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ADONI AREA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAMME (AARDIP)

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Foreword:

As the years to pass, AARDIP has expanded its roots in to the Field of development, related to the communities that are suffering with hunger discrimination and poverty. Many ways of development programs have been designed and implemented in partnership with communities, government and likeminded social organizations and supporters.

The experiences, learnings and achievements of the endowers are encouraging me to present this report of 26th year to all our partners, with pride. We hope and believe that the efforts made through the planed programmes have brought out meaningful change in the lives of target people.

We wish to thank all the friends, likeminded people and institutions supported us with good heart by providing their expertise, material and money to bring a meaningful change in the lives of people living in distress situation.

We are thankful to all our supporters especially NABARD for providing an opportunity to serve the communities through watershed program, similarly we thank DGM and AGM of NABARD for their kind support.

In the same way we extend our sincere thanks to RTR for supporting AARDIP to work with 350 girl children in Yemmiganur and kowthalam mandal of Kurnool. Similarly we thank Mr. Pursotaham for his kind support.

We also extend thanks to Action aid for supporting AARDIP for the last 10 years and thanks for European commission for Providing AARDIP to serve the women communities thorough a women land rights program.

We also be very thankful to community members, staff, government officials, board members, media and donors who stand with us in taking this programmes in the direction intended.

With regards,

K.SWAMIDAS
Project Director; AARDIP

GIRL EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

It is an obvious that Adoni Division is educationally backward area in Kurnool District and Andhra Pradesh. To address the issue of illiteracy and to promote education opportunities for girls, which aspect is mostly denied by society following myths and mis concepts on Girl education, AARDIP had initiated Girl Education Programme in Kowthalam and Yemmiganur Mandals to provide quality education for 281 girls studying from 1st standard to Intermediate. The basic interventions of the programme are material support, academic support, life skill education etc.,



Community is being motivated on the importance of Girl Education. Mass Education Programmes are planned and implemented to sensitize the parents and to address the issues such as child marriage, child labour and other social ill practices. School level meeting has to be organized in order to boost up responsibility and commitment of teaching staff at all schools.

Story of Gowri :

Kumari. K. Gowri is a school dropout in 7th standard. Her parents Laxmamma (Mother), Narasappa (Father) are very poor and seeking their lively hood on daily wage base the family is big in size with 5 children's. Basically the parents are belongs to weaving community which is not giving them full support to provide quality education and life to the children. This situation made Gowri to discontinue her schooling in 7th Standard and started going for cooly work to support the parents.

AARDIP noticed the situation of Gowri and get her back to school and got admitted into 8th standard. This was a hard situation for her parents since the income is cutoff. However AARDIP has provided all support for the girl and encourage her further studies.

It is infact a wonderful success of Gowri she continued studies and passed 12th standard and also had completed teacher training course (TTC) in the year 2013. This is a story of Gowri which brings a new hope into the life's of her family members.



First graduated girl - Gowri

◆ **Dalit Women Land Rights :**

Hunger and caste discrimination of dalit community is visible widely across the country since decades. The laws and the constitutional guarantee of the country has not bring out the dalit communities absolutely out from the hunger and caste based discrimination. It is known land lessness is the major cause for the problem there fore AARDIP philosophically understood that poor should process land for dignified and self reliant life.



This project supported by European commission through Actionaid and been implemented in 300 villages of Andhra Pradesh State covering three districts such as Kurnool, Mehaboonagar and Cuddapah etc., About 5600 women have been trained on land rights and land issues to understand what is land, where is land and how to get land.

Advocacy activities have been carried out by women and district level consultations, Mandal level consultations and State level consultations have been organized in all districts and women along with men submitted petitions and a state level consultations organized with 200 dalit women in the presence of revenue officials such as district collector and deputy collector etc.,

Eventually about 663 acres of land has been handed over benefitting 329 women in 44 operational villages. About 300 women leaders have been built and formed a strong force to fight for land rights of dalit women.



Women Farmers in Sustainable Agricultural Project:

Food insecurity is the major issue faced by women and children in rural areas especially dalit women are the most vulnerable and living in anemic condition. 600 Women have been mobilized from 21 villages of Kurnool district to practice sustainable agriculture to produce food grains of



highly nutrient to protect their health and address the issue of food insecurity. Several trainings have been organized to make the women understand the importance of growing food grains in their small holdings of land instead of going for cash crops. Women convinced and formed into a women farmers association and started producing food grains.



As it is important the project help the women to keep “Seed Storage” to help each other. Millets and pulses are being distributed among 600 women to cultivate food grains in 600 acres. This brings a hope among many families that they can fight out hunger.

Watershed Development Programme :

Natural resources such as land, water and forest is being put for so much of degradation. Human and natural disasters made the resource to degrade. It is a dangerous sign for future generations therefore watershed development programme is being implemented by AARDIP in four villages of Holagunda Mandalam to protect the natural resources such as water, soil and forest from degradation.



The programme is planned for 5 years with the partnership of NABARD to treat 25000 of acres of land in four villages. Water harvesting structures, soil conservation activity, A forestation and lively wood activities are being implemented to benefit the farmers and form labors of four watershed villages.



People have been formed into watershed committees and registered under mutually aided co-operative society to manage their own watershed development programmes continuously to keep the development intact. Several training programmes organized to build able leadership and a community with consciousness to protect the natural resources for the sake of future generation.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Project

Prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Adoni and Yemmiganur Mandals is recorded high due to various factors such as migration of rural poor in to cities, prevalence of sex trade, existence of devadasi system and cultural practice in relation with dedication of MSM's and TG's.

Outreach services have been provided to Key population (MSM's & TG's) of Adoni and Yemmiganur Mandal through one to one contact, group meetings. About 1050 KP's have been given orientation on HIV/AIDS prevention

AARDIP has been awarded with best NGO for the year 2013 for outstanding services rendered for the welfare of positive people and key population.

Advocacy Activities such as requesting the government to provide minimum support to KP community by providing ration card, house sites and pensions etc., carried out and about 50 members have been benefited.

Referral Services being availed by all members of the programme by conducting tests related to STI,ART and ICTC etc.,

AARDIP Resource Center:

It is high necessity, AARDIP felt to establish a resource center to carry out awareness and development programmes for the building of powerful community to address the problems of life situation forever. Therefore a training center with a space of 1200 Sq. feet is on the way of construction this will help the dalit, women and children in Adoni division as a think tank and advisory service center.





Partnership in Development :

AARDIP is having partnership with Room to Read India Trust, Actionaid, NABARD and APSACS to implement programmes related to education land and agriculture Natural Resource Management and HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme respectively.

Conclusion

In the end of the report we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our supporters and partners we have supported to implement the programmes in all areas of planned programmes.

Our sincere thanks to our legal adviser, Auditor who have supporters in maintaining our records and accounts in transparent way and supported for rendering services to the poor.

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