

Annual Project Report

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**Social Action for Child Rehabilitation Emancipation
and Development(SACRED)
Kurnool District, A.P**

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Project	Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities and their Carers
NGO	Social Action for Child Rehabilitation Emancipation and Development (SACRED)
Registered Address	D.No: 6-1-194, Lakshmi Nagar Janmabhoomi Road Ananthapuram – 515001, A.P – India
Partner Organization	Fundacion Vicente Ferrer, Spain
Project Location	19 Mandals in Adoni Division of Kurnool District, A.P
Project Goal	Development and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and their Carers through their participation and involvement
Project Start	April 2021
Project End	March 2022
Financials in Rs.	A. Budget Approved : 1,05,29,741 .00
	B. Received : 1,05,60,099 .00
	C. Expenditure Incurred : 1,03,81,753 .22
	D. Variance : 1,78,345 .78

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SACRED, the NGO based at Ananthapuram in Andhra Pradesh has been implementing Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation Matrix as described by World Health Organization (WHO) consists of five components – Health, Education, Livelihood, Social, Empowerment and their associated elements.

Under the CBR matrix, concrete actions are planned with the objectives to bring the changes in 19 mandals in Kurnool district, A.P.

Coverage of Membership through Self-Help Groups

SL No	Name of the District	No of Mandals	No of villages	No of PWDs Identified	No of SHGs formed	No of Mandal level OPDs registered	No of PWDs covered into SHGs
1	Kurnool	19	586	11060	865	19	9079

Key Achievements:

1) Health:-

SACRED has a good relationship with Government health staff such as ANMs and Aasha Workers at the village and mandal level primary health centres.

It is a responsibility of Rural Development Workers (RDW) and Co-coordinators to mobilize Government health services from primary health centers at mandal level by coordinating health services such as immunization, polio, DPT and COVID-19 Vaccination. A total of 1263 children with disabilities are covered. 6395 adults with disabilities are covered with Covid - 19 vaccination in two doses. SACRED staff involved in motivating and mobilizing communities for having COVID vaccination in the villages by coordinating with the Government health staff. It is an evidence that COVID cases have been reduced to almost zero level due to vaccination.

SACRED has Ortho and prosthesis work shop in Thuggali established in the year 2009. 2 orthotic engineers providing services such as conducting camps in all 19 mandals in order to conduct pre-assessment, referring needy people for surgeries to the hospitals located at Bathalapalli, Tirupathi and Hyderabad.



Referrals

Supply of AIDS and Appliances from ortho workshop:

S.No	Details	Total
1	Aids and Appliances	1584
2	Tri cycles, wheel chairs, motorized tricycle from SACRED and other institutes	277
3	Water beds	14
4	Total number of catheters, urine bags	380
5	Hearing aids	62
6	White canes	22
7	Total children undergone surgery at RDT, GSR & BIRRDS	35
8	Physiotherapy	529

- 136 persons with disabilities (PWD's) referred to higher institutions after the needs assessment. 35 persons had undergone surgery at Bathalapalli, Tirupathi and Hyderabad. 36 children are under follow up for further treatment.
- 1734 children and adults received Aids and Appliances as per the need from SACRED ortho workshop and ADIP Schemes from Government.

3. 14 parents and children meetings have been organized and 210 children received various therapy inputs such as physiotherapy, activity daily living skills, speech therapy and other required referrals during one year period.



Spinal cord injury(SCI):

46 spinal cord injury persons received inputs on pressure source management, physiotherapy, sitting and lying positions, good ventilation for free air to prevent infections. Nearly 15 persons treated pressure source by local doctors. SACRED paid the treatment charges and supply of dry nutrition food for the improvement of SCI persons.

Other areas of focus is on spinal cord injury rehabilitation interventions are payment of medical bills, fulfilling their other requirements, supply 380 catheters & urine bags, 14 waterbeds, wheelchairs and walkers etc., Supply of food grains has been organized for 46 families in order to bring the changes with Spinal cord injury persons to increase their general health conditions. The family members inspired because of SACRED support, they are gradually increasing health and reduced burden to the family.



2) Education:

Educational rehabilitation:

The following table shows details of children education from 1st to 10th standard who continued their education. They received government finance support called Ammavodi to the extent of Rs. 1,15,00,000. 196 students received financial assistance amounting Rs. 8,92,780/-. Similarly Government supported hostel facility amounting Rs. 19,60,000/- for their education. 96 children applied online for national scholarships from Central Government. It is a big improvement with Anganwadi teachers to enroll children with club foot, children with congenital deformities CP & MR. They all provided nutrition food such as milk, eggs and mixed balanced food every day.

Disability	Class 1 st to Class 5 th			Class 6 th to Class 10 th			Higher Education			Total		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
PD	98	92	190	137	91	228	93	82	175	328	265	593
SH	30	32	62	27	26	53	31	21	52	88	79	167
VI	9	8	17	14	8	22	15	11	26	38	27	65
ID & CP	48	49	97	61	42	103	9	9	18	118	100	218
Total	185	181	366	239	167	406	148	123	271	572	471	1043

Community Care Centres:

SACRED implements community care programs as part of inclusive education by running 5 community care centers with a membership of 63 children with disabilities. 5 community care volunteers are trained in basic therapy interventions such as physiotherapy, speech therapy, activity daily living skills, play therapy and demonstration skills to parents and children. They are also conducting parents meeting once in a month to motivate them.

SACRED took initiative to join 64 children with visual impairment, intellectual disability and speech & hearing impairment in special schools run by a NGO called RDT at Ananthapuram.



3) Livelihoods Programs:

SACRED is strongly committed to promote economic development of the PWDs through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Income generation programs, promotion of skills and mobilization of jobs in National Rural Employment Generation Schemes of the Government to improve their livelihoods.

3.1) Economic Development Programmes:

	As on Previous		During one year		Total	
	Bank/ Velugu	Mini bank	Bank/ Velugu	Mini bank	Bank/ Velugu	Mini bank
No. of persons accessed loan from Bank/ Velugu / Mini Bank	2537	96	258	65	2795	161
Loan Amount	42228400	9351400	51,60,000	6,50,000	47388400	10001400
Amount Repaid	21828829	5848700	15,48,000	3,90,000	23376829	6238700
Amount Balance	20399571	3502700	36,12,000	2,60,000	24011571	3762700

Note: Velugu is a poverty eradication project initiated by the Government.

Details	As on Previous	During report	Total
No. of Persons accessed loan from SACRED/DSDP/IGP	1345	103	1448
Loan Amount	1,86,59,000	10,30,000	1,96,89,000
Amount Repaid	80,70,000	5,10,000	85,80,000
Amount Balance	1,05,89,000	5,20,000	1,11,09,000

SACRED encouraging opportunities for independent living such as livelihood activities, 1448 persons with disabilities received loan support from SACRED resources to the extent of Rs.1,11,09,000.00.

The Self-Help Groups of PWDs are highly talented to develop bank linkages and mobilization of resources from "VELUGU" programs from government. A total of 2795 members have been rotating Rs.4,73,88,400 mobilized through bank linkages.

It is a significant development program for the support of individual PWDs contributing to their families to increase their income levels. They also well maintained the programs intended to generate income worth Rs. 6000 to 8000 per month. Families and communities appreciated their effort towards independent and dignified. Families of PWDs thanked for the effort of the SACRED and its cooperation as they reached higher level of identification and recognition in 19 mandals of the project area.

Youth for job:

Youth for job is a long term supportive program to make PWDs to lead an independent life. 75 youth with disabilities attended to the job placement camps organized by SACRED. Out of these, 16 persons got job opportunities in various companies such as Airtel customer care in Hyderabad, SriCity mobile manufacturing company in Nellore, Star hotels in Bangalore, etc., Due to this program, the families are able to lead a dignified and independent life in the society.

Skill Development:

One of the key areas of skill development program is to promote women with disabilities in 19 mandals of the project area. There are 226 women with disabilities supported with sewing machines and trained in tailoring and designing, embroidery, weaving works, etc., They are able to earn Rs.75,000 to Rs.1,00,000 per annum as they have talented skills in their hands. It contributes to improve their livelihoods and thereby lead an independent life.



MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme):

MGNREG is a scheme introduced by Government of India to create job opportunities in rural areas. Total 3649 PWDs earned Rs.2,44,29,600 of wages during a period of one year.



4) Social:

SACRED's main objective is promoting and demonstrating Community Based Organizations (CBOs) of people with disabilities in 19 mandals of Kurnool district.

The organization of persons with disabilities focuses mainly on social&cultural issues, especially women with disabilities are more vulnerable to discrimination like abuse and harassment.

Ex: Bheeramma is a woman aged 28 years of Kairuppala village, Aspari mandal. She trained in embroidery and designing skill for 6 months. She is running a shop indecently in her village earning Rs. 250 to 300 per day i.e., Rs.7500 to 9000 per month. She married a person with physically disabled from neighbouring mandal. They were very happy for 1 year. Her in-laws started harassing her by scolding and beating. She and her parents approached police for justice. But the problem could not be solved. Later they approached advocate and filed the case which is in the court of Law. Now she is staying alone at her husband's village and running a shop independently. This is possible only because of the support given by the Federation of Women with Disabilities. Now she is so confident and dare enough to face the challenge that came on her life.

5) Empowerment:

SACRED focused empowerment of people with disabilities to mobilize and access the resources both from government and non-governmental organizations.

Organizations of People with disabilities (OPDs):

SACRED is emphasizing on formation of OPDs and strengthening in the areas of capacity building, leadership, development and empowerment. They are good in networking with Self-Help Groups, and 3 regional federations in the project area.

6 days residential training has been organized for leaders of Organisation of People with Disabilities (OPD's) on their empowerment by inviting outsider resource persons. The topics covered are:

- Public policy.
- Right to information act 2005 and how to use for the well-being of the PWDs
- Personality development and management.

Leadership training:

Trainings have been organized at mandal level for general body members to create awareness and equip the knowledge in leadership development, decision making process, problem solving and records maintenance.

At the end of the training program, they are able to

1. Prepare action plan for 6 months and
2. Understand the provision of MGNREG Schemes.



Highlights

Celebrations of International Day for People with Disabilities

The International Day for Persons with Disabilities has been organized on 03rd December 2021 with an intent of bringing them together, have an interaction and show solidarity. The mandal level Government officials who are invited as the guests of honour explained different schemes available in the Government for their development. A total of 5429 members have participated in the event. OPD leaders submitted the request letters to the officials to resolve their issues like house sites, pensions, job cards and educational schemes, etc.,



Description of Deviations to the Original Proposal if any and reasons

Covid-19 is a major health problem to the world population for last more than 2 years. The communities in rural areas especially with women, children and PWDs have faced several challenges due to its spread. So, we focused on vaccinating the people for their safety and protection. Over 80% of people are vaccinated in the project area with the initiative of the organization.

SACRED had an opportunity to start the Ortho work shop at Kurnool city with the help of Dr. Ramesh and some of the local donors who came forward to provide the land and infrastructure. It is now under progress and expected to be completed in the next financial year. Once it is completed, the people will have an access to get required aids & appliances at affordable costs.

Measuring Indicators

- **Coverage of Membership:** 82% of PWDs are covered in SHGs.
- **Inclusive education:**90%of children are continuing their education from primary level to higher level.
- **Entitlements:**Total7342 PWDs utilized the Government resources.
- **Economic Development:**5263 persons accessed the resources for income generation and enhancement.
- **Vaccination Coverage:** 80% of population covered with COVID vaccination.

Sources of Verification

- Minutes of the meetings
- List of PWDs in SHGs
- Academic reports of school going children
- List of Government resources mobilized
- Vaccination certificates
- Focus group discussions
- Photographs and
- Internal periodical reports

Budget Vs. Expenditure

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Conclusion

Sacred is a committed organization for the holistic development of Persons with Disabilities that has been working in Kurnool district. During the year 2021 – 22, it has made all the efforts to promote sustainable development among PWDs. It experienced the high level cooperation from the SHGs and mandal level federations which is an inspiration to SACRED to continue its services on a long term for the well-being of PWDs and their families. SACRED on behalf of the people take this opportunity to express its sincere thanks to Fundacion Vicente Ferrer for its great support and anticipate the partnership of both the organizations will bring positive changes in the lives of the people with disabilities in future.