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Join Us

To promote village-based sustainable livelihoods programs

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1 An Appeal

Please do a special thing today by resolving to be a part of the solutions that will change the lives of the poor people who live in village-based communities, everywhere.

Our experience in working in the villages leads us to the conclusion that: *“The essence of sustainability is morality”*. It is also well established that we cannot eradicate poverty by giving handouts and ‘freebies’. What the poor people need first and foremost are sustainable livelihoods, without which their children cannot get primary education and the knowledge to break the cycle of poverty, nor can they as a family get shelter, energy, health, information and the simple dignity of being alive...that we all take for granted.

Over the past two years at Sankalpa Research Center—Nadia, we have successfully built a number of rural models that can provide sustainable livelihoods. However, we realize that we need to do better in the delivery mechanism. But we are fast learners, and we also have more to learn from the poor people in our villages, who are the *raison d’etre* of our rural development programs. Our experience has been that: *ordinary people can produce extraordinary results, if we can institutionalize participatory practices for sustainable development, by listening more to the people whom we are trying to help, rather than telling them what to do*. This was the message from our mentor—Late Professor Emeritus Maurice Albertson, the founder of Village Earth and Peace Corps—who practiced what he preached with total devotion. *Thank you...Maury!*

So! Please show your compassion to members of poor communities everywhere by (a) becoming involved with our village-based participatory programs, and/or (b) by making a donation by Pay Pal or by mail to our Society, so that we can operationalize and develop our grassroots models for holistic rural development.

As you can verify from the openness of this website, we believe in sharing our knowledge and experiences freely. We hope that the simple and appropriate solutions that we establish in our village-based programs will find global applications and will help to ameliorate the condition of poor people everywhere.

2 Get Involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS Projects

[Please enter the name of the project in the space provided for donor feedback in the Pay Pal application]



Spirulina Workshop to promote and develop capacity building/training programs for SHGs, change agents and entrepreneurs for enabling the growth of Spirulina as a micro-nutrient food supplement, in urban poor and/or village-based communities ...[Read more](#)



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The **Eco Kiln (VSBK) Project** is a model for demonstrating the effectiveness of the continuous process technology for firing bricks. Join us to raise funds for operationalizing the model Eco Kiln and in the development of capacity building and training programs in sustainable shelter technologies, products and services ...[Read more](#)



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The 60 Nm³/day **Plug Flow Biogas Digester (PFBD)** traps methane, a significant greenhouse gas, and uses it as a fuel to generate electricity for industrial processes and domestic applications for cooking and home lighting. Help us to run the model plant to develop biogas end-use applications that use methane as a valuable clean energy source; and develop capacity programs to disseminate renewable energy technologies. ...[Read more](#)



[Comments and feedback on this renewable energy project](#)



The **IT Enabled Community Center (ITECC)** disseminates knowledge and information requirements to its target rural community through participatory design and implementation programs, thereby contributing to the overall development of village-based communities. They are typically equipped to provide, telemedicine services, educational and training programs and knowledge products and services for asset-based programs and market creation approaches. ...[Read more](#)

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[src_projects.pdf]—**Complete list of Sankalpa cMFS Projects:** You may choose the particular village-based sustainable development program of your choice to become actively involved as a Patron, Public-Private Partner, social activist, researcher, student member or any other kind of valuable supporter for carrying forward the program of your choice(s).

[Donate](#)



[Comments and feedback on the list of Sankalpa cMFS Projects](#)

Note to Donors: To donate to the project of your choice, please make a note of the code number(s) of the selected project(s), and enter that information into the space provided for donor feedback in the Pay Pal application, so that your donation can be recorded and applied appropriately. In the event of a single donation being applied to several projects, the apportionment will be equally made, unless the donor makes that pre-determination explicit in the feedback. Thank you.

3 Join Us



JOIN SANKALPA cMFS/ARTS PROGRAMS [[join_member.pdf](#)]

Thank you for your interest in Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS programs. To work conscientiously and be free of constraints in our programs for the benefit of the rural poor, Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS depends largely on the generosity of individuals and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) like you to fund and support our crucial work.

We have a special “[Student Chapter](#)”, which encourages youth participation.

[Donate](#)



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BECOME A COALITION PARTNER [[join_coalition.pdf](#)]

Congratulations! Thank you for joining Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS as a coalition partner in order to promote sustainable socio-economic development strategies and to undertake specific programs and projects that seek to create an equitable and caring society that offers equality, liberty, justice and freedom from poverty—through the application of scientific and appropriate technological innovations.

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Membership: [http://www.sankalpacmfs.org/join/join_member.pdf] ~ 24 kb



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... fill out the information, and mail with your check/money order/demand draft to:

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If you have questions, please e-mail/call us at:

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4 Make a special donation



Donate online with Paypal: Your donations are highly appreciated



[Comments and feedback on your donation](#)



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Give a gift to someone that you care for, that will truly make a difference all year – a Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS membership.



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Honor a friend or loved one by making an honorary memorial/tribute gift to Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS programs in their name.



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Honor a friend or loved one by making a special gift to Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS programs in their name.



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5 Other ways to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS



Recycle: By sending us your unwanted computers, vehicles, mobile phones and anything else that we can either turn into cash or use to provide vital support for people and communities in need.

[Comments and feedback on recycling to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS](#)



Sponsor events: Sponsored events are a great way to raise money and resources for participatory village-based development work, while giving you an exciting and challenging experience at the same time.

[Comments and feedback on sponsorship to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS](#)



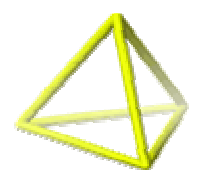
Party for Good! ☺ Have fun and at the same time raise money for a worthy cause—invite your friends over for a potluck meal, view content from our website/SRC, and then ask them to make a donation to Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS Programs!

[Comments and feedback on partying ☺ to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS](#)



Donate liberally: Practical presents and enabling [gift-economy](#) ideas can transform the lives of our target beneficiaries, who will greatly benefit from your generosity.

[Comments and feedback on donating liberally to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS](#)



Speaker Groups & Social Networks:

It is always useful and beneficial for NGOs and CSOs such as ourselves to be supported by speakers and social networking groups, who can further the cause like no other! We would welcome speakers in any discipline to join the debate on holistic rural development. And we welcome the opportunity to network with change agents, social scientists, media persons, information technologists, educationists, academicians ... *this list could be endless!* Please contact us at the address given below.

[Comments and feedback on networking to get involved with Sankalpa cMFS/ARTS](#)

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