

# Application: Doubling Farmers Income Through Integrated and Collective Farming Approach

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The Hans Foundation Grantees ED Determination

## Summary

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## Grant Agreement\_ED

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**Provide a brief description of your organization. [Word Limit: 75 words]**

Doon University envisions itself as a Centre of Excellence and set high standards for creation and dissemination of knowledge through teaching and research, the school of environment and Natural Resources Doon University have expertise in the area of Forest Ecology, Microbiology, soil plant microbe interactions, Biodiversity etc. We conduct high quality and multi-disciplinary research, develop leadership through collaborative educational ventures, and offer state-of-the-art educational programmes in cutting-edge disciplines of regional, national and international relevance.

**Provide the main goal/brief description of the project. [Word Limit: 100 Words]**

We will be focusing on collective and integrated farming approach in farm land pose challenge for mass scale production of farm produces. Soil health is a major focus, micro nutrients (N, P, Ca, Mg, S, Zn and Cu) management will be done to improve soil health and productivity in this project. Apart from this in most of the villages natural water springs which are in depleting stages will be conserved and will be used for micro irrigation through use of green technology. In a phase wise manner ninety five (N=95) villages, livelihood opportunity in agriculture sector will be created.

### What is the Start Date of the Project?

Jul 1 2020

### What is the End Date of the Project?

Jun 30 2023

### What is the remaining time left on the project in years?

2.11

### The total remaining balance left to be disbursed is:

₹ 20152356

## RURAL INDIA SUPPORTING TRUST GRANT AGREEMENT

This Grant Agreement (this **“Agreement”**) is entered into by and between Rural India Supporting Trust (**“RIST”**), doing business as Hans Charitable Supporting Trust, The Hans Foundation (**“THF”**), and Doon University (**“Grantee”**), effective as of the date that RIST signs this Agreement (the **“Effective Date”**). The program proposal and all other supporting documentation submitted by Grantee to RIST and THF (the **“Proposal”**) are expressly incorporated herein by this reference. Each capitalized term used, but not defined, herein shall be as defined in the Proposal. RIST, THF and Grantee are each a "Party" and, collectively, the “Parties.”

**1. Grant.** Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and in consideration for the charitable activities to be undertaken by Grantee and Grantee's covenants and commitments herein, RIST hereby agrees to provide to Grantee funds in a total amount not to exceed INR 20152356(the **“Grant”**) to fund the charitable project described in the Proposal, in particular, the **Doubling Farmers Income Through Integrated and Collective Farming Approach** to We will be focusing on collective and integrated farming approach in farm land pose challenge for mass scale production of farm produces. Soil health is a major

focucus, micro nutrients (N, P, Ca, Mg, S, Zn and Cu) management will be done to improve soil health and productivity in this project. Apart from this in most of the villages natural water springs which are in depleting stages will be conserved and will be used for micro irrigation through use of green technology. In a phase wise manner ninety five (N=95) villages, livelihood opportunity in agriculture sector will be created. (the "**Project**"). The Grant, which is the total estimated cost of the Project based on the approved budget included in the Proposal (the "**Budget**"), is provided to support the Project Purposes (the "**Purposes**"), as outlined in the Project Work-Plan contained in the Proposal. The Proposal may be amended from time to time by mutual written agreement of Grantee, RIST and THF, and such amendments are also expressly incorporated herein by this reference. To accomplish the Activities (as hereinafter defined) during the term of this Agreement, RIST agrees to disburse funds during the term of this Agreement at the times and in the amounts set forth in a disbursement schedule, based on the Budget, which shall be mutually agreed upon in writing or electronic transmission subsequent to the Effective Date (the "**Disbursement Schedule**"), unless this Agreement is otherwise modified or terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. RIST's continuing obligations to make payments in accordance with the Disbursement Schedule are contingent upon Grantee's achievement of the activities described in the Proposal (the "**Activities**") and conformity to the terms of this Agreement, and if such Activities are not achieved or the terms of this Agreement are not followed by Grantee, RIST may require Grantee to return to RIST any unexpended funds.

**2. Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue in full force and effect for a period of 2.11 year or years (the "**Term**") thereafter, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9, or extended, as evidenced by the written agreement of the Parties.

**3. Grantee Representations.** Grantee represents and warrants, for the benefit of RIST and knowing of RIST's reliance thereon, that:

a. **Accuracy of Information.** All information and documents submitted by Grantee to RIST and THF, including, without limitation, the information and documents that are contained in the Proposal, such as the description of Grantee's corporate structure and identities of Grantee Governing Body and Key Personnel, the responses to Grantee's Initial Questionnaire, Grantee Affidavit, and all documents submitted in response to the Request for Documents are complete and accurate. If any information in Grantee's Initial Questionnaire, Grantee's Affidavit, or any document submitted in response to the Request For Documents change after the execution of this Agreement, Grantee affirms that it will promptly notify RIST and THF of such changes within thirty (30) days of the Grantee becoming aware of them.

b. **Charitable Purposes.** Grantee was created under the laws of India as a charitable

society, a charitable trust or a Section 8 company and is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes that further RIST's charitable purposes, namely to advance public health, disability, education or economic activity in India. Grantee is authorized to receive funding from non-Indian sources under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act ("FCRA"). Grantee will not use any portion of the Grant, directly or indirectly:

- i. to carry out propaganda, or otherwise to influence legislation;
- ii. to influence the outcome of any specific election or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive; or
- iii. for any purpose other than a charitable, educational, scientific or literary purpose that is consistent with the basis on which Grantee was recognized as being tax exempt; or
- iv. for any activities which have been prohibited by FCRA and rules made thereunder.

**c. Public Charity Status**

- Government Organization: Grantee is an Indian government organization that operates for exclusively public purposes. The Organization knows of no reason why it would not qualify as a government organization, based on its governmental purposes and the financial information described in the Proposal and based on its governmental activities (its "Public Charity Status"). The Organization knows of no reason why its current status as a government organization is no longer valid, and to the best of the Organization's knowledge, such Public Charity Status is not challenged or questioned by any agency, entity, or individual.

**d. Anti-Terrorism**. Grantee has received advice concerning the applicable provisions of U.S. law and U.S. Executive Orders related to anti-terrorism and international funding, and Grantee believes that it is compliant with those laws and orders, and has not provided, and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that it does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that, currently or historically, commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates or participates in terrorist acts. Further, none of the individuals in leadership positions at Grantee are named on any anti-terrorism watchlist maintained by the United States or any other country.

e. **Authority**. Grantee has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and is in full compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and contracts relating to this Agreement, its activities, and the Project. Grantee has adopted the Project as an activity consistent with its charitable purposes and as one for which it will solicit grants, contributions and other financial support. If any information in Grantee's Initial Questionnaire, Grantee's Affidavit, or any document submitted in response to the Request for Documents change after the execution of this Agreement, Grantee affirms that it will promptly notify RIST and THF of such changes within thirty (30) days of Grantee becoming aware of them. Failure to notify RIST or THF of such a changes may subject this Agreement to the conditions of Section 9 below.

#### **4. Grantee Commitments.**

a. **Use of Grant Funds**. Grantee shall ensure at all times that the use of the Grant funds shall conform to the Purposes pursuant to the Budget, and Grantee shall immediately return to RIST any funds not so used, unless all Parties agree in writing to enter into a no-cost extension of this agreement. Grantee agrees to achieve the Activities as defined in the Proposal and to adhere to monitoring, evaluation and reporting standards. Grantee acknowledges that RIST may demand reimbursement of the Grant contingent on Grantee completion of the Activities. Grantee agrees that it shall not use Grant funds to: a) engage in Activities that are not for charitable purposes; or b) attempt to influence legislation or elections, by propaganda or otherwise; or c) for any activities which have been prohibited by FCRA and the rules made thereunder.

b. **Responsiveness and Notification**. Grantee agrees to be responsive to both RIST and THF and to accept the role of THF as the administrative agent used by RIST to monitor and evaluate the Project. Grantee will be notified by RIST in instances when THF will act as RIST representative. Grantee agrees to notify RIST immediately of any change in Grantee: (i) legal or Public Charity Status; (ii) Key Personnel; (iii) ability to expend the Grant funds for the Purposes and accomplish the Activities; or (iv) any expenditure of Grant funds for any purpose other than the Purposes.

5. **Licenses**. Each Party hereby grants to the other Party a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use such Party name to describe the Grant, the Project, or the charitable collaboration between the Parties. Any information gathered by Grantee together with any property developed or generated by Grantee with the use of Grant funds, including, without limitation, any data, research, or knowledge together with all written, graphic, audio, visual, and any other materials contained therein (the "**Intellectual Property**"), shall remain the intellectual property of Grantee, provided,

however, that Grantee hereby irrevocably grants to RIST and THF a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive license to copy, distribute, sublicense, publish, and use the Intellectual Property, and to prepare derivative works therefrom, for any purpose, in any media, and in any territory. Grantee's obligations under this Section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

6. **Records.** Grantee agrees to keep, maintain, and make available for inspection by RIST and THF appropriate and sufficient documents and records of all expenditures relating to the Project (collectively, the "**Records**"). The Records shall demonstrate that Grantee maintained the Grant funds either in a separate fund dedicated to the Project or in a general fund for which specific Records of expenditures for the Project are maintained, and Grantee's Records shall adequately identify the purposes for which, and manner in which, Grant funds were expended. RIST or Foundation may request access to the Records by written notice to Grantee. Grantee shall make the Records available for RIST or THF inspection at Grantee's premises during normal business hours or shall provide them to RIST or THF in the format requested.

7. **Reporting.**

a. **Project Progress Reports and Final Report.** Grantee shall submit to RIST Project Progress Reports, which shall include an update on Grantee progress made toward accomplishing the Activities and shall be in the format specified by THF, which format may include a financial statement describing all of Grantee finances and activities (each a "**Report**"). Grantee shall at all times adhere to accomplishing the Activities submitted as part of the Project Proposal. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that RIST may make the Disbursement Schedule contingent on adherence to these Activities. For a project with a term of less than one year, Grantee shall provide to RIST a Progress Report at the midpoint of the Project term and a Final Report within ten (10) days following the final expenditure of the Grant Funds by Grantee. For a Project with a term of one year or longer, a quarterly Report shall be submitted to RIST and THF, which shall account for all Grant funds expended during such three-calendar month period, which shall be due within ten (10) days following the close of each three-calendar month period. A Final Report for any Grant for any Project with a term of one year or longer shall be submitted to RIST and THF, which shall include a comprehensive, detailed report of the Project undertaken and an evaluation of the Activities accomplished, and which shall be due within sixty (60) days following the end of the Term.

b. **Report Review.** THF and RIST shall review all progress reports (including program and financial reports) and approved the same.

c. **Compliance Certification.** Grantee shall provide to RIST, within five business days of

receiving a written request for same, a written certification that Grantee is in compliance with any or all of this Agreement.

d. **Accuracy.** RIST reserves the right to demand reimbursement of the Grant if Grantee fails to submit any Report or if any Report is inaccurate.

8. **Project Monitoring.** RIST and THF shall monitor the implementation of the Project through periodic visits to the Project locations. These visits could be announced or announced to the Grantee. The Grantee shall extend necessary co-operation and make available information/document(s)/record(s) as may be required and specified by the monitoring team. The following Annexures shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement and shall be used for Project Monitoring/Evaluation/Assessment by RIST and THF.

a. Project Proposal

b. Approved Budget

c. Format of Acknowledgement of Fund Receipts

d. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on use of Assets (Movable and Immoveable) Assets Usage Guidelines

e. Auditors' Report

f. Utilization Certificates

g. Quarterly Progress Reports

h. The Brand and Media Guidelines

9. **Termination.** RIST may terminate this Agreement without cause in RIST sole discretion by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to Grantee. If either RIST, THF or Grantee breaches any provision of this Agreement, then the other Party may, in addition to other available rights and remedies available to such Party, terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice. If Grantee changes the Project or experiences a material adverse event affecting Grantee reputation or ability to conduct the Project, as determined by RIST in RIST sole discretion, RIST may terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, if RIST or THF determines that any law or regulation has made it unlawful, or that any governmental authority has asserted that it is unlawful, or if RIST determines that its tax-exempt status would be compromised, for RIST to make, maintain or disburse funds to Grantee, then, on notice thereof by RIST or THF to Grantee, any obligation by RIST to disburse funds shall be suspended until Grantee notifies RIST or THF and RIST is satisfied that the circumstances giving rise to

such a determination no longer exist. If the circumstances giving rise to such a determination cannot be resolved within ninety days, then this Agreement shall be terminated.

10. **Parties Relationship.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, agency relationship, franchise, or business opportunity between or among RIST or THF, on the one hand, and Grantee, on the other.

11. **Hold Harmless.** Grantee agrees to hold harmless RIST, THF, and each of RIST and THF representatives and agents for any expense, claim, or liability arising related to Grantee's actions or inaction under this Agreement or any breach by Grantee of this Agreement. In no event shall RIST or THF be liable for any claim for any damages, including indirect, willful, punitive, incidental, exemplary, special, or consequential damages arising out of this Agreement, even if RIST or THF has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Grantee obligations under this Section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

12. **Notice.** Grantee agrees to receive notice at either the mailing address or electronic mailing address designated in the Proposal and explicitly hereby consents to receive any such notice electronically. Without limitation, a notice, certification or other writing required or permitted by this Agreement may be given with a physical document or by an electronic transmission of which a physical copy can be made.

13. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Michigan and the United States of America, to the extent applicable. To the maximum extent not prohibited by applicable law, Grantee hereby irrevocably: (a) submits to the jurisdiction of any Michigan state or United States federal court sitting in the State of Michigan (a "MI Court") over any proceeding arising out of this Agreement; (b) agrees that all claims in respect of such proceeding may be held and determined in such MI Court; (c) agrees that any action or proceeding brought against RIST may be brought only in a MI Court; and (d) consents to the service of process in any such action or proceeding in any court by regular mail or delivery service approved by a MI Court sent by RIST to the address designated in the Proposal.

14. **Amendment and Assignment.** Except for the Disbursement Schedule to be subsequently agreed upon, this Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties. Except for the Disbursement Schedule to be subsequently agreed upon, no amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party. Grantee shall not assign, transfer, delegate, or subcontract any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of RIST.

15. **Counterparts; Continuing Effect.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which together are deemed to be one and the same agreement. All of the provisions of this Agreement that affect obligations of Grantee or rights of RIST arising after the Effective




Date shall have continuing effect after the end of the Term of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused this Grant Agreement to be executed as of the date below by its respective duly authorized representative.**

**Grantee**

Name of the Organization	Doon University
By:	Dr. Kusum Arunachalam
Title:	Head of Department School of Environment and Natural Resources Doon University

**Grantee signature:**



**Today's Date**

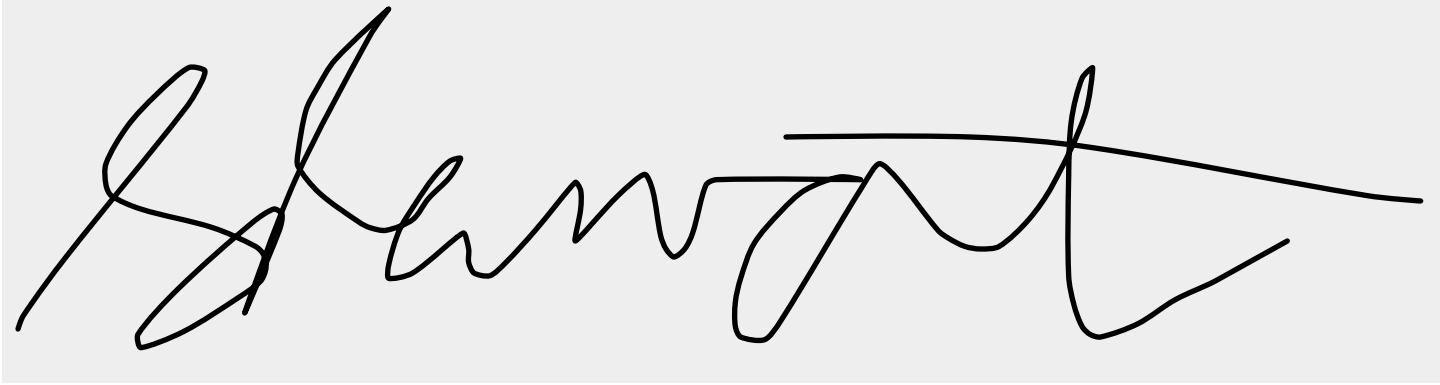
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**After you have completed e-signing, please leave the below section blank and click on "Mark As Complete". You will receive an email from us when the application has been signed by a RIST and THF Representative.**

**Rural India Supporting Trust**

By:	Shweta Rawat
Title:	Managing Director

**RIST Representative Signature**

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**Today's Date**

Apr 17 2021

**The Hans Foundation**

By:	Shweta Rawat
Title:	(No response)

**THF Representative Signature**

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## Today's Date

Apr 17 2021