

Center for Culture and Development

2006 ANNUAL REPORT TO SDIA

PROJECT LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: S.A.SAMY

Mailing address: samyindia@gmail.com

Project address: RH-18 Kaveri salai, Ellis Nagar .Madurai. 10, Tamil Nadu, India

Telephone: 94440 76120

Email: samyindia@gmail.com

STAFFING

(a) *List your current board Members:*

Mr. Kennedy Fernandez, Mr.Saminathan, Mr.S.Arulsamy

(b) *Describe your project's paid and volunteer staff including job titles and number of staff:*

Mr. Chakravarthy - Project Field coordinator

Mrs. Latha - Arumbugal - Children centre Teacher

Miss. Hema Latha - Children centre Teacher

Miss. Kalavani - Children Centre Teacher

Mr. Karuppaiah - Care taker- Training centre

Mr. Karthick - Volunteer - Training centre

Mr. Ganesan - Volunteer – Training centre

Mr. Poopathy - Volunteer- Training centre

LEGAL INFORMATION OF PROJECT

(for example, tax exempt status or charitable registration):

It is a legally registered under Indian Government laws as a public and educational charitable organization.

It has exempted from donations under Indian Income tax laws under 12 A as well 80 g act.

PROJECT SUMMARY

Centre for culture and development was registered in the year of 1990 as charitable agency with an objective of promoting sustainable livelihood for the poor in the rural and urban areas.

Empowering the poor people within their capacities to lead a quality life, freeing them from poverty, eradicating illiteracy and unemployment are being the strategy of the centre. The centre is committed to achieve this objective by ensuring the participation of the cultural resources and skills of people.

Women, children and socially excluded Dalits and the poor are given importance in our

project concerns. Dalits are a section of Indian people who called as untouchables are discriminated in all walks of life. Ninety percent of the Dalit people are living under poverty and work as a landless agriculture labours in the villages. They also work as toilet cleaners, scavengers and road sweepers in an urban setting. They are allotted a separate living space away from the main village. In the name of caste system they are treated in an inhuman manner and subject to all sorts of violence and harassments.

CCD gives special importance to these Dalits in helping them to get their economic and social and cultural freedom.

The other important area of training is concentrated on educating the Dalit and poor rural children for getting good results in the normal school, the poor children in the rural areas are facing the problem of learning disabilities. The centre strongly believes that education is an important means of achieving an equitable livelihood.

The Kalai Gramam, a training centre promoted by CCD uses the traditional arts of the people in educating them in a relevant social theme that helps the development of the people. The poor artists are helped in sustaining their art forms which is slowly dying because of lack of patronage.

This training centre will train the village people especially Dalits and women in skill development for livelihood programs. The increase in the level of income helps this vulnerable group for an enhanced economic status that gives more opportunities to get the benefits of development.

It is setting up a Model organic Farm to educate the farmers of the region to avoid chemicals and pesticides for Creation of toxin free villages by the end of 2010.

The training areas will include:

- *Self help groups for village women*
 - *Small-scale income generation program*
 - *Health and sanitation*
 - *Micro savings and financing*
 - *Capacity building and lively hood programs*
 - *Organic farming methods*
- Educating the poor people on social themes through traditional art forms.*

Apart from training activities regular seminars, workshops, symposia, festivals and cultural exchange programs will be organised regularly by remaining focused to the cause.

Describe how the project is connected to Subud

As a member of Subud from India our project is supported by the SD- India.

(Are Subud members involved?)

The Director is a Subud member, apart from which there are two Subud members on the board of advisors.

Describe the activities that will be performed in this project.

- Running of Night schools for supplementary coaching for the Dalit Children through the children centres known as Arumbugal.
- Building up a Training centre for skill development and capacity building to increase the level of income generation.
- Training the farmers and agricultural landless labours in organic farming methods.
- Poverty alleviation programs for finding out the possibilities for starting small land village scale craft and other industries.
- Women collectives for savings and taking initiatives for skill development to increase the household income.
- Educating the village people through folk arts about the hearing impairment among the rural children- pilot project for St.Johns medical college Hospital – Bangalore.

Describe the following:

- (a) the key activities of your project:* As mentioned above
- (b) the beneficiaries of your project, and how they participate in the project (if applicable):* The women and children and Farmers and Dalit communities
- (c) the number of people receiving services from your project:* Four villages numbering 2000 people
- (d) links your project has with other organizations, NGOs, United Nations, government agencies, etc.:* St.Johns Medical College, Bangalore. CBM international.

2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Please describe your project's accomplishments and highlights during the past year:

(a) notable developments: The children attending our supplementary coaching has remarkably developed and their performances in the regular school has increased a lot in terms of taking ranks in the school . The self confidence level has increased and they are able to learn other skills with art education. The awareness among them has increased on health and sanitation.

(b) Achievements: The wings over Bangalore project have given the villagers awareness on health and sanitation and people are trying to care for clean surroundings.

(c) Special activities: The st . Johns Medical College with CBM International helped us to crate folk theatre for educating awareness about hearing impairment with rural children. The folk theatre was performed in six villages and the evaluation done after the play has given the result that the mothers of infant children have really understood the various medical aspects of detecting and curing the hearing impairment.

PROJECT GOALS

(a) *List your project's major goals for this year:*

- Strengthening the on going children centers in the project area.
- Conducting the summer coaching camp for the Dalit children.
- Extending the women collectives to other villages of the project area
- Constructing a training hall / community centre in Kalaigramam the resource centre.
- Creating the Instrument bank for the poor Dalit artistes.
- Strengthening the infrastructure facilities for the resource centre.

(b) *Describe your project's goals for the next 3 years:*

- Training programs for women on skill development. Especially for skills that would give employment opportunities to increase the level of house hold income.
- Making the children centers to become full fledged training centers for increasing their learning capacities and other related skills.
- Health and sanitation programs for the villagers to make clean surroundings to free them from health hazards.
- Providing clean water to the people.
- Promoting awareness on organic farming for the Creation of toxin free villages by the end of 2010.
- Micro savings programs for the women for increasing the standard of life and for maintenance of the community resources.
- Environment education in the training centre for the school and college students of the region.
- Encouraging the involvement of volunteerism in the project concerns.
- Participating and creating a model for sustainable tourism for eradication of poverty in the project area.

NETWORK ASSISTANCE

(a) *Describe how the Susila Dharma network might assist your project in reaching these goals:*

As a member of Subud we are guided in spiritual path to commit our selves for the welfare of the poor and needy. As a member of SD International we are guided morally and technically to implement our various projects. The financial assistance from fellow SD organizations helps us to strengthen our activities. The expert sharing and mutual assistance from different SD organizations help us to have new insights in our work. The visits from other SD nationals help us to evaluate our work.

(b) *Describe your relationship with your Susila Dharma national organization:*

As a member of SD India we participate actively in making the vision of SD India reflected in our project work. We get all sorts of support from them and try to help each other. We are aiming to work jointly together to receive and share and strengthen our

work. The seniors are able to help us in all the needed areas.

FINANCIAL REPORT (\$US)

Accounting Year March 2005 - March 2006

Revenue

- (a) *Revenue from Subud sources:* Wings over Bangalore: \$533, SD Britain - \$2,500.
Individual Subud members \$910
- (b) *Revenue from other sources:* private donors, trusts, foundations, grants, government agencies, est.. Johns-Medical college - \$2,511 \$US. Individual Donations - \$2,100.

Expenditures

- (a) total expenditures: \$7,444
- (b) amount spent on delivering services or activities of the project: \$7,000
- (c) amount spent on project operations: \$444