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Child Education and Rights, Youth Skill Development Outreach



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2	Gonasika	17	282	243	525	501	2	20	2	525			
3	Tamil Nadu	3	67	41	108	-	108	-	-	108			
4	Kothakota	15	259	229	488	361	7	118	2	488			
5	Rajahmundry	29	519	629	1148	132	260	669	87	1148			
6	Guntur	30	676	600	1276	438	376	379	83	1276			
7	Nellore	25	474	491	965	391	425	139	10	965			
8	Kadapa	15	324	270	594	32	357	198	7	594			
9	Hyderabad	15	321	315	636	8	284	336	8	636			
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1	Odisha	56	-	181	181	45	48	84	4	181
2	Guntur	5	58	189	247	51	69	83	44	247
3	Nellore	3	-	65	65	17	27	15	6	65
4	Kadapa	3	-	60	60	15	45	-	-	60
5	Hyderabad	20	-	501	501	12	138	346	5	501
6	Rajahmundry	15	56	19	75	19	14	33	9	75
7	Tamil Nadu	4	-	27	27	-	20	7	-	27
	Total	106	114	1042	115 6	159	361	568	68	1156

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Minutes of

46th Annual General Body Meeting



Held at JEEVAN JYOTHI ON 10-09-2017

The 46th Annual General Body Meeting was convened by the President of VRO at 10.30 am on 10th September 2017, at Jeevan Jyothi, Chikoti Garden, Begumept, Hyderabad.

The following members informed the Secretary of their inability to attend the General Body meeting: Fr. A. Santiago, Mr. J. Ranga Rao, Mr. TKS Sharma, and Dr. T. Nagender Swamy.

Sr. Cletus Daisy JMJ, the president, Dr. N.J. Karunakara Rao, Secretary, Mrs. Kavitha David, Treasurer, Fr. Peter Daniel SJ, Operational Director, Sri. T. Gopala Rao, IAS (Retd) and Dr. B. Prasada Rao, IPS (Retd) lit the lamp. Ms. Rafath Razia honored the potraite of Prof. M.A. Windey SJ with a garland.

The meeting began with a prayer song "Om Jagadeswara" sung by Ms. V. Sandhya Rani, Ms. J. Mani, and Ms. Amitha Behara.

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, welcomed all the General Body members to the 46th Annual General Body meeting. She also welcomed the new General Body members Mrs. G. Vasumathi Purnima, Fr. P.S. Amalraj SJ (Provincial of Andhra Jesuit Province), Mr. Arasharial John Saju, Sr. K. Joshi, JMJ, Fr. B. Shailendra SJ, Dr. Movva Srinivasa Reddy and Sr. C. Denin Mary, JMJ.

Dr. N. J. Karunakara Rao, Secretary, read out the minutes of the 45th Annual General Body meeting and after certain clarifications Prof. R. V. Kolhatkar proposed the approval of the minutes and Sri. T. Gopala Rao seconded it.

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ delivered the Presidential message. In her speech she reiterated how VRO has been very faithful to its philosophy, ethos, and in its service through courageous and creative interventions to the poor in spite of various hurdles faced in the past. She also mentioned that it has been possible because of the positive attitudes of all those who work in VRO. She also appreciated the operational team members with all its dedicated

volunteers who sacrifice every day their comfort and family life for the sake of serving the poor.

Dr. N.J. Karunakara Rao, Secretary, read out the secretary's report and it was unanimously approved by the General Body. Fr. Peter Daniel SJ, the Operational Director, read out the activity report for the year 2016-17. Field reports were presented by Ms. V. Sandhya Rani, Mr. Showri, Mr. Jeyaraman and Fr. George Antony SJ. In response to the reports read by different volunteers the general body members deliberated on various suggestions to improve upon the activities being done by VRO.

Fr. Velangani Raju SJ, the Associate Director, in his report "Challenges to Changes", invited all who are engaged with VRO to be context-sensitive and continually relevant to the ever-evolving socioeconomic, cultural, religious and political arena through creative interventions. He personally thanked all the volunteers wholeheartedly for their generous support to him and for their indomitable commitment to the children and the poor in the villages.

Mrs. M. Kavitha David presented the financial report and thanked the donors for their continuous and generous financial support to VRO programs. She also appreciated the Operational Director and the Associate Director for being connected with the donors in bringing in the required funds to run different programs. Later, the General Body members confirmed the continuation of the Auditor M/S., K.V.R Subba Rao & CO, Charted Accountant, Guntur for the financial year 2017-18.

Since Dr. N.J. Karunakara Rao and Mrs Rafath Razia requested the board to relieve them from the governing board of VRO and their responsibility as its members, the President proposed two names Sri. T. Gopala Rao Garu, IAS (Rtd) and Advocate G Vasumathi Purnima as new board members. The General Body unanimously approved the above members as Governing Board Members.



Minutes of

46th Annual General Body Meeting



The General Body thanked Dr. N.J. Karunakara Rao and Mrs. Rafath Razia for the valuable services rendered to VRO as its Secretary and Member respectively. The General Body felicitated the outgoing Governing Body members with shawls and flower bouquets.

Some of the non-life members of VRO proposed their willingness to become life members of VRO for which the secretary responded saying that the resolution was passed during the 45th general body meeting to make life membership for only 10 years. Hence all the present life members who have been members for more than 10 years will be requested to renew their

membership by 47th General Body meeting by paying Rs.1,000 as membership fee and during that time all the members who are not life members will also be included as life members by paying the membership fee of Rs.1,000. The General Body approved the proposal made by the secretary.

The secretary thanked all the General Body members for their active participation and the VRO volunteers for the efficient organization of the General Body meeting. Finally, the formal meeting came to an end with the VRO Song "Vijayaviharam" and all the participants took part in the community lunch.

Fr. S.A. Dhanapaul, SJ

Secretary, VRO





President's Message

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ



Dear Friends,

We are at the threshold of a new beginning of the coming years. Looking at the report of the Operational Director, I thank God and the thousands of people who work tirelessly to achieve success. We have achieved a lot in 2017-18. We congratulate the VRO team who energetically strived to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and families through empowerment processes as well as making the planet comfortable to live by Agro Forestry program. We are proud of the achievements but as responsible persons for the millions of stakeholders in India, we need to reflect seriously on what more can we do.

Although medical care is being provided by the Government, Private Sector and many benevolent people, many of our women and children in the rural areas are not yet reached out.

It is my dream that by 2020 all our tribal people who are homeless and affected by various calamities find a home for themselves. This can be achieved by holding hands with the Government, our overseas funding-partners and those in India. I must be failing in my duty if I don't mention the real doers in VRO like Fr. Peter Daniel SJ, the Operational Director and Fr. Velagani Raju SJ, the Associate Director, who have been turning the wheel efficiently assisted by the volunteers in the Central Office and the hundreds of volunteers in the field.

The Governing Board members with vast experience and expertise in the public and private sectors



constitute the backbone of the organization. Without them, we could not have achieved what we are today.

While continuing all the good work we are doing, let us add a few more to the list to help the poor, marginalized and the downtrodden in our communities. We have a long way to go and we have to make tangible difference in the lives of many more before we retire.

May God Almighty bless all our endeavours through our committed service to the poor and the marginaliezed as volunteers following the vision of our founder, Prof. M.A. Windey SJ. May he inspire all of us to live and lead life to its fullness till we make a difference in the lives of many more and see smiles on their faces!

Thank you and God Bless all of us.

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ President, VRO





Secretary's Report

S.A.Dhanapaul, SJ



It is my privilege and honour to welcome Madam President, Members of the Governing Board, General Body and Friends to the 47th Annual General Body meeting of Village Reconstruction Organisation (VRO).

The Governing board met during the year as follows:

- 1. September 10th 2017 at Jeevan Jyothi, Begumpet, Hyderabad.
- 2. January 6th 2018 at St Joseph's Hospital, Guntur.
- 3. April 9th 2018 at St Joseph's Hospital, Guntur.
- 4. August 18th 2018 at St Joseph's Hospital, Guntur.

Major Achievements

VRO successfully constructed 22 houses in collaboration with NTR Housing Board Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, for the Garuvupalem Yanadi community in Nizampatnam Mandal of Guntur district and inaugurated it on 25th October 2017.

VRO also ensured 40 quality houses for the Pedaselagam Kond Dhora tribes in Ramabadrapuram Mandal of Viziyanagaram district and it was inaugurated on 18th February 2018 by Dr. Robert Wychera and his cousin Mr. Erhard Wychera.

VRO is also happy to announce that it is constructing in collaboration with NTR Housing Corporation 191 more houses for the Yanadi tribe in six villages, namely, SR Colony (39) Kapulapalem (33), Potumeraka (54), Mollagunda (18), Pedapalli (18), and Kallipalem (29) in Repalle area of Guntur District.

VRO submitted its nomination along with NTR Housing Board Corporation for SCOTCH Award at the request of the government of Andhra Pradesh. We are happy to announce that our nomination is shortlisted for the presentation of our report, photos and videos on our housing program which will be done shortly and hope to win the award.



Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ, Associate Director, is to be congratulated for his successful fund-raising trip to Europe and on convincing the donors to continue their support for VRO programs and in connecting new donors to VRO from France, Belgium, United Kingdom and Spain.

Important Discussions and Resolutions

The President placed on record the valuable services rendered by the outgoing members Dr N.J. Karunakara Rao (as secretary of VRO) and Mrs Rafath Razia (in absentia) (as a member of GoB VRO) for their valuable support and contribution to VRO for its smooth running of various programs. Then the President invited the members to propose a name for the secretary of VRO. Dr. B. Prasada Rao proposed Fr. S.A. Dhanapaul, SJ as secretary as he is one of the senior members in the Board. It was unanimously accepted and approved by the other members. Then the President asked for his consent and Fr. S. A. Dhanapaul, SJ willingly accepted to be the Secretary of VRO and to take up the responsibilities that go along with the office. The President thanked him for accepting the request of the Board. Dr. N. J. Karunakara Rao ceased to be the Secretary of VRO as on 10.09.2017.

It was resolved that Fr. S.A. Dhanapaul, SJ would be the signatory of all the documents of VRO wherever the signature of Secretary of VRO is necessary.



S.A.Dhanapaul, SJ

Secretary's Report



It was also resolved that Fr. S.A. Dhanapaul, SJ will be the third signatory in operating the different bank accounts including the FCRA account of VRO at Hyderabad which were signed by the previous Secretary, Dr. N.J. Karunakara Rao and also to change other signatories of various other accounts operated from other regions.

The Board resolved to send Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ (Venkatapathi) for the fund-raising trip to Europe from 15th of May to 8th of June 2018.

In order to prepare personnel for the future mission of VRO, the Board members felt the need to ask the Provincial of Andhra Jesuit Province to provide three Jesuits (not all at a time) to VRO and will finance the educational cost of the three Jesuits in reputed institutions for MSW, RD, Financial Management and Project Management, etc. with the condition that these Jesuits once completed their studies will serve VRO for a minimum period of 6 years. The President was asked to send a letter to the Provincial of Andhra province and pursue the matter.

It was resolved to accept the Vellanki land sale deed proposed by Mr. A. Surender Reddy and to proceed amicably to solve the problems with the villagers.

It was resolved to put for sale the half acre of land that is adjacent to Kurumedu site (66km) and to keep the amount in FD as Corpus Fund.

It was resolved to sell the 2.97 acres of land at Rajanagaram at the rate of 1.50 crore per acre and to keep the amount in FD as Corpus Fund.

The board accepted the land lease deed cancellation with "Fair Havens Foundation", represented by Narayanajaya Vijayalakshmi w/o Narayanajaya Karunakara Rao on 31st March 2018.

It was resolved to cancel the lease deed given to Vidyodaya Health and Educational Society represented by Dr Subash at Vinjamuru thanda (75km) and resolved to lease out the property with its building (the old VRO health center) at Kurumedu (66km) to continue the ANM and skill training programs.

It was resolved to put up the compound wall for the land of VRO at Totlapalli in Cuddapha Dt.

The Board resolved to send Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ (Venkatapathi) to meet the collector and the RDO of Kadapa district regarding the land issue at Arogyanagar.

It was resolved to go for group insurance for all our volunteers only for this financial year with Medi Assist Insurance TPA Pvt. Ltd.

The Budget for the year 2018-19 was presented and after a few clarifications and suggestions, the budget was unanimously approved.

The President proposed to convene the General Body meeting on 16th of September 2018 and the board unanimously accepted the proposal. The President then requested the secretary to send the notice to all the General Body members inviting them for the Annual General Body Meeting to be held at Satyodayam, Tarnaka, Hyderabad.

The Governing Board of VRO in its board meeting held on 18th August 2018 resolved to send a letter to every General Body member whose membership in VRO has crossed more than 10 years and request them to renew their membership by paying Rs. 1,000 as its life membership fee.

Fr. S.A. Dhanapaul, SJ Secretary, VRO.





GoB Member

My Heart Speaks



My Journey with VRO is about 37 years. Prof. M.A.Windey, SJ met me when I was Collector and District Magistrate in Nellore during 1979. He came to discuss Housing Program with me for the cyclone affected fishermen in the coastal area of Nellore district. I was impressed by his commitment, simplicity and dedication. His Gandhian approach to serve the poor brought us together very close. We became friends. When I came as the District Collector to Guntur in 1981, our relationship became stronger resulting in me becoming a life member of VRO after taking official permission from state government.

We worked together and travelled to a number of villages including tribal areas to finalize housing projects. VRO became a vibrant organization during 80s and 90s. After 2005, the work in VRO slowed down and working style of Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ got changed probably because he was getting old and it was challenging for him to take control of the situation. However, some friends in VRO kept VRO moving.

Fr. Santiago, SJ, the then Associate Director, continued the momentum and kept VRO alive till Fr. Peter Daniel SJ became the full-time Operational Director and consequently Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ joining him as Associate Director.

Today as I look back, having participated in many of the activities of VRO, I experience not only the revival but also VRO becoming a vibrant and professional organization. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Fr. Peter Daniel, SJ and live wire Fr. Velangini Raju, SJ. Let us rededicate ourselves to the service of the poor and follow the path shown by Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ.

Sri.T. Gopala Rao, IAS (Retd) Governing Board Member, VRO



GoB Member



Balancing Act of VRO in Building communities



Village Reconstruction Organisation (VRO) founded by Prof. M.A. Windey S.J has been striving for the transformation of the marginalized sections of the society, especially those who are struggling to get their basic sustenance. VRO has been focusing on provision of housing, providing education to the children, imparting skills to the youth, creating awareness about health and sanitation and sustained development through Agro Forestry and green cover to ensure ecological balance and thus protect the environment.

Certain sections of the population have been living on the fringes of the society. They have to struggle to get their basic amenities like housing, drinking water, health and education to their children. VRO focuses on transforming such people.

I had a wonderful opportunity to witness the transformative work of VRO among the tribes on 18th February 2018 when I visited the village, Pedaselagam, situated in the interior forest of Saluru division (Vizianagaram District) on the occasion of its inauguration. I saw 40 houses beautifully whitewashed surrounded by green covered hillocks. It was a wonderful festive look indeed!

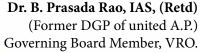
All the people of the village gathered at the entrance of the village to welcome all of us and to take us in procession. As I was walking along the street with Dr Robert Wychera, the donor, and other dignitaries my eyes were noticing the beaming faces of the poor tribals. It dawned on me that VRO has been the cause for the smile on the faces of these poor tribals.



This experience filled my heart with a sense of pride that I belong to the noble family of VRO.

When one of the stakeholders expressed his experience of rebuilding his village I realized how hard the people and the VRO team, headed by Fr. Velangani Raju SJ, had worked in this village. Hats off to them! When I returned back from the village after the inauguration my heart was overwhelming with joy and a sense of fulfillment as well. This has been one of the best fulfilling functions that I have attended in the recent past.

I congratulate the entire team of VRO that has been rendering singular service in initiating these programs, executing them and monitoring them to ensure that the disadvantaged sections of the society are benefited maximum and thus ensure their progress towards a bright future. I also congratulate all the members of the Board and all those working in VRO for taking the activities of the VRO forward in a sustained fashion. I sincerely appreciate the overseas donors who generously accompany VRO and the poor in India!







From Director's Desk

Peter Daniel, SJ



Making a difference

Dear Sister President, honorable members of Governing Board and the General Body, donors, well-wishers and friends.

As I present the Annual report of VRO for the financial year 2017-18, my heart is filled with gratitude to God Almighty for having destined VRO to serve the poor for the past 47 years, in a very special way, during the financial year 2017-18. Certainly we feel proud to acknowledge that we have "Made A Difference" in the lives of many poor people and children through various programs like Child Education and Rights (CER), Youth Skill Development (YSD), Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE), Agro Forestry (AF) and Village Rebuilding (VRBP).

During the year 2017-18, VRO has undertaken the following activities covering thousands of children, youth and hundreds of families.

- Provided quality education to 6099 government school going children in 163 villages through evening supervised study centres.
- Imparted skill training (tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing, beautician, driving, cell phone repair and electricial work) to 1156 young boys, girls and women through residential and nonresidential training centres.
- Worked towards village empowerment in 136 villages by strengthening and forming Self Help Groups, registering Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies (MACS) and enabling our villagers to obtain the entitlements from the government.
- Worked in 42 villages on livelihood improvement through Agro-Forestry programs.
- Constructed houses with sanitary facilities in two new villages for 62 tribal families and is constructing 191 houses in 6 tribal villages.



Certainly we are making a difference in the lives of all the stakeholders. In and through our service to our villagers we are getting shaped and they are making a difference in our lives too. We are influenced and challenged by their simple life-style and their wisdom and prudence in facing life. Thus mutual growth and transformation are taking place in all of us.

Are we not privileged and blessed? Yes we are! Let us be proud of our achievements but at the same time remain extremely grateful to the Lord Almighty who is journeying with us and inspiring, encouraging us to move ahead in our service to the poor with courage and total commitment. We are also grateful to our beloved villagers who allow us willingly to share our service-presence with them.

Another mile stone of our achievement is networking with the government officials and the policymakers especially in housing program.

In the words of Prof. M.A.Windey, SJ "We are all called to be the volunteers of peace, love, justice, and reconciliation". Let us be true to our call and continue to strive hard to make a difference in the lives of the villagers with whom we are engaged.



Peter Daniel, SJ

From Director's Desk



As I conclude my report I duly acknowledge, appreciate and thank our donors abroad, local Government, Government officials and well-wishers for their generous support to VRO programs. Certainly I thank the Governing Board members with profound gratitude for their constant support and valuable guidance. I do appreciate the General Body members who offer their encouragment through mails.

My heart-felt thanks to every member of VRO family for their gracious presence and valuable contribution.

Finally, I thank the team of volunteers headed by Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ which puts its heart and soul in making a difference in the lives of thousands of villagers and thus "Building Better Villages for a Better World".

Fr. Peter Daniel, SJOperational Director, VRO



Interventions



Child Education and Rights (CER)



VRO attempts to improve the overall situation of education in 163 villages covering Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. VRO views education as an effective tool for bringing social change through community involvement. We ensure that the children grasp what is taught in the school through our evening supervised study and enable them to understand their own rights and responsibilities through Children's Parliament. Every attempt is made to enrol the dropouts. Ultimately we help children become agents of change, advocating for themselves and others through service camps.

VRO has created awareness among the members of the community on the importance of education through continuous orientation to the parents and the community. Our community workers in villages who were selected and appointed by the

village community itself scale up the momentum by creating and strengthening mechanisms such as child protection committee, parents' committee and regularly visiting the school etc. Besides, the Community Workers are also engaged in guiding the parents, Parents-Teachers Association, enabling them to make effective use of local institutions responsible for preventing and responding to abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence that may affect their children.

The children have imbibed the value of service by which differently abled people are helped in their villages; participated actively to bring in public amenities such as school toilets and promoted cleanliness in and around their villages and made it plastic-free; taught their parents to read and write, thus improving their self-image.





Child Education and Rights (CER)



CER Achivements in the year

1. The number of villages where we conduct supervised study increased from 91 (2016-17) to 163 (2017-18).



2. 163 communites were motivated to select and appoint their own community workers for the better education of their children.

3. provided quality education to 6099 children in 163 evening study centers.

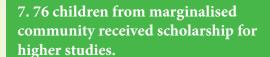


4. 6099 children were provided with school bags and learning materials.

5. 287 dropout children were mainstreamed.



6. 163 School Management Committees were formed and strengthened aiming towards effective functioning of schools.







8. 163 schools are being continuously monitored for basic amenities and quality of education.

Success Stories

Right to learn and love to teach

Gahami Senapati, the mother of Suresh Senapati and Piyaja Senapati, the mother of Sritam Senapati from Bayakumutia village, Odisha, are in full smile when they say "Now we know to write our names" Their sons who learnt through our CER program started teaching their mothers to read and write. These people belong to a Juvanga Primitive tribal community who had not seen a school in their younger days. The accessibility to education was not there. Now there is an accessibility and VRO children have developed interest to teach their own parents to read and write. A big achivement indeed!





Child Education and Rights (CER)



Linking learning and liaisoning an achievement by children

The children of Thaniyali village of Pelican Nivas circle in Nellore district are very active in developing their village. As part of the Children Education Program VRO established Children's Parliament in the village and motivated the children to study the problems of the village and to solve them with their involvement. During one of the meetings of the Children Parliament, the children discussed a street in the village that becomes muddy and slippery during rainy season. One boy observed that most of the people slipped down during those days and hurt themselves badly. Hence they decided to submit a memorandum to the village Panchayat President regarding this issue and request him to lay a cement road in the village. On receipt of the petition, the local Panchayat President took up this matter in the next Panchayat meeting and sanctioned a cement road for this village. Mr. V Chandra Sekar laid the cemented



street road within three months of submission of the petition. The villagers are very happy that the children could achieve this and are grateful to VRO for making their children to analyse and solve the problems of the village.

Children Parliamentarians
Thaniyali Village





Interventions

Youth Skill Development (YSD)



The women and girls of the rural area are mostly involved in household chores and do not have any say in the family affairs. Excluded from receiving higher education and entirely dependent on their male counterparts, they have to bear the brunt of most of the social evils like dowry, domestic violence, etc. Being a patriarchal society, women and girls are not allowed to step out of their houses which lead to poor educational status and low self-confidence in women.

Having analysed the social reality through survey and constant interaction with the village community, VRO studied the potentialities in youth and women and generated access to learning livelihood skills such as Tailoring, Embroidery and Fashion Designing for ladies and Driving, Electrical repair and Mobile Phone repair for boys in 2017-2018. VRO also provided sufficient opportunities to women and youth during the course period to equip themselves to fight against social evils such as dowry, child marriage, bonded labour etc. They were also enabled to capacitate themselves in public relations and community mobilization and actively participate in government programs. Thus, besides the individual economic mobility through the livelihood skill development, they were also pushed into community-related development process. This year alone, 1156 youth and women were trained and close to 92% of boys and 48% of women could

add to their income either through self-employment or by other employment. Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development in rural areas.

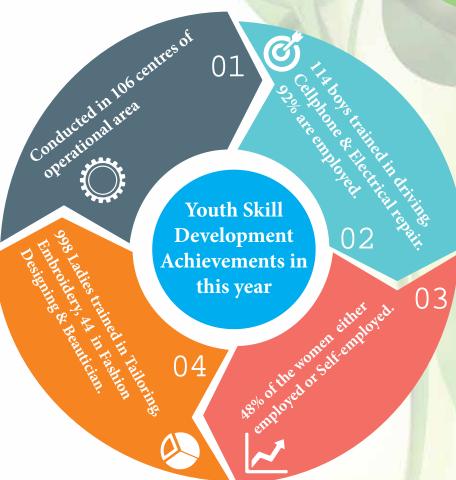
VRO enabled all the trainees to showcase their talent to the other unemployed people in their area. Special interest was bestowed on the Muslim minority women in beautician training and induced in them the spirit of serving the minority community at low prices. Driving boys have inculcated in them the skill of repairing their own vehicles .





Youth Skill Development (YSD)





Success Stories

Domestic laborer to self-employment

My name is K. Kalyani aged 27 hailing from Nirmal Nagar, Guntur District and married. My husband is an agricultural labourer in a landlord's fields and I am a domestic worker in his house.

There was no other go as we were not educated sufficiently for any job except accepting the conditions and the meagre payment of the landlord.

It was during this time that VRO made its entry into our village and started tailoring course for women. One day I came to know about it through the volunteer of the tailoring program of VRO. As a young lady I was very much interested to learn tailoring and joined the 4 months course. I put my heart and soul to learn the skill of stitching.





Youth Skill Development (YSD)





I discovered my inner potentialities at the training conducted in VRO. After the completion of the course I bought a sewing machine on taking loan from the bank and I am earning Rs. 300 a day. With this amount I am happily managing my family needs, besides I am able to attend to all my domestic work. Above all I have learnt to be self- reliant and express freely my opinions. I am now independent and no more a domestic worker.

I am grateful to VRO for having made me free from the clutches of bonded labour and making me an active member in SHG. My future plan is to become a role model to many young women and guide them to achieve their own dreams of life.

With Grateful Heart

My name is Naga BangaruBabu S/o Jagadeswararao, from Subbayyapeta. I came to know about Jaggampeta skill training through my friends. I had little knowledge about driving auto before I joined the centre.

After joining VRO skill training centre I learnt driving and also electrical repairs. As part of skill training we were given leadership and interpersonal skill training. I was also exposed to value education that formed and moulded my behavior. This really helped me to respect and properly deal with customers. I learnt that by respecting the customers, I can develop my business.

I bought an auto on taking loan from the bank with the help of my mother who is a SHG member in my village. I feel proud to say that I am able to earn Rs. 400-500 per day. Whenever there is a chance I also go for car driving. So both the ways I am able to earn more and support my family financially. My family members are not only happy with me but also proud of my achivement. With grateful heart I acknowledge VRO for what I am now and what I am capable of today.





Interventions

Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE)



Rural villagers generally are unaware of their own capacities and the existence of the government programs. The few who have certain knowledge on government schemes do not have the access to them and thus are left out of the development process. This keeps them backward both economically and socially. There is no aspiration for any change. In this environment, individual interests often take precedence over community interests.

Over the years, VRO realized that education to children and skill development to some selected youth and women alone cannot bring about change. The community as a whole need to be involved in some form or other in realizing their strength and working towards availing their rightful resources from the government and other institutions. VRO facilitates through its field level volunteers and community workers to form them into groups and organizations and strengthen the same to achieve the desired goals. VRO infuses in them the spirit to demand for their rights and entitlements for various stakeholders in the community.

This year, 136 Village Entitlement Committees were formed compared to 92 last year. These Committees also bring villagers together and encourage the communitarian spirit and solidarity. All the villagers are marching towards self-reliance in managing their resources and addressing their problems. They have gained greater bargaining power as they collaborate, negotiate and come

up with solutions.

VRO is facilitating 26 Mutually-Aided Cooperative Societies (MACS) of the deprived women and among them 8 are registered as societies.

These societies, besides improving the economic conditions of the women, have played an important role in changing certain meaningless social customs, enabling them to curb unnecessary expenditure and making them lend loans only for productive purposes and not for personal or family expenses. Inter lending process was introduced with their savings and the loan received from the banks. 70 percent of the shareholders are utilising this revolving fund for the promotion of their livelihood.







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8 Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies were registered and 18 in process of registration.



175 self-help groups have been strengthened for bank linkages



VEE
Achivements
of the year

Rs.1,50,000 is being revolved among 5 MACS

Mobilised women to obtain Aadhar cards & ration cards.



Improved the infrastructure facilities at the supervisory study centre.

Constructed 414 toilets under "Swachh Bharath Grameen Mission" in 27 villages

Success Stories

Health is Wealth

I am Venkayyamma from Ganapavaram ST colony, Guntur District. We are 5 members in the family. The Volunteer of VRO along with the Community Worker organized SHG meeting in our village whereby they made us aware of the entitlements and the existing government programs. It was an eye opener to most of us that the government provides financial assistance for constructing toilets. Having 5 members in my family, we had no toilet at home and we used to go for toilet in the open fields. We, having 3 grownup daughters, underwent mental agony besides the ill- health experienced by us by waiting till dark for open defecation. VRO volunteers motivated us to approach the mandal office to avail the government program under MGNREGA.







Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE)



We did apply for toilet construction and got Rs. 15,000. We built a toilet close to our house. My family members especially my 3 daughters are very happy and look healthy today. We realize that **health is wealth**. We are thankful to VRO for the enlightenment on the entitlement and government programs.

Earn independently and live with diginity

My name is Durga, hailing from Kothur in Jaggampeta circle. We belong to a very poor family and we somehow manage to run the family working as daily labourers.

During the parents' meeting organized on 5th June 2017, a volunteer of VRO spoke about the poor economic conditions of the family and to explore possible ways and means of improving the economy of the family. She emphasized the importance of forming SHG as one of the structures that could improve the family condition. Many women joined the SHG and a new one was formed on 18th of June, 2017 and a bank account was opened the same day.





Being a member of the SHG, I could avail a microcredit assistance of Rs.10,000 from the SHG group savings and started a vegetable shop. I could earn more than the earlier daily wage and I am now able to educate my children. Now I feel more dignified. I am able to interact with many villagers and get to know the status of the village. Because I am self-reliant my self-confindence has improved. I experience diginty within me. I plan to construct a good house in the near future that will improve our image and give us an identity. We are very grateful to VRO and our family will never forget VRO.



Agro Forestry (AF)



The tribal communities in general reside in hilly areas totally depending on the forest produce. They are away from the modernized and mechanized world. They are economically, socially and politically vulnerable due to their living conditions and the lack of education. Having analysed the ground reality of the tribal community in Northern AP and Gonasika in Odisha, VRO introduced Agro-Horti-Forestry. This involves establishment of multipurpose trees around the field boundary - generally reinforcing soil and water conservation measures such as trenches and bunds – along with fruit and/or nut trees in the field, where wide spacing allows continued cultivation of inter crops.

Agro Forestry system promoted by VRO has been by any measure outstandingly successful in terms of both rates of adoption, and retention after project cessation with a significant impact upon the livelihood of the disadvantaged poor farmers belonging to the tribal community.

VRO with a mission promoted sustainable livelihood and improved the quality of life and the local environments of tribal people. This year VRO included certain components of animal husbandry, watershed development along with sustainable agriculture and Agro-Forestry. The table on the next page shows the details of the farmers and the number of saplings provided.

The saplings include cashew, mango, guava, lemon, etc. Most of the villagers cultivated agakakara (wild bitter gourd) as inter crop and gained an income of Rs.4,000 to 12,000 per season per family. The survival rate of the saplings is very high for the year 2017-2018.





Success Stories Agro Forestry (AF)



CLUSTER	No. Of VILLAGES	No. Of Farmers	No. Of Saplings	Survival %	Income through Inter cropping
Gonasika	4	257	915	85%	20,000/-
Kothakota	5	30	1350	87%	1,00,388/-

From barren land to green land

I am B. Kalyanam hailing from Z.Jogumpeta. I have one acre of land uncultivated and barren. VRO volunteers informed us in the village meeting that they were providing saplings as an incentive for our livelihood. I expressed the need of saplings. VRO gave me cashew saplings for half an acre. So I cleared all bushes in the land and dug pits and planted 46 saplings given by VRO. I built tree guards around the plants in the first year to guard them from cattle. Now they are two years old and started flowering. From next year onwards, I will be reaping the fruits from all the 46 trees. I worked so hard that I did not allow a single plant to die. As the plants need to have the required strength to bear fruits, we have removed the flowers this year. I am hoping to harvest a good crop next year. I am very grateful to VRO for making my land green and productive.

Success Stories







Success Stories Agro Forestry (AF)



Harvest rain water-cultivate wasteland

Promotion of Agro forestry in Kothakota area has been a success. However, there has been some water problem experienced by the farmers especially during summer which caused death of some plants. Having realized the need for water, a training on Farm Pond was organized with the help of MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) for the farmers of Cheemalapadu Panchayat.





The resource persons narrated the benefits of farm ponds to the villagers especially to harvest rain water which will be helpful to supply water to plants during summer season.

As a result this year eight farm ponds were dug under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNRGS) by the farmers. All the eight farm ponds are serving water to the plantation in the waste land of the farmers. The group comprising two to three farmers are utilizing one farm pond for plantation of saplings and thus bringing waste land into cultivation for income generation and food security. Today one could witness smile on the face of the farmers in this area.



Interventions



Village Re-Building Program (VRBP)



Building Communities through the construction of houses for the homeless poor was the dream concept of Founder Director, Prof. M.A.Windey, SJ. He emphasised that it is to be made only through increasing the knowledge and capacity of all the stake holders in designing the house with the better quality according to the taste of the stakeholder.

VRO continues the heartbeat of its founder in building communities by building homes. The main focus of housing is the involvement of the stakeholder community. For him, "Construction of houses aims at linking, learning and building communities through construction. VRO focuses on providing integral living environment for villages and encouraging the village youth in learning different skills and building up leadership qualities in the people and building democratic processes in the villages."

Imbibing the ethos and spirit of the founder, VRO introduced the housing to a tribal community called Konda Dora at Pedaselagama village in Rama Badrapuram mandal of Viziyanagaram District, and to the Yanadi community in Garuvapalem village in Nizampatnam Mandal, Guntur district.

In addition, VRO has introduced the aspect of community development whereby the community is enabled to take decisions transparently which help themselves for their socio-economic and demographic development.

The success of the housing program goes to the participation of the stakeholder community in the entire construction by their labour and keeping the environment clean and green.

The additional dimension to this housing programme of these villages is the contribution of the AP government through its Housing Board. It is a new experience for VRO and the stakeholder communities to work hand in hand with the government resulting in a lasting collaboration for rebuilding the lives of many tribal communities.









Having a house is an identity

Pedaselagam is a village in Rama Badrapuram mandal of Viziyanagaram District of Andhra Pradesh inhabited by Konda Dora tribe. They are mainly concentrated in Blocks of Saluru, Pachipenta, Makkuva and Parvathipuram in Viziyanagaram District. Their main language is Telugu. They live in thatched huts and their main occupation is agriculture. They follow shifting cultivation or Podu cultivation which is one of the ancient methods of cultivation.

The thatched huts built with bamboo poles, walls with black soil and roof with Palmira leaves do not withstand heavy rains and have to be rebuilt every year. The people struggle continuously for their survival and staying.

With this background, the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, requested VRO to look into the possibility of providing permanent houses for these people. VRO, having studied the socio-economic conditions of the people, accepted the venture, though

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Success Stories

Village Re-Building Program (VRBP)



it was very challenging with regard to transport and procuring raw materials. VRO started the construction of houses to 40 vulnerable families.

Once the construction was over, the houses were handed over to the people in the presence of State minister, the Donor partner from Austria, the Governing Board members, the Operational and Associate Directors of VRO and the general public

The highlights of the program are the following:

• The unity of the tribal community got strengthened.



- The participation of the stakeholder community
 - The collaboration of the housing board and other officials was worthmentioning

in the construction was heartwarming.

- The health and sanitation facilities were improved.
- 8 labourers became skilled masons and now work in the construction field earning Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 a day.
- Two women leaders have emerged and the women in general have gained self-confidence
- The school-going children have increased in number.
- Above all, their self-image is boosted and they gained an identity for themselves
- Due to the efforts of VRO cement roads are laid in the colony.







Village Re-Building Program (VRBP)



Garuvupalem-Nizampatnam-Guntur

I am Kantheti Rambabu aged 28. I have 4 children. We belong to Yanadi tribal community which lives on catching rats in the paddy fields. We also work as domestic workers and as agricultural labourers. During paddy cultivation season, we used to go for rat hunting in the nearby villages by which we get Rs.15/- per rat. We keep migrating from place to place for our livelihood. This situation did not allow us to educate our children.

We have been living in thatched huts for the past 45 years. Due to lack of civic amenities and sanitation, we could not keep our surrounding clean that caused some health problems. It is at this juncture the volunteers of VRO approached us and interacted with us. This was the first time that someone expressed their concern towards us. This concern compelled us to come together and listen to them regarding the





future course of action. We jumped with joy when we heard that VRO was going to construct permanent houses for us in collaboration with NTR Housing Board Corporation, A.P.

VRO identified our needs and started evening study centre in our village to educate our children. VRO bought the needed land and raised the level of the land upto 5 feet and with the help of MRO provided us with the house pattas. We, as a community, joined togther and contributed our manual labour to construct the 22 houses with tiolets forgoing our daily labour. Some of our boys have learnt skills such as masonry and rod bending. It never went waste rather fetched income to the family.

We never thought that we would have our own houses with all the facilities on par with the other community. VRO made us live with human dignity and brought us together as one community. We promised to educate our childern and keep our environment clean. We learn to live and love. We are grateful to VRO for this noble act!



In -Progress

Village Re-Building Program (VRBP)





Kallipalam (29)

Peddapalli (18)





Potumeraka (54)



Kapulapalem (33)



SR Colony (39)



Mollagunta (18)

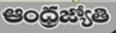


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VRO in Media



The inauguration of skill development program



జగ్గంపేట

ఉపాథి అవకాశాలను సద్వినియోగం చేసుకోవాలి

జగ్గం పేట: వీఆర్వో సంస్థ ఆధ్వర్యంలో జగ్గం పేట సర్కిల్ ఆఫీస్లో జీవనోపాధి కోసం యువతి, యువకులకు టైలరింగ్, డైవింగ్, ఎలక్ట్రికల్ కోర్సులను మండల పరిషత్ ఉపాధ్యక్షుడు మారిశెట్టి భద్రం స్రారంభించారు. ఈ అవ కాశాన్ని అర్హులైన యువతి, యువకులు ఉపయోగించు కోవాలని ఆయన కోరారు. డైవింగ్, శిక్షణలో పాల్గొనే వారికి ఉచిత భోజన సదుపాయం కల్పిస్తామని సంస్థ ప్రాజెక్ట్ ఆఫీసర్ వి.సంధ్యారాణి తెలిపారు.

Distribution of certificates to women who completed tailoring course

కుట్టు శిక్షణలో మహిళలకు సల్టిఫికెట్లు పంపిణి

బ్రహ్మంగారిమరం:మండలంలోని తోట్లపల్లెలో వీఆర్ఓ సంస్థ ఆధ్వ ర్యంలో కుట్టు శిక్షణ పూర్తి చేసుకున్న మహిళలకు బుధవారం తహ సీల్దార్, ఎంపిడీఓ చేతుల మీదుగా సర్టిఫికెట్లను అందజేశారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఎంపీటీసీ లీలావతి, ఆమె భర్త ఎర్రంపల్లె బాలయ్య, ఈఓపీఆర్డీ రామచంద్రారెడ్డి, సంస్థ నిర్వాహకులు విజయలక్ష్మి. గోపాల్, శిక్షణ పొందిన మహిళలు పాల్గొన్నారు.

The inauguration of Pedaselagam village by the Honorable Minister for Mines Sri. Ranga Rao.

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ఎస్టీ గృహ నిర్మాణల సముదాయ ప్రారంభ సభలో మంత్రి రంగారావు

రామధ్రవురం, ఫిల్లవర్ 22: మేగు ఓగ తనగతుల గండ్రేవారికి, ఇది అబివృద్ధికి ప్రయత్నం అనేక గండ్రేమ కార్యమాలు అను అదేస్తోందిని కార్ల మాగర్ల, గనుంకాల మంత్రి సులుదుక్రవుగారావు తెలిపారు. కారవలన మంగుదుక్రవుగారావు తెలిపారు. కారవల మంగుదుక్రవిగి పెద్దివింగాల గ్రామంలో ఎక్కే గృహ పిర్మాణం సముదాయాన్ని ఆయక గురు ఇక ఆక్సీకోని మధ్యకాలు జోయికే ఆార్గమ్మ భామశ్వలు మంత్రికి పార్గకుంటే ప్రాగ్యం పటికారు. అనంతరు ఏర్పాటు చేసిన నమాదే శంలో అయన మంత్రికారు. చేసేక కేంద్రమైన్ ఆర్గైజేషన్ చేశారు. ఇదు మంగుర్యాలు సంస్థ ప్రవేరిపులు కాస్టీంలో ముకుండిన తర గురు ఆరీవృద్ధికి గ్రామాలను అదేషన్న గురు ఆరీవృద్ధికి గ్రామాలను అదేషన్న

కేయుకు అభిసందేశియమ్మాడ్ ఈ సంస్థ స్పూడ్రేతో నిరసలగాంలో ఇందిరపు వేరకం కంద మంజానైన గృహిలు అనుస్వార్గా నిరిది పోరునంలో మమారు. 10 గృహించు గృహి హిర్దాలు ఇంద్ర వేయునికికి కురుం కుల్లకు హెర్డ్ నిరుపాయాంతో గిరుమందు అది మందరిమైన గృహించి నిర్వించాన్నుకు. చిత్రాలకు ఎమ్మికి అదికాని తీసుందాన్నుకు. చిత్రాలకు మమ్మికి అదికాని మందరుంటే మంద్ర అందన కూర్తిలోన్ మారికేనిన అమారుంతో వేస్తే గ్రామాల అభివృద్ధికి వారి కేవన విరామ ముదు అయన గొప్పతూనికి విద్యామ్ముకు ఈ విరుమల ముదు అయన గొప్పతూనికి విద్యామ్ముకు అమెక్కి విరుదు ముదు అయన గౌవిత్తానికి విద్యామ్ముకు గుడ



గృహ నిర్మాణ నముదాయ శిలావలకాన్ని ఇవిష్కరిస్తున్న మంత్రి రంగారావ

గాడు భరి నక్షి ముఖ్య అవసరాంది అటువంటి అవసరాంది. కర సంస్థ తిర్వారంటి తన సంస్థ తిర్వనం రాష్ట్ర ప్రార్ట్ తన సంస్థ తిర్వనం రాష్ట్ర ప్రస్తామ్నాడు అనంతరం నిండి ప్రార్ట్ ప్రస్తామ్నాడు అనంతరం నిండి ప్రార్ట్ ప్రస్తామ్నాడు అనంతరం ప్రద్యాంతరంటే నిండి స్పూర్ణామ్నారం అనుతాయి కార్యక్రమంలో అడ్డికి టిసుదర్గనలోని జడ్డీటీనీ జోజున

Distribution of School bags and learning materials to the children by VRO.

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విఆర్ఓ సంస్థ ఆద్వర్యంలో విద్యా సామాగ్రి పంపిణీ



బ్యాగులు పంపిణీ చేస్తున్న దృశ్యం

బద్వేల్ అర్బన్, జూలై 12, స్థ్రహతవార్త:

బద్వేల్ మందల పరిదిలోని బెంబుటూరు, చెంతకూటాయపల్లె ప్రాథ మిక పాఠశాలల్లో చదువుతున్న పేద మద్య తరగతి విద్యార్థులకు విఆరోఓ సంస్థ ఆద్వర్యంలో బుధవారం నోటు వుస్తకాలు, బ్యాగులు, పలకలు, వంద మంది విద్యార్థులకు విద్యా సామాగ్రిని పంపిణీ చేయదం జరి గిందని ఎపిఓ కె. మహేష్, సిసిఎం గోపాల్ అన్నారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా వారు మాట్లాడుతూ విద్యార్థులు కష్టవడి చదివి తమ తల్లిదండుల ఆశ యాలను నెరవేర్పాలన్నారు. ఆ పాఠశాల, ఉపాధ్యాయులకు మంచి గుర్తింపు తీసుకురావాలన్నార. ప్రతి విద్యార్థి కష్టపడి చదివితే ఉన్నత శిఖ రాలకు చేరుకోవచ్చునని వారు అన్నారు. ఈ కార్యకమంలో ఉపా ధ్యాయులు నాగపార్వతి, వెంకటసుబ్బయ్య, సీఆరోపి సరసింహులు, కమ్యునిటి వర్కర్స్ జె. సునీత, స్కూల్ కమిటి చైర్మెన్లు విద్యార్థులు పాల్చొన్నారు.

Oath taking ceremony-children parliamentarians

ఆకట్టుకున్న బాలల - పార్లమెంట్

స్కూస్ట్ మండలంలోని మండలంలోని మాడాయపా లెంటో మంగళ చారం గ్రామీజ ఫనునిర్మాణ సంస్థ(వి. ఆర్ నా.), కమ్మూ నిటీ, సమ్మాల



బాలల పార్లమెంటిలో భుమాణ స్వీకారం చేస్తున్న విద్యార్తులు

మందలి అద్వ ర్యంలో బాలల పార్లమెంట్ నాటక రూపాన్ని స్థుదర్శించినట్ల ఎంఈటో రాజకుమారి తెలిపారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా విద్యార్థులు స్థుదాన మంత్రిగా, స్పీకర్గా, విద్యా, ఆర్థిక, సామాజిక మంత్రిత్వ శాఖ లకు ప్రతినిదులుగా ప్రమాణ స్వీకరం చేశారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా పార్ల మెంటు, విడివిదానాలను ఆర్థమయ్యేలా ప్రదర్శించారు. కార్యత మంటు, విడివిదానాలను ఆర్థమయ్యేలా ప్రదర్శించారు. కార్యత మంలో వి.ఆర్ ఒ సంస్థ వైరెక్టరు పేటర్ వెళంగని పాదర్గు సర్యంటి గుడిని కొండయ్య, డ్యాతా సంమం సమ్యులు పాల్గన్నారు. అనం తరం విద్యార్థుల వృత్య ప్రవర్శన ఆకట్టుకుండి. ప్రక్షలుకొంటే ముఖ్యంట





Rowing into the Deep



Time to row deep into the ignored peripheries

Dear Donors, Well-wishers and Friends of VRO

I am certain that you are filled with a sense of joy and hope as you have been flipping through 2017-2018 Annual Report. Humanizing and life promoting socio-economic and cultural activities have been designed intentionally to orbit around human rights of the poor. Hence various programs such as CER, YSD, VEE, Agro Forestry and Housing have become lifeline of VRO. Our organic immersion, interventions, catalytic support to the neglected and deserving marginalised rural poor for the past four decades in the Sunrise state of Andhra Pradesh have transformed the lives of the poor particularly Yanadis of Repalle and Konda Doras of Saluru Scheduled Tribe area Constituency, a few success stories to fondly recollect. VRO could brighten the dissolutioned faces of our dear stakeholders and actualize the vision and mission of our Founder Director, Prof. M.A. Windey SJ, because of your generosity and never-bending scaffolding support. The unfathomable proactive role of the Governing Body is amazing and assuring.

Though undeserving, my three years of privileged journey with the rural poor and various socially ostracized have taught me, first of all, to be human and always to evaluate any socio-economic, political, cultural and religious system or to draw any plan of humanizing action through the prism of the poor. Village Reconstruction Organisation, like a loving mother, has provided umpteen opportunities to be an advocate on behalf of the poor and reminded time and again my obligation to help them by programmes of promotion and assistance, in addition to work relentlessly to resolve the structural causes of poverty and marginalization.

As we are slowly and steadily inching towards golden years of continuous and consistent presence and service to the poor, we are challenged to revisit our original charism only to commit sincerely, honestly



and preferentially to opt for the last and the least of the society. Our whole aim and fierce focus is to capacitate the abandoned poor so that they could assert their identity, dignity and rights on their own. This process is very vital for any empowerment. Otherwise, transformation of the stakeholders to be self-assertive, self-confident, independent and self-conscious will get scuttled.

Child Education and Rights Program are envisioned to actualize the above desire in an innovative way. By reaching out to nearly 7000 remote rural areas children, we are from the foundations inculcating moral, spiritual, social, cultural and human values, sense of worth, identity, dignity and care for the other and the environment. VRO has proudly embraced almost 163 far-flung villages for the above programme. Very deliberately, we not only teach alphabets but also sow the seeds of character formation. All these capacity building exercises are carried out only in vernacular to ensure that everyone from childhood onwards masters conceptualization, articulation, actualization and assertion. Evening Tuition Centres, besides providing supportive education system, encourage the child to participate in extracurricular activities and trains in communicative skills to affirm





Rowing into the Deep



that they are second to none. In fact, Child Education and Rights Program is our launching pad as well as connecting node to other Good Samaritan works namely YSD, VEE, AF and Housing Program.

Is it not the right time to pause and pose a question? 'Is it enough' even though we reach to more than three lakhs of rural poor children, thousands of rustic women and have constructed nearly 21000 pucca houses?

Are we in the right direction???

Are we really catering to the needs of the really deserving fringe group of people???

Are we willing to row deep into the ignored peripheries ???

I feel that we have miles to go before we reach that point of perfection in our misson. Let us work with undivided commitment to reach into the ignored periphries.









Mrs.Kavitha David

Treasurer's Report



I am pleased to place before you the Audited Financial Report of VRO for the financial year 2017-18. Audited financial statements comprising of Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2018 duly certified by the Statutory Auditor Mr. K.V.R. Subba Rao, F.C.A. along with his observation are presented in the Annual Report.

Highlights:

- The over-all turn-over is 151.008 Million Rupees compared to the previous year figure of 160.182 million rupees. The Mission and objectives of VRO carried out by each and every volunteer connected to VRO and its ethics.
 - Certainly, there is a decrease in receipt (external and local) from 53.841 million rupees to 47.316 million rupees. The break-up is as follows:
 - Overseas Donors 36.882 Million INR Local Contribution 10.434 Million INR
- In spite of the financial crunch and the political disturbance our donor-partners continue to support our efforts and initiatives of helping the poor. Our hats off to them. It is worth remembering with grateful hearts the donor partners namely Entwicklungshilfeklub, Vienna; SWIVRO, Switzerland (supported by Ms. Christine Camenzind); Jesuiten Mission-Nurnberg; Mrs.Theresa Heil-Haar; VRO- Germany-Freiburg; Misereor-Aahan; Sonnenhaus-Beuron; BIVRO-Belgium; Jesuiten Mission-Zurich; Salvatorians Relief Action-Belgium; St. Paul's Church, London; DEMAINS Association-France; and Gospel Choir Group (lead by Uschi Mettler, Berlingen, Switzerland) for their continued cooperation and assistance. We gratefully acknowledge the contribution being made by Dr. Robert Wychera in mobilizing resources for housing and other programs of VRO.



- It is worth mentioning the support that our stakeholders received from NTR Housing Board Corporation of Andhra Pradesh for the construction of 62 houses in the tribal villages of Garuvupalem and Pedaselagam.
- Local contributions have increased from 10.170 million rupees to 10.434 million rupees, major share being the Bank & Fixed deposit interest as well as lump sum dividend amount from Birla Sun Life.
- Rural Development expenses have increased from 38.370 Million rupees to 53.052 Million rupees. There is an excess of expenditure over income to the tune of rupees 14.393 Million during this year. This reveals that local contributions received during the year were utilized to cover the unfunded project activities. We have to be cautious and ensure that all the project expenses are funded in order to grow the corpus with the bank interest generated annually.
- During the period under review, the Financial Management has strongly improved. Budgeting and accounting as per cost, the centres deliver utmost transparency towards the Management and the Donors. The finance team headed by the finance manager has exhibited its best efforts





Treasurer's Report



in monitoring and following up the day-today transactions. I do appreciate their tireless services. I am hopeful that the operational team may work hard to tap more local funds from various corporate companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to enhance the organisation's reachability to more programs and people in the near future.

Hope and trust that the committed team of volunteers continue their efforts and initiatives in transforming the lives of the poor and make a difference in sustaining such process.

Thank you

Mrs. Kavitha David Treasurer, VRO









2017-2018

Auditor's Report



AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION [INDIA] as on March 31, 2018 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. We have no relationship with or any interests in the Association other than our capacity as auditors.

We report that in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- i) In the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of the Society's affairs as at March 31, 2018; and
- ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure Account of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

Place: Guntur Date: 23-07-2018

SCHEDULES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

- 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS:
- a. Revenue Recognition: The society follows cash basis of accounting for all financial transactions. The society may require refunding the contributions received from certain agencies, if the same is not utilised for the sanctioned purposes as per the contracts.
- b. Fixed assets and Depreciation: Fixed assets include all expenditure of capital nature are valued at cost of acquisition and cost of installation/ erection as applicable. Depreciation is provided on written down value method and at the rates prescribed by the Income Tax Act.

2. NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

- a. Activities and Purpose: The Society is established with the primary objective of village reconstruction and development and with a motive of not to make profit out of its activities.
- b. Classification of expenditure as stated in the programme and based largely on the identification and estimates of the management.
- c. Previous year figures are re-grouped whereever necessary.

For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO Chartered Accountants

> sd/-K V R Subba Rao FCA Chartered Accountant M No. 020129



2017-2018 Financial Statements



RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACC	COUNT FO	R THE YEAR ENDED MA	ARCH 31, 2018		
RECEIPTS	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017		
Balance	[5]	102,965,010.49	74,045,858.61		
Capital Gains	[6]	-	16,875,000.00		
Contributions	[7]	36,882,037.93	43,671,637.86		
Other Income/ Receipts	[8]	10,434,206.68	10,169,752.27		
Advances	[9]	726,765.00	15,419,850.00		
	Total	151,008,020.10	160,182,098.74		
PAYMENTS					
Administration & maintenance	[10]	7,674,407.59	17,017,010.64		
Rural Development	[11]	53,051,679.17	38,370,854.61		
Fixed assets	[12]	273,000.00	1,829,223.00		
Balance	[5]	90,008,933.34	102,965,010.49		
	Total	151,008,020.10	160,182,098.74		

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	FOR THE Y	EAR ENDED MAR	CH 31, 2013		
INCOME	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017		
Contributions	[7]	36,882,037.93	43,671,637.86		
Other Incomes	[8]	10,434,206.68	10,169,752.27		
	Total (A)	47,316,244.61	53,841,390.13		
EXPENDITURE					
Administration & Maintenance	[10]	7,674,407.59	17,017,010.64		
Rural Development	[11]	53,051,679.17	38,370,854.61		
Depreciation	[3]	984,093.65	1,275,968.25		
	Total (B)	61,710,180.41	56,663,833.50		
Excess of Expenditure over Income	(A) - (B)	(14,393,935.80)	(2,822,443.37)		

As per our report even date annexed, For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Guntur 23-07-2018

For Village Reconstruction Organisation

sd/-Operational Director sd/-Treasurer sd/-Chartered Accountant



2017-2018 Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEET	AS AT M	ARCH 31, 2013	
SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Capital Fund	[1]	141,090,590.41	156,526,960.21
Advances	[2]	15,619,850.00	15,419,850.00
	Total	156,710,440.41	171,946,810.21
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	[3]	66,346,856.07	67,057,949.72
Advances / Deposits	[4]	354,651.00	1,923,850.00
Cash & Bank balances	[5]	90,008,933.34	102,965,010.49
	Total	156,710,440.41	171,946,810.21

		SCHEDULES	TO BALA	NCE SHEET	AS AT M	ARCH 31, 20	18		
S.No	Particulars	Balance as on 01-04-2017	Additions during the year	Total	Delations during the year	Balance	Rate of depn.	Depn. for the year	Balance as on 31-03-2018
1	Land	2,029,657	-	2,029,657	-	2,029,657	0%	-	2,029,657
2	Buildings	59,425,663	-	59,425,663	-	59,425,663	0%	-	59,425,663
3	Furniture & fixtures	126,485	-	126,485	-	126,485	10%	12,648	113,836
4	Equipment	470,185	-	470,185	-	470,185	15%	70,528	399,657
5	Vehicles	4,779,949	60,000	4,839,949	-	4,839,949	15%	725,992	4,113,957
6	Other	2,717		2,717	-	2,717	15%	408	2,309
7	Computer	223,294	213,000	436,294	-	436,294	40%	174,518	261,776
	Total	67,057,950	273,000	67,330,950	-	67,330,950		984,094	66,346,856

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CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19	IIDA	TED	BUDGE	T FOR T	HE FIN	ANCIA	LYEAR	2018-1	6		
Name of the Programme	V L	No.of Prog.	Guntur	Hyderabad	Kadapa	Kothakota	Nellore	Odisha	Rajahmundry	Tamilnadu	Total Budget
TUNDS FROM DONORS ABROAD			INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR
Child Education & Rights (CER) & Village Empowerment & Entitlement (VEE)	∞		1,655,017	1,205,754	ı	ı	1,879,711	876,684	2,354,246	363,377	8,334,788
Youth Skill Development (YSD)	12		2,228,051	1,975,596	1	ı	591,862	4,088,060	1,776,892	363,378	11,023,837
ntegrated Community Development Program (ICDP)			1,517,886		1,633,575	ı	-	-	-	-	3,151,460
Cluster Program 2	2		-	-	-	2,755,293	-	2,554,499	-	-	5,309,792
Village Re-Building programme (VRBP) 4(128)			20,103,510	ı	-	1	-	-	,	-	20,103,510
TOTAL-A 28 2		7	25,504,463	3,181,350	1,633,575	1,633,575 2,755,293	2,471,572	7,519,243	4,131,138	726,755	47,923,388
FUNDS FROM TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTIMENT (Govt. of AP)	JN .										
Medical (Mobile Dispensary)			1,089,500	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	1,089,500
Sustainable Livelihood Promotions for Tribes			3,482,380	-	-	6,718,756	-	-	1	-	10,201,136
TOTAL-B	3		4,571,880	•	-	6,718,756	-	•	•	-	11,290,636
FUNDS FROM VRO											
Resource Mobilization	-		-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	300,000
Legal -	•		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750,000
Child Education Rights (CER)	7.		386,420	•	250,700	-	244,700	-	495,400	-	1,377,220
Discretionary Fund	1		•	1	1	•	•	•	1	-	500,000
TOTAL-C 5	2		386,420		250,700		244,700		495,400		2,927,220
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C) 36 3		(11)	10,462,763	3,181,350	1,884,275	9,474,049	2,716,272	7,519,243	4,626,538	726,755	62,141,244

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	CBOs under registration process	9	1		3	2	3	1		-	2	-	18
	No of CBO Members	-	30	09			-	-			146		236
	No of CBOs Registered	-	1	2				-			5	-	8
າໃວກ	No of SHGs Strengthened	22	15	3	9	10	24	22	56	36	2	6	175
VEE Information	No of SHG Members	1783	862	565	420	295	237	792	425	1020	1225	126	7750
M	No of SHGs	178	81	95	42	41	24	99	42	102	122	6	763
	No.of Villages No of SHGs	24	10	5	10	10	10	56	2	15	15	3	136
	Region	Jaggampeta	Kurmedu	Devathapalli	Perecherla	Rajupalem	Repalle	Kothakota	Sagarasangam	Peliconnivas	Arogyanagar	Tamil Nadu	Total
	S.No.	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	



1	Families expected to bestited	0	0	0	0	0	0	244	0	0	0	244
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	Pamilies bettfied	0	0	0	0	40	0	22	0	0	0	62
	beteldmoD segslliv 81-7102 rt	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
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	befelqmoO	11	10	114	40	56	7	85	65	28	41	427
	Districts beneved	9	4	9	2	2	4	5	3	1	11	44
	Region	Odisha North	Odisha South	Hyderabad / S.Pet	Rajahmundry	Kothakota	Wardha / Rajasthan	Guntur	Nellore	Kadapa	Tamil Nadu	TOTAL
1	S.No	1	2	3	4	2	9	7	8	6	10	



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