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Country:	India
Title of Project:	Women-led Community Resilient Local Governance (wCOREL)

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Title of Project	Women-led Community Resilient Local Governance (wCOREL)
Project Start Date	April 2021
Project End Date	March 2024
Brief Summary of Women’s Empowerment Activity(ies):	The project aims to promote community driven resilience and change by women at all levels – households and communities to markets and local governance systems - resulting in sustainable livelihoods and well-being for all women and families. Aligned to its mission, Swayam Shikshan Prayog’s (SSP) approach will be towards: Advancing women’s social leadership and community resilience; Promoting economic resilience for women’s collectives as farmers, producers; Forging inclusive governance and convergence; Building partnerships with key stakeholders for sustainability. Impacts that the project seeks to bring about are: Women become agricultural and household decision makers gain access to land rights and assets and impact well being of women girls and families; Women collectively have enabled the co-creation, implementation and scaling of alternative food secure agriculture value-chains and the development of an enabling environment that fosters women’s economic empowerment, sustainability and resilience; Strengthened grassroots women’s action groups are embedded in government systems, aware of local government plans on health services and social protection and impacting the local government planning.
W+ Domains applied:	Education and Knowledge Income and Assets Leadership
W+ Labeling:	NA
Date of submission:	25 September, 2023

2. APPLICANT DETAILS

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Applicant	
Name	Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP)
Type of organisation	<input type="radio"/> Government agency _____ <input type="radio"/> Municipality _____ <input type="radio"/> Private company _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> NGO _____ <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
Name of contact person	Upamanyu Patil
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Co-Applicant(s) (if applicable)	<i>[if more than one, please copy this part of the table]</i>
Name of co-applicant(s)	NA
Type of organisation(s)	<input type="radio"/> Government agency _____ <input type="radio"/> Municipality _____ <input type="radio"/> Private company _____ <input type="radio"/> NGO _____ <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
Name of contact person(s)	
Address	
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W+ Project advisor(s) (if different than applicant)	
Name	NA
Type of organisation	<input type="radio"/> Government agency _____ <input type="radio"/> Municipality _____ <input type="radio"/> Private company _____ <input type="radio"/> NGO _____ <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
Name of contact person(s)	
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3. LOCATION OF PROJECT

Location of Project	
Country	India
Region/State/Province etc.	Maharashtra
City/Town/Community etc.	Five districts of Osmanabad, Solapur, Latur, Jalna and Nanded.
Brief narrative description of the project location	The project is implemented in the state of Maharashtra in five districts of Osmanabad, Solapur, Latur, Jalna and Nanded. Of the five districts, the project implementation is most intensively implemented in 3 districts. The project covers 8-10 blocks in each district and about 500 villages.

	
<p>GPS coordinates of the project's activities</p>	<p>Osmanabad - Latitude: 18.186066; Longitude: 76.041939 Solapur - Latitude: 7.659920°; Longitude: 75.906387° Latur - Latitude: 18.4088°; Longitude: 76.5604° Jalna - Latitude: 19.846811°; Longitude is 75.890633° Nanded - Latitude: 9.169815°; Longitude: 77.319717°</p>

4. WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES

General Information	
<p>Provide a brief description of the rationale for applying the W+ Standard and selected domains (reason or opportunity)</p>	<p>Education and Knowledge Advancing women's social leadership and community resilience; Forging inclusive governance and convergence; Building partnerships with key stakeholders for sustainability. Women become agricultural and household decision makers gain access to land rights and assets and impact well being of women girls and families.</p> <p>Income and Asset Promoting economic resilience for women's collectives as farmers, producers.</p>

<p>Describe number of women benefiting from activities associated with the project.</p>	<p>Target group of beneficiaries is rural women from small marginal farming households with land; landless households, mothers, widows, women-headed households and girls belonging to poor communities across 500 villages across five districts in Maharashtra.</p> <p>The project will outreach to at least 50,000 households from socially vulnerable groups / women headed households; Six Value Chain Enterprises created with over 6000 farmers on essentials; 200 Government Community Resource Persons will be activated; 300 commodity wise producer groups will be established; 120 value chain enterprise leaders created and 10 member block level resource team/ Women’s Initiative to Learn and Lead (WILL) Facilitators will be created and WILL Action Groups will be formed and active in all project villages.</p> <p>Leadership Advancing women’s social leadership and community resilience; Increased grassroots women leaders’ participation in advocacy with policy makers for development priorities and alliance building to support marginalized communities; increased grassroots women voices and leadership in governance spaces.</p>
<p>If the Project intends to generate W+ Units <i>and</i> seek W+ labelling of carbon credits, explain how the applicant will differentiate W+ Units from W+ labelling to ensure there is no double-monetizing of units.</p>	<p>NA</p>

<p>W+ domains applied and associated activity</p>	
<p>For each W+ domain applied, describe associated activities and expected benefits</p> <p>Specify start date and end date (if applicable) for each activity</p>	<p>Education and Knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation and providing support to women farmers – producer group for planning meetings. • Women- led climate resilient farming model (WCRF) workshops for CRPs/facilitators with Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM). • Creation of farmers training manual.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing monitoring systems for tracking adoption of WCRF model and convergence. • Mapping of government schemes and online tracking system in partnership with Haqdarshak or other agency with technology platform relevant to target groups. <p>Income and Asset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening farmer producer groups for market engagement. • Management training workshops for value chain enterprise business leaders. • Workshops with govt officials, financial institutions and private sector companies. <p>Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s leadership to expand the 1-Acre model and enhanced participation of women in Panchyat water conservation plans.
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Additional information	
Summarize potential concerns and mitigating measures, and how they have been identified	<p>Economic risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income of farmers communities are present potential risks to farmers who adopt mono cropping practices for market production, and become vulnerable to market rate fluctuations. • Economic revival will take some time amid COVID pandemic. • Even as a shared pool, farmers unable to generate sufficient working capital to grow their business and considered un-creditworthy by banks. • Women farmers may not get credit from agency like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) due to the change in priorities after the pandemic. • Non-availability of government loans and subsidies for women farmers. <p>Approaches to mitigate risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggregation of small farmers including formation of Farmer Producer Groups and value chain enterprises for collective procurement of inputs, storage, grading and processing of produce and sale, fair price fixation and sale of produce in markets

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with govt and private sector –alternate business models • Leverage govt. funds and subsidies for agriculture <p>Health risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government and rural health systems are already over stretched as are the front line workers/extensionists; As a result, poor women may not get access to health services. communities may not get access to health services easily. • With the increasing COVID pandemic and poor health and nutrition, the risks for women and vulnerable groups will be increased. <p>Approaches to mitigate risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase women leader’s participation in block and district committees to monitor flagship programs on nutrition and social protection. • Train women leaders to follow up with vulnerable households on social protection, NREGA/job entitlements, mobilize all women to participate in community governance meetings, interact closely with ICDS and health workers. • Ensure informed participation of women in governance committees (Health, VHND, Dakshata and COVID action committees). • Enhance consumption of fresh food grains etc from the farm and kitchen garden. <p>Climate risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate related risks to agriculture such as excess rains or water scarcity in the project region Repeated annual droughts result in crop failure, water shortages, increased climate risks, food insecurity and uncertain cash flow, all of which strongly impact women’s wellbeing. • The double burden of risks due to climate change resulting in food and income insecurity and their limited decision making related to the crops grown, has also led to negative impact on women’s health. <p>Approach to mitigate risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of water conservation structures – farm ponds, bunds, recharge structures and irrigation systems like drip/sprinklers, rain water harvesting.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversification of crops – short-term crops, less water intensive crops etc. • Fodder cultivation for livestock. <p>Changes in Government programs – present Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government programs for COVID recovery may change and therefore the responsibility related to food and nutrition services may fall on women themselves. • Regulatory Risks - presently women do not have land entitlements due to which they are not able to access extension services. <p>Approach to mitigate risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased grassroots leaders participation in advocacy with policy makers and development of relationships with key district and state level networks and alliances to build support for the marginalized communities. • Women’s voices and development priorities included in local governance and policies. • Women farmers to be educated on land right policies and provide support to access their rights.
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Linkages to other types of projects	
Is this project registered under any other standard or certification scheme?	This project is not registered with any other standard or certification.
Crediting period under the other Standard or certification scheme	NA
Name of certification body	

5. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & W+ MEASUREMENT TEAM

Project implementation team	
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Describe the organisations and persons that carry the responsibilities related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planning and implementing activities - monitoring and evaluation - gender/women's empowerment 	The project implementation team from SSP.				
	Project Team Members	Qualification	Employment Status	Hours of Work	Planned Task in the Project
	Naseem Shaikh	MSW	Payroll	Full time	Project Manager - planning, reports, case studies, review and monitoring of field implementation
	Leela Jadhav	MA	Payroll	Full time	District Project Coordinator - Implementation of activities
	Kaka Adsule	MA	Payroll	Full time	District Project Coordinator - Implementation of activities
	Rajabhau Jadhav	MA	Payroll	Full time	District Project Coordinator - Implementation of activities
	Devkanya Jagdale	MSW	Payroll	Full time	District Project Coordinator - Implementation of activities
	Jagdevi Gangade	M.Com	Payroll	Full time	Accountant – Financial management and accounting
	Satyawan Gaonkar	HSC	Payroll	Full time	Office Assistant
	10 Block level leaders – to be appointed	SSC/HSC/BA	Payroll	Full time	Implementation of activities in blocks

W+ measurement team	
Qualifications related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and evaluation - Gender/women's empowerment 	WOCAN's W+ Expert Dr. Barun Gurung will conduct the measurement. He has over 20 years of experience in gender and Natural Resource Management, M & E and training in W+ methods. WOCAN's W+ South Asian Coordinator Dibya Gurung WOCAN's W+ Global Coordinator Larissa Dominguez Fuentes

Schedule	
Current status of women's empowerment project activities (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> planning stage <input type="checkbox"/> operating less than 2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> operating more than 2 years
Status of financing women's empowerment activities	Project ongoing till March 2024.
Has permission been obtained from relevant authorities, if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (please specify): Not needed.