


BRIEF ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society

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Introduction: BIRDS – Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society 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.

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.

Activities and Projects Implemented in 2018:

1. Core Program (DORIS (UPC), Dr. Ginny & Dr. George, Bill Shearer, Eleanor, Eva Petermeier)
 - a. Doris Hospital Community Health Centre, Muthyalapadu
 - b. Eleanor and Shearers Boarding Home
 - c. Community Health Programme
 - d. BIRDS Schools / Proposed Vocational Junior College
 - e. BIRDS Organic Farm and Training Center
2. CHETHANA Network Programme on traditional seeds saving and establishing seed banks (PHP-PCUSA / FRB).
3. Strengthening Prevention Prosecution and Protection services for children at Risk Supported by PLAN and HDF
4. YUVA SHAKTHI Social Accountability for Every Adolescent - UNICEF Project
5. Plan FICCI School Sanitation Project Chittoor District
6. Combating Child Domestic Labour - PLAN Japan, Srikakulam
7. SNP – SHELTER International – Health and Hygiene among the women and adult cent girls
8. EFFORT- Water, Agriculture, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Project
9. Girls Advocacy Alliance Programme (GAA)
10. FINN Sports Court Project at BIRDS School, Muthyalapadu village.
11. Hope Clinic – Community development through health (HOPE CHARITES)

List of Donors - 2018

Sl.No	Name of the Project	Donor
1.	YUVA SHAKTHI	UNICEF
2.	PLAN FICCI School Sanitation Project	FICCI -PLAN International
3.	CHETHANA	PHP PC USA and FRB USA
4.	SMPC	UPC-USA
5.	JOSIAH CDC	UPC-USA
6.	SAMPURNA CDC	UPC-USA
7.	SHELTER - SNP	Shelter International -Portland, USA
8.	HDF - PLAN -CAR	HDF - PLAN -CAR , Switzerland
9.	EVA Peter meier	EVA Peter meier, Germany
10.	Hope Charities	Hope Charities, Portland
11.	JNO/PLAN - Sreekakulam	Plan - Japan
12.	MAHITHA PLAN-GAA Program	Netherland

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

Rev Dr. Barbara Campbell from 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 other 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 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

BIRDS DORIS Community Health Center is the only hospital in this area which works round the clock with the support and care from Dr. George, Dr. Ginny Feldman, Dr. Christie, Mary Beth, Health Workers and others. People of the villages surrounding this hospital are very happy about the services by the hospital. The patients are increasing and that too new patients are coming after they have been advised by the people who received care and treatment here. "On behalf of community, executive body and staff of BIRDS we express our gratitude and thankfulness to Dr. Ginny Feldman, and Dr. George



Feldman & family for their love and affection with continued financial help since 2004 to 2018 and technical guidance to the Hospital. We also thank Mother Doris for her financial help to the Hospital running expenditure; similarly we thank Barbara Campbell, Barbara Whitmore, Hanna Blaney, Kathy kingsley many others including the BIRDS DORIS staff and Mrs. Sindhura, Dr. Ramakrishna Reddy for their efforts to make this hospital very much useful to the community"

1.1 Eleanor and Shearers Boarding Home

In the reporting year 2018 Eleanor and Shearers Boarding home is presently having 172 students and 5 wardens were taking care of them.

At present there are **172 students** in the boarding home

CLASS	LK G	UKG	GRADE - 1	GRADE - 2	GRADE - 3	GRADE - 4	GRADE - 5	GRADE - 6	GRADE - 7	GRAD E-8	GRAD E-9	GRAD E-10
BOYS	01	0	04	08	12	10	21	15	12	08	09	09
GIRLS	0	02	04	06	03	03	05	06	06	11	06	11
Total	01	02	8	14	15	13	26	21	18	19	15	20

Children Group photo with their wardens.





1.3 Community Health Programme

BIRDS community Health program carried out regular monthly meetings on health condition of the child and pregnant women, delivery women, Immunization, Seasonal diseases and personal Hygiene. 35 community health workers covered 58 villages in 4 clusters of Allagadda, Chagalamarri, Muthyalapadu and Rudravaram. 3 supervisors Coordinate's this program. Community Health Workers have been trained in their regular monthly meeting on the health issues. The Community Health Workers are having good relation with the villagers referring patients to the BIRDS DORIS Hospital and Shanthi Ram Multi Super Special Hospital Nandyal. Enrolling the pregnant women from time to time giving awareness on health with village ANM's and with Integrated Child Development Scheme workers are caring on children immunization.

Awareness on the health and Nutrition food regular meetings conducted with entertainment programs. In addition to this work 35 CHW has taken steps in improving the knowledge in health education and clean and Green. On December 8th we conducted World Widow's Day on occasional Dr Hanna Birthday on 8th December 2018, celebrated at Muthyalapadu. In this program we have distributed Blankets and Sarees for rural 102 widows. One day free health awareness program has been contented a BIRDS High School children at Muthyalapadu.

Community Health Report - 2018

S. No	Name of the Cluster	No. of Meet ings	ANM visits	Im mu niza tion	No. of Preg nant	Patients Referred to Hospital	Major Operat ions	Cataract Operati ons	BMI	TB	AIDS /HIV	Malaria
1	Muthyalapadu	16	44	80	54	152	56	41	20	18	4	10
2	Rudravaram	18	32	43	150	282	62	71	42	32	6	15
3	Allagadda	14	43	122	110	200	39	52	30	25	4	16
4	Chagalamarri	11	26	51	23	140	40	46	41	14	2	17





1.4 BIRDS Schools

Brief report of BIRDS SCHOOL for the year 2018, year started with a big celebrations, all the students were very happy about another new year, in this year we have got 100% result in the public examinations, and also we got more than 112 new admissions in school, School People Leader (SPL) elections were conducted students have elected their leader through voting and with all other activities we have successfully completed this year.

69th Republic Day



National Science day



Independence Day



Teachers Day



A very memorable day for all the staff and students of BIRDS school, was on 30th April public examinations results were announced from our school 25 students were appeared and 25 were passed in the examination and scored very good grades.

SSC - Toppers -

1. MUDIMELA MANASA, GPA: 9.5
2. MANJULA HARI BABU, GPA: 9.5
3. KANALA KUMAR ESWAR, GPA: 9.5
4. YAGGONI NANDINI, GPA: 9.3

Subject teachers of 10th class with toppers





1.5 BIRDS Farm at Muthayalapadu

Crops: during the year 2018, organic farming has given very good yields which are completely using for children boarding homes and training centre. In this year less rain fall so that the crop is very low.

We are very happy to announce that the farming has given very good yields which are completely used for dining hall. Redgram-2000Kg, Foxtail-1700kg, Black gram-500kg, sorghum-500kg, Tomato-375kg, Ladies Finger-210kg, Brimjal-220kg, Green chilly-54kg, Cluster Beans-180kg, Spinach74Bunches, Sour Spinach-400Bunches and Coriander-52Bunches.

Animals for Domestic:

We have water buffalos are 18, young Buffalos 03, Calf 03 and Ox are 02. These ox are used for cultivation. Livestock's has given 2687 letters of Milk throughout the year. They are completely used for milk for children every morning, curd and buttermilk to the Boarding children in the noon and night.

Vermi Compost:

We are produced 3010 kgs from vermin compost in the year of 2018 and utilized to agricultural and gardening. We are encouraged fertilizers.

2. Strengthening Prevention Prosecution

and Protection services for children at Risk – Supported by PLAN and HDF

This project is called Strengthening, prevention, Protection and prosecution of the children at risk. With the funding from Human Dignity Foundation and with Plan International in India Chapter, this project is being implemented in two states in three districts. 1. Kurnool, and 2. Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh and 3. Mahabubnagar of Telalngana. By the end of the project tenure 5th year we had worked in four districts as Mahabubnagar was re-organized 1. Mahabubnagar, 2. Wanaparthi, 3. Nagar Kurnool and 4. Gadwal.

This is five year project with excellent driven goals scheduled for five years. This was inaugurated on from June 2013 and served in the three districts till 2018 July. We have worked 160 hotspots or communities in each district during these five years. In this Project we have been working with three Categories. Direct Beneficiaries (Children) and Indirect Beneficiaries (Duty Bearers, and Community Members) and Special Category (Out of School Children). The Direct Beneficiary are children who are given improved protection, Prevention and Prosecution Services. Children will be rescued into two ways Hard Rescue- Children who were rescued by Police, labour, Child Line, ICPS, NGOs and CSOs, (the partners who participate in the rescue of the children is called the task force.



2. Soft Rescue- through Counselling the parents or Kith and Kin. The Tasks force follow a set of Protocols laid down for the rescue, Repatriation and Rehabilitation.

For this current year 2017-2018 in the older communities and no new communities in the fifth year. Hence BIRDS Rescued Boys 100 and 95 Girls under Child labour and 252

బర్డ్స్ సంస్థ ఆధ్వర్యంలో బాలల హక్కుల వారోత్సవాలు

వనపర్తి రూరల్ : దేశంలో ఏ ప్రాంతంలోనైనా బాలల హక్కులను హరించే హక్కు ఎవరికీ లేదని జీసీడీపీవో అధికారి వసంతలక్ష్మి అన్నారు. మండల కేంద్రంలోని మర్రికుంట గ్రామ శివారులోని కస్తూర్బా బాలికల విద్యాలయంలో శుక్రవారం ఏర్పాటు చేసిన బాలల హక్కులపై విద్యార్థులకు అవగాహన కార్యక్రమాన్ని భారతి సమగ్ర గ్రామీణ అభివృద్ధి సంస్థ వారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా జీసీడీపీవో అధికారి వసంతలక్ష్మితో పాటు జిల్లా బాలల పరిరక్షణ అధికారి రాములు నాయక్, సంస్థ కోఆర్డినేటర్ లక్ష్మణ్, పాఠశాల ఎస్ఎం లోహి



సమావేశంలో మాట్లాడుతున్న అధికారులు

తలు పాల్గొన్నారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా వారు మాట్లాడుతూ పిల్లలు చదువుకు దూరంగా ఉండకూడూ చూడాల్సిన బాధ్యత మనందరి మీద ఉందని అన్నారు. బడి బయటి వుండే పిల్లలందరికీ చదువు చెప్పించాలని ప్రభుత్వం అనేక సౌకర్యాలను కల్పిస్తుందని అన్నారు. ఆరు సంవత్సరాల నుంచి 14 సంవత్సరాల వరకు పిల్లలు చదువుకోవాలని వారు అన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో డీకె పీసీ నయ్యామెడ్డిన్, ఉపాధ్యాయ బృందం సునీత, విమల, పద్మావతి, మహేంద్ర, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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3. UNICEF Project-YUVA SHAKTHI

Social Accountability for Every Adolescent

BIRDS – UNICEF Project, Yuva Shakthi Social Accountability for Every Adolescent programme was started on 19 April 2017 at Mahabubnagar along with 4 District Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Jogulamba and Wanaparthy in Telangana state in 650 villages. Administrations and Partner NGOs are Shramika Vikasa Kendram, Society of HELP, Indhira Priyadharshini Women Welfare Society, ECO CLUB, TOUCH, CONARE, AMMA women welfare Society and DIVYA DISHA. The programme seeks to engage adolescents (10-19 years) in order to increase their control over decisions affecting their health, education, work, marriage and to promote their civic engagement in their communities and in society.

The project goal is to engage adolescents so as to increase their control over decisions affecting their health, education, work, marriage and to promote their civic engagement in their communities and in society

Lot of activities initiated part of the Yuvashakthi project to increase adolescents participation and to promotion of health, Nutrition and education etc. of various aspects.

Organized the strengthening of **Village Level Child Protection Committees - VCPCs members** (15 committee members) at Mandal level in 72 Mandals. The Mandal Level



Committee Members participated in this meeting and sensitized the VCPCs on their role in villages.

The Following members attended and discussed the adolescent needs and issues in committee meeting for resolve in villages.

District	No. of Mandals	No. of Villages	No. of Committee members sensitized		
			Men	Women	Total
Mahabubnagar	26	236	1601	1949	3550
Nagarkurnool	20	180	995	1695	2690
Wanaparthy	14	126	800	1110	1910
Jogulamba Gadwal	12	108	760	850	1610
Total	72	650	4156	5604	9760

Adolescent Federation Members (AFM) training



Released 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th editions of Adolescent Quarterly Magazines in 4 districts.



Adolescent Melas organized in 4 districts on the occasion of World Children Day celebrations to share their views and opinions among the peer groups of other villages.



Mahabubnagar District



Nagarkurnool District



Wanaparthy District



JogulambaGadwal District

Helpline Call & Counseling centre:

Inaugurated by District Collector, Mahabubnagar and functioning with toll free number **1800 425 0144** at AFC office, Mahabubnagar for utilizing of adolescents of 4 districts.

4. PLAN FICCI School Sanitation Project

Chittoor District (January 2018 to April 2018)

BIRDS-PLAN, FICCI supported School Sanitation project was started its operations in the month of March'2017 in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. The focus of the project is improving WASH facilities in 200 Government Schools (Primary, Middle and High Schools) covering 28 Mandals in Chittoor District. The school WASH project is basically a BCC project which includes activities for children, Strengthening of School Management Committees, Orientation to Teachers, Hygiene promotion activities and involvement of all related stakeholders in maintenance of WASH facilities in schools.

In all, 22 Field Coordinators, one Project Coordinator and administration staff were recruited during the last year to coordinate and implement the project activities. This Annual report documents the physical progress in the period January 2018 to April 2018. The progress in this reporting period is the continuation of the previous year's



report. The Activities which were mentioned in the previous report were completed during this year. The new activities which were conducted during the reporting period are.

Activities

- IEC MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT
- DISTRIBUTION OF IEC MATERIAL
- ESSAY WRITING COMPETITIONS
- ORIENTATION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS & HM'S ON HEALTH AND HYGIENE
- TRAINING OF SMC & TEACHERS
- WALL WRITINGS/PAINTINGS
- SPECIAL POSTER MAKING COMPETITION
- CHILDREN ACTIVITY FOLLOW UP PROGRAMME
- PRIZES DISTRIBUTION
- SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (WASH) PLAN
- SWATCH PURASKAR EVENT
- DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT SWATCH VIDHYALAYA:
- FINAL STAFF REVIEW MEETING.
- FINAL EVALUATION

The Important Table of Analysis.

Activity	Planned	Completed	% Completed
Agreements of WASH in Schools	200	200	100%
Develop and print IEC on Health & Hygiene	200	200	100%
Orientation of school teachers and headmasters on health and hygiene	200	200	100%
Training of SMC and teachers on Menstrual hygiene, Hand washing, safe sanitation practices	200	168	84%
Orientation on 6 WASH Modules and strengthening of WASH committees in 200 schools	200	200	100%
Increase awareness through wall writing/painting	200	200	100%
Awareness through activities for children-poster making essay writing competition	200	200	100%
Awareness through activities for children – essay writing competition	200	200	100%
Preparation of School Development plan based on Baseline findings	200	200	100%



5. Combating Child Domestic Labour

PLAN Japan Srikakulam

Plan India in collaboration with its partner organisations has been implementing a child labour project titled “Combating Child Domestic Labour” in most vulnerable. The project has been operational from Oct 2016 BIRDS Plan India in Srikakulam District. With the support of Plan Japan. The project aims to address the root causes of worst forms of child labour through educational rehabilitation of children and economic empowerment of families of children. Thus, the project goal is to prevent, protect, rescue and rehabilitate the children below 14 years of age from child domestic labour in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh by strengthening a strong community based child protection mechanisms, through educational rehabilitation of children and economic empowerment of children’s families.

Project activities

1. Awareness raising sessions to children in the communities on the worst forms of child labour
2. Assist children (rescued and prevented from worst forms of labour) with basic educational support
3. Establish child forums at the community level [composed of children vulnerable to and rescued from worst forms of labour and children from general community as well]
4. Training on roles and responsibilities to Child Forum
5. Training on roles and responsibilities to Child Protection Committee
6. Training on child rights & RTE Act, Laws and Policies relevant to prevention of child labour & other development schemes to Child Forum
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Graduation of Child Forum - Staff Training followed by gradation (Printing of formats) Implementation
8. Trainings to startup grant support beneficiaries on 'Book keeping' and 'Market Linkages'
9. Child forums in monitoring and reporting of incidents the incidents of child labour or vulnerability to child protection committees/DCPU
10. Community level child protection committees in monitoring and reporting of incidents of child labour or vulnerable to child labour to child protection committees/DCPU (Follow up meeting)



11. Conduct convergence meetings between child forums and child protection committees to discuss children issues and possible solutions
12. Conduct focus group discussions among child forums [children rescued/prevented from worst forms of child labour] to identify issues for advocacy
13. Conduct focus group discussions with community members to identify issues for advocacy
14. Travel cost towards availing counseling support to children rescued from labour and their families
15. Livelihood Support (Start-up Grant CL & VTL)
16. Awareness creation sessions to community members on the worst form of child labour
17. Establish child protection committees (CPCs) and their capacity building in coordination with DCPU
18. Conduct child labour rescue operations
19. CF meetings
20. CPC meetings
21. Vulnerability mapping
22. Follow up of Tuition Centres
23. International Girl Child Day Celebrations
24. Child rights week
25. Organize interface meetings with duty bearers from all relevant departments (project context) and child rights NGOs to review children situation and prepare plan of action to address them and enforce relevant laws at least once in 6 months:



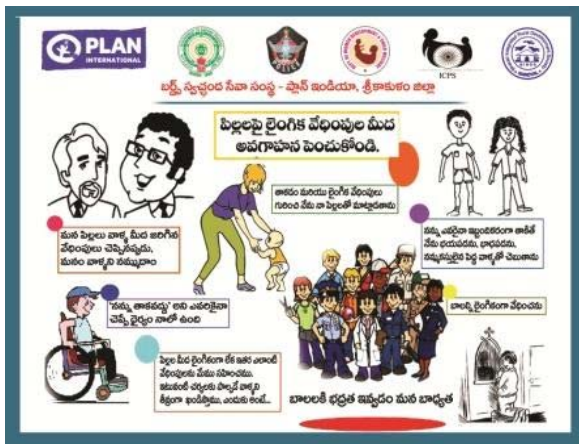


Trainings

1. Conduct special teaching and learning sessions to children who were out of school and vulnerable to worst forms of labour and prepare their enrolment into regular school
2. Training for children from the project to develop child led IEC material on prevention of domestic child labour and other child labour issues and use the same for sensitization and advocacy at the district level.
3. Capacity Building of Staff on Child Labour Free Village, Children's Social Audit, child Rights legislations and project implementation process
4. Training conducted to all livelihood benefices on book keeping and converge with MEPMA for government linkage. MEPMA people explained their activities and agreed to give support to our tailoring unit beneficiaries.
5. Conduct trainings programs to government officials from labour, police, judiciary, women and child development and education departments on policies and laws regarding child labour; protocols on rescue, prevention, repatriation, rehabilitation and prosecution of children from worst forms of child labour:

Work shops

1. Meetings with officials from police, judiciary and members of CWC on worst forms of child labour, filing of cases against the employers and releasing press statements:
2. District level workshop with all district officials for child labour free village concept
3. Developed IEC Material with Remaining Balance of Budget 2017-2018
4. Convergence with District Legal Services – Established BIRDS Stall on Plan activities:



IEC Material



With Government Departments



6. CHETHANA Network Programme on

Promoting Sustainable Farming through Conservation and Regeneration of Native Seed for Food Security in South India.

CHETHANA Network is working with 10 likeminded NGO partners in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu districts. This year 2 new partners were added who are working with tribal communities, VIKASA <http://www.vikasaindia.in/> and CHDP <https://www.facebook.com/pg/chdp1983/about/>

First phase of FRB 2015 - 2018

Successfully achieved all targets in FRB program: 36 (actually *planned for 30 only*) Small Farmer Groups (SFGs) with 469 members were organized and are fully functional Bought 1,281 acres under organic agriculture within program years (2015 to 2018). It also allowed reviving about 150 food crop varieties, and farmers started saving and sharing seeds among themselves. During the first phase, one Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) was registered in state of Andhra Pradesh.

Second phase of FRB 2018 - 2020

Budget approvals and release of grant was received in August 2018. Survey and identification of farmers and formation of small farmer groups completed and orientation and trainings as per the plan were also implemented. Trainings around sustainable agriculture and safe food were organized.

New initiative to strengthen the FPO, to promote millets, to establish market linkages. Millet Processing unit is being established with Ahobilah FPO which can benefit chethana farmers and also other neighboring farmers who wish to take the path of organic agriculture following chethana farmers.

Under PHP

1. Campaign on Resistance to GMO field trials and crops was held at all 10 NGO partners.
2. Celebration of World Consumers Rights Day by spreading awareness on safe food production
3. Campaign for reviving millet-based biodiversity farming in villages in the arid, semi-arid and hilly regions of Chethana. This helped to document many traditional varieties of food crops
4. Opposing GMOs: Sharpen the focus on further democratization of the debate bringing citizens into the ambit of thinking, arguing and fighting unjust and



opaque policies of the government in the GE arena. Created lot of thinking and debate in general public about GMOs

- 5. World environment and world food were celebrated with UN themes: reject plastic if it cannot be reused and world with zero hunger respectively.



- 6. Discussions with students, women groups, health personnel etc., were organized on health and food safety

- 7. Three workshops were held in 3 districts namely Prakasham, Ananthapuram and Tirupur with focus on non-chemical agriculture leading to food safety

- 8. Core team meeting was held on April 20, 2018 at BIRDS Office, Hyderabad Telangana India.

Others:

- 1. Participation in Dialogue on Millets, Monsoon and Market April 15-17, 2018 Venue: MSSRF, Chennai Tamil Nadu

- 2. Participation in Bergen Summer Research School, Bergen University , Norway

- 3. Participation in Aliging food systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition 11 - 13 November 2018 National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad Telangana - India



- 4. Participation in Indigenous peoples' food exhibition, 11 - 13 November 2018 National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad Telangana - India.

- 5. Working towards Nutritional Security in India November 21, 2018 Millet farmers innovate to revive millet eating habits by Salome Yesudas Chethana, Joining Hands India.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/together-justice/2018/11/21/working-towards-nutritional-security-in-india/>

- 6. Seeds of Life : article about chethana work by Valery Nodem Associate for International Hunger Concerns Presbyterian Hunger Program

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resources/tags/sustainable-development-goals/>

7. Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)

AHOBILA RYTHU UTHPATHIDARULA SANGAM PRODUCER COMPANY LTD.

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Ahobila Rythu Uthpathidarula Sangam Producer Company Ltd is a farmer institution registered under company act 2013 headquarters at Survey no 307, Muthyalapadu Village Chagalamarri Mandal Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh. This farmer institution registered in the year of 2016 with the support of Bharathi Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS) under FAO project called "Ground Water Governance through Panchayat Raj Institutions-GwGPRI". As the supporting organization .i.e. BIRDS has been working with the farmers since its inception and created massive positive impact at community lead activities. And these many years of experience with farmers resulted in forming an FPO which could be better solution to address few major concerns of farming in near future. Ahobila FPO has been performing well better than the anticipated thinking while forming. Now FPO has 700 farmer members as shareholders and mobilised Rs 7 lakhs as share capital from farmers across ten villages in Chagalamarri and Allagadda Mandals of Kurnool District. It has been linked with National Seeds Corporation Ltd for jute and black gram seed production program, Kharif-2017, benefitted 50 farmers with directing marketing facilitation. Directing marketing facilitation done by even in Maize during Rabi 2017 benefitted 20 farmers. Through direct market linkages with institutions like NSCL and other private organizations, proved farmers income raised up to 25% as compared with marketing their produce under normal conditions. Ahobila FPO posses all kinds of licenses like Seed, fertilizer, pesticide and marketing licences as like any new FPO should possess which is decided work in Agriculture sector. It owns an input shop and supplied inputs to its farmer members at very minimal margins in coordination with IFFCO and AP MAKFED, total farmers benefitted are 120. It has been obeying the legalities of being an FPO, it files GST everything month, conducts BoD meeting once in every month in a calendar year, filed ROC. FPO has progressed a lot during last two years in terms of collective demand and supply ,market linkages and it happens to do all these activities in very minimal time of establishment of an FPO just due to an active involvement and commitment of BoDs, farmer members and its supporting organization extensive commitment. Farmer members in the FPO are well aware of the concept of the FPO and accepted and supported in all activities under taken by FPO. Even Board of Directors worked hard to implement in each and every FPO activity. FPO Chairman Mr.G. V. Konda Reddy and Director T. Pullaiah are showing an extensive commitment in sustaining the FPO further.

8. Sanitary Napkin Project (SNP)

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.

Project Purpose and Goals:

The goal of the Sanitary Napkin Project (SNP) is to provide a safe and respectful workplace for widows in a social business that will benefit women and girls in the area by providing them with affordable sanitary napkins.

BIRDS with the help of SHELTER International started Sanitary Napkin Project on 26th July 2014 at Mythayalapadu campus.

Current Activities:

During the reporting year, all about the Sanitary Napkin Project as worked done very well in 2018. BIRDS SNP manufacturing high quality handmade sanitary napkins, models like - super soft ultrathin, medium size ultrathin, adult pads, cotton pads. Now BIRDS SNP is also started to supply of sanitary napkin raw materials to AP and Telangana to who are some of SHG group related SNP's.

During the year manufactured 5950 packets Napkins and 2677 packets sold 397 packets distribute free of cost in BIRDS Schools and some sample distribute in Mahabubnagar. Revenue of Rs. 53,440/- from napkins are with us and we are using that money for maintenance of machine, transportation of material and marketing expenses.

BIRDS SNP team given 4 sanitation napkin making training in Visakhapatnam team 20 member as 2 teams in 4 days; Chodavaram 1 team in 3 days and Gudivada 1 team in 3 days.



9. Girls Advocacy Alliance Programme (GAA)

We 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 dist.) Telangana (Gadwal dist.) The programme will closely work with communities; CSOs, Governments and Private sector in bring the desired change for the sake of girl children.

Goal of the GAA: Equal Rights and opportunities for Girls and young women in Andhra Pradesh and Telaganna states of India.

We BIRDS organization Put hand in hand to develop Girls in each and every part of their Life By conducting GAA programme In the selected areas Kurnool and Gadwal Districts. It was really great experience for our team to guide, Inspire, encourage girls and being good mentor to them in all aspects.

Progress 2018

1. We have organized the Capacity Building of Religious Leaders, Traditional and Caste Leaders on Compulsory Marriages Registration Act at District Level (Kurnool and Gadwal).
2. We have conducted the District Level Youth Consultation Meeting at Kurnool and Gadwal Project area.
3. We have conducted the World Day against Trafficking in Person
4. We have organized the Mass Mobile Campaign on the Child Marriages Prevention act and trafficking through Kalajatha and IEC Material Distribution to the Community in the Field.



10. Hope Clinic-Community Development Through Health (HOPE CHARITES)

The Women Center running with the following staff, Manager Mrs. Lali Gopal Nair, Sewing teachers Mrs. Suma Balan, Mrs. Mini Somaraj, Guard and sweeper Mr. Rajesh.

In this Tailoring center readymade materials and shopping bags are stitched and coaching for students under the guidance of two teachers Mrs. Suma Balan and Mrs. Mini Somaraj they are busily engaged. This center provides jobs income and training for about 12 families (7 workers and 4 students) who could support their families.

Ladies got the income from Women Centre: Rs.2,69,800.00



11. FINN Sports Court Project

at BIRDS School, Muthyalapadu village

During the year we have almost 85% of the work done by end of December 2018, on construction of sports court at BIRDS training center for the purpose to use by the children at BIRDS, a special gift was offered by Sten Carlson and his family and friends in around Albany (OR).

This will be done completely by January 2018 and will be ready for inauguration in February or late January 2018.



11. Follow-up Projects

Andhra Pradesh Farmers Managed Ground Water System (APFaMGS) Project

BIRDS implemented APFaMGS Project in Andhra Pradesh 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.

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

BIRDS implemented SPACC Project in Andhra Pradesh and during Dec 2010 – June 2014 in the field areas of 9 PNGOs spread among 7 districts, namely Kurnool, Kadapa, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Prakasam, Nalgonda and Mahaboob Nagar. 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.

Groundwater Governance through Panchayat Raj Institutions in Andhra Pradesh (GwGPRI-AP)

BIRDS implemented GwGPRI Project in Andhra Pradesh and during Oct 2015 – Dec 2016 in the field areas of 7 PNGOs spread among 5 districts, namely Kurnool, Kadapa, Ananthapur, Chittoor and Prakasam. The pilot project's duration is one year. The project has three major components. The first focuses on revitalizing the GMCs and HUNs formed under APFAMGS in 518 villages of the five districts. It is expected that the pilot initiative will develop a model for upscaling the project to cover all areas in these five districts.

43 Govt. officials and 184 farmers are visited APFAMGS, SPACC and GwGPRI-AP Projects BIRDS operational area



