# Institute for Integrated Rural Development (IIRD)

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#### **About IIRD**

- NGO Established in 1987
- Based in Aurangabad.
- Activities concentrated in Aurangabad district and 4 other districts of Marathwada region
- Actively involved in water conservation and management, sanitation, livelihood promotion, PGS, organic bazaar, and farmers organizations in 5 other states of India

#### About IIRD.....

- Main activities -
  - Sustainable organic farming
  - Water Conservation and Management
  - Agriculture Skill-based training
  - Vocational training
  - Rural micro-enterprises
  - Promotion of micro-irrigation
  - Participatory Village Development Planning
  - Community Building
  - Health and Nutrition
  - Income Generation
  - Women Empowerment
  - Rural Housing and Sanitation

#### Vision and Mission

Vision: To build an environmentally sound and socially just society in Marathwada region and beyond.

- How?
  - Model that promotes sustainable livelihoods at the grassroots level
  - Continuous search for alternatives in development interventions
  - Raise awareness on socio-economic and environment issues
  - Inclusion of the marginalized
  - Gender equity
  - Appreciate the value of diversity in nature

#### **Awards**



Founder, Late Dr. Alexander Daniel receiving the Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Award from noted environmentalist, Dr. Vandana Shiva, in Manila, Philippines.

Krishi Bushan award presented to IIRD by Hon. Governor of Maharashtra.



#### Photographs of Infrastructure



Training Centre with Dormitory facilities for 30 Participants

Administration Building

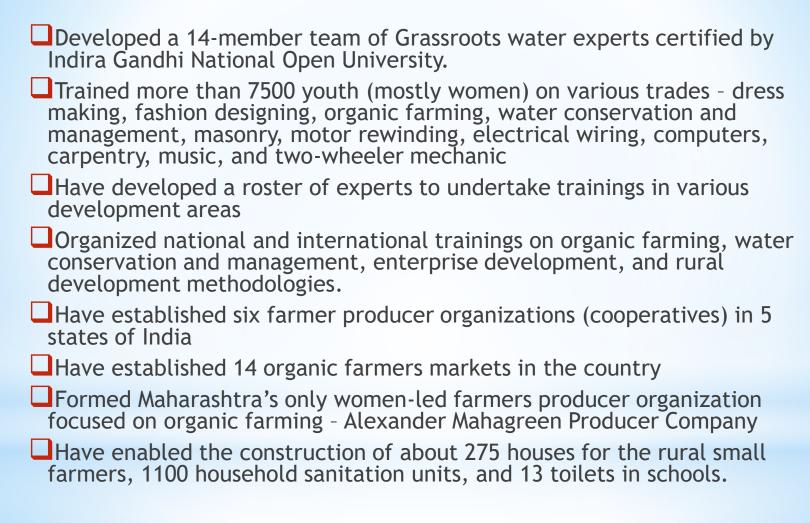
#### Other Infrastructure -

- 7 acre Model biodiversity farm
- 12 acre campus and demonstration farm with nursery, dairy, poultry, and horticulture
- Secretarial office
- Training Halls

#### Our Strengths

- A team of 76 committed persons including 54 field staff Expertise in organic farming, water conservation & management, rural enterprises, community mobilization, marketing, and rural livelihood promotion Operations in 5 districts of Marathwada with staff, relevant infrastructure, and field presence. Experience of over 28 years in community mobilization and facilitating people's participation through organic farmers groups, participatory guarantee systems, farmers field schools, and self help groups. Experienced partnerships with NABARD, Ministry of Agriculture, CSR, and other international/ national partners
- Established several rural enterprises in the areas of dairy, poultry, organic manure production, food processing, other agro-based enterprises, and non-farm enterprises

#### Our Strengths



#### Our Staff

■A team of 76 committed persons □15 men and 8 women staff □51 women and 3 men field staff 4 specialized persons in agriculture 2 specialized persons on watershed management 5 specialists in community mobilization and livelihoods ■At least 25 among the 54 field staff have more than 10 years experience in water conservation and management, natural resource management, organic farming, and livelihoods. ☐ A committed team of 17 water sevikas/ sevaks with specific roles in water conservation and management. Specialized consultants for regular training/ planning/ evaluation of development, organic farming, and water management/ conservation. ■A supporting 14-member team of Grassroots water experts certified by Indira Gandhi National Open University.

## Water Conservation and Management

- Established water management committees in 20 villages of Marathwada region and facilitated structures CNBs, ENBs, CCTs, Sunken Ponds, Gabian, deepening and widening of streams/ rivers in these villages.
- Water Campaign conducted in 94 villages of Aurangabad district.
- Facilitated micro-irrigation in these villages through JLGs and Farmers clubs.
- Garnered support from NABARD, Bajaj Auto CSR, AFARM, related Ministries/Government Departments, international organizations, and communities for the implementation of water conservation and management plans.
- Facilitated entry level activities and livelihood promotion activities in many more villages of 6 districts in Maharashtra, and 5 states of India.



#### Natural Resource Management

- Mobilized 15000 farmers in organic farming
- Established 12 seed banks for Biodiversity conservation.
- Facilitated community based plantation in 60 villages
- Documentation of local biodiversity in six (6) districts of Maharashtra.
- Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)
- Environment education and related school projects



#### Livelihood Experience

- Facilitated establishment of dairy enterprises in several villages of Aurangabad and Jalna districts.
- Collaborated with
  Government and other
  institutions to support
  homestead/ farm-based bioinput production.
- Established small and microenterprises - flour mill, masala units, chilly powder, neem pulvarizer, etc - owned and managed by mainly women farmers.



#### Mahagreen and Organic Bazaar

- Only Farmers cooperative led by women and focused on organic farming
- Formed in March 2011
- Federation of NABARD supported farmer clubs
- Organic Bazaars led by organic farmers started first in India by IIRD
- Japanese University research found Organic Bazaars improve incomes of small farmers significantly



#### Future Support and Partnerships

- Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, and Ministry of Agriculture, for building knowledge on water conservation/management
- Partnership and financial support from related government departments for implementation of water conservation and management practices.

#### **Our Partners**

### \*Thank you.

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