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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 10.07.99, AT THE HEAD OFFICE.

Dear Friends,

I am extremely happy to present this Annual report of SUCHI for the period 1st April 98 to 31st March 1999.

Before we go to the Annual report, I would like to draw your attention to the origin of SUCHI, its work in the past, to assess in general, its growth & Development both at the operational level and at the functional level.

SUCHI has come across a long way of 16 years with lot of success, failures, strengths and weakness. As many of you all know, we didn't start SUCHI with all support right from the beginning. The first 5 years was a period of struggle to establish the organisation. At all levels we faced different kinds of problems, as a result of this, the society, the Govt and as well as other organisations recognised and acknowledge SUCHI, a secular organisation, involved in the upliftment of the downtrodden people, irrespective of caste, religion, or creed.

The second five year was a period where we had put in lot of effort to look for partners to work with us, to strengthen the organisation to carry out the objectives of SUCHI, and thereby to develop the deserving communities.

During the 3rd five years, we continued to look for resource partners, as many villages approached SUCHI for their problems. Over these years we learnt many things, created good rapport with villages, NGOs, Institutions, strengthened the staff structure, and developed the required basic infrastructure. However we cannot say that SUCHI, as an organisation is fully pledged in every aspect to carry out the demanding needs and problems of the villages, as we feel that every day is a day for learning and a challenging one for us. Our approach has been on Integrated Community Development.

Now in this 4th five year we focus on sustainable development of the rural villagers through peoples' participation, to minimise the long term dependency of the beneficiaries on SUCHI.

SUCHI is intensively working with 120 villages. Apart from this, there are few mass programme extended to the other villages like Training, Health camps and Awareness programme, altogether our target villages are distributed in 5 mandals.

The following are the main programme components for this reporting period:

1. Preventive Health programme
2. Child care & ECE -(Early Childhood Education)
3. Education
4. Women Development
5. Community Development
6. Peace & Justice
7. Micro Entrepreneurship
8. Co-Ordination with other NGOs
9. Staff Training

PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMME :

The health programme focuses on healthy living of the target communities, by involving them in their programme. Through health education and motivation, villagers are made to realise the need to overcome their unhealthy and unhygienic living. Our long term goal is to create Awareness among the community on healthy living and to equip them with knowledge on preventive measures, developing village level workers in meeting their basic health needs like MCH and first aid, and thus enable them to become more conscious of their basic health needs and problems and to maximum utilise the existing Govt facilities.

The following activities have been carried out with peoples' participation.

- Health Education
- TBAs - Traditional Birth Attendance training.
- Peripheral health clinics
- Child care programme
- Peripheral Eye clinics
- School health camps

Totally 62 TBAs have been trained during this period 75% of the deliveries of our target villages have been conducted by these trained TBAs and 25% of deliveries are normal taken place in the hospital.

During this period 21 Eye camps were conducted, 2156 villagers had free eye screening & free Medicine, out of this 813 were referred for free cataract surgery at CMC schell eye hospital.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMME & EARLY CHILD HOOD EDUCATION

As mentioned in our earlier reports, this programme focuses to ensure proper growth and development of the neglected underfive children of our target villages, towards promoting a healthy future generation. This programme is carried out in 28 villages with peoples' participation. **Totally 557 under five children** are enrolled in this programme, and they are provided safe, healthy and learning atmosphere with nutritious meal everyday. This underfive children stay in the centre from 9am to 4pm, the time when the parents are away to the fields. This programme has also given opportunity for unemployed young women for **part time job**. **28 young women** are trained in this programme. Out of the 28 villages, in 22 villages the **community has contributed** small centres to run this programme.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This programme focuses on providing opportunity for the rural villages to value education and also to motivate the school dropouts to get back to formal school, and to encourage children to continue education. The following activities were carried out during this reporting period :

- Preprimary education
- Non formal Primary education
- Motivational camp for the dropout children and their parents.
- Workshop for formal school teachers-
- Coaching centre for 7th & 10th

All together under the education programme 132 school dropout have been promoted to formal school, 22 have been promoted to vocational training 30 students attended coaching centre and 557 under five children attend to Pre primary education.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT :

The women development programme is focused on empowering the women through organising, awareness education, capacity building and economic activities. Women development is the major and the key programme carried out in all our target villages. More effort has been taken to organise effective women groups, later they become the change agents for their families, the villages and the society.

There are totally 120 women groups in our target villages, few groups have attained self reliance and function independently without any support from SUCHI. Through collective effort, many groups have brought in positive changes in their families and in the villages, Women are involved in decision making, control over the family Income & expenditure, involved in group and individual savings. The savings of these women groups varies from Rs.3500 to 70.000. The groups give loan to the members for less interest both for consuming and for productive purposes, thus the groups' saving keeps increasing. The women group actively involve with the youth group and the elders of their respective villages to plan programmes for their development (Reflected in the local mobilising) and also take up collective programme.

Dr. Rome & Nancy :

Dr. Rome and Nancy who visited our programme earlier, continue to extend their support. We express our thanks to them.

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 workshop and seminars related to work. Exposure to other organisation also has been carried.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME :

1. Right to Food and Food Security Campaign:

Mass awareness programme at the organisational level for our target villages have been conducted, to create awareness on the topic. Apart from this we also participated in a mass campaign on the above topic with other NGOs.

2. National Environment Awareness Campaign :

In Co-ordination with Deccan Development Society, we conducted the Environmental awareness programme for our target villages on "KEEP OUR WATER RESOURCES CLEAN".

OUR PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT:

We express our sincere thanks to our partners for their kind coordination and support extended to us in carrying out our objectives throughout this period. They have been with SUCHI at all levels, extending their meaningful support with the real partnership. We look forward for their continuous support in the future. Our partners are:

1. MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, Calcutta - India office,
Akron - Head office.

2. TERRE DES HOMMES NL, Bangalore India office,
Netherlands Head office.

3 E Z E Germany

4 INDIAN HILIFE, Bangalore - India office,
Germany - Head office.

5 The BRIDGE FOUNDATION - Bangalore

I express my sincere thanks to all the members, the office bearers for extending their support throughout the year. I also thank our Auditors for their service during this year.

Above all I thank our Almighty for His blessings and guidance throughout the past year.

Thank you

Secretary



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT :

The community development programme focuses on motivating the community to become aware of their needs and problems and the ways to find solution for them. Equipping them with required knowledge and skills to over their problems and to meet their needs through Awareness Education, Organising functional groups, capacity building & providing possible guidance on the local resources. During the reporting period the target villages have availed the state Govt resources with collective effort under the following programmes, and the village functional groups have played a vital role in this collective efforts.

MOBILISATION

Mobilised Programme	No. of villages	Programme cost	Community contribution.
Drinking Water	17	16,06,700.00	1,31,453.00
DWCRA	13	7,11,000.00	98,160.00
Street Light	2	2,500.00	9,800.00
Housing Prog.	7	21,65,800.00	1,98,420.00
Drainage	9	6,90,000.00	54,000.00
School Building	2	2,45,000.00	6,000.00
CMEY	2	2,00,000.00	40,000.00
Cow Loan	2	64,000.00	3,000.00

VOCATIONAL TRAINING :

The vocational training in carpentry is a 2years residential programme for the rural youth of 14 to 17years of age. We also motivate and guide the youth to take up other vocational training like driving, motor mechanic, electrical etc.

Apart from this, we have sponsored students for professional courses mainly for Nursing and paramedical courses. During this period 15 students were sponsored, 7 are receiving minimal financial support for their course.

PEACE & JUSTICE

The programme on Mediation towards peace and Justice, is carried out to reach to many people, organisations and Institutions who are directly or indirectly involved with people for their development. At the village level the Mediation technique is imparted to the village leaders, sangam leaders and to the people of the village court. Follow up trainings are conducted to assist them in overcoming the problems encountered by them in the process of Mediation.

MICRO ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME:

This programme takes care of the Economic development of our target community, mainly promoting the women economically self dependent and also to develop in them the capacity to plan, priorities, budgeting and to become efficient in handling the Income and Expenditure of the family & the group. During this reporting period 93 women from 14 village women groups have been given Rs 12,16,000/- for their productive programme.

Co-ordination with other NGOs :

We have been in association with 13 NGOs of the South Central region of India focussing on "Empowerment of Communities through Peoples' Participation" for the past 3 years. Now this responsibility is taken up by the organisation called SCINDeA from July 99 onwards.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS :

Dr. Glen Miller

As informed earlier, Dr. Glen Miller and Mrs Merlyn Miller the former M.C.C India Director's family is the well wishers of SUCHI, continue their support to SUCHI and we express our gratitude for their meaningful support.