

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

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▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2019, and ending 20

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
The Swaraj Foundation

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
143 Chaucer Court

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Willowbrook, IL 60527 **03**

D Employer identification number
36-4222960

E Telephone number
(630) 325-7571

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ **www.swaraj.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

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Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Line	Description	Amount
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	171,150
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	0
4	Investment income	33
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	0
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	0
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	0
6	Gaming and fundraising events:	
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	0
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	0
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	0
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	0
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	0
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	0
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	0
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	171,183
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	81,276
11	Benefits paid to or for members	0
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	0
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	1,133
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	0
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	3,366
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	2,266
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	88,041
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	83,142
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	93,670
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	0
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	176,812

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and reporting requirements.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		
49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
none				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer 	Date 8/31/20
	Manish Jain, President Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
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Name of the organization

The Swaraj Foundation

Employer identification number

36-4222966

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	68230	34500	68580	102755	171150	445,215.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						445215
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						215300
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						193915

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	68230	34500	68580	102755	171150	445215
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	25.00	14.00	8.00	23.00	33.00	103.00
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						445318.00
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0.00
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	43.6 %
15 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	46.4 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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Name of the organization

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A. We supported the following Programs in 2019:

Ecoversities Global Conference in Mexico: Budget: \$18605

We supported the fourth Global Global Conference from October 25-November 3, 2019 in Michoacan, Mexico with 120 participants

running innovative projects in higher education and adult learning from more than 30 countries. It took place at Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Transmodernos (Center for Transmodern Studies and Research, CIET) in Michoacan, Mexico and continued during a collective learning journey to other educational experiments Mexico. CIET is a learning center offering Master's and PhD-level learning programs for regenerating traditional healing practices. We supported costs of local food and stay and international travel scholarships.

Here is a video on the Global Gathering: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wa2TzSaHovo&feature=youtu.be>

2): Ecoversities Regional Conferences in Hawaii, Ecuador, Uganda, Jordan, India. Budget: \$20500

Around 60 practitioners of innovative higher education met at Deer Park Institute for the Study of Ancient Classical and Wisdom Traditions

(Himachal Pradesh) for the 4th Indian Multiversity Alliance (IMA) annual conference from May 21-24, 2019. Several new collaborative projects emerged for action such as: 1) 2069I: Youth Fest which will bring together different ecosystems working with youth; 2) Mens-Versity is an

online safe space for male leaders of ecoversities to meet, interact and share about many things that are close to their heart like intimacy,

fear, challenges, sex, stress, masculinity among other unspoken matters without judgement.3) Un-failure Stories to question the definition of

failure and success and what it means to an individual; 4) Develop new Multiversities Website <www.multiversities.net> to support more

connections between members and more people to start multiversities in their communities; 5) Initiate more contact with members around

South-east and East Asia. There was a great sense of community and connection felt by all the participants of the annual gathering.

The second Pacific Region Ecoversities Gathering, which was again sponsored by Kū-A-Kanaka, a Native Hawaiian social enterprise

perpetuating Hawaiian language, culture and traditions, took place from July 18-21 2019 at Kahumana, an organic farm in beautiful

Wai-anae, on the island of O-ahu. This gathering brought together 35 educators and change agents from Hawaii, O-ahu, Maui, and Kaua-

interested in Education with Aloha (EA) and the . The 3-day event was grounded in Hawaiian protocol and ceremony, which assured the

integration of a spiritual dimension and began and ended each day. The primary objective of the gathering was for participants to

plan for the start-up of EA Ecoversity in fall of 2020, using traditional formats like talk story and modern techniques like "arting", an

integrated approach for culturally and ecologically responsive pedagogy.

● The second Latin American Ecoversities Gathering took place in the ecovillage of Chambalamba, in the south of Ecuador, from

August 25-31, 2019. 50 participants attended from Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Argentina, Ecuador, and Uruguay.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2019)

Name of the organization The Swaraj Foundation	Employer identification number 36-4222960
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This space of encounter continued strengthening the bonds between the regional Ecoversties of Latin America, both nationally and internationally, empowering educational communities that have been working on deschooling and alternative education, like the Ecuadorian Mushuk Away (New Weaving) network.

*The first African Gathering took place at the source of the Nile near Jinja in Uganda. This five-day gathering brought together 25 educators, scholar-activists, independent researchers and curators, filmmakers, rappers, muralists, philosophers, organizers, choreographers and chief listeners from nine African countries. The objectives that informed the tentative flow included: learning about each other's contexts and how our work reflects these; listening to land, people and each other; discussing pedagogical practices and formats; conducting a field trip; and reflecting on our pedagogical tactics and strategies in light of socio-political constraints and repression in dealing with authoritarian regimes, military rule, censorship, restrictive NGO laws, etc.

● The first Arab Region Ecoversties Gathering was held from September 20th – September 24th 2019, on a family-run eco-farm in Dibeen, Jerash located in the north of Jordan. This Mujaawarah, which literally means "neighboring" in the Arabic language, brought together 30 people from nine Arab countries representing Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, and Lebanon. Hosting Organizations included Taghmees for Training, located in Jordan, as well as the Cairo Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences located in Egypt. Activities included taghmees discussion circles, tejwal walks, dance movement therapy, intercultural cooking, music nights and bonfire circle. In addition, participants engaged in banana leaf weaving, yoga, chi gong, and lots of dancing. Discussions centered around themes such as vision, occupation, wellbeing, abundance, immunity, yuhsen and mujaawarah. In addition, emergent themes such as development, hope beyond development, hospitality, and generosity were also deliberated.

3): Ecoversties Publications and Learning Materials Budget: \$14110

● We commissioned and produced 18 peer-reviewed essays and 2 short films which have been shared on our website www.ecoversties.org with thousands of educators around the world. Some of the titles included:

-The Myth of the Gilded Researcher: A Thesis of Posthumanist Inquiry for Ecoversties in the 'Anthropocene.' - Bayo Akomolafe

-Joy House: The School for Ancestrality and UnLearning - Pat McCabe

-The University of Full Catastrophe Learning - Zaid Hassan

-Queer the Ecoverse: An Open Letter to Radical Educators in the Ecoversties Network and Beyond - Kate Morales

- Integral Economy in Auroville: A learning laboratory for unpacking, reimagining and co-creating an economy that serves life - Sangeetha Sri

-Childhood's harbor : What kind of university to embark on the journey to adulthood? - Traian Bruma

-When Regenerative Learning and Managerialist Anxieties Collide. Kelly Teamey