

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES CONDUCTED IN PURSUANCE OF RULE 8(3) OF THE COMPANIES (CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY) RULES, 2014.

Khodiyar Animal Welfare Trust (KAWT)

A. Background of the Project

1. Khodiyar Animal Welfare Trust (KAWT) is a non-profit organisation focused on improving the welfare, healthcare, and management of domestic and livestock animals, including cattle, horses, goats, and sheep.
2. The Trust works to provide veterinary care, rescue and rehabilitation support, and training for animal handlers and stakeholders, with the objective of promoting humane treatment and sustainable animal management practices.
3. KAWT plays an important role in supporting livestock welfare, which is closely linked to rural livelihoods and agricultural sustainability. By improving animal health and welfare standards, the Trust contributes to both animal well-being and socio-economic stability in local communities.
4. During FY 2023-24, CSR funding was utilised to strengthen key areas of operation, including:
 - a. Provision of veterinary care and emergency treatment services
 - b. Implementation of vaccination, deworming, and disease control programmes
 - c. Development of shelters, holding areas, and welfare infrastructure
 - d. Training programmes for para-veterinary personnel, animal handlers, and livestock stakeholders
 - e. Rescue and rehabilitation of injured, abandoned, and distressed animals
5. These initiatives were undertaken to improve animal health outcomes, strengthen welfare practices, enhance stakeholder capacity, and create a sustainable framework for livestock care and management.

B. Objective of the Study

1. The objective of this impact assessment is to understand how the CSR funding was utilised and the impact it created in improving animal welfare and livestock management under KAWT during FY 2023-24.
2. The study focuses on:
 - a. Improvements in animal health and veterinary care outcomes
 - b. Effectiveness of disease prevention and control measures
 - c. Impact of training programmes on animal care practices
 - d. Improvements in nutrition, breeding, and livestock management
 - e. Effectiveness of rescue and rehabilitation efforts
 - f. Role of infrastructure and welfare systems in improving animal conditions
 - g. Overall value and efficiency of CSR investment

C. Key Findings

1. The CSR investment enabled KAWT to strengthen its capacity to provide veterinary care, improve animal welfare, and support livestock management at scale. During the reporting period, the Trust delivered both direct animal care services and capacity- building interventions, contributing to improved outcomes across multiple areas.
2. CSR funding supported the provision of routine and emergency veterinary care, resulting in improved treatment outcomes and better overall health of animals. Preventive healthcare measures, including vaccination and deworming programmes, helped reduce disease incidence and strengthened herd health.
3. The implementation of disease surveillance and early detection systems improved the Trust's ability to identify and manage health risks, thereby reducing the likelihood of large-scale outbreaks and improving long-term animal health outcomes.
4. Training programmes for para-veterinary staff, animal handlers, and livestock stakeholders significantly enhanced on-ground capabilities. These programmes improved knowledge and skills related to animal handling, healthcare, and welfare practices, leading to better day-to-day management of animals.
5. CSR support also enabled improvements in nutrition and breeding management practices, contributing to better health, productivity, and sustainability of livestock. These interventions have had a positive impact on both animal welfare and the economic stability of livestock owners.
6. The Trust also carried out rescue and rehabilitation operations for injured, abandoned, and distressed animals, providing them with necessary medical care and safe shelter. These interventions have played a critical role in reducing animal suffering and improving recovery outcomes.
7. In addition, awareness and outreach initiatives helped promote humane treatment practices and increased understanding of animal welfare among local communities and stakeholders.
8. Overall, the CSR funding has resulted in measurable improvements in animal health, strengthened veterinary and welfare systems, enhanced stakeholder capacity, and sustainable improvements in livestock management practices. The intervention reflects effective utilisation of CSR funds and demonstrates strong potential for long- term impact in both animal welfare and rural livelihoods.