

1.	Full Name of the Organisation:	Society for Technology and Action for Rural Advancement			
2.	Acronym of the Organisation:	TARA	3.	Year of Establishment:	1985
4.	Full Address of the Organisation:				
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6.	Total No. of Staff: 48				
Programme:		Support:		Volunteers:	
7.	Mission of the Organisation (max. 100 words):				
Build capacity, incubate business models and manage processes to create economic, social and environmental value on a large scale.					
8.	Main Sectoral/Thematic Areas of Work:		9.	Nature of Expertise:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institution Development • Basic Needs Fulfillment • Employment Skills • Enterprise Creation • Natural Resource Management Models • Clean Technology Solutions 			<p>TARA as an “enabler” is instrumental in the creation of livelihood support systems, training and capacity building for the rural poor and marginalised communities. TARA as an “aggregator” bundles support service packages, help large corporation explore new markets and also aggregate the output of local producer groups including micro, mini and small enterprises and connect these groups to market opportunities for BOP access and market development for ethical products and services. Governments, large Corporations and Civil Society networks benefit from TARA’s expertise as a “manager” of large awareness creation, environmental action, community development and service delivery programmes in areas such as affordable housing, renewable energy, water management, sustainable agriculture, waste management, health and sanitation and recycling.</p>		
10.	Countries Where the Organisation Has Worked in the Past 10-15 Years				
Asia Pacific: South Asia, South East Asia			Africa: Anglo - Phone Africa		
Latin America and Caribbean:			Middle East:		
Europe:			North America:		
11.	Affiliation to any National /International Networks:				
National:			International:		
Name: Global Compact Network Location of Secretariat: Lodhi Road, New Delhi Contact Details: Pooran Chandra Pandey (Ex. Director) Phone: 011-24368269			Name: FK-Tarayana Network Location of Secretariat: Bhutan Contact Details: Bhavna Gadre Phone: 9910223324		

12. Illustrative Projects Implemented in Other Countries (Max.10 Projects; Max. 250 words for each project):	
<p>Name of the Project 1: VSBK Nepal Year of Implementation:2004 Partner Organisations: Resource Provider/Client: SKAT Consulting, Switzerland</p> <p>Major Activities Taken During the Implementation: Development Alternatives together with SKAT introduced the Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln Technology (VSBK) in Nepal. The project aimed at reducing stack emissions, enhancing energy efficiency and achieving change in the living and working conditions of the kiln workers. Two pilot kilns were accomplished, in particular through the active initiative of private entrepreneurs. The energy efficiency of the new kilns meets international energy consumption benchmarks, requiring 0.70 MJ/kg of burnt bricks. This is 40 per cent less than traditional kilns in the Kathmandu Valley consume in energy. The stack emission of polluting fine dust (PM10) could be reduced by a factor of eight when compared with conventional technologies. In addition, an integrated social action programme has achieved better working conditions, access to schools and health facilities including childcare centres for kiln staff.</p>	<p>Name of the Project 2: Feasibility Study for VSBK Technology Introduction in Afghanistan Year of Implementation:2005 Partner Organisations: Resource Provider/Client: SKAT Consulting, Switzerland</p> <p>Major Activities Taken During the Implementation: Based on initial data, a feasibility study was undertaken to explore how contributions can be made to improve the environmental, economic, social and institutional situation generally in Afghanistan, and in particular in the construction brick sector. The feasibility study proposed how the VSBK technology can be most efficiently and effectively transferred to and introduced in Afghanistan. This included the development of potential options and scenarios for the VSBK technology introduction and the know-how transfer.</p>
<p>Name of the Project3: Assessment of Brick Production in Aceh, Indonesia Year of Implementation:2006 Partner Organisations: Alois Muller, Switzerland Resource Provider/Client: SKAT Consulting, Switzerland</p> <p>Major Activities Taken During the Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs assessment for improvements of the existing brick production sector • Recommendations for potential and opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Improvement of the existing brick production technologies B) Improvement through new alternative brick production methods 	<p>Name of the Project4: Building a model VSBK at Baidyapur village, West Bengal, India Year of Implementation:2006 Partner Organisations: Sankalpa Trust, Kolkata Resource Provider/Client: Department of Science and Technology, Government of India</p> <p>Major Activities Taken During the Implementation: The proposed VSBK facility is jointly owned by Development Alternatives (DA) and Sankalpa Trust (ST) and run by a self-help group composed of local ST/SC community members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigation, testing and analysis of soils prevalent in the Nadia region ○ Fuel testing and energy analysis ○ Kiln construction, green brick making, use of internal fuel, kiln firing and commissioning ○ Manpower resource development, training and awareness generation in the local community highlighting the advantages of the VSBK technology and correlation of VSBK technology with the needs of the local community
13. Any Other Information:	