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Comfort Service Society (CSS) registered as a society under registrar of societies Govt. of Andhra Pradesh as a Non Political, Non- profit Voluntary Organization.

Comfort Service Society (CSS) offer the educational and health needs for the underprivileged children and also capacity building interventions for their families in some of the backward areas in Andhra Pradesh, India for sustainable family development and thereby community development.

This project has been implemented in the target communities and provided an opportunity to learn new skills to combat drought situation to earn their livelihood through alternative programmes for their sustainability.

The CSS commenced during Project Year 2009-10 and this is an Annual Report for said period.

The outputs of the project are:

- 11 groups formed with 130 members in four villages.
- 60 learners completed post literacy course
- Better health for group participants through health education, awareness, polio eradication, nutrition, ORS knowledge, AIDS awareness, family planning practices.
- Alternative skills training provided for group participants.
- New Drinking Water system developed for the cripple's village.

Goal:

To make the needy people of backward communities to realize their potential through alternative developmental skills to combat drought situation thereby help them for their sustainable development.

Background/Problem:

India is one of the largest Democracies in the World with a huge population of over one billion. This over population is causing many a socioeconomic problems viz., poverty, unemployment, lack of food, education, minimum housing, health care, in access to drinking water. Andhra Pradesh is the fifth largest State in India, both in area and population. It has a population of about 80 millions as on today. 75% of people live in rural areas. Most of them are agricultural labourers. The failure and untimely monsoon has resulted in drought in most of the districts in Andhra Pradesh. It has been experiencing severe drought to the last couple of years duplicating augmented problems for the rural poor.

Need for Alternative Development:

The prevailing drought situation is worst during these days and the people in these communities are living in misery. Due to this drought the people are unable to get work to earn their livelihood because most of them are agricultural Labourers.

The target people consist of Tribal, Scheduled Castes, Marginalized, Physically challenged and Backward Community people.

The following activities have been undertaken in the target communities:

- 1. Child School Support (Orphan Children Support)**
- 2. Women Welfare**
- 3. Social Awareness**
- 4. Youth Welfare / Vocational Training**
- 5. Health Camps & Awareness**
- 6. HIV/AIDS Awareness**

Child School Support (Orphan Children Support):

Child is reflect tomorrow's the India Growth / Development, so the Child has to be protect with their rights and also bring the good atmosphere for health good minded growth. This is the most important programme taken up by the organization for preventing Child Labour or which the awareness campaign of Back to school is organized from time to time by involving the local leaders and officials. The concerned activities are organized in the project area in order to

awake the public, parents of the children towards the prevention of Child Labour who are identified.

The children are identified from cluster groups and are provided with support for their educational needs the children are admitted into Village School and sometimes School nearby a Town to get education. Extra Coaching will be given to all children to improve their educational standards. The necessary opportunities are provided for the children to perceive their education offered to the children in the program.

At present there are 75 children who are being supported through this program. As the Children are dropped from the Institutional program this year there is an opportunity to admit another 25 identified children in this program and the total of the children will be 100.

Women Welfare:

As the project envisages the development of the people by themselves. 13 groups formed with 150 members in the target villages. These are Women groups. Assistance and training has been given to these groups' members and they developed skills.

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Existing Group/Members as on 1.7.09 | Group/ Members year to-date | Target of Group/ Members by 30.6.2010 |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Vampuguda | 2 | 2/30 | 3/45 |
| 2. | Kokkonda | 2 | 2/30 | 3/40 |
| 3. | Lalgadi Malakpet | 3 | 3/30 | 5/50 |
| 4. | Jaggamguda | 1 | 1/10 | 2/20 |
| 5 | Kolthur | 1 | 1/10 | 1/10 |
| 6 | Chintapalliguda | 2 | 2/20 | 3/30 |
| | TOTAL | 13 | 11/130 | 17/195 |

The groups elected their own leaders and rotate positions among the members on fixed term basis.

Social Awareness and Need based Literacy:

Literacy and awareness classes conducted in the communities Post Literacy Courses conducted in the communities. This course strengthened the neo-literates with New skills. 58 learners completed the Post literacy course.

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Nature of the group | No. of Groups/ Learners enrolled | No. of Groups/ Learners completed/ passed | Target for year ending 30.6.2010 |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Vampuguda | Women | 2/30 | 0 | 2/30 |
| 2. | Kokkonda | Women | 2/30 | 1/10 | 2/30 |
| 3. | Lalgadi Malakpet | Women | 3/30 | 1/20 | 3/30 |
| 4. | Jaggamguda | Women | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 |
| 5. | Kolthur | Women | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 |
| 6. | Chintapalliguda | Women | 2/20 | 1/10 | 2/20 |
| TOTAL: | | | 11/130 | 4/60 | 11/130 |

Field Supervisors conducted classes for the group members.

Youth Welfare / Vocational training:

CSS provided Vocational Training such as Sewing, Plastic/Cane Weaving, Basket Making to enhance their skills.

| S.No. | Activities | # Groups/ Members Given Training | Completed | Target for 2009-2010 No. of Groups/ Members trained |
|-------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1. | Training in Sewing/Embroidery | 30 | 20 | 50 |
| 2. | Plastic, Cane, Weaving | 20 | 10 | 30 |
| 3. | Basket Making | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 5. | Lace Knitting | 40 | 40 | 50 |

Health Camps, Primary Health Care & Awareness:

The activity included extensive health education, nutrition, Immunization, sanitation, AIDS awareness and Family Planning. The emphasis has been given on women and child health. The local volunteers and group leaders have been trained to conduct health awareness classes.

The field staff co-ordinate with the Government and other NGO's for Pulse Polio Immunization and Family planning programmes. Through these activity interventions there has been better health for group participants and their families.

Health Education:

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Topic discussed | Aggregate No. of Groups & Members to-date | Target for Year ending 30.6.2010 |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Vampuguda | Women Health | 1/20 | 1/20 |
| 2 | Kokkonda | Vitamin Deficiency | 2/30 | 3/50 |
| 3 | Lalgadi Malakpet | Environmental Sanitation | 1/20 | 1/20 |
| 4 | Jaggamguda | Women Health | 3/30 | 3/40 |
| 5 | Kolthur | Mother and Child Health | 2/30 | 2/30 |
| 6 | Chintapalliguda | Family Planning | 1/20 | 2/40 |
| TOTAL: | | | 11/170 | 12/200 |

Polio Eradication:

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Target no. of beneficiaries to 30.6.10 | Total No. of beneficiaries to-date | Percentage % |
|--------------|------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Vampuguda | 50 | 40 | 84% |
| 2 | Kokkonda | 22 | 15 | 68% |
| 3 | Lalgadi Malakpet | 54 | 45 | 87% |
| 4 | Jaggamguda | 32 | 28 | 94% |
| TOTAL | | 158 | 128 | 82% |

Family Planning:

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Target Classes for 30.6.2010 | YTD Users current | Percent-age % |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Vampuguda | 6/18 | 10 | 60% |
| 2 | Kokkonda | 4/36 | 15 | 49% |
| 3 | Lalgadi Malakpet | 6/18 | 5 | 27% |
| 4 | Jaggamguda | 5/18 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Kolthur | 6/20 | 10 | 50% |
| 6 | Chintapalliguda | 4/23 | 10 | 43% |
| TOTAL | | 31/115 | 50 | 58% |

HIV/AIDS Awareness :

| Sl.No. | Village Names | Target Awareness 30.6.2010 Classes/Participants | YTD Classes/ Participants |
|--------------|------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. | Vampuguda | 3/25 | 3/20 |
| 2. | Kokkonda | 4/40 | 4/35 |
| 3. | Lalgadi Malakpet | 4/25 | 4/22 |
| 4. | Jaggamguda | 3/20 | 2/18 |
| TOTAL | | 14/110 | 13/95 |

Benefits and Risks:

The underprivileged and needy people in target areas have got an opportunity to organize themselves to learn new skills to combat drought situation to earn their livelihood through alternative programmes for their sustainability. They received post literacy training and it has been useful for successful group management and functioning. The group participants and their families are having improved health through Health care activities.

The group participants after interventions and regular meetings of the field Staff, they received the mind set of development approach. However, some of the community people still expect the relief and welfare programmes.

CSS aimed to facilitate a process of change and the people learnt alternative skills with their own development. The greatest risk lies in entrusting development to the people themselves.

The following table shows summary of achievements

| | Child School Support | Women Welfare (Group/Member) | Social Awareness | Health Camps & Awareness | | | HIV/AIDS Awareness |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | | | Health Education | Polio Eradication | Family Planning | |
| Vampuguda | 20 | 2/30 | 0 | 1/20 | 40 | 10 | 3/20 |
| Kokkonda | 10 | 2/30 | 1/10 | 2/30 | 15 | 15 | 4/35 |
| Lalgadi Malakpet | 15 | 3/30 | 1/20 | 1/20 | 45 | 5 | 4/22 |
| Jagamguda | 10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 3/30 | 28 | 0 | 2/18 |
| Kolthur | 10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 2/30 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Chintapallyguda | 10 | 2/20 | 1/10 | 1/20 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Total | 75 | 11/130 | 4/60 | 11/170 | 128 | 50 | 13/95 |
| Target of Group/ Members by 30-6-2010 | 100 | 17/195 | 11/130 | 12/200 | 158 | 115 | 14/110 |