

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

at

Foundation For Ecological Security

01nd of May 2024 – 25th of June 2024

A REPORT BY

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2023-2025

Under the mentorship of

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9 July, 2024

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Ashok Kumawat has successfully completed his internship with the Foundation for Ecological Security from 1 May 2024 to 25 June 2024. He has contributed to the organization's work on conducting the impact assessment of HDFC Parivartan Project in Rajasthan.

During the internship, Ashok demonstrated rigour through his work and has provided critical insights to the assigned tasks. He was found to be sincere, hardworking, with a self-motivated attitude to learn new things.

We wish him all the best for his future endeavors.

Group Head

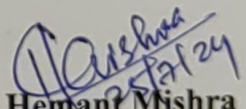
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IIHMR University Faculty Mentor Approval

This is to certify that **Mr. Ashok Kumawat** of academic year 2023-25 of **School of Development Studies, IIHMR UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR** has prepared poster with respect to his summer internship (SIP) held during May-June 2024.

He has carried out his work as per the guidelines. His poster is approved for presentation.

Date-23 July 2024


Dr. Hemant Mishra

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IIHMR University, Jaipur

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM LIHM UNIVERSITY JAIPUR SUBMITTED BY: ASHOK KUMAR CONSERVATION OF LANDSCAPE FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS PROJECT IMPACT ASSESSMENT



BRIEF HISTORY:

The Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) was established in 2001 in India. It is a registered non-profit organization based in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, working towards the ecological restoration and conservation of land and water resources in ecologically fragile, degraded, and marginalized regions of India through the conservation and collective efforts of village communities.

MISSION & VISION:

Mission:
FES aims to promote the ecological restoration and sustainable management of natural resources by empowering local communities and fostering collective action.

Vision:
FES envisions resilient ecosystems and communities where natural resources are managed sustainably and equitably, ensuring ecological health and economic well-being.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE:



LEARNINGS:

- Gained firsthand experience in grassroots work, enhancing understanding of community struggles.
- Conducted surveys that provided valuable data, emphasizing the climate's impact on environment and health.
- Experienced taught resilience and adaptability, deepening appreciation for FES's mission.

PRACTICAL EXPOSURE:

- Fieldwork Experience – Understanding community and development processes.
- Community Engagement: How society lives and grows with certain culture.
- Project Implementation
- Resource Management and Governance
- Research Methodology
- Community-Based Approaches

THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING:

SWOT ANALYSIS:

STRENGTHS:

- Comprehensive Approach: Integrates ecological restoration, water security, and capacity building.
- Community Empowerment: Focuses on strengthening grassroots and local institutions.

WEAKNESS:

- Dependency on External Funding: Reliance on funds and support from external entities like HDPC (Govt) and government schemes.
- Climate Challenges: Extreme weather conditions in Rajasthan can hinder project activities and data collection.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Technological Integration: Use of satellite data, drones, and technology for planning and monitoring can enhance efficiency.
- Grassroot Diversification: Promotes diversification of livelihoods and skill development, reducing dependency on agriculture.

THREATS:

- Environmental Risks: Climate change and natural disasters pose significant risks to the project's outcomes.
- Policy and Governance Changes: Changes in government policies or lack of support from local authorities can affect project progress.
- Resource Limitations: Limited access to resources like water and land can hinder ecological restoration efforts.

Aims:

- Improve Ecological Health
- Ensure Water Security
- Strengthen Governance
- Capacity Building
- Promote Awareness

OBJECTIVE:

To evaluate the HDPC project's impact during April 2021 to 31 March 2024.

FINDINGS OF STUDY:

Fig.1 shows that the highest number of individuals engaged through HDPC (45%), followed by a balanced distribution, and Region has the highest number of individuals engaged through both pathways.



Fig.2 The data indicates that most farmers chose reports of some increase in their cultivated land area, with the vast majority increase range being 10-20% for HDPC and 10-15% for FES. Region shows a more varied range of increases, including higher % increases, suggesting that the block may have more dynamic changes in land use.



Fig.3 Region shows a more varied range of income increases. HDPC has a relatively higher number of cases with no change in income, and FES/HDPC has the highest concentration in the 10-15% income category.

Has there been a change in the agricultural income in the past three years (2021 to 2024)?

	Yes	No	10 to 15%	15 to 20%	20 to 25%	25 to 30%	30 to 35%	35 to 40%	No Change
HDPC	10	5	15	10	5	5	5	5	5
FES	15	10	20	15	10	10	10	10	10
Region	20	15	25	20	15	10	10	10	10
Percentage	10	5	15	10	5	5	5	5	5

CHALLENGES FACED DURING INTERNSHIP:

I faced significant challenges including extreme heat in Rajasthan, which posed health risks and affected survey efficiency; inadequate back-up assistance in the community home; and transportation issues that made reaching remote locations difficult, with rough terrain and high temperatures exacerbating travel hardships.

USEFULNESS OF INTERNSHIP:

- Real-world Application: I gained the application of theoretical knowledge to practical, real-world problems, particularly in the context of ecological development and community.
- Career Insight: Insights into the workings of impact assessment.
- Professional growth: The internship fostered the development of key professional skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and adaptability in challenging environments.

SUGGESTIONS:

Improve Communication: Establish clearer communication channels with NGO partners to ensure consistent and reliable data collection.

Increase Field Visits: Allocate more resources for extensive field visits to better understand ground-level challenges.

Use Digital Tools: Adopt digital tools for streamlined data collection and real-time analysis.

GLIMPSES:



Weekly Reporting Format

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Area/Department/Project of Summer Internship Program: Programme Management(Impact Assessment)

Name of the Student: Ashok Kumawat

Roll no: 0041

Stream: Development Management(MBA)

Week no: 1

From: 01/05/2024-07/05/24

Activity Done	The HDFC Bank Privatan Project is an impact assessment initiative being implemented in three districts of Rajasthan with the help of household beneficiary survey and qualitative focus group discussions. While this project evaluates the impact of conservation initiatives. The fieldwork for the Begun Block, Chittorgarh District included taking feedback from local communities and making 52 beneficiary surveys along with conducting a case study in Samariya Khurd Village. The results will provide important information with regard to the impact assessment corresponding trends, difficulties and incidences of success.
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Roll no: 0495

Stream: Development Management(MBA)

Week no: 2

From: 07/05/2024-14/05/24

Activity Done	Carried out 52 household beneficiary surveys, 5(FGDs) and a case study at Begun block. Now in Pratapgarh district, for the next phase, Peepalkhut Block assigned a survey to the list of beneficiaries and local Community resource person where i stayed throughout Data collection. Dedicate effort to evaluating the impact on affected livelihoods, water management and community well-being.
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Stream: Development Management -MBA

Week no: 3

From: 15/05/2024-21/05/24

Activity Done	After completion of 44 household beneficiary surveys, 5 FGDs, and a case study in Peeplakhunt block. . Now in Bhilwara district, for the next phase,Banera Block assigned a survey to the list of beneficiaries and local Community resource person where i stayed throughout Data collection. Dedicate effort to evaluating the impact on affected livelihoods, water management and community well-being.
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Stream:Development Management -MBA

Week no: 4

From: 21/05/2024-29/05/24

Activity Done	Post 62 household beneficiary surveys, 5 FGDs and a case study at Block Banera. Now I assign to do Data entry of beneficiary surveys .In-progress case studies and FGDs should be prioritized by their perceived importance relative to other potential data ranges. Quality assurance requires double checking entered data for accuracy and completeness, clearing a paper form of incomplete sections where necessary by seeking clarification or additional data. The point of data entry is needed for analysis and reporting.
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Week no: 5

From: 29/05/2024-04/06/24

Activity Done	I am working on compiling data from beneficiary household surveys and focus group discussions to create reports that would help measure the project's performance and potential outcomes. The analyzed the data for trends and patterns to inform evidencebased policy and program changes. Additionally, I joined a field visit to observe the progress of a land development project firsthand. This visit provided valuable information that, combined with data analysis from previous weeks, contributed to the overall success of the project.
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Week no: 6

From: 06/06/2024-12/06/24

Activity Done	I focused on data cleaning to ensure accuracy and consistency, removed duplicates, handled missing values, and standardized data formats. Additionally, I joined a field visit to observe the progress of a land development project firsthand. This visit provided valuable information that, combined with data analysis from previous weeks, contributed to the overall success of the project. Throughout these weeks, I summarized key findings, included comprehensive visualizations, and ensured the report was structured logically and coherently. I also rechecked and validated all analyses to ensure accuracy and reliability, incorporated feedback from my mentor, derived actionable insights and recommendations, and prepared an executive summary highlighting the main points of the report. This extensive process of analyzing data for trends and patterns helped inform evidence-based policy and program changes.
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Week no: 7

From: 12/06/2024-18/06/24

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Stream: Development Management -MBA

Week no: 8

From: 18/06/2024-25/06/24

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Compiled 8 week Report

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HDFC Bank Parivartan Project

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Stream: MBA-Development Studies

From: 1/05/2024 to 25/06/2024
(8weeks)

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