



Karuna Society for Animals & Nature

Annual Report 2024-2025

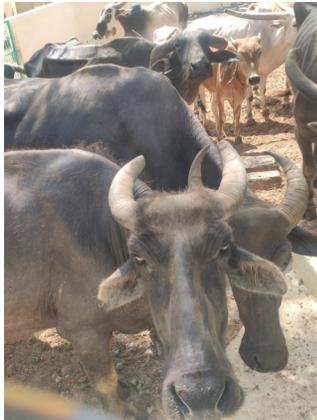
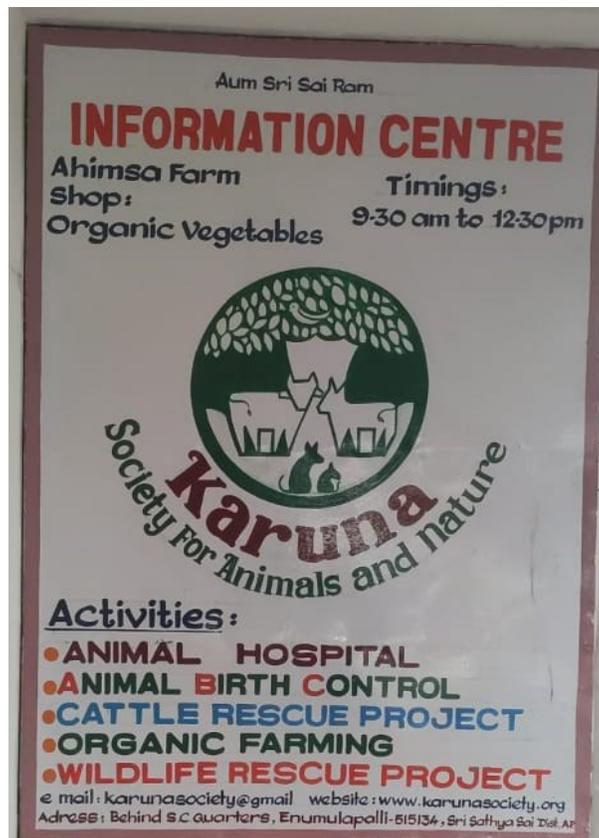


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Our Vision & Mission

Vision

In a world in turmoil caused by war, economic pressures and environmental problems, it is easy to forget that we are not the only species living and surviving on this planet. Large scale interference by humans in the animal world and nature is causing immense suffering for animals and nature alike.

Compassion for all living beings is the driving force to rescue and rehabilitate animals in distress. We hope that compassion expressed in action will create a new balance in the human-animal-nature relationship. This is in the interest of all living beings.



Mission

- To rescue and rehabilitate animals and nature in distress in our immediate environment.
- To provide free medical care, shelter and lifetime care for those animals that cannot be rehabilitated.
- To analyse the causes of the existing problems and create solutions and improvements as to how the suffering can be relieved or prevented.
- To promote animal friendly farm practices in organic farming.
- Campaigning against the use of animals in sports, zoos, hunting, animal experimentation, genetic engineering, vivisection and other practices where animals are subjected to tremendous suffering.
- To help implement the Indian laws regarding cruelty and abuse of animals and nature, e.g. illegal transport and slaughter of cattle, animal sacrifice, poaching and the destruction of forests.
- Rescue, rehabilitation and conservation of all wild animals in distress in our area in a scientific manner and provide lifetime care and rehabilitation to those in need.
- To end the hunting and poaching in all possible ways through legal action and also by avoiding / preventing man-animal conflict.



Our Objectives

- Rescue and Rehabilitation of animals in distress: To provide free first-aid, veterinary care and shelter at Karuna's in and out patient department. This includes wildlife rescue and life time care but excludes food animals that are owned privately and are under the care of animal husbandry.
- To implement Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies program for Indian dogs.
- Conducting fund raising events.
- Promotion of organic, cruelty free farming:
 - ◆ Promotion of a vegetarian/vegan life style and ecological growing of crops and plants etc and ecological treatment of nature in general.
 - ◆ To encourage any farming or industrial activity which is eco and animal friendly.
- To bring about a change of consciousness regarding animals and nature, especially for stray, neglected, abandoned or abused animals.
- Informing local people and other individuals about the health aspects of holistic animal welfare.
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:
 - ◆ To discourage production of animals for meat and leather and to actively dedicate ourselves to achieve a change for the better.
 - ◆ To help implement Indian legislature regarding cruelty, abuse, poaching and maltreatment of animals and nature e.g., transport and slaughter of cattle.
 - ◆ Campaigning against the use of animals in sports, hunting, animal experimentation, genetic engineering, vivisection and such other practices where animals are subjected to enormous suffering.
 - ◆ Co-ordination and co-operation with other Animal Welfare/ Rights Organizations and Government Bodies in order to increase awareness among the public about the protection of animals.
- Any other object that runs ancillary or subsidiary to the aforementioned objects.



Message from Our President

Karuna's mission continued successfully in this, our 23rd year. I had to step back again this year due to health issues, but luckily our capable Secretary was there to give guidance and make key decisions which helped Karuna, its patients and employees, thrive!

—Clementien Koenegras



Message from Our Secretary



This year saw extensive progress in the construction of the new Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, and we expect that it will be completed in FY 2025-2026! Then, we will be ready to welcome animals into a safe, spacious and fully-equipped environment for 24/7 wildlife rescues, meeting all regulatory standards. This is all thanks to the generous support of donors including Mr. Krishnan and Mr. Raghava, along with construction assistance from the Marching Trust. Help Animals India has also played a key role by providing long-standing food support for the animals. In addition to rescue work, Karuna is committed to conservation education and afforestation efforts, and we extend special thanks to Mr. Hari Vyakaranam who helped with the afforestation funds. The organization invites compassionate individuals to join its mission to protect wildlife for future generations!

—Narendra Reddy Cheruvu

| Admin & Manager | Caretakers / Treatments | Wildlife & Other Staff |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | 15 | 5 |

| Animals Treated | Number of Treatments | Animal Birth Control | Total Permanent Residents | Total Income | Total Expenditure |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1,567 | 5,645 | 483 | 237 | Rs 23,300,546 | 21,416,066 |

Gratitude to Our Donors

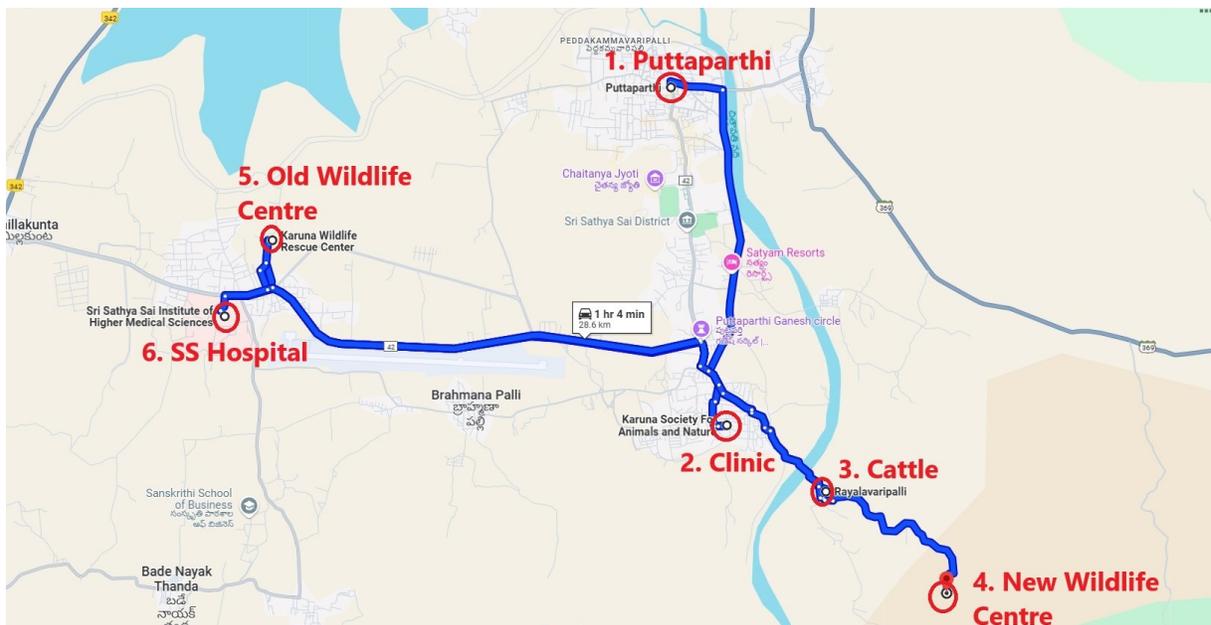
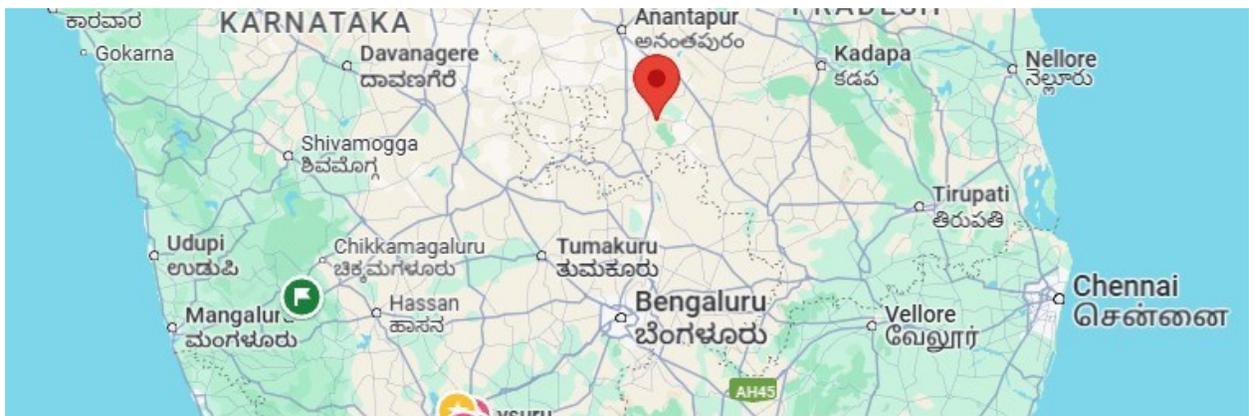
Karuna could not continue without the on-going dedicated support of our many donors. We would like to acknowledge our special long-time supporters who give generously and continuously, year after year. A huge THANK YOU to:

- ⇒ [Help Animals India](#) (USA)
- ⇒ [The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust](#) (UK)
- ⇒ [Vital Solutions / Asia Paper Mart \(Mr. Krishnan\)](#) (Singapore)
- ⇒ [Hari Vyakarnam](#) (India)
- ⇒ [Raghavendra Malladi](#) (India)
- ⇒ [Shiva Gabesh](#) (India)
- ⇒ [Numerous OTHERS](#), who give small and big amounts year after year, we could not continue without YOU!



Karuna Society locations

- **Enumulapalli Main Animal Shelter:** Permanent Dog Residents, Permanent Cat Residents, Outpatient Department, Animal Birth Control (ABC), Older Rescued Cattle, other Large Animals (horses, donkeys), Administration Offices for our Secretary, Manager and Accountant.
- **Karunapalli Cattle Shelter & Ahimsa Farm:** Near to the small village of Rayalavaripalli, where the "healthy cattle" live in a compound - they are taken out to graze in nearby fields when fresh grass is available in season. This is also where Clementien lives.
- **Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center:** This is the 'New Wildlife Centre,' beside the Reserve Forest. It is still under construction and no animals have been moved here yet.
- **Old Wildlife Centre:** Where all our wildlife (only) are: bears, deer, peacocks, monkeys, and occasional temporary rescued wildlife.



Year in Review & Key Milestones

- **April 2024**, This year we newly registered, or continued on, with several fundraising organizations, in our quest for long-term financial stability, and we received funds from the following: [Benevity](#) (through Birendra Soni), [Give.do](#), [BrightFunds](#), and [IndiaDonates](#).
- **April 2024**, we went to extensive efforts to create a “[Social Media and Fundraising Committee](#)”, however the momentum could not be maintained due to other obligations of the volunteers, and it was not a success.
- **July 2024**: [Animal Welfare Board of India](#) (AWBI) renewed our Recognition, after a recent successful inspection. It is valid from 2024 until 2029. Our grant application for funding is still pending.
- **July 2024**: After a gap of five years, we reopened our [Karuna Shop](#), which is now less a place to sell our small amount of organic produce, and more of an Information Center for the community.

- **August 2024**: we printed a new [Informational leaflet](#) to be distributed locally in our shop and through several local businesses, to spread the word about our valuable work with rescuing and caring for animals.

- **September 2024**, we were able to use a generous donation to purchase an [updated AC system](#) in our operating theatre, replacing a 20-year old one that was not working.

- **September 2024**:
With a generous donations, we purchased our own [tractor](#). This will save a lot of money renting tractors to transport huge loads of grass and feed every day to our 150 large animals.





- **October 2024:** In January 2024, we requested our website master to [update our website](#) but unfortunately, many key sections of our site were missing in the new demo version. Due to alarming lack of communication and willingness to carry out our requests, after 10

months, we had to resort back to our old website. Unfortunately, updating of our website is still pending.

- **November 2024:** We started giving daily [breakfast](#) to the entire staff, to build community and to help them with time management.
- **November 2024:** [Newsletter](#) Published - "To Hope or Not to Hope? That is the Question!" Where we contemplate on the changing world and the possibility of the continuing financial and other support for our animals.
- **January 2025:** [Annual Staff Meeting](#) was conducted, and we distributed to our staff Karuna T-Shirts with the words, "Karuna is Compassion" - thanks to the special gift of a donor.
- **February 2025:** For ten days, we had the valuable [volunteer Ms. Venisree Prithvi Raj](#), a wild-life veterinarian from [Singapore](#).
- **February 2025:** there was an unfortunate incident where several individuals associated with the Super Speciality Hospital, [removed a number of dogs](#) from the compound, and also from Prasanthi Nilayam ashram. Some of the dogs returned and others faced an uncertain fate. This led to several meetings with the police and other authorities, and providing information regarding the legal ramifications. We are certain that going forward, misunderstandings regarding animal rights will be minimal!
- **February 2025:** [Newsletter](#) Published: "Karuna has a Big Secret!" We highlighted our talented in-house accountant / administrator, Rajeswari.
- **March 2025:** We enjoyed the valuable [volunteer](#) work of [Ana from Germany](#) for a few weeks, who not only was a compassionate caretaker of the animals, but also took many great pictures and posted on social media!



Small Animal Clinic

Karuna Society's aim is to provide free treatment and shelter to all stray/street/free animals in need of help. After 20 years of service, continuing animal birth control, and medical treatment, the living conditions for animals in the Puttaparthi area has drastically improved.

People bring injured and sick animals from far and wide, by rickshaw, bike or just walking long distances. We treat approximately 20 outpatients per day. We can only admit inpatients if they are very serious. It is our experience that the animals recover much better when the owner/caretaker brings the dog for treatment every day, instead of leaving him / her at our clinic. There is less stress for the animal and we try to teach the people that the animal is family and we have to share the responsibility. It works well.

| Small Animals Treated | Number of Treatments | Total Expenditure |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1,567 | 5,645 | Rs 2,106,537 |



Animal Birth Control & Anti Rabies

This year we received requests to carry out Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (AR) drives from the following government bodies: Dharmavaram Municipality, Hindupur Municipality, Tadipatri Municipality, and Penukonda Nagara Panchayat. We still have not received promised funding from Kadiri Municipality for surgeries we conducted last year, which put us in a very precarious financial situation. Therefore, we requested the Municipalities to send funds for us to purchase the needed medicines and staff to come into their areas. None of the government bodies have replied to our requests for pre-payment.



Volunteer Ms. Venisree Prithvi Raj and Vet Assistant Venkatesh.

Our **Annual Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive** was held 17 to 26 February 2025. We vaccinated 1,032 dogs, and 942 of those were already sterilised by us! (Blue Cross of Chennai did 33 dogs inside the Ashram and on the SSSIHMS Hospital premises). From 2002 until now, we have sterilized 15,758 dogs!

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| Total Local ABC Surgeries | 485 |
| Total Local ABC Expenses | Rs 1,236,664 |
| Total AR Vaccinations (not including Annual Drive) | 682 |
| Total AR Vaccination during Annual Drive | 1,032 |
| Cost of AR Annual Drive | Rs 57,732 |



Cattle Rescue & large Animals

Karuna Society has rescued about 700 cattle so far, starting in 2002 when we intercepted illegally transported strong and healthy cattle on their way to the slaughterhouse. More recently, we have concentrated on caring for our permanent cattle instead of attempting to rescue more. Our rescued cows, bulls and buffalo are not tied up, but free to roam the compound, and are taken out to graze when there is seasonal grass available.

We have given a number of strong, young and healthy bulls for adoption to local farmers, so they can have help tilling their fields and the cattle can feel happy with exercise and personalized care. These adoptions necessarily have signed agreements and are monitored by us to avoid misuse and resale.

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| Cattle | 122 |
| Horses | 3 |
| Donkeys | 4 |
| Total Expenses | Rs 2,117,012 |



Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

Wildlife and forests are under threat in this area. The local people let their sheep and goats graze deep into the reserve forest causing severe damage. Hunting and trapping of wild animals happens all year around. There is little to no control and there is no help or support for wild animals in distress.

We have been rescuing wildlife since our inception in the year 2000. In 2002 we founded our Wildlife Center with five acres of land near the SSS Super Speciality Hospital. Thanks to donations from Free the Bears (Australia), we built our first bear enclosure there. Unfortunately, the area is now surrounded by residential houses and a local airport, so our existing rescue facilities are unsuitable for wildlife, and space is severely limited. Although we regularly work with the Forest Department to rescue emergency wildlife cases, due to limited space, we cannot accept any more permanent animals. More often than not, they have to be transferred to the nearest facility, the Tirupati Zoo, over 250 kilometres away.

In 2008, we purchased 18 acres of land near the reserve forest of Bukkapatnam Range, to have our new 'Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre' (WRRC). Thanks to a donation from the Marchig Trust in 2016, we could start construction there; but had to stop in the middle to comply with new and updated regulations at the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). Since then, we've had years of frustration trying to comply with CZA regulations and receive necessary official permissions. Finally, in mid-2023, we received the long awaited permission and construction has been ongoing for the last two years.





This Year's Highlights

- **May & June, 2024:** Sadly, two of our six rescued bears passed away: **Balu**, with us since 2003, age over 23; and **Arjuna**, with us since 2009, age 16.
- **August 2024:** C. Narendra Reddy became the new **Centre Operator** in-charge, in place of Clementien Pauws Koenegras.
- **November 2024:** Our new **Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre** is being built at a brisk pace since we received Central Zoo Authority (CZA) permission to build in August 2023, and received ongoing funding from **Vital Solutions, Singapore** in October 2023 (we will receive 3 crore rupees total, at 7 lakh rupees a month from October 2023 to April 2027). Completed so far: 1 peacock enclosure (September 2024), 1 Bonnet Macaque monkey

enclosure (August 2024), 1 Langur enclosure (September 2024), Sloth Bear Enclosures (November 2024).

- **January 2025:** Work on the **deer enclosures** began. The **Hospital Foundation** was completed.
- **January 2025:** As advised by Mr. Brij Raj Sharma and in his presence, our Engineer and Welding Contractor went to **Aurangabad Zoo, Maharashtra**, to observe and learn about the construction and functioning of that zoo.
- **March 2025:** Mr. Brij Raj Sharma visited our new wildlife Centre, and he was happy with the progress so far.



Reforestation

Thanks to the generosity of our donor **Hari Vyakaram from Chicago, USA**, we have installed pipelines for irrigation, and planted hundreds of trees and other crops around and within our New Wildlife Centre, in order to give shade and snacks to our wildlife. The extensive planning and foresight of our Secretary, Narendra Reddy, will assure increasing benefits from the crops for decades to come!

Currently, most of the plants are established in the ground. We have one person working full time; and when there is a need, we hire day labourers several times a month. We utilise our own tractor for weed control. We planted corn around the garden to protect the plants, and the wild peacocks also enjoy some of it, as food is scarce in that area.



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| Peafowl | 5 |
| Sloth Bear | 4 |
| Black Buck | 24 |
| Bonnet Macaque | 14 |
| Grey Tufted Langur | 2 |
| Sambar Deer | 3 |
| Total Wildlife Animals | 52 |
| Total Animal Expenses | Rs 1,775,486 |
| Total Wildlife Centre Construction | Rs 12,165,854 |

Annual Treatment Report



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TREATMENT REPORT FOR ALL ANIMALS FOR APRIL – MARCH: 2024-2025

| Cases of In & Out Patient animals | No. treated | No. of animals admitted | No. of treatments | Improved & discharged | Still under treatment | Natural death | Euthanized | ARV |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Distemper /Parvo in dogs | 373 | 21 | 1966 | 328 | 32 | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| Rabies | 13 | 11 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Accident/injury | 65 | 32 | 393 | 40 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Surgery | 20 | 5 | 81 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Others | 1041 | 71 | 2373 | 969 | 38 | 28 | 6 | 160 |
| Resident Animals | 39 | 0 | 353 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Patients under treatment | 16 | 5 | 450 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 1567 | 145 | 5645 | 1363 | 108 | 75 | 21 | 166 |

| Animals operated | ABC | | Other surgeries | ARV |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | | |
| Dogs | 178 | 302 | 33 | 513 |
| Cats | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Cattle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 178 | 305 | 33 | 516 |

| Resident animals | Number |
|---------------------|------------|
| Dogs | 47 |
| Cats | 14 |
| Cattle | 122 |
| Horses | 03 |
| Donkey | 04 |
| Wildlife | 52 |
| Total number | 242 |

The total number for the period April 2024 – March 2025:

Animal Birth Control: 483 other surgeries: 53

Animals treated: 1567 Treatments given: 5645

ARV given: 1714 Rescues: 169

Up to date Karuna has performed **15,758** ABC/ARV.

The Ahimsa Kitchen provides a daily vegan breakfast for 19 staff members at the clinic, the organic garden and for the cattle herders.

Financial Overview & Action Plan for Next Year 2025-2026

Here are some of our future goals:

- Secure the funds necessary to complete construction of the new wildlife centre. Although we are receiving 3 crores total over three years (2023 to 2027) from Vital Solutions (Singapore), we require additional funds.
- Move our rescued wild animals from the old centre to the New Wildlife Centre by the end of the year 2025.
- Find an all-round accomplished Administrator who can deal with CSR fundraising as well as general administration and Social Media posting.
- Find and appoint an experienced Veterinary Surgeon, and apply for a grant to support their salary (about Rs. 50,000/- or \$700 a month).
- Start applications for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grant funding.

| S.No | Project | Expenses 2024-2025 ProjectWise/ Rs | Estimate Budget for 2025 - 2026 /Rs | Estimate Budget for 2025 - 2026 in USD |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Animal Birth Control | INR 1,236,664.00 | INR 1,300,000.00 | USD 15,000.00 |
| 2 | Cattle Project | INR 2,117,012.00 | INR 2,100,000.00 | USD 25,000.00 |
| 3 | Clinic Project | INR 2,106,537.22 | INR 2,100,000.00 | USD 25,000.00 |
| 4 | Wildlife Centre | INR 1,775,486.00 | INR 1,800,000.00 | USD 21,000.00 |
| 5 | Administration | INR 1,696,576.46 | INR 1,700,000.00 | USD 20,000.00 |
| 5 | Agriculture | INR 317,937.00 | INR 350,000.00 | USD 4,050.00 |
| 6 | WL center construction | INR 12,165,854.00 | INR 20,000,000.00 | USD 230,000.00 |
| TOTAL Expenses 2024- 2025 | | INR 21,416,066.68 | INR 29,350,000.00 | USD 340,050.00 |
| TOTAL Income 2024-2025 | | INR 23,300,546.00 | | |