

COREED
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A word from the President :

It is by the Grace of God and the prayerful support of the good people who are dedicated towards the overall development of the remote rural poor Dalits and Adivasis known to be neglected and disadvantageous communities in the region of Andhra Pradesh, South India. 2022 – 23 was indeed a year of serious challenges of discrimination, injustice and socioeconomic oppression from the so called social hierarchy. COREED had to work on this area again by organising awareness camps and counselling sessions while improving their socioeconomic standards. God has given us immense strength to continue our endeavour to assist these forgotten communities who mostly rely on COREED for their overall development. We are happy that our inclusive participatory approach and systematic delivery system has created impact and proved to be effective in rural development.

COREED was founded with a vision to reach these oppressed communities who live in remote rural regions. This year was a year of encouraging, strengthening and imparting knowledge to enable the people to reach their goals and becoming economically independent. In spite of the hurdles of unfavourable environment COREED has successfully reached the poor and the needy with its noble activities and services.

The efforts of COREED in the area of Education, Health, Women Empowerment, Vocational Training and Capacity Building were enormously effective as individuals and families who were the direct beneficiaries. The health conditions in these remote villages were indeed challenging to us due to continuation of the after effects of COVID 19. Year after year there were numerous new variants of the virus. As a result the economically poor are the real sufferers among the rural communities that we serve.

We greatly appreciate our esteemed Friends of COREED and the respected members of Project Commission of COREED, Switzerland, for their sustained selfless services and contributions. We express our earnest thanks to the local supporters of COREED in running the ongoing programs of COREED. As president of COREED I had a good time with Friends and the Project Commission of COREED in Switzerland in February 2023 sharing the work, developments and concerns of COREED. I personally thank each and every person for their concern and dedication for COREED. We the family of COREED feel very sorry for the demise of our precious mother Verena Jezler and we thank Dr. George Vischer, Dr. Titus Lenherr, and Dr. Rachel Kalkman, the former members of Project Commission, for their wisdom and appreciation.

We admire and follow the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ's love and compassion. The word of God says that God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, love and self-control which is a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). COREED is a matured NGO with sound mind in endeavouring the needs of the poor and the needy in the remote villages of Andhra Pradesh, South India.

Thank you for partnering us in uplifting the unreached downtrodden.

God bless you



Rev. Dr. Jaya Paul Ravela

Introduction :

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 Contribution Regulation Act) from the year 1996. COREED was established as a community based Christian social organization working for the overall development of the remote rural poor Dalit and Adivasi communities.

COREED since 1989 has been ceaselessly working to 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. COREED has been successful in seeking sustainable solutions to long term problems of poverty.

With the integrated participatory approach COREED is able to impart sustained services in the area of Rural Education, Health Care Services, Women Empowerment and Job guaranteed Vocational Training. With Skills Development and Capacity Building Programs we capacitate and encourage the rural poor to improve and developing every area of the lives of the individuals and thereby in the society.

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. We introduce appropriate skills to improve their socioeconomic standards, providing a secure foundation for the future generations to achieve their dreams of development in reality.

Department of Education :

This year was a year of challenges in the areas of health, socioeconomics and education where most of the remote rural inhabitants suffered psychological pressure due to few antagonistic interventions. Villagers felt that their fundamental right to pursue overall development has slowdown due to carelessness and negligence. COREED has observed this and immediately taken the issue seriously and has organized awareness programs and motivated the people towards social harmony and encouraged the people to felicitate and sustain the ongoing development activities in their community. To ensure this we made combined efforts with the help of the village volunteers, teachers, parents, community elders and the leaders to engage in motivating the people towards the importance of breaking the cycle of poverty with education and moving towards progress in all areas. COREED is encouraged by a positive approach of the local government who are determined to repair the school buildings in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh to improve the study environment among the children. This has been an encouragement to teachers and to the villagers to send their children to the schools. This has indeed helped the children in the villages to attend COREED evening Rural Free Study Centers in good number that function during the evenings throughout the year. COREED is delighted to see children from these Rural Free Study Centres to continue to excel in their studies and score good marks in their schools and colleges.

COREED has organized special coaching classes for students who wanted to enter into professional studies like medicine, engineering, computer science and accounting (Chartered account) after successfully completing their 12th class. We have appointed senior experienced lecturers to teach the students. There is always tremendous competition for these professional courses and only the qualified in a rigorous entrance examination will get admission into these courses.

We are proud that every year some of our students enter into these courses and enjoy Dalit and Adivasi reservations where the tuition and boarding is taken care for free by the government.

COREED is happy that the students after the completion of their courses enter into professional lives from extremely poor background and help their families and communities. Every year we will have some of our old students as volunteers helping in teaching the new students and encouraging them being the witnesses of COREED.

Achievements in this year:

- 2744 students were equipped educationally in Rural Free Study Centres in 30 villages
- 193 school drop outs were rescued from bonded labour and re-joined the schools to continue their studies.
- 501 merit students entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies.
- 148 students successfully completed their high school studies scoring good marks and entered into college studies

- 81 students qualified in the competitive examinations held by government of India and secured admissions into professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Chartered Accountancy and other professional courses.
- 80% of the students have secured over 75% in 10th Class.
- 6454 students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 Rural Free Study Centres during the months of April and May 2022
- 216 awareness camps, parental retreats, motivational and cultural programs were organized in all 30 villages throughout the year to motivate the villagers and students toward eradicating poverty through education and live in peace and social harmony.

Department of Health Services :

All these villagers survive on the daily wages because they are daily labourers. The day they have work they have meal to eat, if not they suffer. Most of these people are agricultural and building construction daily labourers. Unfortunately most of these villages have bus transportation that function only in the morning and in the evening. The limited transportation has caused many emergency patients to face severe consequences like death or losing their body parts due to the delay in moving patients into hospitals in the towns and cities. Health care services are very expensive in India. These poor people cannot afford the medical expenses. Often we find very pathetic situations that they do not dare to go to hospitals rather tend to give up their lives.

Having observed the situation, COREED has seriously decided to extend medical help to these people by conducting regular Free Health Camps and provide free medicine to improve their health conditions and to enable them to spend money on their children's food to avoid mal nutrition and to save their lives. COREED medical team consisting of a doctor and two nurses organizes regular periodical Free Health Camps in all the 30 villages of COREED.

This year we have prioritised the health issues in the area of regular general health camps, Gynaecology camps, Paediatric camps and Eye Camps (Ophthalmology). COREED has aggressively taken up the issue of malnourishment among the children and has provided the needed allopathic syrups and homeopathy medication to improve their immunity. COREED's medical team has been tirelessly helping these remote villages with timely medical services covering all the children, women, the elderly, and those who are chronic patients depending entirely on COREED medical help.

COREED's department of Health Services has been vital in saving lives and improving the health conditions of the poor people we serve. We salute the COREED medical team for their dedicated service and thank the specialist professional doctors from super speciality hospitals to volunteer and participating in Special Health Camps. The specialist medical doctors contribute their services as their social responsibility in helping the poor and the needy in these interior villages.

Achievements in this year:

- 48,249 patients were treated in two-weekly Health Camps in all 30 villages

- 6,343 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 2022.
- Medical assistance was provided with the guidance of government medical team to 612 post Covid 19 patients.
- 530 patients received spectacles after being examined in Special Eye Camps in the month of July 2022.
- 28 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly received medical help.
- 18 patients were identified with HIV AIDS and connected to the government medical help for the regular treatment and counselling.
- 65 patients with severe gynaecology problems were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment.
- 71 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 :

The Vocational Training is meant for the students who seek employment with technical training skills. After completion of their 10th or 12th standard they seek admission into COREED George Technical Institute. They are taught special skills in theory classes for 6 months and practical classes for 6 months. The total course tenure is 12 months. All the courses are job guaranteed and they are hope to these hopeless rural youth. COREED vocational training program has proved to be a key component that helps every trained young person to enjoy sustainable economy in their limited economic world. This helps the youth to be away from anti social activities and enjoy social status in the society. There are even students, who for whatever reason have dropped out of schools or colleges and join for the training. Every course we offer has increasing demand in the market. COREED organizes Skills Development Training to improve their skills in the field of their training.

The students take apprenticeship under former students, who already have small business in towns and cities, to improve their skills and further seek employment. Being a training institute, we encourage students in programs such as creative skills, sports and games. All students along with their tutors are to participate in Capacity Building Training sessions that are organized by COREED.

COREED is happy that most of the students after completion of their courses are either employed or self-employed. Some students go for further studies and for further training for better economic gain in various cities in India.

Number of students trained in George Technical Institute: 2022 - 2023

	Women	Men
TV Servicing and Satellite networking	05	09
Computer Applications	12	12
Computer Hardware Training	05	19

Cell Phone Servicing	03	16
Electrification (Domestic & Industrial)	00	12
Tailoring	19	00
	44	68

Total number of students trained during this year 112

Achievements in this year:

- 112 students have successfully completed training
- 2 workshops on all courses were organized in June and November 2022
- 73 students are employed
- 28 students are pursuing higher training
- 11 students have entered into higher studies in the colleges
- All the students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

Department of Women Empowerment :

The women in remote rural areas especially among Dalit and Adivsi communities are the most oppressed and are deliberately neglected by the existing social hierarchy basing on the long standing traditional dogmas and stigmas. Adding to this, poverty always play a key role in igniting societal gap and creating extra burden on women. Therefore women always stand strong with their inborn talents. They continue to learn and equip themselves from their struggles to protect themselves and their families from social evils as mothers. Therefore the overall development is not a complex subject to the women despite of the social barriers. They are very effective key factors in bringing positive change in the society. COREED always supports these rural women who create miracles within their parameters. THEY NEED A SMALL SUPPORT AND A VOICE SAYING “WE STAND FOR YOU”.

Women Empowerment is the most important program of COREED. Every village of COREED has women education, skills development, self-help groups and small businesses like vegetable venders and petty shops to enable the women to be economically independent and socially respected. COREED has 12 Women Development Centers. In each centre 20 students are provided admission every year. We offer training in tailoring, knitting, embroidery, toy making, painting, cookery, beautician and many other employable skills that are needed in the present market. Besides basic training in tailoring and knitting we provide other programs of their interests, where COREED invites specialists to come and train the students.

The Women Empowerment Programs have indeed 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. The woman leaders are trained to counsel and teach nutrition food to the mothers in the villages, thus improving the health of their families.

To further equip the women, COREED has also organized Skills Development Training Programs and Knowledge Management Programs. We invite law professionals, government officials in

the area of women & child welfare and the bank managers to be aware of the women rights, in government policies, and available loans so that they can make decisions to improve their economic standards though it is small. COREED is happy that most of the women truly become economic independent and become a source of help to their families and become genuine contributors to the society.

Achievements in this year:

- 218 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centres during this year 2022-23
- Women's Day celebrated on 8th March 2023 with the United Nations Women theme on "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights" in all 12 Women Development Centres
- Organized 2 Awareness Workshops on legality and on marketing skills in May, 2022
- Organized 6 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centres to protect their families from the extended mutations of Corona virus.
- 112 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- 38 students are self-employed working from their homes
- 48 students are into colleges to pursue further studies
- 16 counselling sessions were organized in all 12 Women Development Centres to strengthen their life skills: decision making and combat traditional generational social evil on women and become strong being economically independent in their rural society.

Department of Public Relations :

COREED's department of public relations (formerly known as department of capacity building) has been very important department right from the inception of COREED in the year 1989. The training programs are meant for the COREED leaders from the villages, volunteers, teachers, coordinators of all departments, medical team, Women Development Centre tutors and George Technical Institute tutors to enhance their skills and to capacitate their abilities. Every training program is well designed with a clear goal to reach these unreached people that we serve. The impartation of the knowledge with innovative skills is an adding advantage and encouragement. This helps all the key leaders to contribute their might and become successful in their lives. This helps them to execute the set goals with the inclusive participation of the local villagers. All our training programs play vital role in shaping the participants and transforming them to become great leaders and serve the society by building peace and harmony among the community.

COREED's department of Public Relations has collected information from all the representatives of each department to empower with proper skills and enable especially the teachers to be well aware of the academic curriculum changes by the government of state and the center to follow syllabus systematically. It is always a proud movement to COREED witnessing many youngsters learning and improving their abilities from the training programs and becoming effective. They

tageous communities. COREED has the responsibility and a firm commitment to sustain these socioeconomic growth that helps the villagers to have overall development that continues for generations.

Achievements in this year:

- Organized 4 Staff Training Programs
 - Organized 2 Knowledge Management Program in the month of August 2022 and in January 2023
 - Organized 3 Skills Development Training Programs in the month of August 2022 and in January & March 2023
 - Organized 3 Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs in the months of April, October, 2022 and in January, 2023
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