

BCC Narrative Report

As we are approaching the new Financial Year, it is imperative for us to do our checks and balances and see how we have performed. We compared the monthly reports of February and January 2023, and below we share our observations:

For Commercial Units:

- 3 contributed between Rs.10 - 13 lakhs (none of the units contributed above Rs.10 lakhs in January)
- 16 contributed between Rs.1.3 – 6.2 lakhs (13 units paid above Rs.1.5 lakhs in January)
- 28 contributed between Rs.20,000 – Rs.90,000 (20 units paid between Rs.20 – 25,000 in January)
- 167 contributed below Rs.20,000 (157 units paid below Rs.20,000 in January)
- **142 remaining units/activities did not contribute (50% of units/activities did not contribute in January at all)**

For Guest Houses:

- 7 contributed between Rs.1.5 - 3 lakhs
- 10 contributed between Rs.36,000 – Rs.82,000
- 18 contributed between Rs.10,000 – Rs.30,000 (20 guest houses paid above Rs.10,000 in January)
- 35 contributed below Rs.10,000 (half of the guest houses listed in this report paid less than Rs.10,000 in January)
- **35 remaining Guest Houses did not contribute**

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS		February	2023
Summary	Unspecified	Specified	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	57,018,737.70	-	57,018,737.70
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	20,774,484.64	1,024,227.40	21,798,712.04
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	77,793,222.34	1,024,227.40	78,817,449.74
Total Payments	24,075,765.74	1,138,540.40	25,214,306.14
CS Ending Balance(<i>Includes BOB</i>)	53,717,457	-114,313	53,603,143.60
Monthly loss/gain			-3,415,594.10
Internal Contributions			
Source	Unspecified	Specified	Total
Commercial Units	11,365,032	380,384	11,745,416
Services	7,167,783	508,328	7,676,111
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	2,241,670	135,515	2,377,185
Internal Total	20,774,485	1,024,227	21,798,712

The month of February 2023 ended up with a loss of Rs.34 lakhs, which is more than the last month of Rs.28.4 lakhs. However, regular income of Rs.17 lakhs has not been included in the February figures. This brings down the loss to Rs.17 lakhs, which is an improvement when compared with January and other months of last year as shown in the table below.

As we are improving in the collections of overdue receivables from the past years, we are also starting the exercise of projections of our income to be received in the next Financial Year. Regarding the individual contributions, in the last 3 months, we reviewed and checked the validity of the existing waivers and we also processed new requests. We will perform a follow-up at the end of March 2023. Our overall aim is to minimize the loss and replenish our reserves by establishing a monthly healthy cash inflow.

Summary of Income and Payments

GRAND TOTALS	Apr 22 Opening Balance	Current Total	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Total Reserves OB			102,669,485	96,722,093	92,497,834	83,460,365	79,489,741	76,976,069	71,706,961	68,284,661	63,567,160	57,952,129	55,104,715	51,685,519
Income		222,009,024	17,499,424	18,490,483	16,696,118	19,434,430	18,957,974	17,286,213	19,744,566	18,776,650	9,989,604	21,726,662	21,695,712	21,711,187
Payments		276,126,295	23,446,816	22,714,743	25,733,587	23,405,054	21,471,646	22,555,321	23,166,867	23,494,151	15,604,635	24,574,076	25,114,908	24,844,492
Loss/Gain		-54,117,271	-5,947,392	-4,224,259	-9,037,469	-3,970,624	-2,513,672	-5,269,108	-3,422,300	-4,717,501	-5,615,031	-2,847,414	-3,419,196	-3,133,305
Total Reserves CB	102,669,485	48,552,214	96,722,093	92,497,834	83,460,365	79,489,741	76,976,069	71,706,961	68,284,661	63,567,160	57,952,129	55,104,715	51,685,519	48,552,214
City Services Reserve	102,669,485	-	96,722,093	92,497,834	83,460,365	79,489,741	76,976,069	71,706,961	68,284,661	63,567,160	57,952,129	55,104,715	51,685,519	48,552,214
Gratuity Reserve		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers From CS to Gratuity Reserves		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

GRAND TOTALS	Apr 21 Opening Balance	Current Total	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
Total Reserves OB			92,020,771	83,898,269	97,630,166	92,278,844	97,383,928	90,869,698	101,481,465	100,085,699	96,052,903	98,603,686	95,261,220	91,850,419
Income		258,678,514	11,541,983	31,958,316	12,942,435	23,710,541	14,925,688	31,517,442	17,542,046	21,451,662	23,204,372	18,047,586	18,929,305	32,907,136
Payments		246,758,449	18,393,135	18,226,420	18,293,757	18,605,456	21,439,918	20,905,675	18,937,812	25,484,458	20,653,590	21,390,052	22,340,106	22,088,070
Loss/Gain		11,920,065	-6,851,151	13,731,896	-5,351,322	5,105,085	-6,514,230	10,611,767	-1,395,766	-4,032,796	2,550,782	-3,342,466	-3,410,801	10,819,066
Total Reserves CB	92,020,771	103,940,835	85,169,619	97,630,166	92,278,844	97,383,928	90,869,698	101,481,465	100,085,699	96,052,903	98,603,686	95,261,220	91,850,419	102,669,485
City Services Reserve	90,749,421	102,669,485	83,898,269	97,630,166	92,278,844	97,383,928	90,869,698	101,481,465	100,085,699	96,052,903	98,603,686	95,261,220	91,850,419	102,669,485
Gratuity Reserve	1,271,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers From CS to Gratuity Reserves		2,393,690	80,460	-	398,700	23,603	268,399	1,030,090	-	112,770	196,514	166,500	33,335	83,319

Difference in Income between 2022/2023 and 2021/2022

In % -36,669,490 -14%

Difference in Payments between 2022/2023 and 2021/2023

In % 29,367,846 12%

*Note: Mar 2023 is a projected figure.

In January 2023, we published a 'bird's eye' view of BCC's income and expenses. As a further step to understand our position, we have included the above analysis to show the trend regarding our community reserves.

Comparing the two financial years (2021/22 & 2022/23), we can see that the total income has decreased by 14% on average. On the other side, the expenditure grew up by 12% on an average. This unfavorable movement explains that the City Service Reserves declined from Rs.10 crores at the beginning of the Financial Year to less than Rs.5 crores at the end of Feb 23. The above data is self-explanatory. A short-term remedy for this situation is to focus even more on increasing the collections and optimizing the expenses.

In February, we have been reviewing submitted budget request. From our preliminary analysis, we noticed that out of the 115 City Services units, 63 have completed their submissions. The total amount of the requested Recurring Budgets from these 63 units have doubled in amount in comparison to 2022-23 and requested maintenances increased by 20%. Considering these doubling of requested amount on one hand, modest contributions from units and a large number of Aurovilians personally do not engage with supporting the collective municipal system over some periods, we find ourselves having little option other than making a prudent approach to these requests.

Note: Please note that Food link has been included in the In-kind scheme.

Sincerely,
BCC Team.