



## Our Efforts in India at a Glance

*We have focused on creating low-cost, replicable, scalable, comprehensive models of development in indigent, inaccessible, rural communities in the areas of education, preventive health care, women empowerment, youth employment and human development through involvement of community. Some of our major efforts to impact close to 5 lakhs people so far are listed below.*

**Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC) – a temple of development** – has been developed as a hub for rural transformation to serve neighboring 500 villages and hamlets on three acres land with 3600 square feet building. There are three meeting rooms, training hall, and a 5-bedroom two-storey guest-house in this beautiful facility.

**Targeted efforts to develop model villages** with several interventions have resulted in lot of improvements in some villages of erstwhile Burgula panchayat.

### Health Care

- **Open Defecation Free (ODF) Villages and Tribal Hamlets:** Construction of good-quality 614 toilets with bathing area and persistent education of the villagers to use them led to 10 villages and hamlets being declared ODF by the Government of Telangana.
- **Two Clean Drinking Water Plants:** Provide clean drinking water to 7000 people. These plants have been strategically placed to create a sustainable model with 24 hours water dispensing through 'Anytime Water Machine', use of effluent water for irrigation and flushing the toilets. Clean drinking water is provided to the villagers at mere Rs 3.33 for 20 liters, as compared to Rs 15 for 20 liters in the market. A great business model has been created with profits being used for village development.

- **Model Primary Health Center:** Improvements in the PHC serving 40,000 people and Sub-center are continuously going on with the intention to make it a model PHC in the state of Telangana. The sub-center has been renovated.
- **The SMILES Preventive Medicine Program:** A unique, universal, comprehensive preventive medicine program has been developed for entire Telangana state with the belief that 'Prevention is better than Cure'.
- **The Non-Communicable Chronic Disease Prevention Program** in rural areas.
- **Bharat Bachpan Program:** Focuses on decreasing Infant Mortality Rate, prevention of Child Malnutrition. Through this program, we are ensuring that we get anthropometric measurements in all the children to identify malnutrition, educate the villagers about malnutrition, building capacity of Anganwadi workers and improvement of Anganwadi centers.
- **AMMA Program:** Focuses on decreasing Maternal Mortality Rate and Morbidity.
- **Sneha Menstrual Hygiene Program** to remove taboos around menstruation and distribution of 8,00,000 sanitary pads as of July 2019. Currently, we are educating women and distributing about 1,00,000 sanitary pads a month in different areas of Telangana State.
- **Swachh Burgula Project:** Efforts are on continuously in the areas of community driven village cleaning, planting of 25,000 trees (this continues), providing tricycles, personnel for clean-up, decreasing stagnant water, construction of dump yard, solid waste management, conservation of water etc. This is resulting in considerable improvement.
- **Health Care Workers:** Capacity building of Asha workers, ANMs, Anganwadi workers and other health care workers is a continuous effort.
- **Alcohol Sale Banned in 3 Villages:** Alcohol sale has been banned in Burgula, Kashireddyguda and Nerallacheruvu via a resolution passed in their respective Gram Sabhas presided over by the Sarpanches.

## Education

- **Improvement in eight schools** impacting 1000 government school children who now have auditoria, classrooms, play-grounds, access to library books, science lab, computer lab and a lot of other facilities.
- **Swachh Patshala Award** to Kashireddyguda primary school for cleanest primary school in the state of Telangana, thereby creating a great model.
- **Education Improvement Programs** have been extended to 100 schools supporting 13,000 kids, to improve enrollment, decreasing absenteeism, drop-outs, and improve overall quality of education, with more emphasis on girls.
- **Awards for academic achievements in the entire mandal:** These have been designed to improve overall educational experience for children.
- **Scholarships:** Financial help provided to deserving students from the village for higher education.
- **Digital Literacy** emphasis since January 2013 has resulted in thousands of school children becoming comfortable in use of computers. This program has also resulted in majority of village youth and other villagers becoming comfortable in the use of computers. Recognizing that technology plays a huge role in development, we started the program at a time when the villagers were intimidated by computers.
- **Starting libraries in 99 schools** to inculcate good habit of reading. Several other interventions have been made in these schools.
- **Providing benches in 14 high schools:** 900 benches have been provided in the mandal so that kids do not have to sit on the floor.
- **250 Bicycles** distribution to marginalized school students so that they do not have difficulty coming to school.

## Women and Youth Empowerment

- **One lakh women empowerment program:** Our team works closely with women on a daily with the goal of empowering 100,000 women by 2020.
- **Through our livelihoods program,** we have trained 350 youth, mostly girls, in different skills. Majority have found employment. Currently, 90 days camp for stitching training is going on for 25 women in PRDC. We will continue to train more women in stitching.
- **Financing** purchase of livestock and small businesses
- **250 sewing machines** donated to create self-employment in marginalized women.
- **Providing employment** to about 75 youth from village directly in our organization.

## Infrastructure Development

- Construction of roads in collaboration with government
- Underground drainages
- Street lights in collaboration with government
- School buildings, classrooms construction and campus improvement
- Primary health center & sub center improvement
- Water supply systems have been developed in collaboration with government

- Construction of Mahila Mandal Building – a meeting place for Kashireddy guda women
- Pragathi Bhavan construction

## Community Participation

- **Human Development:** Door-to-door, meetings with SHG, villagers, school teachers, village heads etc. with an effort to unite them. Message of peace, unity, non-violence, co-operation and development is imparted on a daily basis.
- **Best Sarpanch Award in Telangana:** Empowering local village government led to our Sarpanch being bestowed the Best Sarpanch in Telangana award.
- **Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM): Collaboration with other organizations –** continuous process of sharing knowledge of best practices with numerous other organizations and individuals has been a very enriching experience. This has led to replication of the efforts in certain other areas. Also, supporting them financially has resulted in impacting indigent in several other states of India. **Collaboration** with National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Bankers Institute of Rural Entrepreneurship Development (BIREED), government & other organizations.
- **Tata Institute of Social Sciences Interns, National Institute of Rural Development fellows, India fellows, Interns from USA etc.** have found working with us to be a very rewarding experience.

## Collaborative Efforts in Other Areas and States

- **Efforts in several districts of Telangana State**

- **Supporting 125 indigent women residents** of an Ashram in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- **Rebuilding of about 350 flood-damaged houses in Kuttambakkam** near Chennai, Tamil Nadu, after January 2015
- **Providing equipment at Gandhi Hospital**, Hyderabad, India
- **At least 50 Tribal schools** sponsored in other states of India
- **Worked in 16 villages** near Hissar in Haryana from 2001 to 2007
- **Collaborative efforts** in Gujarat, West Bengal, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh also
- **Mobile Digital Literacy Van** in UP in collaboration with another organization
- **Grameen Resource Center is being developed** in Rajasthan with a group of individuals in the US. This center is on similar lines as Pragathi Rural Development Center.

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