

COREED
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A word from the President:

The past few years have wreaked havoc for people around the world. The coronavirus pandemic, socio-political uncertainty, economic instability and wars that have hampered and destroyed the lives and future dreams are just the tip of the iceberg. COREED with the grace of God and with the help of our donors has been able to quickly adapt to extraordinary changes and continue to extend the needed help to these disadvantaged communities in the rural regions of South India.

This year, COREED has not only been able to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, but has also gone ahead with our dedicated sustained programs for the year while keeping up with World Health Organisation's (WHO) standards and their methods to control the spread of the virus.

COREED is trusted to be an important source of community development in this region of Andhra Pradesh as it is founded with a vision to reach the unreached communities.

Dear friends, there is still much more to do. It is important to sustain this holistic development, and to assist these people who are in desperate need.

During these trying times, we are grateful to our esteemed Friends of COREED and Project Commission, COREED Switzerland, for their dedicated concern. COREED always follows the deeds of Lord Jesus Christ and His compassion to these people with the precious contribution of our dedicated donors.

Thank you and God bless you.



Dr. Jaya Paul Ravela
President
COREED

Foreword:

COREED –Christian Organization of the Rural Educational and Economic Development is a registered NGO in the year 1989 under the societies act XXI of 1860 No; 230/89 and registered under FCRA (Foreign Currency Regulation Act) from the year 1996. COREED was established as a community based social organization invested in the overall development of Dalit and Adivasi communities.

Since 1989, COREED has steadily progressed to realize our vision to reach the unreached and break the cycle of poverty with education and economic empowerment with the help of the Friends of COREED Switzerland, who are represented by Project Commission, COREED Switzerland. All these years COREED has contributed its services in over 150 villages, presently working in 30 interior villages of Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh, South India where the inhabitants are Dalit and Adivasi communities. We have achieved this milestone by always seeking sustainable solutions to long term problems of poverty through an integrated, participatory approach that reinforces growth and development in all areas of the society.

Our primary objectives are Imparting Education, Health Care Services, Women Empowerment Programs, Job guaranteed Vocational Training Programs, and Capacity Building Programs. Each one of these objectives is created to have a definite goal to improve skills to have clear focus and ensure every area of these people's lives is improved.

Every department of COREED is assigned with specific responsibilities with the intention to eliminate illiteracy and poverty. To achieve this, we create and execute programs that can be sustained for a longer period and introduce appropriate skills to improve their socioeconomic standards, providing a secure foundation for the future generations to build on so their dreams of development can become reality.

Department of Education:

In the past years education has seen unprecedented transformation. Learning became more accessible, widespread, and came pre-recorded. This meant that parents all over the world had to become teachers, ensuring that their children kept up with their peers and do well in consequent exams. In Andhra Pradesh, India, this change was more of a burden. Children in rural villages were asked to learn via pre-recorded classes shown on local TV channels as a substitute for regular school. With the support of volunteers, teachers, parents, community elders COREED was able to overcome the obstacles of virtual school.

Using collaborative ideas, techniques and strategies developed by the teachers during our Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs throughout the year, COREED has successfully been able to ensure the progress of the children from our 30 villages. As the lockdowns have lifted, and schools are open again now, we are delighted to see children from COREED rural free study centres, and summer free tutorial programs are excelling in their pursuit to bring themselves and their families out of poverty.

Priority was given to the students who want to enter into professional course during this year 2021-22. After pandemic the students of Rural Free Study Centres after completion of 12th Class become eligible to enter into these courses. But there is tremendous competition for these professional courses as they have entrance examination and only qualified will be given admission. Therefore COREED has organized special coaching classes to these opting students with qualified senior experienced lecturers for medicine, engineering and Chartered Accountancy. 132 students joined in this special coaching. We look forward to see many students to qualify in the entrance exam and get admission into these special courses.

Achievements in this year:

- 2568 students equipping educationally in Rural Free Study Centres in 30 villages
- Helped 203 school drop outs, which were in bonded labour, were rescued and rejoined the schools to continue their studies.
- 498 merit students entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies.
- 134 students have successfully completed their high schools studies scoring good marks and have entered into college studies
- 86 qualified in the competitive examinations held by government of India and have secured admissions into professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Chartered Accountancy and etc.,
- 80% of the students have secured over 75% in 10th Class.
- 6902 students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 Rural Free Study Centres during the months of April and May 2021
- 182 cultural events were organized in all 30 villages throughout the year to motivate the parents and students toward eradicating poverty through education.

Department of Health Care:

COREED's department of Health Care has been vital in saving the lives and improving the health conditions of the poor people we serve especially during these trying times. COREED medical team has been continuously helping these interior inhabitants with timely medical services to children, women, the elderly, and those who are chronic patients depending entirely on our medical help. We salute the COREED medical team for their dedicated service.

COREED has been proactive in ensuring the Coronavirus vaccinations in collaboration with the local Government, and encouraged everyone to get both doses i.e., Covishield and Covaxin to control the spread of the virus.

Observations during the Health Camps:

It is unfortunate to note that there has been an increase of malnourishment among these people resulting in various kinds of sickness among children, women and elders. Among children it is leading to various diseases that are becoming a hindrance to their overall growth. COREED has provided needed multivitamin tablets and syrups to all these children. We hope that our sustained medical help will reverse this condition and enable them to enjoy good health.

Women continue to face suffering with Gynaecology problems that need to be treated in the hospitals with long time medication.

During the Special Eye Camps we continue to find people of all ages suffering with poor sight and as usual after 45 years of age many need to go for cataract removal.

Achievements in this year:

- 48013 patients were treated in regular Health Camps in all 30 village
- 6285 children including infants had health check-ups and were provided with free medicine in all 30 villages in Special Paediatric Camps organized in the month of August, 2021
- Continuous medical assistance is provided with the guidance of government medical team to 1211 post Covid 19 sufferers
- 448 received specs after examining the patients in Special Eye Camps in the month of July, 2021
- 32 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly receive medical help
- 21 patients identified HIV AIDS and we connected them to the government
- medical help for the regular treatment and counselling
- 43 patients with severe gynaecology problem were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment.
- 62 pregnant women were carefully taken to hospitals for safe normal delivery and today it is a life time memory to these women.

Department of Vocational Training:

COREED's Vocational training in George Technical Institute is a job guaranteed training program. In their one year course, the students are equipped with a theoretical foundation for the first 6 months, and practical knowledge as they begin apprenticeship where they are paid by the employer during the second half of their training. Therefore immediately after the course they are either employed or become self-employed. Some students continue their studies to enhance their skills to seek better future.

Upon survey, we concluded that a majority of our students in this department are school and college dropouts who are looking to become employable. The focus of COREED Vocational Training programs is therefore to teach skills relevant to today's day and age. The tutors of these courses continue to update their technical skills during the Skills Development Training programs and at the same time find sustained employability for the students.

Following the interruptions to our training programs due to Covid, our tutors and coordinators have ingeniously decided to reach out and teach via phone calls making use of present day technology. This method of teaching was used in addition to regular classes post lockdown to assure success during final certification exams.

Number of students trained in George Technical Institute:

| | Women | Men |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| TV Servicing and Satellite networking | 04 | 10 |
| Computer Applications | 10 | 12 |
| Computer Hardware Training | 06 | 18 |
| Cell Phone Servicing | 03 | 14 |
| Electrification (Domestic & Industrial) | 00 | 10 |
| Tailoring | 17 | -- |
| | 40 | 64 |

Total number of students trained during this year 104

Achievements in this year:

- 2 workshops on all courses were organized in June and November 2021
- 104 students have successfully completed training
- 67 students are employed
- 23 students are perusing higher training
- All the students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

Department of Women Empowerment:

The Women Empowerment programs have transformed the lives of the women in the villages and have brought progress in gender equality, recognition and respect. With the moral support of COREED the women are now pillars of strength for their families and communities. In most of the villages we find women are the decision makers. Some are the officially elected members of the village “grama panchayat” and some are even the Panchayat Presidents. Today women are respected both in family and in the community. The Women Development Centres continued to contribute immensely even during post coronavirus pandemic. The woman leaders are trained to advise counsel and teach nutrition food to the mothers in the villages, thus improving the health of their families. While learning they also have extended support through production of masks again in this year for their villages. They have learnt about the corona virus symptoms and passed on their knowledge regularly to other women.

After the lockdown every Women Development Centre continued in teaching tailoring, knitting, embroidery, cookery and other useful skills that are employable.

To further equip the rural women, COREED has also organized Skills Development Training Programs and Knowledge Management Programs inviting legal professionals, government officials, and bank managers to have easy access to government policies and available loans so that the students after completion of the course can become self-employed or become small business owners.

Achievements in this year:

- 202 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centres during this year 2021-22
- Women’s Day celebrated on 8th March 2022 with the United Nations Women theme on “I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women’s Rights” in all 12 Women Development Centres
- Organized 2 Awareness on legality and on marketing skills in May 2021
- Organized 6 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centres to protect their families from Corona virus.
- 109 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- Some students are self-employe
- 10 counselling sessions were held in all 12 Women Development Centres to have strong will during these days of Covid

Department of Capacity Building:

COREED's department of Capacity Building is a central administrative program for the entire COREED activities. This department organizes weekly and monthly training programs for all employees, heads and leaders to function effectively and become successful in their field of operations. This department always seek inclusive participation from the villages and will come up with vision or goal to reach. All the training programs are very well designed to reach the people we serve. During the pandemic and post pandemic all the employees, leaders, coordinators and field coordinators of all departments have been specially trained by medical doctors to handle the health emergency with proper awareness and help the villagers to protect their lives and improve their health.

Quickly after post lockdown we have trained the leaders and helped them to adapt the changes that have taken place during pandemic and continue with those skills of new teaching techniques. Every training program is organized according to the norms of Covid19, i.e. the gatherings were small maintaining safe distance. This has caused us to repeat the programs in order to provide them for all. We have spent much time and money while organizing these training schedules.

Achievements in this year:

- Organized 4 Staff Training Programs
- Organized 2 Knowledge Management Program in the month of August, 2021 and in January, 2022
- Organized 3 Skills Development Training Programs in the month of August, 2021 and in January & March 2022
- Organized 3 Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs in the month of April, October, 2021 and in January, 2022