



CFI Research Grant Planning Workshop

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Jain Hills, Jalgaon



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1. Project Snapshot



Every **child in India**
must have
access to nutritious
fruits for
a healthier
future.



Thriving, Happy
Childhood
for **Every Child.**



Stronger
Immunity



Better Growth
& Development



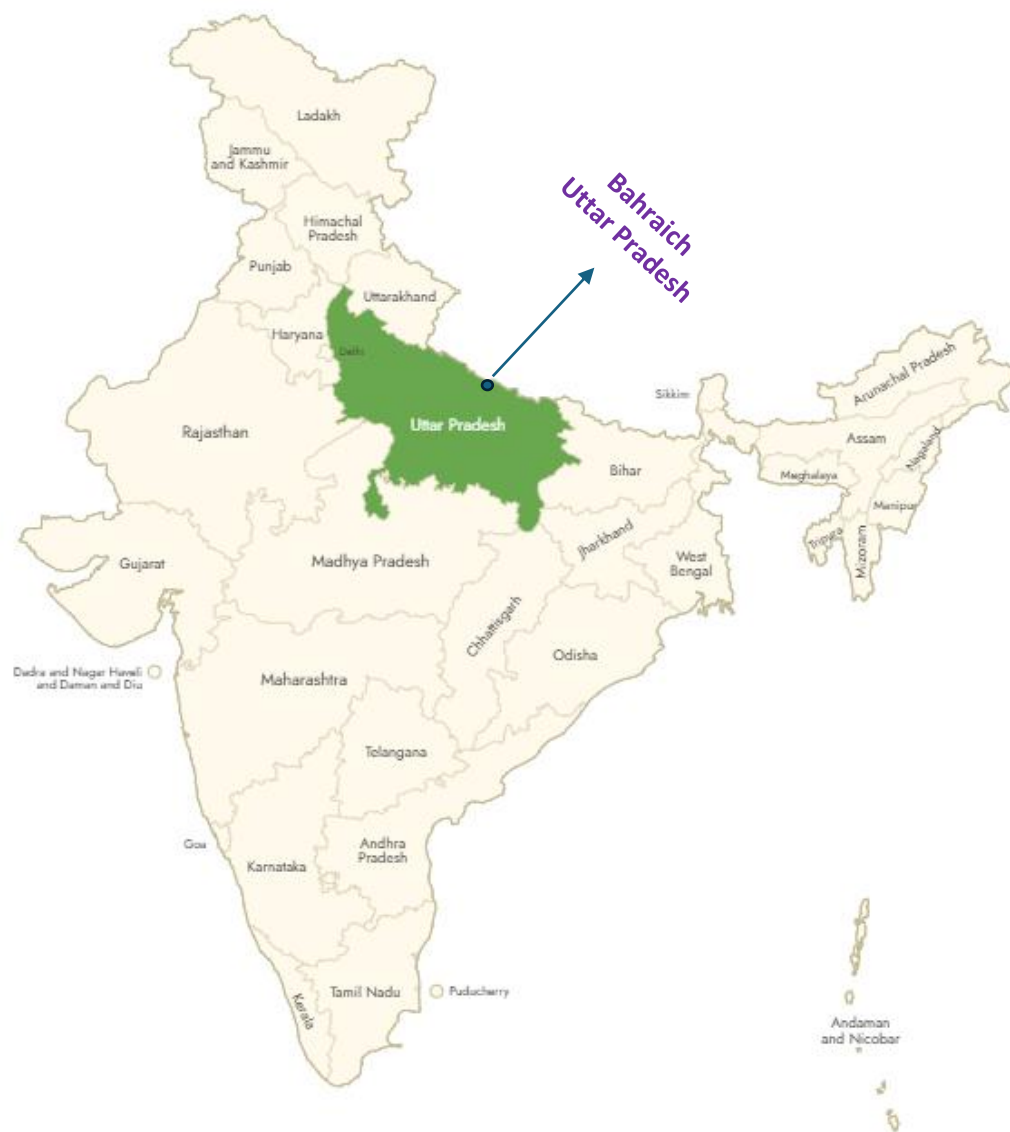
Improved
Digestion



Better Overall
Health

- Project title: **Safal Shuruwaat** (a promising beginning)
- Institution: **Aga Khan Foundation (India)**
- Principal Investigator: Ms.Tinni Sawhney
- Project duration: 24 Months
- Budget: ₹27.92 Lakh (CFI Grant - ₹19.99 Lakh; ₹7.93 Lakh co-financing by AKF)
- Project location(s): **Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh**

2. Landscape, problem statement & target communities



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Agroecological context

- Bahraich lies in the fertile Terai belt of the Eastern Gangetic Plains.
- Annual rainfall of 1,000–1,200 mm.
- Region has favourable conditions for cultivation of guava, lemon, moringa, amla, mango and jamun.

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Key challenges being addressed

- Improved access to fruits at the institutional & household level.
- Reduction in malnutrition among children.
- Improvement in diet diversity.
- Protect children from rising temperatures and heatwaves.

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Target beneficiaries

- Students: 1,500+ children (aged 3–14)
- Schools: 10; Anganwadi Centres: 10
- Teachers, ASHA, AWWs, SHG & PRI members: 300
- Households (for household level tree plantation): 1,000.

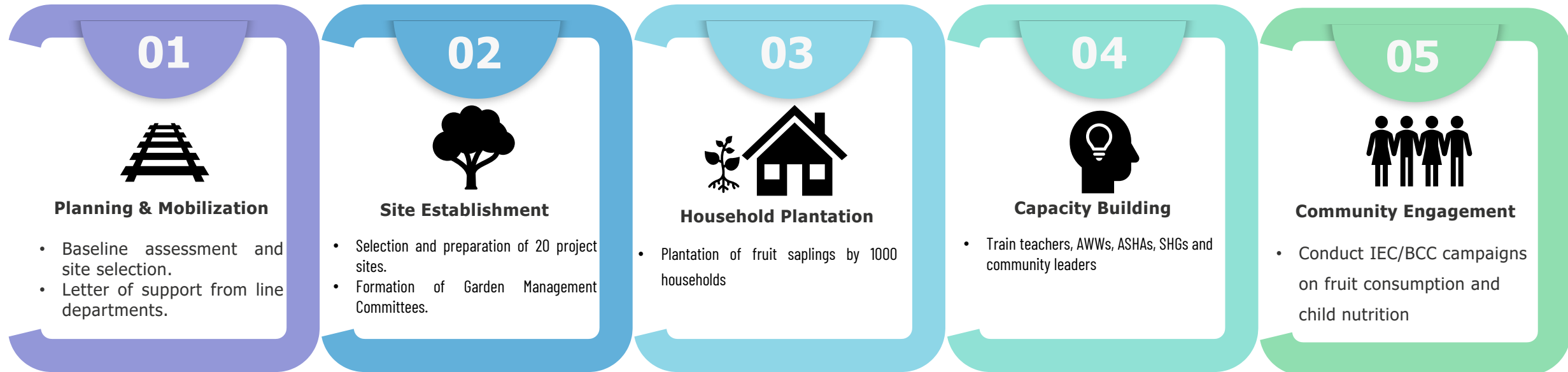
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Project landscape

- 24-month project in three blocks of Bahraich district, Uttar Pradesh.
- Establishment of 20 Fruit Nutri-Gardens in schools & AWCs.
- Locally adapted fruit species promoted to improve nutrition and dietary diversity.



3. Implementation Plan – Year One



4. Fruit Species and production models

• Key fruit species promoted :-



Guava



Lemon



Moringa



Amla



Jamun

• Production systems to be demonstrated:-

1. School & Anganwadi Fruit Nutri-Gardens.
2. Household fruit tree plantations
3. Living classrooms linking fruit cultivation with nutrition education and behaviour change.

One Fruit. Many Benefits.

Guava
Goodness for Growing Children

- Stronger Immunity
- Better Growth
- Improves Digestion
- Rich in Vitamin C

5. Year-1 Targets and deliverables :



20 Villages



1000 Households



300+ women beneficiaries



1500 children (3-6 years)



2500 + trees planted



Guava, Lemon, Moringa, Amla & Jamun



300+ FLWs & other stakeholders trained

6. Collaboration Opportunities (Offer and Ask)



What we can offer	Support we need
Demonstration sites across schools, Anganwadi Centres, and households for testing and learning.	Agroecological and orchard design support
Field-based evidence, implementation experience, and scalable community-led approaches.	Support in developing robust monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks.
Knowledge sharing on nutrition behaviour change, SHG engagement, and sustainable garden management.	Access to consortium expertise, research, innovations, and peer learning opportunities.

AKF brings implementation strength and community reach; CFI brings technical excellence, innovation, and a platform for collective learning and scale.

7. Baseline, MEL and Next Steps :



Baseline Assessment

- Conduct baseline surveys on dietary diversity, fruit consumption, nutrition knowledge, and child nutrition status.
- Assess site readiness, land availability, water access, and institutional capacity.

Monitoring

- Quarterly monitoring of garden establishment, tree survival, training outcomes, and community participation.
- Regular tracking of household plantation adoption and nutrition-sensitive practices.

Evaluation & Learning

- Endline assessment to measure changes in fruit consumption, dietary diversity, and child nutrition outcomes.
- Documentation of case studies, lessons learned, and evidence for scale-up and replication.

8. Budget summary, risk & mitigation strategy:

Table-Budget Summary (24 Months)

Budget Head	Amount (INR)
Personnel Costs	₹7.12 Lakh
Programme Implementation & Activities	₹11.71 Lakh
Administrative & Overhead Costs	₹1.17 Lakh
Total CFI Grant Requested	₹19.99 Lakh
AKF Co-financing Contribution	₹7.93 Lakh
Total Project Value	₹27.92 Lakh

Risk & Mitigation Strategy

Risk Category	Risk	Probability	Mitigation
Institutional	Staff transfers disrupting garden management continuity	Medium	Multiple stakeholders trained per site; SHGs as primary custodians independent of individual staff transfers
Community	Disengagement over time	Low	AKF's 15-year community trust in Bahraich; SHG-led ownership; quarterly review meetings; visible nutritional outcomes; household plantation reinforces commitment



Thanks