

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUCHI

Submitted by the Secretary

for THE PERIOD APRIL 2005 - MARCH 2006

*before the members of the GENERAL BODY of SUCHI at ICSA centre ,
CHENNAI ON THURSDAY THE 20th July 2006.*

Dear Friends,

I consider it a great privilege to present this annual report of SUCHI before this august body. I thank our Almighty for HIS guidance throughout the year in all our efforts to uplift the poor and the marginalised. We also remember our partners and well-wishers who have been instrumental in both financial support as well as their suggestions and critique in sharpening our interventions.

Our focus continued to be promoting just society where, the poor and the marginalised irrespective of caste, creed, gender and class empowered to lead dignified quality life with harmony and sustainability in their development.

At the out set we would like to express and place in record our gratitude to MCC- Mennonite Central Committee Kolkata, for their continuous partnership with SUCHI from 1989 to March 2006 extending their support for community development and addressing conflict through Mediation.

SUCHI is fortunate to associate and work with almost 4 MCC –India overseas directors; it was such a great learning through their meaningful partnership for SUCHI. During this 17 years MCC has been with us in all our effort in paving way to bring change in the lives of many, by being with SUCHI in its success and struggles.

We thank MCC for their continuous meaningful partnership, we wish to state that the partnership would continue to serve the small and the marginalised for which we are called to serve in whatever small way that we could.

Following are the brief report of the period April 2005 to March 2006, during this period following target areas and villages were concentrated:

- Empowering people in Participatory Development - 60 villages
- Follow up on Provision for Drinking Water - 35 villages
- Relief , Restoration and Rehabilitation - 13 villages

EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN PARTICIPATRY DEVELOPMENT

Involving people at various levels for their development is our main focus to empower them, both participation and empowering complements one another in sustainable development. Various need based projects were carried out towards promoting sustainable development in the target villages with peoples Participation.

Promoting community based organizations and various functional groups among the villagers, capacitating these groups, involving them and entrust in them responsibilities within their limit has been our focus.

Apart from promoting women groups, promoting Village Development Committee, village health cell and in Tsunami rehabilitation villages promoting specific functional groups like WATSAN committee (water and sanitation) and committee for community asset maintenance. Trainings to this committee with specific roles and responsibilities makes them to efficiently participate in the welfare of the communities. Thus we make sure that they are part of their own community's development.

S.No	Activities	No of village covered	No of beneficiaries
1	VAC	57	399
2	Village Health cell	15	75
3	WATSAN (Water and Sanitation committee)	7	49

Outcome:

Every programme that has been carried out and every activity that is being implemented beneficiaries, involvement is ensured.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

In order to promote quality health among the target communities that we work SUCHI has carried out the following activities:

During this project period HIV/AIDS has been taken up as a special programme with an aim to Promote low cast sustainable community based STD/HIV/AIDS programme in 15 villages of Thavanampalli Mandal.

During this period we were able to cover 15 villages under this programme and also training and awareness given to women, youth and school children.



SN	Activities	No of villages covered	No of beneficiaries		
			M	F	Children
1	Promoting health cell	15	45	30	-
2	Training Health workers / MPHWS	35		35	
3	Training TBAs	35		35	
4	Health Education to villages.	60	1332	1337	1177
5	Eye screening camp	35	212	170	186
6	STI screening camp.	15	72	94	
8	MCH – health education and check up to ANC & PNC	50		72	
9	HIV/AIDS Mass campaign	20	192	210	198
10	Peer educators training	35	105	70	
11	Training to NTO	15	07		
12	Sensitization prog. for SHG members, youth & school children on HIV/AIDS.	15	136	262	116
13	Supplementary Nutrition to U/5	16			376

Eye screening camp & HIV/AIDS Training



Outcome:

- During this period 45 young women trained in basic community health work involved in rendering basic health education at village level for MCH care and minor ailments to the villagers .These trained village health workers remain to render service to their villages.
- Villagers especially women have started to talk openly to clear their doubts on HIV/AIDS.
- Women have started to express their problems associated with their reproductive systems especially the STI cases. (which were never before, women used to hide their problems related to their reproductive system due fear, shy and social stigma)
- 29 STI cases have been referred for treatment and are being followed up.
- Through child care and supplementary nutrition 206 out of 323 below 5 yrs maintain age appropriate weight

EDUCATION & VOCATION:

Education programme continue to focus on promoting total development of the U/5 children, quality education among the primary school children attending schools and literacy programme to promote functional literacy among the illiterate women in the villages. The following activities were carried out during the project period.



S. No	Activities	No of villages covered	No of Beneficiaries			
			M	F	Children	
					B	G
1	Early childhood education	14			176	147
2.	Training to Early childhood teachers.	14		14		
3	Support teachers – for Primary Prog.PTA.	10	08	02		
4	After school coaching	10			138	156
5	Promoting PTAs	10	20	30		
6	Training to literacy promoters	35	27	08		
7	Literacy for women	35		579		
8	Children studying at MEC	5			4	1
9	Carpentry training	10			10	

Training to Support teachers (Primary) on material preparation



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Rural youth who are jobless are encouraged to take up Vocational Training in Carpentry at the SUCHI campus. Every year 10 boys are enrolled for a 2 year residential programme and are trained in carpentry and as well as promoting various additional skills required for their quality living.



Out come:

- 35 literacy promoters at the village level were trained in promoting women literacy during this period.
- Out of 579 women enrolled in the literacy promotion 265 are able to read and write.
- Young educated girls who are jobless trained in Early Learning for the pre primary children to bring about total development in the pre primary children.
- Through 7th & 10th class coaching 15 villages were covered with the following results for this year

Class	# appeared for exam	No Failed	No passed	Class passed	
				1 st class	2 nd class
7 th Std	28	18	10	-	-
10 th Std	25	12	13	-	-

- Out of 7 appeared for entrance 05 children from our villages got admitted at MEC-Mathakondapalli Education Centre for 3rd class in CBSE.
- Out of 06 children appeared for 10th class CBSE exam at MEC from our villages 05 passed and are studying in +1 in chittoor Dist.
- CBSE at MEC 24 from 16 villages

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

To capacitate women to become access to income, decision making both in the family and at the community level, to experience their rights and to become access to the resources and schemes available with the Govt. for their welfare and that of their village.



Promoting women groups, giving them trainings, ensuring their participation in village committees, guiding them to identify and address their issues, motivating them to mobilize local Govt resources and promoting savings with them are the main thrust areas.

S. No	Activities	No of village covered	No of beneficiaries
1	Women Self Help Groups	49/114	1388
1	Legal rights of women	30	30
2	Women cadre training	60	320

Outcome:

Now efforts are being taken to federate the women groups.

- 45 women mobilised the following resources
 - cement road - 6 villages - Rs. 3.42 lakh
 - Blue metal road - 4 villages – Rs. 2.25 lakh
 - Pipe line connection for drinking water - 5 villages – Rs. 1.25 lakh
 - Housing schemes - 26 Houses / Rs. 6.75 lakh

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT:

Addressing conflict that hinders community development in our target villages has been the main focus in promoting quality life, capacitating communities to address their own conflict is the key to empower the communities especially the poor and the marginalised. SUCHI has integrated this component with that of the development efforts in the past and we look forward the communities to apply this in their day to day life as they encounter conflicts which would stand on the way for their development. During this reporting period the following activities:

S.No	Activities	No of village covered	No. of participants
1	Training to Peace committee	10	50
2	Training to cultural team	10	12
3	Training to other NGOs	10	25
4	Training to core team	10	50

Outcome:

- Peace committee members addressed conflict of families and communities within their capacity with families and sangam
- The staff and volunteers of other NGOs understood the need for integrating conflict intervention in Development activities.

DRINKING WATER PROJECT:

During this reporting period no bore well was drilled however we continued to make follow up on the bore wells drilled in the previous year. During this follow up visits to the villages the staffs give their guidance and awareness to the villages on safe drinking water. We also organised a special training to the village youth and the women on repair and maintenance of the bore well in the villages to make them responsible for ensuring proper maintenance and utilization of the bore wells.

The staff also identified and did needs assessment villages of 35 villages for drinking water to take up in the coming period.



REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE SUPPORT OF TDH-NL

With the support of TDH-NL **Tsunami rehabilitation has been taken up towards**

Restoring childhoods of children affected by tsunami in Nagapattinam District by providing safe and secured learning environment and training the anganvadi teachers

Under this Training the anganwadi teachers and construction of Anganvadi building are two areas of intervention. Training has been done with the support of MEC- Mathakondapalli Education Centre Hosur, (a Unit supported by TDH-NL for training support to its partner NGOs) SUCHI agreed to up construction of anganvadi building in 10 villages but out of the 10 villages assigned by the department 3 villages were non affected by Tsunami therefore we have taken up only 6 villages for construction out of this 6 building construction is over in 2 villages and the building is ready to be handed over to the ICDS Dept Nagapatnam through the District collector.

The remaining 4 building will be ready for handing over by Sept 06. We also would like to express and place in record our thanks to TDH-team, Mr. Baskaran , Administrator TDH-NL India office for their technical guidance and MEC –Team, Hosur for their support in training .



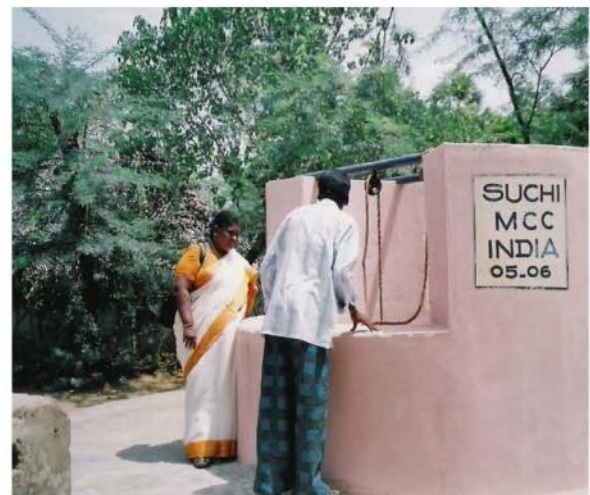
REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE SUPPORT OF M.C.C., INDIA

In continuation to the last year report on Tsunami relief and rehabilitation, during this reporting period SUCHI continued to work with the support of TDH-NL and MCC for the Tsunami rehabilitation in Nagapatnam and Cuddalore dist.

The following activities were carried out:

S. No	Activities	No. of villages covered	No of families
1	Drilling bore wells for domestic water	04 village	398
2	Drilling bore wells for drinking water on going	04 village	398
3	Construction of Community Halls on going	03village	243
4	Providing saplings	05village	467
5	Providing pipe line connection for drinking water- on going	04village	398
6	Renovation of ponds for drinking and domestic purposes -	2 village	203
7	Repair and renovation of wells	2 village	195
8	Sanitation campaign	5 village	467
9	Mass meeting	7 village	459





Distribution of saplings



FLOOD RELIEF WITH THE SUPPORT OF M.C.C., INDIA

As per the Tsunami rehabilitation plan with MCC India, we were proceeding with rehab work till Nov 05 and we were able to see peoples enthusiasm in their participation .but during Dec05 we had heavy rains which resulted in flood and this flood had an adverse effect on the 7 rehabilitation target villages especially the puliyanthurai villages. Therefore we had a temporary shift in our programme and did relief for these 7 villages with the support of MCC and SICNDeA Network.

Flooded Road at Puliyanthurai



Houses damaged by flood – Puliyanthurai village





Distribution of Flood relief materials by M.C.C. – India



Area: Cuddalore Dist.

Material Distributed: Rice 15 kg /family only

Name of the village	No. of families provided with material
Nochikadu – Vallalar Nagar	69
Nochikadu– Nandhan Nagar	72
Andar Mullipallam	102
Total	243

Area: Nagapattinam Dist.

- Rice : 15 Kg; Taupaulin: 1 No.; Blanket :1 No.

Name of the village	No. of families provided with material
Puliyanthurai – Chinnatheru	89
Puliyanthurai – Periyatheru	114
Puliyanthurai – Manalveli	95
Puliyanthurai – Kundumedu	100
Total	398



FLOOD RELIEF WITH THE SUPPORT OF SCINDeA, YELAGIRI

As the people of puliyanthurai were very much affected by the flood and there was loss of labour, these 4 villages were given the following relief material by SCINDeA network.



Materials Distributed:

- Rice-10 kg
- Dhall-2 Kg
- Tamarind- ½ kg
- Oil-1Ltr, Mat – 2
- Bed sheet – 1
- Bucket with Mug-1

Name of the village	No. of families provided with material
Puliyanthurai – Chinnatheru	89
Puliyanthurai – Periyatheru	114
Puliyanthurai – Manalveli	95
Puliyanthurai – Kundumedu	102
Total	400



Rice, mats, bucket, mug, bed sheet and basic provision for a week

The rehabilitation work was relatively slow due to the flood and the various approvals and permission from various Dept. further delayed the work.

The various community level functional groups that we promoted in these villages and the village volunteers who were trained in these villages played major role during the time of flood.

A NEW PHASE WITH SCINDeA:

SUCHI has successfully implemented 3rd phase programme with the support of ECoPP/SCINDeA. Now the 4th phase of SCINDeA's programme intervention in Puthalapattu & Yadamari mandals of Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh covering 20 villages, 16 panchayats with an aim of "Promotion of participatory sustainable development through collective action".

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

SUCHI has taken up a new project called Capacity building on Disaster Management, Mitigation & Preparedness with the support of SCINDeA in 15 villages of Thavanampalli Mandal, Chittoor District.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

CONSTRUCTION OF 7 MULTI FUNCTIONAL INFANT SCHOOL

SUCHI with the support of TdH-NL involved in constructing Early Learning Centres in 7 villages. Mobilization of land for donation to the children welfare, and identifying the common community land, collecting related land document has done by villagers. Apart from these villagers collectively participated in the land levelling prior to construction.



COMMUNITY SPORTS & GAMES:

- Sports, Games, Traditional and Cultural programme for all our villages conducted at Village level, cluster level & Zonal level. 690 Female 633 Male and 741 Children participated in this innovative programme. Promoting Community participation and collective involvement has been the special features of this programme.





Funding PARTNERS:

We are grateful to our partners who have been extending all possible support not only the financial support but also their guidance, periodically updating our skills and knowledge through trainings through out the year. We express and place in record our sincere thanks to our partners:

- TDH-NETHERLANDS & India
- MCC Kolkata
- SCINDeA Network
- HAVE –CANADA
- Indehilfe
- CAPART, Hyderabad

EVALUATION:

SUCHI with the support of TDH- NL for the past 12 years involved in promoting quality life among the rural poor with special focus for women and children . As per our agreement with TDH- NL, towards the end of every phase of 3 years we have a joint evaluation which will help us to see & assess the past and to give us directions for the future. With TDH-NL we are coming to the end of 4th phase by Aug 06, Joint evaluation has been planned during June 06.

Partners visits to SUCHI:

Our partners visit the ongoing programme minimum once in 4 months for both monitoring and as well as to guide us in the areas relevant to our work. The following members visited SUCHI during this reporting period and we thank them for their interest and encouragement

Mr. Meru Miller - Programme Officer TDH-NL, India.

ED .Miller –Director MCC India

Mrs Cynthia Peacock – Programme Coordinator , MCC Kolkata

Dr. Sheila Benjamin - Executive Director , SCINDeA Network.

Mr. Gerry Feltham – Founder HAVE

Mr. Ron Reid – President HAVE

Dr. Paul Sethu – Director, Indehilfe.

Mrs. Ann Roup - USA

VISITORS

During this reporting period we also had few visitors to our programme from both within and outside the country. Either they sponsors, or associates of our partners and well wishers of SUCHI they are:

Ms. Marie Anne -MCC

7 Members of M.C.C. – CANADA& USA

SALTERS from MCC , USA

Mr. David , HAVE- Cananda

Mr. John , HAVE Canada

Mrs. Elizabeth –HAVE Canada

Mr. Jude - HAVE Canada

Mrs. Stella, CAPART

Mrs. Navis Jai Chithra – MEC, Hosur

Mrs. Jayalakshmi- MEC, Hosur

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 during the past.

