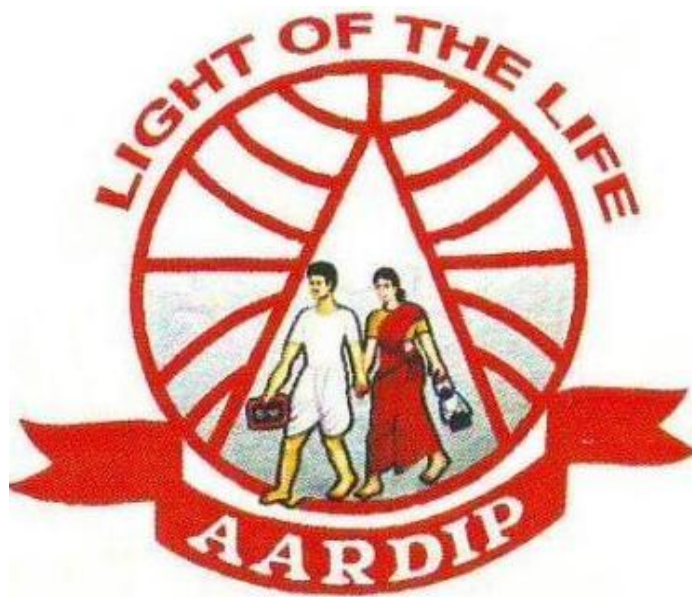




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ADONI AREA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAMME (AARDIP)

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**Foreword:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With regards,



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Project Director; AARDIP

GIRL EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

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

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

Life Skills Trainings : Life skill training programmes were planned for V8 & V3 children, around 117 children have been benefited through this programme. A systematic plane was prepared by the staff such as topic plan, method of teaching and material along with selection/invitation of suitable resource persons. The life skill trainings organized for parents and teachers too.

A. **Regular Monthly Session** : Regular monthly sessions conducted in 3 locations for 117 girls. Around 18 topics have been covered in 9 regular monthly sessions. The sessions have been organized at school level during the last hours.



B. **Workshop with Girls** : About 6 workshops have been organized in Kowthalam to teach 18 Life Skill topics to 117 children coming under V8 & V3 category. Programme Coordinator and outside resource persons have taught the Life Skill topics by adopting group activity consisting 20 to 25 children in each group. These workshop secessions have impacted upon children and inspired for achieving academic results.



C. **Workshop with Parents** : One workshop with parents was organized to share the information and the contents of Life Skill secessions and obtain suggestions from parents to teach the Life Skill topics to children. It is also intended to take stock of child behavior such as any positive changes and negative changes happened during

the period. The parents meeting has been planned for 117 members and 91 members have attended.

- D. Workshop with Teachers** : One workshop with teachers is planned to share contents and the plans of Life Skill Education. About 23 teachers from all high schools have attended in the workshop. In fact several constructive suggestions made by teachers for conducting Life Skill Workshops.

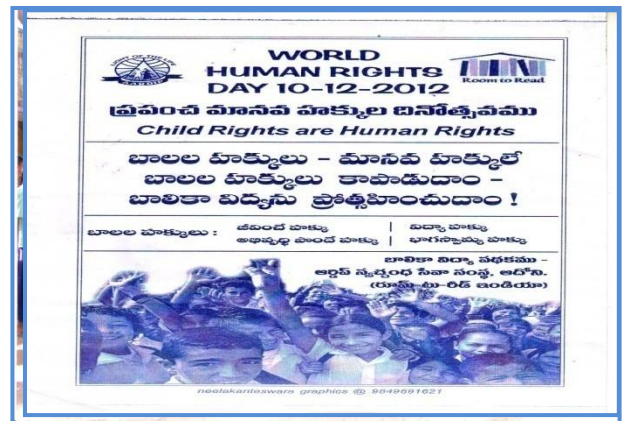
Other Activities :

- 1. Exposure Visit** : The programme organized for 117 children of 3 locations, Kowthalam, Yerigeri and Badinahal locations. And children have been exposed to various important places at Kurnool on 31st January, 2013. Places visited were Radio Station, Collector's office complex, Konda Reddy buruju etc.,



- 2. Events / Observational days** : Four observational days have been celebrated during the year.

- A) The republic day celebrated on 26th January'13 in Zilla Parishath high school Yerigeri, Children have been given prizes for elocution and essay competition.
- B) International Children's Day celebrated in 3 locations rally has been organized with hall meeting addressed by teachers and staff.
- C) National Children's day celebrated in MSZP School of Yemmiganur children participated in elocution and essay competition and won prizes.
- D) Human Rights Day celebrated in Zillah Praised High School, Kadivella. A pamphlet, giving information and educating the children on human rights has been published.



Academic Support :

Academic support provided for V8 & V3 children in order to improve the subject knowledge and to scale up the performance levels. The support provided in two types, one is tutorial and second is tuition. About 117 children have been given support from 3 locations.

- A) Tutorials :** *A special tutorials arranged for V3 children of 9th grade. About 44 children have been benefited through this intervention and it has been carried out for 9 months. 4 subjects have been primarily focused in the tutorials.*
- B) Tuitions :** *Tuition centers for V8 children have been organized in 3 locations. About 73 children were attending the tuition centers every day. Four tutors were working to provide tuition support by focusing on 4 subjects. And the programme carried out for 9 months.*



- C) Slow learners :** *To improve academic skills, special classes have been planned for 20 days about 40 children of v8 category have been identified as slow learners thus the special classes planned and implemented in 3 locations. Basically four subjects' i.e., Telugu, English, Maths and science have been taught.*
- D) Resource Material :** *With a view of improving the academic performance, resource material such as Question banks, have been supplied for V8 & V3 children.*

Material Support: Writing materials such as note books, pens, pencil, record books, pad and school bags, etc, have been supplied to 174 children of V1, V2 & V3 categories as per budget allocation.

School Level Activities: Science & math's fair programme organized at school level in Z.P.H.School, Yerrakota village. Children of V2 & V3 have demonstrated science & math's items for all school children and teachers.

International Women's day has been celebrated in Yemmiganur AARDIP office and honored the mothers, who are taking keen interest to educate all children of the family.

Parents / Community Activities: Parents meetings have been conducted for 4 times during the year. All parents have attended the meeting and provided necessary suggestions in the implementation of Girl Education Programme. Several decisions have been considered. One Stakeholder meeting was organized with all parents, teachers and community members to encourage all the stakeholders to participate in annual programme planning.

Dalit Women Land Rights :

This project supported by European commission through Actionaid and been implemented in 300 villages of Andhra Pradesh State covering three districts such as Kurnool, Mehaboonagar and Cuddapah etc., About 1200 women have been trained on land rights and land issues to understand what is land, where is land and how to get land.

Advocacy activities have been carried out by women and district level consultations, Mandal level consultations and State level consultations have been organized in all districts and women along with men submitted petitions and a state level consultations organized with 100 dalit women in the presence of revenue officials such as district collector and deputy collector etc.,

Women Farmers in Sustainable Agricultural Project:

Food insecurity is the major issue faced by women and children in rural areas especially dalit women are the most vulnerable and living in anemic condition. 600 Women have been mobilized from 21 villages of Kurnool district to practice sustainable agriculture to produce food grains of highly nutrient to protect their health and address the issue of food insecurity. Several trainings have been organized to make the women understand the importance of growing food grains in their small holdings of land instead of going for cash crops. Women convinced and formed into a women farmers association and started producing food grains.

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

1. Panchayat/block level meets of women farmers for filing applications and follow ups:

Between February to March, 2013 - 27 Village level meetings held in 27 villages of and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh and 397 marginalised women farmers participated

During these meetings, on the whole five major issues or concerns were expressed by the women farmers in majority of the villages and they were asking the project staff that if these issues are resolved cultivation by the women farmers in these villages will become easier and profitable. The issues raised by the women farmers are as follow:

1. **Uncultivable land:** in 27 operational villages it was found that among the total of 900 acres of land, which distributed by the government to the women - 360 acres of lands are uncultivable or mere waste lands. Unless Government provides support to bring these lands into cultivable, taking up cultivation in these lands will not give any results.
2. **Dependency on market for seeds:** many traditional seeds, available in olden days have been slowly vanished and now the women farmers had to depend on the market for the seeds which is a costly affair for them.
3. **Long standing cultivation without Pattas/legal titles:** in the project's operational villages 180 acres of lands found to be legal titles are required, to access agriculture related schemes from the Government.
4. **Physical possession/ access to land:** around 360 acres of lands physical possession (access) is to be given by the government though titles distribution was done. If this is done around 250 women farmers will be benefited and cultivation will be initiated.
5. **Irrigation/ water crisis:** rains have become erratic, in the absence of rhythmic rains we never know whether any yield will come or not?

Selection of village level leaders: it was discussed in the villages that each and every village should have a village level committee in order to streamline the project activities, thus a Committee was formed for each village and two women leaders are selected for each Committee.

Outcome:

- 243 women farmers filed applications seeking land Pattas to the Revenue department.
- Land development applications submitted by 180 women farmers under NREGA.
- 16 applications submitted for the sanction of bore wells under the Indira Jala Prabha (IJP), a Government's programme which will provide a bore well, pump set and electricity connection to the farmers where collective farming is promised.

2. Capacity building programme for the staff and community women farmers:

Capacity building workshops are conducted in two places of Kurnool district. On 26 March it was conducted in Banavasi, covering 24 women farmers of Adoni division and on 27 March it was held in Nandyala, covering 20 women farmers of Nandyala division. Details of the workshop are as follow:

The capacity building workshop primarily focused on the:

- Accessing available government schemes related to land development and agriculture
- Impact of modern agriculture which is basically depended on company seeds and chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and

- organic farming practices including revival of drought resilient traditional seeds to produce food crops.



Mr Surendra, Technical officer, Watersheds attended as resource person and provided inputs on organic farming practices. The session covered the following:

Land preparation: once harvest is over, before the summer approaches deep tilling will help in bringing out the insects which will harm agriculture and they will get killed when they exposed to hot sun. It also helps in receiving in as much as water as possible once rains start

Seed treatment: organic seed treatment is safer, cheap and the quality of the seeds will last till they are sown. 1kg neem leaves to be added for 10 kg seeds

Organic manure: preparation of cow dung compost, leaves compost and vermin compost were taught in detail. 1 acre land requires 1 tone of organic manure and lasts for 3 years and improves the quality of the land.

Organic / Green pesticides: a widely used and very useful green pesticide can be prepared from preserving cow dung and cow urine for 3 days; it was also taught of making organic pesticides with the leaves of – guava, neem, pongamia and with – Jaggery, green chilli, tobacco and garlic.

Traditional ways of pest control: putting fire can eliminate some kind of insects and attracting birds helps in elimination of insects.

4. Training of women on sustainable Agriculture:

Altogether 10 days of trainings held in 6 places of Kurnool and Anantapur districts, covering 430 women farmers from the project's operational villages.

Resource persons: Mr Purushotham and Mr Janardhan attended in Kurnool district and Mr Adinarayana attended in Anantapur district.



The trainings on Sustainable Agriculture Practices were conducted in villages. Mainly, the resource persons focused to make the participants that they will be able to - prepare lands by applying organic manure, select, collect and preserve the seeds, make and apply organic pest control decoction. There were more practical sessions than the theory behind, as in previous meetings theory was covered a lot

Watershed Development Programme :

AARDIP with the partnership with NABARD has initiated and implementing watershed program in holagunda mandal currently AARDIP has four watersheds i.e yellarty vandavagali chinahyata and suluvai watersheds covering about 5000 hectares of land. The main objective of watershed is to preserve and conserve the Natural resources like soil, water and plantation. As a part of program various activities are taken up to enhance the soil and moisture in the watershed area. Till date about some 3500 hectares of land is treated and remaining 1500 hectares of land is to be treated and likely to complete by 2015 march. The sector wise treatments as follows

Drainage line treatment

Area Line Treatment

Livelihoods Program

Drainage line treatment

As part of Drainage line treatment the major activities planned and executed are 22 Rock filled Dams, 3 check walls and 1 DOP in four watersheds. The water harvesting structures have water for a period of six which proves to be a very good alternate water source for watershed area people it also enhanced the moisture content of the fields.



Area Line treatment

As a part of Area line treatment above 17 thousands meters of New Farm Bounding is executed and above 132 Stone outlets are constructed to arrest soil erosion the Farm ponds are executed to as water harvesting structures.

Livelihoods Program

In the watershed villages various livelihoods programs units are promoted about rupees 5 lakh of lone are disbursed to landless poor watershed beneficiaries, in watershed villages and encouraged to establish many business units in watershed area. Such as kirana shop, dairy, Carpenter shop, Cloth shop, fancy store etc. The lone recovery percentage is 90%. Also some productivity enhancment measures such as vermin compost and azolla cultivation also carried.



MACS promotion:

Four watersheds i.e yelarthi vandavagali, chinnahayta and suluva in hologunda mandal is registered under the AP society act 1995, and transformed in to Mutually Aided cooperation societies for transparently carry out the thrift and credit activities. Currently four MACS have its own society operations in corresponding villages.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Project

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

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

AARDIP has been awarded with best NGO for the year 2012-13 for outstanding services rendered for the welfare of positive people and key population.

Advocacy Activities such as requesting the government to provide minimum support to KP community by providing ration card, house sites and pensions etc., carried out and about 50 members have been benefited. Referral Services being availed by all members of the programme by conducting tests related to STI, ART and ICTC etc. also some major events are organized such as

World's women's Day

As a part of program AARDIP/APSACS has organized world women's day celebrations with MSM and TGs in Adoni mandal, women from various villages of Adoni division such as kosigi, Mallapalli, kowthalam and peddathumbalam etc have participated and celebrated the women day. Initially a rally is organized succeeded by a meeting.



Kalajatha or awareness program

As a part of program AARDIP APSACS have organized a Kalajatha program in Adoni mandal to enhance the awareness about many sexually transmitted diseases and to sensitize about the AIDS etc. People from various villages are participated in the program



Establishment of Learning and Resource center

AARDIP is step forward to establish a learning and resource center in Adoni to promote the needy beneficiaries accessible to learning and knowledge resources.

Partnership in Development :

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

Conclusion

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

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

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