

# Our ESG Journey

Kosmos Innovation Center is committed to creating a sustainable future by empowering youth start-ups and promoting agribusiness innovation in line with its purpose of Powering Innovation, Transforming Communities and Impacting Lives.

For KIC and KIC supported businesses, long term impact and growth is closely linked to our sustainability journey. Here are some ways in which we are promoting ESG Principles in our operations:

- **Environmental Stewardship:** KIC is promoting sustainable agriculture and agric Innovations with are resource-efficient at program level and through the businesses we support.
- **Social Impact:** At KIC, we empower youth, women, and marginalized communities through entrepreneurship, capacity-building programs, start-up packages that allows the Youth and Women to set-up work and employ others.
- **Governance Excellence:** We provide transparency and ethical practices in our operations, partnerships, and program implementation.

## Contribution from KIC and KIC Start-ups towards a sustainable world

### Environmental Conservation & Climate Action

- Absence of pesticide or herbicide usage on the farms.
- Ground water usage.
- Usage of bamboo to build our factories.
- Good Agronomic Practices including no ploughing etc.
- Less water usage in Agricultural Production.
- Reduced high levels of methane and carbon footprints.
- Reduced emissions by providing a centralized marketplace, cutting down travel for farmers.
- Decreased methane emissions by reducing food waste through ready-market access and optimized water usage in rice farming.

### Regenerative Agriculture

- Trained farmers on regenerative agricultural methods and good practices.
- Installed multi-grain cleaning plant, reducing the need for tractor-based threshing.

### Produce Sustainable Products

- Produce more eco-friendly brands.
- Use of ecofriendly paper packages for our products.
- There are disposal instructions on the some of KIC products.

### Product and Service Expansion creating jobs for others within the agri-adjacent sectors

- KIC start-ups provide technology support to farmers e.g. by the use of trading platform, added mechanization services for farmers, a marketplace for farmers, off-takers, aggregators etc.

### Community Engagement and Support

- Train women in our community on packaging food and food safety.
- Drill boreholes in the community.
- Provides community services to the farmers like financial support, agriculture extension project.
- Enable farmers to access capital, ready market, training, and financial services.

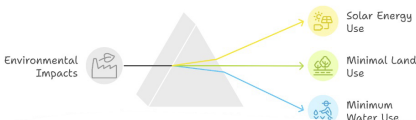
### Economic Empowerment and Social Impact

- KIC start-ups have raised Total funding of USD 23,470,266 outside of KIC.

### Transparency and Accountability

- KIC embodies transparency within our operations and processes, while ensuring that all our partners and stakeholders align with our core practices and ethical standards.
- KIC start-ups have established boards of directors and hold regular annual general meetings for key decision making.

### Sustainable Practices of KIC Start-ups



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