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About Sree Ganga Rural Development Society (SGRDS)

Sree Ganga Rural Development Society (SGRDS) is a Voluntary organization was established in the year 2000 with a high level of commitment and experience by young professionals in the health, education and social development sectors.

SGRDS has been actively working in the areas of, Awareness camps on Seasonal Hostels, ATMA Millets, Capacity Building Centers, Integrated Skill Development Scheme, NCLP Special Training Centers, Environment Awareness programs Community Health, Women Empowerment, Skill-based and Vocational Training, Income Generation Programmes, etc., for the past 28 years in various rural pockets of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh.

VISION

We envision a democratic society in which people coexist in mutual harmony cutting across lines of gender, caste, creed, colour, and religion and enjoy equal access to rights and development.

MISSION

We strive to empower downtrodden and underprivileged sections of society and provide them with the resources, opportunities, and skills that are necessary to compete with the mainstream.

CORE VALUES

We are strongly committed to the cause of human and social development and subscribe to the values of empowerment, integrity, trust, transparency, dignity, equity, teamwork, social participation, non –violence, and humanity.

OBJECTIVES

- Uphold the rights of women and children.
- Eradicate poverty through education and skill development initiatives.
- Link the poor and the needy to governmental social security and welfare schemes
- Promote healthy living by minimizing the incidence of Communicable and non-communicable and other diseases.
- Environmental awareness and education.

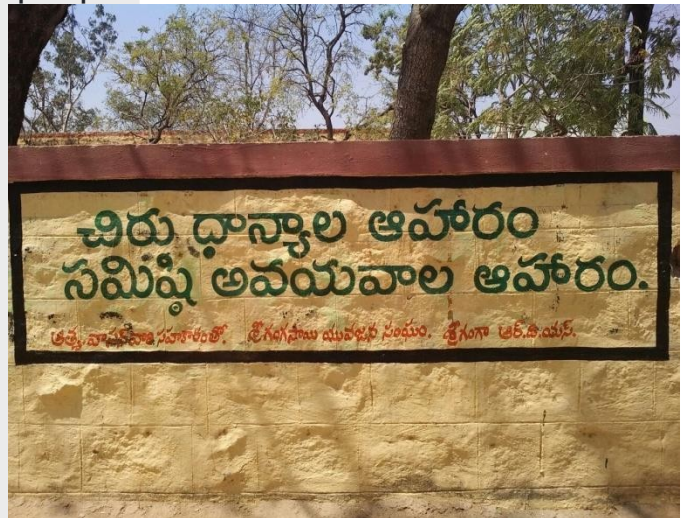
ATMA MILLETS PROGRAMME
SUPPORTED BY AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To revive cost-effective and hassle-free millet cultivation across Chennakothapalli of Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh. 482 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme. We SGRDS under ATMA (Agriculture Technology Management Agency) has been encouraging tribals to improve food and nutritional security. The tribals were informed about the inclusion of millets in the Public Distribution System

and mid-day meal scheme, promotion of millet cropping system among the farming community, and challenges involved in producing and marketing the coarse grains.

The objective is to promote millet food tradition across all levels and help people drive home the message of long-term benefits of including power-packed millets in the diet". "There is a need for a paradigm shift in agriculture and food consumption to arrest malnutrition. Millets like finger millet (ragi), foxtail millet (korra), and little millet (saama) are rich in minerals, proteins, fibre, and vitamins, and play a role in boosting our immune system and can replace rice and wheat in our diet."

The project aims to increase productivity, household consumption, value-addition by making ragi biscuits, idli and dosas, marketing support, setting up of processing centres and establishing Mana VittanaKendras (seed production centres). the farmers were being educated on consumption patterns particularly among women as part of nutrition security and promotion of Ragi in SRI (system of rice intensification) method. With the distribution of rice free of cost under the Public Distribution System and drudgery in processing, storage, marketing and lack of minimum support price, most of the farmers preferred to shift to commercial crops like cashew, coffee and sugarcane. In this scenario, ATMA and KrishiVigyanKendras becoming active agents of change in rural areas. Millet crops like ragi, korra, sama and gantelu used to be staple crops in earlier days as part of the food and nutrition security of the tribal people.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This programme was organized at Malyavantham of Bathalapalli Mandal of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 62 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme. In continuation to our programme conducted in the previous years, this year also we have conducted education programme for the benefit of illiterate adults in the villages, who could not acquire literacy during their childhood. Using specially designed educational aids we have tried to impart literacy to these adults, which proved to be helpful and effective. We have achieved the target of teaching reading and learning to 100 adults this year also.

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Due to heavy drought prone in Andhra Pradesh since 10 years the farmers faced extraordinary conditions in their lives without proper crops and timely rains. The farmers in this state around in hundreds committed suicide and thrown their family and dependents on roads. Nobody was there to look after them for their survival. In view of this our organization was conducted awareness camps to farmers on low investment crops and use of bio fertilizers and pesticides with low cost. awareness camps on Environment protection have been conducted in villages of Anantapur district and plantation of trees in Govt. waste land was also encouraged in villages. Necessary plants were distributed to villagers who came forward to plant the trees and to take care. This programme was organized at Kothacheruvu of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 185 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.





AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME

This is an activity continuing for the past few years. This has been taken up and continued to generate awareness among the communities about AIDS and its horrible effects on the human race. The organization has conducted awareness camps, with the help of visual aids, so that the intensity of the problem can be felt by the people. More emphasis and efforts were put to educate the youth, the Lorry Drivers, and Truck Drivers. Separate programmes have been organized for youth and village community to give awareness about AIDS. Camps have also been organized on the road sides to educate the lorry and truck drivers, and the organization has distributed condoms to them. This programme was organized at Bathalapalli of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 286 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

AWARENESS FORMATION OF SHG'S:

Self-help group consists of 10-15 members who are poor having low capacity and is like minded. They save small amounts of money regularly. The savings of the group are pooled during meetings and given out as loan to needy members on nominal interest of 3%. This programme was organized at Dharmavaram of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 985 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



COMPUTER TRAINING FOR MINORITIES:

Last year the organization has started computer training programmes for the benefit of the village children. This year, we have taken up this activity, exclusively, for girls. A total of 125 Minorities girls, who are studying in X and Intermediate have been trained and given certificates. This programme was organized at Guntakal of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 125 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



CULTURAL PROGRAMME:

Cultural programmes are very effective in bringing awareness in the rural context. Therefore, the organization has taken up these programme wherein themes of various social aspects, such as, dowry problem AIDS, child labour etc., were enacted in the form of mono actions, dramas, or group dances, solo songs. These shows will attract the attention of majority of the villagers and allow them to give a thought about them.

This programme was organized at Medapuram of Chennakothapalli Mandal of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 100 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



SHELTER HOME

People residing at a bus stops at Anantapur District. These people are been on the streets ever since, trying to find a way back to their home. Some people uses trolleys to move from one place to another, which also doubles up as a headrest he sleeps on.

Apart from the mobility issue, some people had speech impairment. We have run shelter homes for these people who are between ages 18 and 60 for persons with disabilities also. This programme was organized at Anantapur of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 42 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

In the present scenario management and distribution of water has become centralized. People depend on government system, which has resulted in disruption of community participation in water management and collapse of traditional water harvesting system.

As the water crisis continues to become severe, there is a dire need of reform in water management system and revival of traditional systems. Scientific and technological studies need to be carried out to assess present status so as to suggest suitable mitigate measures for the revival to traditional system/wisdom. Revival process should necessarily be backed by people's initiative and active public participation. Living creatures of the universe are made of five basic elements, viz., Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Sky, Obviously, water is one of the most important elements and no creature can survive without it. Despite having a great regard for water, we seem to have failed to address this sector seriously. Human being could not save and conserve water and it sources, probably because of its availability in abundance. But this irresponsible attitude resulted in deterioration of water bodies with respect to quantity and quality both. Now, situation has arrived when even a single drop of water matters. However, "better late than never", we have realized the seriousness of this issue and initiated efforts to overcome those problems.

The organization conducted programme on utilization of rain water, need of check dams, tank development, and farm ponds, given awareness on these by the audio visual aids. Community irrigation groups, water user groups are participated in this programme. The organization suggested to these groups to improve the

participation of the public in this programme. People recognized importance to participate in this water management by this programme conducted by this organization. This programme was organized at Gooty of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 125 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



EYE CAMPS

This year also the organization, has conducted eye camps in villages, where the services of eye specialists from the towns have been utilized. The doctors have conducted free eye camps and 20 cases have been referred for cataract operation, and the organization has arranged for the same to these patients at its own cost. For others, who have been prescribed with eye-glasses, the organization has supplied them. Where, the doctors have prescribed with medicines, they were supplied with free medicines. This programme was organized at Bathalapalli of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 48 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



ST FIRST AID AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

First Aid and CPR training for staff and students of Andhra Pradesh schools was conducted at Anantapur District by our NGO. The program scheduled covered all the aspects of first Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. This programme was organized at Ramapuram of Bathalapalli Mandal of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 45 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



RIGHT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED WOMEN (DAW)

An awareness programme was organized at Kothacheruvu of Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh. 87 members were participated in this programme. The awareness on following rights were given to the participants. Under the Constitution the disabled have been guaranteed the following fundamental rights:

1. The Constitution secures to the citizens including the disabled, a right of justice, liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship, equality of status and of opportunity and for the promotion of fraternity.
2. Article 15(1) enjoins on the Government not to discriminate against any citizen of India (including disabled) on the ground of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
3. Article 15 (2) States that no citizen (including the disabled) shall be subjected to any disability, liability, restriction or condition on any of the above grounds in the matter of their access to shops, public restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment or in the use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of government funds or dedicated to the use of the general public. Women and children and those belonging to any socially and educationally backward classes or the Scheduled Castes & Tribes can be given the benefit of special laws or special provisions made by the State.
4. There shall be equality of opportunity for all citizens (including the disabled) in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office under the State.
5. No person including the disabled irrespective of his belonging can be treated as an untouchable. It would be an offence punishable in accordance with law as provided by Article 17 of the Constitution.
6. Every person including the disabled has his life and liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.
7. There can be no traffic in human beings (including the disabled), and beggar and other forms of forced labour is prohibited and the same is made punishable in accordance with law (Article 23).
8. Article 24 prohibits employment of children (including the disabled) below the age of 14 years to work in any factory or mine or to be engaged in any other hazardous employment. Even a private contractor acting for the Government cannot engage children below 14 years of age in such employment.
9. Article 25 guarantees to every citizen (including the disabled) the right to freedom of religion. Every disabled person (like the non-disabled) has the freedom of conscience to practice and propagate his religion subject to proper order, morality and health.
10. No disabled person can be compelled to pay any taxes for the promotion and maintenance of any particular religion or religious group.
11. No Disabled person will be deprived of the right to the language, script or culture which he has or to which he belongs.

12. Every disabled person can move the Supreme Court of India to enforce his fundamental rights and the rights to move the Supreme Court is itself guaranteed by Article 32.
13. No disabled person owning property (like the non-disabled) can be deprived of his property except by authority of law though right to property is not a fundamental right. Any unauthorized deprivation of property can be challenged by suit and for relief by way of damages.
14. Every disabled person (like the non-disabled) on attainment of 18 years of age becomes eligible for inclusion of his name in the general electoral roll for the territorial constituency to which he belongs.

SURVEY PROGRAMME

A child labour survey was conducted at Anantapur district. The aggregated and raw data of each survey was computerized and maintained. children identified those in the age group 5-8 years were mainstreamed directly to formal educational system through the SSA. Working children in the age group of 9- 14 years were sent to NCLPs to be rehabilitated through NCLP schools established by the National Child Labour Project. This programme was organized at Bathalapalli of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 152 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAMME

This programme has taken up with the intention to grown plants to restore greenery on the planet and thereby stop the process of degradation of healthy ecological situation. We have taken up plantation around barren hillocks, barren lands, in the porumbok lands. The communities and the school children have been involved in this programme and the plants were procured from Social Forestry Department. This programme was organized at Kadiri of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 245 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



FOOD PROCESSING PROGRAMME

Training was given to SHG women on food processing (Bakery items and preparation of spice powders) to enable them to stand on their legs with regular income source with available resource materials. 30 SHG women benefited from this training. This programme was organized at Kanumukkala of Chennakothapalli Mandal of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh.



FORMATION OF MINORITIES/DWCRA

The organization has formed 20 self-groups/DWCRA Groups. 10 groups were formed with young women and 10 groups with aged persons. Each self-help group consists of 10-15 members who are poor having low capacity and is like minded. They save small amounts of money regularly. This programme was organized at Bathalapally of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 120 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



GIRLS HOSTEL

As reported in the previous year's report, this hostel is running with full support from the rural families, as their children are getting educated by staying in this hostel and therefore can afford all their time for studies. As a result of this there are encouraging results. We have also provided special tuition facilities for the girls, in the subjects which they are feeling difficult to understand in the classes.

The students are therefore prospering in the subjects which looked difficult but are specially dealt with and made easy. The parents of these students have specially met us at our office, and expressed their happiness for starting a hostel for the

benefit of their children. We plan to extend our support in the field of education by starting another hostel or extending a few more facilities to the students. This programme was organized at Anantapur of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 63 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



HEALTH CHECKUP CAMPS

The organization has organized free health check-up camps, for which there was a great turnout of people from the surrounding villages. The patients have been attended by expert doctors and medicines were provided to them at free of cost. This programme was organized at Krishnapuram of Bukkapatnam of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 255 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



NATIONAL FESTIVALS

Republic Day, and Independence Day, celebrations were conducted with lot of patriotism. National Flag has been hoisted and rallies and marches were taken up on this eve. The organization has distributed sweets to the children and explained the importance of these National Festivals. This programme was organized at Kothacheruvu of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 135 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



WOMEN IN PARAMILITARY FORCES

An awareness programme on women in paramilitary forces and their conditions and situation of widow/disabled Ex-Servicemen/Dependant were explained to the people of Anantapur of Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh and 35 people were participated in this programme,

OLD AGE HOME

The old age home which was started two years ago year is continuing to work with 20 inmates. These old people are feeling comfortable in these homes, as they have been taken care by the staff of the organization and guiding them time to time. They have been provided with medical facilities, diet and due care each day. This programme was organized at Gotlaru of Dharmavaram of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 45 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

Integrated Child Protection Programme for children in need of care and protection, and children in conflict with law are covered. The programme is being implementing for the children in need of care and protection are being provided Institutional as well as Non Institutional Care. It is mainly an instrument to implement the provisions of J.J. Act, 2000 which has been amended as Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and came into force w.e.f. 15.01.2016. it integrated additional interventions for protecting children and preventing harm. therefore, it would institutionalize essential services and strengthen structures, enhance capacities at all levels, create database and knowledge base for child protection services, strengthen child protection at family and community level, ensure appropriate inter-sectoral response at all levels. This programme was organized at Guntakal of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 43 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

SC & ST AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Awareness programmes on various income generating activities has been given to SC & ST men and women in the village. Various small scale activities, and vocation courses from which they can be benefited through getting supportive income have been explained. Besides these activities, the organization has taken up programmes like Training on Handlooms, and plantation under Social Forestry, wherein the entire village communities are involved to take up plantation. This programme was organized at Tadimarri of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 165 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



COMMUNITY MANAGED SEED SYSTEMS (CMSS) PROGRAMME

We have worked with FPOs (called Mana VittanaKendras) supported by 23 civil society organizations started in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture in 2011 facilitated by Watershed Support Services and Activities Network (WASSAN); and by this year, they have crossed a cumulative turnover of Rs.150 crores since inception! Over time, the FPOs learned the seed certification standards and protocols and seed supply chain dynamics.

More than the turnover, this experience has challenged the established format of Seed Development Corporation to supply subsidised seeds and brought decentralisation and FPOs into this market segment.

We have organized CMSS Program at Anantapur District. The process follows all the protocols of seed production. Some of the FPOs are also procuring and selling seed of diversified rainfed crops. This programme was organized at Kothacheruvu of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 695 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



NUTRITION PROGRAMME

We have served the needs of people suffering with hunger and starvation through a two-step program: by cooking hygienic and home-made meals for the poor and distributing the meals to the homeless, and by collecting extra food from restaurants, hotels, weddings and other ceremonies (reducing food wastage) and distributing them to the homeless and other people in need.

The Hunger and Nutrition programme strives to improve the dietary conditions of those in dire need for food, and works with existing government agencies and civilian services to save excess food and convert it to a food supply for the poor. This programme was organized at Guntakal of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 52 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



RAIN WATER HARVESTING PROGRAMME

India is rich country but Indians are poor says one of the Swiss Bank directors, India has ample natural resource available, human power, knowledge power all this things make this country a very unique country. Indian economy was leading economy and has ruled this world from 1st century to 17th century, but after 17th century India has gone far behind from many other countries. It has been said that if third world war will happen in this world then its pivot reason will be the water because today only 2 percent of fresh water is available to satisfy the thirst of more than 7,00,00,00,000 people and billions of other living creatures therefore proper utilization of water and its proper management is very important.

Today the situation in many part of the world is becoming very horrific and day by day it is getting worst's. Global warming has made the things more critical for living being. The situation in rural area of India is getting worst, in rural area females are responsible to collect the water for home use because of this they have to travel almost 3.8 km a day which counts 1400 km in a year. In Andhra Pradesh every year in 14000 villages water is supplied by tankers and the frequently of supply is very less therefore the situation gets worst during the summer season not only for human but also for pet animals. The rural people who fall ill during the year from various diseases 70% percent of the diseases are due to contaminated water.

We have organized Water Harvesting Programme and The goal and objective of Rain water harvesting campaign was

- Water harvesting program to overcome from water shortage in draught area.
- Creating awareness in the rural area regarding the natural resource management and importance of water
- Involvement of college students in the activity for sustainable development of natural resources.
- Water harvesting resource and technology of low cost, reuse of water, ground water level importance. Water awareness and water management programs.
- Involvement of NGO's, Youth group, Women Group and other organizations, senior citizen, farmers has played very vital role in the project and create a mass awareness in the community and stake holders of the society.

Activities under water harvesting campaign

Workshop

All the stakeholders of the society like from schools, college, society, colony, NGO,s , labor, Peoples representatives etc are called in the workshop on the topic of water management.

Awareness through Exhibition

To increase the awareness level of the public we made arrangements of posters and CD's so as to create awareness in the society related to water management, importance of ground water level etc.

Competition Program at ground level

Our NGO made arrangement of program like essay competition on topic of water, rangoli and drawing competition and debate on the topic of water management and sustainable development.

Public Awareness

To create awareness of water management we organized rallies, posters Exhibition, pamphlets distribution, free books on water management, programs on Akashwani radio station, local channels etc are organized so that an atmosphere can be create to preserve water and to do its proper management for future.

Free technical guidance

A free technical guidance if possible then with the help of demo's is being arranged in the societies, schools, college, public places banks and in villages so as to people can be aware of the technology and can use it for the purpose of water conservation.

This programme was organized at Tadipathri of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 75 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



SAUDAR PROGRAMME

The programme has been running for the past three years by the organization, wherein the organization has been taking care of widows and women in distress. The organization is providing them with the support to start their own small-scale business or petty shops so that they can be socially elevated and lead a life confidence and dignity without fear of others. This programme was organized at Hindupuram of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 26 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

WOMEN IN SPORTS

Sport has the power to change lives. The ability to drive gender equality by teaching women and girls teamwork, self-reliance, resilience and confidence. Women in sport defy gender stereotypes and social norms, make inspiring role models, and show men and women as equals. The program accelerated efforts to promote women's leadership and equality in governance models, prevent and respond to gender-based violence, close the gap in investment in women's sport and promote equal economic opportunities, promote women's equal participation and bias-free representation in media, and provide equal opportunities for girls in sport, physical activity and physical education.

This Sports programme for women was organized at Anantapur of Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh, India. 35 beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



THRIFT AND CREDIT PROGRAMME

This year also we have conducted awareness programmes to women on Thrift and Credit Programme, through which the groups can avail loans from various banks and other financial institutions. The organization has also educated them about various government schemes, which will be beneficial to them in getting loans and thus making their own earning without taking loans from the landlords at higher interest rates. This programme was organized at Chennakothapalli of Satya

Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 65 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

It is found that every day many accidents are being published in the newspapers. It has been a regular & increasing factor, so that to educate the people to know the traffic rules and regulation organization had been conducted Road Safety Programme. The traffic police officers are made involved as resource persons. The Resource materials were distributed. This programme was organized at Pamidi of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 88 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



WATERSHED PROGRAMMES

Under this programme, the organization has taken up the activity of providing support services for the implementing agencies, by taking trainings on social aspects, viz., trainings, awareness camps, in the watershed villages. The people are given an insight about watersheds, need for watershed, soil erosion, conservation of soil fertility, and the need to stop water and sink into ground to enable the stop depletion of water table and to enrich soils with water. This organization conducted awareness camps in various villages, in this camps the officers of MPDOs, APOs, MPP and local leaders visited and given lecture about how to save water, need of water to the society, need of check dams, arcfill dams, etc., the organization helped to get financial support from watershed so many farmers, SHGs, shepherd people, adharsha farmer groups are benefited from this camp organized by this organization. This programme was organized at Kothacheruvu of Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh and 96 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



WOMEN AND CHILDREN HEALTH PROGRAMME

For the benefit of women and children in the villages, we have taken up this programme, so that the problems – related to health – of both women and children can be tackled in right way with the support of qualified doctors. The problems of women and girls have been paid attention by the doctors (the lady doctors) and due advices have been given. The medicines prescribed by the doctors in various cases have been supplied to the patients, by the organization, with nominal charges. Awareness on Health and Personal Hygiene were discussed with them. This programme was organized at Yadiki of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 120 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.



WOMEN PROGRAMME – UJJAWALA

This programme was organized for Prevention of trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is an organized crime that violates basic human rights. India has emerged as a source, destination and transit for both in-country and cross border trafficking. The problem of trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is especially challenging due to its myriad complexities and variation. Poverty, low status of women, lack of a protective environment etc. are some of the causes for trafficking

The main objectives of the programme was

- To prevent trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation through social mobilization and involvement of local communities, awareness generation programmes, generate public discourse through workshops/seminars and such events and any other innovative activity.
- To provide rehabilitation services both immediate and long-term to the victims by providing basic amenities/needs such as shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment including counselling, legal aid and guidance and vocational training.

This programme was organized at Kuderu of Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh and 35 Beneficiaries were covered under this programme.

NATURAL FARMING PROGRAMME

We have organized Natural Farming Programme at Palaya of Kalyanadurgam of Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh, India. 120 farmers were covered as beneficiaries under this programme. Natural Farming is a chemical-free alias traditional farming method. It is considered as agroecology based diversified farming system which integrates crops, trees and livestock with functional biodiversity. This programme was aimed at promoting traditional indigenous practices which reduces externally purchased inputs. It is largely based on on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of on-farm cow dung-urine formulations; periodic soil aeration and exclusion of all synthetic chemical inputs. According to HLPE Report, natural farming will reduce dependency on purchased inputs and will help to ease smallholder farmers from credits burden.



Signature of the NGO