

30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
2017-2018

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Years of Strengthening  
Voluntary Organisations



**VANI**  
Celebrating 30 Years  
VOICE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR



## Abbreviations

ADA	-	Asian Development Alliance
ADN	-	Asia Democracy Network
BBIN	-	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal
BRICS	-	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
BIMSTEC	-	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
C20	-	Civil 20
CEO	-	Chief Executive Officer
CSR	-	Corporate Social Responsibility
CSO	-	Civil Society Organization
FCRA	-	Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act
FIDC	-	Forum for Indian Development
GO	-	Government Organization
GST	-	Goods and Services Tax
IBSA	-	India, Brazil, South Africa
IFP	-	International Forum of National NGO platforms
IMF	-	International Monetary Funds
MEA	-	Ministry of External Affairs
MoRD	-	Ministry of Rural Development
RIS	-	Research Information System
SDG	-	Sustainable Development Goals
UN	-	United Nations
VANI	-	Voluntary Action Network India
VO	-	Voluntary Organization
VDO	-	Voluntary Development Organization

## Foreword by the Chair



It gives me immense pleasure to present the 30th Annual Report of VANI. The vibrant journey of three decades has touched almost all aspects of the voluntary sector in India. As the space for voluntary development sector is redefined worldwide, India is no exception. VANI is always in the forefront on issues concerning the sector and has also faced its own share of ups and down in the last thirty years. We are proud as VANI for responding to many issues in spite of the limitations. Not only the space for VANI to operate is changing but even its relationships are being redefined. To prepare VANI to face the upcoming challenging times, the Governing Board of VANI reflected to carve out the future course of action which will make it more relevant and viable. VANI serves quite a large number of constituencies of the sector from grassroots to national level with varied and diverse challenges. The Governing Board convened the reflection process through workshops at state, regional and national level. This initiative was also a reflection of the commitment to change by the board, the secretariat and the members.

Keeping its core mission to strengthen the voluntary development organizations, VANI adopted innovative methods to address the issues. The overarching operational strategy of creating knowledge through participatory research and organizing interactive educational events were re-designed. I am thankful to the forum of financial, legal experts and Chartered Accountants for suggesting new and effective strategy to address the regulatory framework of the sector. This forum is hosted by VANI with active contributions of eminent experts on the subject. VANI started working towards harmonization of regulatory framework which promotes the sector in more holistic way. We are thankful to Nitti Aayog, Ministry of Rural Development and other ministries of the government for providing space to VANI for sharing and learning. VANI believes that for the equitable and holistic growth of the country, we need an equal partnership with government and private sector. The pre-requisite of this vibrant relationship is based on the strength of capable and effective VDOs.

In order to strengthen the sector from within, VANI worked for promoting accountability and transparency in the sector. Not only numerous debates and discussion were organized but the updated 'Code of Conduct' was signed by many members and non-members. We also worked towards promoting compliance of law of the land by the

VDOs. VANI undertook various studies to help grassroots groups to record their achievements. We need to bring forward positive narratives of the sector in the public domain. VANI also worked to promote global footprints of Indian VDOs, with the help of Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC), Research Information System of Developing countries and Ministry of External Affairs. I am also thankful to the engagement of the academia with VDOs. The women leadership forum is taking shape with the active participation of the women leaders. The forum of Leaders and CEOs has always been a source of inspiration and guidance for VANI. The state level networks are being formed in Maharashtra, North-east, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh that voice VANI at the state level.

I am thankful to the members and friends of VANI for their support and guidance. Without their active participation we could not have succeeded in this complex world. I would also like to express gratitude to my colleagues in the Governing Board for their valuable inputs and strengthening governing systems of VANI. On behalf of members, Governing Board and secretariat I am thankful to the donors and supporting VANI's initiatives. I am also thankful to the Chief Executive and his team for helping us realizing dream of effective and sustainable Voluntary Development Sector.

Mathew Cherian  
Chairperson

## **VISION**

Works towards building a society where voluntarism and voluntary organizations play dominant and constructive role in social cohesion, economic empowerment and national.

## **MISSION**

To act as a platform for research, advocacy, capacity building, sharing and learning on the issues related to voluntarism and voluntary agencies.

## Preface



The Voluntary Sector is considered as the fourth estate of democracy with its constituents engaged in poverty eradication, empowering youth and women, education and life skills, improving health, awareness generation, etc. across the globe. The issues addressed by each organization might be different but the ultimate goal of all these voluntary organizations is pursuing development of the country and society. At present the Voluntary Sector is vulnerable to harassment, impulsive changes in regulatory regimes, diminishing operational space, unpredictable funding, etc which impedes the voluntary organizations from realizing their core objectives.

VANI's role is very important and its responsibilities have increased in such times when the sector is struggling with these issues. VANI provides a common platform to dialogue and discuss the pressing needs of voluntary organizations. These views, queries and suggestions are compiled by VANI and used for evidence based advocacy with the government, policy makers and donors to bring their attention to these issues. On the other side, VANI also handholds the voluntary organizations in capacity building through various interactive educational events at regional and national level. The vibrant members of VANI and active board members have taken VANI to new heights. The ever growing membership of VANI is a proof of its growing influence and achievements.

VANI as an apex body for voluntary organizations is not only bringing forth these issues but also providing timely solutions through its interventions. VANI is also a part of national and international networks for expressing solidarity and for seeking innovative solutions to provide an enabling environment for CSOs. Not only at local or national platform but globally the achievements of VANI are very well recognized and appreciated by government, public and private sector. The contributions of VANI towards creating an enabling environment, transparency, accountability and sustainability have been highlighted through various meetings with stakeholders in India.

This year VANI celebrates 30 years of successful journey and has been able to build a sense of solidarity among the sector. The 30th Annual Report of VANI covers all activities carried out during April 2017- March 2018. This year VANI addressed the issue of shrinking space of sector, enabling environment and other initiatives taken to strengthen the voluntary sector. VANI organized consultations, meetings and discussions with multiple stakeholders on diverse issues of the sector. Through these discussions, situational analysis is conducted and best possible solutions are worked

out. Educational events are organized to reach out and spread awareness among the organizations at regional and state level. These events are also used to improve the compliance under regulatory regime, transparency, accountability and resilience.

VANI has also organized meetings and consultations at national level to engage government and leaders of voluntary sector on issues like harmonization of law, women's leadership CEO, CFO etc to contribute towards conducive environment. VANI also conducted workshop to address the issue of accountability and transparency with the sector.

At the end it is with the support of our members and well-wishers that VANI has been able to conduct these activities and be a national platform for voicing their respective concerns. They have been the core support of VANI. I am grateful to VANI's board members who have been pillars of wisdom and guidance for our policies and programs. I would also like to thank our donors who have been supporting our endeavours- Bread for the World, Heinrich Boll Foundation, Kerk in Active, International Civil Society Centre and Bhutan Transparency Initiatives. We are very grateful to Chairperson and Treasurer of VANI for the effective governance, management and financial system. Last but not the least; I would like to extend my thanks to the team of VANI who have dedicatedly worked in making this year successful. I wish our readers the very best and welcome you to join us in solidarity for creating the voluntary sector's mark in our country through the efforts of VANI. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

Harsh Jaitli  
Chief Executive Officer

## CORE VALUES

**Justice and Equality** - VANI believes in equity and justice for every individual in the society. This necessarily includes, gender, social, economical and physical marginalization.

**Participation, Accountability and Transparency** - VANI believes in promoting accountable, transparency and participatory governance system among voluntary agencies.

**Reciprocity and Mutual Respect** - VANI believes in mutual respect and relationship of equality among voluntary organizations and other partners in development.

**Knowledge** - VANI recognizes knowledge as the key to social change and hence believes in creating, demystifying and disseminating knowledge to voluntary sector and about voluntary sector.

## Introduction

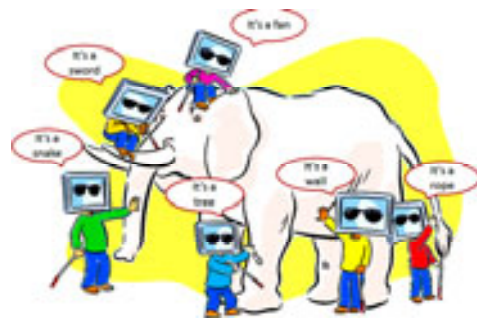
VANI is an apex body of voluntary organizations, which works as a catalyst between the voluntary sector and the government, private sector, bilateral and multi-laterals. VANI continuously attempts to create a common platform where Indian voluntary development organizations can collectively voice the issues that have been concerning and affecting the sector. VANI has been providing support to grass root organizations on regulatory issues like incorporation laws, taxation laws, other laws related to fund generation, accountability and governance. VANI also works as the voice of the sector to make government, private sector, media and general public to make them aware about the concerns, achievements and challenges to reduction of poverty and hunger, social inclusion along with sustainable development as well as of the sector. VANI provides advice, suggestions and files appeals on the above issues. VANI also organizes educational events like seminars, consultations, roundtables and capacity building workshops to not only share the information at various levels from grassroots to national, but also to generate information for its epistemological role for the voluntary development sector in India. VANI is committed to promote and strengthen accountability and transparency in the VDOs on governance management and financial transactions.

In the era when space for voluntary action is being redefined globally, India is no different. On one hand the regulatory environment is becoming more complicated and on the other traditional windows of partnerships is being replaced with new spaces. The strategies for resilience adopted by VDOs differ due to their location, size, strategies and themes. During the year, VANI kept its commitment of strengthening the sector at the centre while implementing all its interventions. The question of highlighting the narrative of the sector about its success, achievements and challenges along with communicating concerns with policy makers, government and donors has become very important. The VDOs at the grassroots face existential challenge due to inadequate support structure of technical, legal, human resource and thematic inputs. The weak infrastructure to facilitate the flow of information from national to local and local to national also emerged as major challenge. This year new forums have been created - forum of chief executives, leaders forum, women leaders, financial experts and chartered accountants, as platforms for dialogue, mutual sharing and learnings.

The year also saw, India emerging as the major player in development partnerships and discourses, which also included the reforming of global governance mechanism of multi-lateral platforms like World Bank, IMF, and UN Systems. The new platforms like BRI CS, G20, IBSA, etc gained importance on development initiatives. To carry forward its commitment to strengthen the global footprints of Indian and Southern VDOs, VANI conducted studies, multi-stakeholder dialogues in collaboration with FI DC, RI S and MEA. With the objective to mutually learn and share experiences of Indian VDOs, VANI actively participated on various global and regional platforms of VDOs like CI VI CUS, I FP, and ADA.

## A paradox of Regulatory Environment

The regulatory framework for the VDOs suffers from multiple interpretations from diverse perspectives. Various rules and regulations are made in bits and pieces, which are sometime contradictory in nature. This year VANI made efforts to articulate the need for harmonization of the laws in line with the private sector as well as enhanced capacity of VDOs for compliance. Being a member of the committee formed by MoRD, Government of India, to respond to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, VANI put forward the need for professionalization and updating of regulatory framework which promotes accountability, transparency and legitimacy of the VDOs. Most of VANI's recommendations were accepted by the government and Hon'ble Supreme Court. VANI is also member of the committee formed by NITI Aayog to recommend changes in the regulatory framework. After a series of consultations with VDOs from grass roots and national level and inputs from experts, the basic demand is to streamline and promote "Ease of Doing Development Work". The outdated registration laws have resulted in 3.5 million non-profit entities, which are not necessarily development actors. Similarly, Section 2(15) (of which law) needs redefinition to promote partnership between VDOs and flagship programs of the government. The gap is also felt between the provisions of CSR laws and Income Tax Act, to promote domestic fund mobilization. VANI strongly believes that in order to achieve SDGs effective partnership is needed between government, VDOs and private sector.



Source: [http://beyondrecognition.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Elephant\\_wBlindment\\_Fx600.png](http://beyondrecognition.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Elephant_wBlindment_Fx600.png)

## Strengthening the Sector from Within:

### *Promoting Accountability and Transparency in VDOs*

As mentioned above in such a regulatory environment, it becomes necessary for the VDOs to become accountable and transparent. From the study conducted by VANI, it can be estimated that out of the 3.5 million non-profit entities there are not more than 300,000 VDOs that are involved in development work. In such an environment, it becomes very difficult even for donors to identify and support good and genuine organizations. With the strong base of 561 members and with outreach to thousands, VANI started working on methods, processes and instruments to highlight such genuine VDOs. The role of knowledge creator



Source: [theaimn.com](http://theaimn.com)



for the sector was further strengthened by designing instruments for showcasing good and genuine organizations. Building on data collected through various educational events and its partnership with global project on reference standards, VANI rearticulated its 'Code of Conduct'. This Code of Conduct not only has variable indicators but also came out from extensive conversations and consultations. This is now a tool of "Self-Certification". The same tool is also shared with NITI Aayog.

### *Making Governance Effective:*

Since its inception VANI has done substantial work on making Governance effective for the VDOs. Now with changing times and redefined relationships, the nature, composition and functions of Governing Boards are also changing. VANI conducted a study to this effect which highlighted that eminent people from private sector, government, and academics are joining the boards. There is a need for professional board functioning and management and orientation of members on effective engagement in the board functioning.



Source: [investinemiliaromagna.eu](http://investinemiliaromagna.eu)

VANI also conducted the analysis of gender representation and leadership among the boards and it was observed that very few women leaders are in the sector. Although, large number of women joins the sector at entry level, their number decreases at the higher level of the organisation. This concern was shared with various organizations and women leaders. This year VANI launched 'Women Leadership Forum', which is led by VANI's board. In addition, there are two other forums namely, 'Chief Financial Officers Forum' which includes Financial Experts/ Chartered Accountants and 'CEO/Leaders Forum' which is a network of Leaders, CEOs and experts. These forums are used as a platform to discuss the issues faced by the sector's and recommended action for way forward for nation building and development through voluntary development organizations.

### *Resilience and Local Fund Raising*

Due to changed funding scenario, the organizations face the challenge in raising resources without compromising their mission and vision. The foreign funding to India is depleting and new donors require different approach. The emergence of philanthropic foundations, private sector (CSR) and individual donors require re-strategizing of fund raising techniques. Interestingly, now both donor and recipients do not understand each other's language and terminologies. Based on its studies and feedback from stakeholders, VANI worked towards strengthening the



Source: [pacificlinklimited.com](http://pacificlinklimited.com)

organizations in coping up with this challenge. Various studies have shown that there is a gap between available resources and expectation from the field. This year VANI initiated the capacity building as well as epistemological intervention on this area.

### *Narrative of the sector:*

There is very less information in public domain about the challenges and achievements of the voluntary development sector. In last decade or so, we have made our language so complicated with jargons that people on the street don't understand the nature, functions, contributions and challenges of the voluntary development sector. Being a voice of the sector, VANI undertook number of initiatives to motivate grassroots organizations to document their success stories and challenges. The emergence of social media should be seen as an opportunity to further this objective.



### *Global Solidarity*

India has not only been a development partner since a long time but played an important role in extending its help to other developing and least developed countries. Globally, India is seen as one of the key stakeholders in development cooperation. VANI through its efforts has achieved recognition not only at national but at international level as well. Through various activities led by VANI and the views and opinions are expressed on diverse issues which are valued by the stakeholders in the global arena. VANI is an active participant in various global forums and platforms. VANI started its efforts to voice the issues of Indian CSOs at global level and has gained a sense of solidarity with the global CSO programmes. This year VANI has been at various platforms, - C20, Global Standards, CIVICUS, Civil BRICS, ADN, IFP, etc. to name a few.



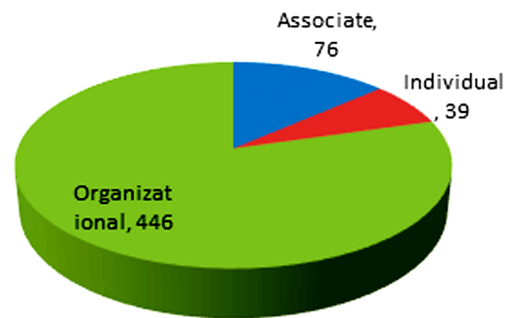
Source: [kg.one.un.org](http://kg.one.un.org)

The engagement of VANI in different forums contributed in building legitimacy of the sector for representation on matters related to CSOs working at grassroots to the national level of development in India. It participated in evidence based advocacy on common issues with voluntary sector by building a strong national and international research and advocacy capacity. VANI has an important contribution in shaping the position of Indian voluntary sector at global forums and also is an active board member of the FIDC anchored by RIS-the MEA think-tank.

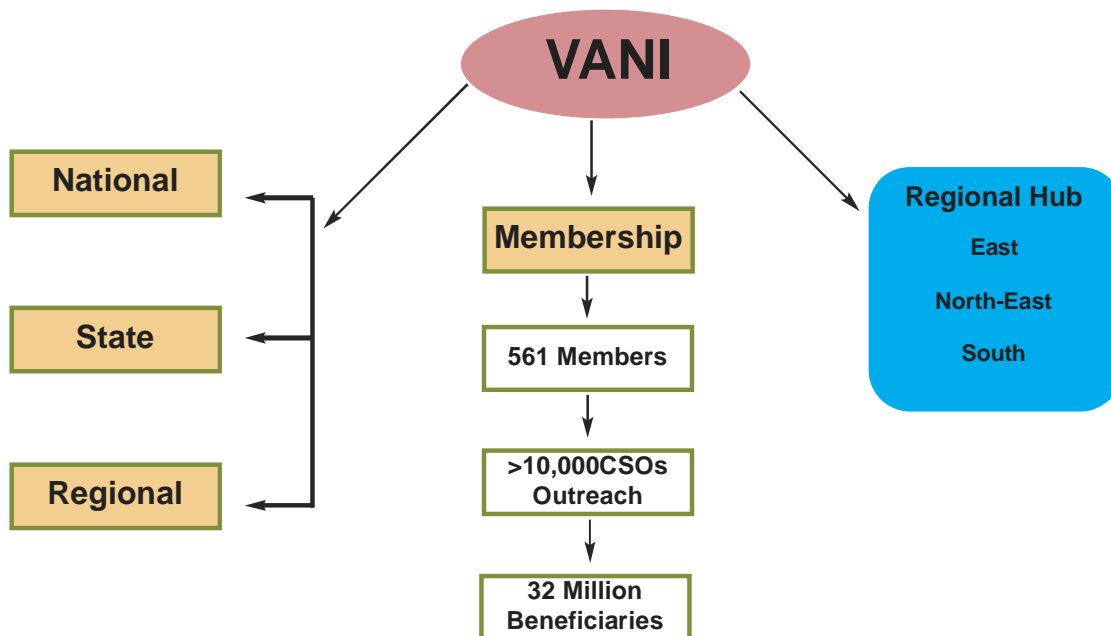
## Membership and Regional Hub

### Membership

Many VOs have extended their support towards VANI by being a member to take a collective action for the sector. The steady growth in membership is a proof that the work done by VANI is supported and that VANI is truly a membership-based organization. VANI has a total membership of 561 organizational members (as on 31st March, 2018). VANI has a reach of more than 10,000 organizations across India, working in remotest and farthest areas of the country. VANI also reaches out to its non-members through state and regional meetings.



VANI invites not only members but non-members as well to the various meetings, consultations and workshops. Through these events information is shared on issues, concerns, new circulars and amendments in laws relevant to the sector. VANI not only utilizes such occasions and events to disseminate the information and capacity enhancement but also to gather inputs, observations and recommendations from all the participants, later to be compiled and shared with the external stakeholders like government, private sector, media and others.



### *Regional Hub*

India being a federal democratic country, it is very difficult for VANI to support VDOs in 29 states and 7 Union Territories. To strengthen the outreach of VANI to the voluntary organizations working at grassroots level in remotest and farthest areas of the country, outreach support through VANI's Regional Hubs as considered successful. The role of regional hub is to collect information about challenges that grassroots level organizations face and extend support in time of need. All the data and documents are regularly provided to the VANI Secretariat. There are three Regional Hubs that are managed by VANI namely- South, East and North-East. These Hubs are strategically located to provide intensive support to the organizations and disseminate information as well.

### **Redefining relationships:**

#### *With the Government*

VANI believes that for the holistic growth and development of the country, a vibrant and constructive partnership between government and VDOs is a prerequisite. VANI has a functional relationship with various ministries and government departments at state and national level. VANI is considered as a knowledge hub and research centre on issues related to VDOs by the government. VANI's involvement ranges from organizing pre-budget consultations to provide inputs and information on behalf of member VDOs and various committees. With the changing times, the opportunity and windows of interaction between government and VDOs have also changed. VANI worked tirelessly to strengthen this relationship for the benefit of the sector. During the year VANI organized various events for information exchange.



#### *With the Media*

Media plays an important part in shaping the opinions and image of any sector. It is a significant medium to highlight the issues of the voluntary sector. As a watchdog, media has provided timely information and promoted good governance, however, the impact of news on voluntary organizations over the last few years has had an adverse effect and the sector. The voluntary sector has been portrayed in negative light. VANI has made efforts from time to time and engaged with media by briefings and by offering clarifications and promoting positive narratives about the sector. VANI motivates small organizations to use social media as a platform to highlight their achievements.



Source: enli10it.com

### *With Private sector*

Being a national platform of VDOs, VANI interacts with various industrial bodies and private sector. VANI believes that the knowledge and experiences of both the sectors can create synergy for the development of the country. CII and VANI undertook joint research based advocacy with the government on the issue of Lokpal. VANI organised a series of roundtables in order to develop understanding on development paradigms in the country.



Source: [charitableadvisors.com](http://charitableadvisors.com)

### **Information Dissemination for better tomorrow:**

Knowledge is seen as the source of power hence, VANI always strives for information exchange right across the sector. By using print and electronic mediums, VANI exchanges information from local to global and vice versa.

### *E-VANI*

E-VANI is a bi-monthly and bi-lingual newsletter shared with VANI members and other stakeholders. It provides updates regarding VANI's activities and programmes that are either on-going or forthcoming. It also provides information and latest news across the globe and resources that will help in strengthening the capacity of voluntary sector. It further updates about the various lawssignificant to the sector, documentation and information regarding various workshops and discussions that VANI conducts.



### *Research Publications*

The publications undertaken by VANI are the research studies on various issues that concern the voluntary sector. These studies are based on primary and secondary data and conducted by VANI team. These studies are published and shared with VANI's members and non-members. In the year 2017-18, the research and studies undertaken are as follows:

- Study Report on Representation of CSO on Enabling Environment (English)
- A Study Report on Three new formations BIMSTEC, BBIN and Blue Economy (English & Hindi)
- Civic Charter in Indian Context (English & Hindi)
- Study on Implementation and Impact of Istanbul Principles in India (English)
- Towards Enabling Environment for the Voluntary Sector in India - A Study Report (English, Hindi, Assamese)



- Poverty and Inequality on BRICS Nations (English & Hindi)
- India's Grants and Investment in Africa (English & Hindi)
- Development And Approach of BRICS New Development Bank (English & Hindi)
- Food Security and Agriculture (English & Hindi)
- Financial Sector Reforms in India (English & Hindi)
- E-VANI Newsletter April 2017-September 2017 (English & Hindi)
- E-VANI newsletter October 2017 March - 2018) (English & Hindi)

### *Website and Social Media*

VANI has its website [www.vaniindia.org](http://www.vaniindia.org) which is updated on a regular basis to disseminate helpful and relevant information about its outreach programmes, activities, research studies and publications along with various petitions and appeals sent to the ministries. VANI also shares information regarding programmes (on-going and forthcoming), which also includes meetings, events, consultation and workshops. Information about our members list and the process of taking up VANI's membership are also provided on the website. The information from the website can be downloaded free of charge.

Social Media has become an important platform and a quick way of sharing views, ideas, and issues of the sector globally at just a click away. VANI has active Facebook and Twitter account where sector relevant updates regarding activities, events, latest news and happenings are provided.

## Annual General Meeting

VANI organized its 29th Annual General Body Meeting on 6th September at Vishwa Yuva Kendra, New Delhi. VANI's annual and audit report was presented along with an overview of the financial years' programs and expenditures was also



presented. This was followed by discussion about significant concerns regarding simplification of membership process. This year the election of working committee did not take place and resolution was supported by all the members. The five retiring members' tenure was extended for one year till the Annual General Meeting 2018. Another significant change this year was shifting of VANI's office to its own premise at VANI House, 7, PSP Pocket, Sector-8, Dwarka, New Delhi.



## National Consultation- SAMVAAD: Discussing Changing Realities of the Voluntary Sector, September 5-6, 2017, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi

This National Consultation was organized to discuss the significant issues at national level. The theme was to discuss the changing realities of the voluntary sector and how voluntary organizations can re-strategize as a relevant and effective sector. Reputed speakers





were invited to discuss and specially address the grassroots level information to move forward solutions for the challenges faced by the organizations and enlist next step to deal with the current situation of space crunch.

### Strategic Meeting of VANI Staff

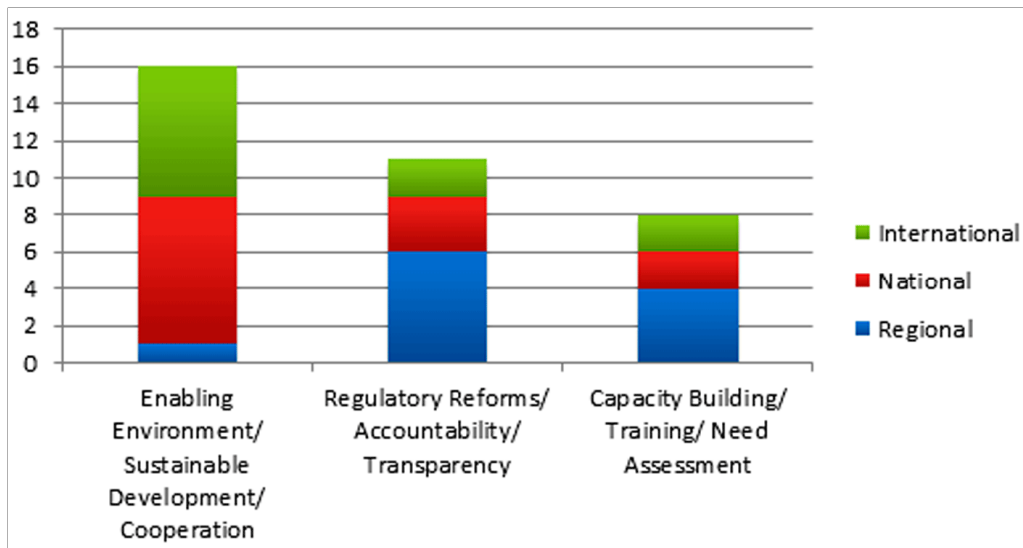
On 7-9 February, 2018, VANI organized a full three day strategic meeting in Bharatpur, Rajasthan. The meeting was organized not only to sketch VANI's future endeavours but to further introspect and assess the previous year's activities. The sessions were planned to discuss the contributions of the organization in terms programs and as an institution. It also diagnosed the external environment particularly the enabling and hindering factors affecting the institution. The other issues were on relevance of participation on global platform and forums, recognition to the sector. On the issue of internal environment discussions were held regarding



shrinking space, regulatory laws, funding sources, accountability, transparency, partnership, etc. This meeting was not only limited to introspection at organizational level but also provided an opportunity for VANI's employees to interact with each other out of the professional space, thus, reducing the professional distance.



## Meetings/Conferences 2017-18



- Philippines
- Kenya
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Thailand
- Belgium
- Korea
- Fiji
- USA
- Germany

Participation in International Meetings

- Ranchi
- Guwahati
- Nagpur
- Udaipur
- Lucknow
- Mumbai
- Raipur

Regional Meetings by VANI

- Delhi
- Maharashtra
- Jharkhand
- Assam
- Chhattisgarh
- Rajasthan

National Meetings

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**Year Ended 31.03.2018**  
 Extracted from Audited Statement of Accounts 2017-18

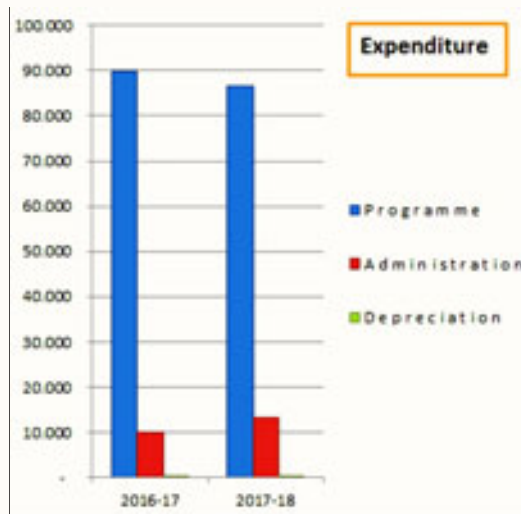
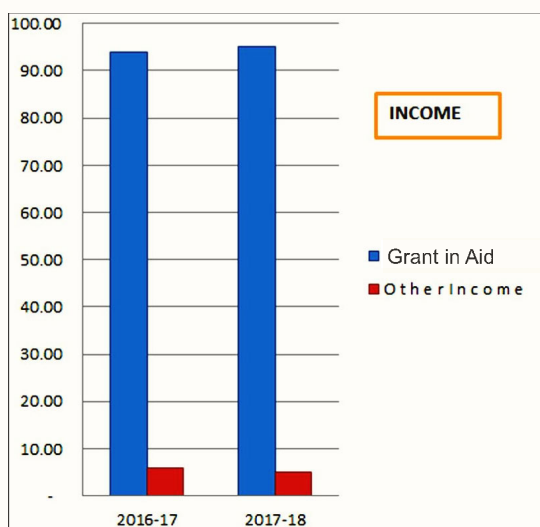
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**Income**

Grant in Aid	20,778,838.00
Other Income	1,097,780.23
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,876,618.23</b>

**Expenditure**

Programme	19,891,465.00
Administration	3,046,842.07
Depreciation	20,700.94
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>22,959,008.01</b>
<b>Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>(1,082,390.78)</b>



## GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

(as on 31st March. 2018)

### Chairperson

Mr. Mathew Cherian, Chief Executive, Helpage India, New Delhi

### Treasurer

Mr. Ashok Singh, Director, Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

### Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Harsh Jaitli, Voluntary Action Network India, New Delhi

### Working Committee Members

Mr. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation for India, New Delhi

Ms. Anuja Bansal, Secretary General, SOS Children's Villages of India, New Delhi

Mr. Datta Patil, Director General, Yuva Rural Association, Maharashtra

Ms. Gargi Banerji, Founder, Pragya, Gurgaon, Haryana

Mr. Saradindu Banerjee, SHG Promotional Forum, West Bengal

Dr. K. Panchaksharam, Secretary & CEO, SIPA-Federation of South India Producer Associations

Mr. Manoj Kumar Verma, Director, Integrated Development Foundation

Mr. Mahendra Singh Kunwar, Secretary, Himalayan Action Research Centre

Ms. Meenakshi Batra, Chief Executive, CAF India, New Delhi

Mr. Murlidhar Chandram, President, Srijan Kendra

Ms. Priyanka Singh, Chief Executive, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Ms. Puja Marwaha, Chief Executive, CRY - Child Rights and You

Mr. Raju Kumar Narzary, Executive Director, NERSWN

Mr. G. Placid, Director, SAHAYI- Centre for Collective Learning and Action

Ms. Hemal Kamat, Director & Secretary, Concept Society

## Team @ VANI

(as on 31st March. 2018)

**Chief Executive Officer:** Harsh Jaitli

**Admin. Assistant/Graphic Designer:** Raj Kumar Sharma

**Office Assistant:** Ramlal Mehra

**Facility Supervisor:** Dhiraj Kumar

**Receptionist cum Secretarial Support:** Syed Abdul Rafey

**Accounts Officer:** Ravi Ranjan Rawat

**Programme Officer:** Mohd. Ali Faraz

**Programme Officer:** Panchali Sharma

**Secretary to CEO/HR In-charge :** Mamta Soni

**Programme Manager:** Arjun Phillips

**Programme Manager:** Nivedita Datta

**Accounts Assistant:** Gaurav Singh Negi

**Support Staff:** Mithlesh Mishra

## **About Voluntary Action Network India (VANI)**

VANI is a national network of Indian Voluntary Development Organizations (VDOs). Currently VANI has 540 members with an outreach to around 10,000 VDOs across India. The membership of VANI ranges from grass roots to the national organizations. The members work on a range of priority development issues of the government including education, health, nutrition, integrated child development, livelihood, skill development, environment, natural resource management, climate change, water and sanitation, emergency response and preparedness, agriculture, poverty and so on, in some of the most remote areas of the country. In the year 2017-18, our network collectively reached out to over 32 million people belonging to vulnerable and marginalized groups including children, disabled people, women, elderly, farmers, dalit, tribals, disaster survivors, unemployed, youth, LGBT, sex workers etc. VANI through its efforts and strategies aims to build a strong civil society sector not only at national but regional and local level as well.

VANI was set up with the mission to promote voluntarism, create space for the sector by fostering value based voluntary action. VANI's interventions are focused to strengthen the external and internal enabling environment. To ensure the external enabling environment, VANI conducts evidence based advocacy which includes regulatory frameworks and resource generation. In order to achieve this VANI works with the government, private sector, bilateral, multilaterals and other stakeholders. For strengthening the internal enabling environment, VANI works towards building resilience and promoting accountability, transparency and compliance through the interactive educational events and information dissemination. VANI strives to become a resource centre by conducting evidence based research; publishing studies, articles and reports not only at state level but national and global level as well.



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