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# SOCIAL UNIT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND IMPROVEMENT - SUCHI

## ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 8.7.98. AT THE HEAD OFFICE VELLORE.

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Dear Friends

I consider it as a great privilege for me in presenting this annual programme report for the period from April 97 to March 98. During this reporting period we have carried out many programme towards the promotion of our target community and as well as the promotion of our organisation.

### FIELD PROGRAMME :

Though the programmes implemented in different mandals focuses on different aspects relevant to the area of operation, all focuses towards the overall objectives of the organisation. During the reporting period the area of operation for each partners were streamlined with specific mandal for each of our partners and at present the following systems are in operation.

- Yadamari Mandal = Terre Des Hommes - NL
- Puthalapattu Mandal = M. C. C.
- Thavanampalli Mandal = E Z E .

Apart from this we also focus on the other areas like Vocational training, Micro entrepreneurship programme and other mass programme for mobilising the local resources covering altogether 5 mandals which are sponsored by :

- Vocational training & one Day care centre = C.E.
- Micro entrepreneurship programme = T.B.F.
- Peace & Justice programme = M.C.C.

### PROGRAMMES :

#### Preventive health programme:

The preventive health programme is focussed on, To bring about healthy living of mothers, children and the other members in the family of our target villages, through their participation.

During this reporting period the preventive health programme has been carried out through:

- Health education
- Peripheral screening clinics (camps).
- Training the Traditional Birth Attendance (TBAs).
- School health screening.
- Peripheral Eye Screening clinics( camps).

During the above programme the identified cases for further investigation treatment were motivated by follow-up visits after these programmes, few cases were guided to C.M.C.H. and ~~sort~~ *sought* the free treatment. The trained TBAs play major role in the MCH programme by conducting home deliveries, giving postnatal and new born care and also early detection & referring of high risk cases for treatment. The TBAs remain as potential change agents in the villages. Wherever the PHC is located in the target villages we motivate the community to utilize the facility and we also involve the local PHC in conducting the school health camps.



### **CHILD CARE PROGRAMME & PREPRIMARY EDUCATION:**

This programme focuses on both health and education of children below 5 years of our target villages, to promote proper growth and development of the neglected children who are in the growing stage. Thus ensuring the future generation to be in sound body and mind. During this reporting period this programme was carried out in 26 villages. Totally 654 under 5 children were enrolled and provided the opportunity for safe, healthy & learning atmosphere, nutritional food and periodical assessment. The community is motivated to take part in this programme by providing a place to run this programme, except in 4 villages where SUCHI has already built community halls the rest 22 villages have provided centre as their contribution to run this programme. The parents of these children send fire wood either weekly or daily as their contribution.

### **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

The education programme is focussed on providing opportunity for the dropout children to get back in to the cycle of education and to ensure that the neglected children of our target villages are motivated to continue their education and this was carried through:

- Pre primary education as mentioned earlier.
- Non formal primary education for Dropouts.
- Motivational camp for the children and the parents.
- Career guidance
- Tuition centres.
- Workshop for the formal school teachers on providing effective and interesting learning atmosphere.

During the reporting period totally 59 dropout children were promoted to formal schools.

### **WOMEN DEVELOPMENT :**

The women development programme is focussed on organising the women into potential groups ,to develop in them the capacity to identify, plan, organise programmes to address their needs and problems in the society and also to promote them with required knowledge and skills towards sustainable development. The following activities were carried out towards women development:

- Organising women sangas.
- Awareness education.
- Leadership training.
- Skill training.
- Income generating programme through revolving loan.
- Savings & credit programme.

During the reporting period women sangam has been organised in all the target villages and these sangam are registered under the A.P.society. Awareness education has been and other mass education has been organised with the help of these sangams. 65 women have been given revolving loan for their income generating programme.



The savings of these women group vary from Rs.500 to 10,000. Apart from this group savings they also have individual savings in the banks, post office and in the form of local chits. Women addressed their wages issue and got the equal wage in their respective villages.

#### **Community development:**

The community development programme is focussed on motivating the community to work collectively for the development of their community, motivating them on the maximum utilisation of the local resources, participating in the village development as a youth member or as women member or as the elder of their village. The following programme were mobilised by the villagers for their village development from the state Govt:

- Mobilising housing pattas 439.
- No of rural housing scheme mobilised 206. (each costing Rs.12,000).
- Low cost sanitation programme mobilised 23. (each costing Rs.3,000).
- DWCRA loan mobilised for 170 women (each Rs.1000).
- Water tank facility for 2 villages.

Thus the target villages were promoted to think of their village development and participate effectively in their own programme and to become self dependent in recognising their needs and problems and to find solution to overcome them.

#### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING :**

The vocational training for the rural drop out youth is run as a 2 years residential programme at our rural training centre Jodichinthala, during this period 20 youth have completed the training. Apart from this we also motivate and guide the deserving youth in taking up other vocational training.

The deserving young students are guided to under take professional courses.

#### **Micro entrepreneurship:**

This programme is focussed on promoting the women economically self dependent and also to develop in them the capacity to plan, prioritise, budgeting and to have control over the income and expenditure of the family, thus to enable the women not only as a earner but also a planner and a decision maker. During this period 18 women sangams have been promoted to viable self help groups covering about 460 women members and they are given training on:

- Identification of target community( women).
- Training on self help group promotion to women.
- Organising & training women in self help.
- Identifying potential skills & strengthening them.
- Leadership Training to the women in general.
- Pre funding orientation on MED.
- Orientation on effective implementation & allied MED activities.
- Monitoring & consultancy services.

#### **PEACE & JUSTICE PROGRAMME:**

As informed earlier the programme on conflict & mediation focussing on the PEACE & JUSTICE has been integrated with the development programme of SUCHI. M.C.C. has been supporting this programme apart from the development programme supported by them. We have



been involved in the <sup>advocacy</sup> advocating on mediation & conflict resolution, and during the reporting period we have organised workshops and training programmes for various sectors of people who are directly or indirectly involved in promoting better society. We also extend services to mediate conflicts.

#### **ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES :**

##### **STAFF TRAINING :**

Staff training has been organised both inside and outside the organisation on various aspects relevant to our work. Opportunities were given to staff to attend workshops and seminars related with work. Exposure to other organisation also has been carried out sharing of experiences, to learn from others perspective and also to learn different kinds of needs, problems, the living situations of different communities and the ways to deal them.

##### **REGULAR MEETINGS & REPORTING:**

Periodical review meetings and reporting system has been in practice to assess the programme outcome, the impact, to see the validity of the programme and also to find alternatives for the problems encountered. During the reporting period this aspect was very much taken care and we have developed a definite system in this regard.

##### **NEW BUILDING & NEW VEHICLE :**

As part of the renewal proposal, TDH-NL has sponsored a new building at the Jodichinthala training centre with the size of 20'.0" x 50'.0" namely the capacity building is now used as the training hall for all our programme, similarly a new Tempo traveller four wheeler was also sponsored by them which is being used in our organisation. We express our sincere thanks to TDH- NL for this meaningful coordination to SUCHI.

##### **COORDINATION WITH OTHER NGOS:**

##### **TRAINING & NETWORKING:**

As informed in the earlier AGM, in order to respond to the repeated request by many smaller NGOs for guidance & training in the development aspect SUCHI has identified smaller NGOs who has the similar objectives and concerns of SUCHI, to strengthen the effort at the grass root level and also to work in solidarity on the areas of common concern, with the support of M.C.C, we organise the required basic training, field exposure and education for these NGOs. This also gives us opportunity to associate with others who work with similar objectives.

##### **SWADHAR FOUNDATION:**

Mrs. Gurindar, the former programme officer of OXFAM AMERICA is at present the Chief Executive officer of the SWADHAR foundation, is taking much effort in adopting the BRAC method for the Non formal primary education programme in India, as SUCHI has implemented this method during 1991 to 1995, she has identified SUCHI as the facilitating organisation to implement this programme in A.P with 4 other NGOs. As an initial programme the heads of these NGO were taken for the preliminary exposure & training visit to BRAC, BANGLADESH for one week following this we have submitted proposals and awaiting for the reply.



### **INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR TO SUCHI :**

Dr.Glen Miller, the former Director of M.C.C, India office has visited SUCHI along with his family, and he has willingly come forward to support SUCHI by providing the honorarium for the director as there was no such facility for the director in the budget. We express our sincere thanks to him for extending such support, though he left India he and his family members remain as well wishers of SUCHI by their encouraging visits to SUCHI and their willingness to support.

### **VISITORS TO SUCHI:**

During this reporting period many partners and well wishers have visited SUCHI.

The regular visits of our following partners have contributed much in the success of our work and as well as in strengthening the organisation, we express our sincere thanks to:

Mr.Lei Brounce, Regional Director, TDH-NL,  
Mr.Meru Miller, Programme officer, TDH-NL, India.  
Mr.Thomas Dhanapal Project officer, TDH-NL, India.  
Mr.Prabhu, TDH-NL, India.

Mr.David Gerber, Director M.C.C, Calcutta.  
Mr.Stephen Gonsalvans Associate M.C.C, Calcutta.  
Mrs.Cynthia Peacock, Programme officer, M.C.C, Calcutta.  
Dr.Sheila Benjamin Executive secretary SCINDeA,  
Mr.Paul Sethu, Director C.E, Bangalore.  
Mr.James Solomon, Mr.Robin and Mr.Christopher from T.B.F, Bangalore,

The special visits of the following members have motivated us in many ways and we express our sincere to :

Dr. Samuel, Professor Gurukul Theological college.  
Dr. Rev.Prasanna Kumari, secretary ULCEI,  
Mr.Ed Martin the Asia secretary ,of M.C.C. Akron.  
Mrs.Anjana Mandal, the business manager of M.C.C, Calcutta,  
Mrs.Julie, Programme officer, M.C.C, Calcutta.  
Mr. Donald kessop, Manager VTP, M.C.C, Calcutta.  
Mr. Virgil & Mary Ann, USA  
Mr. Dale & Wilma, USA.  
Dr. Mohan Raj, UTC, Bangalore.  
Mr. Anil Barnawal, Account Aid, Delhi.

### **Conclusion:**

We express our sincere thanks to all our partners for their kind coordination and support. I also thank all the members for the kind support during the year. I thank the office bearers for supporting me in all the endeavor. I thank our Auditor for his service and guidance. Above all I thank the Almighty for His wonderful guidance.

Thank you.