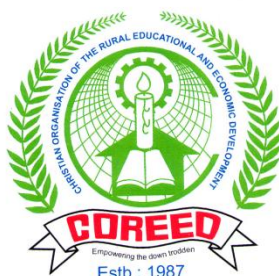


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A Word from the President

COREED presents the Annual Report 2024 – 25 with great concern while continued to be surrounded by many challenges and unfavourable conditions. COREED is a Christian social nongovernmental organization contributing its services for the overall development of the remote rural poor marginalized Dalit and Adivasi communities in Prakasam and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh, South India since its inception in the year 1987. COREED organization was founded to eradicate poverty and improve economic conditions with education, social awareness and skills training. COREED has its annual regular systematic programs in the area of Education, Vocational Training, Health Care, Women Empowerment and Capacity Building with Skills Development trainings. We are thankful to the members of the Project Commission and the Friends of COREED, Switzerland, for their dedication and sustained support to improve the living conditions of these communities in this region of South India.

COREED family always gives thanks to the life and work of Late Mrs. Cornelia Bellmann who was called to the Glory of God in this year. She was an active member of Project Commission, COREED, Switzerland. She has especially made a significant impact with her presence and teaching in the Women Empowerment and in Rural Health Care of COREED. Truly we miss her and we pray God to console her husband and children.

It is important for a reader to understanding the obscured living conditions of these downtrodden inhabitants in the villages. These people work as daily labourers in the fields or constructions. The villages are deeply rooted with socio-religious age-old customs and traditional discriminations.

COREED has been working for development of these communities. We are able to contribute our might to bring change and improve their lives. COREED is a people's organization enabling all the villagers irrespective of age and gender to contribute their soulful services with dedication and concern. COREED's core activities and the annual programs are well designed by the professional educationalists and the village leaders for easy and perfect implementation. COREED is very happy that the women leadership has grown strong in spite of the existing socio-religious differences and customs. Today they are the wise decision makers in their families and in their villages. This has become possible with skill set trainings under the women empowerment programs. We thank all our dedicated volunteers, teachers, medical doctors and lawyers for their contributions in developing these interior villagers.

Thank you



Dr. Jaya Paul Ravela President,
COREED

Department of Education

Education transforms the people and is a crucial driver to social and economic development. COREED is committed to improve the lives of the people by supporting and promoting a better education to these forgotten communities. The interior inhabitants are the Dalit and Adivasi communities who are desperate to improve their lives both socially and economically and to lead their lives with human dignity. Education is very important because it helps the individuals with proper knowledge, skills, abilities and it inspires them to become successful in life. We provide special tuitions from 1st to 12th class students in all our Rural Free Study Centers in the villages that function in the evening with two teachers and a helper.

COREED always emphasizes on suitable education according to the demands of the present employment available in the market for perfect performance. It is fact that there are changes in academic curriculums especially in private educational institutions where the rich children study. The courses are designed suitable to global job demands. COREED invites the recourse persons in various field of activity to educate and impart required skills and knowledge beginning from the high schools students to have a perfect vision of their choice in their life. Sad part is the decline of financial grant locally in the area of education especially for the Dalit and Adivasi students. Most of the political leaders are not keeping their promises after winning and becoming people's representative. It is a very serious threat to the future of these forgotten children and indeed the country. One section of community is again put down while the rich parents provide quality of education to their children as they can afford it. In India most of the Christian NGOs have taken the responsibility to care for these poor students to improve the standards and their lives.

COREED is committed to improve the academic standards. While teaching all the subjects we also provide special coaching right from class 5 teaching the subjects that have global importance like English, Mathematics and Science. We also organize extra coaching to the high school students to prepare for entrance and competitive examinations.

During summer in the month of May we have organized Summer Free Tutorial Institutes in all 30 villages. It is called study festival with the participation of the parents in the villages. During the summer holidays the parents usually take their children for daily wages to earn more money or move to towns and cities to live in unhygienic conditions as bonded labourers. The Summer Free Tutorial Institutes also help the school dropouts to get coaching and rejoin the school. COREED invites senior teachers and former students of Rural Free Study Centers. This program during summer helps the children to learn, enjoy studies and develop good friendship. This builds confidence in the students. The students become more aware of their lives, society, the economy, science and the changes that are taking place in their society and in the world.

Achievements in this year:

- 2398 students have successfully entered into higher classes from all Rural Free Study Centers in 30 villages
- 248 merit students have successfully entered into government and private residential schools to continue their further studies
- 514 students have completed their high schools' studies scoring good marks and have entered into college studies

- 221 students qualified in the competitive examinations held by government of India and have secured admissions into professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Chartered Accountancy and 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.
- 6547 students benefited in Summer Free Tutorial Institutes held in all 30 villages from 25th April to 31st May, 2024 to enable the rural poor students to get special coaching in Mathematics, Sciences and English before they enter into their next classes.
- 137 children were liberated from child labor.
- 102 drop outs from the schools were sent back to the schools to continue their studies
- 219 cultural events were organized in the villages by the Rural Free Study Centers to motivate the children to pursue overall development which is possible only with education.

Department of Health Services

Rural areas face significant health challenges because of the limited health care personnel and lack of health infrastructures. The hospital facilities are available only in towns and cities. It is practically not possible for these Dalit and Adivasi communities to reach the hospitals. Health is declining due to malnutrition and unhygienic conditions. Besides this during rainy seasons the flood water, contaminated with garbage waste and/or factory water, enters into the villages and causes infectious and contagious diseases. The prevailing diseases are covid flue, malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, dengue, swine flu, typhoid, and other communicable diseases. All these contribute to higher rate of mortality in which the babies and the old aged are the most vulnerable. The National Health Mission is working hard to meet the health needs of the rural inhabitants but still lacking behind. It is due to social backwardness and limited resources.

There has been negligence in rural health care because of the growing importance of private corporate hospitals entering into small towns and cities. Today health is very expensive and even the middle-class people don't dare to go to hospitals. The poor Adivasi cannot even dream of going to hospitals even in desperate health condition. The family would end up in bankruptcy even after the death of that ill member. It would take the family back to poverty for generations. Instead of going to hospitals they settle to live with diseases and or even end their lives to save their families.

COREED is dedicated to help these people to improve the health conditions. We have a dedicated medical team consisting of a doctor and two nurses. The medical team visits 2 villages a day and organizes medical camps. Every day between 80 and 130 patients are examined and provided with free medicine. While organizing these medical camps COREED also conducts awareness camps on how to improve the health by keeping clean environment in and around their house and how to prepare fresh & quality food to eat from the available food sources within the village. This has helped the villagers to prevent common illnesses and save money from going to hospitals.

Our Free Health Camps have helped the people ensuring good health every year. During the regular Health Camps, the medical team identifies the chronic suffering patients who require special attention and treatment. These patients will be again called for the free Special Health Camps where specialist doctors will treat the patients in the areas of Ophthalmology, Gynecology and Pediatric Care will be present.

COREED is happy that our medical work is helping these Adivasi families to protect their health and enable to work in safe health and to bring home some money to feed their family. COREED is thankful to the specialist doctors who have spared their time to treat the patients for free of cost. We are thankful to their dedication and concern for the poor and needy Adivasi community. They also offered the villagers to visit their hospitals and to mention that they are from COREED for free treatment. If any surgery is required, COREED villagers are charged very limited money. It is another opportunity to these poor to get treatment from the specialized hospitals because of the free Special Health Camps.

Achievements in this year:

- 44'386 patients were treated in regular Health Camps in all 30 village
- 1711 treated in Special Gynaecology Camps organized in Thabitha, Mocharla and Rainbow Women Development Centers in April 2024
- 502 received specs after examining the patients in Special Eye Camps in the month of June 2024
- 6'643 children including infants had health check-up and were provided with free medicine in all 30 villages in Special Pediatric Camps in the month of July 2024
- 48 patients suffering with chronic diseases regularly receive medical help
- Covid-J1 virus treatment is continuing to the victims of Covid virus with vitamin supplements
- 14 patients were identified with HIV AIDS and were connected to the government medical help for the regular treatment and counselling
- 52 patients with severe gynaecology problem were connected to the government hospitals for further continuous treatment
- 32 pregnant women were carefully taken to hospitals for safe normal delivery and it is a life time memory to these women.

Department of Women Empowerment:

The Indian constitution ensure the gender equality. The important criteria for women empowerment is to enable the participation of women in the areas of education, health care, awareness on economic opportunities and on their legal rights. It is important that all the programs that are designed to empower the women should continue without any hurdle. It is a fact that the rural women are still under the influence of age-old customs and religious traditions. It is a great challenge for any NGO working in the environments of discrimination of the low cast who are violently oppressed and pushed away from the main stream development opportunities. This tendency is indeed growing again these days in spite the Constitutional rights and of the advanced development of technology.

COREED is empowering the women to have equal access to resources, opportunities and protection from the gender-based discrimination. This can't be realized within a short time. A strong determination is needed to face the struggle to help these women. To achieve this, we have established women groups and conducted awareness camps and motivation seminars in all the villages as well as skills training in various employable areas and for start-ups of small business. This platform has strengthened them to become economically independent and to be aware of their legal rights.

COREED has established 12 Women Development Centers to address the social, economic, political challenge and to stand against any violence that they face in their village or in surrounding villages. COREED focuses on employable or self-employable skills training in the Women Development Centers. Every Women Development Center has a tutor and about 20 students enrolled every year to learn the skills set trainings. We teach basic education to the women to learn measurements while tailoring and reading. Once in three months we invite resource persons to impart knowledge on health care.

All the women in the village gather for taking decisions concerning their village. COREED is indeed thankful to the donors for their dedication and sustained support to run these programs uninterrupted. The sad part is that COREED doesn't own these centers because they are commenced in the government places meant for the Adivasi communities and we have to move out of these places whenever they want.

COREED always believes that the central point of the development of the society is possible only with the women. They are the torchbearers for social, economic and environment transformation. Being responsible mothers, they come up with wise decisions that are useful to the community. Some of the experienced women have entered into qualitative leadership on the top of the village administration management. Therefore, COREED always ensures that women leadership is important for the welfare of the community.

COREED is thankful to the women leaders, women councillors, women social officers, women bank managers and women social leaders who participated in the seminars and skill development training programs. By their teaching and imparting knowledge the Adivasi women were encouraged to become slowly economically independent and stand firm, while still surrounded by socio-religious and economic discriminations. We are happy that the participation of the women always ensure a peaceful atmosphere both in their families and in the communities.

Achievements in this year

- Organized 2 Skills Development Training Programs in the month of July 2024 and in January 2025
- Organized 2 Awareness on marketing skills in the month of April, 2024
- Organized 7 Cooking Workshops in all Women Development Centers on homemade food and easy marketing – with the help of the homemade food professionals
- 233 students have successfully completed their training from all 12 Women Development Centers
- 3912 women participated “Women’s Day Celebrations” on 8th March, 2025 in all 12 Women Development Centers
- 84 students are employed in garment manufacturing industries as tailors
- 66 students are self-employed in homemade businesses

- 38 students are now pursuing further studies
- 22 counselling sessions have taken place in all 12 Women Development Centers to build positive energy in the families.

Department of Technical Education – Vocational Training Program:

Vocational courses emphasize on practical skills and hands-on experience because these skills are highly valued by employers. This education equips individuals with practical knowledge to enter the workforce or start their own businesses. There are always better prospects with economic growth. It also addresses the skills gap as these skills answer basic day-to-day needs. They allow small entrepreneurship and are for lifelong learning and upskilling. The vocational skills training also enables the students for entry level positions and further into specialized area of work. It can adapt to the changing industry needs. After completion of the training most of the students are either employed or self-employed.

Young people from these downtrodden villages are often frustrated due to lack of opportunities with their minimum education. This situation has become precarious and is triggering social problems leading to heavy burden to parents and villagers.

COREED commenced the Vocational Training program to uplift the socioeconomic conditions of these young Dalit and Adivasis. COREED is offering limited courses in the area of TV servicing and satellite networking, computer applications, computer hardware training, cell phone servicing, electrification (domestic and industrial) and tailoring. COREED is indeed very happy for this vocational training program in George Technical Institute. We have won the hearts of the young people in this rural region of South India with these skills training.

Once in three months we emphasize on imparting knowledge to improve the practical skills and also create awareness on commencing small businesses. Therefore, we invite the resource persons in the area of their training as well as heads of financial institutes, lawyers to give their legal advice and senior students who are successfully established, to come and provide awareness to the students. We name the program as Skills Development Training, Knowledge Management Program and Personality Development Program.

As every year we provided admission to 120 students for skills training in George Technical Institute. The Tutors will teach both theories as well practicals and conduct examinations in both areas. The George Technical Institute is always keen on building confidence in the student with the help of 'Personality Development' classes as part of the course.

The courses offered in George Technical Institute are:

Nr. of students undergone training in this year	Women	Men
• TV servicing and satellite networking	08	12
• Computer Applications	12	12
• Computer Hardware Training	08	12
• Cell Phone servicing	07	14
• Electrification (domestic and industrial)	03	10
• Tailoring	22	00
	60	60

Achievements

- 3 Skills Development Training Programs were organized by professionals in the month of July and September 2024 and in January 2025
- 2 Staff Retreats in the month of May and in September 2024
- A Personality Development Class was organized to enable the students to recognize their inward strength in the month of June 2024
- Knowledge Management Program in the month of September 2024
- 120 students have successfully completed their training
- 62 students are employed in various sectors
- 26 students are self employed
- 28 students are continuing their studies
- 2 Talent Search Events were organized to explain and exhibit their skills in August and December 2024
- Students are given opportunity to apprenticeship for practical learning

Department of Capacity Building

The Department of Capacity Building trainings is considered to be central core program of COREED. This training empowers all departments' heads, coordinators, field officers, village leaders, committee members and volunteers to improve their abilities and to achieve their set goals on time without much struggle. Because of the changes in the social and political behaviour leading to strong antagonistic impact it is inevitable to seriously analyse and come up with innovative program with harmony to improve every sphere of the these inhabitants we serve.

Almost every month COREED organizes two training programs in COREED training center and also in the villages. The Dalit and Adivasi communities are the most oppressed communities in the society suffer from age-old religious traditions leading to severe caste discriminations. These communities are deprived of socioeconomic opportunities. In fact, there are fundamental constitutional rights to education, health, and economic benefits. There is a clear legal and political framework enshrined in the constitution. But unfortunately, most of these communities are unaware of their constitutional rights and benefits because of their illiteracy or even if they are educated their social and financial strength is unable to stand strong facing hierarchical deliberate negligence.

In every training program we motivate the participants and especially the leaders to build confidence to achieve their target. We invite professionals from their area of work, educationalists, engineers, lawyers, managers of financial institutions. This capacitating programs helps to attain personality development and increase efficiency in the field of their activity. These programs always inspire the participants to become part of the organization. This will help to improve the success of the organizational goals with commitment and responsibility. All these efforts create an easy path to impact the people in empowering and improving the lives of the villagers towards achieving overall development.

Achievements in this year:

- Organized 8 Staff Training Programs
- 2 programs on Small Scale Entrepreneurship training in July 2024 and March 2025
- Organised 2 Knowledge Management Programs in the month of July and in September 2024 (*mentioned also in Chpt. 4 “Technical Education – Vocational Training”*)
- Organized 3 Skills Development Training Programs in July, September 2024 and in January 2025 (*mentioned also in Chpt. 3, “Women Empowerment” and Chpt. 4 “Technical Education – Vocational Training”*)
- Conducted 4 Teachers and Volunteers Training Program and motivated them for effective working in May, August, November 2024 and January, 2025
- 2 programs on Leadership Management – a program on how to manage resources and knowledge with the villagers and the respective officials in the month of April 2024 and January 2025

Flood Relief Work

Every year between September and December our villagers face severe flood water flowing into the villages. In the month of September 2024 there was exceptionally heavy rain fall resulting into severe flood water, which was contaminated with chemicals and industrial waste. This water has brought various diseases into 21 villages, where children and old people suffered most.

COREED immediately provided fresh cooked food in all affected villages, followed by a bag of rice, pulses and cooking oil to help them to survive for at least 20 days. COREED commenced Special Health Camps to examine the patients and to give medicine to prevent contagious viral fevers and to stop the diseases spreading. Besides these health camps we have sprayed the bleaching powder in the village roads and houses. COREED continued the extra Health Camps in the villages for a month time to treat and stop the spread of virus and prevent fever and other dreadful diseases. We thank the donors for helping these villagers to come back to normal living again.
