

21st ANNUAL REPORT OF SUCHI

Submitted by the Secretary

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***before the members of the GENERAL BODY AT SUCHI CAMPUS,
JODICHINTHALA ON THE 26TH JUNE 2004.***

Dear Friends,

I am extremely happy to present this **21st Annual report of SUCHI** before this august body. I thank God for guiding us during the past years. I also thank our partner organizations for their coordination and support in all our effort towards building a just society. Following are the brief report of the activities carried out during the reporting period April 2003 – March 2004.

During this period we have been focusing on promoting Quality Life for people with their participation, by addressing the issues related to Health, Education, Land and Environment, Economic and Gender with peoples' participation.

Activities have been planned and implemented during this period based on the above mentioned thrust area reaching to 72 villages distributed in 4 Mandals of Chittoor District.

H E A L T H

SUCHI has been involved in implementing preventive health and MCH programme by Health education, Health clinics, Training village health cadres namely the Traditional Birth Attendants TBAs), Village level health workers and Health educators. Following are the activities implemented during the period.



Name of the Activity	No of Activities	Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Children
Health Education	345	2433	3503	1146
MCH clinic	8 clinics / month		ANC – 152 PNC – 34 General – 2378	
School Health programme	17			Boys-425 Girls- 443
Health camps	3	850	755	226
Eye screening camps	4	387	263	
Chronic case follow-up	Regular visit once a month	58	42	3
Child care & nutrition	In 15 villages			390
Village volunteers training	12	-	15	-
Cases seen by village Volunteers for minor ailments	15 VLWs	358	697	254



- 65 cases from 3 Mandals with varied problems like Antenatal high risks, Gynecological problem, and other chronic cases have been referred to Arogyavarm Medical center for free Medical checkup and treatment.

- There are trained village health volunteers in every village, who are the first contact health care persons at the village level.

- 390 Under five children are provided nutritional supplement with peoples' participation.
- All Antenatal, Postnatal, Newborns and under 5 children of our target villages are covered under the MCH programme.
- Deliveries either take place at Hospital or by our trained personnel at home.

- All the existing high risk cases are on regular treatment and follow up visits are made by our health educators for periodical health education and monitoring.
- During this period 2 HIV positive cases were identified and referred for treatment, both are referred to AMC for free treatment and family counselling as inpatients.
- Awareness education on HIV/AIDS has been given to all our target villages.
- Tuberculosis patients are referred to CMC, CHAD Hospital for short course treatment

EDUCATION / LITERACY PROGRAMME

This programme focuses towards promoting quality primary education for all children between the 6 to 14 years, providing opportunity for the illiterates to learn to read and write, along with social awareness education. They also learn and discuss the ways and means to address the social issues and problems.

In order to achieve the above, we planned and implemented the following with peoples participation.



Name of the programme	No of Villages	Beneficiaries		
		M	F	Children
Children association	25			Boys-293 ,Girls - 274
Literacy for SHG members	15		534	-
ECE centers	15			Boys-187, Girls – 203
Coaching centers	2			Boys-30, Girls – 21
Education for sustainable future	5	135	136	Boys -135, Girls- 136



SUCHI also co-ordinates with Government Educational Department where and when it is needed. During this period, the coaching centre result was 92%.

- 15 Animators involved in literacy programme
- 15 ELC teachers & 15 Assistant teachers are involved in Early Childhood Education programme
- 5 Support teachers involved in After school programme & Support teachers in 5 schools.

These Educational cadres who function at the village level are trained within SUCHI and outside SUCHI.



WOMEN DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT

Women have been organized into Sangams. We further motivated them to work collectively at two levels, one at the village level, which is a larger group of the village women, 2nd at sangam level to improve their economic status. The following table shows the details of the sangams, like its size, activities and their collective efforts.



No of sangams	Total members	Activities carried out	Savings	Issues/Problems identified
83	1100	• Mini diary • Goat raring, • Coconut leaf mat making • leaf plate making • Petty shops • Bamboo basket making	9,59,920	♣ Housing Pattas. ♣ Drinking water ♣ Road ♣ Public latrine ♣ School Bldg. ♣ Drainage.

- ❖ Women have learnt to be in groups and manage the group by holding regular meetings, keeping their minutes, savings and accounts.
- ❖ Women have started to utilize the available government resources, facilities and schemes than depending on other sources.
- ❖ Women have developed in them good leadership capabilities to lead the group and to address the issues and problems.
- ❖ Women have started to take active role in village and school committee along with the men and Govt. leaders.
- ❖ 95% of our target villages have got Housing Pattas, out of this 30% are women holding pttas.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND AWARENESS:

This is a continuous on going activity carried out at various level towards conscientizing the community on relevant topics and further to motivate them for collective action. The following table gives the detailed information on the activities carried out.

No of meetings	No of Beneficiaries		No of Awareness prog.	No of villages covered	Method
	Male	Female			
344	5192	7321	111	54	▪ Street theatre ▪ Video film & community games. ▪ Puppet show

Through our repeated intervention in awareness education and community meeting, the villagers have started to recognize the women leaders and promoted VAC in all villages with men and women leaders.



- ❖ Villagers have learnt to hold village meetings to address any kind of problems or to make any decisions.
- ❖ Villagers are aware of Government schemes and the method of availing them.
- ❖ Women participation and leadership is recognized by the men and the villagers.

Villagers are free from money lenders who charge high interest. The women groups give loans to their members or they avail loans from the bank.

LAND / ENVIRONMENT

Land Based activities have been introduced during last year. Activities are focused towards promoting environmental consciousness and conservation of natural resources. Eco cells have been formed in every village with 5 members / cell / village. Through these Eco cells, villagers are made aware of their roles and responsibilities in protecting the natural resource. Villagers are motivated to participate in keeping their environment clean and healthy.

Name of the activities	No of villages	No of Beneficiaries	
		Male	Female
Soakage pits	16	772	778
Sanitation prog.	21	261	320
Orientation training on natural resource management.	28	145	67



DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME

SUCHI has drilled 31 bore wells during last year under the drinking water programme with the support from HAVE /CIDA. All these 31 bore wells were successfully completed. These Villagers were visited regularly by our staff for follow up. Training for bore well maintenance was mobilized from the Govt, Training was given to 10 youth and at the end of the training these youth were given a kit for the bore well maintenance.



Awareness meetings were conducted for these villagers on Rain Water Harvesting at the village level. In 11 villages deepening the lake, construction of ponds were carried out by the villagers. In 14 villages common cattle drinking water tank has been constructed by the villagers mobilizing from the Govt.

For this year, we have identified another 31 villages who are struggling for drinking water programme with the support of HAVE. We

are waiting for the funds.

GOVERNMENT RELATED PROGRAMMES

SUCHI has trained and promoted village cadres in its target villages mainly to ensure the participation of the villagers in their development and also to prevent the dependency on the organization by availing the local resources for their welfare. Following are the village cadres who have been trained and involved in the programme:

- Village Women Leaders
- Village Volunteers
- Village Advisory Committee and
- Village Development Committee Members

These cadres over a period of time learned to plan together and work together towards a definite goal. During this period the following programmes have been mobilized by the village cadres

Name of the programme	No of village	No of participant	Community contribution	Mobilized from Govt / other
Drainage	7	Mahila sangam & VAC	20,000	8,50,000
School building	2	Mahila sangam & VAC	20,000	6,25,000
Check dam	2	Mahila sangam & VAC	1,34,000	5,36,000
Government housing	5	41	22,400	9,13,000
Cement road	6	Mahila sangam	40,000	6,00,000
Drinking water Pipeline connection 100-200 mts.	4	VAC & Mahila sangam	3,500	70,000
Food for work Deepening the lake	10	350	-	5,00,000 (Value of food grains)

The villagers have collectively mobilized Rs. 40,94,000/- worth of welfare schemes from the government.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PEACE PROGRAMME

As mentioned in the previous reports, conflict resolution has been integrated with the regular developmental activities. Awareness has been created among the villagers on the need to know the conflict and the ways to address the same.

As part of this programme series of programmes have been implemented, village level leaders have been identified and being trained in dealing the conflict constructively at the village level with the participation of the disputant. By this the villagers are empowered to address their own conflict than depending on the land lords or the high cast members which often brings division in the village.

Village level volunteers are trained to motivate their villagers in identifying the conflict and to guide them in addressing the same so as to maintain good relationship. A communication and cultural team has been trained for awareness building, and also every staff in SUCHI has been trained in Mediation to address the conflict.

Training to other NGOs was also given during this period to 5 other NGOs who are associated with SUCHI.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This focuses at two levels, Organizational level and community level at the organizational level the implementing staff are capacitated through training, exposure, seminar and workshops.

As mentioned above at the community level the village cadres are capacitated to ensure quality participation of people at all level, in all programme. Thus the people are encouraged and developed to claim the ownership of the programme.

During the reporting period the following trainings have been given

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITIES WITHIN SUCHI

Name of programme	No of programme	No of participant
Skill training prog	1	69
VAC training prog	2	47
Land based training	6	90
Leadership training	4	127
Peace committee review	3	142

TRAINING FOR COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE SUCHI

Name of training	No of training	No of beneficiaries
Training to village Health volunteers	14	15/trg
Literacy Animators training	14	15/trg
Training to teachers on Early Childhood Education.		
Initial training -	1	15
Follow up & Review trg	13	15
Village Volunteers Review Training	12	23/trg
Traditional Birth Attendant Review Trg.	10	13/prog
Early Childhood Education Training	1 prog. for 45 days	15

STAFF LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMME WITHIN - SUCHI

Name of the training	No of training	No. of Participants	Conducted by
Child's world	1 (2 days)	From 4 NGO	TDH-NL supported NGOs in A.P.

STAFF LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMME OUTSIDE SUCHI

Name of trg prog	No of training	No of participant	Venue	Organised by
Community Organizers training	1(3 days)	4	MEC, Hosur	TDH-NL
Health Workers Trg	1(3days)	3	MEC, Hosur	Tdh-nl
Training prog on HIV/AIDS	1(2days)	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
Literacy training prog	2	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
Education for Sustainable Future	2 (8days)	5	MEC, Hosur	TDH-NL
IGP –Skill training	1	2	Yelgiri Hills	SCINDeA
Land Based training	7	2	Yelgiri, Nemur& Pondichery	SCINDeA
Accounts training	2	3	MEC, Hosur	TDH-NL
PME	1	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
Cultural troop training	1	7	Jodichinthala	SUCHI
ECE teachers training	2	15	M.E.C.	Tdh-NI

CAREER GUIDANCE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

With regard to career guidance SUCHI has been involved in guiding the children to take up professional courses after their +2. We have been associating with Matha college Manamadhurai and AMC Arogyavaram. During this period, 3 students joined Diploma nursing.



Under the Vocational carpentry programme we have trained 11 batches of students, nearly 130 students completed the carpentry training and are earning. We continue to run this meaningful programme with the kind support of Indienhilfe.

Through Indiehilfe a Day Care Centre is being run in one of the remote village “Pottukanuma” in Puthalapattu Mandal. Nearly 28 U/5 children benefit through this programme. As this village is full of under privileged families which needs lot of developmental activities, this village was added with our regular development programme. The day care centre has been shifted to SUCHI campus at Rangampet cross, where nearly 31 deserving children from nearby tribal villages make use of the programme.

16 Years of MCC Support

MCC has been with SUCHI since 1988, walking along with SUCHI with true partnership, witnessing the development of the people and that of SUCHI. We are fortunate to see and work with 4 overseas directors of MCC. As mentioned in the previous report, MCC coordination for our development programme successfully completed by 31st of March 2003. The village cadres who have been trained during these years have replaced our staff for the future endeavors of these villages. However MCC is kind enough to extend their support for the Peace programme for another 3 years.

A decade of partnership with TDH-NL

TDH-NL one of our major partner in development has been with SUCHI since June 1993. We are fortunate to have the meaningful partnership of TDH-NL at the right time. Over these 10 years SUCHI has taken many challenging efforts towards quality education, quality health and quality life for women, children their families and the that of their larger communities. As mentioned in the previous report TDH- NL has extended their support for another phase.

Mathakondapalli Education Centre (MEC):

As we all know, that MEC has been running a model school for the under privileged children of the target villages of TdH-NL supported projects. Now this school has been recognized by the CBSE. This year 2 of our children from our villages got admission to the school. As on now there are 26 children studying at this school from our villages.

CAPART Programme :

In coordination with CAPART this year we were able to construct 2 check dam in our tart area covering 8 villages. People’s participation has been the special feature of this programme.



SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

SPORTS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN:

In order to provide opportunity for children to interact with children of different areas and background, to develop their talents and abilities through sports and games, TDH-NL supported projects are encouraged to organize sports and



games within the organization at the village level, cluster level and at organizational level. Then among the partners at the state level, and at the centre level. Children from remote villages got opportunity to participate in these programme and associate with others. Nearly 562 children from SUCHI villages participated at various levels for this sports.

Special Mass programme:

<i>Name of the Activity</i>	<i>No of Activities</i>	<i>Beneficiaries</i>		
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Children</i>
<i>Mass awareness prog. on Aids</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>812</i>
<i>Pulse polio</i>	<i>2</i>			
<i>Women MELA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>153</i>	
<i>Children MELA</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>Girls 771</i> <i>Boys 710</i>

**SAVE WATER:**

As part of the SCINDeA network's collective programme, this year SAVE WATER was the theme and all 13 member NGOs involved in the campaign. The first part of the campaign was at the individual organization level. SUCHI conducted awareness programme for its target villages on the topic SAVE WATER. At the network level SCINDeA organized a seminar for the member NGOs and their staff.

CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL :

SUCHI in order to make use of the existing campus at Rangampet cross with the Technical advise from AFPRO, the campus was surveyed and studied. Inorder to furter the process, a boundry wall for the campus was a mandatory. The Directors of MCC India has been kind enough to accept our request and with their kind support we completed the construction of the boundary wall at the campus, we are awaiting for the programme.

VISITORS:

During this period the following partners and guests have visited SUCHI.

1. Mr. Meru Miller, Project Officer, Tdh-NL,- India office.
2. Dr. Sheila Benjamin, Executive secretary, SCINDeA.
3. Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Consultant, SCINDeA.
4. Mrs. Cynthia Peacock, MCC Project officer.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

As members of SUCHI, its our duty to express our gratitude to the partners who are supporting us continuously in this venture.

We express our gratitude to our partners:

1. Terre des Hommes – NL
2. MCC
3. SCINDeA Network
4. INDIENHILFE
5. HAVE- Canada
6. CAPART, Hyderabad.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS:

1. Dr. Glen Miller & Mrs. Merlin Miller
2. Mrs. Ann Roupp

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 for the past 20 years in all our efforts.

Thank You.

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