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SUCHI

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DEAR FRIENDS,

I have great pleasure in welcoming you all for the 9th annual general body meeting of Suchi SUCHI and to present the annual report. First of all I thank the Almighty God for his guidance in the growth of SUCHI. I also thank all my staff for their sincere commitment in serving the needy with the good understanding of SUCHI'S programme.

Before going in to the matter, since many of the General Body members are new. I would like to present a brief introduction about the past activities along with this year's Annual Report of SUCHI.

SUCHI during its early days was concentrating on awareness building, Non formal education, co-ordination of Food For Work programmes, Drought Relief and Fire Relief programmes with the help of few honorary staff.

It is in the year 1986, the funding agencies came forward to support SUCHI. Seeing the rapport with the community, the awareness education, bore well programmes, health education and the commitment of suchi, ICCO Came forward to support SUCHI.

Following this OXFARM America and M.C.C. gave their support which is still continuing for the women development, programmes.

In support of the social and development programme of ICCO, SUCHI has mobilised a number of small one time grants from other agencies like FORRAD, IBSS, CANADA FUND, ACWN, RCSB, CASA, UELCI, CAPART, and Development commissioner of Handicrafts.

SUCHI'S OPERATIONAL OUTREACH

suchi is functioning in the rural areas of chittoor district of Andhra pradesh for the upliftment of the rural poor. It intensively concentrates in two mandals for its regular programmes.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

The health programmes are mainly on preventive aspects with emphasis on health and awareness education. Mother and child care is also part of our activities. Health education is carried out at all levels right from grassroot level, organisory level and at the co-ordination level. These workers are given periodically motivational and inservice education. First Aid, safe delivery, early detection of Tuberculosis, leprosy and refering cases as per the need are also part of the health activity.

Health camps and rallys are conducted to awaken the people from their primitive practices. The health workers are the grass foot level workers for implementing the programmes and they are trained to be the potential change agents and local resource persons for the community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUCHI believes in organising the community into sangams and motivating them in development aspects of the community through social awareness education. These awareness education is carried out through various medias like street theatre, mass education, video, films, leadership camps etc.. SUCHI is keen in strengthening these sangams so that these sangams so that these sangams could

be the potential resources for the community towards its development. The social workers are the grass root level workers for implementing the social and developmental programmes of the community. In co-ordination with community organisers, the social workers and the potential leaders of the sangams identify the basic needs, issues and problems of the community fight their rights and mobilise certain programmes towards the needs from the government, bank, SUCHI etc.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Without elevating the role, status and literacy of women, no development effort will be successful. Therefore women must be educated, empowered helped to improve the health and social status, supporting the productive capacity and reducing the unwanted work load. Based on these concepts SUCHI adopts supportive approach for the woman development. Under women development, we have got number of programmes video films, motivational camps, women rallies and exposure programmes. To elevate the status of women and to increase the productive capacity, the women are given opportunity and encouragement to practice their existing skills towards increasing their production and thereby to increase their status and income. Women are given training to take up the responsibilities. To improve the unity and integrity among the women and to have the equality in the community, women are encouraged to form sangams. Various methods are adopted to strengthen these mahila sangams. Women are encouraged to take up issues and to fight for their rights in the society, for example in one of the village called veerlagudiaplle the mahila

sangam members 63 in number went to the government officials several times and approached the politicians many times and got their pattas sanctioned. Income generative and existing skills are encouraged through mobilising dairy co-operative, pot making, leaf plate making, thadukku making, date palm leaf mat making, coir making, petty shops, goatary, palm leaf crafts etc.

WOMEN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

One of the encouraging body among the women groups for mobilising credit programmes, government development programmes etc. is the co-operative society. SUCHI has promoted one such society for the whole of Yadamari mandal. This is the only recognised and registered society in the mandal, any women in the Yadamari mandal who wish to be a co-operative society member should become a member in this society only. No one else should start another such society.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

In the Government of Andhra pradhesh, there is a scheme of housing for the poor houseless. This programme is given to the village groups after a part paying a part capital But the villagers are not in a position to pay their share a group, since there is lack of unity, lack of finance and not believing each other to pay as a group, SUCHI takes the risk of organising and uniting the co community to form a group and help them to pay Rs.500/-to their pattas Rs.1,000/-each as a share capital. Thus the poor houseless is mobilized the housing programme.

So far 489 houses have been constructed and 155 are waiting to get orders for construction and 200 are in the process of paying the share capital.

TRIAL WELLS

Similar to the housing programme, there are community irrigation well programme in the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the small and marginal farmers. To mobilise this, there should be minimum 5 beneficiaries to share the water from one well. These beneficiaries have to be brought together with a common understanding and unity. Then they have to dig and show a trial well with 36 feet depth and 6 feet diameter. After confirming their unity and the trial well, Government sanctions help them to dig the trial pits and refer them to the government officials to sanction the well. SUCHI has so far mobilised 35 wells; 13 are waiting to get work order and 12 are in the process of digging trial wells.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

Through OXFARM America, Non-formal education for non-school going and drop outs between the age 7 to 12 years are conducted in 15 centres for 450 children. The main aim is to prepare this children to admit in formal school.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Through Canada fund, we have mobilised a carpentry and type-writing training centres for the rural drop out youth. Carpentry training was conducted for 1 1/2 years for 10 students as a residential course. We are in the process of starting this for another batch of students.

STREET THEATRE

SUCHI has formed a cultural team which exhibits street theatre programmes on Alcoholic , dowry death , Family planning, Immunization , Healthy living, Unity and integrity , simple wedding etc.

COMMUNITY OPHTHALMIC PROGRAMME

This is a need based programme. There is no facility for eye diseases in and around Chittoor District . During the health education, this was expressed by the people. Therefore eye camps co-operative with SUCHI since 5 years in continuing and carrying out cataract cases are referred to shell Eye Hospital Vellore for free surgery. So far 43 screening camps and 6 surgery camps have been conducted. We continue this programme even now. This programme is carried out in 6 mandals. Through this camp and education, we aim to minimise the deficiency and other eye problems.

FIELD PLACEMENT.,CONSULTANCY AND EVALUATIONS

Students from various institutions come for exposure, training and field placement, Institutions like RUHSA CMC Hospital, Bishop college of calcutta, Sacred Heart college of Tirupattur, Mahaboobnagar community organisers etc. come regularly for the above purpose.

SUCHI is involved in evaluating action groups with the request from the funding agencies.

With the request from many other voluntary service. Mostly the director spends time with these groups in guiding them basically and hoping them to proceed in a steady manner .

SUCHI has totally 78 staff 38 part time staff, and 40 full time staff. We are having Head office at katpadi, Registered office and Functional office at Chittoor and two field centres, one at Jodichintala and other at Rangampettu cross Road. The head office is director and second line leaders and for consultations. The functional office at Chittoor is office, to receive the guests, to co-ordinate with government offices, C.B.I. contacts and other co-ordinators. The field centres are for active field work. At Jodichintala we have one women training centre, one vocational training centre, one carpentry training centre, staff cottage a chapel and a model dairy unit.

In Rangampettu Cross Road, we have a mini Health Centre in 4 1/2 acres of land. We were much privileged by the visits of our funding partners since our programme are well strengthened and progressive, our relationship is good with the funding partners and they visit and witness our programmes every year taking much time with us. So far SUCHI'S programmes have been evaluated for 5 times by the funding agencies. Seeing all the activities M.C.C. came sanctioned a metadore van in 1991. In January 1991 an evaluation was carried out for ICCO with a third party. ICCO did not appreciate the evaluation report as it was not a participatory one by SUCHI. Then ICCO gave one year interim phase in 21991 to continue the programme without any break in it and mean time invited the Director and Associate Director for a discussion, after this discussion ICCO sanctioned 3 years budget, only for salaries and for the editing health and development programmes to continue in the same area. Now we are in the 2nd year of the 3 years programme.

The success of SUCHI'S programme are mainly because of our committed staff who work with a clear understanding of the programme and true commitment. Since the second line leadership is well developed, it is the Directors part now to go ahead for further strengthening of the

Programmes.

GOVERNMENT CO-ORDINATION

Many comment that SUCHI is a service agency and mobilises ~~not~~ government programmes for the people. It is because SUCHI is mainly with the rural population, in organising them, giving them awareness education and identifies the basic needs and problems of these rural people. To meet these needs, SUCHI instead of making them depend on the funding sources, it taps the government resources along with the people for their upliftment.

This government officials co-ordinate with ^{different} levels. The District Medical and Health officer visited SUCHI for three times. The District Mass and Extensional media officer (DEMO) arranged many programmes in co-ordination with SUCHI-The Minister of State for water Resources Mr. Dhamodar Reddy visited SUCHI last month.

FUTURE PROGRAMMES

SUCHI is completing 10 years of its service and now we are in the process of planning the strategies and policies for the future programmes.