

**COREED**  
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## **A Word from the President**

COREED (Christian Organization of the Rural Educational and Economic Development) is a community based social organization contributing its services for the overall development of Dalit and Adivasi communities right from its inception in the year 1989. COREED always seeks sustainable solutions to long term problems of poverty through an integrated, participatory approach that reinforces the society respecting the local culture. We strongly believe that we can break the cycle of poverty with education and economic empowerment. COREED has contributed its services in over 150 villages in the past and today we are in 30 interior villages of Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh, South India. Our major areas of concern is on imparting Education, Health Care Services, Women Empowerment Programs, Job guaranteed vocational training programs and Capacitating the rural community key leaders, teacher, village committee members and field operation officers along with leaders of COREED to improve their skills in executing the development activities in the interior villages of this region of Andhra Pradesh to seek sustainable development.

COREED is very happy that all our programs are reaching the villagers and is able to achieve good results because of the local community participatory strategies that are designed with experienced leaders from the COREED villages. These participatory strategies have always enabled them to be more socially responsible and emotionally sensitive. Hence COREED is always proud for its inclusive approach of acting according to the local community understanding. The activities of COREED build confidence to achieve its set goals. Among all the programs of COREED the Leadership Training to the teachers and key leaders creates great impact with deeper concern and be engaged with greater challenges. This mindset continues to stimulate, think and learn for greater achievement. Therefore COREED is always keen in providing a platform creating an atmosphere of learning with diligent. In every training program we capacitate, motivate and refresh the local key leaders, volunteers and teachers with new methods of teaching that are valued with high recognition.

Lord Jesus Christ teachings and His compassion over the needy is the core concern of COREED. COREED is trusted to be an important source of community development in this region of Andhra Pradesh in South India as it is founded with vision to reaching the unreached in the interior villages and ensuring the overall development of these villagers.

I want thank our only donors the Friends of COREED, Switzerland channelled by Project Commission, COREED Switzerland for their sustained contributions for the ongoing programs of COREED. And I thank the dedicated leaders of COREED and the medical team for their enormous and immeasurable contributions. The professional teams, legal

advisors, bank managers and skills imparting trainers and the super specialty medical doctors contributions our annual Special Health Camps in these interior villages are always remembered with thanks for their dedication to improve the lives of the neediest in the society.

Dear friends it is important to sustain the holistic development to break the vicious cycle of poverty and to bring change in the lives of these unreached disadvantaged communities. There is still much more to do for the development of these forgotten communities.

God Bless You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Jaya Paul', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

**Rev. Dr. R. Jaya Paul**  
**President, COREED**

## **Department of Education**

Education is considered to be a vital element in the development of the society and country that enables the people to come to the conscious of their socioeconomic situations. It has the power to influence every individual to shift toward economic development as education always opens the possibilities of learning to enhance the abilities effectively and explore the available opportunities. It is a proven fact globally that education is the only means of breaking the cycle of poverty among the marginalized and disadvantaged communities as education ensure sustainable economic growth in the society. COREED is proud to announce that COREED is able to bring a recognizable change in the lives of the children, youth, women and the families in these interior villages where COREED is working.

COREED has established 30 Rural Free Study Centres in 30 remote villages of Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh where people cannot access educational facilities. Before COREED entered into these villages there were no proper roads, electricity, primary schools and housing in these villages. But today with the initiation of COREED with the help of the government today villages have primary schools, roads, electricity and housing in these villages. Children regularly attend Rural Free Study Centres that function during the evenings. Students are given opportunity to express their talents in the Rural Free Study Centers. They have time to play, do yoga and exercise while studying. Every Rural Free Study Center has two teachers and a helper to take care of the students to study in safe environment. The participation of the villagers in all COREED activities is a key factor for the effective working of COREED. Villagers have acknowledged the development and their participation has indeed increased the responsibility to continue working with COREED to bring more changes in their villages. The teachers and the volunteers along with our experienced counsellors help the parents, responsible persons in the village and the students personally to motivate them towards the importance of education and economic growth in the society. They also impart needed knowledge to pursue the development activities and to bridge with government to get their rights that are reserved from the government. The Rural Free Study Centers students continue to use their educational opportunities provided by COREED and have successfully upgraded their educational standards. Our students have improved their skills in learning and as result students from our Rural Free Study Centers score good marks in their regular schools and are much appreciated by the principals of the schools.

During the summer holidays commencing from April to end of May COREED organizes a special educational program called Summer Free Tutorial Institutes in all the villages. We appoint senior teachers and old students from Rural Free Study Centres who have completed their graduation to help the students in upgrading their educational

standards before they enter into higher classes and colleges. The rural students still do face difficulty in understanding the subjects such as English, Mathematics and Sciences and therefore we take special care during these summer holidays without wasting their time. The Summer Free Tutorial Institutes play a dynamic role in stopping the family's migrations in to towns and cities as bonded labours where children forcibly pushed into child labour. COREED is very happy that Summer Free Tutorial Institutes have been preventing these migrations. Most of the migrants from our villagers suffer as they live in unhygienic environment without proper basic facilities like housing, water and sanitation that leads to deadly diseases and end up their lives very early without realizing their dreams of development.

Summer Free Tutorial Institutes have indeed stopped the migrations as well as child labour and enabling them to be educated and to enjoy the benefits while going to schools and improving the academic standards. There is another encouraging factor that commenced from this year is that the government of Andhra Pradesh is giving money to the parents for sending their children to schools and also is determined to improve school environments for both safety and learning.

The Rural Free Study Centers and Summer Free Tutorial Institutes have immensely improved educational standards that enabled the students to write competitive exams conducted by government for Dalit and Adivasi students for the free residential education program called 'GurukulaPatashala" and "NavodayaPatashala". Almost all the children qualify to this exam and enter into these schools from or after 5<sup>th</sup> class. COREED is very happy that children are successfully completing their studies with good grade even from the government residential schools and are entering into colleges and universities. Usually it is common that rich children enjoy learning by having home tuitions or going to a tuition point by spending money whereas these deprived communities cannot afford to pay money and therefore COREED educational programs are very helpful in improving educational standards like all other children though they are from disadvantaged communities living far away from the regular society.

End of every academic year COREED is more satisfied with all its contributions while more than 80% of children achieve great results in their studies and enter into high schools, colleges special courses and universities. Rural Free Study Centers have educated thousands of children for all these 30 years. Our students have established on their own in life with the feeling of dignity and self reliant. They contribute to the education in their respective villages helping in COREED activities and also helping the academically opting students by paying fee and buying text books and so on.

## **Achievements:**

- 2342 students equipping educationally in Rural Free Study Centers in 30 villages
- Helped 231 school drop outs who were into bonded labor were rescued and rejoined in to schools to continue their studies
- 324 merit students entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies
- 112 students have successfully completed their high schools studies scoring good marks and have entered into college studies
- 52 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% marks in 10<sup>th</sup> Class.
- 6886 students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 Rural Free Study Centers during the months of April and May 2019
- 242 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 Services**

Remote rural areas of India where the Dalits and Adivasis are inhabitants do still suffer lack of proper health care facilities. The health care facilitators cannot survive and therefore we find majority of the healthcare providers prefer to stay in towns and cities and certainly not in remote rural areas where it is not beneficial. These communities survive on daily wages which is hardly sufficient to feed the family and thus their living conditions cannot afford financially to travel to towns and cities to go to the hospitals. The transportation facilities are inadequate and further it is an expensive task for these poor to travel to the towns. The bus services run by the government are very scant even today. Most of the villages have bus services that operate one in the morning to go to towns and come back in the evening.

The area of their inhabitation is also causing health problems as most of the villages are surrounded by polluted backwaters of industries and they are in low lying areas. Villages suffer from entering the waste water during normal days and the flood waters during the rainy season causing contagious diseases. The life expectancy has minimized in these communities because of the contagious diseases and poor health care facilities. Free medical services are not available in these interior villages and therefore it is a common scenario that you find at least one person in family continue to suffer with physical sickness. These areas are allotted by the government to these Dalit and Adivasi communities and therefore unfortunately they cannot move to other places.

COREED has been contributing its services in this environment and COREED is a health care providing source for these communities. We are dedicated to serve these neglected communities in this region of South India. Every day COREED medical team visit two villages and treat about 100-140 patients and provides free medicine. In rotation our medical team will visit a village once in 15 days. During this time the doctors will specify the patients who require further treatment and recommend them for the special camps such as Gynecology, Eye and Pediatric Camps. They also identify some patients suffering from cancer, HIV AIDS, leprosy and etc., are for long time medical care. We act immediately and send those patients to the specified government hospitals for further treatment. We thank the medical team for their dedicated services and saving the lives of these people.

This year a suddenly big number of villagers suffered with Dengue fever. It was a medical emergency and COREED medical team went around all the villages and confirmed the symptoms as Dengue fever. The need conducting pathological test were seriously required to treat the patients. We have arranged pathological team to collect the blood samples from the patients suffering with symptoms and came up with the tests. The reports confirmed Dengue fever and found most of the patients suffered with low platelet count level in the test. Emergency action was taken to save the lives and could provide medication of both allopathic and ayurveda (juice of papaya fruit plant leaves) medicine to treat the patients in the villages. We have also organized Special Paediatric Camps, Special Gynecology Camps and Special Eye Camps in all the villages of COREED with the help of the super specialty doctors from the towns to help in these special health camps. We are indeed thankful to these dedicated specialist doctors who have extended their services freely and also further helped with some needed medicine.

In the Special Medical Camps the doctors have observed and found serious patients in the area of Paediatrics, Gynaecology and Ophthalmology for medical emergency. COREED has immediately attended all the seriously suffering patients who have been suffering with chronic health issues to the government hospitals in the towns. The observations are that

- Most of the children were suffering with malnutrition leading to poor vision. We were suggested to provide multivitamin tablets to all the children
- Women were suffering with unexplainable Gynaecology problems
- In Ophthalmology majority of the patients suffer from cataract who are above 45 years of age who need cataract operations before providing specs.

COREED has immediately acted on the recommendations made by the doctors and provided multivitamin tablets for the children and continued till our medical team confirmed that they gained strength. Gynaecology patients with serious conditions were taken to the hospitals for further treatment. The cataract sufferers were taken to the

government hospitals for cataract operations by the government. We have provided money to buy the course of needed medicine after the operations. We are happy that we could provide specs to hundreds of the patients this year besides attending all other medical needs of these people. The interesting subject is that the super specialty doctors after attending the special camps were motivated seeing these remote villages and have suggested to help the seriously ill patients from COREED villages for free treatment in their super specialty hospitals in the towns. While we were taking them to villages the doctors were afraid as vehicles were entering into forests areas... but later after entering into the village where health camps were organized were deeply moved for COREED dedication and have appreciated COREED for all contributions towards the development of these Dalit and Adivasi villages.

### **Achievements in this year:**

- 41213 patients were treated in regular Health Camps in all 30 village
- 6871 children including infants had health checkups and has provided free medicine in all 30 villages in Special Paediatric Camps organized in the month of June, 2019
- Found 3241 children suffering with malnutrition
- 30 Dengue Fever Camps were organized in all the villages along with pathological tests were conducted in the month of December, 2019
- 906 women were treated in Special Gynecology Camps organized in Thabitha, Mocharla and Rainbow Women Development Centers in the month of April, 2019
- 648 received specs after examining the patients in Special Eye Camps in the month of June, 2019
- 32 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly receive medical help
- 18 patients identified HIV AIDS and we connected them to the government medical help for the regular treatment and counselling
- 64 patients with severe gynecology problem were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment.
- 41 pregnant women were carefully taken to hospitals for safe normal delivery and today it is a life time memory to these women.



## **Department of Women Empowerment**

COREED is dedicated to improve the lives of these women who live in these remote rural regions of Andhra Pradesh, India with our Women Empowerment Programs. Our programs that are aimed for the overall development of the women has indeed brought recognizable change because of the commitment of COREED Women Empowerment Department sustained activities. Though the Indian historical hierarchical structures do not encourage the women to become economic independent and were known to be the silent oppressors in the society. But today the changes are taking place where women are into decision making, leadership, education, business and into politics.

During the early days of COREED Women Empowerment initiations COREED has faced tremendous difficulties from the local land lords, money lenders, business people and from the sociopolitical leadership within the villages where we have faced and forced to attend various legal authorities with was very common occurrence in COREED regular life where we were restrained from entering into these remote Dalit and Adivasi villages because of change we brought in the lives of these rural poor women. The socio-economic improvement of the lives of these villagers especially women will be a loss to the local business people and money lenders. Therefore COREED constantly comes up with improved strategies to achieve effective and sustainable improvement in the lives of these Dalit and Adivasi women who were ignored historically. The goal of COREED is to liberate them from illiteracy, poverty and ensure to improve their economic independency and enable them to make intelligent decision both in family and in the villages that are very important for the overall development of the family and community.

To achieve this we commenced our initiation with education, skills development, Self Help Groups and encouraged small businesses among the women and enlightened the need of economic growth. After few years of our sustained contributions COREED could see change in the lives of these women. Today COREED has 12 Women Development Centers where women gather to learn tailoring, knitting, embroidery, stitching, toys making, painting, foods and many other according to the need of the present market. We are happy that most of the women after taking training from the Women Development Centers are either employed or self-employed with the skills they have learnt. Besides regular training we organize Skills Development Training Programs and Knowledge Management Programs by inviting related women legal professionals, government officials and bank managers to impart knowledge on the available loans and resources from the government to explore into small business world of economy.

The COREED Women Empowerment is very happy that today the girl children are completing 10<sup>th</sup> Class and further pursuing into universities to do their area of interest in studies. Girl students after their studies are turning to be leaders both in their village as

well in their colleges because of the skills they have acquired from both Rural Free Study Centers and Women Development Centers. Child marriages or the illiterate girls are not found in the villages where COREED is working in spite of prevailing cast system in the society. The mothers from the Women Development Centers are now more civilized, well mannered and are now saving some money for their children further education. The married women have gained respect from their husbands, children and from the extended family. We have seen boys as school dropouts in the villages but not girls these days. They are turning to be brave right from schools and are now entering into professional courses with their good academic records. There is no oppression on girl child or women in the families with all the achievements of the women. Most of the women in our villages are into political leaderships where they are taking good decisions for the development of their villages.

Every Women Development Center has a senior Tutor who is experienced and is able to train the students professionally. In each Women Development Center 20 students are enrolled every year. This year we are happy to announce 240 students trained in all 12 Women Development Centers. Most of the students from Women Development Centers are enrolled every year. This year we are happy to announce that 240 students trained. Most of the students from Women Development Centers are either self employed or employed in garment industries and are becoming helpful to their husbands in sharing the economic burden.

### **Achievements in this year:**

- 224 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centers. The training took place from January 2019 to January 2020
- Women's Day celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with the United Nations Women theme on "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights" in all 12 Women Development Centers with all precautions to avoid spread of Covid 19
- Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs in the month of October, 2019 and in January, 2020
- Organized 2 Awareness on legality and on marketing skills May, 2019
- Organized 6 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centers on homemade food and easy marketing – with the help of the homemade food professionals August, 2019
- 114 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- 126 students are self employed

## **Vocational Training in George Technical Institute**

COREED Vocational training in George Technical Institute is a job guaranteed training program. The training we provide to the students will enable them to be equipped with both theory and practical knowledge as they spend time with their seniors as apprentices during the second half of the training. The students are into work while studying as well develop contacts with the customers while working as apprentices. Therefore immediately after the course they are either employed or self employed according to their interest. Some students continue their studies for better future. COREED vocational training focuses on improving the job performance of the students with skills that they acquire from the Skills Development Trainings that takes place twice a year. They always have opportunities with the acquired skills that would enable to build confidence at the same time have sustainable income come while performing tasks in the work place. The students of George Technical Institute do take the class room skills directly to the market. It is an opportunity for the school drop-outs to learn skills quickly and be paid without depending on their parents and they also help others besides helping their families. It also provided stable jobs for life time as there is scope for technical skills in the market.

COREED has surveyed the plight of the young people in the villages who are drop outs from the schools, they are becoming burden to their parents as well as to the society. To protect their lives we have commenced vocational training program in George Technical Institute. Today our students who have completed their training are either employed or self-employed. George Technical Institute recruits 120 students annually and provides both theory and practical training both in the Institute as well apprentice under our senior students who are established in the market. Every student is provided good opportunity to learn and to be successful in the course they are under training. We also organize two Skills Development Training Programs and other specific seminars every year by inviting professionals in the area of their field of training to enhance their technical skills and also impart knowledge apart from Skills Development Training Programs. During these orientation programs the students are also enlightened on the present trends of marketing skills with the help of the marketing professions who help in multidimensional issues right from starting a small business to marketing or advertising their profession skills in the area of their training for more opportunities. It is an opportunity to the remote rural poor youth to join in George Technical Institute because it has been successfully tackling the unemployment problem in these regions and also helping these disadvantaged communities' youth to be economically empowered.

## The courses offered in George Technical Institute

	<u>Number of students trained in George Technical Institute</u>	
	Women	Men
TV Servicing and Satellite net working	05	13
Computer Applications	12	15
Computer Hardware Training	10	16
Cell Phone Servicing	06	13
Electrification (Domestic & Industrial)	00	08
Tailoring	22	00
	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>

Total number of students trained during this year 120

### **Achievements:**

- 2 Knowledge Management Programs were organized in the month of May, 2019 and December,2019
- 2 Skills Development Training Programs were organized in the month of October, 2019 and in January,2020
- 2 Cultural events are organized June,2019 and in November,2019
- 120 students have successfully completed training; Training took place from January 2019 to January 2020
- 63 students are employed
- 21 students are re-perusing higher training
- All the students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

### **Department of Capacity Building**

Capacity Building is a systemized training program that plays a vital role in the entire programs of COREED. It is an essential program that improves the abilities of the leaders and enables them empower in their area of work. Capacitating the leadership ensure the smooth running of the organization and helps to strengthen the relationships with all the key leaders of COREED and its employees along with the representatives from all the villages who are called the COREED Village Committee Members. This program imparts needed teaching inputs according to the academic curriculum and capacitates all the teachers, coordinators, field coordinators, volunteers and key leaders from the villages. The emphasize is always given to develop intimate relationship with good ethics during these Capacity Building Training programs. These special training sessions continue to motivate all the participants to be effective and successful in their field of their operations and execute the set goals with the inclusive participation of the

local villagers. Therefore we have great priority on this program where we analyze and impart appropriate knowledge and skills in every area of COREED activities and its leadership. This department continues to capacitate the leadership and helps to seek harmonious coordination with all the village representatives and the village elders to actively participate in the holistic development activities of COREED in their villages to achieve greater results to realize overall development in all these villages.

This department collects proper information from all the representatives of all departments and compares with the villages and provides the same to the COREED leaders for smooth operations. Capacity Building Department organizes programs like Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs, Knowledge Management Programs (knowledge sharing programs), Skills Development Training Programs for the Women Development Centers students and George Technical Institute Students, Training on Marketing Skills for the Women Development Centers students and George Technical Institute Students, Staff Training Programs and Personality Development Training Program.

Capacitating the abilities of the leaders is a continuous program with various training sessions on various issues to the leadership according to their area of responsibilities. COREED is always determined to its abilities to be successful in serving the people more effectively and obtain good results for the growth of each village. Therefore we spend more money and time on these training programs scheduled every year. We give importance to money management while imparting knowledge on various issues as we carefully train on the skills of money management according to the availability of the local and international resources to be used with the participation of the local village leaders to achieve the result and ensure the activities to sustain. COREED always gives preference to the smooth running of the organization with its noble development programs meant for the remote rural poor Dalits and Adivasis in the areas of Education, Health, Women Empowerment and Vocational Training programs and strive for the overall development of all the villages of COREED. We always encourage and come up with new strategies, governance, leadership abilities to improve the quality of our work. This year we are satisfied with our work though there is still more to do. The COREED team always comes up with local community participation strategies that are practical and easily implementable to aim to improve the quality of lives of these disadvantaged communities who live in the remote rural areas.

We invite professionals to these special programs from Chennai and Hyderabad to teach and improve the skills in all departments of COREED and especially the tutors and students of Women Development Centers and George Technical Institute.

**Achievements:**

- Organized 8 Staff Training Programs
  - Organized 2 Knowledge Management Program in the month of August, 2019 and in January, 2020
  - Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs in the month of October, 2019 and in January 2020
  - Organized 3 Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs in the month of January, May 2019 and in January, 2020
  - Organized awareness program on marketing skills and bank loans in the month of August, 2019
  - Organized training program on establishing small scale businesses to young people in the villages and GTI WDC students. August, 2019
-