

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUCHI

Submitted by the Secretary

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***before the members of the GENERAL BODY AT ICSA,
CHENNAI ON MONDAY THE 25TH JULY 2005.***

Dear Friends,

I am extremely happy to present this Annual report before this august body. I thank God for guiding us during the past years. I also thank our partners who have been with us in all walks of our involvement by giving their guidance and extending their support for the **effective running of the organization** to achieve its goal. Following are the brief report with results achieved during this period.

Our aim continued to be **“Quality life for the deprived and neglected communities with special emphasize for women and children”**.

Promoting peoples organizations, village committees and cluster level collectives for effective participation has been our thrust in all our interventions.

Apart from implementing activities to achieve results, through capacity building and motivation, the communities are empowered to address their issues related to various sectors like Health, Socio Economic, Gender, Literacy & Education, Land, Environment and areas of conflict that hinders their development.

Apart from the regular development activities, as shared during the special AGM, SUCHI has also responded to the devastation and disaster caused by Tsunami through immediate relief and also taken up rehabilitation measures in selective 7 villages of both Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Dist.

Target villages for the period:

Total No. of villages : 89

No of Mandals : 05

Relief & Rehabilitation

No of villages covered under Relief	: 08
No of families covered under Relief	: 1391
No of villages covered under Rehabilitation	: 17
Approximate No. of families covered under Rehabilitation	: 4638

COMMUNITY HEALTH:

Healthy living is the first and the foremost area that determine quality life. We continue to focus on activities to promote Maternal and Child Health in all our target villages with special emphasize for health awareness on HIV/AIDS.

Promoting village health volunteers, Health committees, educating the communities on health and related issues, Health camps, Health clinics, Referral system and Mass campaign has been our strategy to promote quality health among our communities.



Activities	People participated		
	Male	Female	Total
Health Education	1681	2098	3779
MCH clinic	-	89	89
Child care & Nutrition	169	185	354
Eye screening	404	354	758
No of High risk cared.	-	03	03
HIV/AIDS campaign	864	821	1685

- All deliveries in our villages are safe deliveries (28) conducted either by trained person or in the Hospital.
- Women and men are capable of identifying high risk among the pregnant women are able to take necessary action.
- All pregnant women covered with adequate antenatal care.



- Local Primary Health Centre services to our villages have been regularized by Peoples' participation. PHC staff regularly visit villages to give immunization and MCH care.
- All villagers are educated on HIV/AIDS.



SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES:



Our focus under this sector is to empower the women by improving their socio economic status in the family and in the community. Promoting women sangam, Self Help groups, capacitating the women through trainings, Ensuring active participation of women in the village committees along with men and youth,



guiding them to mobilize schemes and resources allocated for women with the local Govt department, motivating women in decision making, promoting savings and asset with women has been our strategy.

No of women Self Help Groups (SHG)	No of women Members in SHGs.	Total savings with SHGs	No of women members in the Village development Committees-		Women leaders at the village level /Panchayath /Mandal
			M	F	
72	848	765340	135	90	01 MPTC (Mandal Parishad Teritorial Council) 03 Sarpanch 01 Vice sarpanch 13 Ward members 11 Vidhya committees

- In all villages women play active role in the village committee and involve in decision making.
- Women in every house hold have individual savings and group savings.
- No women / house hold has debit with neighboring landowners.
- Women are capable of addressing their issues and problems.
- Women have improved their skills in increasing their earning capacity.
- Women have mobilized Rs. 7,85,000 worth of schemes for the village welfare from the local and Govt.

EDUCATION & VOCATION:

Our focus in this continues to improve the academic development of children and to improve literacy with the rural deprived women.



Children at the Early learning centre

Promoting Early learning Centers for the under five children, after school coaching for the primary and upper primary children, Promoting Parents Teachers Association to ensure parents participation and promoting innovative learning materials for children through upgrading the skills of the teachers. Apart from this, the illiterate women in the SHG are enrolled for literacy programme and through literacy they are also taught on needs and social problems related to

women and collectively guided to address the same at the village and mandal level.

DAY CARE CENTRE



The day care centre at SUCHI training center, Rangampet cross is supported by INDIENHILFE. The children attending to this centre are from Tribal community they lack proper or even minimal clothing. There are 28 to 30 children regularly attending this centre. Children are provided with nutritional supplement, low cost materials are provided for their learning.



Vocational Carpentry for rural youth

Rural youth who are jobless are encouraged to take up Vocational Training in Carpentry taught at the SUCHI campus. Every year 10 boys are enrolled for a 2 year residential programme.

View of Carpentry Training in the thatched shed



Coaching centers provide support to the children appearing for the Govt exam to successfully complete the same. During this period, 48 appeared for 7th class Govt. exam and all passed.

As mentioned in our previous reports from our villages 37 children are studying at Mathakondapalli Education Centre Hosur under CBSC syllabus. The first batch of X the class wrote the CBSC exam the result for this year was 84%. From our villagers 7 children wrote the X CBSC all of them passed with good marks.

Programme	No of villages covered	No of beneficiaries		
		women	Children	
			Male	Female
Early learning centers	15	-	166	167
After school coaching for primary and upper primary	30	-	201	190
Literacy for women SHG	15	424	-	-
Vocational training in carpentry	Youth Boys 1 st year 10 2 nd year 10	-	-	-

- No school dropouts in all our villages.
- Out of the 424 women enrolled in literacy, 396 women are able to read and write.
- 07 children appeared for the X std CBSC exam all passed .
- There are 15 young ladies trained in Pre-primary education programme and obtained certificate.
- There are 10 Special teachers (young jobless youth) trained in promoting quality primary programme.

LAND BASED ACTIVITIES:

This programme has been integrated to train small and marginal women farmers with



the focus, to promote productive, stable and sustainable land use system through trainings and systematic experiment.

Land Based Training for farmers



- To understand technology, to explore appropriate solution to their problems.
- During this period a trainer has been trained among the staff who intern systematically conducted training to the women small and marginal farmers of our villages.
- During this period 60 women were equipped with knowledge and skill in the above areas. They also cultivated 21 acres of land following the training. Due to monsoon failure they could not continue the cultivation

Name of the village	Schemes	No. of families
K Gollapalli	8 acres of sunflower	2
	2 acres of paddy	3
Karnavalur	6 acres of Sunflower	2
	5 acres of Paddy	3

CONSTRUCTION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE & RURAL RESOURCE CENTRE:

As we all know we have been running the vocational carpentry training for the rural youth with the continued support of **Indeinhilfe** at Jodichinthala, the space for the 20 boys was very limited at Jodichinthala and we were running the programme in a thatched shed for the practical work. With the support of TDH-NL a training cum work shed, a dormitory for the trainees to stay along with a rural resource centre has



been built in 3265 sq ft worth of 21 lakhs at SUCHI campus in Rangampet cross. This was inaugurated by the Regional Director along with the Programme Officer for TDH-NL, India office.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE



RURAL RESOURCE CENTRE



Village committee members, women representatives and children from all our villages participated in the Inaugural function. Our treasurer and few members participated in the programme. Now the Carpentry Vocational Training and a day care centre for the under five children supported by Indien Hilfe is run in the new building.

ADDRESSING CONFLICTS THROUGH MEDIATION

The main focus of this is to integrate Conflict resolution through Mediation with development in order to promote wholistic development towards quality life among the target villages.

Providing training to core team, promoting village level committees, training to other NGOs has been the strategy during this period.

Mediation training to staff of other NGOs



- Staffs addressed conflicts in the working areas through Mediation
- Introduced new cultural programmes, methods to create awareness among the community on Mediation.
- Cases to Police station are relatively minimized in our target areas.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES:

- Awareness on women legal aid was conducted at the SUCHI campus in coordination with Chittoor Dist Judges, nearly 80 women participated from our villages.
- Sports, Games, Traditional and Cultural programme for all our villages conducted at Village level, cluster level & Zonal level. 457 Female 489 Male and 771 Children participated in this innovative programme. Promoting Community participation and collective involvement has been the special features of this programme.

SUCHI target villages actively involved Sports, Games & Traditional Cultural Mela





- A practical session on “**Awareness programme on Prevention of accidents and first Aid**” was conducted at Rural Training Centre, Jodichinthala with the coordination of CMC Hospital – Emergency department. Nearly 96 members participated in the programme.



- SUCHI completed its 20 years service for local community and deprived people, so that SUCHI celebrated 21st Anniversary programme on 25.06.2005 & 26.06.2005 at SUCHI Rural Training Centre, Jodichinthala.





GOVT. COORDINATING PROGRAMME:

During this period all our villagers, the village committees and the women groups were motivated to avail the welfare schemes that are meant for their development from the Government. All our women groups and the community are now well aware of the various departments at the Govt, their roles and the schemes available for their welfare. During this period following schemes have been mobilized by our villagers with the promoted leadership at the village level.

No. of villages	Type of Programme	No. of beneficiaries	Government Contribution	Community Contribution Cash / Kind
05	New house construction	55 families	350000.00	24000.00
03	Safe drinking water	90 families	47000.00	7600.00
02	Cement Road	35 families	100000.00	10000.00
01	Agricultural land	30 families	30000.00	5000.00

SUCHI with the support of CAPART, Hyderabad implemented the following programme to promote the ground water level.

- Construction of check dam across pillavanka of Ramapuram

- Renovating the ponds with bunds at 19 Gollapalli and Ananthapuram
- Deepening the lake at Kothakota
- Deepening the canal with bunds at Arimakulapalli

DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME:

During this period with the support of HAVE, 34 bore wells have been drilled to provide drinking water for 34 villages. Follow up work through visits, training and mobilizing local Govt resources has been carried out. Staffs through their follow up visit also ensure peoples' participation in maintenance and preservation of the drinking water.



RELIEF & REHABILITATION:

RELIEF





SUCHI in co-ordination with MCC-India responded to the emergencies of the tsunami affected people in selected villages at Cuddalore District, Chennai and Nagapattinam in co-ordination with the local NGOs for providing immediate relief to the victims.

The then existing problems and needs of the victims were assessed, based on this the affected people were given basic utensils and clothing for families. The following materials were very much required by the affected people, which were packed into a kit for each family

1. Two Aluminum cooking vessels with lids(1 big and 1 medium)
2. Two big steel spoons
3. Two steel plates
4. One Aluminium Kadai
5. Two steel tumblers
6. 5 Kg. rice
7. One Blanket
8. One Saree
9. One Lungie
10. One Towel
11. One Plastic Pot for collecting drinking water.

Relief Materials through Boats



SUCHI distributed these relief kits to 1391 families in the following villages.

CHENNAI – PULICAT AREAS:

1. Vairavan Kuppan	-	064
2. Vairavan Kuppam (South)	-	026
3. Vairavan Kuppam (Centre)	-	081
4. Korai Kuppam	-	101
5. Sathan Kuppam	-	328



CUDDALORE AREA:

1. Thalanguda	-	586
2. M.G.R. Thittu	-	176

NAGAPATTINAM AREA:

1. Myladuthurai	-	029
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R E H A B I L I T A T I O N

- We have taken up rehabilitation programme for the tsunami affected villages in coordination with our existing partners TDH-NL and MCC, India.
- Our focus in this is to rehabilitate the affected families to lead a quality life and to restore the childhood.



- With TDH-NL in 10 villages at Nagapattinam District, Training to Anganvadi teachers and Building of Anganvadi centers.
- With MCC India in 7 villages (3 villages in Cuddalore District and 4 villages in Nagapattinam Dist) Promoting and restoring community assets, providing safe drinking water, and promoting livelihood measures.



Community & Children Play Park



Few clippings on Children Play Park



Cleaning, Deepening and Renovation of wells



- Orientation and training to the Staff (trauma care, counseling etc)
- Promoted community organizations and specific committees
- Promoted Community & children Play park in 7 villages



- A Boat was distributed for transportation at Nochikadu
- Cash for work to promote and sustain ground water level is in progress in 3 Villages in puliyanthurai villages of Nagapattinam Dist.

Renovation of Pond to promote ground water through cash for work



- Identified sites for constructing Anganvadi's.
- Trainers training and Training Anganvadi teachers conducted.





VISITORS & PARTNERS:

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

Partners visited SUCHI:

- Mr. Lei Brouns, Regional Director, TDH-NL
- Mr. Meru Miller – TDH-NL
- Mr. Gerard Feltham – HAVE
- Mr. Ed. Miller & TEAM – MCC, INDIA
- Mr. Tony Enns Director MCC, Canada.
- Mr. Dave Gerber - MCC, INDIA
- Mrs. Cynthia Peacock - MCC, INDIA
- Dr. Sheila Benjamin – SCINDeA
- Dr. Paul Sethu, Director, Indehilfe.
- Mr. Ashok Mandal - MCC, INDIA

- Mr. Mark Beach – MCC, U.S.A.,

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

As members of SUCHI, it's 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 - India
3. SCINDeA Network
4. INDIENHILFE
5. HAVE
6. CAPART, Hyderabad
7. Mrs. Lou Ann Rupp

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.

Thank You.

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