-employment opportunities, earning between ₹2,500 and ₹21,000 per month.
Waste Picker Empowerment Initiative	575 waste pickers were identified and supported through occupational safety awareness, disaster preparedness, distribution of safety kits, and sensitization on alternative livelihood opportunities.
TRRAIN Pankh	25 persons with disabilities received employability training and livelihood support.
TRRAINHer Ascent	57 young women enhanced their vocational skills and employment readiness.





This thematic area was strengthened through the support of United Way Chennai, TRRAIN Trust, TRRAIN Foundation, corporate CSR partners, industry partners, employers, and local stakeholders, enabling vulnerable communities to access sustainable livelihood opportunities and economic independence.



Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Resilience

Building Resilient Communities for a Safer Tomorrow Programme Overview



Communities living along the Pulicat coast are increasingly vulnerable to cyclones, floods, coastal erosion, and the impacts of climate change.

ATSWA TRUST works closely with coastal communities to strengthen disaster preparedness, build climate resilience, and promote sustainable community-led disaster risk reduction. Through awareness programmes, capacity building, emergency response, and rehabilitation initiatives, we enable vulnerable families to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

Key Highlights

- Strengthened disaster preparedness for 2,000 coastal community members.
- Reached 1,200 disaster-affected individuals through emergency relief and rehabilitation.
- Enhanced community awareness on climate resilience and disaster preparedness.
- Strengthened local disaster response mechanisms through community participation.
- Promoted sustainable and community-led resilience initiatives across the Pulicat region.



Project	Key Activities	Outcome
Strengthening Resilience and Sustainability Among Vulnerable Coastal Communities in the Pulicat Region	Community-based disaster preparedness, climate resilience, capacity building, early warning awareness, and strengthening local disaster response mechanisms.	2,000 coastal community members enhanced their preparedness and resilience to climate-related disasters.
Cyclone Ditwah Emergency Response & Relief	Emergency relief distribution, essential supplies, community outreach, and rehabilitation support for disaster-affected families.	1,200 vulnerable individuals received timely emergency relief and recovery assistance following Cyclone Ditwah.



Program Overview

ATSWA TRUST recognizes that healthy ecosystems are essential for resilient communities and sustainable development. Through environmental conservation, youth engagement, and community-led climate action, we promote responsible stewardship of natural resources while fostering environmental awareness among children, adolescents, and local communities. Our initiatives encourage collective action to protect and restore the environment for present and future generations.

Programme Details

1. Restored community ponds through active participation of adolescents and youth.
2. Conducted 6 tree plantation drives across the Pulicat region.
3. Planted 850 saplings to promote environmental conservation.
4. Strengthened environmental awareness through community participation and youth engagement.
5. Encouraged collective action towards climate resilience and sustainable resource management.

Impact Snapshot

850

Saplings Planted

06

Plantation Drives

01

Community Pond
Restored





Supported by



ELCA

implemented by



Testimonials from Beneficiaries, Parents, and Community Stakeholders

Voices of Change



Story of Change 01

R. Kiruthika – Building Confidence Through Leadership

Kiruthika, a Grade 8 student from Palaverkadu Panchayat, was once a shy girl who rarely participated in school or group activities. As the eldest daughter in a fishing family, she balanced household responsibilities while supporting her younger sisters. Through ATSWA Trust's Adolescent Girls programme, she developed confidence, communication skills, and leadership abilities. Today, she proudly leads the Pigeon Girls Team, encourages other girls to participate, and actively contributes to group discussions. Her journey demonstrates how a supportive environment can help adolescent girls discover their potential.

Story of Change 02

A. Sanjai Kumar – Learning Respect and Responsibility

Sanjai Kumar was known for frequent arguments and conflicts with his friends. Through Boys' Group sessions on gender equality, emotions, and healthy relationships, he gradually changed his behaviour. Today, he respects girls, helps his mother with household chores, and maintains healthier friendships both at school and in his community.



Story of Change 03

Sagin Fathima – A Young Leader in Her Community

Coming from a conservative family, Sagin was initially hesitant to speak in public. Through continuous participation in ATSWA Trust's leadership programme, she emerged as the leader of the Golden Sparrow Girls Team. She now motivates her peers, follows up with absent members, and leads awareness campaigns promoting safety, equality, and respect.

Story of Change 04

Nasreen Banu H. – Turning Skills into Income

After joining ATSWA Trust's Aari and Embroidery training, Nasreen gained practical skills that enabled her to begin accepting embroidery orders from her community. Today, she earns additional income while caring for her family. The training has improved not only her livelihood but also her confidence and independence.



Story of Change 05

C. Priyadharshini – Prepared for Every Emergency

As a member of the Adolescent Resilience Group, Priyadharshini learned how to prepare for disasters, use a Disaster Safety Kit, and respond calmly during emergencies. She also helped explain the school's Early Warning System to her classmates and actively participated in tree plantation and the Voices of Pulicat youth newsletter. Today, she is more confident, informed, and committed to helping her family and community stay safe.

"Before joining the programme, We worked without knowing how to protect my health or access government benefits. The training helped US use safety equipment, save money, and understand my rights. Today, I work with greater confidence and dignity while supporting my family."



Our Partners and Supproters

Gratitude

Our sincere gratitude to our donors, partners, supporters, and well-wishers whose trust, collaboration, and generosity have made our journey of transforming lives and strengthening communities possible.

Community Partners

- Village Panchayats
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- Youth Groups
- Volunteers and Individual Donors
- Community Leaders

Government & Institutional Partners

- National Council for Vocational and Research Training (NCVRT)
- Local Government Departments
- Schools and Educational Institutions
- Primary Health Centres and Healthcare Institutions

International Development Partners



Corporate CSR & Philanthropic Partners



United Way of Chennai

Financial Highlights

Ensuring Accountability, Transparency, and Responsible Stewardship

ATSWA TRUST remains committed to the highest standards of financial accountability and transparency. Through the generous support of our donors, CSR partners, philanthropic organizations, and individual contributors, we continued to implement impactful programmes that transformed lives and strengthened vulnerable communities during FY 2025–2026.

Financial Snapshot (FY 2025–2026)

Financial Indicator	Amount
Total Receipts	₹2.56 Crore
International Grants	₹1.50 Crore
Domestic Grants	₹51.29 Lakhs
Local Donations	₹23.03 Lakhs
Other Income & Interest	₹2.29 Lakhs

Financial Stewardship

- Resources were utilized efficiently to maximize programme impact.
- Strong financial systems ensured transparency, accountability, and compliance.
- Regular audits and statutory reporting strengthened donor confidence and organizational governance.
- Financial resources were strategically invested across ATSWA's six thematic areas to create sustainable community impact.

The financial statements for FY 2025–2026 have been audited by an independent Chartered Accountant and are available upon request.

Committed to Transparency,
Accountability, and Good
Governance

Governance

ATSWA TRUST is governed by a dedicated Board of Trustees and supported by a committed team of professionals who uphold the organization's vision, mission, and values. Guided by principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability, we ensure that all programmes and resources are managed responsibly and in compliance with statutory requirements.



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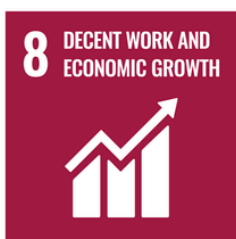
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Way Forward | 2026–2027

"Changing Lives, One Community at a Time."

Key Highlights

- Expand skill development with industry-relevant courses and stronger placement support.
- Strengthen traditional livelihoods for fisherfolk, waste pickers, women, and youth.
- Promote digital inclusion through digital literacy and access to technology.
- Enhance education and adolescent empowerment through life skills and leadership programmes.
- Build climate-resilient communities through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and environmental conservation.
- Improve health, nutrition, and psychosocial well-being for vulnerable communities.
- Strengthen partnerships and community institutions to ensure sustainable and inclusive development.





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