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CEO Speak

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we bring Brooke India's (BI) journey to a close, I do so with deep pride, gratitude, and reflection. This final year has been unlike any other in our history. It marks not only the conclusion of our operations in India, but also the culmination of 25 years of collective effort, compassion, learning, and impact. Together—our dedicated employees, generous donors, committed supporters, partners, Board members, and colleagues across the Brooke network—we have formed the heart of Brooke India and have worked tirelessly towards a common vision: a world in which working horses, donkeys, and mules are free from suffering and have a life worth living.

Over the past quarter century, BI has championed the welfare of working equines and the communities that depend on them for their livelihoods. From remote villages and bustling urban centres to national policy forums, our work has demonstrated the profound connection between animal welfare, human well-being, and sustainable development. What began as a mission to improve the lives of equines evolved into a movement that placed these often-overlooked animals at the centre of conversations on livelihoods, health, resilience, and inclusion.

In our final year, we continued to uphold our commitment to excellence and innovation. Through tools such as the Equine Welfare Owner Behaviour (EWOB) framework, we strengthened our understanding of behavioural change and programme impact, ensuring that our work remained grounded in evidence and responsive to the realities of the communities we served. We also remained active in national and international dialogues, advocating for the recognition of equines within the broader One Health agenda, disaster preparedness frameworks, animal health systems, and disease control strategies. Our engagements with government institutions, development agencies, and technical partners reflected our enduring belief that lasting change requires collaboration across sectors.

One of BI's most significant contributions has been elevating the importance of working equines within policy and development discourse. Through partnerships with organisations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), engagement with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and contributions to national consultations and veterinary health initiatives, we helped ensure that the needs and welfare of working equines were recognised alongside those of the people who depend on them. These achievements stand as a testament to the credibility, expertise, and dedication that BI built over the years.

While our operations may have concluded, the legacy of BI will endure. It lives on in the strengthened capacities of communities, in the knowledge and practices adopted by equine owners, in the partnerships forged across sectors, and in the policies and systems that now better recognise the role of working equines in society. Most importantly, it lives on in the countless horses, donkeys, and mules whose lives have been improved through our collective efforts.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual and organisation that has been part of this remarkable journey. To our staff, whose passion and commitment drove our mission forward; to our Board for their guidance and stewardship; to our donors and supporters for their trust and generosity; and to our partners and Brooke UK colleagues for their collaboration and solidarity—thank you. Your contributions have made a lasting difference.

As we close this chapter, we do so with confidence that the values we championed and the progress we achieved will continue to inspire and inform future efforts for animal welfare and community development. Though BI's journey has come to an end, the impact of our work will remain, carried forward by those who share our vision and commitment.

With sincere gratitude and pride.



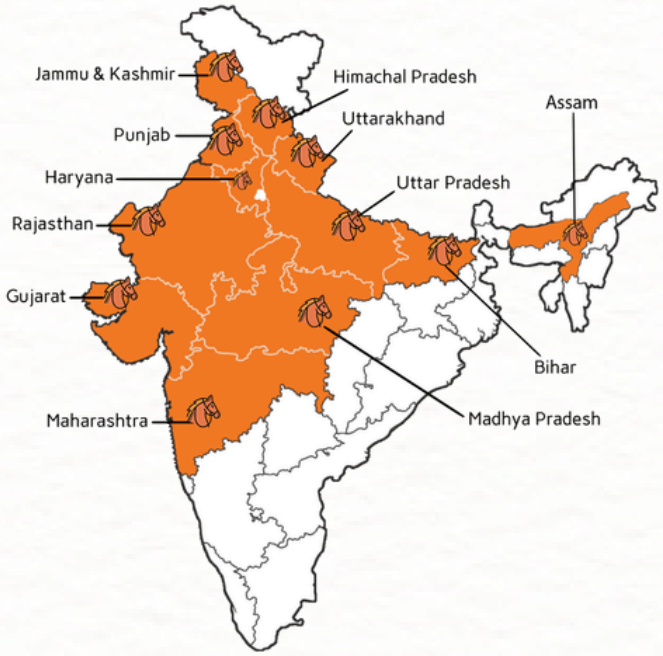
Brigadier Jyothikumar Dharmadheeran
CEO & CD, Brooke India



We continue to ensure sustainable improvements in equine welfare and equine-owning communities

1. Running 33 Equine Welfare Projects (EWPs) in 12 states

2. Directly reached and improved the lives of 1,75,499 equines



3. Reached 3,08,920 equine-owning families

4. Extended Touch area: Supporting 31 EWPs (completed)

Equine welfare has been addressed through a three-year strategic plan centred around six global goals. As a result, 0.18 million working equines have been reached through an intensive approach and 0.55 million through an indirect approach across India.



Theory of change

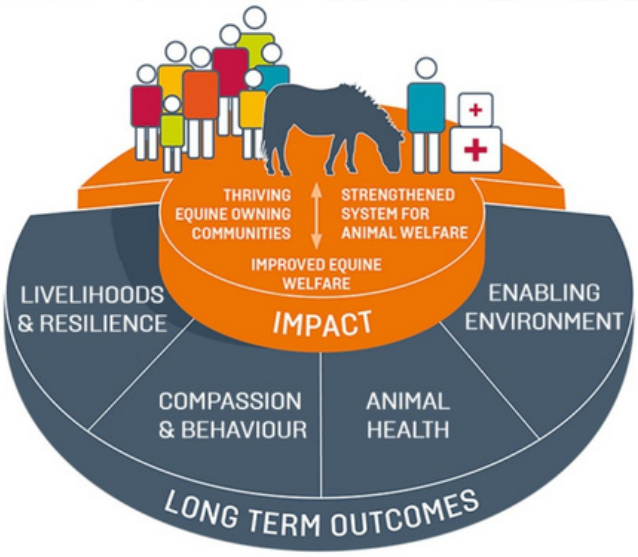
We recognise the complex interaction between the equine, the equine-owning communities and the system in which they co-exist. We believe that change in human behaviour needs to happen at all levels in order to achieve transformational change for the equines and the communities that rely on them.

Our Mission

> Our mission is to achieve immediate and lasting positive change in the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules and the communities that depend on them.

Our Vision

> Our vision is of a world in which working horses, donkeys and mules are free from suffering and have a life worth living.



Our interventions are streamlined into multiple phases so that agents of change are sustainably capable even after the phase is over. All the units are divided into three phases, based on the years of operation in the particular unit.

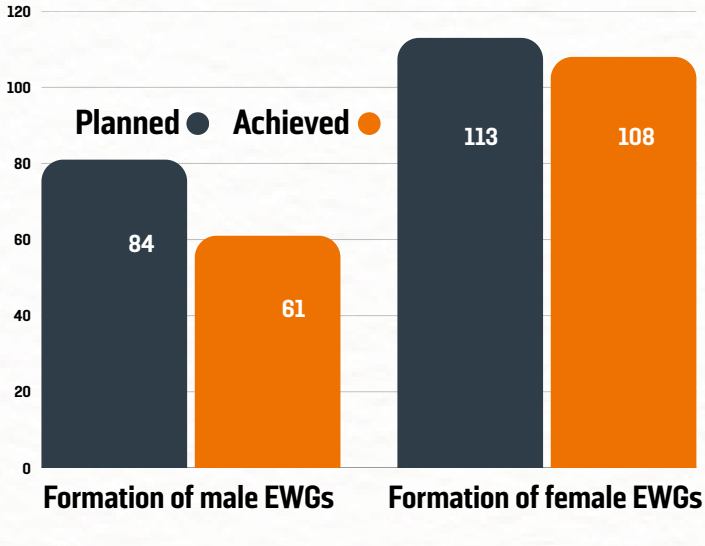


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2	Mau	Uttar Pradesh
3	Amethi	Uttar Pradesh
4	Banda	Uttar Pradesh
5	Kaushambi	Uttar Pradesh
6	Fatehpur	Uttar Pradesh
7	Kaimur	Bihar
8	Rohtas	Bihar
9	Buxar	Bihar
10	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh
11	Ghazipur	Uttar Pradesh
12	Rohtak	Haryana
13	Kutch	Gujarat
14	Churu	Rajasthan
15	Patan	Gujarat
16	Dholpur	Rajasthan
17	Barmer	Rajasthan
18	Surat	Gujarat
19	Sangli	Maharashtra
20	Vadodara	Gujarat
21	Satara	Maharashtra
22	Bharuch	Gujarat
23	Solapur	Maharashtra
24	Almora	Uttarakhand
25	Tehri	Uttarakhand
26	Chamoli	Uttarakhand
27	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
28	Pithoragarh	Uttarakhand
29	Uttarkashi	Uttarakhand
30	Bilaspur	Himachal Pradesh
31	Samba	Jammu & Kashmir
32	Kathua	Jammu & Kashmir
33	Amritsar	Punjab

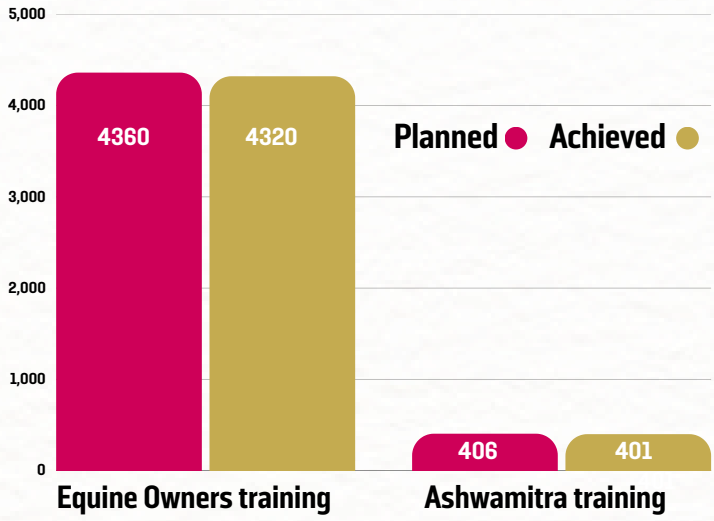
Glimpses of achievements under goals, FY 25 – 26

GOAL - 1

Equine Welfare Groups (EWGs) formation



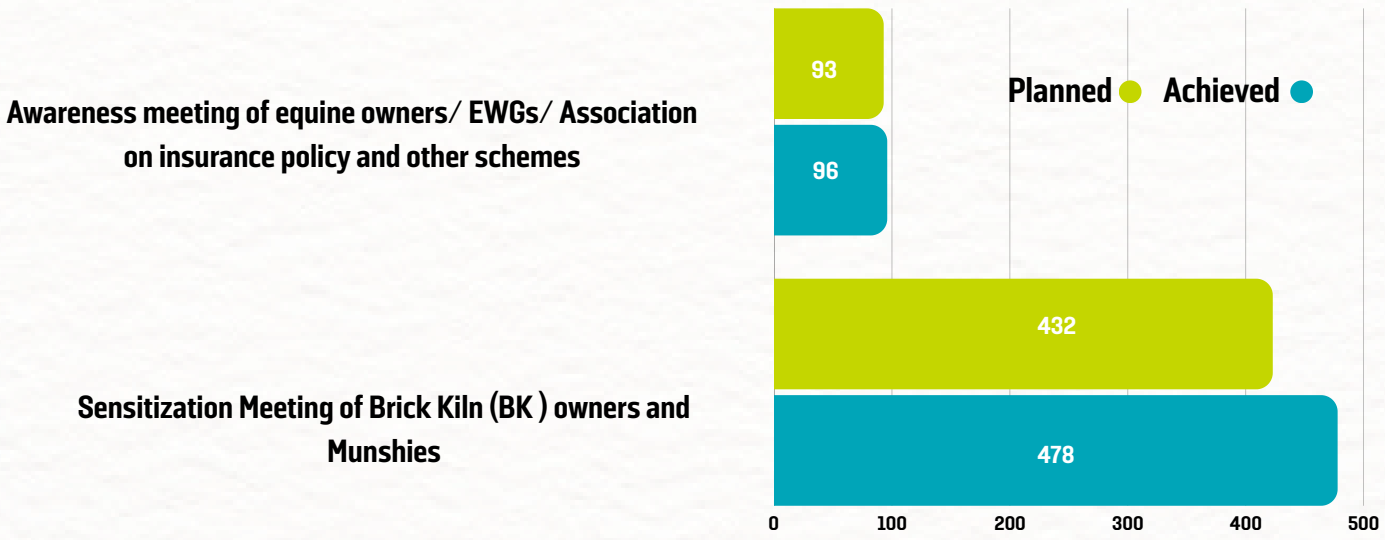
First Aid Kit (FAK) and disease prevention training



Crucial activities such as EWGs formation and equine owners and Ashwamitra training on First Aid Kit (FAK) and disease prevention, were successfully conducted – however not all planned could be achieved due to abrupt closure of the program.

GOAL - 2

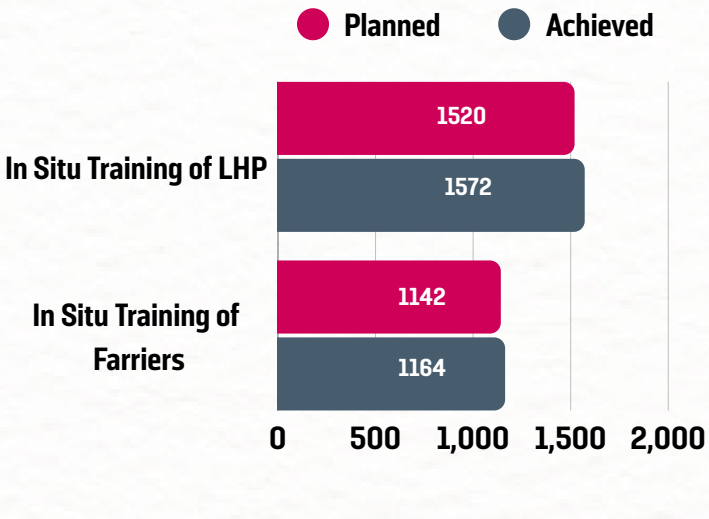
Engagement with stakeholders



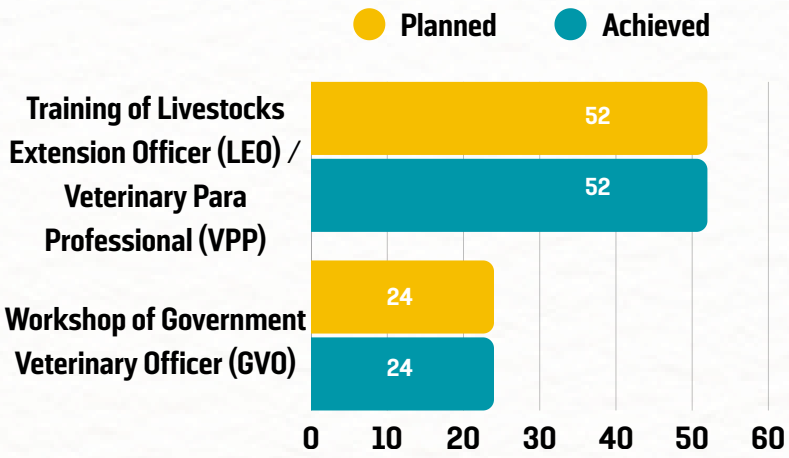
Key activities, included sensitisation meetings with BK owners and munshies, as well as awareness sessions with equine owners, EWGs, and associations on insurance policies and other schemes, were conducted. These activities under goal 2 were successfully completed, achieving 100% of the target.

GOAL - 3

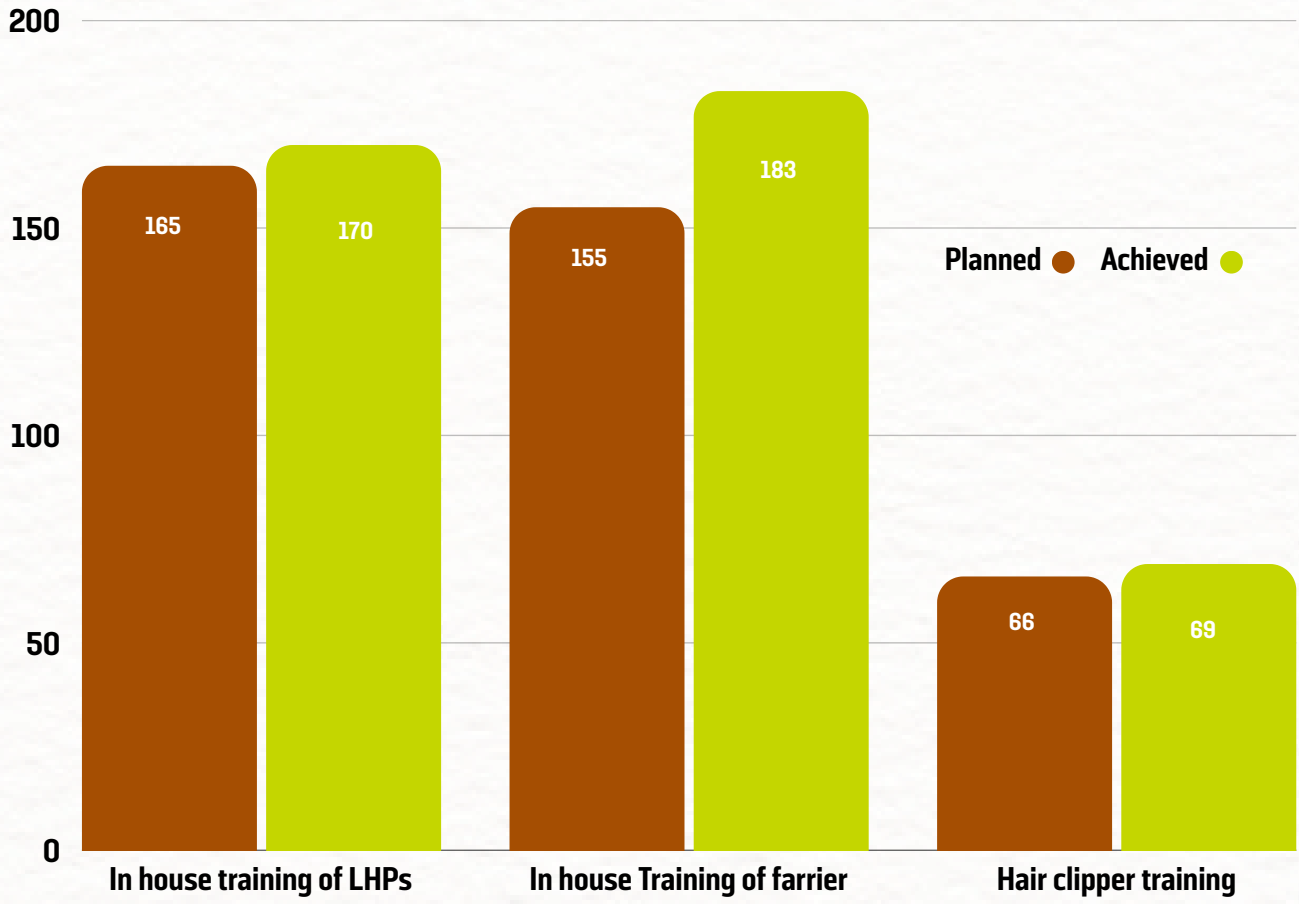
In situ training of Local Health Providers (LHPs) and farriers



Capacity building and workshops for GVOs, LEOs, VPPs



Traning of Local Service Providers (LSPs)



Capacity-strengthening measures, including in-house training of farriers, LHPs, and hair clipper training; training and workshops for LEOs, VPPs, and GVOs; along with in-situ training of LHPs and farriers, were successfully conducted under goal 3, with 100% completion achieved across all activities.

A quick glimpse at our key activities in FY 25 – 26

1. Capacity building of equine owners completed (13,301)
2. Capacity building of Ashwamitra completed (846) and for group leader completed (158)
3. Deworming of equine (2,14,737)
4. Meeting with medical shopkeepers (1,666)
5. Exposure visits of community members (104)
6. Vaccination against tetanus (TT) (1,11,426)
7. Health check transects walks (2,482)
8. Healthy animal competitions (790)
9. EWGs linked with National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) (1,160)

Key highlights from all programs for FY 25-26

Transforming Equine Health & Welfare

- Enrolled 6,141 equines under the Health Card/Mediclaim scheme through community associations.
- Conducted 514 health camps with DAHD, improving access to veterinary services.
- Facilitated 114,736 deworming treatments and distribution of 7,853 kg mineral mixture.
- Supported production of 303,911 kg balanced feed through 41 community-based feed units.

Empowering Equine-Owning Communities

- Enabled access to ₹2.72 crore government funds for 1,390 women EWGs and households through NRLM linkages.
- Supported livelihood diversification, market linkages, and income-generation opportunities.
- Facilitated issuance of 3,409 labour cards and access to social protection schemes for 1,242 beneficiaries.
- Strengthened peer learning through regional and project-level Ashwamitra Sammelans.

Advancing Women's Leadership & Community Institutions

- Strengthened Women Equine Welfare Groups through active community leadership.
- Increased member savings and financial resilience.
- Greater participation of women in CBO leadership and government scheme access.

Influencing Policy & One Health Systems

- Contributed to national One Health and Planetary Health policy discussions.
- Recommendations incorporated into the Revised National Glanders Action Plan 2025.
- Advocated for improved availability of equine medicines in government veterinary facilities.
- Proposed integration of One Health concepts into the NCERT curriculum (Classes 5-12).

Expanding Equine Services at Scale

- Launched the Ashwa Seva Helpline for improved last-mile access to equine health support.
- Supported 41 equine fairs, providing emergency care to 1,823 equines.
- Implemented targeted welfare interventions on high-risk pilgrimage routes, including Kedarnath and Vaishno Devi.

Building Veterinary Capacity & Community Service Systems

- Trained 1,024 veterinary students across 19 veterinary training institutes.
- Strengthened skills of government veterinarians through continuing education programmes.
- Assessed and trained 350 LHPs and 218 Local Service Facilitators.
- 71% of emergency treatments were successfully handled by trained community-based providers.

Demonstrating Impact Through Stories & Communication

- Produced the impact film "Hope on the Mountain Trails" showcasing Kedarnath interventions.
- Developed 40 case studies and 19 digital stories/reels highlighting programme impact.
- Strengthened donor engagement through innovative visual and video-led reporting.

Strengthening People, Culture & Inclusion

- Maintained a stable workforce of 283 employees with only 2% turnover in Q4.
- Increased women's representation to 23% of the workforce.
- Achieved Great Place to Work® Certification for the third consecutive year and received national recognition for women's talent development and workplace excellence.
- Continued investments in employee wellbeing, leadership development, diversity, equity and inclusion.

Driving Learning, Accountability & Performance

- Completed a large-scale EWOB assessment covering 1,934 equine owners across 11 states.
- Used evidence and data to guide programme planning and decision-making.
- Strengthened organisational learning through annual planning, leadership development and 360° feedback processes.

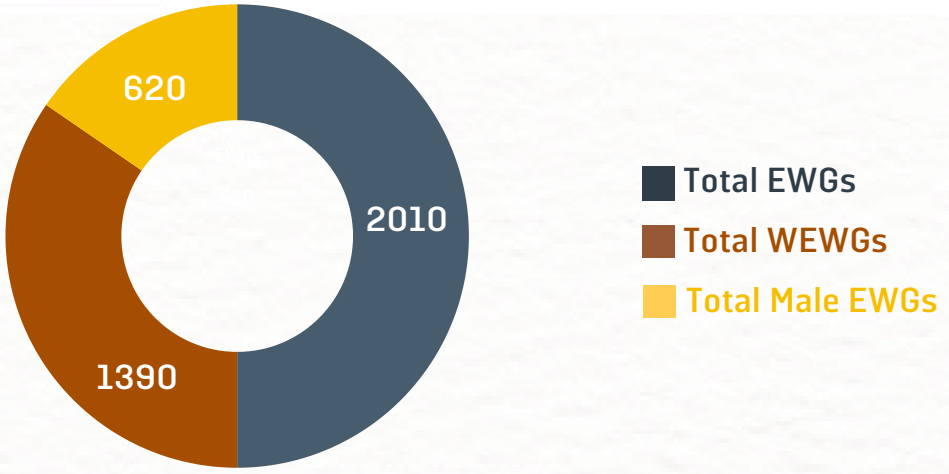


Economically resilient communities

Developing economic resilience by creating linkages with government welfare schemes



Developing long-term linkages between EWGs and various government schemes is the key to making sustainable changes in equine health and improving the resilience of equine owners.



Out of the total 1,390 Women's Equine Welfare Groups (WEWGs), 1,160 are linked with the NRLM

This FY, BI formed and strengthened both men's and women's EWGs, bringing the cumulative total to 2,010 groups 1,390 women's and 620 men's EWGs. Among these, several WEWGs have been registered and linked with the NRLM, enabling their members to access microcredit and other government welfare schemes. These linkages are key to driving sustainable improvements in equine welfare and strengthening the economic resilience of women equine owners.



Policy and Advocacy

Round Table on Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance

Antimicrobial Use (AMU) Conference: In collaboration with the National Academy of Veterinary Science (NAVSI), BI convened a Round Table Discussion on AMU and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) within the One Health framework, fostering dialogue among experts and stakeholders.

Global Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2025 – Spotlight Session

Global Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2025 – Spotlight Session: BI conducted a multi-stakeholder consultation on India's draft One Health Policy Framework, engaging senior policymakers, experts, and institutional leaders to strengthen policy direction.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Workshops

Across regions, Brooke India organised workshops to address animal welfare concerns and equine diseases, clarify the role of SPCAs, and develop collaborative action plans for improved local-level implementation.

State & Union Territories Workshop under the National One Health Mission (NOHM), New Delhi

BI initiated a discussion on equine welfare with the Principal Scientific Adviser and contributed recommendations to discussions organised by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister, Government of India (PSA), presenting key interventions and offering actionable recommendations to enhance disease surveillance and community awareness.

National Workshop on Post-Disaster Mental Health and Psychological Support, New Delhi

BI contributed to the workshop titled "Navigating Post-Disaster Mental Health" by emphasizing on integration of animal rescue and care into disaster planning, as it is essential for the psychosocial resilience of affected communities.

United Nations (UN) High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), New York

BI participated in global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) discussions (14–18 July 2025), reinforcing its commitment to integrating animal welfare within sustainable development agendas.

13th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2026, Bangkok

BI participated in the 13th APFSD 2026, convened by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand. At the forum, BI highlighted the importance of strengthening animal health systems and advocated for the meaningful inclusion of animals within sustainable development frameworks and policy dialogues.

Policy and Advocacy

South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) Regional Workshop, Nepal

BI contributed to regional dialogue on equine welfare, disaster impacts, and child well-being, strengthening across-country. The conference brought together the government, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders from Nepal, India, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives, and Sri Lanka. Discussions focused on highlighting the interconnection between community resilience and the welfare of working equines.

International Ethnoveterinary Conference, Ayodhya

BI presented research on traditional equine care practices through an abstract titled "Ethno-veterinary Practices for Working Equines", based on field data documenting treatments using locally available ingredients whose effectiveness has been proven through practical experiences. The abstract has been published in the official compendium, recognising its field-based technical contributions.

Policy Paper on Safe Carcass Disposal

In collaboration with Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG) and NAVSI, BI developed and released a policy paper titled "Strengthening One Health through Safe Carcass Disposal." The document provides a strategic framework for public health, environmental safety, and sustainable carcass management.

Policy Paper on One Health

BI contributed to the development of the policy paper titled "Draft Planetary Health Policy Framework for India" in collaboration with Health Parliament. Scheduled for submission to the PSA, New Delhi, this document provides a strategic foundation for a coherent, adaptive national One Health approach, strengthening linkages among animal, human, and environmental health.

Public Health Transformation Summit (PHTS) 2026: Official Pre-Summit event of the AI Impact Summit New Delhi

The summit focused on reimagining public health in India through innovation and cross-sectoral collaboration. BI led a key session on "From One Health to Planetary Health," promoting integrated approaches linking animal, human, and environmental health within a planetary framework.

National Symposium at Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Indian Veterinary Research Institute (ICAR-IVRI), Bareilly

BI supported and participated as an exhibitor, showcasing its work on equine health and community welfare while engaging with leading veterinary experts and institutions.

Animal Health & Welfare

Training through Veterinary Training Institutes (VTIs)

BI conducted 21 training programmes across 19 VTIs, reaching 1,194 veterinary students. These trainings focused on equine welfare, behaviour, disease prevention, farriery, and hoof care, contributing to the development of future veterinary professionals.

Government Veterinarian Training (Bihar)

Under the Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE) initiative, 38 government veterinarians were trained in compassionate handling and animal welfare practices in partnership with Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU) and NAVSI, strengthening public veterinary service delivery.

Hoof Print Project – Northeast India - Assam

To respond to the gap of not having received structured training specifically focused on equines, BI partnered with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department (AHVD) Assam to design and implement a comprehensive Capacity Building Programme on Equine Health and Welfare. The programme aimed at strengthening the government's veterinary services in the Northeast by equipping professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to care for equines more confidently and humanely.

Hoof Print Project – Veterinary Care and Capacity Building Yatra – Kedarnath (Pilgrimage Site)

Under this high-intensity seasonal intervention (April–October), BI delivered comprehensive veterinary care and system support at a major pilgrimage site in the Himalayan mountain range. BI facilitated in ensuring equines received emergency treatment, conducted health-check-ups and disease screening, organised awareness sessions for equine owners and LSP on equine welfare practices, hoof care, etc., as well as delivered hands-on training to LSPs.

Farriery School Establishment - Mathura

A dedicated farriery training programme was established at the College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry (DUVASU) Mathura, to enhance skills in advanced farriery and hoof health. This initiative institutionalises farriery training within academia, though the participation of local farriers remains a key consideration for future scale-up, given the university's budget constraints in providing honouraria to the LSFs.

Clinical Skills Laboratory (CSL) - Jabalpur

BI supported the establishment of an innovative Clinical Skills Laboratory at the College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Jabalpur. This facility enables veterinary students to practice clinical and equine-specific skills using models, strengthening practical learning without reliance on live animals. This was a one-of-a-kind establishment in the veterinary colleges in India.

Veterinary Lameness Training

BI veterinarians participated in specialised training on equine lameness and corrective farriery in collaboration with Flying Anvil Farriery Institute (FAFI), enhancing their clinical and diagnostic capabilities.

Animal Health & Welfare

International Workshops and Knowledge Exchange

BI staff enhanced their skills and global exposure through participation in international learning platforms. This included compassionate handling training at Redwings, strengthening welfare-centred approaches and building capacity to train others; attendance at the Global Animal Health & Welfare Workshop at Brooke East Africa, which improved diagnostic and programme implementation skills for wider dissemination within BI; and LEGS training in Nairobi, which strengthened emergency response capabilities for livestock-dependent communities during disasters while enabling participants to share this knowledge across the organisation.

Strengthened Emergency Response and Training Infrastructure

Brooke-trained LHPs delivered 77% (1,187 cases) of all emergency treatments during Q4, demonstrating enhanced field readiness and the impact of BI's sustained capacity-building efforts. To further institutionalise practical skill development and strengthen future emergency response capacity, BI also supported the establishment of a Clinical Skills Laboratory (CSL) at Jabalpur Veterinary College. Developed with technical support from international expert Dr. Tinsae Kebede (ICE Advisor, Brooke Ethiopia), the facility provides hands-on learning through simulation models, helping improve the clinical competencies of current and future veterinary professionals.

Targeted Capacity Building

Based on assessment findings, BI implemented 164 in-house and 1,164 in-situ training programmes for Livestock Service Facilitators (LSFs), enhancing their technical knowledge, practical skills, and field-level decision-making to address farriery and hoof-related challenges more effectively. Complementing these efforts, BI conducted seven Equine Owner Farrier (EOF) trainings, reaching 35 equine owners in mountainous regions and promoting basic farriery skills through demonstrations and hands-on practice to reduce harmful self-farriery practices. Additionally, two LSFs completed Module 1 (19 days) of the Basic Farriery Course at FAFI, gaining structured, in-depth training in professional farriery techniques.

Based on assessment findings, BI implemented 142 in-house and 1572 in-situ training programmes for LHPs. These trainings strengthened technical knowledge, practical skills, and field-level decision-making, enabling providers to respond more effectively to animal health challenges and improve overall welfare outcomes.







Providing emergency care to distressed equines at equine fairs



BI supported 41 equine fairs through its Animal Health and Welfare (AHW) teams and EWPs, in collaboration with state DAHD. These interventions enabled emergency veterinary care for 1,823 equines, ensuring timely treatment during high-risk congregation events.



Ashwamitra Sammelan



Three Regional Ashwamitra Sammelans were successfully organised as "Share and Learn" platforms, enabling equine owners to exchange experiences, challenges, and success stories while showcasing the long-term impact of programme interventions. These forums facilitated peer learning, allowing communities to relate to and adopt improved practices through direct observation of their application by other equine-owning groups.

Interactive sessions with officials from the Labour Department and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) provided valuable insights into improved husbandry practices and relevant government schemes, thereby strengthening institutional linkages and expanding livelihood opportunities.

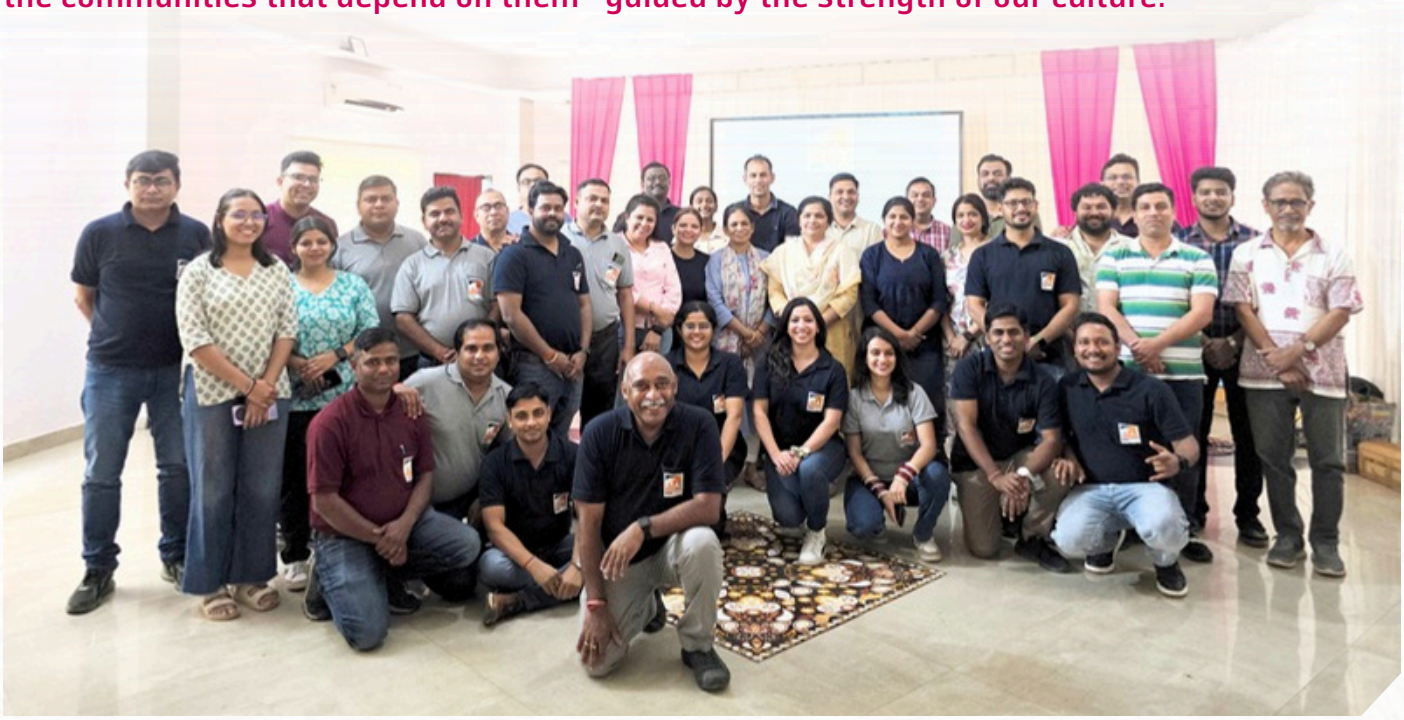


BI certified as a Great Place to Work for 2025 – 2026



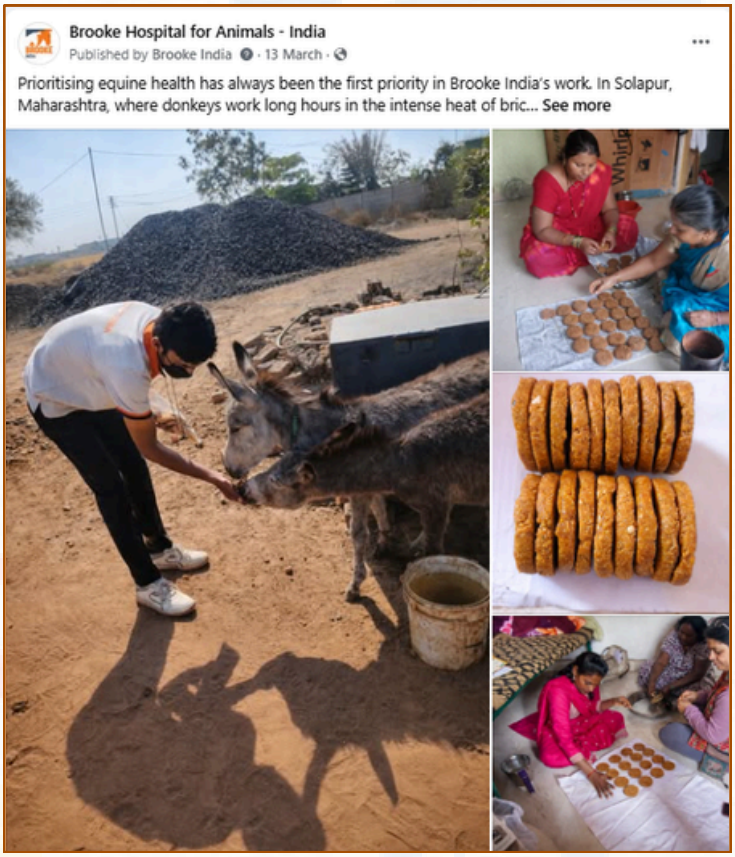
BI has been recognised as a Great Place to Work® for the third consecutive year (2025–26), scoring an outstanding 95% on the "Great Place to Work" statement. This reflects the strong, inclusive, and purpose-driven culture we've built—rooted in trust, empathy, and continuous learning.

Our people feel respected, supported, and empowered, and their shared dedication continues to shape a workplace that uplifts and drives meaningful impact. As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission of improving the lives of working equids and the communities that depend on them—guided by the strength of our culture.



Glimpses from social media









Savings to Self-Reliance - Empowering Women Through Collective Action

In many equine-owning communities, women play a vital role in caring for animals and supporting family livelihoods, yet they often have limited access to financial resources, information, and decision-making opportunities. Recognising this, BI has been working to strengthen the role of women through the formation and nurturing of Women Equine Welfare Groups (WEWGs), creating platforms where women can learn, save, lead, and improve both their families' wellbeing and the welfare of their working equines.Through regular group meetings, BI equips women with practical knowledge on financial management, savings, bookkeeping and credit discipline. Members are encouraged to make small monthly contributions, creating a shared pool of funds that can be used to meet emergency needs, invest in livelihoods, or support fellow members during difficult times. This collective savings approach has reduced dependence on informal moneylenders and strengthened financial resilience within communities. Alongside financial literacy, women receive training on equine management and welfare, including proper feeding practices, preventive healthcare, recognition of common illnesses, and the use of first-aid kits for immediate care.



The president examines the group's financial register, documenting savings, loans, and other transactions maintained by the members.

The groups also serve as platforms for spreading awareness about government welfare schemes, labour cards, social protection benefits, and livelihood opportunities, enabling women to access resources and entitlements that were often previously out of reach.



WEWG members contribute monthly savings during a group meeting

One such inspiring example comes from Jai Kul Devta Ashwa Kalyan Samuh in Samba, Jammu & Kashmir. Under the leadership of Rajni Devi, the group's President, women came together with a simple objective: to save small amounts regularly and support one another. Over time, those modest contributions accumulated into a community-managed fund that members could access during times of need. What began as a savings initiative soon evolved into a trusted support system, providing financial security, confidence, and a sense of collective ownership.

"The group has taught us the importance of saving regularly and helping one another," shares Rajni Devi. "Today, women are more confident in managing money, accessing government schemes, and taking decisions that benefit their families."

The strength of the group has also enabled members to explore new livelihood opportunities. One member, inspired to improve her family's income, participated in a mushroom cultivation training programme organised by the local Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK). Encouraged by fellow group members and supported through the group's savings mechanism, she established her own small-scale mushroom farming enterprise. The venture created an additional source of income for her household and demonstrated how collective support can help women turn aspirations into reality.

Today, the Jai Kul Devta Ashwa Kalyan Samuh represents more than a community savings group. It is a platform where women learn, lead, and support one another while promoting the welfare of their equines and strengthening livelihoods. Through BI's continued efforts, women are emerging as community leaders, and change-makers, proving that when women are empowered with knowledge, resources, and opportunities, the benefits extend far beyond individual households to the entire community.



With support from the Jai Kul Devta Ashwa Kalyan Samuh and training from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, a group member successfully established a mushroom cultivation enterprise in her backyard.

From Savings to Success: Women Driving Change Through Collective Action

For many women in equine-owning communities, opportunities to earn an independent income and participate in community decision-making are often limited. Through its community development approach, BI has been working to change this by mobilising women, strengthening their capacities, and creating pathways for economic empowerment alongside improved equine welfare.

One such example is the Maa Meldi Ashwa Kalyan Samuh in Surat, Gujarat, led by its President, Sangeeta Kumari. During BI's intervention in the area, the team actively mobilised local women and encouraged them to come together as a collective. What began as a small group soon evolved into a strong platform for learning, mutual support, and entrepreneurship.



Sangeeta Kumari, President of the WEWG, records members' monthly savings during a group meeting.

BI provided the group with regular training on equine management and husbandry practices, helping members better understand feeding, healthcare, grooming, and preventive care for their working equines. The women also received orientation on financial management, group savings, and various income-generating opportunities that could supplement their household incomes.



Members of the group showcase equine First Aid Kits (FAKs) prepared through their women-led enterprise initiative.

A key turning point came when the group identified an opportunity to produce equine FAKs. With technical guidance from BI, the members learned how to assemble the kits containing essential materials required for basic equine healthcare. The women utilised the savings accumulated within their group to purchase the necessary raw materials, demonstrating both financial discipline and confidence in managing a collective enterprise.

To ensure the initiative was commercially viable, BI facilitated linkages between the group and nearby Brick Kilns, creating a ready market for the products. This support enabled the women to supply FAKs to equine owners through established community networks while generating income for the group. The enterprise not only provided profits but also strengthened the women's business management and marketing skills.

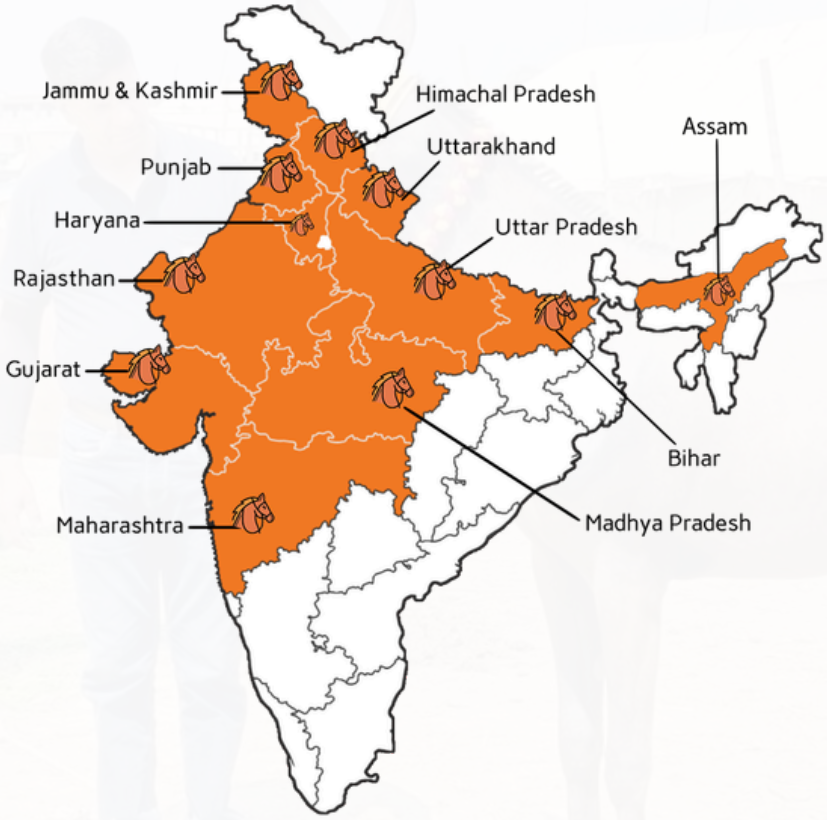
Building on this success, the group explored another livelihood opportunity through the production of balanced feed for working equines. With financial support from BI and guidance on feed formulation, the women collectively manufactured balanced feed and marketed it within their community. The initiative generated an additional profit of approximately ₹3,000, demonstrating that women-led income generating activities (IGAs) can contribute both to household income and improved animal welfare outcomes.

Today, Maa Meldi Ashwa Kalyan Samuh stands as an example of how collective action can create lasting change. Through savings, training, and IGAs, the women have transformed from beneficiaries into active contributors to their local economy. At the same time, their efforts have improved awareness of good equine care practices, ensuring that both families and their working equines benefit from the progress achieved. Under the leadership of Sangeeta Kumari, the group continues to demonstrate that when women are provided with knowledge, resources, and market opportunities, they can become powerful agents of change for their communities and for the welfare of the animals that support their livelihoods.



Members of the Maa Meldi Ashwa Kalyan Samuh participate in a monthly meeting facilitated by BI, discussing equine husbandry, healthcare, and management practices.

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