

Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS)



BIRDS is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered under society's registration Act 21 of 1860, in the year 1991. It is also registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). And it has income tax exemption under section 12A. This year is the **"Year of Silver Jubilee"** (1991-2016)

The Main motto of the organization is to see the transformation of the lives of the people who are suffering with issues of Hunger, poverty, migration and sickness with **"transformation of life through Participation"**

Vision:

BIRDS Vision is "a world where all its inhabitants live in complete harmony with each other to maintain and benefit from balanced eco-system"

Mission:

BIRDS Mission is to create a platform for people from all walks of life so that they are able to take necessary action for ensuring ecological stability, safeguarding human dignity, reducing poverty, ensuring minimum standards of living, and bringing in social justice.



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BIRDS FINN'S SPORTS COURT:

Mr. and Mrs. Sten Carlson and his family have come forward to build sports courts for the children at BIRDS. The Children BIRDS are very happy about this initiative, the recent visit of the team have brought plans and had a land breaking ceremony at the site, this an existing project for this year.



1. Core Program (DORIS, Dr. Ginny & Dr. George, Bill Shearer, Eleanor, Eva Petermeier):

Barbara Campbell and team of SMPC in Portland are the main persons to channel the funds from Mother Doris & many others.

For entire BIRDS organization the core support is the main and very important program, to run the organization & to raise funds for the programs and issues identifies in the communities. The core program is the main base structure, to conduct trainings, studies and research to create projects and to give base support to the programs. Under this 90 percent of the funding comes from Mother Doris and rest from Dr. Ginny and Dr. George for Community health center and other help for child sponsorships and school materials comes from Individuals such as a very small but great support from Mother Eleanor, Bill Shearers family from US and Friends of Eva Peter Meier and her family from Germany.

1.1 Doris Hospital Community Health Centre, Muthyalapadu

We the staff of Community health centre happily inform you all that, we have served 848 patients on general-residential (includes boarding children, staff, training times, Visitors.. etc), and we treated 573 patients from outside (nearby villages), In patients are 26 (stayed in hospital 2 or 3 days for treatment). When comes to Physio-therapy treatment we visited the patients houses for treatment.

1.2 Eleanor and Shearers Boarding Home

At present there are **168 students** in the boarding home

CLASS	LKG	UKG	GRADE -1	GRADE -2	GRADE -3	GRADE -4	GRADE -5	GRADE -6	GRADE -7	GRADE -8	GRADE -9	GRADE -10
BOYS	02	04	06	10	13	13	10	07	15	07	13	16
GIRLS	02	04	01	05	05	03	03	09	08	06	04	02

1.3 Community Health Programme

BIRDS Community Health work is going on 3 mandal of Kurnool Districts. 35 Health Workers are working in this programme. Under this programme we conduct a meeting once in a month. In this meeting we will discuss about the usual seasonal diseases and we invite the Doctors to give advices and remedies to come out of these diseases and the things to be taken for prevention. These Health Workers will have periodical visits to the families of the village. During these visits they will give medical advices to both the women and children.

1.4 BIRDS Schools

BIRDS High School follows State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Andhra Pradesh syllabus, Primary and Play school follows Techno series which is leading the students in to IIT. In BIRDS Schools at present there are **508 students** in the schools.

The SCERT board has implemented a new scheme CCE (Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation) from Class I to X. With a broader aim of examination reforms in mind, the scheme envisages that every learner is to be evaluated over the entire period of learning schedule rather than one shot 3 hour external examination. This evaluation lays emphasis on life skills, attitudes

and values, interests and achievement in outdoor, co-curricular activities including sports and games.

Fundamental to BIRDS' mission is to strive to be a part of the society where students receive holistic education, prosper as learners, rising academically, socially, physically, psychologically, and culturally; they learn to practice respect, responsibility, and an admiration for diversity.

Irrespective of which standard the student is right from kindergarten to X Standard, BIRDS students take initiative and actively engage in their own learning.

They develop confidence, courage and tenacity, learn to think independently and work collaboratively. They acquire leadership skills and the desire to make a difference in the complex world.

Sports and Games: On the occasion of Republic Day (January 26th), Independence Day (August 15th), Children's Day (November 14) we have conducted Sports and Games for the students and prizes were given to the winners. Our students participated in 1) 08 Students participated in National meets, 2) 14 students participated in State Meets 3) 30 students participated in Zonal Level Games and Sports, 4) 40 students participated in Mandal Level Games and Sports.

1.5 BIRDS Farm at Muthayalapadu

We are very happy to announce that the farming has given very good yields which are completely used for dining hall and for trainings.

Animals: Totally there are 27 Water buffaloes and 2 Ox's. Ox's are used for cultivation purpose and water buffaloes have given 1501 liters of milk throughout the year, they are completely used for providing Butter milk for the boarding children.

Vermi compost: We have produced 2250kgs of vermi compost in a year of 2016, and utilised it for agriculture purpose as we encourage natural fertilisers.



2. Groundwater Governance through Panchayat Raj Institutions in Andhra Pradesh (GGPRI-AP) Project

The 'Groundwater Governance through Panchayat Raj Institutions in Andhra Pradesh' pilot project is being implemented in five districts of Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Chittoor, Kadapa, Kurnool, and Prakasam), where the FAO-led Andhra Pradesh Farmer Managed Groundwater Systems (APFAMGS) project had successfully demonstrated the impact of demand-side water management in managing groundwater distress. In the pilot phase, the project aims to refurbish all groundwater monitoring infrastructure and establish linkages with Gram Panchayat for improved governance of this key resource. This initiative is co-funded by FAO and the Government of Andhra Pradesh. It is expected that the pilot initiative will develop a model for upscaling the project to cover all areas in these five districts.

The pilot project's duration is one year. The project has two major components. The first focuses on revitalizing the GMCs and HUNs formed under APFAMGS in 518 villages of the five districts. Additionally, it invests in repairing the PHM monitoring equipment to ensure that data collection is restored and done regularly. APFAMGS promoted Groundwater Monitoring Committees (GMCs) and Hydrologic Unit Networks (HUNs) are taking lead in technical data generation, water budgeting, crop planning and crop adoption. The second component focuses on initiating groundwater governance through Gram Panchayats in 72 villages of Kurnool district. This includes elements of water sharing to improve equity and access to water and thereby control new drilling and unsustainable water-use.

This pilot is being implemented in close collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DoA) of the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), both for design of data collection formats and also for data validation. BIRDS, the lead NGO in the erstwhile FAO-supported project is responsible for the project implementation. Implementation of the pilot involves coordination with the six partner agencies in implementing project activities such as, Participatory Hydrological Monitoring (PHM) data collection, data computerization, data analysis, conduct of water-audit workshops, develop Demand-side Water Management (DSWM) plans, adoption of DSWM plan, capacity building of GP representatives, formation of farmer interest groups and farmer producer groups.

Some of the pilot project achievements in the past year include:

- Engaged 198 Gram Panchayats (GPs), across the five districts, to create better awareness among the GP members on water management and worked with them to identify issues of water related to both cultivation and domestic purposes.
- Illustrated rainfall and water levels data of the last 10 years and shared with GPs and farmers to motivate them to improve water use efficiency and reducing water pumping. This exercise done for 120 GPs.
- Representatives of various water users are meeting on a common platform of 198 'Jalamandalis' (Water Management Committees) and started identifying the solutions to address the issues identified.
- Community is confident of having sustainability regarding water governance by integrating water monitoring activities in GP agenda.

- GPs have developed a vision: “By 2020 we manage the water required for drinking and irrigating the crops collectively, sharing water with users whoever experience deficit, there by produce of good quality will be obtained. Also we share our experiences with other farmers and organizations.” The vision has been developed for 5 GPs through the vision building workshops and the vision shared with 23 GPs.
- Farmers came forward and formed as a ‘Farmer Interest Group’ (FIG) with the common interest of taking up organic cultivation. So far 33 FIGs with 553 farmers have been formed.
- FPO Registered as “Ahobila Rythu Utpathidarula Sangam Producer Company Ltd.” and FPO established with the objective of making available the good quality inputs seed, manure, plant protection material, etc., at one place and see that farmers get good price for the produce.
- 13 staff from 7 PNGOs gained skills on stream flow measurement by using ‘Current Meter’ in the ‘Training and Demonstration on Hydrology and Hydrological Monitoring system’ conducted at BIRDS



3. Strengthening Prevention Prosecution and Protection services for children at Risk Supported by PLAN and HDF

The BIRDS has been working in three districts i.e. Kurnool, Ananthapur (Andhra Pradesh State), and Mahabubnagar (Telangana State) on anti- child labour program in partnership with Plan International in India which is being partnered and supported by Human Dignity Foundation, Switzerland.

Working Mandals & Villages Information

	Kurnool	Anantapur	Mahabubnagar
Mandals	23	20	30
Villages	160	160	160

Kurnool: The Kurnool District has 3 Revenue Divisions with 54 mandals Coverage Area of the District. Poverty, Drought and Migration are the main reasons for the child became a child labour in the Society. Child Labour working sectors, Agriculture Field, Sheep rearing, Engaging in the Hotels, Petty Shops, Workshops, Construction Sector. After Intervention of the project with collaboration of Stake holders with Child Related line departments in the District. We have good rapport with Government and Civil Society Organizations in the District like ICPCs, CWC, Labour Department, Education Department, and Police Department.

Ananthapuram: In the Ananthapuram District we have started anti- child labour programs with high spirits and the team work has been reflected at ground level which resulted many positive impact among the lives of most vulnerable children.

The interventions of the project providing lot of scope to the project team and develop lot of rapport with various line departments. The team has successfully utilized the opportunity and brought all the departments like DCPU, Police, SSA, Child Line and Child Welfare Committees on a common board and conducted rescue operations for withdrawing the children from the labour force.

Mahabubnagar: In Mahabubnagar district Child labor and Migration are the main reasons which is influencing on protection of child rights majorly on school dropout, child labor and child marriages. As the district is well known for migration and as per the findings, 40% of migration is evidenced in the operational area due to following reasons. Majority of the families belongs to below poverty line and Landless and also not much livelihood options in the villages. Majority of the villagers thinking that agriculture is not viable as the introduction of modern technologies. That's why we can see many children as child labor and vulnerable children in this district to add income to her parent and family. We started this anti- child labor project in this district as eradication of child labor with the support of duty bearers and give financial support to parents, where children free from work and lack of financial support to the parents.

Progress end of the 2016 Total number of child labourers & vulnerable children enrolled into schools

Children for School Enrollment: Children who have completed studies in Anganwadi centres but have not been admitted to primary education; out of school children in the target area other than those mentioned above as child labour & children vulnerable to trafficking for labour; never school enrolled children in the target area other than those mentioned above. These children will be identified from the monitoring reports of (a) program supported Child Forums and CPCs; and school enrollment drives, (b) Community groups supported by the program e.g., CBOs, SHGs, SMCs.

	Kurnool		Anantapur		Mahabubnagar		Total	
	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl	Boy	Girl
Chile Labour	349	350	547	494	515	594	1411	1439
Vulnerable to Trafficking for Labour	531	647	409	465	505	488	1445	1600



4. PLAN Japan- Srikakulam

We are working in two municipalities & two rural mandals in Srikakulam District. As per the Program guidelines we have visited the various stake holders in the District level, Mandal level and explained the Project goals and objectives and requested their support in this matter for smooth running and successful implementation of the project in the District.

With the help of basic information we analyzed that data, based on the analysis we have prepared 40 villages (Srikakulam urban-23, Amadalavalasa Urban – 10, Narasannapeta rural -6 & Etcherla rural -1) tentative Hotspots list and forwarded it to Plan International for approval.



5. Compassion Project

BIRDS-SAMPURNA CDC started in Kalachatla and Allagadda in June 2012. Total 250+216=466 numbers of children registered from Kalachatla village Allagadda. The Compassion exists as an advocate for children to release them from their economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled adults. This report will expedite the activities carried out in the year 2016. The activities include:

Activities carried out in the year 2016. Regional sports meet, Health awareness programme for children, Awareness programmes for children



and parents, Skill development programmes for children, Joy Camps, Construction of Buildings, E-Documentation (COMPASSION CONNECT), Tailoring and Staff Trainings.

We are working with the following Schedule Caste/Tribe people: Dokkali, Dommari. Pusala, Madiga, musilums and Budagajangala, these peoples' profession is Begging, Rack picking, and Daily Labour. Previously these people are not having Education and culture. When we entered to this colony they received us with great joy. Now this community people had nice transformation through Education and awareness program.

6. Integrating watershed management and participatory groundwater management piloting groundwater management and governance through the Neeranchal Program (Govt. – UNDP)

BIRDS-Neeranchal Project is being implemented in Orissa state in the field area of "Sabuja Biplav" NGO at Suliapada block of Mayurbhanj district. PHM activities taken up in the villages Hatimada, Ufalgadiya, Sansasole and Nekdagunja.

BIRDS technical staff explained dignitaries the PHM concept, field level activities being implemented. Two way communications between farmers attended the workshop and BIRDS technical staff took place. Discussion held regarding planning cropping pattern according to available ground water. Various rock types, recharge from rain water, how to get more and more recharge also explained to the participants. Demonstration regarding water levels and rain fall measuring, book keeping, dissemination conducted by volunteers in this workshop.



7. CHETHANA Network Programme on traditional seeds saving and establishing seed banks

Chethana network is coalition of organizations and individuals who are interested in sustainable development of sovereign communities. BIRDS is the legal custodian and Mr. Paul Raja Rao is the chair of the organization. As of date there are about 19 organizations from 5 southern states of India.

Core programs

1. Create awareness among the farmers about the harmful effects of chemical intensive farming and the nefarious activities such companies as Monsanto in pushing for GM seeds
2. Promote the national level alliances and campaign on “Sow Against GMOs”
3. Expose the designs of the governments in power in promoting seed and other farm input monopolies. Engage in policy level lobbying and advocacy through its national level alliances
4. Mobilize farmers around ‘saving native seeds’ as a way of resisting company seeds and associated chemical inputs necessitated by company seeds.
5. Facilitate the organization of Seed Saver groups into CSOs or People’s Movements that would support the campaign initiatives of Chethana and its national level alliance and also to enable the farming communities’ access to governmental subsidies and resources.
6. Facilitate the transformation of these “Seed Savers” “Small Farmer groups” into certified Organic Farm producers through “Participatory Guarantee System” and “Small Producer Companies (Small Entrepreneurs)
7. Create public awareness and opinion around the concerns of food security, nutrition security, food safety, bio-diversity conservation and GM foods and seeds.



8. Sanitary Napkin Project

It is the mission, duty and purpose of BIRDS - SHELTER to empower marginalized widows and abandoned women in rural Andhra Pradesh, India. BIRDS - SHELTER aims to achieve this goal through education, advocacy, and promotion of safe and secure employment for these at-risk women.

The Organization also seeks to raise awareness, both at home and abroad, around the issues facing widows and abandoned women in rural India. To raise awareness, BIRDS - SHELTER will provide information to the public on the discrimination and other social issues facing these women through its website and through fundraising events aiming to both spread awareness and raise funds for the development and maintenance of the SHELTER’s programs in Andhra Pradesh, India.



SHELTER is currently raising funds to sustain its sanitary napkin manufacturing project in Andhra Pradesh, India. BIRDS - SHELTER also

hosts “Widows Appreciation Day,” a bi-annual event where 100 widows are transported to the BIRDS campus in the Muthyalpadu village where they receive lunch, small gifts, and participate in activities to help combat grief and raise moral.

All about the Sanitary Napkin Project as worked done very well in 2016. Lakshmi Devi and Padmavathi groups has done the work challenge and prepared an about 2032 napkins in two months, they packed them with 6 napkins in each packet and sold them in Government girls hostels.

The machine has under gone some repair and we could not do the production there after. But we have provided other employment for widows in BIRDS FARM.

9. Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)

BIRDS is involved with rural community especially farmers, right from its formation in 1991. APWELL, APFaMGS, SPACC and GwG PRI AP Projects implemented with prime focus on water management, governanace, farming and its allied activities. Lot of hurdles being farmers comes across regarding

- Seed (Availability, Quality & Quantity)
- Manures & Fertilizers
- Plant protection measures
- Sufficient & Timely rains
- Water availability for irrigation
- Adverse climatic conditions

In spite of all these risks farmers obtaining the produce from fields, most of them losing crop due to lack of moisture which throwing them in to “ Distress “

Farmer Producer Organization is established with the intention of “Eliminating Distress among farming community “

In the project orientation workshop held in November 2015, FPOs are discussed at length and Information on the legal framework and processes for the formation of FPOs was shared with the participants.

BIRDS was selected to form first FPO as pilot, FPO is registered as “**Ahobila Rythu Uthpathidarula Sangham Producer Company Ltd**“ under Registrar of companies Act 2013 with Register number: “U01100AP2016PTC104170“

FPO established with the objective of making available the good quality inputs seed, manure, plant protection material, etc., at one place and see that farmers get good price for the produce.

- Establishment of Resource Center
- In pursuit of achieving the objectives of FPO, bakery is established



10. EFFORT- Water, Agriculture, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Project

BIRDS in partnership with EFFORT implementing WASH Project (Water, Agriculture, Sanitation & Hygiene Project) under CSR initiative, targeting 60,000 farmers covering Adoni Division of Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh covered 41 villages in 5 mandals with an overall goal of “Sensitize and capacitate 60,000 farmers on responsible usage of natural resources in the identified villages thereby the farmers will adopt and put into practice the equipped skills & knowledge for better understanding and awareness of the dwindling resources”.

BIRDS is a Monitoring agency in association with EFFORT has designed a survey to assess the overall impact of the project on the target population.

As a part of that, we conduct the “BASELINE” Survey, before EFFORT staff Organize trainings on WASH (Water, Agriculture, Sanitation and Hygiene). We conduct survey after the trainings called “POST TRAINING” survey. Which shows the behavioral change and practices of the farmers. After that all the data entered into the system for analysis and the results will be shared through PPTs and reports to EFFORT. We did the random survey in 1:4 ratio i.e., 1000 farmers from each block. From January 2016- December 2016 we surveyed total 2000 farmers in the operational area.



11. Well being out of Waste (WoW)

Implementation of WoW “Well being out of Waste” under Swacha Patashala namely “Donate old books support poor children” Project in 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh, among that the Kurnool District task was taken up by Bharathi Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS), as the partner.

This Project under Corporation Social Responsibility (CSR) by ITC, Hyderabad. It was started on September 2016 in a small way through the DEO Proceedings requesting to provide the details of stock points for donation handing over old books to the ITC for recycling purpose.

BIRDS – WoW Kurnool District, the below mentioned activities are the accomplishment that the WoW Project reached till December’ 2016. District Co-Ordinator will monitor the entire Clusters.

1. No. of Schools & Colleges covered – 445
2. No. of WoW Clubs formed – 934
3. No. of Volunteers enrolled – 1741
4. No. of Students covered – 122988
5. Stock available – 10 Tons (lifted), 12 Tons (to be lift)
6. Identified franchises – 15



12. Girls Advocacy Alliance Programme (GAA)

BIRDS have an opportunity to work on Girls issues of child marriage, child trafficking, promote secondary education and Job Oriented Vocational Training (JOVT) in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana through an initiative called 'Girls Advocacy Alliance Programme (GAP)' with the collaboration of Mahita and Plan International in Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool District) Telangana (Mahabnagar District) The programme will closely work with communities; CSOs, Governments and Private sector in bring the desired change for the sake of girl children.

About the Girls Advocacy Programme: The Girls Advocacy Alliance programme is global initiative of Plan International, Plan Netherlands, Terre Des Hommes, and Defence for Children ECPAT Netherlands. It is aimed at contributing towards Equal Rights and opportunities to girls and young women and inclusive economic growth in ten countries, spread across Asia and Africa region. The programme lays emphasis on the elimination of Violence against Girl and young women and their economic exclusion as policy priorities.

Girls Advocacy Alliance program was launched by Mahabubnagar District collector Shri. Ronald Rosegaru on 19th December, 2017 at Mahabubnagar. We have organized meeting with 4 district NGOs of Mahabubnagar region at Mahabubnagar. In connection to this programme we have conducted the Formation of NGOs/ network/ CSOs for at for programme entry meeting at District level. We have conducted the one Meeting at Kurnool with NGOs/CSOs Network at Kurnool with collaboration of Mahita and BIRDS in the Kurnool District.



13. APFaMGS and SPACC Projects

BIRDS implemented APFaMGS project in Andhrapradesh during 2003 – 2009 in the field areas of 9 PNGOs spread among 7 districts, namely Kurnool, Kadapa, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Prakasam, Nalgonda and Mahaboob Nagar. After the completion of the project also the concept of PHM and Crop Water Budgeting is continuing in the field areas of the entire partner NGOs of BIRDS. Major contribution in this regard is from HUN committees along with the NGOs support towards the analysis and documentation part.

Data of the static & pumping water levels, discharge, rain fall occurred, recharge calculated from secondary sources like tanks, Kuntas, Checkdams, farm ponds are collected in all the areas.

- PHM data and dissemination is being done in 463 wells that are presently functional
- Data classification and entry is ongoing
- Maintenance of PHM equipment is ongoing,

Groundwater Balance: During 2016 Crop Water Budgeting has been done in all the 52 HUNs across the 5 districts which benefitted farmers in deciding their cropping pattern and getting good yield

Strategic Pilot on Adaptation to Climate Change (SPACC) Project:

The development objective of the SPACC project is to strengthen the knowledge and capacities of communities to respond to climate variability and change impacts in pilot hydrological units (HUs) in seven drought-prone districts of Andhra Pradesh. The global environmental objective is to contribute to knowledge building and experiences in integrating climate change adaptation in sustainable land and water management in drought-prone areas. Through an innovative farmer driven grass-root level environmental action, which takes into account the effects of climate variability and change, the project will contribute to the rehabilitation and protection of critical ecosystems, and improved soil carbon sequestration while raising agricultural productivity.

The project will have three components

1. Information tools for decision making and local Institutional capacity development
2. Pilots on adaptation measures integrated into Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM) practices in farming systems in drought prone areas
3. Platform for scaling up climate change adaptation measures suitable for drought prone areas.

Parameters focused in SPACC Project are

- Minimum, Maximum Temperatures
- Dry, Wet Temperatures
- Rain fall
- Evaporation
- Sunshine hours
- Wind velocity
- Wind direction

After the completion of the SPACC Project, even today data related to the above mentioned parameters being recorded and useful to farmers while deciding their interpretations in the fields. IFAD Teams visited PCM stations at DIPA, CARVE and PARTNER PNGOs, interacted with volunteers and “Farmer Climate School “graduates.



14. BIRDS Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The BIRDS Organisation was registered under Societies Registration Act on 26th November 1991 and Inaugurated with a very humble way to work among the poor of the poorest, Dalit, women, Children and marginal farmers. So the year 2016 is a remarkable year in the history of BIRDS as it has completed its 25th year in serving the Communities. In this connection BIRDS management Committee has decided to celebrate this year as the Silver Jubilee Year of the BIRDS. It's also decided to celebrate this occasion from 26 – 28 November 2016 at BIRDS International Training Centre, Muthyalapadu, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh.

The well wishers and the family members of the BIRDS International, Rev. Dr. Barbara Campbell, Mr. Bill Cadington, Ms. Sue Mc Mahan, Mr. Sten Carison and Mr. Anders Carison from USA participated as the Special Guests for all these three days and shared their joy and participated enthusiastically in all the programmes.

Smt. V. Sreelatha, MPDO, Chagalamarri, and Local Serpanch of Muthyalapadu village Smt. Swapna participated in this great event all these three days.

Day 1: 26th November 2016 is allocated for the Celebration of the BIRDS Group of Institutions Annual Day.

Day 2: 27th November 2016 is allocated for the Farmers and Staff

Day 3: 28th November 2017 Closing Ceremony of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations



