



## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF HITA TRUST

1st April 2025- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

HITA Trust was incorporated on 19.3.25 in Palampur as Registered Trust (No. 155/2025). The Trustees have appointed Mr. Rajeev Ahal as Executive Director and Dr. Manab Chakraborty as Director, both working on pro-bobo basis, who are supporting the development of HITA's programmes.

The key activities taken up by HITA so far are:

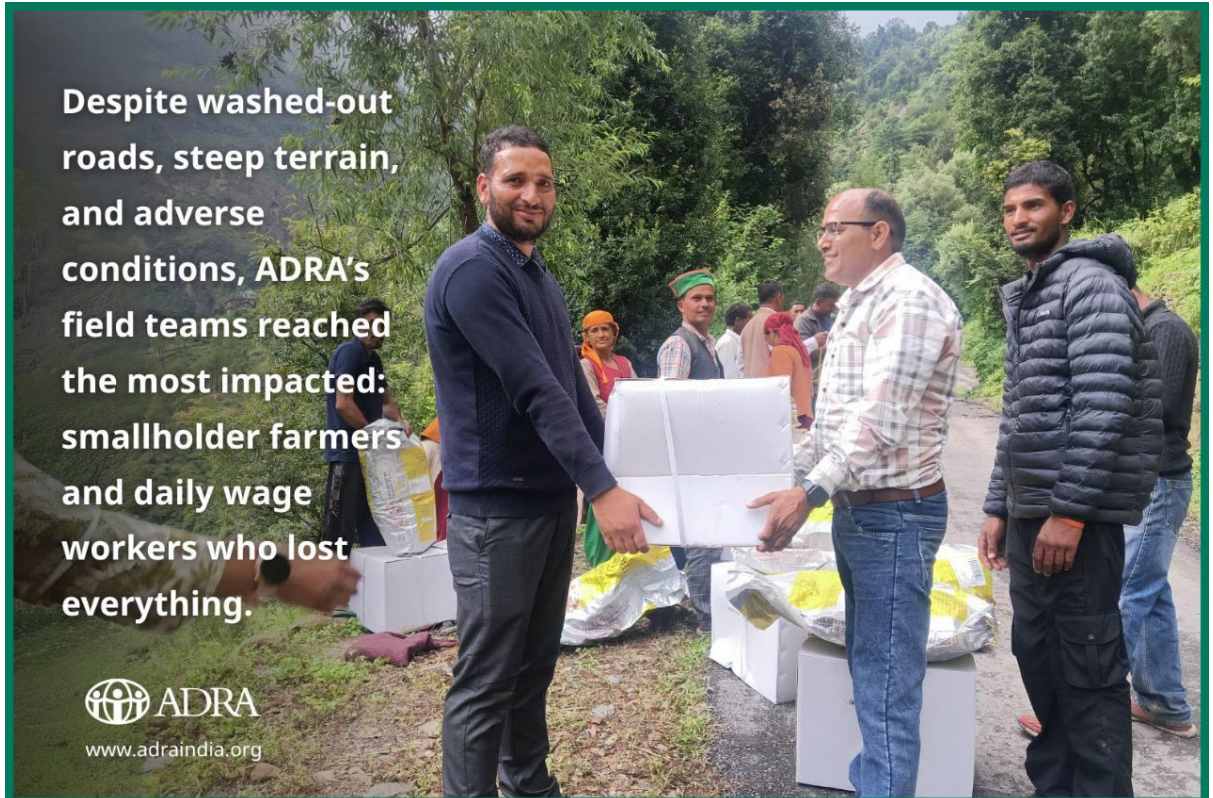
1. **Samridh Palampur Samvad:** the Advisers have established the concept and a coordinating committee to take forward expert and citizen based discussions and report development of Samridh Palampur. Four sub-groups have been established from voluntary domain experts and with support of other local organisations. These sub groups have held many rounds of virtual meetings and a draft report is being finalised. This report will be presented to district and sub-division officers and departments for giving ideas for implementation through their programmes and schemes. This report is being finalised to be shared with the Samridh Himachal@2045 process being done by MS-HIPA at the state level, for these pragmatic ideas to also plug into the state roadmap process.





2. **Advisory support to other organisations:** HITA's focus is also to support other CSOs, govt departments, research organisations to be more effective and impactful in their own work. In this direction, the Advisers have been providing advisory support to:
- a. Gary Care Society, Nurpur: to help them plan better and implement their Anti-drugs campaign. HITA connected GCS to its volunteer experts like Vijay Kumar etc. who provided technical inputs.
  - b. Winage: HITA is also looking at ways for enhancing care and support to the elderly as well more focussed geriatric care for elderly in Himachal and also create longer term new-age jobs for youth in this health-service space. Winage has the experience in working with Central and State Governments, Multilateral Organizations, Corporate Sector as well as Not-For-Profit organizations. The advisers have worked with WinAge to design two intervention pathways.
    - i. First is through HP government and discussions were organised with the office of Secretary Education to see how the vocational aspects can be brought in and supported by HP Govt.. Based on the call Winage has submitted a draft proposal (with a scheme design format) - for pilots of one batch each in two locations to be selected from Solan/Shimla/Kangra (or another proposal if more feasible) with proximity to a high-potential source-zone for candidates close by. Based on interest of GoHP, a detailed proposal including methodology, sequential steps to initiate the pilots, social-technical requirements for selecting candidates, potential dates for launching the first two batches (serial/parallel), Budget estimate (proposing state support for provision of venues for hosting the pilot trainings), cost of mobilisation or a local partner costs, model to include part training cost to be borne by students (not sure if leveraging of relevant SC-ST skill training grants makes the pilots unwieldy and bureaucratic); the viability funding gap and how this can be met, also with a future scale-out in mind.
    - ii. The second pathway is to explore and support the B2B process for direct business-model for implementation in one pocket of district Kangra with a CSO known to HITA. Preparatory work is ongoing.
  - c. Mandi disaster relief: This year Himachal experienced an exceptional monsoon fury. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) confirmed that monsoon caused a total of 64 deaths between June 20 and July 16, 2025, in rain-related incidents, Mandi district has been particularly hit by flash floods and landslides in July and August 2025, caused by heavy monsoon rains and cloudbursts. HITA contacted ADRA, a disaster relief agency based in Gurgaon, and connected it with local NGOs RTDC (Palampur) and other local agencies to reconstruct 250 homes in the district.





- d. Landscape project proposal development: One of the proximate causes of landslides in Himachal is extensive disturbance caused to the landscape by road construction, building construction and even agriculture on the steep slopes. HITA is developing a project to stabilise critical landscapes in the state. Landscape stabilisation projects involve the creation, planning, and maintenance of outdoor spaces, ranging from small residential gardens and public parks to large-scale urban developments and ecological restoration efforts. Notable examples include public works alongside a wide array of villages, townships, resorts, and cultural gardens. Key aspects of these projects include understanding site conditions, determining the space's intended use, ensuring aesthetic harmony, and often incorporating sustainable practices. A proposal will be developed to this effect and presented to the trustees in FY 2026-27.

### 3. Discussions & recommendations on benefits of Union budget 2026 for HP

The Union Budget 2026-27 has defined the contours of the government priorities and consequent actions for the coming year. What does the budget foresee and what does it miss for the strategic and important Himalayan regions of India, with a specific focus on the state of Himachal Pradesh? To explore this topic, HITA invited 5 thinkers/experts to reflect on the opportunities for Himachal Pradesh presented in the Union Budget 2026-27. An analysis was done by HITA team and shared as an input.



Based on the discussions HITA developed recommendations and forwarded them to HP and Union Government.

All these activities were conducted in a pro-bono manner and did not incur any expenses for the HITA trust. Only the website costs were there from the agency.

I am also happy to report that some donations have kept coming in and the amount is available for planning and implementing activities in FY 2026-27.

Warmly

Rajeev Ahal

Executive Director

31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

On the administrative side:

1. The PAN and DARPAN registration have been done
2. A Trust account in Axis bank Palampur branch has been opened as per directions of the resolution by the Trustees
3. The temporary exemptions under IT Acts have been secure through the support of the nominated Chartered Accountants - Sandeep Kakkar & Associates
4. Funds received - 5000 each from two trustees, a donation of 10,000 by Manab and an unsecured loan of 90,000. HITA has a total of 1,10,000 in its account