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Annual Report 2012-13

About Vasudha Foundation

Vasudha Foundation was established in 2010 with the objective of promoting environment-friendly, socially just, equitable and sustainable models of energy by focusing on renewable energy technologies and lifestyle solutions. We believe in the conservation of Vasudha, which in Sanskrit means the Earth, the giver of wealth and in the sustainable consumption of its bounties.

We believe in adopting green ways for a good earth.

Key Objectives

- Bring about reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the environment and ensure energy efficiency, energy security, energy independence, and sustainable development.
- Develop the demand for all modes of renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass power generation).
- Promote the concept of energy efficiency (energy efficient buildings and eco-friendly lifestyle products).
- Create awareness about the potential and benefits of alternative modes of energy generation by setting up show-case models.
- Promote the concept of 'Low Carbon Solutions' and 'Green Economies'.
- Promote environmentally sustainable products, processes, and concepts for individuals, institutions and organizations by interfacing between manufacturers, vendors and customers.
- Research, document, and prepare reports to build awareness on renewable energy issues.
- Innovate renewable energy and energy efficiency applications.
- Establish training programs and conduct capacity building activities.

Key Program Areas



Renewable Energy & Energy Policy

Vasudha Foundation endeavours to bring changes in the policy framework in order to promote environment friendly energy models, and also to ensure a large scale penetration of these models and systems in order to ensure energy access for all.

Vasudha Foundation works on promoting greater energy access for rural communities and promotes the use of clean energy. In the past, the organization has worked towards promoting the use of decentralized renewable energy, and analysed the economics of central grid connectivity versus decentralized renewable energy options.

This year Vasudha Foundation also launched a campaign for **Universal Service Obligation (USO)**. **A unique feature of the campaign is the participation of several rural communities in the quasi-judicial regulatory process.**

The Foundation also prepared district level energy plans for the districts of Mandla, Madhya Pradesh and Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh respectively. These energy plans evaluated the existing energy supply within these districts and based on the current consumption patterns devised strategies to meet the district's energy requirements from renewable energy.

Another achievement in the short growth story of the Vasudha Foundation was the launch of the Indian Renewable Energy Federation (IREF). As part of a joint initiative along with other organizations/individuals, the organization was involved in launching an advocacy platform to facilitate the scaling up of renewable energy in India.



Climate Change & Climate Negotiations

In the context of reducing global greenhouse gas emissions and promoting low carbon development, Vasudha Foundation has been actively engaged in carrying out research on climate policy in India. The organization has been working towards developing a compendium of policies of India's 29 states covering the sectors of electricity, transport, urban development, industry, and water. The compendium focuses on analysing the climate friendly policies and initiatives undertaken by the state governments.

Vasudha Foundation is actively involved and engaged in the climate negotiations that take place under the aegis of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Recently the organization also got provisional admission to the UNFCCC as an observer organization.



State Climate Action Plans

Vasudha Foundation has been actively involved in working with various state governments in designing their climate change action plans. Having previously worked with the governments of Sikkim and Nagaland, this year the organization worked with the governments of Tamil Nadu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.



Engaging Multi-lateral Agencies

Vasudha Foundation engages with several multi-lateral agencies such as the World Bank, to get them to promote social and economic justice and ecological sustainability. In the past, the foundation has lobbied with the World Bank to adopt a completely new paradigm in its Energy Strategy, which ensured that the twin objectives of Energy Access and Low Carbon development are fully met in the true spirit of the terms.

The Foundation has also been actively involved with international organizations such as Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), DFID-UK, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, ClimateWorks Foundation, WWF-India and Christian Aid.

Our activities in the above areas have cross-cutting themes such as technology assessment and policy reforms. Some of the key activities are:





Partnerships Developed

Vasudha Foundation networks with the government ministries/departments, international organizations, public and private sector organizations, civil society, and academic experts to work on projects awarded to them.

The Foundation is a member of leading civil society networks such as the Climate Action Network, a network of over 750 organizations worldwide for promoting regional cooperation in combating climate change.

Projects and Activities

Climate Change & Environment

Developing a Definition of Equity

Vasudha Foundation has been engaged with the Department of International Development- UK (DFID-UK) in developing a definition of 'equity' as applied to the domain of climate change.

State Action Plans on Climate Change

Vasudha Foundation continued its association with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and assisted the governments of Tamil Nadu and Dadra Nagar Haveli in developing their climate action plans. All the action plans developed by Vasudha Foundation have been uploaded on the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) website.

Climate Policy Mapping

Expanding its coverage of the on-going policy mapping of Indian states with support from the Heinrich Boll Foundation, Vasudha Foundation enhanced the coverage to all 29 of India's states. A compendium of policies across the sectors of electricity, urban development, water, industry, and transport is being developed. This will serve as a ready reckoner of state level policies and also act as a guide of best practices that can be replicated in other states. The mapping will also help in gauging the climate friendliness of all the states.

Aviation Emissions

Vasudha Foundation in collaboration with the European Climate Foundation and DFID-UK sought to forge a global approach towards addressing aviation emissions in India. The aim of this activity was to come up with viable options of market based measures to address global aviation emissions factoring in the principles of equity. The project was conducted in two phases, where the first phase consisted of stressing on the importance of reducing rapidly increasing emissions from the aviation sector, and also highlights the need for agreeing on goals to reduce emissions from the aviation sector. The second phase aims at progressing towards an environmentally meaningful and politically realistic proposal for a framework and significant progress towards a global market based measure at the ICAO 2013 Assembly.

Sustainable Energy

District Energy planning

Vasudha Foundation undertook a study for WWF-India, regarding the possibility of Moradabad district in Uttar Pradesh, India becoming self-sufficient in its energy needs through the use of renewable energy. The long term plan developed by the Foundation allows the district of Moradabad to gradually switch from conventional fuels to renewable energy sources for meeting its energy needs in the future.

Indian Renewable Energy Federation

Vasudha Foundation as part of a joint initiative along with other organizations/individuals, launched the first ever multi-stake holder, technology neutral, size neutral advocacy platform in India, to influence policy formulation and creation of appropriate implementation framework for renewable energy and clean energy solutions in India. The platform caters to both grid based as well as off-grid standalone renewable energy solutions.

Universal Service Obligation (USO)

The USO campaign with support from the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation is aimed at getting electricity regulators of key states to ensure that the electricity distribution utilities and state energy departments provide rural areas with electricity access at par with the services provided in urban areas.

Events/Seminars/Workshops

JEITA Energy Saving Solution Introduction Course in India

Vasudha Foundation in collaboration with the Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) conducted a workshop on energy efficiency. The introduction course on energy efficiency was designed to introduce the concept of energy saving solutions for various industrial applications and to cater to the needs of representatives from industries, government institutions working on energy efficiency such as the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, energy consulting firms and others. The workshop aimed to enable participants to understand the various energy saving solutions that could potentially be adopted in their environment.

Discussion Meeting with Members of the Aviation Industry

The organization as part of its work on aviation sector emissions, organized a discussion meeting with members of the aviation industry to discuss identified viable options of market based measures to address global aviation emissions factoring in the principles of equity.

Stakeholder Consultation to Review First Draft of the Climate Policy Mapping

A consultation was organized to share the first complete draft of Vasudha Foundation's policy mapping exercise with various stakeholders to gain their feedback. The deliberations of the consultation allowed for further inputs to be included in the final report and also helped in refining the methodology adopted for the mapping.

Workshop on Equity in Climate Change

Vasudha Foundation organized a multi-stakeholder workshop where the key objectives of its on-going equity project were shared with the participants and their views sought on certain key elements of a methodology that can be developed in generating a definition of equity in the climate change domain.

Financial Report

Vasudha Foundation
14, Jungpura, New Delhi

Receipt and Payment account for the year ending 31.03.2013

Receipts	Amount (INR)	Payments	Amount (INR)
Opening Cash and Bank		Payments for liabilities as at beginning of the year	
Cash in Hand	832,839.00	Air fare creditors	29,563.00
Bank Accounts	286,838.00	Salary payable	37,500.00
Less: Prior period adjustment	(70,000.00)	Service tax payable	114,492.41
		Rent payable	19,858.00
		Third Thought Solutions Pvt Ltd	12,200.00
Receipts		Tinu Sood and Co	20,200.00
Grants/Donations		Jyoti Awasthi	30,000.00
Grant for IREP formation	790,000.00	Telephone Expenses	7,129.82
Donation - Srinivas Krishnaswamy	900,000.00	Accounting expense	15,000.00
Consultancy Receipts		TDS Payable	1,815.00
Shakti Foundation	1,466,136.00	Current year expenses	
World Wide Fund	454,612.00	Auditor's remuneration	35,000.00
Other Incomes		Business promotion	47,386.57
Bank Interest	2,126.00	Consultancy & professional fee	746,226.00
Rental Income	105,000.00	Conveyance Expenses	13,407.14
Less: TDS deducted from above	(215,816.00)	Miscellaneous Expenses	45,173.74
Add: Service tax on above	237,404.40	Office upkeep and maintenance	113,426.22
		Printing and stationery	3,105.00
Receipts from opening current assets		Salary to staff	519,915.00
CHRM Services	90,208.00	Staff welfare	139,426.20
Prepaid expenses	2,000.00	Telephone and mobile	240,724.64
IVE Associates	900.00	Tour and travelling	932,277.30
Samvad	30,000.00	Vehicle repair and maintenance	24,644.81
Vodafone	159.20	Bank charges	12,107.17
		Electricity Expenses	50,802.00
		Interest paid	93,937.53
		Meeting and seminar	33,458.00
		Office rent	221,430.00
		Website designing and maintenance	39,900.00
		Others	
		Office equipments	23,220.00
		Computers and software	8,500.00
		Service tax (Input)	49,997.80
		Srinivas Krishnaswamy	146,356.93
		Less: Unpaid	
		TDS	(92,507.00)
		Auditor's remuneration	(35,000.00)
		Interest on service tax	(19,559.68)
		Closing cash and bank	
		Bank Accounts	1,208,144.00
		Imprest cash	23,149.00
Total	4,912,406.60	Total	4,912,406.60

As per our Audit Report of even date
of Income Tax Act, 1961 attached
For Tinu Sood And Company
Chartered Accountants

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Partner
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