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AN OVERVIEW OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

I am happy to present the Annual Report of Development Society for Poor (DSP) to all the honorable members of the Executive Board, General Body Members, Staff and Volunteers about the activities undertaken by DSP from the period of April 2018 to March 2019.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – 2019

As I began to composing this message, I realized how quickly this year has passed. It has been a year with many rewarding moments, as well as some challenges. Though a year of transition, we made solid progress on many fronts, including building out strategic platforms, while establishing exciting new ones.

I am honored to be the President of Development Society for Poor (DSP)'s long history. This legacy of leadership is a tribute to the success and stability of DSP, and to the belief in the importance of our purpose held in common with us by our faithful over so many decades. Personally, I am truly humbled to lead the incredibly talented and dedicated people who work for DSP.

One challenge all of us in the world today face together is health and health care. This is true in both developed and emerging world. When combined with the rapidly changing demographics of an aging population, a growing middle class and the persistence of chronic disease, the scale and complexity of the issue is magnified. It is my belief that providing high-quality health care to patients and consumers around the world in a sustainable manner is society's greatest challenge. But it is also the greatest hope for a better future for every individual, every family, every community and every village.

DSP works at the very center of this challenge. Every day, we are working to help people everywhere live longer, healthier, and happier lives. We recognize that with our leadership comes a responsibility; one we consider a privilege. I'm pleased with how we are meeting that responsibility, but I'm far from satisfied.

OUR SERVICES

To be more relevant in the approach we divided our projects into 5 sectors according to its characteristic nature of addressing the concerns of the poor. They are categorised as follows:

i) **Educational and Vocational Skill Training Projects** – The projects under this category supports the formal and non-formal education of the orphan, semi-orphan and poor children to access quality education, Construction of Schools, supports Livelihood skills Education for the youth for employability.

ii) **Health and Projects for the differently Abled** – The projects under this category supports the people for a healthy and happy living, Construction of Health centres and Income Generation activities for the disabled for self-support.

iii) **Women Development and Elderly Care Projects** – The projects under this category supports the formation of Self Help Groups, Savings, Income Generation Programmes, Widows and supports the poor elderly through sponsorship, starting of Aged Homes and related activities.

iv) **Housing, Water and Sanitation Projects** – The projects under this category supports the strong shelters for the homeless, the safe and protected drinking water to safeguard from water WASH diseases and supports the promotion of health, hygiene and sanitation.

v) **Emergency Relief Projects** – The projects under this category supports the emergency assistance in the face of calamities.

These pages unfolds before you our interventions sector-wise prove our long-standing and firm commitment in the service of the rural and urban poor. Our services have been memorable and a rewarding experience.

We will continue to work tirelessly to enable the poor to merge out of the clutches of poverty through small but significant initiatives, which hopefully will lead them from the darkness of hopelessness to the light of hopefulness.

The task ahead of us is fraught with challenges but we see opportunities locked in them that reinforce us to forge ahead and progress further. We salute our donors for they have been a tower of strength and a motivating force in times of adversity. With their encouragement and support we will march ahead with heads held aloft.

**Mrs. K. Thomasamma, President
Development Society for Poor (DSP)**

I) EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL SKILL TRAINING PROJECTS



Education of the Children

A total number of 1150 children benefit from our educational scholarship support.

There are two categories of support:

A. Educational Assistance Programme: $405 + 200 + 40 = 645$ children are supplied with note books, two pairs of school uniforms, school bag and shoes.

b. Educational Sponsorship Programme: $95 + 5 = 100$ children are assisted through school fees, note books, two pairs of school uniforms, school bags and shoes.



All these children are from the socially backward communities, whose parents are farm coolies economically marginalized and unable to educate their children. The children are taken to child labor losing their chances of education and the joys of childhood. Our educational support is a boon for these children as they get an opportunity to join school and better their lives. The children are regular to their classes, show great enthusiasm to study and excel. We are encouraged as our efforts are bearing ample fruit.



Our coordinators regularly monitor this programme by visiting the school, checking up the progress reports interacting with the head masters and teachers to know the progress made by the children. They also take time to meet the parents of the children advising them to encourage their children in their studies.



ii) **Health and Projects for the differently Abled** – The projects under this category supports the people for a healthy and happy living, Construction of Health centres and Income Generation activities for the disabled for self-support.

A. Health Projects



A) Early Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment of Leprosy and Buruli Ulcer

This project duration IS 2 years starting from January 2019- January 2021. The salient features of the programme were survey in the villages to identify leprosy cases, meeting of the women groups, medical camps, awareness generation on Leprosy and Buruli ulcer among the children in the primary schools, street plays and campaigns in the villages on Leprosy and Buruli ulcer. 167 Leprosy cases had been identified and referred to Government Leprosy Department for treatment.

B) Health Awareness Programme for School Children in 100 Schools

26000 children from the 100 schools in the diocese are being educated on various child-related diseases such as severe acute malnutrition, coughs, colds, skin diseases, diseases of eyes, nose, throat (ENT) respiration, malaria, anemia, hookworm infection, Vitamin A & Vitamin D deficiencies, pneumonia, breathing, skin diseases, communicable diseases, scabies, fungal infections, eczema, otitis media (infection in middle ear) dental caries, convulsive disorders etc., The principals, teachers, parents highly appreciated the efforts of the GDSS&WS in generating health awareness among the school children.



MICRO-ENTERPRISES FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

The project rationale is to assist 20 physically challenged persons aged between 18–35 living a miserable state of life without any means of livelihood. They belong to the socially marginalized, poorest and the most exploited. They find it hard to make living because of their disability. The project is to assist them to set up small business enterprises such as vegetable selling, provision shop, fruit shop etc., which will enable the physically challenged to earn their living, improve their socio-economic situation, become self-reliant and lead a decent life.



Mobility for the Physically Challenged:



iii) **Women Development and Elderly Care Projects** – The projects under this category supports the formation of Self Help Groups, Savings, Income Generation Programmes, Widows and supports the poor elderly through sponsorship, starting of Aged Homes and related activities.

Women Development:



Sewing Machines for the Poor women:

In the recent past we have trained more than 300 women in tailoring technology. During last year we have 4 batches in different villages with $33 + 25 + 26 + 28 = 112$ women.

41 poorest of poor women are provided with a tailoring machine with all the accessories.



Milch Animals for widows:

We provided milch animal breeding for the 20 widows from the villages of Rentachintala Mandal. These widows belong to the Scheduled caste and the Scheduled tribe communities. They are socially and economically backward. These women depend solely on agricultural labor and other odd jobs to earn their livelihood. This scheme of milch animal breeding will greatly benefit these widows and their children economically and will be a part of their empowerment, improvement of social status and self-employment.



Housing for widows:

The houses are constructed with a strong and raised foundation with Asbestos sheets as the roof/cement Concrete. It will protect the members of the family from natural and man-made calamities like cyclone storms, floods and fire accidents.

DSP always adopt a participatory approach in all its projects, so that the project resources reach the beneficiary effectively. In this project the beneficiary community has been extensively involved in discussing, planning and formulating the project. They are showing great enthusiasm in the realization of the project. They are poor agricultural laborers living on a meager daily wage.



Elderly Care

ARCHANGEL'S HOME FOR THE AGED

The Archangel's Home for the Aged was started on 23rd April, 2014, for the senior citizens at Rentachintala village. The home has strength of 35 elderly people comprising of both men and women. These elderly persons have been badly neglected by their sons and daughters. They lead miserable lives without anybody to take care of their needs. This Archangel's Home for the Aged has been started specifically to provide the aged not only with accommodation but also to take care of their food needs, health care and other basic necessities free of cost.

The "Archangel's Home for the Aged" is located in the village of Rentachintala to take care of the elderly persons, is 110 kilometers away from Guntur Municipal Corporation, the headquarters of Guntur district. It is a big village and typically agricultural in nature with the 90% of the population being agriculturists. They are small and marginal farmers belonging to the higher classes, while the lower classes are the landless agricultural laborers. There are no small, medium or major industries in this area. Catholics, Hindus and Muslims form part of the population and all of them live in perfect harmony and fellowship participating in the religious, familial and other cultural activities of their respective denominations.



iv) **Water and Sanitation Projects** – The projects under this category supports the strong shelters for the homeless, the safe and protected drinking water to safeguard from water WASH diseases and supports the promotion of health, hygiene and sanitation.

BORE WELLS

25 bore wells were dug at in different villages of the district providing water to a population of 9200 comprising of 2550 families, who experience acute scarcity of clean drinking water. The water available in the villages has high levels of fluoride content and other chemical impurities harmful for human consumption. This affects the health of the people and particularly children, who suffer from various water-related diseases. This has a chain effect. Health deteriorates men and women lose their efficiency at their work places with low performance lose employment chances ending in poverty. The children absent themselves from school miss their classes and consequently their grades fall. The drinking water from the bore wells is the purest form of water that will address all the health issues of the people.

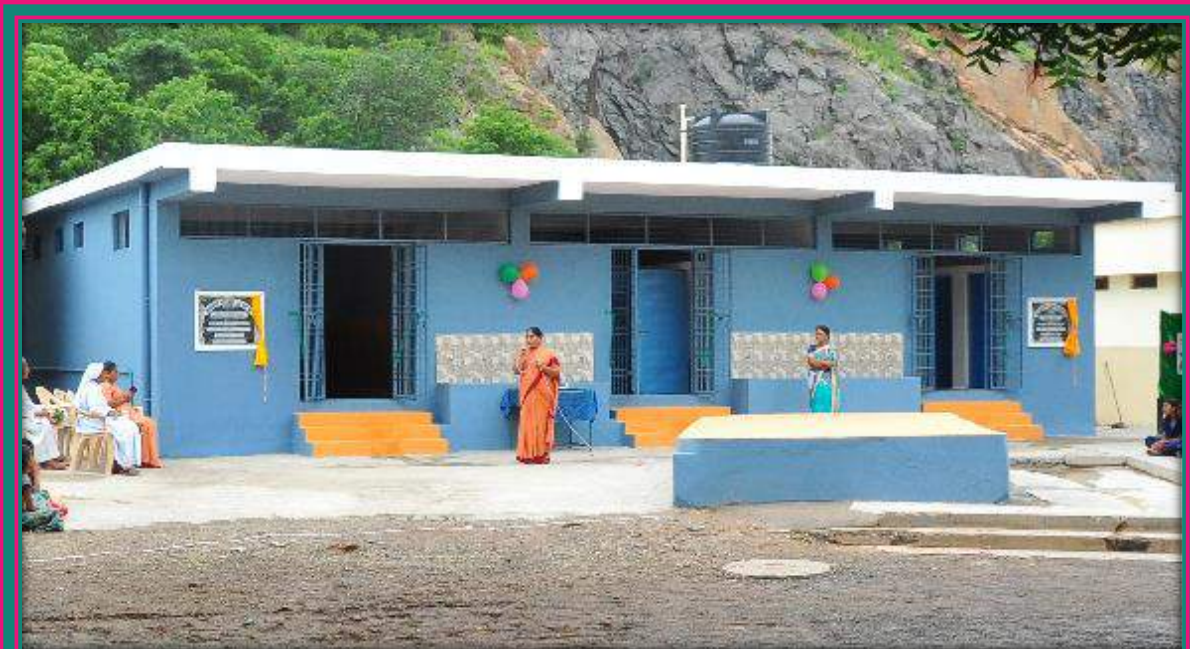


Sanitation Projects

St. Ann's English Medium School, Rentachintala

St. Ann's Centinary English Medium School, Phirngipuram

The children and the staff of **St. Ann's English Medium School, Rentachintala** and **St. Ann's Centinary English Medium School, Phirngipuram** had no toilet facility in the schools. They were greatly inconvenienced. The DSP mobilized external resources and constructed a block of 10 toilets and 17 urinals for boys, girls and for the staff.



v) **Emergency Relief Projects** – The projects under this category supports the emergency assistance in the face of calamities.



The relief distribution programme was well planned and systematically organized achieving the target objective. A population of 4132 divided into 1000 families from the Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribe communities affected by floods were distributed food relief. Community awareness on CBDP had helped the communities on disaster preparedness and response. The DSP staff coordinated the various activities with precision and efficiency. This had not only energized the relief programme but also brought about unity and solidarity among the affected communities and the DSP staff.



CONCLUSION:

May I take this occasion to thank all the honorable members of DSP, Executive Board for their unflinching support and encouragement that helped us to reach out to the poor and the needy. This has greatly enriched us the Staff and the Executive Director.

We will continue to work tirelessly to enable the poor to merge out of the clutches of poverty through small but significant initiatives, which hopefully will lead them from the darkness of hopelessness to the light of hopefulness.

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