

SUCHI
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Dear friends,

Greetings from SUCHI

I thank the Almighty for giving me this opportunity to present the Annual Report for the period 2012-13 to this August body.

It gives me immense joy to meet you in this historic AGM as SUCHI has just completed its three decades of being with the people in their search and attempt to achieve sustainable growth, wholistic development, and realizing a just society. SUCHI has overcome many obstacles, hurdles to reach this milestone of thirty first year.

SUCHI has always evolved new concepts, approaches, and methods to be relevant to the emerging challenges, concerns, issues and problems of the target community. However, *‘changes with continuity’* has been one of the guiding principles in engaging with the community. The people’s participation in all levels such as identifying the emerging issues, problems and needs, planning, training, executing and monitoring the changes / outcome have been the basic foundation in determining the change in concepts and approaches. Nevertheless, SUCHI’s journey would have not been continued, but for the constant and sincere support our partners, members, and well wishers. It is in this context this AGM is a historical event.

Even though this report brings forth the statistical data of different components and the outcome of various projects, it also presents other information such as staff related training, resource mobilization and Capacity building of SUCHI community towards resource mobilisation extending support to others through sharing and learning.

Main Focus of Reporting Period

SUCHI concentrated on three major areas

1. Strengthening the ongoing project activities thus sustaining the quality of the outcome.
2. Constant follow-up work and monitoring of already completed projects in the target area, thus sustaining the connection with the people



3. Co-ordination with the NGOs and government thus sustaining the partnership with the local resource agencies

New Initiatives

Two new major programmes have been initiated in the reporting period

1. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is an attempt to reduce the carbon emission. It is started with '*A Global Vision and a Local Mission.*' (A PPT and a short video on CDM follows after this report).
2. Child Centred Development Programme (CCDP) is an initiative to facilitate a quality education for the underprivileged children of 1st to 8th std

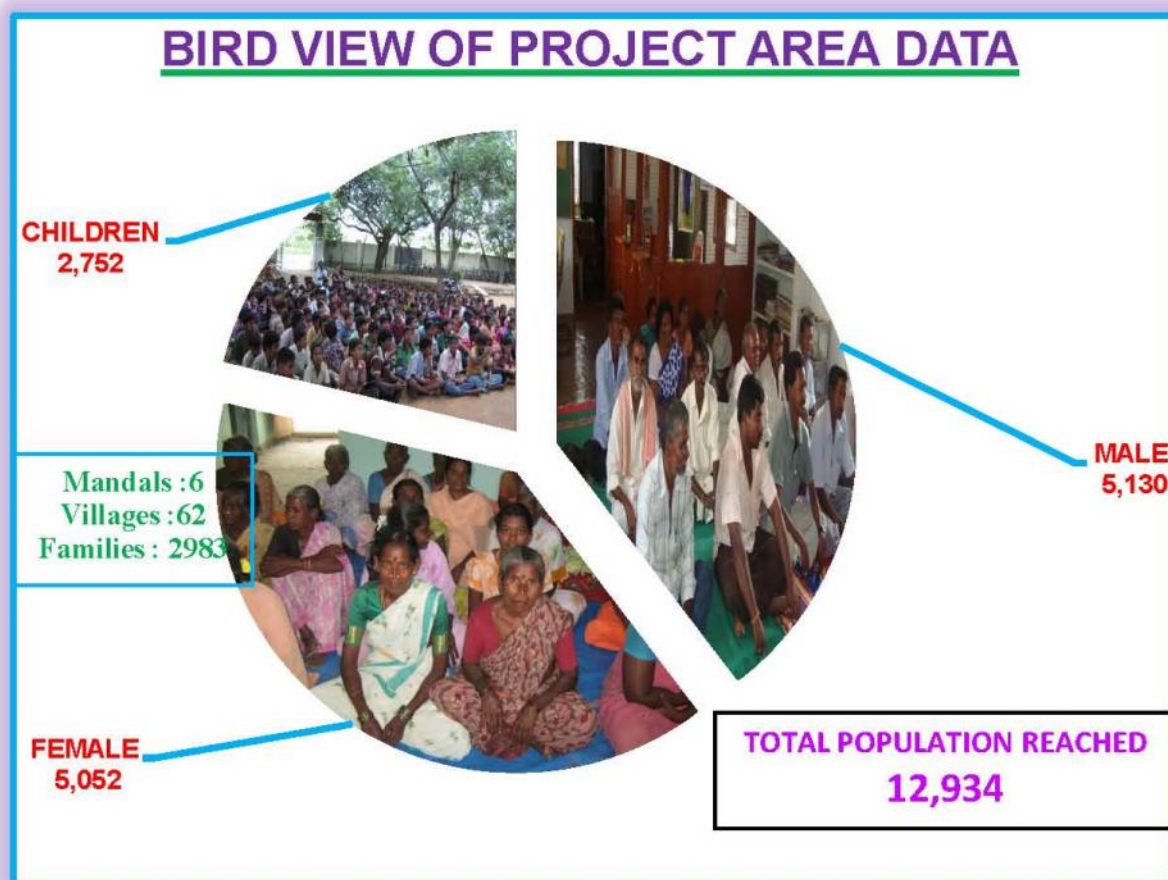
Involvement of General Body Members

SUCHI appreciates the involvement of all the General body members by giving direction and expertise through their knowledge, wisdom and experience. We value each suggestion and comments made by the honourable members and attempt to incorporate in our planning, decision making and implementation of project work.

AGM 2012



A Bird View of Project Area Data



Brief Report of components and Activities

All the components and the activities have been carried out in 30 villages of 6 Mandals namely, Yadamari, Puthalapattu, Thavanampalle, Pakala, Bangarupalem, and Irala, spread in 23 panchayats. These programmes were made possible by the support of the partners such as SCINDeA, TdH-NL Nelindco, INDIENHILFE and HAVE. We sincerely thank our partners involvement, financial contribution, insights in implementation and monitoring.

I. RELIEF OF POOR - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Household Programme

Focus

- ❖ To enable the families of Below Poverty Line to create a better life for themselves
- ❖ To assist socially and economically deprived families below the poverty line to access Government and other resources.

Basic Data	No	Activities	No (Families)	Result / outcome
• Total Families	31	➤ Survey -Formation of household Committee	31	✓ Livelihood and livestock promotion with BPL families.
• BPL population	116			✓ Engaged in income generating work and improved family income.
- Male	42	➤ Distribution of agri Implements)	25	✓ Access to resource mobilization like MGNREGA.
- Female	48		25	✓ Women reclaimed self dignity and confidence by having access to Low Cost Toilet.
- Children	26	➤ Construction of Low Cost Toilets LCT	25	
		➤ Distribution of a goat/family IGP (goats)	25	



2. Economic Development through Revolving Fund

Focus

- ❖ All women in SHG in SUCHI target area will have access to revolving fund and livelihood options with increased income
- ❖ Every family of SHG will have saving and asset building.

Basic Data	No	Activities	Result / outcome
• Villages covered till now • Total members reached till now	46 987	➤ 1.SHG members identified ➤ Pre-orientation in business, repayment and savings	✓ Business asset and live stock asset promoted with women and their families. ✓ women access to finance decision making and Savings improved. Developed. ✓ Self-confidence and bargaining power increased improved with women.



3. Skill Promotion – Tailoring

Focus:

- ❖ To motivate job oriented tailoring training for young rural women so that they will have economical freedom

Basic Data	No	Activities	Result / outcome
Women reached	20	➤ Tailoring skill taught for six months ➤ A certificate is issued to all the completed trainees	✓ 1. Women have started to earn and have developed confidence in their ability ✓ Able to look for opportunity to earn with specific skill.



II. EDUCATION – CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1. Tuition Centre / Evening Coaching Centre

Focus

- ❖ To ensure access to tuition for primary school children with equal opportunity for girl children in their village environment to improve their academic performance and to minimize school absenteeism
- ❖ To update their knowledge and the overall development to challenge the changing context and to draw the parents' and communities' attention to participate in the welfare of the children.

Basic Data	No	Activities	Result / outcome
- Mandals - Villages - Families reached - Total students (B-106, G-127) - Class for tuition	2 6 429 233 1-8	➤ Daily tuition to complete home work & promote group study ➤ Providing opportunity for games.	✓ Regular attendance in the formal school ✓ Children developed interest which is reflected in the improvement in academic performance ✓ Listening, reading skills are being improved ✓ Parents and community interact with the teachers to know their children's performance





2. Child Development

Focus:

- ❖ To improve the academic performance of rural children in the age group of 5 – 13 years with special emphasis on the girl children.
- ❖ To impart Life Skill Education for adolescent children in the age group of 14-18 years in order to prepare them to face life

Basic Data	No	Activities	No	Result / outcome
• 1. Total reached	1785	➤ Tuition centres	30	✓ Improvements in academic grades
		- Students	674	✓ Improvement in participation of co- curricular activities like sports, drawing
		➤ Children's day Villages	12	✓ Gained knowledge in self-security, health rights, child rights. personality development and ability to make right choices and career plans improved
		- Total participants	310	
		- Total reached	780	
		➤ Summer camps	1	
		- Participants	131	
		➤ Life skill	10	
		- education for adolescents Participants	200	



3. Day Care Centre

Focus

- ❖ To provide healthy and nutritional food to improve the overall health status of 3-5 years children from underprivileged community

Basic Data	No	Activities	Result / outcome
• centre	1	➤ Conducted indoor and outdoor games including singing and dancing by using low cost learning materials	✓ Children's health status improved
• Children reached	32		✓ The parents have realized the values of nutritional food
• Families covered	64	➤ Nutritional food supplied	✓ Children level of learning improved.



III. MEDICAL CLINICS.

1. M C H Programme

Focus

- ❖ This programme focus towards promoting quality life of the poor and the marginalized communities through promoting healthy living by community participation and linking with government resources

Basic Data	No	Activities	No	Result / outcome
• Total population reached	5588	➤ Heath education programme	159	✓ Gained knowledge in healthy living and practicing the same
• Male	2284	➤ Eye screening camps	11	✓ Access to health care facilities and availing the same
• Female	3304	- Patients attended	240	✓ Access to Eye Care and related services.
		➤ Eye surgeries-Sankar nethraya	150	✓ Improvement in health of the women , children and safe delivery.
		➤ ANC, PNC and children care	245	✓ Gained knowledge in healthy living form sensitization and accessing support services for HIV/AIDS

2. Community Participation through collective effort for resource mobilization

Focus

- ❖ To promote and strengthen people's organization in order to empower them
- ❖ To strengthen Leadership qualities at the village level

Basic Data	No	Activities	No	Result / outcome
• Women	24	➤ Cadre trainings	3	✓ Gained knowledge regarding collective efforts to achieve basic needs by accessing government resources
- sangams	28	- Members	135	
- Members	6	➤ Campaigns	300	✓ Reclaimed their self-esteem and self-respect
• Men sangams	10	➤ Participants in World AIDS Day	374	
- Members	10			✓ Empowered in decision making and leadership quality by providing leadership in various sangams and meetings
• Dalit sangams	30	➤ Exposure to learn from others experience in community Developments	20	
- Members	914			





IV. ENVIRONMENT WATER & SOIL CONSERVATION

1. Livelihood promotion through sustainable agriculture

Focus:

- ❖ To promote low external input sustainable agriculture practices among small & marginalized farmers in order to ensure food availability & improved soil fertility for better yield & income

Basic Data	No	Activities	No	Result / outcome
• Total Farmers	30	➤ Farmers surveyed	30	✓ Gained knowledge in sustainable agricultural practises
		➤ Farmers identified Promotion of Farmers club.	30	✓ Soil fertility improved in approximately 15 acres, thus the yield and income improved
		➤ Farmers training	01	✓ Self-confidence increased in farmers ability to use organic farming methods.
		➤ Constructed vermin composite pit	04	
		➤ Distributed bio-fertilizer drum	30	
		➤ Distributed saplings to families	30	
		➤ Exposure to vermin rearing pit	30	

Sustainable Agriculture Photos



2. CDM Bio-gas (Clean Deployment Mechanism)

Focus

- ❖ To sensitize communities on climate change and the consequences.

Basic Data	Activities
• Sensitization • Demographic Survey	➤ Cluster level sensitization ➤ Household survey



3. Drinking Water

Focus

- ❖ The rural marginalized Villagers have improved living conditions with safe drinking water, lead quality life through enhanced skills and capacity in resource mobilization. Save the little water available for drinking.

Basic Data	No	Activities	Result / outcome
• Total Village	5	➤ 5 villages were identified through survey for water & Sanitation programme ➤ Community Meetings were organized in these 5 villages to create awareness and to plan the implementation. ➤ 5 bore wells were drilled in 5 villages	✓ Families use the water carefully. ✓ Families learnt the various water borne diseases and ways to prevent. ✓ Villages collectively worked towards sustaining the drinking water.



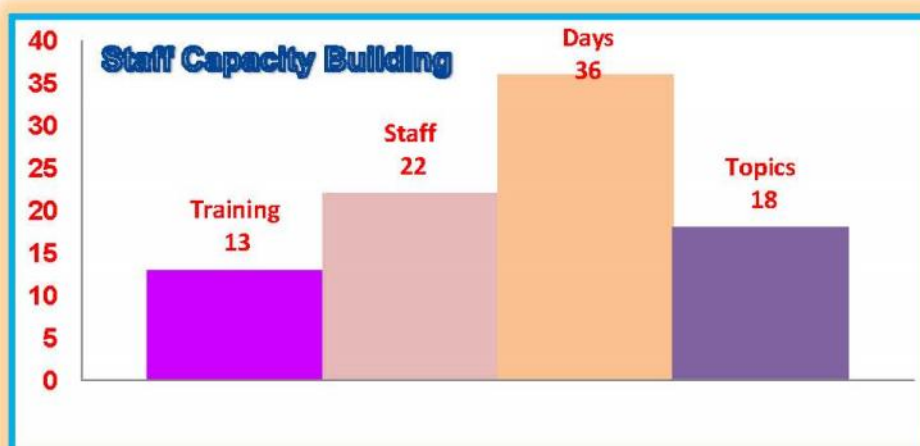
V. RESOURCE MOBILISATION BY COMMUNITY

The target area community could mobilize schemes meant for their development from the Government and from other sources for their welfare and for asset building. This is one of the indicators of SUCHI's continuous motivation in empowering people to organise themselves for collective efforts.

Community Resource Mobilized	
Govt Schemes	Mobilized - Target
Rural poor housing scheme (252 families)	30 villages
Safe drinking water tank (993 families)	20 villages
Burial Ground	5 villages (180 families)
Street light (1024 families)	21 villages
Cement Concrete Road	30 villages (1335 families)
Community Hall	5 villages (193 families)
School Building	03 villages (124 families)

VI. STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

SUCHI believes that a well oriented staff team will be efficient and effective with specific skill and can make a difference in the execution of plans. Hence the staff were motivated to participate regularly in several training programmes such as capacity building, human rights including women and child rights, RTI, impact monitoring, cadre training, orientation to Clean Development Mechanism, community health, etc.



Indeed, the inspiration for the staff to participate in the training programmes is drawn from the significant contribution of the Directors, who is resource person in many seminars, workshops and training programmes.



Utilisation of Rural Training Centres

We are glad to inform that the training centres in rural areas have been utilized by government Departments , Institutions and NGOs for meetings and programmes. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Act meeting was held at Jodichinthala in which 180 members participated and discussed about the implementing mechanisms and its status. The Government Teacher's Association meeting held at Jodichinthala. The 200 participants discussed the issues related the welfare of teachers. Regular eye screening camp referral for free cataract surgery with periodical review and check up in coordination with Thulasi Turst and Sankar nethralaya , Chennai is being conducted monthly twice in our centre.

VISITS

It is the visit of partners and others which has enabled SUCHI to understand its strengths and the areas to be strengthened. It is from this perspective the partners visits SUCHI time to time and we are able share and learn from their wider experience in this field. This also motivates us to set high standard in our work and to recognise our mission with that of our partners and linking it with the Global issues.

Partners Officials
HAVE Team Visit: HAVE Team Mr. Paul Heffet along with Mr. Robert & Mrs. Penfolds visited SUCHI field areas where bore wells drilled , interacted with the beneficiaries , field team and had a detailed discussion on the monitory visits they stayed with SUCHI for 6 days
Nelindco Visit - Mr. Meru Miller, Annie Priya – Monitoring visit
Mr. Sankarlal, Auditor – For Process auditing Mr. Sankar lal visited SUCHI for 2 days verified the documents, accounts visited the villages and interacted with beneficiaries and staff.
Dr. Sheila Benjamin, SCINDeA Executive Director & Member NGOs - To discuss on CDM Bio gas (1 day) along with 2 members NGOs .

Rev. Paul Prakasam, Director, Community Centre, CSI, Chennai Diocese and Mr. David from USA accompanied Rev. A.I. David as part of his Doctoral empirical research and visited three SUCHI villages to witness organising capacity of community.



HAVE Team in SUCHI



TdH-NL Team



SCINDeA Executive Director



External Evaluation

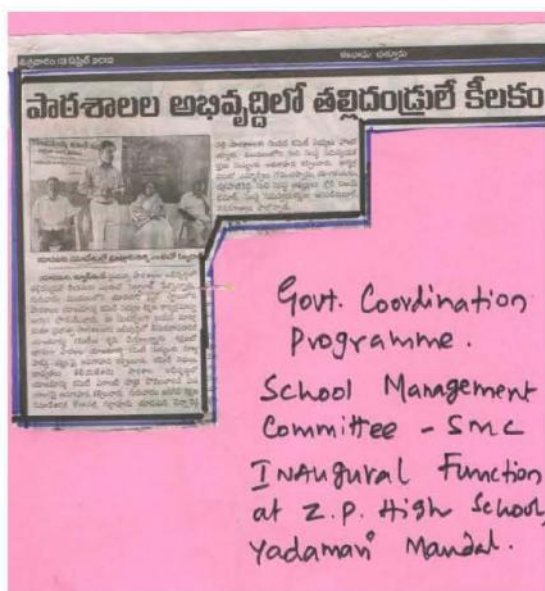
There were two external evaluations conducted in SUCHI to analyze the impact of its activities.

TDH-NL Team	TdH NL - Evaluation 2012 (12.06.2012, 13.06.2012, & 14.06.2012)	3 days
Mrs. Jayalakshmi & Mrs. Indira Swaminathan	Impact study of the pre-primary education model of TdH-NL India programme 6 & 7 July 2012	2 days

Recognition

We are happy to report that SUCHI has received many 'Letters of Appreciation' from the government higher officials for its contribution in providing accessibility to safe drinking water and empowering the people, especially the marginalized women and young girls to reclaim their self-dignity and confidence by drilling bore wells and constructing Low Cost Toilets respectively.

The media has regularly reported and recognized all the activities and contribution to the community by bring out news items in their publications.



Staff News

SUCHI 's strength is the staff team . All efforts are made towards staff development.

- ❖ Staff Training,
- ❖ Staff Savings.
- ❖ Staff Exposure.
- ❖ Annual staff Programmes
- ❖ Regular review and staff meetings.

Makes the staff in tune with the organizational culture. However the change in the development scenario and approach, the local realities are challenges for SUCHI.

Staff Training & Review



Annual Staff Programmes



Exposure



Future Plan

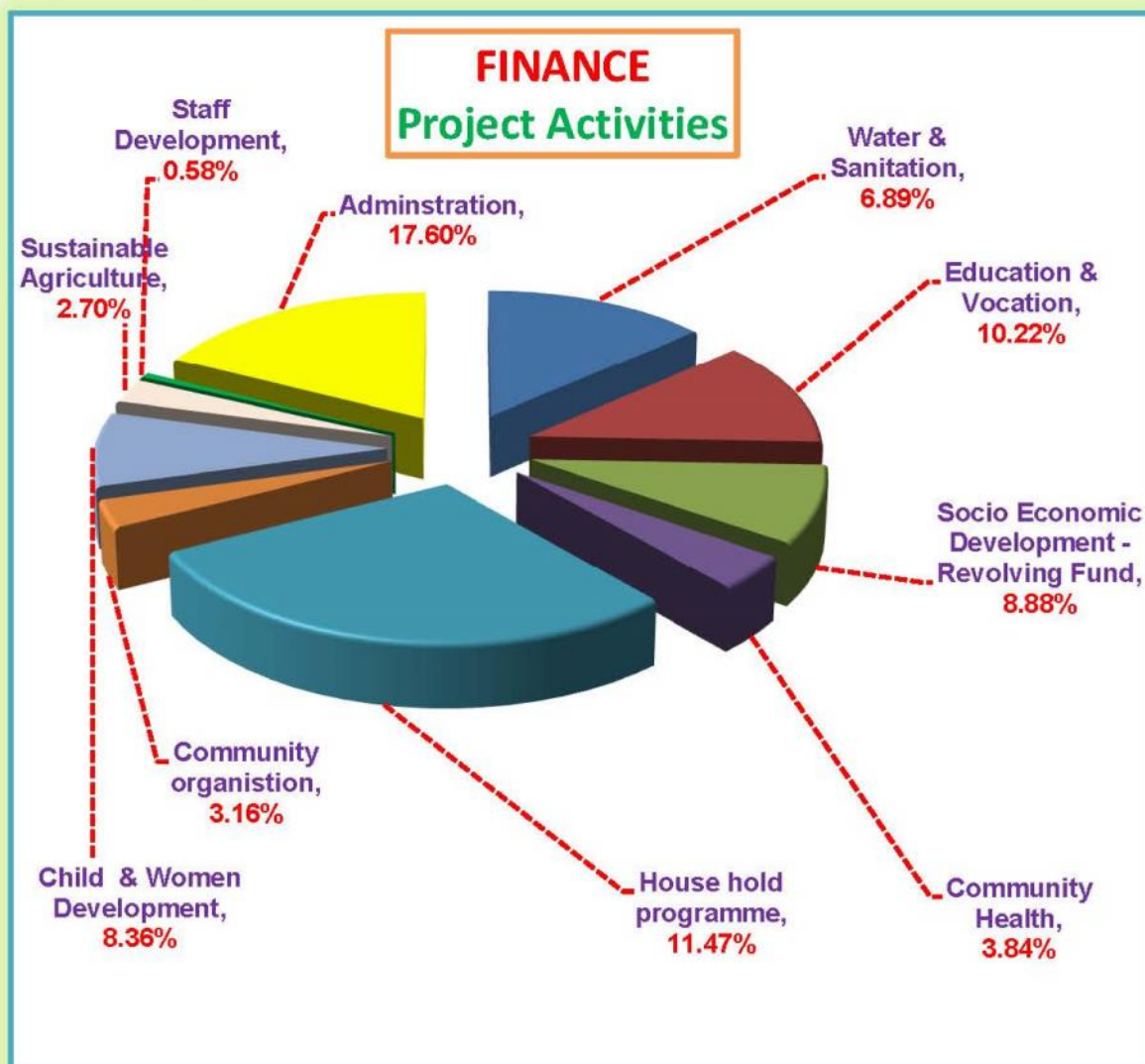
As we all know the development approach has changed and resources no longer available for the type of programme we have been engaged with so far. The issues like climate change, relating the climate change mitigation to address development issues is the future focus.

As we have discussed in the previous AGM we have started to look for innovative projects with “ *A Global Vision and a Local Mission.*”

Finance

April 2012 - March 2013			
S.No	Project Activities		Percentage
1	Water & Sanitation	502970	13.58%
2	Education & Vocation	444696	12.01%
3	Socio Economic Development -Revolving Fund	328854	8.88%
4	Community Health	149008	4.02%
5	House hold programme	1077658	29.10%
6	Community organisation	116991	3.16%
7	Child & Women Development	309513	8.36%
8	Sustainable Agriculture	100020	2.70%
9	Staff Development	21461	0.58%
10	Administration	651502	17.60%
TOTAL		3702673	100.00%





Conclusion

Kindly allow me to conclude by recollecting the ‘beginning,’ because the beginning is very significant as it continues to motivate and inspire.

It all began on 7th July 1983. The first intervention was at Akanambattu, a village in Puthalapattu Mandal. The first nature of work was to organize a Day Care Centre for below 5 years old under privileged children and flood and fire relief work supported by CASA. The first mission was to reach the marginalized and to be just connected with them in their struggle to survive.

To day on 12th September 2013, the approaches, methods, concepts, activities, and partners have and are changed. However the vision and the mission have not changed, but

remain the same as guiding principles, i. e. to be connected and to be with the people in their struggles, and sufferings to facilitate healing, development, and growth which are sustainable.

This long journey is possible because the Lord's continued guidance and the partners, governing board members, the staff and the well-wisher's continued solidarity with us. This provides strength to us to continue the task. We the SUCHI team thank you all.

