



SUCHI

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Back Ground Information

SUCHI – a society for empowering the marginalized communities had its humble beginning in the year 1983, with relief as its entry in the beginning, faced many challenges and come across success since 1983. SUCHI's association with many social action groups, in the initial 5 years, its interaction with national and international resource agencies, and the rapport established with marginalized communities contributed to its growth and development. Further, SUCHI through participation in various workshops trainings and discussions sharpened its strategy towards empowerment of the marginalized communities towards life with dignity.

SUCHI with its simple and humble beginning in 1983 in 2 villages has expanded to 100 villages as on now with focused aim and objective based on problem analysis and expected results. Empowering target communities to plan participate and access their rights and resources are the central in every programme with SUCHI.

Vision:

SUCHI envisions a just society where the poor and the marginalized irrespective of caste, creed, gender and class empowered to lead dignified quality life towards harmonious sustainable participatory development.

Principle Strategy:

The principle strategy consists of **equipping the poor and the marginalized** to rise above their situation through **an integrated approach with peoples' participation** embracing the aspects of health, education, economic, empowering the women and children, and the community.

Organizational Structure:

SUCHI has a **governing body of 11 members (GB)** with Elected President, Founder secretary, treasurer and vice president. All the members are involved in serving the society at various capacities in different fields. The Governing body meets once a year at the AGM, and as & when there is an emergency for taking decision as General Body.



A 5 members committee 3 elected members from the Governing body along with the office bearers – President, Vice president, founder secretary and treasurer serve as the **Executive committee (EC)** plays supportive role where and when required for the founder secretary in running the organization and the EC meets 3-4 times a year.



General Body & EC meetings of SUCHI

SUCHI has its functional office/ liaison office which had its functioning right from the year 1995 at the time of associating with SCINDeA network with approval from GB members.

SUCHI management has two wings namely Administration wing and Programme wing. The programme wing has specific team.

SUCHI ensures gender equity at all levels of its functioning.

Infrastructure:

SUCHI has two rural resource centers located within the reach of the target villages in two Mandals, one at its registered campus Jodichinthala and another at Rangampet cross, in Chittoor District.

Area of coverage:

SUCHI has legally approved to work in the southern states of India, presently works in 5 selective Mandals in Chittoor district of A.P, state for its regular development work. SUCHI also responds



SUCHI - Rural Resource Centres of SUCHI at Rangampet cross and Jodichinthala

to crisis or when any other need arises to its adjacent state & district namely Tamilnadu.

PARTNERS IN OUR EFFORT:

SUCHI has a history of associating with number of organization and institutions at various stages in the past and it continues to do so with various institutions involved in the upliftment of the poor and the marginalized. SUCHI always remembers its partners who extended their support and coordination in the beginning.

- Terre des hommes, Netherlands
- SCINDeA Network through EED Germany, Irish Aid & Christian Aid.
- HAVE-CIDA
- INDEINHILFE

COORDINATION & NETWORKING:

- SUCHI is a member in SCINDeA Network (South Central India Network for Development Alternatives), a 15 NGOs network, 15 years old.
- CWSS – Chittoor Water & Sanitation Society for field coordination and technical assistance.

Present Focus Area for Action &

No. Benefitted under various Programme during the reporting year 2009-10

Programme Focus	No. of group	No of members benefitted				Total
		Male	Female	Youth	Children	
• Community organization and federation (SHG)	217	-	2387	67	-	2454
• Community Health with emphasize for MCH	-	2132	6301	-	-	8433
• Education Programme	-	448	410	-	-	858
• Vocation Programme	-	-	-	84	-	084
• Revolving fund for Relief of Poverty	39	-	319	-	-	319
• Safe Water & Sanitation	33	2144	2211	2153	1981	8489
• PLHA benefited from IGP	-	06	09	-	-	15
• HIV infected and affected taken treatment	-	15	38	-	-	52
• Health cells	30	-	150	-	-	150
• Red ribbon clubs	40	593	607	-	-	1200
• Care givers trained	-	26	53	-	-	079
• STI cases followed up	-	-	129	-	-	129

AREAS TO IMPROVE:

- Organization sustainability.
- Strategic Plan for SUCHI.
- Job oriented courses for rural Youth -Vocational training for youth.

FUTURE CONCERN

- Education for Vocation for rural Boys and Girls
- Responding to the climate change & Environment Protection
- Strengthening CBOs and promoting Federation.
- Extending programme in adjacent District in Tamilnadu with Mission wing/holistic approach.

Conclusion:

SUCHI as an organization so far has contributed a lot to the community development towards promoting quality life among the rural communities through Education, Health and Socio Economic interventions by empowering the communities to participate and involve in resource mobilization.

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Brief Report on Various Projects Implemented during the Reporting Period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010

I. Community Organization & Federation:

Concept Note:

This programme focus towards community participation, ensure ownership responsibility and to promote collective effort to address needs, problems and issues that hinders development, their life with dignity.

Specific Programme/ intervention	No. of group	No participated/ Benefitted				Outcome
		M	F	Y	C	
Dalith sangam	30	435	445	-	-	Community started to identify their issues and rights
Dalith federation- cluster level.	2	20	20	-	-	In Thellagundlapalli village, people agitated against the government to provide water supply to the village.
Women sangam	217	2387	67	-	-	Involved in mobilizing govt schemes
VAC-Village Advisory Committee	55	220	165	-	-	Collectively approach the Govt for community common needs
Children Association	30	250	282	-	-	Children started to save small amounts



Community meeting

Effective participation and strengthening the collective spirit of the above CBOs were promoted through various capacity building programme at different levels like village level, panchayath level and at the organizational level.

These initiatives also contributed to the emerge of 227 women leaders at the 217 at village level, 7 at panchayath level and 3 at Mandal level.



Community meetings at the village level

The dalit sangam have promoted their own funds through their contribution to use for their future interventions.

Medical Camps and Community Health with emphasize for MCH:

The concept of first contact for identifying the health issues, motivation, guidance to refer to institution for immediate treatment and home care is continued during this period. Volunteers like village health workers, child care promoters. Inculcating the practice of regular check up of the Pregnant women, high risk mothers, delivered and feeding mothers thus ensuring safe delivery, minimizing IMR etc. Thus ensuring quality health of every rural and marginalized woman, children and their family.



Medical camp

pregnant women, lactating mothers and mothers who had family planning thus they become aware of their right to health.

Mobile clinics, general and MCH health camps once conducted in many times has been reduced to ensure the best use of the available health care programme. All pregnant women have regular check; high risk pregnant women are aware of their health status and take careful monitoring for safe delivery.

Women have become aware of the social security through insurance and most of them have availed the health insurance scheme from the

These initiatives also contributes towards making the best use of the available Government facilities schemes like 108,104 incentive scheme for the



Health camp



Eye surgery done by Sankara Nethralaya Hospital, Chennai

Government, this has made them to go for early treatment and continuous treatment.

During this reporting period the following programme were carried out to ensure every women, children and their families' lead healthy life.

Specific Prog / intervention	No participated/ Benefitted				Outcome
	No.	M	F	C	
Health Education programmes conducted	271	1745	1818	1743	Children are aware of personal hygiene
Reproductive Health Education	363	2132	6301	1560	Mothers have knowledge on personal hygiene
Eye Camps	05	112	135	247	15 patients were done eye surgeries by Sankara Nethralaya. Hospital, Chennai.
Medical camps	04	220	265	121	24 Patients referred for higher treatment.

- All deliveries in our target villages are safe and all are institutional deliveries.
- Every pregnant and feeding mothers avail all benefits meant for them from the Government.
- Health education has contributed to the promotion of kitchen garden; waste water stagnation is relatively minimized.
- All mothers aware of vitamin deficiencies and take necessary precaution in the diet.
- 80% of the families have drum stick and papaya in the kitchen garden and know its nutrition value.



Children at an Early Learning centre



Parents Teacher meeting

Quality Education for 3-13 year; through pre-primary & primary education:

Education is important not only for each individual, but also for the uninterrupted growth of the nation. Primary education in India, therefore, is the base upon which the development of all citizens and the nation as a whole rests.

Right to education Act in India has enforced a historic right to education; however it should go beyond free and compulsory education. One of the crucial elements in education is quality and quality education for all is the major challenge that needs to be addressed.

There are challenges at the gross root level which calls for great concern with regard to right to education. Ensuring every child from the marginalized sector get the best and the quality education to lead quality life. Our effort is to create awareness among our target families on the Right education Act the challenges and the ways to address the same.

- Quality education with allocation of funds / finance,
- Challenges with Teacher student ration and quality teachers
- Challenges with Infrastructure facilities
- Challenge to bring down child labor
- Challenges to promote girls child education etc.

During this reporting period the following programme were carried out to ensure every children between the ages of 3 to 13 years access to quality education to lead quality life.



An ELC teacher interacting with children



Evening coaching/Tuition for primary children in the villages

Specific Programme / intervention	No participated/ Benefitted				Outcome
	No.	M	F	C	
Early Learning Centre's for 3 - 6yrs towards development.	25	144	120	-	--- Boys --- girls promoted during last academic year from pre primary
Support programme for Primary education;	25	304	290	-	--- Boys --- girls promoted during last academic year from primary
- Promotion and strengthening of PTA	14	65	72	-	Regular participation of Parents in PTA meetings.
- After school coaching	54	442	431	-	Community and children have shown interest in participating the Play Mela and Sports and games.
- Sports & Games	2	107	132	-	
Computer education	1	20	17	-	37 students completed desktop publishing skill education in computer
Tailoring for vocation	2	-	20	-	20 girls completed tailoring training during this year
Vocational carpentry Programmes.	1	20	-	-	20 boys completed Vocational carpentry training
Plumbing, Automobile Mechanic, Fashion design etc.	1	07	-	-	7 students completed the Automobile mechanic training at Bro. Siga Social Service guild
Children at MMS-Mathagondapalli Model School Hosur. (CBSE)	34	20	14	-	More than 5 students have joined professional courses in various colleges.
Sponsorship for professional courses	-	1	-	-	Babu who completed the 10 th standard at MEC has joined B.Sc nursing course in A.P. MEC sponsors

During this reporting period 3 children who completed 10th at MMS-CBSE earlier. Out of 3 children 2 boys and 1 girl are in professional educations.

- The Parents Association that we promoted with every village is encouraged to take up issues related to education for their children,
- Parents Association also represent collectively to the Government to ascertain the school needs of their respective village like class room, additional teachers, facilities like water, toilet furniture etc .
- They also monitor the school functioning in their local villages.



Tailoring training for rural women



Vocational programme has become the need of the hour for the youth. Beyond education is the vocation one has to be ensured with in order to lead the life with dignity. No matter how much of quality education one has unless he/she has skills for earning, it is not possible to lead quality life. The education becomes complete and quality only when it ensures with specific skills for earning their livelihood.

SUCHI under the education unit presently provides very little opportunity for vocation at our centre; therefore we are admitting our

youth for vocation education with other NPO for such programme. One of the future concerns is to ensure vocation beyond education for the young boys and girls.



Tailoring Training programme for rural youth

Our education intervention has:

- Empowered the local community participation and resources mobilization from Government for their community towards quality education.
- Local leadership identity and linking Government education programme
- No school drop outs in our target villages.
- 31 children from first learner's families have access to quality education with CBSE syllabus.
- 3 children from first learners families has completed secondary education in CBSE syllabus and are now attending professional courses out of which 2 are girls.

Revolving fund Relief of Poverty



An orientation to the beneficiaries (SHG)

Economic development of the marginalized women paves way for their empowerment leading to life with quality and dignity.

In order to promote financial accessibility, ensure regular, increased income for women and for the family Below Poverty Line, to make them entrepreneurs, to promote savings and asset with them.

Women in SUCHI target village have access to revolving fund / finance.

All target families have livelihood options with increased income.

Every family especially women in SUCHI target village saves at least Rs. 600 / annum.
Family asset promoted

Specific Prog / intervention	No participated/ Benefitted				Outcome
	No.	M	F	Tot	
Motivation to SHG members on Revolving Fund.	39	-	319	319	• Their self esteem is growing
Assisting the members / group, to avail RF	42	-	431	431	• Family members pay respect to the women
Pre-orientation on the system to enhance their capacity.	42	-	431	431	• Women are addressing social issues
Follow up to ensure increased income, regular repayment and regular savings.	39	-	319	319	• More than 215 beneficiaries have assets.



Distribution of Revolving fund for women

- During this period 319 women have availed the revolving fund.
- 319 Women have an increased income from Rs 25 to Rs.100 daily.
- 175 Families paid up their debts with money lenders.
- 319 women have live stock asset.
- 7 Villages have their milk society in their own village.
- 19 Families ensured with daily

income from their income Generative Activity.

Through revolving fund programme during this period:

- Women have become access to financial resources and started to handle money and make decision for their family especially those who have availed the revolving Fund.
- Dependency on other social sectors like money lenders with huge interest, land owners and caste community minimized. (Earlier families used to consult to fix or decide for any kind of importance in the family like marriage, house repair etc and for every expenditure decision has to be made at the higher level with the socially and economically sound persons now it's not seen with our target communities).
- No bondedness in our target communities



A beneficiary with her cow

and debt among the target families is relatively reduced. Women directly deal with the revolving fund in some cases both husband and wife involved.

- Women Economic Empowerment

-Asset Building (Infrastructure, land, livestock & business related asset)

- Social Issues addressed

(Release from Debts with money lenders, freedom from dependences, no middleman or brokerage, girls for higher education, spending on consuming alcohol, chewing



A beneficiary with her goats

betel nuts less, borrowing for sudden or unforeseen events minimized and are able to manage with savings.

III. Water & Sanitation:



Water & sanitation focus towards accessibility and availability of safe drinking water, which contributes to healthy living and minimizes the water born diseases. Through this programme the following activities were carried out during the reporting period with community's participation.



Specific Programme/ intervention	No. of village participated/ Benefitted				Outcome
	Vill	M	F	Tot	
Drilling bore wells to ensure Drinking water.	33	4169	4320	8489	33borewells drilled in needy villages.
Educating the community	33	2560	2771	5331	Community is aware on safe water and sanitation

Construction of Toilets (Eco san)	45	96	103	199	- People started using eco san toilets. - Understand to protect the environment and personal hygiene
Construction of Toilets	50	115	135	250	There are 50 toilets constructed in 50 SUCHI/SCINDeA Target villages.
Tree Plantation & Kitchen garden.	01	176	227	403	Tree saplings planted in the identified villages
Promoting water and sanitation committee.	33	132	99	231	There are 33 committees promoted in all 33 villages.
Mobilization of matching scheme form Govt. by VAC.	19	76	57	133	Community started to mobilize electric motor and pipe line connection from the Government



Through safe water and sanitation programme during this period

27 Villages have become access to safe drinking water

3316 Women spend more time in work than to collect water.

3 Water bond diseases have relatively reduced in frequency & number.



V. Communities Collective Effort:

The CBOs promoted are guided and motivated to collectively identify social and developmental issues of their village/locality and address the same through their collective effort.

Thus the CBOs namely Dalith sangam, Women groups, VAC-Village Advisory Committee and the children association through capacity building programme become articulate and actively participate in collectively addressing their issues. During this period they were able to address

- Wage issues at the local level,
- Dowry issue and as well
- In resource mobilizing.

This has given them good Community Identity & Accessibility to local Government schemes and resources.

VI. Special Programme:

Sponsors visit to SUCHI :

During this reporting period our sponsors from TDH-NL namely Nyke & Jose who sponsor for the project “Promoting Quality life among the 25 marginalized communities in chittoor Distrcit of A.P”. As they are the sponsors associated with Tdh-nl funding organization they visited SUCHI programme. Mr Meru Miller. the Tdh-nl India Programme officer has accompanied the sponsors. During their visit to SUCHI they visited our programme /villages, interacted with the people,



women groups, visited the preprimary schools run by SUCHI interacted with the parents and SUCHI team.

As a token of their love they them self purchased few gift items gave small gifts to the children of the preprimary school with a small grooming kit and a pair of clippers . The preprimary centres were given steel water drum, tumblers, plates, mats, play and learning materials. They also donated electrical tools to the vocational carpentry programme.

- Training & Exposure for ICDS teachers: 35 preprimary ICDS teachers had a one day exposure and learning from experience from SUCHI preprimary teachers.
- Community play mela- Children, women, youth and men from our target villages had the opportunity to participate and perform community cultural programme at various levels At village level, district level ,state level and at the zonal level.



- Summer camp for children: Children
- Special Days – Women day, children's day & world aids day
- Experience sharing with SCINDeA Network members
- Coordination with CMCH Emergency department

vii. New Initiatives:

During this reporting period following new programme implemented with our partners.

House Hold Programme:-

- To enable the families of Below the Poverty Line to create a better life for themselves
- To assist socially and economically deprived families below the poverty line to access Government and other resources.



Main streaming of Development

HIV/AIDS in Community





As part of the main streaming programme, Identified PLHIVs were motivated to participate in every community development programme to lead normal life. they were also given a small grant of Rs.2000/- to start IGP like petty shop, goat rearing, vegetable shop, coin box etc. Thus to enable them to have their earning, get self esteem, involved in serving the community and associate with community.

Viii. Staff welfare & Development:

SUCHI existing staff structure given below remains the same. As part of staff development and staff welfare programme the following activities and scheme are in practiced in SUCHI:



- Staff trainings – need based /demand driven training organized both by SUCHI and by the partners.
- Staff – Focused area, every staff has been trained in a particular focus area like health, education, and social, Economic or Land/Agri.
- Staff review discussions held monthly for experience sharing and learning.



- Staff Exposure & Tour organized once a year.
- Staff Social Security & Savings.
- Medical Insurance & Accident policy.

IX. Conclusion:

Our sincere thanks to all Institutions, organizations and well-wishers for their encouragement. We express our sincere thanks to our funding partners and sponsors for their meaningful support during this period. I thank all our members for their support and encouragement. Above all I thank God for guiding us in the past.
