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Annual Report from 1st April to 2024 to 31th March 2025 Kurnool District, A.P. India

Director's Perceptions and Words of Thanks

As we reflect our work done in the year 2024–2025, I am filled with gratitude and humanity. The efforts made by the SACRED team in Krishnagiri and Veldurthi mandals are a testament to our collective commitment toward inclusive development and social justice for persons with disabilities (PWDs). The progress achieved strengthening SHGs, providing access to education, healthcare, and therapy, or fostering community participation—demonstrates that change is possible when we work at the grassroots with empathy and dedication. The real success lies not in numbers alone, but the dignity we have restored in the lives of 827 individuals and their families.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, community workers, government officials, and all our stakeholders whose collaboration made this possible. I am especially grateful to our friends and partners in Switzerland who have consistently stood by us, believing in our vision and reinforcing our capacity to reach the unreached. Your trust and continued support serve as both

encouragement and responsibility. As we move forward, let us carry this momentum and continue to work together for a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate society.

Over View:

SACRED NGO is implementing community-based rehabilitation (CBR) initiatives for persons with disabilities (PWDs) across two Mandals—Veldurthi and Krishnagiri—in Kurnool District. The intervention spans across education, health, livelihoods, social inclusion, and empowerment, primarily through the formation of village-level Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Mandal-level federations, fostering community participation and ownership.

Coverage Details

- Mandals Covered: Krishnagiri & Veldurthi
- Total Mandals: 2
- Total PWDs Identified: 916

Details

Name of The Mandal	No of Villages	SHGs	SHG's Membership	Savings
Veldurthi & Krishnagiri	58	84	827	6,78,800/-

Two Mandals Coverage of Membership Age wise & Sex wise:

Age wise	Disability wise														Grand Total		
	PD		SH		VI		ID		CP		MD		MI		M	F	Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
0-5	6	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	16	10	26
6-10	19	16	7	3	1	2	3	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	36	26	62
11-15	49	26	7	4	5	2	6	4	7	6	6	5	1	2	81	49	130
16 & above	262	139	58	34	20	11	15	14	21	10	11	6	5	3	392	217	609
Total	336	184	74	42	26	16	27	22	36	21	20	12	6	5	525	302	827

Key Achievements: Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

- A total of 827 persons with disabilities (PWDs) from 58 villages have been successfully mobilized into 84 Self Help Groups (SHGs), fostering mutual support and empowerment.
- Monthly SHG meetings are held regularly, with members actively participating. Group savings are systematically collected and securely deposited in designated bank accounts.

- As of March 2025, the SHGs have collectively accumulated savings amounting to Rs.6,78,800/-, reflecting strong financial discipline and trust among members.
- 12 members have benefited from internal loans totaling Rs.60,000/-, drawn from group savings. All loans are being repaid responsibly and on schedule, indicating a healthy cycle of internal credit.
- SHG members demonstrate leadership by independently setting agendas and discussing issues related to their personal needs and wider community development.
- The groups have built collaborative partnerships with local governance structures such as Village Secretariats, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), and Village Organization (VO) Leaders, thereby strengthening grassroots advocacy.
- A special focus on children with disabilities is maintained through early identification, therapeutic interventions, and medical rehabilitation programs, promoting holistic development from a young age.
- SHG discussions extend to practical and policy-related issues, including the provision of assistive devices, securing job cards under MGNREGS, and lobbying for inclusive infrastructure at the village level.

Education:

National Education Policy Focus

A) Promoting inclusive education by integrating children with learning difficulties into mainstream classrooms, fostering an environment of empathy, support, and shared learning.

B) Ensuring that school infrastructure is universally accessible, with functional toilets, safe drinking water, ramps, and handrails—enabling children, especially those with physical challenges, to attend school with dignity.

C) Facilitating to access government scholarships, entitlements, and educational schemes, thereby supporting the academic journey of children with disabilities from primary schooling to higher education.

D) Conducting regular sensitization programs for students, teachers, and school administrators to eliminate stigma and discrimination, and to cultivate a culture of inclusion, acceptance, and respect.

Primary, Secondary and Higher Education:

Disability	1 st to 5 th class children			Total 6 th to 10 th Class children			Higher education			Total		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
PD	15	7	22	17	9	26	11	10	21	43	26	69
SH	9	5	14	9	2	11	1	2	3	19	9	28
VI	1	2	3	2	2	4	3	2	5	6	6	12
ID & CP	3	7	10	2	3	5	1	0	1	6	10	16
Total	28	21	49	30	16	46	16	14	30	74	51	125

Educational Milestones

- SACRED volunteers actively assist with school admissions for children with disabilities, leveraging local Anganwadi centers to streamline enrolment into early education programs.

- Early identification of disabilities is achieved through strong partnerships with Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and ANMs, enabling timely intervention and referral.
- Nutritional needs of young children with disabilities are addressed through Anganwadi-provided supplementary nutrition, contributing to improved health and learning outcomes.
- Currently, 46 children with disabilities are successfully integrated into regular government schools (Classes 1–10), promoting inclusive learning environments.
- Through government support, school uniforms, footwear, school bags, and stationery have been provided, ensuring that basic needs are met and barriers to participation are reduced.
- 30 students with disabilities are continuing their higher education journey, supported by family, community encouragement, and guidance from Sacred staff.
- With direct facilitation from SACRED, 18 children have been admitted to specialized educational institutions, including RDT Anantapur, where they receive tailored support and services.
- A dedicated Community Care Center in Erukalacheruvu (Krishnagiri Mandal) has been established, where 12 children receive regular physiotherapy and speech therapy, delivered by a trained local volunteer, fostering developmental progress and community-based care.

Health and referrals:

- SACRED staff maintain strong, collaborative relationships with government medical and health personnel, ensuring timely and accessible healthcare services for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

- Through coordinated efforts with government health centers and the 104 ambulance service, 135 persons with disabilities received medical treatment for conditions such as tuberculosis, diabetes, high blood pressure, leprosy, arthritis, gynecological issues, and seasonal illnesses.
- Special attention is given to individuals with spinal cord injuries, who are supported in accessing regular medical care and medications through active coordination between SACRED staff and 104 ambulance services.
- By maintaining ongoing engagement with government health departments, SACRED staff continue to facilitate inclusive and need-based healthcare services for the disabled population.
- In addition, SACRED staff collaborate with village-level government health workers to raise awareness among communities and families of PWDs about seasonal diseases, preventive healthcare, and available treatment options, promoting early detection and community health.

Sl. No	Supply	Last Report	During This Report	Total
1	Aids and Appliances	165	16	181
2	Tri cycles, wheel chairs, motorized tricycle from SACRED and other institutes	118	2	120
3	Water beds	10	1	11
4	Physiotherapy, Speech therapy	315	49	364
5	Hearing aids	11	0	11
6	Total children undergone surgery at RDT, GSR & Government	13	2	15
7	Total number of catheters, urine bags	162	0	162
8	No of Parents and Children Meetings Conducted	30	4	34
9	No of Children and parents attend these meetings	687	63	750

- During the reporting year, 16 persons with various disabilities received mobility aids and assistive devices through the Tuggali Ortho Workshop, enhancing their mobility and independence.
- Four Parents and Children Meetings were conducted during the year, with 63 children with disabilities and their parents participating. These sessions provided awareness on therapy services, assistive devices, and surgical interventions. SACRED volunteers are actively involved in ensuring that children practice therapies at home, offering regular follow-up and support.
- SACRED team members visited the Primary Health Centre in Erukalacheruvu, Krishnagiri Mandal, to sensitize health staff about early identification and intervention for disabilities, encouraging proactive care at the village level.
- Eight individuals with mental health conditions are currently receiving regular psychiatric care and medication from Kurnool Government Hospital. They consult the psychiatrist every month and follow prescribed treatments consistently.
- Home-based visits were conducted for 11 persons with spinal cord injuries across the two mandals. The visits helped assess their living conditions, recommend suitable therapies and aids, and address specific challenges. With institutional support, one beneficiary was provided with a water bed to improve comfort and prevent pressure sores.

Livelihoods

Economic Development Programme.

Details	As on Previous	During report	Total
No. of Persons accessed loan from SACRED	61	6	66
Loan Amount	670000	60000	710000
Amount Repaid	606500	48500	655000
Amount Balance	63500	55000	55000

Financial Status of Government Loans 2 Mandal's:

	As on Previous			During report			Total		
	Bank	IKP	Total	Bank	IKP	Total	Bank	IKP	Total
No. of persons accessed loan from Bank/IKP	267	21	288	21	2	23	288	23	311
Loan Amount IRS	5974000	955000	6929000	785000	200000	985000	6759000	1155000	7914000
Amount Repaid	4983000	180100	5163100	325000	52700	377700	5308000	232800	5540800
Amount Balance	991000	774900	1765900	1451000	922200	2373200	1451000	922200	2373200

Key Achievements in Livelihood Promotion

- Under the livelihood initiatives, SACRED placed special emphasis on promoting income-generating opportunities for persons with disabilities in Veldurthi and Krishnagiri mandals. Collaborating with bank and Velugu officials, SACRED staff supported disability groups by providing copies of relevant government GOs and presenting examples of timely loan

repayments by earlier SHGs, thereby facilitating the approval of new bank loans for eligible SHGs.

- It is recognized that individual development is linked to economic independence. Active participation in livelihood programs helps individuals gain financial stability, family support, and social respect.
- 21 persons with disabilities accessed bank loans worth Rs.7,85,000, and they are regularly repaying the amounts. These financial interventions have helped them establish sustainable livelihoods, contributing to dignified living within their families and communities.
- Six new individuals received livelihood loans through SACRED this year, and a total of Rs.48,500 in outstanding loan repayments was collected from previous borrowers, reflecting accountability and sustainability.
- Across both mandals, persons with disabilities who accessed loans are now engaged in varied micro-enterprises such as grocery stores, goat rearing, xerox and computer centers, sari businesses, MeeSeva centers, tailoring units, embroidery work, and dairy cattle rearing. Many are earning daily incomes ranging from Rs.150 to Rs.200, thereby supporting their households.

Skill Development

- As part of the skill development efforts, 18 women with disabilities from both mandals were supported with tailoring machines through SACRED. These women are now serving as role models within their SHGs and communities, earning between Rs.4,500 and Rs.5,000 per month through their tailoring work.
- Through focused efforts by SACRED staff, four young women with disabilities are currently undergoing training in embroidery, handloom

work, and weaving at the “Ame Artisans Company” in Anantapur, with support from RDT. Notable among them are Jammulamma from Bingidoddi (Veldurthi Mandal) and Anusha from Peddoddi (Krishnagiri Mandal), who are emerging as a source of pride and support for their families.

Program Highlights: Empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)

1. Construction Progress of the New Ortho Workshop:

To support persons with disabilities in Kurnool and Nandyal districts of Andhra Pradesh, SACRED organization, with the support of Support Beyond Barrier(SBB), has successfully completed the construction of a new ortho workshop at Jagadurthi, Don Mandal. Overcoming numerous challenges, the facility now includes a borewell providing water for office needs. Final touches such as painting and minor interior work are pending. Once completed, this unit will manufacture and supply assistive devices and artificial limbs to PwDs in the region.

2. International Day of Persons with Disabilities Celebrations:

The event was celebrated with great community interest near Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank, jointly organized by SACRED, Pragathi, Margadarsi, and mandal-level disability federations. A rally and human chain were organized by PwDs, raising awareness about their rights and legal provisions.

- **Chief Guest Remarks:**

District Senior Civil Judge, Ms. Tangamani, highlighted that under Section 92 of the 2016 Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, discrimination against PwDs is a punishable offense with imprisonment ranging from 6 months to 5 years . Free legal services are available through the Legal Services Authority.

- **Public Representatives:**

MPDO Mr. Mohan Kumar assured efforts to ensure eligible PwDs receive all government benefits. TDP Executive Secretary Mr. Nabi Saheb promised 10 cents of land to PwD federations in Krishnagiri and Veldurthi with support from MLA Sri.Shyam Babu, TDP Mandal President Mr. Marri Sriramulu emphasized recognizing and nurturing the strengths of PwDs.

- **SACRED Director Mr. Thippanna:**

Highlighted SACRED's work with 11,000 PwDs across 21 mandals through 690 self-help groups and federations. He explained that the new facility at Jagadurthi will enhance access to required assistive devices manufacturing unit.

- **Support Initiatives:**

Two women with disabilities received sewing machines and six others were provided with Rs.10,000 each for livelihood support. Mr. Mahesh, APM from Velugu, assured access to vocational training and loans for PwDs, urging them to utilize these for self-development.

3. Strengthening Mandal-Level Federations:

Federations from Krishnagiri and Veldurthi met twice to discuss sustainability, financial independence, and future planning.

Key Discussion Points:

- Independent management of SHGs and federations
- Financial stability through livelihood programs
- Access to education and medical rehabilitation for children with disabilities
- Effective inclusion in MGNREGS
- Awareness and access to UDID cards
- Implementation of the 2016 PwD Rights Act

Federation members were encouraged to approach district authorities with action plans to resolve outstanding issues.

4. Government Resource Mobilization:

- **Certification & Benefits:**

27 new disability certificates issued; 11 new pension beneficiaries added; 41 PwDs received transport concessions (bus and rail pass).

- **Mobility Support:** Welfare department provided 5 tri-cycles and 3 wheelchairs.
- **Employment Generation:**

186 PwDs earned Rs.2,03,120 collectively under the MGNREGS scheme, working for 42 days at Rs.260 per day.

5. Lessons Learnt:

- Stringent regulations by the central government have made foreign fund mobilization for NGOs extremely difficult.
- Local donor engagement and community support are crucial for sustaining development programs.

6. Challenges Ahead:

1. Implementing Early Intervention programs in Krishnagiri and Veldurthi mandals.
2. Strengthening federations for independent functioning and decision-making.
3. Operationalizing the new Ortho Workshop amidst logistical and administrative hurdles.

From Silence to Strength: The Journey of C. Vijayudu, A Young Warrior with Cerebral Palsy

Location: S. Boinapalli Village, Veldurthi Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh

Background

My name is C. Vijayudu. I am a 10-year-old boy living in S. Boinapalli village in Veldurthi Mandal, Kurnool District. I was born with cerebral palsy—a neurological condition that has affected my motor skills from birth. I did not cry when I was born, and doctors soon diagnosed me with hemiplegia, which has limited the function of my left hand and leg. I also suffer from frequent seizures, which further impact my mobility and safety.

I live with my loving parents, Suramma and Eshwarayya, and my elder siblings, Shiva and Maheshwari. Despite the challenges we face, my family has been a pillar of strength, especially as we navigate the journey of my condition.



Turning Point: Sacred CBR Intervention

In 2019, SACRED—a committed voluntary organization—conducted a disability survey in our village. The staff of SACRED identified 16 people with disabilities and formed a self-help group to promote inclusion, collective strength, and financial resilience. Through this group, we were encouraged to save regularly, open bank accounts, and share our experiences and concerns during monthly meetings.

My parents participated in a parents meeting facilitated by Sacred, where a technical team assessed my condition. They immediately initiated physiotherapy and trained my parents to continue these exercises at home. During this evaluation, they noticed tightness in my wrist and provided me with a hand splint and an Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) to aid my movement.

SACRED's team began visiting our home regularly, ensuring that I was using the assistive devices correctly and making steady progress. Their presence, care, and commitment gave us renewed hope.

Stepping Forward: Progress and Possibilities

Thanks to the technical team intervention physiotherapy and assistive devices, I have shown improvement in both hand and leg movement. I am now studying in the 5th grade at our local school, participating in class and enjoying learning.

Understanding our financial difficulties, SACRED extended a Rs.10,000 loan to my mother under their livelihood program. She began rearing goats, which now provides our family with a monthly income of around Rs.7,000—helping us meet essential needs.



SACRED also advocated with government officials on our behalf to secure a disability pension for me. I now receive Rs.6,000 each month, which has eased our financial strain and allowed for better care.

I am determined to continue using my assistive devices and doing physiotherapy regularly. I want to stay in school, continue learning, and be an active member of

our self-help group. My dream is to live with dignity, respect, and independence within my family and society.

However, the frequent seizures I experience are still a major hurdle, often causing injuries and setbacks. I am in urgent need of consistent and specialized medical treatment for this condition.

Conclusion

There was a time when my family lived in darkness—grappling with poverty, fear, and isolation. SACRED's timely intervention brought light into our lives. Their consistent support, from physiotherapy to economic empowerment, has helped me make significant progress in health, education, and confidence.

The work done by SACRED to organize, empower, and uplift children and families like mine is truly inspiring. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to their dedicated staff for helping me step out of silence and into a life of hope and possibility.

