



NYSASDRI Annual Report 2013-14

VISION

To facilitate the process of establishing a just society and to enable underprivileged people to gain power and lead a better, higher quality life with control and access to common resources.

MISSION

To empower underprivileged communities by increasing their participation in the development process, ensuring the proper utilization of resources within the community, raising the level of literacy, and expanding access to healthcare.

FOREWORD



Dear Friends, Well wishers
& Partners,

It is my pleasure to publish
Report for the FY 2013-14.
I am very grateful to all of
you for your kind support
you extended to achieve the objective and
materialised in action. Hope the report card
would be accepted by you.

Kind regards,

Sarangadhar Samal

INTRODUCTION

The National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute (NYSASDRI) is a non-profit social development organization that reaches approximately 5.2 million people in Odisha with its innovative and sustainable development strategies. Established as a village youth club in 1973, the organization is registered under the Indian Society Registration Act, XXI of 1860 (Registration No. DKL-390/80), the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 1976 (Registration. No. 104890005), and 12(A) & 80(G) of the Income Tax Act. At present NYSASDRI operates in the most remote and inaccessible areas of 12 districts of Odisha where more than 60% of the population is living below the Poverty Line. Our development initiative covers the poor and more vulnerable sections of the population including women, children, elderly, disabled, destitute, marginal farmers, rural artisans and other such underprivileged. It has developed an integrated strategy by combining a direct service delivery approach and development support activities such as research, advocacy, and networking.

EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX FOR TRIBAL GIRLS IN LOW LITERACY AREA OF RAYAGADA DISTRICT

The educational complex is based at Hukumtola Village in the Bisam Cuttack block of Rayagada District, Odisha. 172 tribal girls from different inaccessible areas of the district have been enrolled in classes ranging from 1st to 5th standard grades. Out of 172 children, 45 have graduated from the 5th grade and 45 tribal girls have enrolled for the first time in different classes for the 2013-2014 academic year. A boundary wall for the campus, housing facilities and classrooms have been constructed. The program offers committee meetings for mothers and spreads awareness of girls' education in local villages. Regular health checkups and medicine are provided to girls. In addition, support for personal cleanliness, hygiene, food, accommodation, uniforms, books, teaching materials, mosquito nets, and sundry items such as oil, soap, toothpaste, and cosmetics are provided on a monthly basis. The program includes pocket money and incentives as well as excursion picnics, organized annual functions, sports, national days, and festivals. Vocational training is provided for girls in the areas of nursing, tailoring, soil less cultivation (siliculture) and vegetable gardening. In their spare time, the teachers and students do socially useful and productive work such as planting trees, caring for the environment and cultivating vegetables and flowers.

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRECHES

10 Creche Centres are currently being operated by NYSASDRI in the Gondia block of Dhenkanal district. 250 children between the ages of 2 to 5 years belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other under-privileged communities have benefited from this programme. Children are provided preschool education, nutritious food, health care services and entertainment activities such as singing, dancing, playing, etc. The staff members of the Crèche Centres were taught pre-school education skills that emphasize a joyful methodology. The Centres are monitored by village education committees and are managed by trained Aya and support staff.

ODM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NYSASDRI is managing the ODM Community School (ODMCS) at Kashipur in the Gondia Block of Dhenkanal district, in which 65 poor and tribal children are continuing their education from Nursery up to standard (grade) 03 following the CBSE pattern (English Medium). Through out the most recent reporting period we have conducted annual examinations, sports, various annual functions, cultural events and different co-curricular activities. The children have celebrated festivals and observed the national days on their school premises. Parent-teacher meetings are conducted in order to review the performance of children on a regular basis. The school has also conducted regular health check-ups and provided necessary treatments to meet the needs of the students. Annual sports were organised from 18th Dec to 19th Dec 2013, the picnic programme was arranged on 8th Jan 2014 and cultural events on 23rd March 2014. The students engaged in worship during the observation of Saraswati Puja (Goddess of Education) and Ganesh Puja. Bi-monthly, half yearly and annual examinations were conducted to assess the student's progress, and support was provided to those showing unsatisfactory performance. Half yearly examination was conducted in November of 2013, with the annual exam taking place in March of 2014.



Construction of ODM School Housing Facility

This reporting period also saw the construction of housing facilities at ODM Community School and other work including the renovation and coloring of school premises, as well as the purchase of instrument, equipment and furniture for schools. One 05KV stabilizer installed in the premises of ODMCS solves the low voltage of electricity problem. We have planned the construction of housing facilities for 30 students to commence during the academic year 2014-2015.



Sponsorship under God-Parents Programme

Teaching materials, partial transportation charges, tuition fees, nutritious food, health care and different co-curricular activities support have been provided to 48 students of ODM Community School and SEED Kanyashram under a sponsorship programme (individual and common pool programme). Students also observed and celebrated different national days, birthdays of fellow students, festivals etc. Besides these events, students participated in annual sports, picnics, annual functions and different co curricular activities including speech, drawing, painting, singing ,and a dancing competition among the students.

Support for Health Care and Education Programme

Through the programme support, we have been able to provide eye care and a poor children's elementary education programme in Odisha. In the first quarter of 2013, we have conducted 200 adult surgeries in Kalinga Eye Hospital and books, clothing and health check-ups were provided for the children in the ODM Community School. Similarly, we have conducted 10 paediatric surgeries and 100 adult Surgeries during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2013. We have also repaired the school's furniture, facilities and paid tuition fees.

ODM WORLD SCHOOL

The ODM World School in Govindpur, Dhenkanal is managed by NYSASDRI with a partnership with the ODM educational Group. The school is well equipped with special facilities that provide a world class learning environment with activity-based learning, digital classrooms, and personal tutorials. Additional benefits include a canteen, recreation room, music lessons, dance lessons, health care services, and an emphasis on learning Indian culture through club-based activities. Facilities are also available for working parents. Presently, 112 students are continuing in the school from Nursery to standard V.



NYSASDRI School of Journalism & Social Work (NSJS)

The NYSASDRI School of Journalism and Social Work (NSJS) started its 1st academic session in the 2013-14 school year. The school has been recognized by the Government of Odisha and is affiliated with Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar. Two years of full-time courses towards a Master's of Journalism & Mass Communication and Master's of Social Work are now offered with 60 seats available in each academic session. During the academic year 2013-14, a total of 21 students have been enrolled in the Master's of Social Work (MSW) course. Regular classes, seminars, exposure visits and field work have been conducted by the school. For more details visit www.nysasdrischools.org.



Construction of Building and Boundary wall of Educational Complex

Over the last two years facilitates totalling 3050 square feet have been constructed. The cost has been limited to only materials and labour without any supervisory or administrative expenses. This includes the completion of three buildings to meet the educational and housing requirements of 172

children. Three buildings were made on RCC Roof infrastructure including well finished colouring and electrification. 1199 feet of boundary work on the same campus was completed during the month of Feb 2014. Only plastering the boundary remains to be completed.

RELIEF PROGRAMME FOR CYCLONE PHAILIN VICTIMS

Odisha state has been ravaged by three consecutive cyclones and a flood of unprecedented magnitude, unheard of in recent memory. The cyclone, with wind speeds up to 224 km per hour, was accompanied by torrential rain, flooding and highroad waves that caused widespread devastation of both public and private properties. This rendered more than 1.5 cores people homeless without food, shelter or water, besides causing the loss of human lives and cattle populations. The devastation brought by the Odisha cyclone on 12 Oct. 2013 is the most horrible in recent memory, affecting 18 districts that remained without power for almost 10-30 days. Ganjam, Balasore and Mayrabhanja districts suffered the worst effects from the cyclone and flood. NYSASDRI distributed relief and essential materials for the cyclone victims of Garampeta, Indrakhi in Rangeilunda block under Ganjam district Odisha. A total of 1100 households in the village were supported through this programme. We distributed relief materials such as cooked food, dry food and other essential commodities.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

NYSASDRI has promoted, strengthened and revamped 250 women SHGs and 68 adolescent clubs in Gondia block of Dhenkanal district. SHG members engaged in different community-based farming and non-farming activities centred on the kitchen-garden, goatary, dairy and petty shop. Furthermore, this program helps the SHG groups through livelihood promotion, skill improvements, and education about reproductive health, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. Women Self Help Groups members are working in various aspects including health and sanitation, construction of village roads, management of mid day meals at primary schools, management of PDS and are engaged in different income generation activities. Increases in savings as well as living status is a startling result within the women groups and it has been a regular practice among group members to recycle loan amounts during crisis periods. Awareness has been created among the community members on 13 Golden principles for SHG members: "Towards enhancement of quality of life".

RAISING THE INCOME AND SELF-ESTEEM OF POOR TRIBAL WOMEN THROUGH MICRO ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NYSASDRI has organized 208 tribal women from 20 Self Help Groups (SHG) of 09 tribal villages of Gondia block of Dhenkanal district. Our staff members contacted them and organized regular village level meetings which motivated them to continue regular meetings. This allowed the women to engage in savings initiatives, take credit from the groups, repay their loan amounts and document all decisions without waiting for our staff members' presence and guidance. We have also interacted with them for the purpose of conducting capacity building trainings on different need based agriculture and allied activities such as bank linkages for credit and other marketing support services for strengthening the groups. We have introduced and encouraged them to practice 18 golden principles (Social Obligation) during their monthly meetings. During village level meetings, we have been encouraging participants to add new members in the place of the deceased and standardize their documents such as bank pass books, records of minutes, the recovery of pending loans from group members and the collection of member fees to the groups. We have also disseminated ideas about the formation of sub groups in which 05 to 06 members can be taken in. Women of Gondia block were identified in 20 women self -help



groups and they have some experience on self help practices. But due to poor follow up and lack of coordination among them, they are not doing their group work. The groups were almost defunct so we have encouraged them to prepare a business plan which will be more beneficial for their income generation work. In this context we have also contacted banking, agriculture and horticulture departments for the organisation of capacity building training programmes.

MEIKIRCH MODEL - IMPROVED HEALTH CARE BY A NEW UNDERSTANDING

NYSASDRI has practiced the Meikirch Model on a continuous basis at different schools, colleges, villages. It also has organized trainings, seminars, workshops, and printed brochures, books and posters in order to achieve wider publicity for the Model and its benefits .In the Gondia Block, a total of 100 villages were covered by teachings of awareness of health and by education on the Meikirch Model. Of those villages twenty were chosen for a comprehensive practice of the Model. In each of them we have discussed the Meikirch Model as a means to cost effectively prevent the occurrences of various diseases. In addition we have encouraged and motivated these village communities to adopt safe health care practices such as maintaining a balanced diet, yoga, and physical exercise to avoid stress. Women self-help groups have been organizing campaigns against the use of alcohol, for the promotion of sending children to schools, and for advising regular immunisations. Campaigns also encouraged villagers to wearshoes, to apply proper hand washing practices, to use only clean water for drinking, sleep under mosquito nets, to maintain their surroundings clean and to add green leafs and vegetables to their eating habits.

Kalinga Eye Hospital (A unit of NYSASDRI) organised a one month training course in capacity building for vision technicians to promote best health practices in forest areas. In this programme we have included the messages of the Meikirch Model as it relates to eye care:"Prevention is better than treatment!" Everybody should take proper care to avoid eye diseases or blindness. During the year 2013 more than 2000 animators were trained from 19 districts of Odisha. One session was also devoted to the Meikirch Model as a whole. On 10th May 2013 one day of training about the Meikirch Model was also organised at the ODM Public school, Bhubaneswar. In the seminar, students and teachers were asked to discuss various questions about the benefits of the Model and why it is an innovative and cost effective approach to preserve health. Finally, we have prepared different sizes of stickers of the Meikirch Model that may be used on vehicles, meeting rooms as motivators in various training programmes. The symbol was also applied to other materials of daily use.

On December 3, 2013 the India Chamber of Commerce (in association with the Government of Odisha Department of Health and Family Welfare and the National Health Mission on Healthcare Conclave) organised a seminar at Hotel New Marrion, Bhubaneswar. A NYSASDRI team of four members participated in the seminar. They reminded all participants of the benefits of the Meikirch Model.Prevention is better than treatments and alternative medicines. Holistic health care approaches should be used to spread prevention in an affordable and accessible way. Altogether492 books and 2000 brochures about the Meikirch Model have been distributed to different stakeholders during different programmes.

During 2013 NYSASDRI has developed an independent web network for the Meikirch Model programme:www.meikirchmodelodisha.org. The website gives many more details about the Meikirch Model programme.

REHABILITATION SUPPORT SHORT STAY HOME FOR DISTRESSED WOMEN AND GIRLS

NYSASDRI has established a Short Stay Home to provide short-term shelter and aims to regain the self confidence of vulnerable women and girls through rehabilitation skills training and counselling. Women and girls in the age range of 15 to 35 years can be admitted to this home.



Children up to the age of 7 years are also admitted in the home along with their mothers. During their stay they are provided accommodation, clothes, food, counselling services, health checkups, legal aid support, education, and entertainment facilities. Television, playing cards, and ludo are also available for residents in the Short Stay Home. Residents have enjoyed the local festivals and national days celebrated on the campus. During the past year 24 residents and 11 children were admitted, and 26 residents were discharged along with 15 children. 15 children have been admitted to the primary school and 12 children enrolled in Anganwadi centre (ICDS). A total of 52 weekly health check-up camps were organized and 09 residents were referred to community health centers Sriramchandrapur, Gondia & District hospitals, Dhenkanal for treatment. Vocational training helps women sort out family disputes by helping them reconcile with their families. Within the reporting period, residents returned to their parents' homes and 9 did restoration at their spouse's home. 01 rehabilitated through employment and one remarried.



FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

The family-counselling centre has been set up by NYSASDRI in Gondia Block of Dhenkanal District. During the one-year reporting period the Family Counselling Centre has rendered need based services to women facing problems regarding dowry, torture, marital maladjustment (with both spouse and in-laws), maladjustment due to personality differences, interference from parents/in-laws, extra-marital relations, alcohol/ drug addiction, economic crises and family conflict. Services rendered including counselling, reconciliation trainings; referrals to short stay homes, legal-aid, court of the police as needed by the applicant. During this reporting year, 142 cases enrolled and 152 cases were closed. People settled at matrimonial homes, parent's & other relative's homes or were referred to SSH & Swadhar Home. Legal Aid Support or police stations were options as well. 10 cases were reconciled. 112 cases were referred to a different service provider as per need of the applicant. 04 sub-committee meetings were organized to review performance and suggest better management of the programme. A total of 48 public awareness meetings were conducted during this reporting period.



DEEMED ORPHANAGE PROGRAMME

A total of 15 children at Short Stay Home received benefits such as preschool education, nutritional food, dress materials, teaching & learning materials and health care services.



AIDE MONDIALE ISC, PARIS

A team of six students from Aide Mondiale ISC, Paris visited NYSASDRI field area including the ODM Community School, NYSASDRI educational Complex, and SEED Kanyashram from 11th April to 19th April 2013 and spent time with children teaching, drawing and painting. They also provided toys, teaching and learning materials and partial support for construction of ODM Community school housing facilities.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Volunteers from different backgrounds including professional photographers, teachers, students, undergraduates, and professionals from state, national and international organizations and institutions participated in various activities that helped NYSASDRI extend their reach in the field of eye care, education, and the ODM Community School. This year 13 volunteers have joined hands with NYSASDRI and its different units. Volunteers shared their individual expertise and skills to improve various NYSASDRI programs. Interaction between the volunteers and our staff was also very helpful in improving the skill and knowledge of NYSASDRI staff.

KALINGA EYE HOSPITAL

Forest Guards to Vision Guardians: The Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project has worked together with Kalinga Eye Hospital to empower the Animators from different forest village and provided them with a kit to screen for eye diseases amongst the community. After an Animator has screened the entire population of his or her village, a doctor travels to a central location and examines patients from several villages that the Animators have identified as having eye problems and in this regard, after training these animators have screened the general population of their villages and identified the people are in need of eye care treatment. Amongst all Keonjhar district has conducted the Eye camps at first and 5 eye treatment camps were conducted in five strategic locations of the district through which 2463 people were screened, 1561 were provided with ophthalmic medicines, 978 were provided with refractive corrected glasses and 370 have undergone cataract eye surgery. Without this initiative 2463 people of the dense forest areas of our state would not have accessed the eye care and might remain with eye problems. Total of 1,585 Animators, para teachers, were trained at Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal on detecting common ophthalmic ailments in the community.

Expanding the Horizons: To reduce the avoidable blindness form the society, Kalinga Eye Hospital has joined hand with several local stakeholders in the past and this year some corporate houses such as Monnet Power Company Limited, GMR Varalakshmi Foundation, Tata Steel Rural Development Society, Jajpur, Rungta Mines Limited, Dhenkanal, Dibya Jeeban Sangha, Angul has come up and organized eye treatment camps in the peripheral villages of their organizations and helped people treat for ophthalmic problems at free of cost.

Helping to restore Sight: There are some non-profit global health delivery organizations that have joined with Kalinga Eye Hospital in restoring the sight of people in need. Some of them like Unite for Sight, SEVA Foundation, Wonderwork, USA, DCI and DIK Germany partner with KEH to provide comprehensive ophthalmic care and education about preventative measures through conducting outreach eye treatment camps. Many patients in Odisha cannot access eye care for variety of reasons such as lack of awareness or transportation, loss of wages, or lack of need. To work around these barriers to care, outreach camps were designed to help patients restore their sight. Outreach camps are conducted in a radius of about seven hours from the clinic in the local villages to minimize the patient travelling. Patients from these camps who need surgery are transported back to the hospital for treatment and once surgery is done, patients are counselled about the postoperative care and are dropped back at their respective villages and regularly provided with follow up care by our outreach teams. This year, out of 9018, free sight-restoring cataract surgeries, 6903 patients were supported by these International NGOs.

Kalinga Eye Hospital Angul Unit in Action: After faithfully serving the people in and around Dhenkanal district for over 10 years, it has been decided that the time has come to expand the ophthalmic services to serve more people throughout Odisha, and instead of extending towards the coastal Odisha, Kalinga Eye Hospital has desired to move towards the western part of Odisha and on 1st February 2013, it has opened its new location in Angul with a goal of developing to a secondary eye care center by 2015 that will reduce avoidable blindness in the state. This newest ophthalmic center in Angul was dedicated to the people of Odisha on December 8th, 2013. The event's chief speaker was Dr. Asim Kumar Sil, Board member to Vision 2020 Right to Sight India, and CMD of VMANN, and Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS, PCCF, PD-Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project was Chief Guest of the event & also addressed the gathering. Local doctors, corporate houses, Pharmacists, Patho labs were invited to come tour the center, and a plaque dedicating the clinic to the people of Odisha was unveiled inside the clinic.

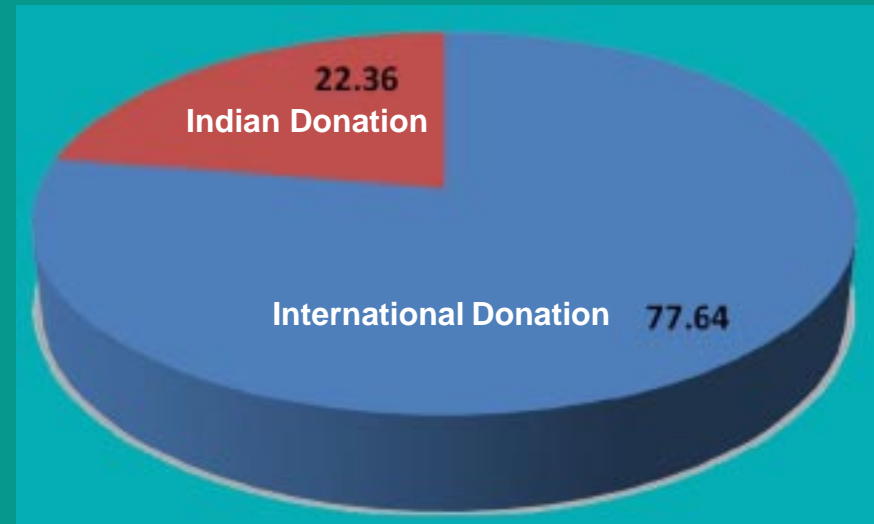


8937 Adult & 81 Children got sight restoration surgeries at free of cost through 207 outreach camps

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- ♦ Vision 2020, an organization formed by IABP & WHO
- ♦ International Federation of Neighbourhood and Settlement
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