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**SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL
2002 – MARCH 2003 BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
BODY AT ICSA, CHENNAI.**

Dear Friends,

I am extremely happy to present this **Annual report of SUCHI** before this august body. At the out set I thank God for guiding us during the year. 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 2002 – March 2003.

Ensuring Peoples' participation and collective effort towards promoting quality life among the target community were our main thrust during this period.

Activities have been planned and implemented during this period based on the above mentioned thrust area reaching to 82 villages distributed in 4 Mandals of chittoor District.

HEALTH

SUCHI has been involved in implementing preventive health and MCH programme. On this line SUCHI focuses towards promoting self supportive health system at the village level through education and training to the 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	346	2516	6958	1712
MCH clinic	3 clinics / month		ANC –248 PNC – 88 General – 2229	
School Health programme	20			Boys-647 Girls-488
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 21 villages			411



- There are trained village health volunteers in every village, who are the first contact health care persons at the village level.
- All Antenatals, Postnatals, Newborns and under 5 children of our target villages are covered under the MCH programme.
- Deliveries either takes place at Hospital or by our trained personnel at home.
- The under five children are monitored periodically by the health volunteers.



EDUCATION / LITERACY PROGRAMME:

This programme focuses towards promoting quality education among the school going children and to provide 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.

The following are the activities implemented.

Name of the programme	No of Villages	Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Children
Children association	51			Boys-313 Girls - 205
Literacy for SHG members	15		277	-
ECE centers	20			Boys-211 Girls – 202
Coaching centers	14			Boys-179 Girls – 187



SUCHI also co-ordinates with Government Educational department where and when it is needed. During this period, 13 villages were motivated to mobilize government resources to run the ECE centre permanently in their villages. The women sangam and the village advisory community in these villages have been strengthened in such a way to run the ECE programme effectively.

There are 15 literacy animators and 32 coaching teachers involved at the village level towards promoting quality education. During the reporting period the coaching centre result is 95%.

SUCHI organized workshops exposures and trainings for the government ECE teachers and Primary school teachers. SUCHI is identified as the resource centre for the above said programmes by the local educational departments. The strength of this programme is that SUCHI's ECE teachers from our target villages are the resource persons.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT:

Women have been organized in to Sangams. Though the DWACRA schemes have made divisions in these Sangams, we further motivated them to work collectively at two levels, one at the Sangam level, which is a larger group of the village women, 2nd at DWACRA level to improve their economic status. The following table shows the details of the sangams, like the size, activities and their collective efforts.

No of sangams	Total members	Activities Carried out	Savings	Issues/Problems identified
51	1421	• Mini diary • Goat raring, • Coconut leaf mat making • Agarbathi making • leaf plate making • Petty shops • Bamboo basket making	1002936	♣ Drinking water ♣ Road ♣ Public latrine ♣ Burial ground ♣ Housing Pattas ♣ School Bldg. ♣ Drainage. ♣ Dalit atrocities in 2 villages



- ❖ 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.
- ❖ During the reporting period women group have taken up Dalit atrocities in two villages and drew the attention of the officials for necessary action.

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	Type of method.
	Male	Female			
282	2223	3604	76	51	▪ Street theatre ▪ Video film & ▪ community games.

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.

LAND / ENVIRONMENT

Land Based activities have been introduced newly during this project period. 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	3	350	200
Sanitation prog.	15	335	489
Orientation training on natural resource management.	15	45	30

DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME

During this period 31 drinking water Bore wells were drilled with the kind support of HAVE. Villagers were motivated to take responsibility in implementing this programme successfully. The villagers actively participated in this programme to overcome the drinking water problem. The villagers collectively worked towards ensuring continuous supply of drinking water in their respective villages for which they mobilized resources from Government to match with this programme.



Out of the 31 bore wells drilled 16 were connected to water tank with motor, supplying water through street taps. 15 were connected with hand pumps. The villagers were educated on the conservation and preservation of the drinking water. Soak pits have been dug with peoples' participation. Youth were trained in the repair and maintenance of the bore well.

GOVERNMENT RELATED PROGRAMMES

Under this programme the organized village sangams are motivated to avail the existing government welfare schemes. This is focused towards their right to basic needs by availing the local government facilities and also to promote in them the responsibility in their development. Through this the gap between the people and the government is minimized. Now the villagers understand clearly their role, the role of NGOs and that of government.

The following list shows the peoples' participation in their own development. People have realized that collective effort will bring in strength and success.

Name of the programme	No of village	No of participant	Community contribution	Mobilized from Govt
Drainage	2	Mahila sangam & VAC	10000	145000
School building	3	Mahila sangam & VAC	43000	440000
Check dam	1	Mahila sangam & VAC	-	325000
Government housing	2	24	5400	420000
Cement road 200 mts.	3	Mahila sangam	45000	405000
National saving finance development corporation (NSFDC)	3	3	7000	255000
Drinking water	3	VAC & Mahila	1150	90000

Pipeline connection 100-200 mts.		sangam		
PMRY (Priminister Rojeka Yuvachana)	2	-	20000	156000
Drinking water tank	5	Mahila sangam & VAC	22000	935000
Food for work Deepening the lake	4	25	-	16568 (Value of food grains)
Mud road leveling work	1	-	500	50000
Water shed programme	3	-	50000	430000

During the period villagers were able to mobilize collectively Rs. 34,12,568 worth of welfare schemes from the government through the leadership of men and women.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION & PEACE PROGRAMME

This programme is focused towards integrating conflict resolution with the development activities. A 9 members staff team has been specially trained in this area to educate the villagers, village leaders and NGO staff. Trainings have been conducted at various levels, to help and guide the villagers to address the conflict without depending on others intervention. While promoting community based organization the leaders are trained to deal the conflict that group may encounter, thus to maintain the spirit of unity with the group.



SUCHI is also under the process of promoting village core team to help in disseminating this concept of integrating conflict resolution with community development.

Efforts are made to deal the conflict constructively with parties involvement. Thus people are made to be the mediators than surrendering their conflicts for others manipulation in terms of judgement. Though it takes long time for people to learn and practice the new approach, people do appreciate the constructive way of dealing the conflict with the parties fullest participation. People feel that their right to decide and right to self respect is taken care through this approach. Dependency on specific group of people for dealing the conflict of the under privileged is minimized.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This programme focused towards capacitating the community and the staff through training, exposure, seminars and workshops. Through this, quality participation of people at all level, in all programme is ensured. This makes them feel to be the owners of the programme.

Leaders at the community level is promoted with both men and women who take the responsibility to promote their village and as well as to identify and address issues / atrocity. During this reporting period two major issues have been addressed by the villagers, the case studies enclosed. The following table shows the types of trainings given to the villagers and staff.

VILLAGE LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMME:

Name of programme	No of programme	No of participant
Skill training prog	2	39
VAC training prog	2	150
Micro credit prog	1	20

Name of training	No of training	No of beneficiaries
Training to Teachers of Govt. Anganwadi	14	505
Literacy Animators training	6	90
Land based training	1	60

STAFF LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMMES:

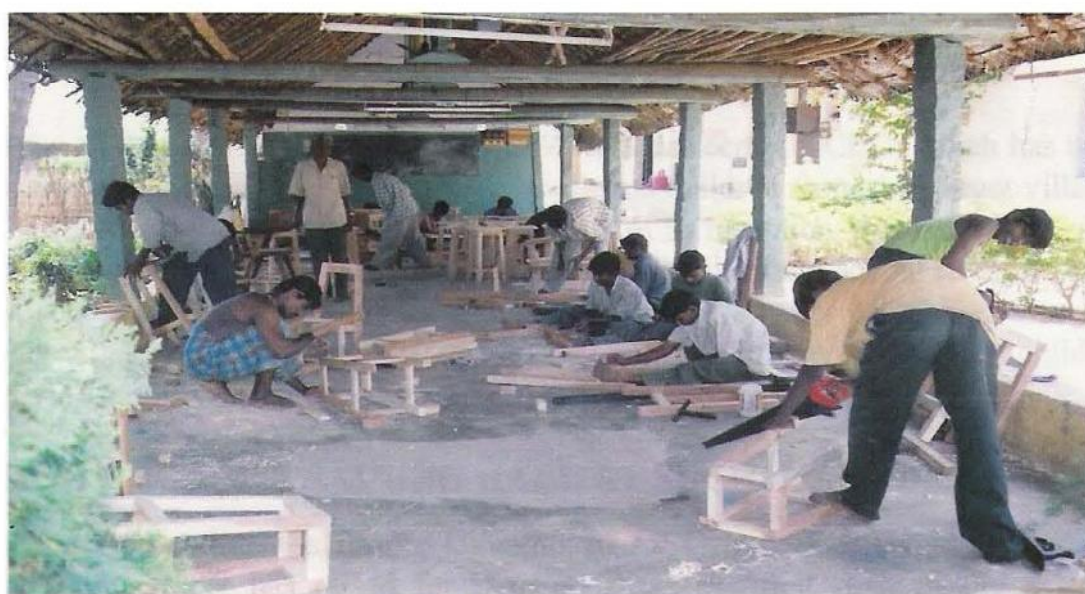
Name of trg prog	No of training	No of participant	Venue	Organised by
Siddha Training	1	3	Nemur	SCINDeA
Health Training programme.	2	8	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
Land Based training	1	2	Pudukottai	SCINDeA
Literacy training programme	2	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
IGP Skill training programme	1	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA

Literacy and health training programme.	1	3	West Gothavari	CRESA
OD Exercise	1	7	SUCHI	SCINDeA
Accounts training	1	3	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
PME	1	2	Yelagiri	SCINDeA
ESRM training	2	4	Hosur	TdH-NL
Community play	2	4	Hosur	TdH-NL
Children Mela	2	4	Hosur	TdH-NL
Child rights	1	5	Jodichinthala	SUCHI
Child rights	3	9	Cuddapah	VCDC
Mediation training	1	12	Cuddapah	VCDC
Cultural troop training	1	7	Jodichinthala	SUCHI

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 M.L.L., hospital Mathanapalli, Matha college Manamadhurai, Baptist Hospital Bangalore and AMC Arogyavaram in this regard. During this period, 5 students joined Diploma nursing and one student to T.T.S. Madurai.

Under the Vocational carpentry programme we have trained 10 batches of students, nearly 120 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 “Pottukannama” in Puthalapattu Mandal. Nearly 28 u/5 children benefit through this programme.

TdH – NL EVALUATION:

Terre Des Hommes – NL has been supporting SUCHI since 1994. SUCHI has completed 3 phases, each phase of 3 years. As per the agreement we had a joint evaluation done by the joint evaluation team with representation from TdH-NL, SUCHI staff, EC member and the beneficiaries. One of our EC member and the Treasurer participated in the evaluation. Tdh-NL has considered SUCHI and extended their support for another 3 years.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD’S WORLD:

TdH-NL has been conducting Annual project partners workshop once a year with a specific theme, to enable the project partners to learn collectively, on current issues/concepts. Following this the project partners are encouraged to conduct series of regional level workshops to further promote collective learning at the gross root level, for developing realistic action plan. SUCHI has been given the facilitating responsibility of these workshops at the regional level. The regional project partners have started to work collectively on the promotion of child’s world and child right at the individual project level and at the regional level.

MATHAKONDAPALLI EDUCATION CENTRE:

As we all know, that the Johan Cryuff Educational centre (JCEC) which has been running a model school for the under privileged children from the target villages of TdH-NL supported projects. After 5 years of its inception, the name JCEC (the sponser name) has been changed to Mathakondapalli Model school (MEC). Now this school has been recognized by the CBSE. This year 4 children from our target villages have got admission to MEC School. As on now there are 27 children studying at this school from our villages.

NEW 1ST FLOOR TRAINING HALL AT SUCHI CAMPUS:

As informed earlier, the former Directors of MCC India Mr. David Gerber and Mrs. Fern Gerber has raised funds to construct the first floor of the existing capacity building at SUCHI Training campus. The construction was completed by November 2002. We had the inauguration of this hall on the 18th Nov 2002, which was celebrated by the members, partners, beneficiaries and staff. All partners participated except TdH-NL who couldn’t come due to their pre planned programme.

RENOVATION OF GUEST ROOM:

Renovation of the existing guest room at the training campus was supported by SCINDeA / EED which was also dedicated on that day by Dr. Sheila Benjamin, Executive secretary of SCINDeA.



CONSTRUCTION OF BATH ROOMS & TOILETS:

SUCHI training campus has been utilized to the maximum for conducting training programme for the village women, apart from this the campus is used by other NGOs and Government department for conducting trainings.

The toilet and bath room facilities at this campus was not adequate therefore Indienhilfe came forward to support the construction of toilets and bath rooms at SUCHI training campus during this period.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

REGIONAL LEVEL TRADITIONAL CULTURAL MELA:

With the support of Tdh-NI regional level Traditional cultural Mela was organized at SUCHI for all A.P. partners. Totally 5 NGOs participated. During this, the traditional cultural expressions were exhibited by all 5 partners. This is mainly to explore the traditional cultural expressions, its positive aspects in promoting peoples' participation, building relationship and to promote quality life. The target communities of the respective NGOs performed nearly 18 traditional cultural items.



It also brought to the knowledge that some of the cultural values of these traditional performances are diminishing, which need to be revived. Apart from this, the following special programme took place during this period.

Name of the Activity	No of Activities	Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Children
Mass awareness prog. on Aids	1	22	158	
Sanitation prog & Pulse polio	2	66	98	
	2			754
Community Mela	1	98	217	84
Children Mela	1	211	200	

EYE CARE PROGRAMME:

SUCHI has been conducting Eye screening camp reaching to many remote villages almost for the past 20 years. CMC Shell Eye-hospital has been kindly extending their co-ordination in this regard continuously.

During this period SUCHI has conducted 4 Eye camps covering 2 Mandals, screening nearly 650 villagers. Medicines and spectacles are provided by the CMC Shell eye hospital at free of cost. Cataract surgery is also done freely except when they insist for lence they charge Rs. 500/- which is the minimal charge.

MCC FINAL PHASE:

As per our discussion with the MCC-India, new Directors during the Inauguration of the training hall, this is the final year with MCC's support. Beyond March 2004, MCC has no commitment for SUCHI with regard to Development

programme. With regard to peace programme MCC has been kind enough to support SUCHI for another 3 years.

PARTNERSHIP RENEWAL

As mentioned Tdh-NI has extended their partnership commitment for another 3 years from August 2003 to July 2006.

SCINDeA / EED Network has also extended their partnership commitment through the network for 3 years from September 2003 – August 2006.

VISITORS:

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

1. Mr. Meru Miller, Project Officer, Tdh-NI.,- India office.
2. Mr. Edward Miller & Mrs. Twila Miller, MCC India new Directors.
3. Dr. Kroeck, INDIENHILFE New Director.
4. Mr. Paul sethu, INDIENHILFE Director – India Office.
5. Dr. Sheila Benjamin, Executive secretary, SCINDeA.
6. Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Consultant, SCINDeA.
7. 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

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS:

1. Dr. Glen Miller & Mrs. Merlin Miller
2. Mr. David Gerber & Mrs. Fern Gerber
3. Dr. Rom & Nancy
4. 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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