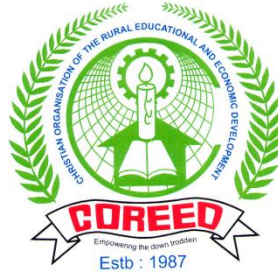


COREED
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A word from the president

COREED is happy to present the Annual Report 2023-24. It was a year of many challenges surrounded by unfavourable conditions. COREED (“Christian Organisation of the Rural Educational and Economic Development”) is a social non-governmental organization since its inception in the year 1987. The vision of COREED is to enable overall development of these communities that are neglected and deprived of all opportunities for generations basing on cast, customs and age old traditions. COREED came into action by a group of social concern persons with a common vision to work on a people-centric model of development in the areas of education, vocational job guarantee skills, public health, capacity building, women empowerment and into social welfare. Lord Jesus Christ teachings and His compassion over the needy is the core concern of COREED.

COREED is supported by the dedicated board called Project Commission COREED-Switzerland and by the Friends of COREED-Switzerland who are highly dedicated to the Mission and the Vision of COREED right from its inception in the year 1987.

COREED believes in people’s participation in every area of its activities which are systematically designed with extreme care to help the people to enhance their skills and ensure overall development in these communities. From the very inception of COREED the villagers are attracted to our day-to-day activities and participate in the programs as village leaders. COREED is owned by the villagers and thus COREED is a people’s organization. Behind every program of COREED you find personal experiences of the leaders. This has helped youngsters to realize and learn and embrace COREED. Importantly the women leadership has grown strong in spite of oppression and reached to a place where their decisions are respected and considered by the all villagers. Today women leaders are well trained to motivate their villagers in every area of their life to sustain the community development.

It is possible only with inclusive participation and unity. There is a saying that “a productive life is never an accident, it needs to have some strong principles to follow and to work on them with commitment till achieving the result”. Every achievement of COREED is a collective contribution right from donors to the one who is a beneficiary in the remote village. COREED always encourage and capacitate the leaders in the community to carry on the work in the area of education, health, gender equality and economic empowerment, Vocational skills with job guaranteed training programs with commitment to improve the abilities and skills to seek over all development.

COREED always encourages the teachers, leaders, politicians, social workers, well-wishers and tutors of various skills training programs to continue their valuable services in encouraging the villagers to sustain their growth and enjoy economic independency. The inhabitants of these communities are Adivasis in Prakasam and Nellore Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

We are very thankful and grateful to all the donors for their sustained contributions. Thank you and God bless you

Rev. Dr. Jaya Paul Ravela,
President,
COREED



Department of Education:

Education is the doorway towards overall growth and development that enables the students to be active socially, politically and economically. COREED's priority intervention is to educate the deprived communities with deep concern to enable them to enjoy life rightfully by changing their so called socially predestined destiny. Unfortunately it is a fact that the majority of the poor have lost their dreams and are living in hopeless conditions. Unless NGOs like COREED interfere, there will never be any change in their lives. We always emphasize that education is directly linked with employability or self-employment as it can change their future perennially.

This year 2435 children are studying in our 30 Rural Free Study Centers in 30 villages. The Rural Free Study Centers in the villages function from evening 4 pm to 7 pm. It is a free tuition center where we have two teachers and a women helper in every village. The helper will take care of the safety of the children. COREED teachers associate with school teachers to help and enhance the knowledge in all the subjects to the children of the Rural Free Study Centers. This helps the students to be bright in the schools and get good marks. This has encouraged them to enjoy learning and be confident in their academic standards.

Besides this we organize Summer Free Tutorial Institutes during the hot summer from mid-April to end of May. This is an opportunity for the students to have qualitative studies in the subjects like English, Mathematics and Sciences and enjoy pre-learning before entering into higher classes. The proper understanding of the subjects has enabled children to be the best in the class and score good marks. Summer Free Tutorial Institutes are a blessing to these children and the villagers as it prevents children from the hot summer, to be relived from the cycle of child labor, bounded labour or migrations into cities as unskilled labour under dangerous conditions and end their lives. Our coordinators counsel the parents and families and help the children to increase interest in education and grow healthy in every area.

The global economic change scenario is a very serious concern which needs proper education as the system of employment is now changing. The normal education system will not be suitable to the present standards which are changing. Therefore knowledge is essential for every growth, and to achieve it 'the key is education'. COREED always gives its best in organizing training programs with professionals in our 'Training Center' and impart knowledge to face competitive examinations to prove their strength. We are happy that some of our children have become professionals in the area of Medicine, Engineering, Accounting, Computers, Teachers, Nurses and other areas. Further they have secured government jobs by preparing for competitive examinations.

COREED is indeed proud that these downtrodden deprived community children from these remote rural areas are now scoring on average over e 70% of marks in every examination and are entering into higher classes successfully. These children are very eager to embrace the available opportunity given by COREED and develop in every area of their lives.

Achievements in this year:

- 2435 students have successfully entered into higher classes from all Rural Free Study Centers in 30 villages
- 312 merit students have successfully entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies
- 629 students have completed their high schools studies scoring good marks and have entered into college studies
- 262 students qualified in the competitive examinations held by government of India and have secured admissions into professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Chartered Accountancy etc.
- 85% of the students who appeared for 10th Class examinations, have secured more than 70% marks and are now ready for further studies into colleges.
- 6624 rural poor students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 villages from April 20th to June 3rd 2023. They got special coaching in Mathematics, Sciences and English before they entered into their next classes.
- 103 children were liberated from child labor
- 98 drop-outs from the schools were sent back to the schools to continue their studies
- 224 motivational seminars, parental retreats and cultural programs were organized in all 30 the villages this year to encourage the children and parents to dream big and persue academics for overall development.

Department of Technical Education - Vocational Training

COREED vocational training program is meant for the youth from these neglected communities in these remote rural areas. It is a job guaranteed training where both educated or minimum educated can join in this course for immediate employment or self-employment after the course. It is a fact that some students are good in academics and others are good in skills. Most of the students who join in these courses have a passion for learning skills of their interest. These courses have demand in the market in rural as well in urban areas. A specialized skilled person can have a job immediately after the course and earn to feed their family and become hope for their community.

COREED on its survey found that a large number of jobs are available in small sectors where various skills are very important. It is also very clear that the students who do not pass class 12 are opting for these vocational training programs and learn various skills that are job orientated. It has proved that in India young people with a minimum of education can find employed if they have skills.

Every year COREED is providing training to 120 students in TV Mechanism, Electrical Installation (domestic and industrial), Tailoring, Computer Applications, Computer Hardware and Cell phone Servicing. It is a one year training program with both theory and in practicals. We have qualified tutors to teach the students.

COREED is always very keen on building confidence in the students. To do this we organize Skills Development Training, Knowledge Management Program, and Personality Development Programs as part of the course to create awareness on available resources to either commence a small business like workshop or find employment. We provide knowledge by organizing programs on 'Small Scale Entrepreneurship' to commence their business. We invite professionals to teach and train on the emerging techniques to make job easy. COREED organizes these programs once in four months.

The courses offered in George Technical Institute are:

	<u>Number of students undergone training in this year</u>	
	Women	Men
• TV servicing and satellite networking	06	13
• Computer Applications	12	12
• Computer Hardware Training	10	10
• Cell Phone servicing	04	13
• Electrification (domestic and industrial)	04	12
• Tailoring	24	00
	60	60

Achievements :

- 3 Skills Development Training Programs were organized with professionals in the month of June, August 2023 and in January, 2024
- A Personality Development Class was organized in the month of October, 2023
- Knowledge Management Program October, 2023
- 117 students have successfully completed their training
- 54 students are employed in various sectors
- 46 students are self employed
- 17 students are continuing their studies
- 2 Talent Search Events were organized to explain and exhibit their skills in the month of December, 2023
- Students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

Department of Women Empowerment:

COREED is committed to empower the women and it is playing very important role in the rural areas of Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh India with its activities in the area of literacy, skills development, making strategies and creating awareness to ensure over all development. Eradication of poverty is possible only with literacy, education and with skills development. With the COREED activities most of the women have become literates from their childhood in the villages and most of them know their rights and can take decisions. We organize seminars in the villages and impart knowledge on their rights and legalities to protect

them to pave their way towards development. This has helped to stop the oppression, assault and discrimination on women. COREED always encourages women in the villages to be in authority in every area of COREED activity.

The women coordinators counsel the families while the whole family with husband and elders are present. They enlighten them on the importance of women in the family as a mother, wife, sister and daughter who should be strong and take proper decisions to develop families. To sustain the women development, COREED has come up with a pragmatic approach and with innovative plans to ensure for gender equality, women economic empowerment and women social justice to reach to the last of the community.

COREED has commenced Women Development Centers (WDCs) in these remote villages. Every WDC has a woman tutor and a woman helper. We provide admission to 20 students in each women development center to a one-year course in tailoring, embroidery, cooking, fashion design, baking and in various other skills. After completion of the course one can either be self-employed or join in garment industry as a tailor and earn to feed their family and take care of other expenses. Every three months we invite advocates, bank managers and other important women leaders in the society to encourage the women and provide information on legalities, procedures and information on how to approach for loans to commence their small businesses. Besides this we also invite medical doctors to create awareness on basic health because they are mothers, and we invite specialists and professionals to teach the WDC tutors to improve their skills. This learning has helped to boost their confidence and enjoy success in their lives. The village Self Help Groups have get-together to work on administration and on marketing strategies. All the COREED activities ensure towards community development with the participation of the women who are the main source of change in the society.

Achievements in this year:

- Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs in the months of September 2023 and of January 2024
- Organized 2 Awareness on marketing skills in the month of April, 2023
- Organized 9 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centers on homemade food and easy marketing with the help of the homemade food professionals, in April 2023
- 218 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centers
- Over 3756 women participated 'Women's Day Celebrations' on 8th March 2024 in all 12 Women Development Centers
- 78 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- 52 students are self-employed in homemade businesses
- 45 students are now pursuing further studies
- 25 students are continuing further courses in central government sponsored courses
- 24 counselling sessions have taken place in all 12 Women Development Centers to build positive energy in the families.

Department of Capacity Building

The Department of Capacity Building is the queen of all the programs of COREED because we capacitate every leader with adequate training and improve their skills and qualities to help the beneficiaries from these interior villages. COREED is very keen in enabling every participant to own COREED vision, mission and the aim of COREED to attain over all community development and improve the quality of life among the villagers. To do this we invite professionals to teach in this program.

COREED always prepares its annual program schedules well in advance. 2023-24 schedules are designed with experienced professionals and COREED leaders. To implement these schedules with accuracy we provide training to the COREED leadership and employees. We invite professional trainers to conduct training programs, seminars, skills development trainings to motivate the leaders to be more committed and extend their services. Always new teaching methodology and new technical contributions are taught in these seminars for effective functioning and to promote over all development of the communities in these interior villages. Every training program is organized in the COREED training center according to the requirement.

COREED is always grateful and thankful to all these professionals who voluntarily participate and help in the Capacity Building Trainings. Their contributions are highly appreciated and never forgotten. Most of the trainers are medical doctors, advocates, educationalists, engineers, professors, teachers, local leaders and people with social concern.

Achievements in this year:

- 8 Staff Training Programs
- 2 programs on Small Scale Entrepreneurship training in July 2023 and March 2024
- 2 Knowledge Management Programs in October 2023
- 2 Skills Development Training Programs in September 2023 and in January 2024
- Flood Relief Management in July and August 2023
- 4 Teachers and Volunteers Training Programs in June and August 2023, January and March 2024
- 2 events on Leadership Management on how to manage resources, and knowledge with the villagers and the concern officials in the month of April and August 2023
- 201 sarees and dothies were provided to widows and old people as gift while celebrating the Christmas on 17th December 2023

Department of Health Services:

India is a densely populated country where about 68% of population live in rural areas. The authorities are taking initiation for the health care facilities in rural areas but it is very limited. Many villages lack even basic health care infrastructure. A patient will have to travel distance to reach the health care centers or hospitals for treatment. It is expensive to an agricultural

labourer or any person living on daily wages as their income is only enough to feed their family day by day if they are properly paid.

There are inadequate medical supplies and medicine even in nearby towns. This has often hampered the timely emergency care. From towns a patient will have to move to cities where facilities are available with huge cost. A village normal person cannot even think of this. The Adivasi communities that COREED is serving suffer with many health issues such as respiratory trouble, cough, heart symptoms (chest pain, palpitations), neurologic symptoms, diarrhoea, stomach pain and so on. They also suffer from frequent infections like malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, dengue, swine flu, typhoid, and many others. Malnutrition is another leading cause of many health problems in rural India.

COREED conducts regular Free Health Camp visiting villages. The medical team of COREED, consisting of a doctor and two nurses visits all 30 villages in a two-weekly schedule (two villages per day), providing free medicine and instructing on health and hygiene and on basic measures to prevent health problems. The medical team identifies the chronic suffering patients who require special attention and treatment in the areas of Ophthalmology, Gynaecology and Pediatric Care. Our medical team works 365 days treating 100 - 140 patients a day.

For the Special Health Camps we invite doctors from super specialty hospitals to visit our interior villages. They have contributed their services with concern and dedication examining the patients and providing proper medicine. This is indeed their contribution to the poor in serving them without taking money. They also promised the villagers to visit their hospitals and mention that they are from COREED for free treatment and if it is operation limited money will be charged. It is another opportunity to these marginalized to get treatment from the specialized hospitals because of the Special Health Camps.

Achievements in this year:

- 47'325 patients were treated in regular Health Camps in all 30 village
- 1'607 treated in Special Gynaecology Camps organized in Thabitha, Mocharla and Rainbow Women Development Centers in April 2023
- 480 received specs after examining the patients in Special Eye Camps in the month of June 2023
- 6'902 children including infants had health check-up and were provided free medicine in all 30 villages in Special Pediatric Camps in the month of July 2023
- 43 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly receive medical help
- 17 patients identified HIV AIDS and were connected to the government medical help for the regular treatment and counselling
- Covid – J1 virus treatment is continuing to the victims of Covid 19
- 58 patients with severe gynaecology problem were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment.
- 46 pregnant women were carefully taken to hospitals for safe normal delivery and today it is a life time memory to these women.

Flood Relief Work:

Every year during the months of October to December the interior villagers suffer from heavy flood water in their villages, but this year the disaster from July to first week of August 2023. Due to continuous heavy down pour 19 villages were filled with flood water and they lost everything including their small huts. The remote rural areas are very close to the forest regions and they have great threat from snakes and from many crawling animals and bugs that kill a person with a bite.

To save their live, these poor and neglected Adivasis had no other choice than living on the roads which are a little higher than the surrounding area for minimum safety. Their villages were dumped with waste wet mass that had bad smell causing ill health. They lost almost everything and were left only with their wet dress on them. They have hope only on COREED for emergency relief. COREED has helped them continuously for 7 days initially with fresh cooked food and water. It was beyond our local financial ability and therefore we have requested the Project Commission for help to rehabilitate for at least 10 days till their life became normal. Fortunately Project Commission has graciously extended help from the good people of Switzerland to provide their basic needs and to rehabilitate them to clean their houses. COREED initial supply of food and water has helped them to save their lives. 1834 families were provided with the following basic needs to ensure their rehabilitation. The rehabilitation work continued till 3rd September, 2023.

- 1834 families were provided with flood relief help
- Every family was provided with 20 kg rice
- 2 kg pulses
- 2 liter of cooking oil
- The needed vegetables for one week
- Onions, chili powder and other needed ingredients for cooking for 10 days
- Nutritious biscuits and powders to the children for strength for 10 days
- Organized medical camps and provided medicine to stop and prevent the deadly contagious diseases.
- 68 volunteers participated from local churches and colleges to help the flood victims
- The helpers were facing adversity from antagonists.

Further we also helped to clean their houses and organized COREED medical camps. We are proud to say that our medical doctors who are professionals with MD and MS studies (former students of Rural Free Study Centers) also participated and helped in these health camps examining the patients and provided free medicine. It was a timely help to 'build back to safer'. We thank all the donors for their precious contributions to rebuild their lives during the time of disparity.
