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A word from the President

COREED (Christian Organization of the Rural Educational and Economic Development) is a Christian social organization working for the development of the remote rural poor Dalits and Adivasis in India since its beginning 1989. COREED is a community based pro-poor organization benefiting over 30 remote villages directly in the area of education, healthcare, women empowerment, vocational training, skills development and imparting the core leadership competencies to build leadership abilities. The people to whom we are serving are deprived of education and health care. They do not own a square feet of land as they live in temporary houses as long as government allow them to live. They survive working as daily laborers to feed their families. The health care is available only in towns which is very far and it is expensive.

With COREED interventions a great change has taken place in these remote villages in spite of all these harsh realities. COREED is happy to witness that the children of COREED Rural Free Study Centers progress in the area of education. Today our children are graduates and further post graduates and became professionals in the area of their fields. Most of them are now employed or self employed and brought great change in the villages. This year 2019 COREED is completing 30 years of dedicated services to over 150 villages in South India and now we are in another 30 villages. It is our goal to reach the unreached remote villages in India. We thank God that our activities are affecting over 250,000 people in Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhar Pradesh, India.

Right from the beginning the COREED activities in these interior villages were extremely challenging as there were precarious situations that led to abject poverty and illiteracy. Every time we come up with new strategies and programs that are suitable and implementable for overall village development. It has indeed taken longtime to enlighten these people to enable the overall development possible. There is a change in social scenario where a situation of compulsion to survive has emerged. This has indeed impacted on every individual to combat for life especially on among these Dalit and Adivasi communities. The older generations hardly cope with the situations and thus continued as daily laborers(unskilled) but for the young it became a must to equip themselves to face the contemporary changes. Having studied the existing scenario COREED has enabled these Dalits and Adivasis youngsters to enter into this change scenario to develop and to improve their living conditions.

Almost all the activities of COREED such as Rural Free Study Centers, Motivational Seminars, Women Development Centers and Vocational Training Programs have helped the villagers to realize the importance of education and skilled training for success in life. COREED has made it possible for students and villagers to grow and to continue the economic sustainability and to continue. Today we emphatically pronounce that we have changed the lives of hundreds of children who were once oppressed, abused, exploited, runaways, traumatized and deprived of their human fundamental rights are now professionals in the fields of their interests.

Health & welfare of the villagers have improved and women in these remote villages have taken the lead in socio economics with the support of the women development centers. The women in the villages learnt various skills like tailoring embroidery and etc., have become confident to survive with their skills and to earn some money and be relieved from the clutches of money lenders. The young realized to focus on the needed studies and skill trainings to become self reliant. Today they are helping their families and communities.

In India migrations are inevitable as people tend to move to developed villages from their existing village. All these years we have observed that villagers do aspire to move into COREED villages or nearby as COREED activities are promising for overall development. It is God's grace that COREED has become a hope of development for these downtrodden communities in this region of India.

Our dedicated contributions will continue as new families migrate into our villages and nearby villages with great vision of growth in their lives. It would not be possible without the dedicated and sustained support of our precious donors the 'Friends of COREED, Switzerland' for their persistent and compassionate prayers. The Project Commission, COREED, Switzerland is representing all our beloved donors who are professionals, dedicated, educated and praying team to carry on this God's work. We thank everyone from our hearts for their deep concern to develop these underprivileged communities in this region of India.

Thank you and God Bless you all



Rev. Dr. Jaya Paul Ravela
President
COREED

Department of Education

Education always has been an important program in COREED right from the inception. The educational programs such as Rural Free Study Centers, Special Coaching Programs, and Summer Free Tutorial Institutes are the most important programs that are enhancing the educational standards of the children in their villages. The Rural Free Study Centers and the Special Coaching Programs function throughout the year providing tuition from class one to ten. Every remote village is provided with required text books, guides, dictionaries, grammar books, material for teaching, monthly periodicals and daily news paper. We also provide minimum material for games and sports for mental and physical health. Children are interested to come to Rural Free Study Center that run from evening 5 to 7 pm where they play games and sports and enjoy their study time while completing their homework as well prepare for the next class.

It is very common in India that parents send their children to tuition centers by paying money to improve educational standards. But these remote rural poor Dalit and Adivasi parents cannot afford financially to send their wards to these tuition centers. Today the children of these remote villages are enjoying free tuitions in these Rural Free Study Centers and have profoundly proved to be good students academically in their respective schools. Most of our children received best academic awards and cash prizes from the local district and mandal educational authorities right from the beginning of COREED. Today COREED has 30 Rural Free Study Center in Prakasam and Nellore Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

The Special Coaching Programs meant to prepare the students to write entrance examinations for residential schools and various specific courses and the Summer Free Tutorial Institutes that function during summer holidays from last week of April to end of May are most important programs that COREED has invented to develop the educational standards of the children. We emphasize coaching on the subjects like mathematics, English and science where our rural children are generally weak. These special coaching interventions have not only improved their educational standards but also helped to stop migrations to towns and cities as child laborers. Previously there were many migrations where most of the school dropout children either after or before 5th class are used to along with their parents to urban areas for various labor works. Today it is a changed because of COREED as these children are receiving academic awards from the government of India and their parents are happy for their development.

Besides our regular educational program, we also organize sports, games, talent search programs and oratory to encourage these children. While doing this we observe children and their parents keenly to understand if they are in depressed situation. It is part of our life that our COREED counselors will council both children and parents with concern to drive away fear and gain courage and confidence to achieve their goals. This year our counseling helped many children and parents to do better in their lives. We are happy that most of our students are

scoring over 70% marks in every exam. COREED is playing vital role in improving the lives of these Dalits and Adivisis children in the area of education and has enabled them to understand the importance of education which is the only source to change their socio economic situation. We also have trained rural leaders to approach and liaison with the offices of the government as well non-government and bring the benefits that belong to them and to their village.

Our educational programs changed the future of many children and we are proud that today our children from these Rural Free Study Centers are into various professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Computers, Arts, Commerce, Political Sciences, Accounting and so on in the fields of their interest as well entered into employment and helping their families and communities.

Achievements in this year:

- 30 Rural Free Study Centers were integrated with school teaching methodology according to the government of Andhra Pradesh
- Local School and COREED Rural Free Study Centers committee is formed to encourage the students to stop dropouts
- 2321 students have successfully entered into higher classed from all Rural Free Study Centers in 30 villages
- 201 merit students have successfully entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies
- 132 students have completed their high schools studies scoring good marks and have entered into college studies
- 91 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 to 85% of the students appeared for 10th Class examinations have secured more than 70% marks and have entered into colleges for further studies
- 6654 students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 villages from 20th April to 5th June, 2018 to enable the rural poor students to get special coaching in Mathematics, Sciences and English before they enter into their next classes.
- It is also important program that ensures to stop migrations and forced child labor which usually occur in summer from April to June every year
- 178 children were liberated from child labor
- 212 drop outs from the schools were sent back to the schools to continue their studies
- 330 cultural events were organized in the villages by the Rural Free Study Centers children on the 'importance of education' for the development of their villages.

Department of Health Services

The health conditions of these interior villagers are determined by their surrounding clean environment but their socio-economic situations always impacts their physical, mental and social well being. This always triggers the health conditions of the people. It is unfortunate that Dalits and Adivasis are the silent sufferers who truly deserve good health. Their day today life is based on good health as they survive only on their hard physical labor. These people are highly vulnerable to communicable diseases that are infectious and contagious as they are surrounded by the environment and industrial pollution. Adding to this they do not have access to health care even today. The government provided health care facilities are not reaching to these communities though they are eligible for health care. The life span has drastically decreased leading entire family into unbearable sufferings. This is one of the reasons that mother and children are caught up into cycle of bonded labor and unable to come out of this. The health facilities are expensive and they are located only in towns and cities. During health emergencies people easily give up their lives rather than going to hospitals. It is because of the involvement of big money which they cannot afford and if they borrow it will be life time burden of paying back the debts that continue to generations.

COREED has been contributing its services under these circumstances in all these remote villages with the intention to improve their health conditions for better living. COREED has a vehicle that move with medicine and a team of doctor and two nurses into the villages periodically to examine the patients and provide them with free medicine. By God's grace COREED is very fortunate to have committed and qualified doctor and nurses for these regular health camps. COREED's health intervention is indeed multifaceted as we organize Health Camps, Seminars, Health Awareness Camps to motivate the villagers to take preventive measures. Our dedicated medical team visits two villages every day and has treats over 96 to 139 patients and provides free medicine. In every medical camp we find patients suffering from Tuberculosis, malaria, Kala-azar, Chicken Pox, Measles, Leprosy, Diarrhea, amoebiasis, Cholera, Viral Hepatitis, - A&B and Whooping Cough, respiratory infections, reproductive tract infections HIV AIDS, Swine flu, Dengue, Conjunctivitis, Typhoid and so on. We organize the HIV AIDS and TB and leprosy patients to move to the hospitals where free treatment is provided.

During these Medical Camps the doctors will identify the patients who badly require deep medical checkups are recommend for the Special Health Camps such as Special Eye Camps, Special Pediatric Camps and for Special Gynecology Camps for long time treatment. During these special medical camps we invite specialist

qualified post graduate doctors in their respective field to come into these interior villages and contributing their free services in these medical camps. We are truly grateful to these specialist doctors for their free services. This year these doctors came to these interior villages with their team to examine and treat the patients for free of cost. COREED has provide free medicine to the patients and also helped that HIV AIDS, leprosy and other severely sick patients to hospitals and other medical centers for long time treatment for recovery that helped the families to be free from burden. The family members will visit these places freely and bring them back after recovery.

It is purely God's grace that we have committed coordinators with practical experience who visit the patients along with our precious medical team and spend good time with them as well meet all the 'village COREED committee members' and ensure clean environment in and around houses and villages. They guide the patients to take proper course of medication for speedy recovery. Our health programs have improved the health conditions of these Dalits and Adivasis that we serve in these interior villages. This has helped children to do better in their studies and mothers motivated to help fathers in earning some money with their good health to feed and meet the needs of their children.

Achievements in this year:

- 40912 patients were treated in regular Health Camps in all 30 village
- 7321 children including infants had health checkup and has provided free medicine in all 30 villages in Special Pediatric Camps organized
- Found 4380 children suffering with malnutrition
- Found 1306 children required course of long term intake of medicine to protect and improve eye sight.
- All the pregnant women were advised to take the needed food to protect their children from malnutrition
- 1103 treated in Special Gynecology Camps organized in Thabitha Mocharla and Rainbow Women Development Centers
- 631 received specs after examining the patients in Special Eye Camps
- Special health camps on H1 N1 Flu (Swine Flu) were organized covering all the villages providing free pills with the help of Homeopathy Doctors
- 26 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly receive medical help
- 24 patients identified HIV AIDS and we connected them to the government medical help for the regular treatment and counseling
- 51 patients with severe gynecology problem were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment.
- 39 pregnant women were carefully taken to hospitals for safe normal delivery and today it is a life time memory to these women.
- 65 traumatized patients were counseled by the COREED counselors

Department of Women Empowerment

COREED women empowerment program has brought immense change in the lives of these remote rural women who have never seen the development as they were under the clutches of age old tradition and customs. Women empowerment is always multidimensional as entire development revolves around economic improvement of every woman where education is important. Therefore our priority is to enable women to earn self dignity through education and economic independency. COREED commenced the women empowerment programs on building confidence and improving abilities to overcome inequalities, discriminations, gender bias and oppression in this casteist society. All the women in these remote rural region faced sever oppression, violence, abuse, criminality and injustice and suffered silently till COREED commenced the Women Development Centers. These places have become important centres for all the women in the village and surrounding villages to gather to learn the skills training courses like tailoring, stitching, embroidery, painting, making various kinds of handicrafts skills and foods. Besides this they do discuss on their problems while learning and come up with solutions. The Department of Women Empowerment with dedicated women leaders have developed important strategies for these rural poor women to learn, be trained and apply with accuracy to win the situations that they face on the daily basis.

To do this COREED commenced training sessions in the Women Development Centers inviting the Women Leaders, advocates and bank managers to teach the women on socio economic benefits and the legalities to apply when it required. This year number of educated young women have taken it very seriously as they were very much inspired by these trainers. This program has enlightened very much that demands unity and support of one another with moral, social, ethical, and economic concern. Further the need of urgency also is mentioned by the women department to institutionalize these training programs focusing on the means of women empowerment.

COREED women empowerment programs have given the required confidence in women both in family and in community with the skills and training that lead to deal their problems and to enjoy the victory benefitting the family and community. We know it is minimal yet impacted for sustained growth that lead to decision making and economic independency. COREED is happy for the change in these women who were oppressed and distressed for generations. Their inborn skills, talents and commitment has developed these families in spite of the terrible poverty.

COREED is very happy that parents in these remote villages are welcoming the birth of girl babies and sending them to schools has increased unlike olden days when parents did not like to have girls to be born in their families. The percentage of dropouts has drastically decreased among these Dalit and Adivasi communities. Today girls in the villages have completed their professional courses with good grade i.e., above 80% and are now working in the area of medicine, engineering, as assistant professors, lecturers, teachers, in Indian railways, accountants and in various government jobs. Often we receive calls from these parents thanking for their children success in education as well acquiring jobs. Olden days girls were great burden to the parents but today it has changed in these communities. Parents are proud to have successful girl children in their family because of their achievements. The customs and tradition do continue in India where it revolves around the women but technicalities have increased leading to fewer burdens to the parents and for girl child right from birth to marriages and so on.

WDCs has professional women tutors and annually we take 20 student in each WDC to train and to build confidence to ensure every student is economically self reliant. Every student from WDCs are either employed, self employed or into further training in seeking of better life. Today most of the families are out of the hands of the money lenders. This year we have trained 240 students from 12 WDCs and have awarded certificates to the students who have qualified both in practical and theory examinations. Every year we mention the importance of our women empowerment team who are great councilors liberating women and girls from various problems and to seek better future. COREED has become part and parcel of the villages for whom we are working.

Achievements in this year

- 224 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centers
- 3202 women participated ‘Women’s Day Celebrations” on 8th March, 2019 in all 12 Women Development Centers
- Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs
- Organized 2 Awareness on marketing skills
- Organized 9 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centers on - homemade food and easy marketing – with the help of the homemade food professionals
- 93 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- students are self employed in homemade businesses
- 45 students are now pursuing further studies
- 24 counseling sessions were taken place in all 12 Women Development Centers to build positive energy in the families that were needed.

Department of Vocational Training:

India has over 600 million young populations who are under 25 years that cover almost half of the Indian population. It is facts that half of the population live in rural and suburban regions. Most of the youth populations live in rural areas have less employment opportunities. To be employed these people need to be equipped with vocational skills training. As on today India needs skilled workers to take over large area where skilled man power is required to meet the needs of the market today. These skills training doesn't demand graduation or post graduation but a minimum qualification to understand the technicalities of the work they are learning is a mandate. In rural India it is an opportunity for the students who could not afford for further studies. It is a regular practice that rural youth mostly migrate to cities to depend on the employment access into micro, small or medium businesses without any skills training. Sadly many young people see sudden loss in businesses and end up in urban slums where poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination prevails and thus leading into antisocial activities. This is indeed an important challenge that entire world is facing today.

Today COREED is addressing this problem with its dedication though it is not in macro level yet with its micro contributions is enabling youth to be employed with imparted skills training. Knowing the fact COREED wants to increase its best in empowering the youth with the vocational skills and focus on more awareness to enable them for factual sustainable economic living. With the practical knowledge that they acquired many of the youth from George Technical Institute are now either employed or self employed. The key factor for the development is to be skillful in their job and to do hard work. This has helped many to become self-reliant.

Every year George Technical Institute takes 120 students in the courses that provide immediate employment or to be self employed. Along with the training we also organize programs to ensure that every student is empowered with apt knowledge. This year COREED has organized Skills Development Training Programs for the George Technical Institute tutors and well the students. The programs were conducted for two days. The professionals from Chennai has training these tutors and students very specifically. The training was not only in the area of their course but also on small units of their own business basing on the training. Along with the team from Chennai we also invited bank managers to provide information on the available financial facilities to the graduating students of George Technical Institute to start their own workshops. This was intensive training program where tutors and students benefited

The impact of the change in social scenario has affected these students to select their choice of training to be properly equipped. Today these young people in our villages are trained with apt skills and are now employed in various sectors and

employed with their skills training. COREED wants to explore more employable opportunities to these youngsters and COREED is interested to extend this vocational training program to help more male and female rural youth to take advantage of the opportunity.

COREED wants to do two things. One is to focus its training 'on wheels' into the villages and help some more youth who are unable to participate in training to be benefited. And the second is to include more courses that give immediate employment. This need more space to accommodate the students and increase of financial support.

The courses offered in George Technical Institute are:

Number of students undergone training in this year

	Women	Men
• TV servicing and satellite networking	05	14
• Computer Applications	10	10
• Computer Hardware Training	08	13
• Cell Phone servicing	04	10
• Electrification (domestic and industrial)	00	18
• Tailoring	28	00
	55	65

Achievements

- 2 Knowledge Management Programs were organized
- 2 Personality Development Classes were organized
- 2 Skills Development Training Programs were organized
- 1 Program on Strategies on marketing
- 120 students have successfully completed their training
- 51 students are employed in various sectors
- 34 students are self employed
- 35 students are continuing their studies
- 2 Talent Search Events were organized to explain and exhibit their skills
- Students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

Department of Capacity Building :

Department of Capacity building always deals with the core leadership of the organization to improve their leadership qualities and inborn abilities to be more effective in all capacities to achieve the set goals or mission on time skillfully. The criteria of COREED is to develop a mechanism that will not bother or hurt the people while achieving the set target as we are working on the task of improving lives of the remote villagers. Creating awareness among the leaders to ensure God's qualities are meaningfully inbuilt to extend services to these underprivileged people with commitment.

It always starts with introspection of our mission, action and strategies. And we move on to find required resources that are needed to achieve the goal. Therefore our continuous serious concern is on resource development, financial management, organization learning, effective leadership development and success orientated outlook in all our andover.

COREED gives importance to the village leadership that represent organization in their respective villages who are the backbone to the functioning of the organization. There are multiple hurdles that we face in the society while we are serving the discriminated and downtrodden communities who are the outcast Dalits and Adivasis. There is always a disguised character of certain specific people who never allow the development of these communities. Therefore you need to have a clear positive functional mechanism of protection as well safety. This mechanism has to be innovative with legal intervention and proper advocacy in all spheres of social awareness preserving social justice as well creating legalistic impact. The only available physical roads to reach these Dalits and Adivasi villagers are another hurdle. We always ensure all our coordinators, field coordinators, teachers, village committees as well the leaders, WDCs and GTI tutors are aware of legalities and constitutional rights.

Moreover COREED is fortunate to have three generations working experience among these communities.

Our annual activities in the department of Capacity Building persists only on the needed programs that enlightens and provide guidance to the key leaders and the field workers. To do this we organize regular and periodical training programs such as Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs, Knowledge Management Programs, Skills Development Training Programs, Training in Marketing Procedures and Training in bank loan procedures. In the interior villages we organize Awareness Programs, Motivational Seminars, Parental Retreats, Cultural Programs and talent search programs. The village level program are organized by the village committee with the help of the coordinators and teachers where much money is not involved as we have already readymade equipments. But the other programs are professionally organized by inviting professionals in their field to take classes systematically which involves various expenses.

Achievements in this year :

- organized 8 Staff Training Programs in the first week of the month
- Organised 2 Knowledge Management Program
- Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs
- Conducted 4 Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs
- Organised 2 events on Leadership Management Programs
- Organized Knowledge Management program
- Organized training program on marketing skills, banking awareness and
- Organized training program in small scale business establishment for GTI and WDCs

COREED has been contributing its services to these remote rural poor Dalits and Adivasis from the inception of COREED in the year 1989. We are very happy that we could complete 30 years of our ministry in helping these communities. Today we are proud to announce that hundreds of children, studied in Rural Free Study Centers, Women Development Centers and in George Technical Institute, are now professionals in the area of their studies. Some are doctors, engineers, teachers, asst.professors, computer professionals, working in Indian railways and other various government and private jobs. There is a start in economic improvement in this generation though it is minimal is now helping their families and communities. We are thankful to our donors The Friends of COREED, Switzerland for their sustained contributions for all these year and we grateful to the "Project Commission,COREED,Switzerland" for representing the friends of COREED,Switzerland. We thank all the donors for their sustained help and selfless services for the overall development of these Dallit and Adivsi communities.
