

SUCHI

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SOCIAL UNIT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND IMPROVEMENT

**Secretary's Annual Report
For the period April 1996 to March 1997
in the Annual General Body meeting**

on 22-6-97 at 18 Balajinagar, Vellore

Dear Friends

It gives me great pleasure to present this Annual report before this Annual Generalbody Meeting .

During this reporting period the programmes were all at the last phase as per the agreement with our co ordinating partners **MCC, TDH-NL and OXFAM AMERICA** therefore our focuss was on both the sides on the field activities, sustaining the coordination with the partners and as well as looking for opportunity to strengthen the organisation in all dimensions towards fulfilling its objectives.

FIELD PROGRAMME

Our programme continued to focus on the Integrated approach with peoples' participation of the target villages in five mandals in health, education, women development and community development. Peoples' participation ensured through the community organising that is women sangam, youth sangam, children association and the elders sangam the members of these sangam especially the laeders of these sangam were motivated to participate in planning, decision making and in the implimentation of the programme. Leadership training for the leaders of these community sangams strengthened their involvement in the developoment programme. These organised sangams were also encouraged to mobilise local resources from local Govt. and the Banks to develop independency and as well as to make use of the available Govt. facilities to the maximum.

WOMEN SELF-HELP GROUP

In order to promote economic development among the organised women sangam the strengthened women sangams were promoted to self help groups. These groups were given training in the Micro entreprunership and also they were given loans for starting their entreprunership. Thus the organised women groups are motivated towards selfdependent in planning their programme,managing, accounting, savings and credit. During the reporting period 30 such women sangams were promoted to self help group with training and loan to start their entreprunership Programme with individual loan ranging from Rs.1000 to Rs.8000.

NON-FORMAL PRIMARY EDUCATION

The 30 non formal primary education centres started in the year 1991 and in 1992 for the dropouts and non school going children was completed by prompting the children to formal schools and for vocational training. Among the part time village volunteers who were the teachers for the NFPE few committed and interested in the development work were retained for the future programme, as village organisers, and the rest of them were encouraged to continue as volunteers in their respective villages in contributing to the development of their village.

COMMUNITY HALLS

During this reporting period 8 community halls were constructed with peoples' participation. The land is donated by the community for their common use the labour is provided by the community and we provide the materials. So far during the past 3 years 24 such community halls have been constructed. This binds the whole community together motivates them to work collectively and these community halls remain as community assets.

TRAINING THE TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANTS

As part of the preventive health programme, the existing Dais i.e. the birth attendants in the villages were given training mainly to encourage and strengthen their service to the community and to help them to provide appropriate and meaningful service to their community thus to ensure the availability of the basic first contact care and MCH care at the village level where the facility for such care is very limited and very far. 30 such TBAs were given training and they continue to be in touch with SUCHI for reporting and review discussions.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN CARPENTRY

The senior batch students of 10 boys have completed their two years vocational training in carpentry, the boys have expressed their deep gratitude to the organisation during the validictory programme for the valuable opportunity which has changed their whole personality and moulded them to be contributing persons to the society. Now new batch of students are being admitted to the first year training and the existing batch is promoted to second year.

FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME

During the project period there was a major flood due to heavy rains in the eastern part of A.P, which has also affected few of our neighbouring mandal villages. In coordination with MCC Calcutta nearly 365 families were provided relief materials worth of Rs 2 68 000. Mr. Niladri a staff of the MCC - Calcutta office visited the affected area and took part in the distribution of relief materials to the affected families. Follow up measures are being under taken to help and support the affected rural families to mobilise the housing programme.

PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE JODI TRAINING CENTRE

In coordination with the Christian Endeavour every year 30 pre school children are provided day care programme with noon meal, the older batch children were promoted to primary classes up to 3rd Std. within the campus but now that the school recognition and registration process demands lot of money, and with the limited facilities at the training centre we were unable to continue the primary classes at the centre therefore we have promoted and guided the primary school children to attend the local Govt. primary schools.

JOINT EVALUATION WITH TDH -NL

The programme on Women and Children in Health, Education and Economic development was started in the year 1994 in coordination with TDH-NL, as per the agreement a joint evaluation was carried out in December 1996. It was carried out in three different stages;

- Introductory training on JOINT EVALUATION
- Discussion on the TERMS OF REFERENCE
- The Evaluation.

The joint evaluation took place at the Jodi training centre and it was jointly carried out by SUCHI, TDH-NL. The evaluation team consisted of the funding partners, the implementing agency and the target community. From SUCHI the members involved were the representatives from the administrative level, from the supervisory, middle and grassroots level staff, and from the beneficiary level. Total persons involved in the joint evaluation was 17, with a facilitator a third person accepted by both the partners. This team was further divided into three sub teams and each team was given specific area for evaluation, namely the General Administration, Programme, and Financial and Accounts. The team also met and discussed with the E.C members who were available during that time. This participatory evaluation has contributed much to the organisation and as well as to the staff.

STAFF TRAINING:

Staff training has been carried out as part of the programme both within the organisation with external resource persons and staff were also sent to other institutions for training. As our programme increased in the women savings and credit we realised the need for the training for the staff involved in this particular programme, hence we sent three of our staff - two field level staffs and one coordinator for the training in Micro-entrepreneurship conducted by **THE BRIDGE FOUNDATION** and also they have been taken for exposure visits to other organisation. We have also organised the following training programme at our training centre for our staff on the following by inviting outside resource persons;

- Communication in the field of development
- Trainers training for the Non formal education
- Accounting procedures
- Savings and Credit
- Drinking water pollution

Apart from these training few staff were also sent to other institution for workshops seminars and short training.

- Warden training -organised by C.E
- Accounting procedure - F.M.S
- Documentation and communication -TNVHAI
- Advocacy and social mobilisation for the rights of children-TNVHAI
- Women development - RUHSA

FUTURE PROGRAMME

TDH-NL ;

As per the financial agreement made with TDH-NL in the year 1994 the 3years programme completed by May 97, a renewal proposal was submitted in the month of January 97 after the joint evaluation. The programme is on 'Sustainable development through peoples participation' for 30 target villages in Yadamari mandal. TDH-NL has kindly agreed and extended their coordination for another 3 years. Apart from the programme a tempo traveller has been sanctioned for us since our van given by MCC in 1990 has served a lot and that it will not be sufficient to cope up with the future programme. And as you know our training centre has only temporary structures as we have the plan of conducting many training programme in the future for the target community for the staff and for other NGOs, TDH-NL has also agreed our request and sanctioned a building of 50x20 for the training purpose.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE- M C C

M.C.C has been funding SUCHI since 1987 and they have extended their coordination for another five years and they have also recognised SUCHI as a resource organisation in mediation for their related NGOs and entrusted the responsibility of working with the other organisation involved in peace activities in the southern states of India through net working and by providing training. Since Mrs. Glory Vijayakumar our associate director has been sponsored by them for the conflict management course at U.K during last April to July 96, she is also the consulting person for MCC's peace cell at Calcutta. Apart from these programmes SUCHI has taken up the programme of providing training facilities to 5 small NGOs by strengthening their motives, ideas and to provide the relevant knowledge and skills in the development and field exposure thus to work in solidarity with each other with MCC's support.

OXFAM AMERICA

Oxfam America has been coordinating with SUCHI for all the women development programme since 1986, their periodical visit to SUCHI has contributed much in the field of women development in our target villages and as well as in the organisation. We have submitted a proposal to extend their coordination, we are awaiting for their reply.

SUCHI-ECOPP- EZE

The first phase programme on Empowerment of Communities through People's Participation in the 13 adopted villages in the Thavanampalli mandal is an on going one and also the extended programmes with the 13 other NGOs in central states of southern India. SUCHI continues to channelise the funds to these NGOs as per the decision taken by our E C members earlier.

FRIENDS OF SUCHI IN OVERSEAS

Friends and wellwishers from abroad often visit SUCHI, there are few who continue to encourage SUCHI by their encouraging letters. Their hospitality during our visit to USA was an appreciable one. We are glad that we have friends of SUCHI in USA who continue to support our effort by their prayers.

DR.ROME MACZKA and NANCY

Dr.Maczka,his wife Nancy with their two children visited SUCHI in the year 1996 was very much inspired by the work ofSUCHI and they have voluteered to be local representatives of SUCHI in USA, and they started taking possible steps to strengthen the work of SUCHI.

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Dr. David Smawfield the first secretary of education projects British High Commission has visited SUCHI in the year 1996 to visit the Non Formal Education programme and the BRAC method. This has paved the way to submit a project proposal to the British Development Cooperation office on 'Sustainable Development through people's participation for slective villages in puthalapattu mandal,on Sustainable Development we look forward for their coordination .

VISITORS TO SUCHI

During the project period many project partners and wellwishers have visited SUCHI which had contributed much to the organisation,apart from our regular partners visit , the following are of importance.

Rev. Rudolf	- Director,C.E.West Germany
Mrs. Dheborah	- M C C Rep in Sitzerland
Ms . Joyce Wyse	- Volunteerfrom USA
Dr . John Lapp	- Former executive sec MCC
Mrs. Hedwig	- EZE , Germany.
Mr. Leibrouns	- Regional director, TDH-NL
Mr . DavidGerber	- Director, M.C.C. Calcutta.
Ms . Dorthy	- Fundraising Voluteer TDH-NL

CONCLUSSION

I consider it as a great previledge given to me to carry on the responsibilities in SUCHI.I thank GOD for His guidance in every step taken during the past.I thank our coordinating partners **M C C, TDH-NL, OXFAM AMERICA,EZE, C.E, WILDE GANZEN**, and others who have been kind enough to shoulder with us in our effort to uplift the underpreviledged I apreciate very much the sicere work of ouf staff during the past year.I also thank our auditor for his encouraging guidance and effort. Our special thanks to Dr.Maczka and Nancy for their Kind co-ordination and sincere efforts towards SUCHI. I thank all the member who are present here for your support and encouragement in the past, and I look forward for the same in the future.

THANK YOU.