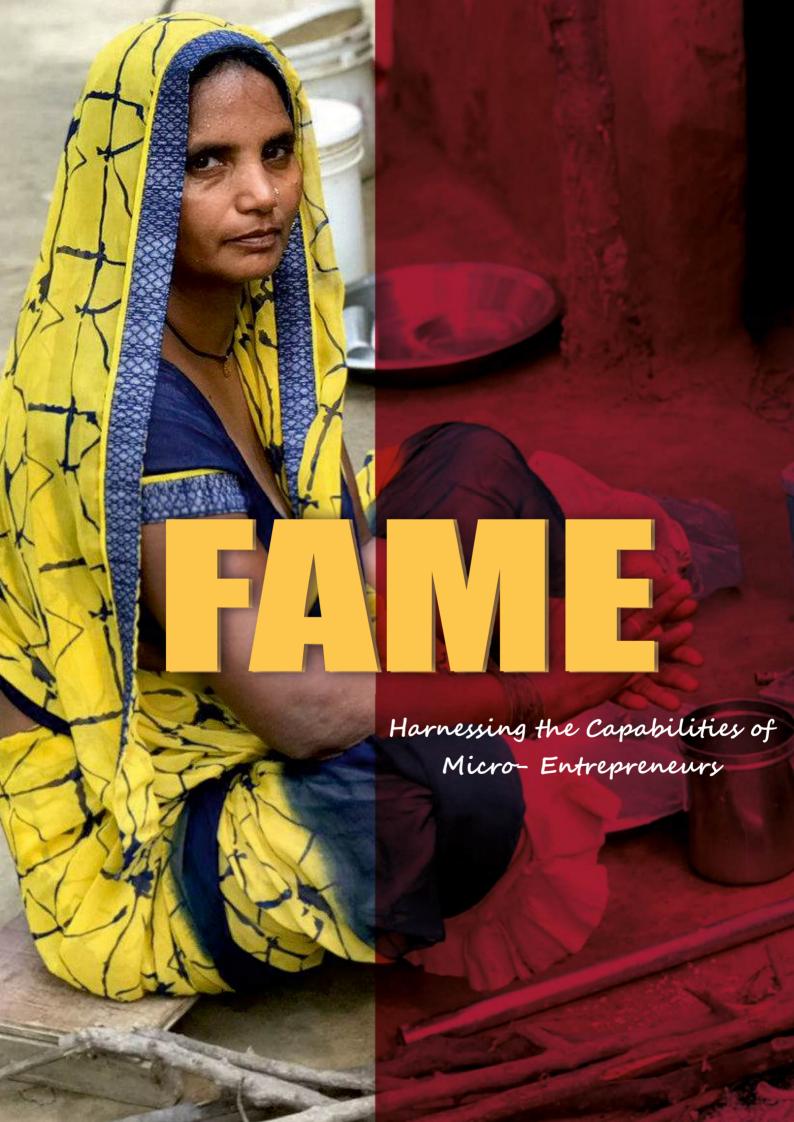


FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MICRO ENTERPRISES (FAME)







# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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#### DEAR STAKEHOLDERS,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the third annual report of FAME where we share the story of a Foundation with humble beginnings, great expectations, and heartwarming stories.

Enhancing livelihood for 2 million people has been the cornerstone of our objectives, and it has inspired us to be single-minded and focused towards building the capabilities of grassroots businesses, helping them become more able and competitive. This year has been a year of action for our Foundation where we worked with a large number of unorganized businesses and made meaningful interventions to create more opportunities for employability and income generation. We introduced numerous local development solution through our strong 'feet on the ground' presence and strengthened relations with our beneficiaries in the Dairy, Shoes Manufacturing, Kirana, and Sports Goods Manufacturing Clusters.

FAME's programs in the areas of skill development are well aligned with the skill enhancement objectives of the Government and during the year we partnered with CFTI (Centre for Footwear Training Institue) and PPDC ( MSME Technology Development Centre) of the Ministry of MSME to provide skill-based training to our members in the shoes and sports goods manufacturing clusters. We also received support from government-run veterinary hospitals at the district level to provide free-of-cost vaccination and medicine o our dairy farmer members. Our efforts in enhancing livelihood opportunities got recognized at the CSR Times Summit and FAME won the silver award at the CSR Times Award, which was a proud achievement for our young Foundation.

The future impact of our interventions will be driven through further collaboration with the Government, specifically at the district levels along with donors who share our ambition of bringing about a transformative impact in the lives of micro-enterprises through non-financial support and guidance. We are invested in our journey towards sustainable outcomes for micro-entrepreneurs and invite you to join us in creating an inclusive ecosystem for them.

Onwards and upwards!

Brij Mohan Chairman

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**







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MR SHAILENDRA MAHALWAR

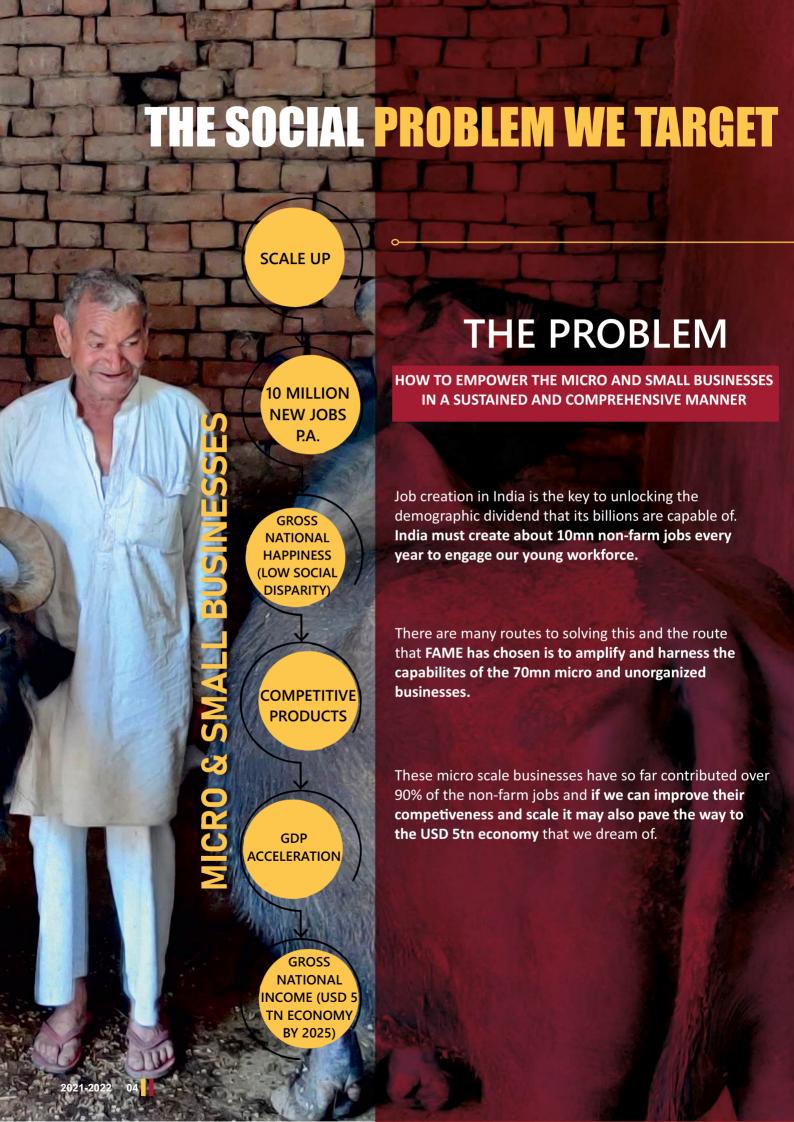
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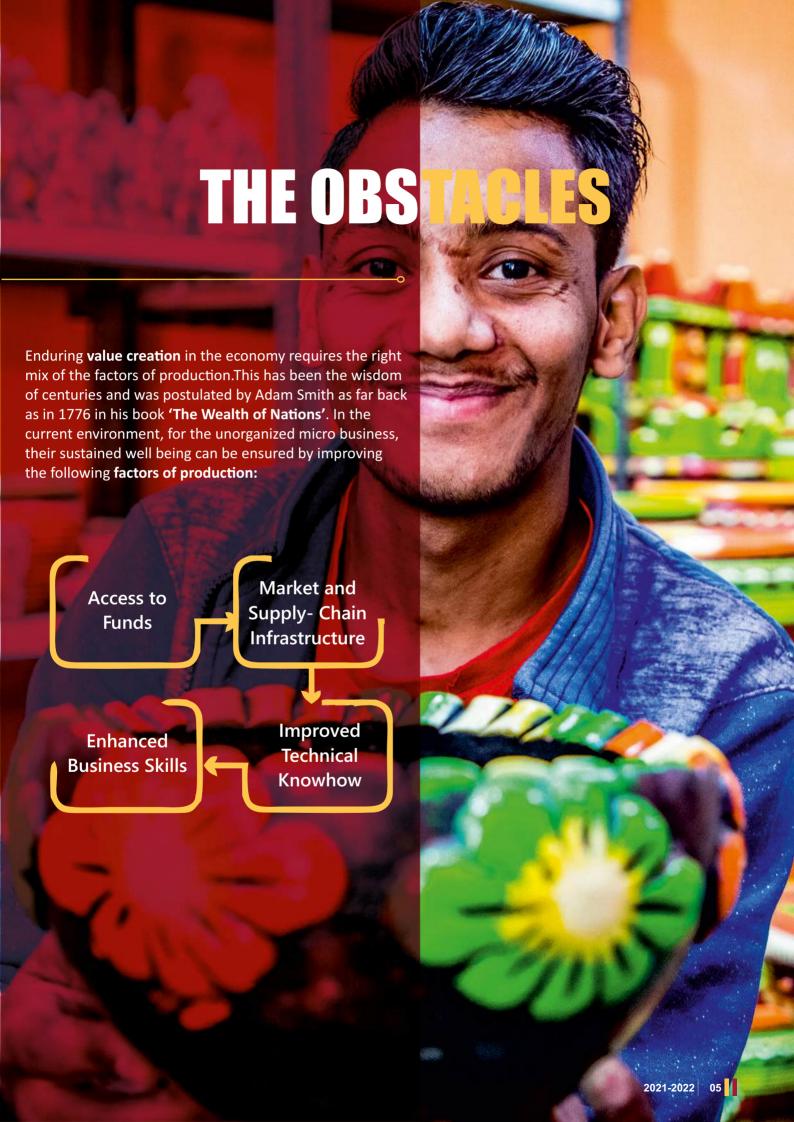
Mr. Brij Mohan is a former **Executve Director of Small** Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and is referred to as the Pioneer of Micro Finance in India. He was instrumental in kick startng micro finance in India with the setting up of SIDBI Foundaton for Micro Credit (SFMC) as an apex financing development micro-finance entity in 1998. He was a key member in the setting up of the development department in Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI). Throughout his corporate life Mr. Brij Mohan has held leadership roles and been the founder member of prominent government development bodies that work with micro enterprises and brings vast experience to the FAME Board.

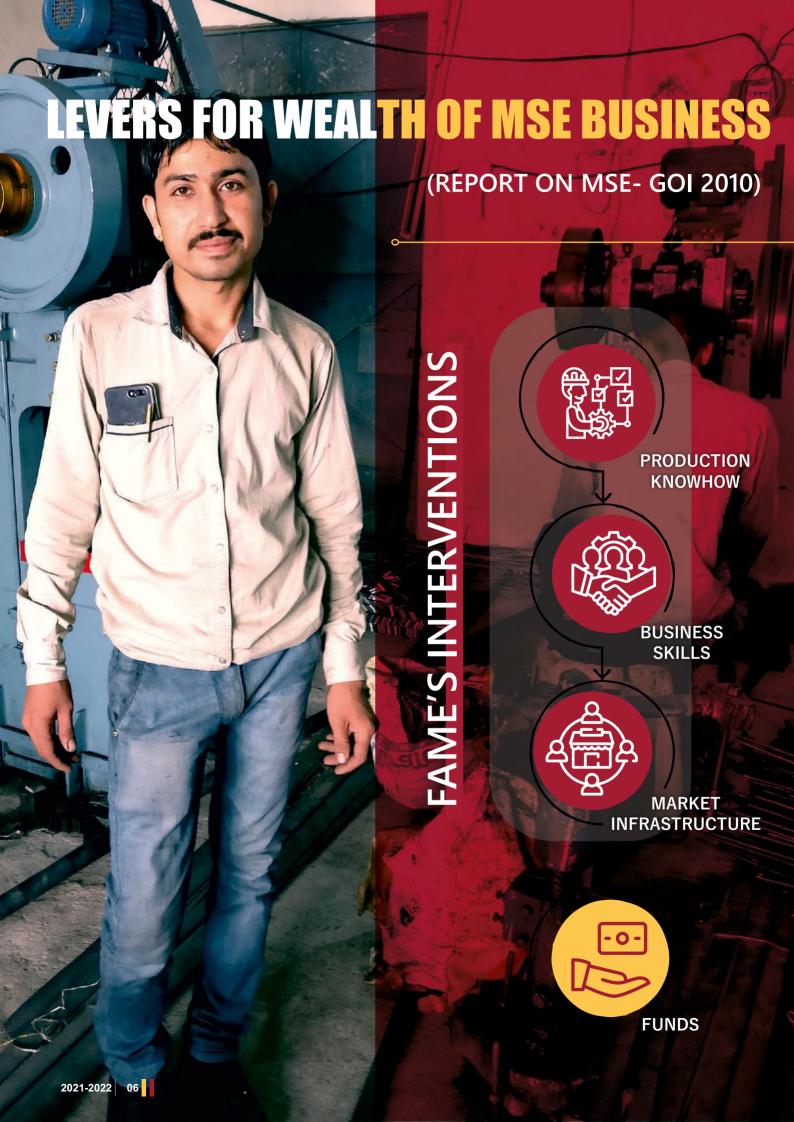
Mr Brij Mohan is a Board member with industry associaton Sa-Dhan, Maanaveeya Development Finance Ltd and rating entity Micro Rating International Ltd

Mr. Sanjay Sharma is the co founder and managing director of Aye Finance and under his leadership, Aye has transformed from a tech driven start up aspiring to deliver social impact, into an award winning financial services firm that is delivering social impact at scale along with robust financial returns. He is an accomplished leader in Consumer Banking with over 34 years of experience. He pioneered direct banking channels in HSBC and HDFC Bank and was part of the leadership team that launched consumer lending business at ICICI in 1999. Led the Life Insurance Underwritng, Claims, Operations & Service teams at Max New York Life Insurance Co. Set up Tamweel PJSC and grew it into the largest housing finance company in UAE with over USD 3bn in assets. As its CEO-International, won the Best Mortgage Bank Award from Banker Middle East and 4th most admired Financial Institution in the Region Award from Gulf Business. He is an alumnus of IIT-Bombay and IIM-**Bangalore** 

Mr. Shailendra Mahalwar is the former Chief General Manager of **Small Industries Development** Bank of India (SIDBI). During his tenure, he also served on the boards of the SIDBI Venture Ltd from 2009-2017, Maharashtra Stat Financial Corporation(MSFC) from 2008-2014, and the **Economic Development** Corporation of Goa from 2006-08, among others. Prior to joining SIDBI he had worked with the Bank of Maharashtra and as an advocate in the Meerut Civil Courts. He is law graduate from Meerut University and is a post graduate in business management from Bhopal School of Social Science.







## FAME'S

FAME is focused on **building the capability** of the **unorganized micro businesses** to scale up and become competitive. This is achieved through **non-financial support** in the areas of :



Market Development



Production Knowhow



Enhancing their Business and Financial Management Skills





## **Our Methodology**

To build competitiveness in micro businesses, broad generic interventions have had limited success historically. We need interventions customized and tuned to the specific business industry. Our team hence uses a filter of business industry to build and plan our programs.

Our approach looks at going deep into specific industries, understanding how they operate, what are the gaps in their business and product propositions and then design suitable programs to address these gaps.

Our approach relies on the following deliberate steps to ensure success of our programs:

We use secondary research as well our access to primary researches done by Aye Finance and other knowledge leaders in the space. This helps us identify a business cluster that can respond well to our interventions and where the scale of impact created would be large.



Identify Business Industry

Field Study of the Business Industry



Further to the high level delineation of the business cluster mentioned in step- 1, our team visits the micro businesses in the identified geographies and collects primary information on what are the challenges on the field and what are the support institutions infrastructure that we can leverage in our programs.

A planned approach typically covering 2-3 year deployment is outlined and key measures of success are defined at a high level. This guides the rollout of the program.



Design the Interventions



All aspects of the deployment of the program are worked out- spanning from hiring, training, building customized training content for the industry, filed meetings with support groups and logistics for the program rollout.

The progress of the program is measured periodically against the measures of success and milestones that were expected in our program plans.



Monitor and Improve

Measure Impact and Document the Learnings



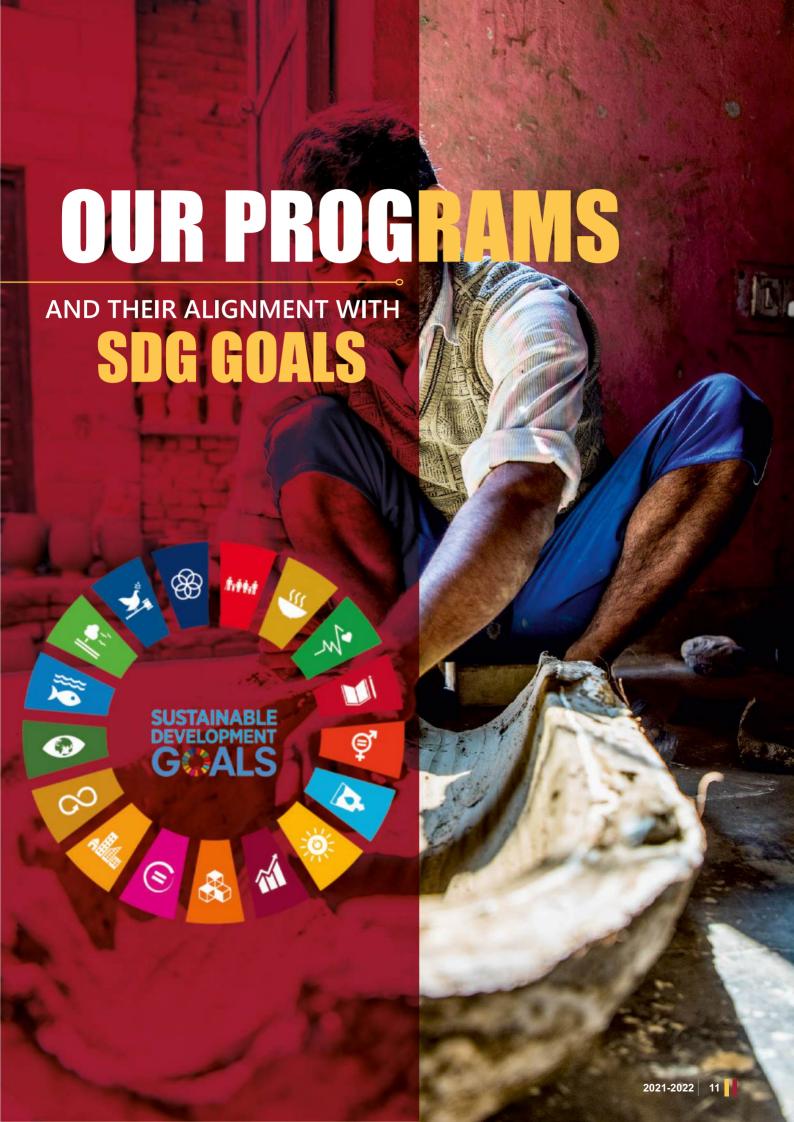
We intend to measure impact of our interventions afer 2-3 years so that we may continually improve on the effectiveness of our interventions.

## HOW WE MEASURE SOCIAL CHANGE



We use the Theory of Change Model to measure the impact of our programs. The ToC is used as a blueprint for evaluation for each of our programs with measurable indicators for the impact we want to create in each cluster. This model allows for a clear and testable hypothesis about how FAME will bring about a change in the clusters attaching more credibility to the impact as they are predicted to occur in a certain way.

- 1. Micro- Entrepreneurs Approached
- 2. Consultants Onboarded
- 3. Government Collaborations
- 4. Doctors Onboarded
- 5. Dairy Mobile App
- 1. Quality and Tech Advancement Sessions
- 2. Market Linkage Advisory
- 3. Dairy Awareness Sessions
- 4. Treatment Camps
- 1. Micro- Entrepreneurs Onboarded
- 2. Dairy Farmers Enrolled on the Mobile App
- 3. Awareness/ Advisory Sessions Conducted
- 4. Treatment Camps Conducted
- 5. Animals Treated
- 1. Increase in the Number of Micro- Entrepreneurs
- 2. Market Linkages Created- Dairy and Non- Dairy
- 3. Government Collaborations Established
- 4. Milk Collection Centres Started in the Project Area
- 5. Pashu Trainers Functional in the Area
- Village- Based Nutritional Mix and Medical Centre Started in the Project Area
- 7. Increase in the Number of Cattle
- 1. Jobs Created
- 2. Increase in Sales
- 3. Increase in Dairy/Non Dairy Production in the Area
- 4. Average Increase in Micro Entrepreneurs Income
- Number of Model Villages created which are Technically Advanced and Sustainable





## **PROGRAM**













#### **SHOE ARTISAN PROGRAM**











## SPORTS CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT











## KIRANA EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM











# DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



India has been the largest milk producing country of the world for the last 22 years and has the largest bovine population in the world. In 2019- 20, India's milk production stands at around 191 million tons (MT) which is around 20% of world milk production. Milk production has been growing at Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 4.5% over the last 20 year compared to around 2% CAGR of the world.

Dairying has become an important secondary source of income for millions of rural families and has assumed the most important role in providing employment and income generating opportunities, particular for marginal and women farmers. Most of the milk is produced by animals reared by small, marginal farmers and landless labourers.

Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat have been the major milk producing states in India. **Uttar Pradesh is the largest dairy and milk- producing state** because it is home to the highest buffalo population and the second-highest cattle population the country. The majority of rural population in the state is engaged in livestock rearing and dairying.

Despite having a significant livestock base of milch animals the obstacles are hampering the growth of the Indian dairy and milk processing industry.



Cattle holdings are highly fragmented (84% of the dairy farmers in India are marginal & small farmers and own less than 5 cattles)





Profits are suboptimal (due to suboptimal sale)



Disease Management



**Feed Management** 

## DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM









#### CHALLENGE

Lack of Credible Health Care Advisory that is hampering the milk production and increasing healthcare cost.

#### **FAME'S INTERVENTION**

A panel of specialized veterinary doctors work with FAME to provide credible healthcare advisory to the Dairy Farmers. During the year FAME conducted 440 sessions for its dairy farmer members to address their challenge of poor medical facilities and counsel which hampers the productivity of their farm and increases the cost of running their dairy

- Awareness Sessions These sessions are conducted to educate the farmers on disease management, benefits, and frequency of vaccination, feed selection, artificial insemination, and tips on improving milk production.
- Door Step Treatment Camps our members are provided free-of-cost doorstep doctor services. This service has proved to be beneficial to our members as they receive timely diagnoses of their livestock diseases without increasing their cost.
- Free Vaccination and Medicine Distribution Camps – These are conducted in collaboration with NABARD and government-run animal hospitals and have further reduced our members' expenditure on the healthcare of their cattle.

## EVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DING DAIRY INPUT PRODUCTS TO FARMERS

#### **CHALLENGE**

Dairy farmers purchases their mineral mixture feed and fodder at retail pricing which increases the input cost of running their farms. And they need to allocate one day in a week to go to the market to purchase these inputs which hampers the productivity of their farm



FAME launched FAME Service Centers to provide the benefits of collective purchasing to its members along with easing their access to inputs for running their farm. The FAME Team mobilized the members into groups guiding them to pool their resources to purchase the mineral mixture and other inputs at wholesale pricing. These Service Centres which are located in the villages of our members' stock these inputs making them readily available as per the need of the members. Easing their access to mineral mixture and other inputs.







## DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



#### CHALLENGE

Dairy Farmers produce milk and sell only milk. While there is a market for milk-based products, the Indian dairy farmer is not able to full fill that demand as he neither has the skills to produce those products nor the know-how to effectively market those products.



# FAME DAIRY ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT Donate for supporting small dainy famers, in oral areas: FAME is a Section 8 not for profit company and all donation are tax oxempted under section 80G of the income has Asserted to Monthly/ reartif One-time donation.

#### **FAME'S INTERVENTION**

FAME launched its Income Generation Projects to provide FAME members the opportunity to create additional revenue lines by producing diversified milk products.

The Project teaches new skills which leads to diversification of the products they manufacture along with providing advisory on branding and marketing thereby increasing the top line.

One group from our Mathura district was taught the skill of manufacturing the world-famous Mathura ka peda to add another income line to their dairy business. The Group was not just taught the skill to manufacture Pedas but also supported in marketing and branding the product. The Members earned 48% profit from this project. Through this successful execution of this project, FAME ensured the members got the confidence to build this business and generate a regular flow of income for themselves

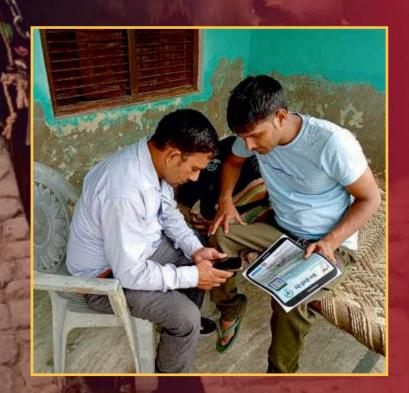
## DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM





#### **FAME'S INTERVENTION**

To help scale up the reach as well as the scope of FAME's Dairy Development Program and make the dairy farmers of rural and semi-urban locations part of the Whitetech Revolution, FAME launched an android based Mobile App which has been made available on Google Play Store to all its members. The customized Mobile App is a digital solution to provide the Indian Dairy Farmer E-Veterinarian and Bookkeeping Services. The App delivers advisory 24/7 on various aspects of efficiently managing the health of their livestock as well as controlling the financial levers of their dairy business.



## DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRA The App has multiple functionalities allowing the Dairy Farmers to have access to their own data enabling then to evaluate their payment and profitability based on the quality and quantity of milk sold. 1. Capture Cattle wise details of the entire farm for ea health tracking including breeding and herd management. 2. Cattle wise as well as farm view of the milk sold and milk production over a desired period of time for analyzing varying prices of milk in each month. 3. Track expenses as well as the changes in income vs expenses. 4. Access to a multitude of reports that give broad as well as detailed insights into the dairy business and the health of his cattle. 5. Receive **reminders** to the dairy farmer when the cattle vaccination is due. 6. Health Advisory Videos for easy access to healthcare advisory on frequently occurring The App has been gamified to improve engagement and make it fun for the Dairy Farmers for whom it is the first time using an App of this kind. फेम डेयरी ऐप



## **ISAN PROGRAM**

The city of **Agra is the biggest footwear cluster of India** and Agra leather footwear cluster has a rich traditon of footwear manufacturing dating back to the Mughal era. Over the years the sector in Agra has evolved and has emerged as an important source of employment generation in northern India.

With an estimated 5,500-6,500 footwear manufacturing untis providing employment to more than 100,000 people, the Agra footwear industry is concentrated in 16 areas across the city. These units operate around 60-70% efficiency and produce close to 1.5 lakhs to 2 lakhs pairs per day

A smaller setup that exist in the Agra footwear cluster despite making a significant contribution to the industry face a myriad of challenges that are huge roadblocks to their success



Limited knowledge of branding and marketing their products



Lack of adequate finance & raw material procurement



Minimal exposure to latest manufacturing technologies



High wastage of raw materials due to outdated technology



No quality standardization of finished products



High cost of raw material procurement due to presence of middle men



Dependence on wholesalers for reaching new markets

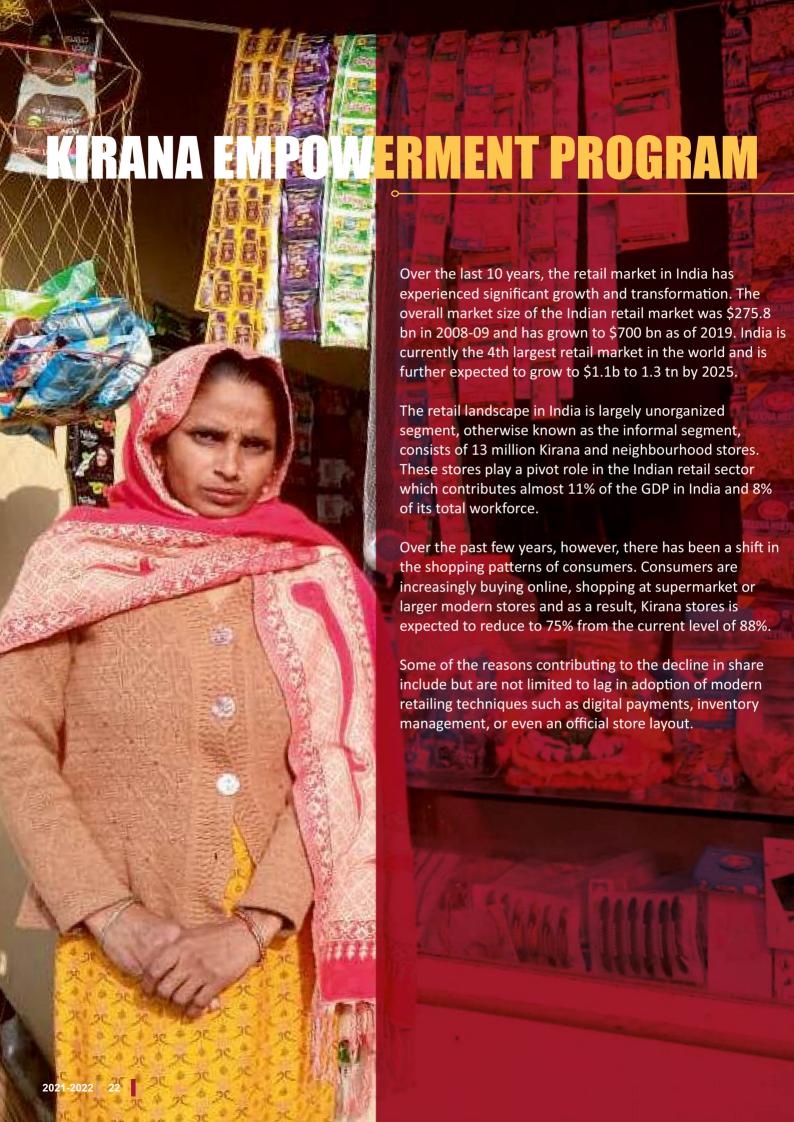


High competition due to low level of product management



Low awareness about government schemes and incentives (concessions & facilities)

## **SHOE ARTISAN PROGRAM** FAME has collaborated with CFTI (Centre for Footwear Training Centre, Ministry of MSME) to support the shoe artisans of Agra in overcoming the beyond financing challenges and this year set the foundation for becoming their partner in growth. **CFTI CONDUCTS TWO KINDS OF TRAINING** FOR OUR MEMBERS **Technical Training** Our members get trained on new product development, introduction to latest technologies and machine, awareness of raw materials, how to create better quality shoes Non- Technical Trainin Our members are given advisory on how to sell their products on online marketplaces, as well as the benefits of working in groups, update on the various government schemes Industry visits are also organized. The unique opportunity FAME is providing to its members through exposure to new technologies, machines and digital advancements currently underway in their sector is inspiring them to do better. This association with CFTI is helping FAME deliver value propositoins to the shoe artisans in Agra. 2021-2022 21





# SPORTS CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

FAME has a specialized program for the Sports Goods Manufacturing cluster of Meerut. Started in collaboration with MSME-Technology Development Centre (PPDC) of the Ministry of MSME, this program provides capacity-building and skill enhancement training to the micro-entrepreneurs manufacturing cricket balls, footballs, and other sports equipment.

The program delivers knowledge around three key areas:



Improving the quality of products



Enhancing marketing capabilities



Improving compliance levels and business documentation





# WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

# AGENTS OF CHANGE

FAME, cognisant of the hidden entrepreneurial potential of women and the challenges they face in realizing them, has designed its interventions that work toward breaking down these hurdles becoming their partners in growth

- Specialized training programs and workshops that build their business skills as well as soft skills.
- 2. Women-only capacity-building programs in the Dairy, Sports Manufacturing and Kirana Clusters.
- 3. Forming women dairy farmers into groups to help them benefit from collective purchasing and selling improve sales and profit.
- 4. On International Women's Day, FAME organized skill development and cultural programs for over 1000 women entrepreneurs.

During the year we laid a strong foundation for our women-focused intervention which will be strengthened in the coming years.











**CLUSTERS** 

150



**VILLAGES** 

28K+ 🎨

**LIVES IMPACTED** 

**MAN HOURS OF TRAINING** 

50K+

**LIVESTOCK TREATED** 



FAME is proud to receive the CSR Times Award 2021 (Silver) in the Livelihood Category for our project "Livelihood **Enhancement Through Micro-**Enterprise Development" at the 8th Natonal CSR E-Summit, organized by CSR Times.

To get this recognition of the impact we are creating within three years of our inception makes this award extra special, and it encourages us to continue working for the advancement of India's grassroots businesses.

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# FAME STORIES OF CHANGE





#### SHOE- ARTISAN, AGRA

Shoe-making is what my husband and my son have been doing for years to earn livelihood. I always wanted to help them by contributing in our family income. I was a housewife but FAME's sessions helped me in gaining a skill and I learned how to make shoes from the scratch. They taught me this skill and are helping me to improve it day by day. I wish to attend more FAME sessions and help my family to grow our business.

#### FAME'S DAIRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MEMBER, MATHURA

Dairy farming is our only way to earn a living but things get difficult in summer months as our cows milk yields go down and they often get sick due to intense heat. We got to know about FAME's door-step treatment camp and they sent a doctor at my house in Mathura where all my cows were examined free of cost. The doctor prescribed medicines for heat and milking and guided us on the dosage. The cows are now milking twice a day and my revenue is growing again.







#### SPORTS GOODS MANUFACTURER, MEERUT

I work on a local level as a sports good manufacturer and always wanted to grow my business. I learned about FAME's training session in collaboration with PPDC (Ministry of MSME) wherein they provide advisory on how to sell my products online and in bigger marketplaces. They also linked us with a sports goods manufacturing company in Meerut which provides raw material for product development. FAME has become my trusted dost to help grow my business.

#### KIRANA SHOP OWNER, HAPUR

I run a small kirana shop in Hapur and always thought about growing my small business and being able to afford a better life for my family. I learned about FAME's sessions being conducted in Hapur and since I have never seen any programs for small shopkeepers like this. I was very interested and even took along some others. The advice I received during the session was very practical and easy to understand for me. I even installed shelves in my shop afer the session. People now buy more small items because they are displayed in the front. FAME also taught us how to make the shops modern and I will soon purchase a billing machine for my shop.





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