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Executive Summary

The 2025–2026 program year was marked by integrated action across tribal rights, government entitlement access, natural farming, humanitarian response, sanitation, education, child protection, youth awareness and participatory governance. ASDS worked with tribal communities, smallholder farmers, women, children, youth and vulnerable households across Vararamachandrapuram, Yetapaka, Kunavaram and Chinturu mandals in Polavaram district.

ASDS's approach during the year combined immediate assistance with longer-term systems and capacity building. Community awareness was linked with entitlement facilitation; natural farming demonstrations were linked with livelihood economics; humanitarian relief was linked with community-level assessment; and governance work connected local concerns with government institutions.



Highlights of the Year

6,012	-	Families reached through Goonj support
441	-	Flood-affected families receiving relief
80	-	Tribal youth engaged and trained across 40 villages
30	-	Government schemes/documents tracked
27	-	Soak pits constructed
32	-	Drainage channels established
21	-	Girls supported through CDR education
20	-	Goonj distribution rounds
10,384	-	Clothing items distributed
3,710	-	Dry ration kits distributed
5,424	-	Toys and puzzles distributed
20	-	Farmers motivated for turmeric intercropping

Program Geography and Strategic Pillars

ASDS operated across V.R. Puram, Chintur, Vararamachandrapuram, Yetapaka, Kunavaram and Chinturu mandals in Polavaram and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts. Its strategic pillars were Tribal Development, Natural Farming, Social Justice, Flood Relief and Governance.

Organizational Approach

ASDS works at the intersection of rights, livelihoods and social protection. During 2025–2026, the organisation sought to strengthen community awareness, improve access to government entitlements, promote lower-cost agriculture, provide humanitarian assistance and create stronger channels between communities and public institutions.

The year's programme design placed particular emphasis on vulnerable households and Adivasi communities. The organisation's work combined field-level identification, community awareness, documentation support, institutional engagement, follow-up and review.



Welfare Entitlement and Government Scheme Inclusion

ASDS tracked 30 government schemes and documents through an identification–resolution–pending pipeline. The three-year baseline helped the organisation monitor the scale of entitlement gaps and identify categories requiring sustained follow-up.







The data show that entitlement facilitation is a continuing process. Cases may remain open because of documentation errors, eligibility questions, bank linkage problems, resurvey requirements or coordination between departments. The organisation therefore continued to use field verification, follow-up and escalation mechanisms.

Natural Farming and Sustainable Livelihoods

Natural farming was a central livelihood intervention during the year, with paddy activities in Chintur and V.R. Puram. The programme followed the crop cycle: pre-monsoon dry sowing and seed treatment in July; nursery raising and transplantation in August; soil nourishment and natural pest-management preparations in September; and field review from October onwards.

The annual material records a comparison of approximately ₹18,000 per acre under conventional cultivation against approximately ₹6,500 per acre under the ASDS natural farming comparison, a reported 80.6% reduction. Field observations also recorded current input costs of about ₹3,000–₹4,000 per acre among participating farmers.





The programme further promoted turmeric intercropping. A combined 40 kg of seed was associated with 122 kg of reported yield across the documented farmer examples, and 20 farmers were motivated to adopt turmeric intercropping in March 2026. A 10-cent ATM model plot was maintained in Tulasipaka village.

Humanitarian Response and Flood Relief

ASDS participated in an ITDA-coordinated flood response in V.R. Puram and Chintur mandals. The organisation first briefed the ITDA Project Officer, and then conducted village-level surveys after distribution responsibilities were assigned.

Across eight villages, 793 families were surveyed and 441 were identified as flood affected. The annual report records 100% relief coverage for eligible affected families. Relief included tarpaulins, mosquito nets and essential items.

The response illustrates the value of combining institutional coordination with community-level verification so that relief can be targeted to affected households.

Village	Total Families	Flood-Affected	% Impact	Relief Status
Dharmathalla Gudem	172	60	34.88%	✓ Relief Delivered
Waddigudem, Gollagudem	246	174	70.73%	✓ Relief Delivered
Chokkanapalli	182	61	33.52%	✓ Relief Delivered
Kalthanur	193	104	53.88%	✓ Relief Delivered
Adavi Venkanna Gudem	–	24	–	✓ Relief Delivered
Ramavaram + Choppali + Gundu Gudem	–	18	–	✓ Relief Delivered
TOTAL – 8 Villages	**793**	441	**55.6% (surveyed)**	100% Coverage Confirmed

Goonj Support and Social Protection

ASDS facilitated 20 Goonj distribution rounds across 12 months. The distributions included clothing, dry rations, toys and puzzles. In total, 10,384 clothing items, 3,710 dry ration kits and 5,424 toys and puzzles were distributed.







March 2026 represented the peak distribution period, with six rounds covering 3,360 clothing items and 1,680 ration kits. These interventions provided practical support to vulnerable families and complemented ASDS's longer-term development activities.

Swachh Andhra – Swachh Diwas

The Swachh Andhra–Swachh Diwas initiative covered Vararamachandrapuram, Yetapaka, Kunavaram and Chinturu mandals. A total of 6,012 families were reached, approximately 1,503 per mandal.











The initiative combined household-level material support with sanitation and community mobilisation. The programme recorded 27 soak pits and 32 drainage channels. Its stated mission was "Clean Villages – Healthy People – Green Future".

The initiative received the First Best Swachhandra Swarnandhra Award from the District Collector, recognising the programme's community reach and sanitation focus.

Youth Awareness and Adivasi Leadership



ASDS engaged 80 Adivasi youth representing 40 villages, with two participants per village. The program covered the Forest Rights Act, land rights and displacement, welfare schemes, ration cards and ABHA, education and scholarships, housing schemes and the Mana Gramam concept. The program recorded achievement of its awareness targets: all 80 participants were briefed on Aadhaar, eKYC and ABHA; more than ten welfare schemes were explained with eligibility information; and the 40 participating villages were represented in the program. The intervention was designed to move beyond information-sharing by encouraging village-level participation and awareness of rights and public services.

Education, Early Childhood, Health, Child Protection and Sports

ASDS supported 21 BPL girls pursuing undergraduate and professional courses through CDR education support. The organisation also provided puzzles, toys and game kits to five Anganwadi centres and conducted four medical health camps at village and mandal levels in March 2026.



Child protection activities included a Mega Parents Meet on 10 July 2025 at KGBV and Ashram Schools with a Mission Vatsalya focus, Children's Day activities involving local officials and service providers, and Prevention of Child Abuse Day campaigns involving IEC, counselling and advocacy.









In sports, two ASDS-supported girls from Ashram Girls H.S., Somulagudem achieved state-level wrestling recognition, winning one Silver and one Bronze medal. Support included uniforms, travel expenses and sports kits.

ASDS also supported cultural identity through the inauguration of Koya Bala Sahithyam and provided emergency assistance following a fire accident in Chinna Atkur through two Goonj kits.









Forest Rights, Governance and Institutional Strengthening

Forest rights remained a major area of engagement. The organisation maintained a ROFR pipeline, supported multi-stakeholder engagement and used monthly reviews to strengthen data integrity and adaptive management.



The ROFR Interface Meet held on 23 March 2026 resulted in agreement to prioritise pre-2005 claims, strengthen Village Forest Rights Committees, develop joint boundary verification, improve coordination between Forest, Revenue and ITDA, and establish an escalation pathway through ASDS.

The annual analysis records 924 ROFR cases identified in Year 1, 227 resolved over the three-year period, and 645 pending. The source identifies R&R complications and resurvey requirements as key causes of delay. A High Court Advocate was engaged on 23 March 2026 for legal guidance on pre-2005 claims.



Other governance activities included 12 monthly reviews, a Gram Sabha discussion on bamboo CFR permissions at Sirasanapalli, an SHRC-related meeting concerning PESA guidance and water/borewell issues, a mandal interface meeting with MPDO/MRO/Forest representatives, and district-level engagement on a solar lamp proposal.

POND to PBI – Shrimp Farmer Development



The POND To PBI initiative covered three mandals in East Godavari and three mandals in West Godavari. It engaged shrimp smallholder farmers, SHG women, youth and supply-chain stakeholders.

The process included data collection and stakeholder mapping, community public forums, a co-design event, public exhibitions, a validation event and a Community Action Plan.

A two-day participatory co-design workshop brought together shrimp farmers, technical experts, input suppliers and women participants to develop solutions around pond management inefficiencies, rising input costs, disease risks and weak collective bargaining. The resulting farmer-led innovation model aimed to improve production efficiency, strengthen biosecurity and enhance women's participation in aquaculture value chains.





Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement

The year's implementation depended on engagement with communities and public institutions. Key forums included ITDA, Forest and Revenue Departments, MPDO and MRO offices, Gram Sabha, district administration, schools, ICDS and medical personnel, as well as technical and supply-chain stakeholders.



ASDS's operating model combined community mobilisation with institutional follow-up. This approach was especially important in entitlement cases and forest-rights processes where resolution depends on coordination across multiple offices.

Awards and Recognition

ASDS received the First Best Swachhandra Swarnandhra Award from the District Collector in 2025 for the Swachh Andhra–Swachh Diwas initiative.





Director Mr. Gandhi Babu was honoured with the Best Social Work Award during 77th Republic Day celebrations in 2026 for 40 years of sustained service to tribal communities.



Two ASDS-supported girls from Ashram Girls H.S., Somulagudem achieved state-level wrestling recognition with Silver and Bronze medals, demonstrating the organisation's support for girls' education and sports.



Solar Lamps Initiative

In January, ASDS met the District Collector of Bhadradri Kothagudem district to propose a free solar lamp distribution programme for households in remote villages without electricity access. The Collector responded positively, and discussions also included promoting Kowsu bird poultry as a sustainable livelihood and nutrition intervention. An exposure visit to a local poultry unit was completed to assess feasibility.



Challenges and Priority Actions

The entitlement data highlight that unresolved cases continue to require structured action. The main bottlenecks recorded were ROFR and R&R complications, pension documentation and scheme closure issues, MGNREGS payment and NPCI linkage problems, Rice Card documentation errors, and Rythu Bharosha eKYC/NPCI and mutation issues.

ASDS's response for the next cycle is centred on camp-based correction and closure drives, continued departmental coordination, grievance escalation, legal support where required and stronger field-level follow-up.

Way Forward 2026–2027

ASDS will priorities four areas in the coming year: expanding natural farming and turmeric intercropping to 50+ farmers; undertaking entitlement closure drives for high-priority ROFR, R&R and Rice Card cases; advancing solar and livelihood innovations including the Kowsu poultry model after feasibility assessment; and taking forward aquaculture co-design outcomes while strengthening women's participation in shrimp value chains.

Conclusion

The 2025–2026 year demonstrates ASDS's integrated approach to community development. The organisation combined direct support with rights-based engagement, livelihood experimentation, social protection and governance.

The results also show where continued investment is required. Unresolved entitlement and forest rights cases, livelihood vulnerability and service-access barriers cannot be addressed through one-off activities. ASDS therefore enters the next cycle with a clear emphasis on sustained follow-up, community participation, institutional coordination and scalable livelihood models.

The organisation remains committed to working alongside tribal communities and vulnerable households to strengthen access to rights, services, livelihoods and opportunities.

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Annexure I – Welfare Entitlement Tracking

S.No	Name Of The Scheme	1st year Data (2023 - 2024)			2nd Year data (2024-2025)				3rd Year data (2025-2026)				Remarks
		1st Year baseline survey & Identified issues	1st Year Completed	1st Year Pending	1st Year Pending Data	2nd Year Identified Issues	2nd Year Completed	2nd Year Pending	2nd Year Pending Data	3rd Year Identified Issues	3rd Year Completed	3rd Year Pending	
1	1B - patta					6	0	6	6	0	1	5	Due to R&R
2	D - patta					6	0	6	6	0	1	5	Due to R&R
3	Aadhar	375	388		0	227	227	0	0	7	0	7	
4	Pensions	355	11	344	344	0	194	150	150	0	0	150	1) pension Schemes are not open, 2) some pension holders in their family members having a Govt job 3) Aadhaar cards birth date mistakes.
5	MNNREGS Card	559	57	502	502	0	360	142	142	0	0	142	1) Payments are Not credited to Beneficiaries account, 2) Some members are studying so, they do not work, 3) some Beneficiaries family members are job holders ,
4	Rice cards	331	9	322	322	166	189	299	299	0	58	241	Newly married, card splitting, Names mistakes in Aadhaar cards and rice cards deletion.
5	ROFR	924	227	697	697	0	53	644	644	1	0	645	These ROFR Issues Applications were submitted in ITDA Grievance
6	Rythu Bharosha	138	23	115	115	2	2	115	115	0	0	115	EKYC Problem (NPCI), Mutation issues
7	Ammavodi	350	16	334	334	0	251	83	83	0	83	0	Aadhar and ekyc problems, recently some students were updated their biometric for 2023-2024 academic fees reimbursement
8	Vidya Deevana	126	6	120	120	0	0	120	120	6	3	120	Under Process

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9	Late Death Certificates	14	14	0	0	41	22	19	19	13	19	13	Under Process
10	Mutation	16	16	0	0	71	8	63	63	0	13	50	Under Process
11	Ecrop in Natural Forming	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	66	0	Under Process
12	Surksha program	126	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	completed
13	Sadarem	17	17	0	0	14	5	9	9	0	0	9	Under Process
14	Sadarem id verify & UDID	0	0	0	0	27	18	9	9	0	0	9	Under Process
15	Bicycle(Disable)	11	11	0	0	4	2	2	2	0	2	0	Under Process
16	Bus Pass(Disable)	18	10	8	8	3	0	11	11	0	11	0	Under Process
17	Cheyutha	38	26	12	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	12	Under Process
18	YSR Bharosa	11	3	8	8	0	0	8	8				Under Process
19	R&R	99	3	96	96	164	37	223	223	0	0	223	R&R PDF names mistakes, resurvey for house valuations, money not credited to beneficiaries accounts
20	Cast & Income	0	0	0	0	115	69	46	46	13	32	32	under process
21	Joint Accounts/ postal Account	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	completed
22	Family Certificates	0	0	0	0	75	44	31	31	4	22	13	Under Process
23	Insurances	0	0	0	0	26	10	16	16	0	5	11	Under Process
24	Late Birth Certificates	0	0	0	0	70	59	11	11	6	5	12	Under Process
25	Pan Cards	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	All were sanction
26	Govt Jobs For Disable	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	completed
27	Web Land Correction	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	completed
28	Madical Camps	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	completed
29	NPCI Link	0	0	0	0	1764	1715	49	49	0	0	49	Some account holders accounts has inactive, eKYC problems, Aadhaar updates.
30	APAAR	0	0	0	0	1840	1840	0	0	0	0	0	completed
	TOTAL	**3523**	**979**	**2558**	**2558**	**4648**	**5132**	**2074**	**2074**	**99**	**310**	**1855**	**0**