

# Sarvodaya Youth Organisation

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## **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

### **Promoting Violence Free Society for the Women in Telangana State.**

Sarvodaya Youth Organization (SYO) has more than two decades of experience working on rights-based issues, fighting for the rights of various marginalized communities and groups. In 2009 SYO, implemented a project for the prevention of violence against women. The project was successful and as a result a

support centre was established in the premises of Hanamakonda police station with the support of the police personnel. The project extended solidarity and support to women survivors along with rehabilitation, legal aid, short shelter and counselling. It had also mobilized public support to fight against women trafficking and violence. Through this program more number of women approaching the police station than the previous years are getting their entitlements. Linked few cases with referral services such as short-stay homes, children's education, employment, legal, medical and psychiatric services as and when required.

Under this project the organization had formed complaints committee mechanism in colleges to address issues of Sexual harassment against girls in colleges. SYO sensitized the Police personnel to become more responsive and positive towards women survivors. Sensitized the local officials to respond to women facing domestic violence, gender disparities, abusing at work place, child abusing, rape incidents and eve teasing. Rebuilding women's self-esteem, self worth and dignity.

During the project implementation we were able

- To create a one-point access for women support institution in police stations seeking redressal.
- Rebuild the violated women's self-esteem, self worth and dignity.
- Recognize and address the vulnerability.
- Formal and non formal institutional support mechanism.
- Broad-based community mobilization intervention for a fundamental shift in ideas, beliefs and institutions that support and perpetuate violence against women.
- Reduce the social acceptance of violence against women.
- Bring a positive change in the policy and program environment that perpetuate its acceptance at an institutional and community level.
- Reconcile 1156 issues of Domestic Violence through one women support centre.

Based on the previous experience in addressing the issues of Domestic violence since 2009, SYO established three women support centres in the premises of Women Police station-Rangampet, SYO Head Office-Hanamakonda and Mahabubabad Town police station with the support of the police personnel. The project extended solidarity and support to women survivors along with rehabilitation, legal aid, short shelter and counselling.

Through this project the targeted 30 villages of Atmakur, Geesugonda and Hanamkonda Mandals were created awareness on issues of Domestic violence, Legal rights and Acts for women. We have provided supportive environment to around 3600 women facing domestic violence by counseling through the women support centers and resolved 2800 cases. The organization is providing Free Legal support, Medical Support, Shelter home and vocational training in addition to financial assistance in the form of interest free loan to 120 women survivors to establish petty trades.

### **Economic Empowerment of Women and Female Literacy**

“Economic Empowerment of Women and Female Literacy” is the project implemented by Sarvodaya Youth Organization and aimed at encouraging and educating women community towards sustainable economic development and literacy promotion.

The project was implemented in 5 villages of Atmakur mandal of Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh State and covered about 600 women under this project. The project has been successfully running with the support and co-ordination of the project personnel, community, local institutions, women self-help groups and other like-minded people. The project is initiated to fulfill the following expected outcomes and succeeded in achieving the results envisaged as per our proposal.

The identified 200 Dalit women were supported financially to purchase goats and buffaloes to generate alternate income apart from the income they generate through the small agricultural land holdings. The women from all the groups were taken to the Dairy units and Sheep rearing Units and were trained on how to take up the activity. The beneficiaries interacted with the personnel working in the dairy unit and learned many useful things about managing an economic development enterprise. The management of the Dairy was given strong orientation to all the beneficiaries on different aspects related to such enterprises.

Under the support services to the beneficiaries, we have established one Female Adult literacy center in each of the target village; we have motivated our target women towards literacy and its importance. Suitable learning and teaching material was acquired by the organization and the centers were running successfully during night time. The women were taught to read and write small words and their names in addition to making simple calculations.

These Literacy centers enabled them to get opportunity to acquire NREGA work as it was compulsory for them to sign on the receipts of the amount they received and make calculations of the work they had done for the day. The women were thankful to the implementing and supporting organization for the opportunity provided to them making them literate to certain level.

SYO is implementing 10 Silai Schools for the Economic empowerment for women in Atmakur and Geesugonda Mandals. As a lead partner SYO is also supporting 11 NGO Partners in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to implement the Silai School project in two phases to 120 schools.

Women Entrepreneurs who had been identified are given residential training in tailoring, embroidery and simple technical mechanisms and provided with a USHA Sewing machine. The trained teachers in turn are instructed to teach the other women of their villages and provide them the training certificate enabling them to look out for job opportunities or otherwise stitch the clothes for their family and others in the village.

The objective behind this project is to enable the rural women who are normally educated to earn by teaching the tailoring skills on payment to other women and girls and also through stitching clothes to others.

The trained women in turn began with the Satellite schools and are training the women from the adjacent villages thereby teaching the skill either for self sustenance or for teaching others.

### **Socio-Economic Development of Dalit Women**

The Project was planned and implemented to start improving the Socio Economic conditions of the Marginalized Dalit women.

Women from the Marginalized poor Dalit families have been chosen as beneficiaries of the project. The women from these villages were made aware about the developmental activities that we are going to take up and to create interest for more number of people we have done writings with pictures on the wall to reach and mobilized to know them about the developmental activities that we had taken up.

The Dalit women from **Oglapur, Akkampet, Mushtyalapally, Damera & Peddapur** village areas are motivated and formed into 10 organized groups and to build their capacities they were made to participate in the planning and im-

plementation of this project so as to actively participate & strengthen these Women. From the selected 150 women 10 Self Help Groups were formed with **15** members in each group. These SHGs were given Trainings in Book Keeping, Savings and Internal Lending systems. All the 150 members of the Self Help Group Women from these villages were organized and trained to acquire self reliance in numerical literacy and built their capacities through soft skills training and functionality in keeping up their accounts earned through their income generation activities.

The 150 Dalit women had received training on Goat rearing & farming Management. The training included goat shed making and practical training in goat management theory Viz., How to manage and improve Livestock production units at their homes, various live stock animals varieties, its selection, increase of yield, maintenance, growing of fodder and other feeds, construction of silage fodder banks, veterinary care, precautions to be taken at the time of curative, preventive methods for different diseases and vaccination etc. These trained women received goats for breeding & sale

### **Training in baskets and Mats Making with Palmyra Leaves**

The project is implemented in Lingala village in Tadvai Mandal of Warangal District falling in Telangana state in India.

The 45 poorest of poor tribal women is our target group. Preservation of traditional handi – crafts and to create work and income throughout the year to these poor tribal women. These women are also trained in basket making, lowering the cost of production, quality of production, cooperative ventures in purchasing raw materials, modern designing, coloring, protecting, selling, saving sustainability etc. with the Palmyra leaves available around them

Palmyra trees are common in this area. People can make many things out of the leaves of Palmyra trees. Normally the with the help of the Palmyra leaves, baskets, mats, hats, garlands etc can be made by the women themselves if trained. The items made by the Palmyra leaves are useful in many ways and are eco-friendly. As the Palmyra leaves are available within their villages it is very easy to manufacture and market the items Purchasers of this kind of baskets come directly to the doors, where production units are existing and purchase the goods regularly at a reasonable price. There is no problem in making or in marketing the products. This basket production unit is an alternative for our target area women. As the Palmyra trees need only a small quantity of water for its growth, there is no problem of raw materials throughout the

year. The demand for the product is steady and high. Hats, boxes, and hanging mats can also be produced out of these leaves.

These women formed Self Help Groups within themselves and to support one another with their savings and revolving fund.

Through this project, the poorest of poor women were able to get work and income throughout the year. Their capabilities came to limelight, 45 families got sustainable income, the local resources had been utilized for livelihoods, Cooperative spirit had been increased among the women and skills of rural women were improved.

### **Vocational trainings to the youth and women.**

SYO have organized 2 Tailoring Centres in Atmakur and Geesugonda Mandals of Warangal District to the survivors and other adolescent girls who are interested, capable to undergo the training and can start their own business in the same trade. The training is planned for the adolescent girls and survivors of domestic violence. SYO identified the women and adolescent girls who are financially weak and with a strong motive to develop their skills in a particular trade and become entrepreneurs. Based on the job openings for women with minimum qualification, we have decided to offer trainings on fashion designing and embroidery that can be taken up as a business at the village level also.

Experienced institutions in the trade of fashion designing and embroidery are identified to train the women and Adolescent Girls. A 2 month curriculum for fashion designing is prepared and the women interested in embroidery underwent training on the same with job oriented course material.

The training for each batch was scheduled for 2 months and continues till date with different batches.

Two computer training centers in Geesugonda village of Geesugonda mandal and Atmakur village of Atmakur mandal are in operation in Ookal village of Geesugonda mandal and Atmakur village of Atmakur mandal.

**Computer Training Centers:** A 3 month curriculum is prepared that covers the basics of computer education and covers the syllabus equivalent to DCA (Diploma in Computers) course. The curriculum covers the following points:

1. Introduction to Computer and basics
2. Introduction to Windows
3. MS – Office (MS Word, MS Office, PPT presentation)



#### 4. Basics of internet

The basic computer training course for each batch was scheduled for 3 months and continues till date with different batches.

#### **International Women's Day:**

International Women's Day is observed and celebrated by SYO every year by involving the prominent persons of the District like the Local Member of Legislative Assembly, resource persons from Government Sector, local Government personnel, Judiciary, Police departments. District Regional Officer, the Integrated Child Development Services Project Director and Child Development Project Officer's of ICDS, ICDS officials, Child Welfare Committee Chairman and Secretaries from other Non Government Organizations.

Dr. Damodar, Secretary, opines that change in Women's lives would result in Women's Day being celebrated on a daily basis and not once a year. He observed that there are various groups (caste communities, Workers unions, etc) working for their rights, but no groups or unions come forward to support destitute women or victims of Domestic Violence. As a result SYO has taken up the challenging task to support destitute women, empower, motivate and educate them to fight such issues: stand united, find appropriate solutions.

During this eve the organisation conducts various activities like sports, singing, skits competition and cultural programs focusing on the problems of women and rights of women and helped them to know their potential. Prizes would be distributed to the winners by the dignitaries who attended that day's program.

SYO also appreciates the services of the Anganwadi workers who strive for the cause of women and children by giving them certificates of appreciation for the services rendered.

The event will be organized in prominent areas of the district involving both men and women and would cover around 5000 to 6000 people every year. The participants would also pledge to fight against Gender based violence and promised to seek violence free society for women in India with the support of SYO.

#### **Sustainable Livelihood for the widows of farmers (Farmer Suicides)**

In the Warangal district, major portion of land cultivation is cotton. In Warangal district also there is severe drought from last four years. This pushes the targeted community further vulnerable and poverty.

Crop planning is bigger issue in the Warangal. In the Warangal most of the farmers go for cotton cultivation, it requires high input cost with no yield or not enough supporting the trade prices for their farm output, it is the ill-affecting the Warangal farmers. The farmers had a tendency to focus on a single crop if it had seen commercial success, when it failed, they faced total collapse. This mono-cropping system also had been seen as a major cause for suicides in the district. This is more happening due to lack of education. The farmers of Warangal district ignorance of ancillary occupations for raising income and the absence of adequate social support infrastructure at the village level. These reasons are led for suicide

Warangal district is known for farmer suicides since 2002. There are more than 2000 farm suicides since then and the widows of the farmers and their families are left uncared by anyone in the society. There are instances of women killing themselves after their husband's suicides. The children of these families are left as orphans. SYO gave a serious thought to prevent the farm suicides and had implemented organic farming which reduces the cost of cultivation but there were still few instances of farm suicides.

The organization has provided support to the deserving farm widows of Atmakur and Geesugonda Mandals of Warangal district

The identified farm widows numbering 120 of two mandals were formed into two groups and were given orientation on business opportunities and management. They were also taken for exposure visits to Dairy units and Sheep rearing units. The women were provided with financial support of Rs. 50,000/- as interest free loans to purchase buffaloes, sheep, goats, and other trades like fruit and vegetable vending, petty provision stores etc and earn their livelihood as they are the sole bread winner of their family and also to educate their children. The beneficiaries were also oriented on Book keeping and financial management so as to maintain their own books of records and assess the profits at the end of every month.

The widowed women of the farmers of Warangal district belong to the SC, ST & BC community. Their land holding usually ranges from landless to ½ acre to 2 acres of land.

It was noted that the utilization of loans were according to the personal capabilities, feasibility and sustainability of the business. The impact of getting the loan roused their mental strength and left a positive approach towards life. The women were able to feed their family, repay the loans in comfortable easy installments as well as run their business.

### **Financial Support to Farm widows**

Following the suicides of the farmers, their families were forced to sell off their land holdings to clear the loans and later become labourers to make their ends meet. Sometimes the wives of the deceased farmers also commit suicide unable to bear the stress.

To address the issue SYO has also extended helping hand support to the bereaved families of the farmers who had committed suicide with the donations raised in Australia by the Telanganites settled in Australia and donated Rs.6,00,000/- to the organisation to support the widows back in India. SYO in turn had distributed the amount to 15 farm widows back in Warangal.

### **Retire on hand loans to farm widows**

Sarvodaya Youth Organisation in addition to supporting the widows of farmers lending micro-credit has also identified women who are repaying high the loans with high rates of interest and provided them with a financial aid of Rs. 50,000/- to repay the existing loans that the farmers had made when alive with high rates of interest through our organization. Their ideology was to pay off their existing loans which they owe with high interest and later repay the organisation in a comfortable and easy way with low rates of interest.

SYO's other support to the farm widows was for their income generation by supporting them financially with a maximum of Rs. 35,000/- towards livelihood loan enabling the farm widows to establish some trade of livelihood

like dairy, sheep rearing, petty shops, selling vegetables, fruits and other re-tail products they are well versed with and to make a living.

## **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

### **Improved Livelihoods for Farmers, weavers & Garment Makers in South India**

SYO has implemented the project “**Improved Livelihoods for cotton farmers, weavers and garment workers**” program in 40 villages of Atmakur and Geesukonda Mandals of Warangal District as production villages.

The small and marginal farmers have been benefited from the organic farming activities, awareness generation programs, capacity building trainings, market support fund, Livelihood, Literacy, Organic Certification, Marketing and other related programs/services organized during the project period. 3550 farmer families belonging to 40 villages were actively involved in this project. 2760.80 acres of land was cultivated through organic farming. The 3550 organic farming families were benefited in various methods enhancing their knowledge, skills, and economic status, social perspective etc through the society.

Some of these Programs are Gender sanitization, soil fertility management, pest management, exposure visits, Farmers meal etc. These Framers turned the barren waste land into fertile lands by growing Biomass plants and also eradicating the Pests in their fields with a very negligible cost through their learnt knowledge and skills. Apart from the Capacity Building Activities for the farmers of 40 Villages, the staff of SYO was also trained to increase the Productivity and also to properly guide them in the time need.

The exceptional intention of this project are Women of this targeted area are trained to be organized, sensitized and supported through strategic investment and also sensitized on gender issues, organic farming and marketing etc., along with the men. They became part and parcel of the project activities right from the day of initiation of this Project, decision-making, execution and other aspects of the project.

The approach of the project to address the problem of the farming community was very effective. SYO has taken up the responsibility of awareness and ex-

ecution of field work separately in the remaining villages of Atmakur and Geesugonda, resulting in increasing people participation and technically sound execution of physical works. There has been ample scope for experiment of different alternatives. More than 100 farmers in each village became aware of the organic farming practices.

## **Non-Pesticide Management**

**Non Pesticide Management Program** is implemented in 10 village's of Parkal Mandals and 10 villages of Atmakur benefitting a total of 1250 farmers, in an area of 4500 acres of cultivation land adopting NPM methods with an ultimate increase in the Fertility of the Land.

In every village 125 farmers were selected and each farmer with agreement of cultivating 2 acres each (i.e., 125 farmers and 4500 acres of cultivating land per village). The crops cultivated are Paddy, Cotton, Chillies and Turmeric.

All the NPM practices start with summer ploughing, community bonfires, raising of border, trap crops, white and yellow greased plates, Pheromone traps, bird perches, use of only bio-extracts, like Tobacco decoction, neem, vitex, custard apple, Pongamia leaf extract, dung + urine slurry are used without use of any chemical pesticides. The crop and pests are managed without loss of yield and with drastic reduction of Rs.4, 000/- to 5, 000/- per acre on pesticides.

### **The effective outcomes and impacts of this program are:**

- Investment for the pesticides is decreased gradually.
- High accessibility of the marketing of the products.
- The profits rate is increased for the farmers.
- The dependence of money lenders and financiers decreased.
- Farmers acquired confidence in cultivation by **NPM** method.
- Farmers are aware of using the Pesticides.
- Farmers increased in number in adopting the **NPM** method.
- The fertility of the land increased.
- Health conditions are improved.
- Farmer death rates are controlled.

Under this activity farmers were also taught the practice of inter cropping which is for a short period through which they can obtain pesticide free pulses and vegetables for their personal consumption as well as to sell the excess produce and get additional income through intercropping.

### **Maa Thota Plantation Program**

To provide sustainable Livelihood and to generate income for the Poorest of Poor Tribal & Non tribal farmers of Eturnagaram & Tadvai Mandals of Warangal District, we have implemented the project in Tadvai & Eturnagaram Mandals.

Each beneficiary family had been identified to develop 1 acre of land with horticulture crop i.e Mango and few forest species, which would be as the part of core component of the project 'Maa Thota'. The forest species are namely bamboo, teak etc. Fencing for the Maa Thota had been provided to the farmers to gain some economic regular providing income to the tribal family. Depending on the choice of the farmer a suitable inter crop is included.

The following species are considered as the components of "**Maa Thota**".

- A. **Orchard Species:** Mango, Amla
- B. **Forest Species:** Bamboo, teak and Eucalyptus
- C. **Live hedge:** Oil leaf tress and Henna
- D. **Inter crop:** red gram, ragi and other suitable short duration crops desired by the participants.

Mango had been promoted in tribal areas for the major plantation as it suits tribal broadcast and gather nature, Mango is very modest in its nature and soil requirements and can adapt itself to varying soil conditions without impairing productivity. The crop once established starts yielding from 3rd year onwards with little care and effort. It is a tropical plant and thrives well even up to an elevation of 400m above mean above mean sea level and hence small hilly regions are also suitable for its cultivations. It needs a climate with a well defined dry season of at least four months to produce the best yields. The climate of the selected areas suits cultivation of the crop as minimum and maximum temperature of the district. By this fact mango occupies the reasonable area among various horticulture crop grown in the district.

The identified farmers were taught the Organic Farming Practices. The belief of the traditional practices is rooted in the minds of farmers. SYO intervened in

regard and established the well structured system in Organic Latest agricultural practices are trained and making facilities are provided to farmers.

Major activities covered under Maa Thota program are Horticulture plantation(Amla and Mango Plantation, Border plantation with Live hedges), Soil moisture conservation(Vermi compost pits, Water resource development, Women development(Group formation, Sanitation, training on IGP, etc) Training and capacity building, convergence with Government agencies etc.

### **Visit of Delegates from Royal Agricultural Society of Common Wealth (RASC) – Scotland.**

During the month of November 2011, two delegates from India that too from our organization one staff and one potential farmers had been invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Next Generation Mission at Singapore/India. Our organisation had visitors from 22 countries who are the next Generation members of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth. The Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth encourages the interchange of information about the development of sustainable Agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and the rural environment throughout the common wealth working with and through leading Agricultural Show Societies.

The NG delegates visited our project area where the sustainable agricultural practices are being adopted. They interacted with the organic farmers and learnt the benefits being received by following sustainable agricultural practices. A three day Agricultural Show was organized in Oglapur village of Atmakur Mandal where all the District and Mandal officials along with various seed and agriculture allied departments took part in the show. There was a display of agriculture implements, inputs, demonstrations and products.

The NG delegates also organized competitions throughout the mandal for the cattle, poultry birds, sheep, goats and milch animals. The best animal was awarded with mementos and prizes. Everyone opined that Agricultural shows are more relevant than ever in fostering an understanding of agriculture in general, encouraging excellence, innovation and interaction amongst agriculturists.

# HEALTH

## Integrated Nutrition and Health Program

**Integrated Nutrition and Health Program (INHP)** which started in January' 2003, covering 7 Sectors of 6 Mandals in Gudur Block, Hanamkonda to Parkal Block aiming at improving the nutrition and health status of vulnerable women and children by reducing the infant mortality and child malnutrition (among 12 – 23 months old) Simultaneous developed the **Anganwadi Centers** in this sectors.

Sarvodaya Youth Organisation identified the mother and children who are under nourished, malnutrition, morbidity among women and children continued to be a widespread problem despite a number of programs implemented by National and State Governments to mitigate the suffering of the vast multitudes of the population at risk. Keeping this in view Sarvodaya in support with CARE started integrated Nutrition and Health project aiming at improving the nutrition and health status of vulnerable women and children.

The activities covered under this program were

- Care for antenatal.
- Care for lactating mothers.
- Care for Newborn child.
- Importance of breast feeding to infants.
- Complimentary feeding.
- Importance of Vitamin – A for both mother and child.
- Immunization for children.

Now, the Community is following the best practices after the awareness was created, mothers started giving colostrums to the new born babies. Practicing drying and wrapping for the new born babies, Pregnant mother are following cleanliness; the complementary feeding mothers are giving quality food to the children and also following quantitative and qualitative measures in order to reduce child malnutrition. With the support of this project the vulnerable women and children in this area has improved the nutrition and health status.

We have achieved the goals of this year through community meetings, house to house visits, mass awareness programs etc.



## **Awareness and Prevention of HIV/AIDS**

### **Free Health Care Centre for Truck Drivers**

SYO has set up a **Free Health Care Centre** for Truck Drivers. A medical doctor was deputed to care for regular free medical check-up camps. Apart from medical checkups we are also organizing counseling camps on STD/HIV and AIDS at this centre, distributing the medicines and condoms at free of cost for drivers and cleaners of heavy vehicles. Participants are made responsive to the precautions of safe sex and awareness against HIV/ AIDS. **Free Condom Outlet Centers** were established in the areas, where High Risk Target groups reside both in rural and in urban areas of the district. SYO's outreach workers visit every day and refill these outlets.

SYO began working with the key population of MSM and FSW in Wardhannapet, Thorrur and Maripeda mandals of Warangal district. Through this project SYO has given Awareness, sensitization and educating messages on HIV / AIDS by conducting health camps in rural areas where the people are more illiterate and made them aware of prostitution and its effects causing HIV/AIDS.

Both in rural and urban areas distributed IEC Material like pamphlets, wall poster, stickers etc, and created awareness people how the HIV/ AIDS could spread from one person to another. Condom distribution was also one of the main activity done during this period.

Later the project was extended to 7 different Mandals (Thorrur, Marripeda, Kesamudram, Nekkonda, Wardhannapet, Mahabubabad and Kuravi) of Warangal and Mahabubabad District since July 2009. As part of the project implementation, systematic and focused efforts were made to build the community based organizations of key population (High Risk Groups). Capacity building inputs were provided to the outreach workers and CBO leaders in the areas of planning, implementation, monitoring & review, advocacy, documentation and communication. The CBO leaders and outreach staff have also had very good exposure to the sites where the Key Population is playing a very important role in project implementation.

Activities of the Project include services like Regular Monthly Check up, Integrated Counseling Syphilis Test and Integrated Counseling Testing Centre, Risk based outreach, Enrollment in Community Based Organisation membership, Tuberculosis Linkages, Dist. Level Networks formation and strengthen, Streng-

thening of Female Sex Worker's CBO, co-ordination with line departments, Social Marketing of Female Condom and Male Condom and Social Entitlements.

### **Health Camps and distribution of Medicines and Spectacles**

Sarvodaya Youth Organisation Organized Health Camps every year in Warangal District During the Medical Camps, health check up in all aspects right from Blood test to diabetes, Hypertension (BP), Malaria, Gynecology tests, eye check up, tooth check up etc were done for more than 5000 general public free of cost and free medicine will be distributed during the occasion. Spectacles free of cost were also distributed to the poor and the old aged. This activity was carried out with the support of the Specialized Doctors of Hyderabad.

### **Urban Health Centre-Dept. of Health and Family Welfare-GOI**

Since June 2000 up to 2010 SYO initiated and ran the **Urban Health Centre, Somidi, Kazipet**, which was supported taking care of the health care needs of women and children. The centre is situated in Somidi, Kazipet with seven staff members around 20 thousand people from five slums at a free of cost, by sensitizing the inhabitants, about eradication of child marriages, controlling of maternal and child deaths, 100 percent coverage of immunization to children, family planning norms, educating the women to join the hospital for safe deliveries and counseling on HIV/AIDS etc. Apart from this we are also rendering counseling and awareness services to these illiterate inhabitants about the importance of health and hygiene.

### **Activities carried out by the Urban Health Centre.**

- 538 anti natal checkups conducted.
- 595 post natal checkups conducted.
- 207 Janani sessions conducted to the community
- Provided 5646 infant immunizations.
- 626 marriages recorded in UHC
- 55000 JC vaccinations given to the school going children.
- 40 BCC meetings were conducted.
- 1592 condoms distributed to the community
- 40 medical camps were conducted.
- 60 Mass meetings conducted on health and hygiene.
- Referred 810 cases to the government hospital for safe delivery.
- 15525 OP cases treated in urban health center.

## **PROMOTION OF LIVELIHOOD**

## **Promotion Of Livelihood Through Strengthening Of Community Based Organizations**

SYO has initiated community development activities in 10 villages of Mangapet and Eturnagaram Mandals of Warangal District since 2005 to address the identified SC/ST/Tribal/community for the development activities.

As part of the activity Income generation activities and capacity building programs for youth and landless people were conducted. Farmers were imparted trainings on organic package of practices. The project villages were formed into 10 village development committees, 10 information centers which provide information and useful books of information on the job and education opportunities for the youth are kept in the youth in addition to the daily news papers in Mangapet and Eturnagaram. 25 unemployed youth were given Motor driving training and they were also supported to get the motor driving license. adolescent girls were given ANM training and they were set up in private clinics as part of employment.

In addition to these the identified farmers, youth and women were imparted training on organic package of practices, book keeping and financial management, leadership skills etc. Inputs like green nets, seeds, kitchen garden seeds, azolla, mobile vermi compost pits, seed sowing trays etc were also given to the beneficiaries in convergence with allied departments. The beneficiary's families were supported financially for constructing sanitary latrine in their houses.

## **Community Based Tank Management Program**

SYO has Managed & Maintained the 6 irrigation Tanks at Tadvai Mandal since 2008, to enhance the capacity of storage of water to the optimum level by involving all the community members to improve the Livelihoods of Farmers, fisherman, livestock rearers, Washermans etc., in 6 Villages Supported By **The World Bank Through I&CAD**, Govt. of India. During the project period 6 committees for mainiaining 6 community based irrigation tanks were maintained and managed.

## **PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY**

### **Supply and Installation of Solar Lanterns and Solar Street Lights**

2000 solar lanterns were supplied to the individuals of four mandals Atmakur, Geesugonda, Sangem and Parkal. The beneficiaries were provided with the lan-

terns at 90% subsidy from Telangana New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TNREDC) Ltd and 10% Individual beneficiaries contribution.

To enlighten the streets of the SC and BC colonies the solar street lights numbering 50 in each of the mandal in four mandals namely Atmakur, Geesugonda, Sangem and Parkal were provided at 80% subsidized price from NEDCAP and 20% Grampanchayat's contribution.

## **EDUCATION**

### **National Program of Education for Girls Elementary Level(NPEGEL)**

SYO has completed the intervention program **National Program of Education for Girls Elementary Level (NPEGEL)** to promote elementary education for girl child.

Some of the activities are; Baseline survey on schools to know the ratio of boys and girls, Procurement and supply of playing material, distribution of notebooks for girls joined in school, Establishment of library with books and study material understandable at elementary level and also for teachers, Started the vocational training center at Narmetta in ZPHS & UPS building with a Vocational trainer, supplied sewing machines and embroidery material for the girls to learn the skills of Stitching and Embroidery to stand on their own.

### **Child Labour Eradication School-Ministry of Labour-GOI**

SYO has established a **Child labour Eradication School** at Srinivas Nagar, near Balasamudram, Hanamkonda in Warangal district. SYO convinced the parents whose children are working at health hazardous sites like Stone cutting units who are bonded labour working in these houses. They were rescued and joined them in the schools for a better future. Apart from providing pre-school and scholastic activities, we are also providing mid-day meals, milk, and vocational training's etc. After educating them for one to two years, the children are Mainstreamed by admitting them in Government Schools, and later admitted in the Residential hostels. Eventually their continuation of education is taken care by us.

## **REHABILITATION FOR ORPHANS & ELDERLY PEOPLE**

SYO's **Children orphanage** home has taken care of 149 children who are most disadvantaged children without parents providing constant care with visiting doctors, nurses and caregivers. Food and nutrition, Clothes, Bedding, Educa-

tion, Guidance, Medicines, and many other things are provided to these Children ensuring that every child has access to learning. We are laying the foundation for growth, transformation, innovation, opportunity and equality by creating an adequate social environment for the child or adolescent at high social risk.

SYO's **Old Age Home** has taken care of 115 frail elderly people who cannot be accommodated in their families due to Poverty, unable to work and earn their daily bread for their survival. These elderly fragile people are provided with nursing care, Food, Clothes, Bedding and company living for socializing.

## **CONSUMER AWARENESS**

**District Level and Divisional Level Consumer Awareness Programs:** Sarvodaya is regularly conducting **Consumer Awareness Camps** in urban as well as rural areas. In urban areas viz., Hanamkonda, Warangal and Kazipet we are sensitizing the people about the importance and use of bills and checking the quality of goods while purchasing. During these camps we have created awareness on subjects like Consumer rights, and their responsibilities. We have invited the staff of legal Metrology Department and they explained the people as to how the business people involve in mal-practices especially in weights and measures, and how to identify these mal-practices.

Sarvodaya Youth Organization celebrates **National Consumer Rights Day** in Warangal district on 24<sup>th</sup> December every year involving Government officials from Legal Metrology Department, Food Inspector's office, politicians, other leaders in the district and Mr. P.Damoder, Secretary of our organization, organizes in this program and educates the people on consumer rights and also on importance of weights and measures.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, every year, our organization celebrates **World Consumer Rights Day** by organizing Rallies and Public meeting in addition to distributing pamphlets on consumer rights and acts. The above Programs are conducted with the support of District Supply Officer Warangal, Controller Legal Metrology, Food Inspector and other concerned officers of the district.

### **EVENTS ORGANIZED BY SYO EVERY YEAR:**

- International Women's day - 8<sup>th</sup> March

- World Water Day - 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- World Health Day - 7<sup>th</sup> April
- World Environment Day - 5<sup>th</sup> June
- World Day Against Child Labour - 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Blood Donor Day - 14<sup>th</sup> June
- International Literacy Day – 8<sup>th</sup> September
- International Day of the Girl Child – 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Children’s Day – 14<sup>th</sup> November
- No Violence Day – 25<sup>th</sup> November
- World AIDS day - 1<sup>st</sup> December
- World No Pesticides Day - 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- International Human Rights Day 10<sup>th</sup> December

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