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Message FROM SECRETARY

Dear friends and well-wishers,

Another year has passed, and as I sit to write this, I'm reminded of the many small but meaningful moments that made it special: a child taking their first steps in our creche, a mother confidently leading a community meeting, a group of young people finishing their skill training and heading off to their first jobs. These moments are the heartbeat of the Savera Foundation's work.

Over the past year, we have deepened our roots in the communities we work with. Our creches continued to be safe, vibrant spaces where children not only receive care but also learn and grow through play and attention. Working closely with Mother's Committees, we've seen women step up as leaders, running meetings, making decisions, and ensuring that early childhood care becomes a shared community responsibility, not just a service.

A special highlight has been watching survivors of difficult life circumstances transform into confident, skilled individuals. With a little support and a lot of perseverance, they have begun producing and selling Mahua laddoos, Ragi laddoos, Nimkis, and handmade jewelry – items that carry not just economic value but stories of courage, culture, and community.

Our libraries, though modest in size, have grown in spirit. Children now walk in with curiosity and leave with stories and sometimes, dreams in their hands. Through our youth skill programs, several dropout youths have now completed training in trades like tailoring, electrical work, and computer skills. A few have even started their own small businesses, an inspiring shift from uncertainty to stability.

In response to growing concerns about water scarcity, communities came together through our efforts and our annual Jal Yatra to revive old water bodies and build new ones. From gully plugs to sandbag dams, these efforts were fueled not by large funds but by collective resolve and shramdaan (voluntary labor). It's been humbling to see families come together with tools in hand, ready to work not just for themselves but for generations to come.

We've also been encouraging families to adopt kitchen gardens and organic farming methods. The result? Healthier meals, lower grocery bills, and a growing sense of food self-reliance. These little gardens have become symbols of hope in backyards and courtyards.

Of course, the year has not been without its share of challenges. Unpredictable rainfall affected farming; reaching markets for our handmade products remains tough due to poor connectivity; and resistance to change still appears in pockets. But with every challenge, our communities have responded with resilience, and that gives us strength to move forward.

To our supporters, donors, and partners, thank you for walking this path with us. Your trust helps us dream bigger, plan better, and act with heart.

We look forward to continuing this journey – with hope in our hearts, soil on our hands, and community at the center of all we do.



About Us

Empowering Communities, Nurturing Change

For over two decades, Savera Foundation has been working at the grassroots to build communities where dignity, equality, and opportunity are a reality for everyone. Based in Jharkhand, our work began with a simple belief that real change happens when people are empowered to lead it themselves.

From its humble beginnings, Savera has evolved into a vibrant organization creating impact across rural and tribal regions through programs in child protection, education, health and nutrition, youth empowerment, natural resource management, and sustainable livelihoods.

Our Secretary, who grew up in Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan's ashram, began his journey as a community mobilizer deeply inspired by the values of JP Narayan. His vision for a just, self-reliant, and participatory society continues to guide Savera's path. His leadership reflects Narayan's belief that true democracy begins in the village through the power of organized, aware citizens.

Our approach is rooted in participation and partnership. We work closely with women, adolescents, and youth to strengthen local leadership, revive traditional knowledge, and ensure that every initiative grows from the needs of the community itself. Whether it's a mother leading a self-help group, a youth facilitating life skills sessions, or a farmer reviving local water sources, each story reflects our shared vision of transformation.

At Savera, we believe in the power of learning, resilience, and collective action. Every year, we continue to walk alongside communities listening, adapting, and celebrating the small steps that lead to big change.

✿ "Change begins when people believe they can create it."



Children leading a water conservation rally, Jharkhand.



Vision

We envisage establishing a society free from injustice, and exploitation where Dalits, Tribals and deprived can live their lives peacefully and in harmony with nature.

Mission

To enable individuals and community within the working area that they can fully participate in the life, decision and structures of the community and have equal opportunity in development process.



WHERE WE WORK



JHARKHAND

Savera Foundation works across 4 districts — Koderma, Giridih, East Singhbhum, and West Singhbhum, reaching 203 villages across 8 blocks. Each village tells a story of resilience, hope, and transformation.

The Bihar–Jharkhand border region remains one of India’s most marginalized areas, shaped by poverty, limited livelihood options, and dependence on mica mining. For generations, families have survived through informal mica collection, where earnings are meager and conditions unsafe. Women and children often work alongside adults, making them vulnerable to exploitation and health risks.

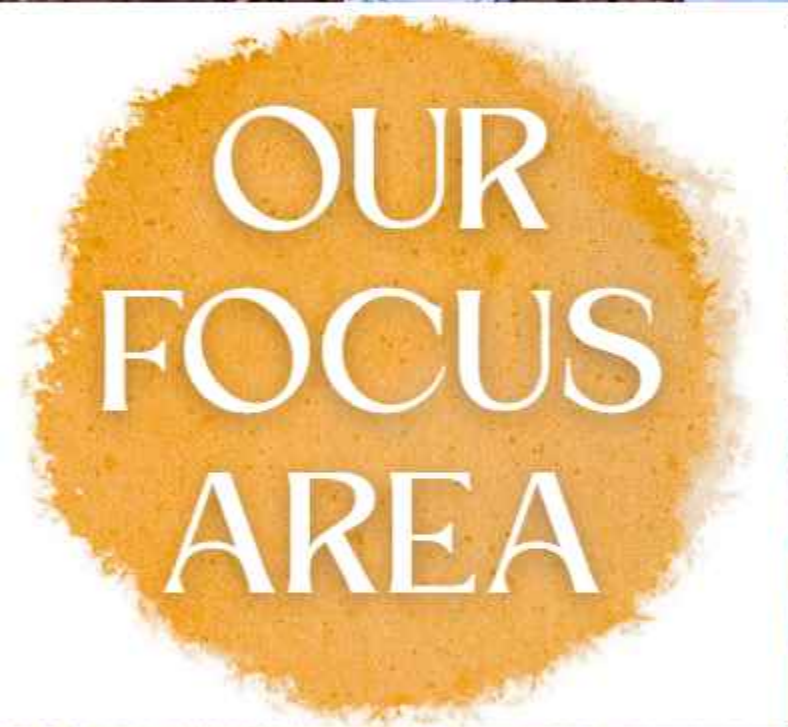
The lack of sustainable employment and access to quality education has led to high dropout rates and increased risks of child labor and trafficking. Poor infrastructure, weak healthcare systems, and environmental degradation caused by unregulated mining further intensify daily struggles. Yet, amid these challenges, communities display remarkable resilience, solidarity, and a growing desire to secure dignified, sustainable futures for their children.



**NATURAL RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**



**HEALTH &
NUTRITION**



**OUR
FOCUS
AREA**



PEDAL FOR EQUALITY
YOUTH DATE- 10.12.2024
EMPOWERMENT




**AGRICULTURE &
LIVELIHOOD**




**CHILD
PROTECTION**

WHAT WE DO

Through a multi-sectoral approach, Savera Foundation works across interconnected areas that strengthen communities and build sustainable futures:


 **AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOOD** – Supporting small farmers, promoting sustainable practices, and developing kitchen gardens to improve both income and nutrition.


 **NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** – Reviving water bodies, advancing watershed development, and encouraging eco-friendly initiatives like seed ball campaigns and composting.

 **EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & HEALTH** – Enhancing crèche facilities and nutrition programs to ensure every child grows up healthy and nurtured, maternal care, sexual and reproductive health and rights for adolescent and young people.

 **ADOLESCENT & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT** – Fostering leadership, confidence, and life skills through peer education, gender awareness, and vocational training.

 **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT & PROTECTION** – Strengthening survivor collectives, promoting access to education, livelihood opportunities, and justice mechanisms.

 **CHILD PROTECTION** – Driving awareness, prevention, and rescue efforts from exploitation, followed by rehabilitation of survivors and community-based safeguarding.

 **EDUCATION** – Supporting children to continue their education, bridge learning gaps, and return dropouts to school through community libraries and remedial classes.

Each initiative is crafted to meet immediate needs while nurturing long-term transformation — helping communities move from vulnerability to empowerment.

How we work

Turning participation into lasting change

At Savera Foundation, we believe that meaningful change begins with people — their voices, ideas, and collective strength. Our approach is rooted in participation, inclusion, and empowerment, ensuring that every intervention grows from the community's own needs and leadership.

We focus on creating an ecosystem where individuals, families, and communities move from awareness to action, building resilience and self-reliance at every level.





Our Core Strategies

To ensure sustainable and community-driven impact, Savera Foundation's work is guided by the following core strategies:

Community-Driven Need Identification

Encouraging participatory planning where communities identify their own challenges, priorities, and solutions, ensuring interventions address real needs and create lasting impact.

Community Mobilization & Participation

Empowering community groups, including women, youth, and survivors, to take collective ownership of local development processes.

Integrated & Inclusive Approach

Connecting health, education, environment, and livelihood initiatives for holistic and inclusive growth.

Capacity Building & Local Leadership

Training community facilitators, peer leaders, and volunteers to sustain progress and strengthen grassroots governance.

Partnership & Collaboration

Working closely with government departments, local institutions, and civil society networks to enhance coordination and scale collective impact.

Sustainability & Innovation

Promoting environmentally responsible practices and innovative, community-led solutions that ensure long-term resilience and wellbeing.

✦ Our work is not about delivering change – it's about helping communities discover their own power to create it.

Paths of Possibility

“A Mother’s Realization – A Daughter’s Rise”

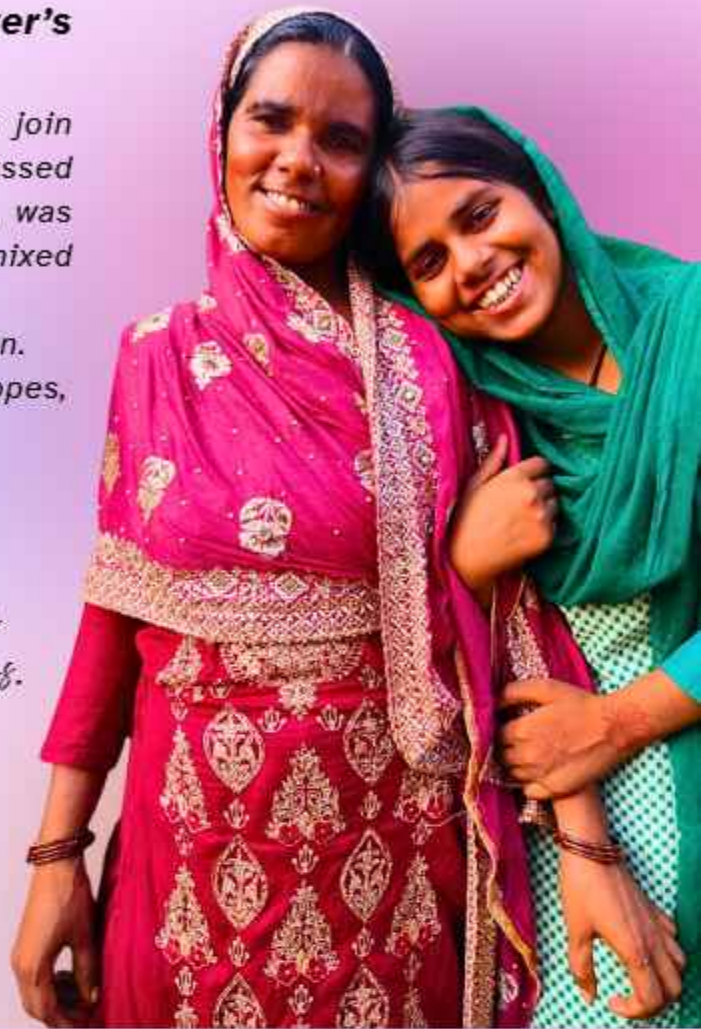
In Mansadih, Tisri, 14-year-old Ashiyana longed to join the adolescent group where boys and girls discussed dreams, equality, and change. Her mother, Hasina, was hesitant, unsure about the topics and the idea of mixed gatherings.

One day, Ashiyana convinced her to attend a session. Listening to young voices confidently share their hopes, Hasina’s perspective shifted. She saw her daughter’s potential equal to her son’s.

“I have two children and realize both deserve equal opportunities. If I don’t stop my son, why should I stop my daughter?” she says.

Once restricted, Ashiyana now leads by example attending a six-day residential pad-making training in Koderma and inspiring other girls to step forward.

Her story is one of many where awareness and opportunity spark change, and daughters rise with confidence and purpose.



FINDING SAFETY, EMBRACING LEADERSHIP

At just 11, Bibiyana lost her parents and was left in the care of her uncle and aunt in Ranigadar village. Childhood for her meant endless chores, no school, and no time to play.

The survivor group in her village, with support from Savera, stepped in. After discussions with local stakeholders and support from the education department and DCPU, Giridih, Bibiyana was enrolled in school. But her unsafe home environment made learning difficult.

To ensure safety and stability, she was admitted to Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV). For the first time, she found a nurturing space where she could learn, heal, and dream again.

“Finding a safe space at KGBV is my pathway to leadership.” – Bibiyana

🌱 From Struggles to Stability

Babulal's Journey Born into a marginalized tribal family, Babulal grew up watching his father work tirelessly at a stone crusher to support their large household. Though he dreamed of higher studies after completing matriculation, financial hardship forced him to look for work instead.

In 2022, he joined the Birsa Youth Club, where he actively participated in meetings and shared his challenges with Savera's field animator. Encouraged to attend an employment camp organized by the foundation, he applied with determination and was selected by Uclean Company, Faridabad, through the Rozgar Dhaba consultancy.

Today, Babulal earns ₹10,000 per month, with accommodation and meals, helping his family and inspiring others.

... "This opportunity changed my life. I can now support my siblings and stand on my own."

Babulal's story reflects how opportunity and guidance can turn hope into livelihood.



🌱 A Blossoming Future

In the village of Devpur, Kisni Devi, a small-scale farmer, has turned her modest plot of land into a thriving nutrition garden. Using cow dung as bio-fertilizer and adopting sustainable techniques like composting and crop rotation, she now grows tomatoes, brinjals, beans, chilies, and leafy greens year-round.

With support from the organization, Sanji received seeds and guidance to expand her garden, ensuring her family's access to healthy food while earning a small income from the surplus. Her dedication has inspired other women in her community to adopt eco-friendly farming practices.

... "Their encouragement and the seeds they provided have given me hope," says Sanji. "Now, I am not just farming – I am building a future for my family."

Her journey is a living example of how small steps toward sustainability can blossom into lasting change.



👉 **From Silence to Strength — Chanchala's Journey**

In Banpok village, Dhargaon Panchayat, Chanchala Devi, a young woman in her mid-twenties, once faced motherhood in isolation and silence. During her first pregnancy, guided by superstition and fear, she received no medical care and tragically lost her baby. When Chanchala conceived again, everything changed. Through Savera Foundation's maternal health meetings, she found a safe space to ask questions, learn about nutrition, and understand the importance of institutional delivery. Supported by the field team, ASHA, and ANM workers, she gained confidence and involved her family in her care.

On 25th September 2024, Chanchala safely delivered her baby at Sadar Hospital, Koderma — a moment of pride and hope.

"Now I know how important it is to speak, to ask, and to seek help," she says.

Once quiet and uncertain, Chanchala is now a vocal advocate for maternal health, guiding other women toward safe motherhood.



💧 **From Struggles to Self-Reliance — Sugdev's Journey**

In Ganjwa village, Thandighdih Panchayat, Sugdev Ray, a small farmer, lived below the poverty line, struggling to provide for his family. With no irrigation source, his land often lay dry, leaving little hope for a stable livelihood.

During a Farmer's Club meeting, Savera Foundation identified his situation and stepped in to help. A farm pond and check dam were constructed to ensure water availability, and fish fingerlings were provided to help him start integrated farming.

Within a year, Sugdev's hard work began to bear fruit. His total income rose to ₹33,000, combining earnings from fruits, paddy cultivation, and fish farming.

💧 *"Now I can educate my children and afford treatment for my family," he shares with gratitude.*

Jal Yatra 2025: A Journey for Water Conservation

Every year, Savera organizes **Jal Yatra**, a community-led movement dedicated to protecting and celebrating our most precious resource water. This year's **three-day Water Awareness Drive** inspired large scale participation across **13 villages**, spreading the message of conservation and collective responsibility.

Walking from village to village, our team, joined by **Survivor Leaders**, engaged communities through **songs, dance, and heartfelt interactions** that stirred pride and action. The Survivor Leaders played a vital role in motivating local residents especially women and youth to join the movement and take ownership of protecting their natural resources.

At every stop, villagers welcomed the Yatra with warmth and traditional hospitality, transforming it into a true celebration of unity. Together, we took an **oath to never cut trees, to respect nature, and to safeguard water for generations to come.**

Beyond awareness, we acted **cleaning water sources, building sandbag dams, and installing gully plugs.** The Yatra, **inaugurated by the District Forest Officer (DFO)**, stands as a testament to Savera's enduring spirit of community, sustainability, and hope.

"Pani banaya nahi ja sakta, bas bachaya ja sakta hai."

- Ashok Kumar Singh



"SHAKTI SARITA"

A survivor led collective

What is Shakti Sarita ?

Shakti Sarita is a survivor-led collective from Tisri Block, Giridih District, formed by 86 individuals (72 females and 14 males, aged 10–21) who have overcome child labor and human trafficking. Many were once trapped in exploitative work—picking mica scraps, making bricks, working in mines and kilns, or trafficked for industrial/domestic labor.

Now united in 10 groups across 15 Panchayats, they are reclaiming their dignity, advocating for systemic change, and supporting each other's healing. Shakti Sarita stands for justice, freedom, and the strength to build a resilient future.



Community Enterprise

At Savera, our community enterprise enables survivors and local artisans to turn their skills into sustainable livelihoods. By crafting eco-friendly products rooted in tradition and creativity, women and youth gain confidence and independence. These handmade products are available to order through our website, supporting a self-reliant future for communities.

✦ Millet-Based Foods

Savera's community enterprise empowers women and survivors to produce nutritious, preservative-free millet products like Mahua Ladoo, Ragi Ladoo, Ragi Cookies, and Jowar Ladoo. Celebrating traditional grains, it promotes healthy eating, economic independence, and climate-resilient farming, reconnecting communities to their food heritage and fostering self-reliance.



🔗 Artificial & Silver Jewelry

Handcrafted by survivors of trafficking, Savera's community enterprise designs beautiful artificial and silver jewelry that reflects creativity and skill. Each piece supports women's economic independence, fosters confidence and self-reliance, and transforms artistry into livelihood, celebrating resilience while preserving sustainable, locally crafted traditions.

✦ SUSTAINABLE CLOTH PAD UNIT

Savera's Cloth Pad Unit produces Eco Dhara, an eco-friendly, reusable pad that promotes menstrual hygiene and environmental care. Handcrafted by women from local communities, this initiative provides dignified livelihoods, reduces waste, and breaks menstrual stigma fostering awareness, sustainability, and women's empowerment.



Impact at a Glance

Empowering communities. Nurturing resilience. Every number tells a story of change, hope, and collective strength.

Agriculture & Livelihoods

4,845 Farmers engaged - 44 Farmers club - 2,730 Seed kits distributed - 75 Seed banks 810 Kitchen gardens - 3235 Farmers participated in Kisan mela.



Natural Resource Management

1,573 People sensitized - 6410 Seed balls dispersed - 6000 Plant distributed - 1 Miyawaki forest created - Constructed 109 Ponds - 334 Gully Plugs - 166 Sand bag dams.



Child Protection

9 Rescued from trafficking - 14 Child marriages stopped - 12 Rescued from child labour - 1680 Sensitized on child rights & wellbeing - 123 Re-enrolled - 275 in remedial classes - 250 in community based library - 197 Stakeholders sensitized.



Health & Nutrition

127 participated in Menstrual Health & Hygiene sessions - 90 in nutrition counselling - 300 Children in crèches - 420 Ration kit distributed.



Youth Empowerment

65 trained on cloth pad production - 56 on Artificial jewelry making - 124 on Stitching - 200 Learned basic I.T. - 11 Youths selected in rozgar camp.

Financial Statements

SAVERA FOUNDATION

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RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2025

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT
To <u>Opening Balance</u>		By Programme & Administrative Exp	52653996.43
Cash in Hand	5740.00	By Capital Expenses	139240.00
Cash at Bank	<u>16834309.82</u>	By Outstanding Liabilities Paid	170274.00
To Grant in Aid	59274546.25	By <u>Closing Balance</u>	
To Bank Interest	524934.00	Cash in Hand	897.00
To Donation and Other Receipts	1049846.00	Cash at Bank	<u>24724968.64</u>
			24725865.64
	<u>77689376.07</u>		<u>77689376.07</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2025

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
To Programme & Administrative Exp	52653996.43	By Grant in Aid after adj	51748806.22
To Depreciation	321147.00	By Bank Interest	524934.00
		By Donation and Other Receipts after adj	175268.00
		By Excess of Expenditure over Income	526135.21
	<u>52975143.43</u>		<u>52975143.43</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2025

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT
General Fund	598375.02	Fixed Asset	1471269
Asset Fund	511149.00		
Unspent Grant	23990742.62	<u>Current Asset</u>	
Expenses Payable	943722.00	Cash in Hand	897.00
TDS PF & ESIC Payable	153146.00	Cash at Bank	<u>24724968.64</u>
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Our Volunteers in Action

Serving with Compassion at Koderma Station

As temperatures soared beyond 44°C, Savera volunteers came together to bring comfort and relief to travelers at Koderma Railway Station. For several weeks, our team operated a Cold Water Serving Station on Platform No. 4, offering chilled drinking water to hundreds of passengers each day during the peak hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

What began as a simple act of kindness soon turned into a movement of care—refreshing weary travelers, easing their journeys, and spreading smiles amid the heat. With heartfelt support from Koderma Station officials, this initiative reflected Savera's spirit of service, compassion, and community strength.



Volunteering for Digital Learning

For six months, five Savera team members dedicated their time and skills to support digital education for children in rural government schools through a partnership with e-Vidyaloka. Conducting regular online sessions in subjects such as English, Mathematics, and Science, our volunteers helped students strengthen their foundation, build confidence, and stay connected to learning despite barriers of geography and resources.

This initiative reflects Savera's ongoing commitment to education as a tool for empowerment. By bringing classrooms to children who need them most, our team helped nurture curiosity, creativity, and hope—proving that meaningful change begins when knowledge is shared—with compassion, purpose, and the will to uplift others."

MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

At Savera, we envision lasting transformation within communities—where every person enjoys good health, proper nutrition, quality education, and lives with equality and dignity.

This year has reaffirmed our belief that real change begins when *compassion meets collective action*. Each step we take with the communities we serve strengthens our resolve to build a world where opportunities are not a privilege but a right.

Working with children through Savera Foundation fills us with purpose, as every step taken nurtures their right to learn and grow safely. We believe education is the strongest tool to break cycles of poverty and open doors of opportunity. Protecting children ensures their dreams are not lost to exploitation or neglect. Each child's smile reminds us why this mission is worth every effort.

Together, we continue to move forward—with courage, empathy, and unwavering commitment—to create spaces where women, children, and families can *dream freely* and live with *pride, resilience, and purpose*.

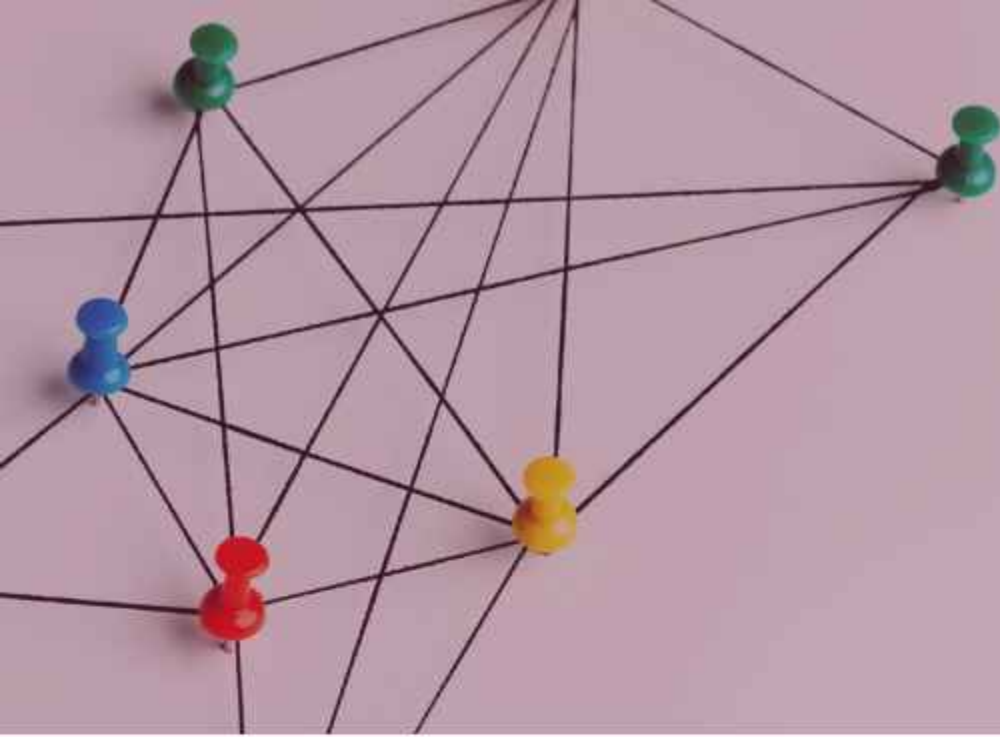


With gratitude and hope,
The Savera Team

♥ Every story begins with a shared purpose. Ours begins with hope.

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Together, we can make a difference. Thank you for being a part of our community!