



Village Reconstruction  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2020



Rowing into the Deep



**Child Education & Rights (CER)**



**Youth Skill Development (YSD)**



**Village Empowerment & Entitlement (VEE)**



**Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP)**



**Agroforestry (AF)**



**Tribal Welfare (TRICOR)**

**VISION**

***“Better Villages for a Better World”***

1. Evening Supervised Study
2. Supportive Assistance
2. Children Parliament
3. Children Service Camps
4. Children Festival
5. Children Health Camp



1. Tailoring & Embroidery
2. Beautician Course
3. Fashion Designing
4. Electrical Work
5. Car Driving
6. Cell Phone Repair



1. SHG
2. MACTS



1. Balijepalli
2. Vikalangula Colony
3. Kuchinapudi



1. Kothakota
2. Gonasika



1. Tailoring
2. Drums
3. Electrical



## ***Mission Statement***

***“To encourage the initiatives and the energy of the villagers by facilitating their self improvement and sustainability process through development partnership”***

## 2019-20 CHILD EDUCATION & RIGHTS OUTREACH

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & RIGHTS OUTREACH   2019-2020										
S.no	Program	Villages	Gender			Community				
		VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	15	177	183	360	154	91	115		360
2	Gonasika	17	243	270	513	381	60	53	19	513
3	Kothakota	15	227	235	462	359	5	98		462
4	Rajahmundry	30	708	735	1443	132	369	718	224	1443
5	Guntur	45	763	736	1499	705	508	241	45	1499
6	Nellore	20	409	429	838	434	239	140	25	838
7	Kadapa	10	260	239	499		390	90	19	499
8	Hyderabad	15	350	350	700	56	229	407	8	700
9	Tamil Nadu	5	133	112	245	245				245
<b>Total</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>3270</b>	<b>3289</b>	<b>6559</b>	<b>2466</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>1862</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>6559</b>

## 2019-20 YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH

YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT (YSD) OUTREACH   2019-2020										
S.no	Program	Villages	Gender			Community				
		VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	17		207	207	56	59	91	1	207
2	Guntur	29	125	178	303	139	66	74	24	303
3	Nellore	6		71	71	18	13	31	9	71
4	Kadapa	2		71	71		48	23		71
5	Hyderabad	20		437	437	64	139	221	13	437
6	Rajahmundry	15	55	134	189	9	53	71	56	189
7	Tamil Nadu	4		31	31		23	8		31
<b>Total</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>1309</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1309</b>



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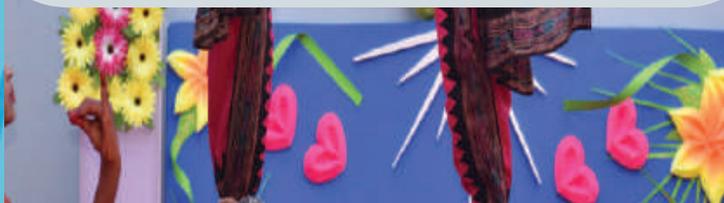


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# Annual General Body Meeting

## Minutes of 48<sup>th</sup> the AGBM

### MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT PRAKASH HALL, HEAD OFFICE, VRO, ON 15-09-2019

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting was convened by the President of VRO at 10:30 am on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at Prakash Hall, Head Office, VRO, C-198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani, Guntur, 522509.

The following members informed the Secretary of their inability to attend the General Body Meeting: Mr. Jose Vincent, Mr. Sudheer John, Dr. T. Nagender Swamy, Mr. J. Ranga Rao, Mr. A.J. Saju, and Mr. Shiva Ramakrishnan.

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, the President, Fr. Dhanapaul, SJ, the Secretary, Fr. Peter Daniel, SJ, Operational Director, Sri. T. Gopal Rao, GoB Member, lit the lamp. Sri T Gopal Rao honoured the portrait of Prof M.A. Windey, SJ with a garland.

The meeting began with a prayer song “Om Jagadeswara” sung by a team of volunteers led by Ms.V. Sandhya Rani, the Project Officer,



Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, the President, welcomed the General Body Members and the Governing Board Members for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. In her introductory remarks she brought to the notice of the General Body Members that VRO is about to touch the mile stone of its fifty years of relentless service to the poor across India and the

Birth Centenary Celebrations of Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ, the founder Director of VRO, in 2021. She also entreated all the members of GB to thank the Lord for the enduring presence of God in and through us to the people. It's pertinent to us to take stock of the past and plan for the future with deeper insights and greater service to the people in and through VRO with the mind of the Founder Director.

Fr. S. A. Dhanapaul, SJ, Secretary, read out the minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting to the quorum. The president requested for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Since there was no correction proposed, approval of minutes was proposed by Sri T. Gopal Rao, and seconded by Dr. T.K.S. Sharma.

Fr. S. A. Dhanapaul, SJ read out the secretary's report and after some deliberations and clarifications, the approval of the report was proposed by Fr. A.X.J. Bosco, SJ and seconded by Dr. TKS Sharma.

Operational Director in his foreword reminded the members the words of Prof M.A. Windey, SJ who inspired all of us “To Serve one another and thus to Improve oneself” and appreciated all the members and the volunteers who are fully involved in the service of the poor. He expressed his gratitude to all our donors abroad, local Government, Central Government officials and well-wishers for their generous support to VRO program. He gratefully acknowledged the support that he constantly receives from the Governing Board Members and the General Body Members as well. He also thanked the team of volunteers headed by Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ, (Venkatapathi), the Associate Director, which puts its heart and soul in making a difference in the lives of thousands of villagers and thus “Building Better Villages for a Better World”

In order to present the activities of VRO for the financial year 2018-19 videos on different programs (CER, YSD, VEE, and Agroforestry & Village Rebuilding Programs) were shown to the General Body Members.

Having seen the activities done by VRO to the villagers the following suggestions were made by the members.



- Mr. Brix Werner, representing E-Klub, Vienna, in response appreciated the works of VRO wholeheartedly. He said that he was totally impressed by the committed work of all the volunteers in the villages and in a special way in providing beautiful and qualitative houses to the poor tribes in the Repalle area.
- Dr. Bayyrapu Prasada Rao appreciated Fr. Velangani Rau, SJ and his team of volunteers who contributed their might towards the different programs for children, youth, tribes and women. He also congratulated the team for providing wonderful houses to the poor in collaboration with the local government.
- Fr. Santiago, SJ proposed to start a meditation cum spirituality centre in Sagarasangam site and Fr. A.X.J Bosco, SJ, and Mr. Sreeman Narayan expressed their approval to the same proposal.
- Mr. Sreeman Narayan asked about the donation for Kerala housing programme for which the Operational Director gave explanation saying that VRO accepted to build 6 houses which were totally destroyed during the floods in Dr. Ambedkar Colony in Kotanadu, Kerala in collaboration with the Kerala Government. We could not build more houses because of lack of clarity in the policy of the Kerala Government regarding the housing program.

Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ, Associate Director, read out his report. In response to his report the members present asked the issue of Provident Fund and AD gave clarification and also assured the General Body that every effort is being done to do justice to the volunteers of VRO. Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, also responded saying that the final hearing regarding the PF case is pending in the Honorable High Court of AP. AD also thanked APSHCL for its wonderful collaboration with VRO in building so many houses for the poor yanadhi tribes in the



villages of Repalle area. He also thanked Sri. T. Gopal Rao garu and Dr. B. Prasada Rao garu for their support at different critical times.

Ms. M. Kavitha David, the Treasurer, presented the financial report for the year 2018-2019 and the budget for 2019-20. The General Body Members approved the financial report and the budget.

General Body also approved the continuation of the Auditor M/s KV Subbarao, PCO-CA, Guntur, for the financial year 2019-20. It was proposed by Sri T. Gopal Rao and seconded by A.X.J. Bosco SJ.

Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ thanked all the members who actively participated in the meeting by providing valuable suggestions and welcomed everyone to join the community lunch. The formal meeting came to a close with VRO anthem 'Vijayaviharam'.

**Fr. Dhanapaul Stanislaus Aruputham, SJ**  
**Secretary- Governing Board, VRO**

## President Speaks

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ

Dear Friends

As we are officially commencing the Golden Jubilee of the Village Reconstruction Organisation and the birth centenary of our beloved Founder Director, Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021, I wish to thank the Almighty for his magnanimous blessings on him who translated his vision in to a reality and that reality brought transformation to the Lakhs of families in India since 1971. On this historic day, I would like to reflect more deeply on the person of Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ and his Vision.

**1. Professor M.A. Windey, SJ, a great leader:** One of the most important qualities of any great leader is his inspiring Vision. This is the one single quality that, more than anything, separates leaders from followers. Great leaders have Vision and the ability to stand back and see the big picture. I must accept and place on record that Prof. Windey, SJ was blessed with such a great Vision and the ability to look at the future through that vision. He was blessed with a natural ability to fix his eyes on the horizon and see greater possibilities. The best way for him to be motivational and inspirational to others is to be motivated himself. The way to get others committed to achieving a goal is to be totally committed himself. The way to build loyalty to his organization, and to other people, is to be an example of loyalty in everything he said and did. These were the core statements he used to share whenever he visited me in Holland years ago.

He was enthusiastic about achieving excellence in developing villages for the better world. To attain that finale he always used to motivate everyone to “Be the best!”. A white man from the west coming to most rural areas and dying for them was not understood by many of us for many years and we realize the value now that he was trying to teach and motivate us to be prophetic through our active availability. He always motivated the volunteers, stake holders and donor partners that excellent performance in serving other people is an absolute, basic essential for survival in the economy of the future. This has been his noble contribution to all of us who share his vision of “Better Villages for a Better World”.

**2. Our Role as sharers of Founder’s Vision:** I am fully convinced of the fact that we are not followers of his Vision

but sharers as persons with deep desire to take forward the Vision of VRO “Better villages for a Better World”. When we look back at the situation of the poor fifty years ago, the economic, political, sociological situations of the poor with that of the present situation, we could feel



the sea of change which is good and encouraging. What is the prophetic role do we need to play at this point of time? What is the role of ours which makes us to be relevant to the context?

The growing fundamentalism, systematic attack on the organizations and persons who speak and stand for the truth and poor is a matter of grave concern. Lack of quick mechanism against life taking pandemic situations, commercialization of education and several deliberate attempts to take away the Fundamental Rights of the citizens especially the poor are most frightening challenges which are placed before us.

It is high time that we change our guard and row in to the deep both in our attitudes, knowledge so that we are ever ready to stand by the poor without deviating from the vision of our VRO. Thus I invite the operational team to plan new ways and means according to the times of present situation and descent in to the hearts of the poor with our affirming active presence for the decades to come as a family of VRO.

As I conclude my message, I would like to place on record the unfaultable and immeasurable generous support of the overseas donors and the local Indian funding partners, but for them VRO has no existence. It is indeed an immense joy to recall and recollect the untiring and enthusiastic services of every VRO volunteer who actually reach VRO to the needy rural poor. May the service mindedness and good spirit continue to flower forth under the dynamic and the able guidance of the Governing Board of VRO.

With God’s blessings and grateful wishes

Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ

President- Governing Board, VRO

## Secretary's Report

Fr. Dhanapaul Stanislaus  
Aruputham, SJ

It is my privilege and honor to welcome Madam President, Members of the Governing Board, and General Body, and Friends to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of Village Reconstruction Organisation.

The Governing board met during the year as follows:

1. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Head Office, VRO, Guntur
2. 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at Head Office, VRO, Guntur
3. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Head Office, VRO, Guntur/  
Virtual meeting.
4. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at Head Office, VRO,  
Guntur/Virtual meeting.

### Major Achievements

Six thousand, five hundred and fifty nine children (6559) across four states of India are given an opportunity by VRO to improve their standard in education through evening supervised study centers. All these children are government primary school going children from 172 villages; the effect of the project resulted in eradication of child labor in all the villages. VRO strived very hard to prepare 177 children to appear for the government residential school entrance exams and succeeded too. They are now continuing their further education in government residential schools with better facilities.



VRO successfully trained 115 young boys in driving, electrical repair and cell phone maintenance skills, 50 tribal youth in Drum beating skills, 15 tribal boys in electrical repair, and 1129 girls and women in tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing and beautician skills. We are glad to announce that around 78% of boys are either employed or self-employed in various sectors. Among women 52% are self-employed and 12% are employed. We are also happy to inform you that some of our trainees have taken orders from the local government to stitch uniforms of school children and won the hearts of the government for their qualitative skill.

Three hundred and ninety three tribal farmers in Kothakota Cluster area planted 20184 cashew and fruit saplings during the past 6 years in 257.5 acres of land and the survival rate is 86%. Out of 257.5 acres almost 120 acres look like a forest now. Farmers also had been given training in inter- crop cultivation which brought lots of additional income. Cashew trees in around 120 acres have started to yield now and each acre fetches an income of Rs 20,000 at present and it will increase as the years pass by. We duly appreciate the agricultural department personnel who walked along with us in this process of empowering the tribals in farming skills. This sustaining effort of the people not only resulted in economic growth but also in bargaining capacity in and through MACTS groups.

We are happy to inform you that during the financial year 2019-20, VRO constructed, in collaboration with APSHCL, 115 houses in three villages, namely, Balijepalli Village in Vemuru Mandal (50 families); Kuchinapudi of Nagram Mandal (6 families) and Vikalangula colony (59 families) at Vedulapalli village in Bapatla Mandal of Guntur district. The inauguration of the Kuchinapudi colony was held on 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019, of the Balijepalli village was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, and of the Vikalangula colony was on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. Sri. Kona Raghupathi, the Honorable Deputy Speaker of the AP Legislative Assembly and the MLA of Bapatla constituency, and Sri. G. L. Subramanyam, IAS, the Chief Secretary of AP government, inaugurated the Vikalangula colony in the presence of Mr. Samuel Anand, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate of Guntur and Sri. Kanthilal Dande, IAS, AP Housing Corporation Managing Director and Vice-Chairman. Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, Sri. Gopalarao, IAS (Retd), Fr. Dhanapaul, SJ, and Mrs. Kavitha David were present for the function. Every one appreciated VRO team headed by Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ for the magnificent completion of these houses.



Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ is to be congratulated on his successful fund raising trip to Europe and London on convincing the donors to continue their support to VRO programs and establishing new contacts especially in Spain and London.

### Some of the Important Discussions and Resolutions:

- o The long standing General Body Members who did not renew their membership in the year 2018 were requested again to renew in 2019. They are Sri R.V. Kolhatkhar, Sri Jose Vincent, Srimathi Nadita Sen, Rev. Sr. Martine, JMJ, Sri. K. Gurunadha Reddy, Sri. Pramod, S. Shinde and Smt. Latha Jain. Among these members, who were asked to renew only Mr Jose Vincent renewed his life membership. Hence it was resolved that all the other 6 members who were members of VRO for more than 10 years and did not renew their membership forfeit to be GB Members of VRO. It was also resolved to send a letter of thanks giving to those members for their valuable contribution to VRO and also to inform them that they cease to be General Body Members of VRO from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- o Fr. Santiago, SJ, Mr. Ch. Venkateswara Rao and Sr. Divya Palatti completed 10 years as members of VRO on 15.09.2019 and hence they were requested by the secretary of VRO to renew their membership. Fr. Santiago, SJ and Mr. Ch. Venkatesawara Rao renewed their membership while Sr. Divya Palatti failed to do so. Hence it was resolved that Sr. Divya Palatti ceases to be the GB member of VRO from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- o It is suggested by the board to go ahead with determination of PF liability and wait for the court order for the payment. All the members reasserted that we would go by the court and not by the mediation of any party.
- o It is also resolved by the Board to go ahead with preparations of building the Legal Service Center in VRO Head Office premises in view of 50 years of VRO's active service presence among the rural villagers in India and the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Prof. M. A. Windey, SJ, the Founder Director of VRO, in 2021. Associate Director was asked to start the procedure regarding the land conversion

and other preparations. Once everything is ready we would invite High Court Judge to lay the foundation stone for official purpose. The Board also discussed about the possibility of handing over this legal centre to the Social Action Commission of Andhra Jesuit Province Society for its effective functioning and better maintenance. However the focus should be to help the poor whose rights are infringed by the powerful. The decision will be taken later after the completion of the building.

o Associate Director brought to the notice of the GoB that Renewal of the GoB members with the Registrar office to be done in the month of January 2020 as the present registration comes to an end by December 2019. Three Governing Board members offered their willingness to relinquish their services as their service term of six years coming to close. The other Board Members expressed their concern regarding the complexity of issues which are around the years such as closing of PF case which has been haunting us for the last 34 years, Celebrations of Golden Jubilee of VRO and Centenary Birth Anniversary of Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ and some other land cases which are to be dealt with very seriously. Having reflected on all the issues the other members of GoB requested them to continue for the good of the Organisation. The Three members (President, Secretary, and Operational Director) agreed to the above request. However this decision has to be ratified by the next General Body.

o As we face a lot of problems in Hyderabad region regarding the lands, it was resolved to enter all our lands on online with the revenue department. As some of our lands are being illegally encroached, the Board asked the operational team to put some of the lands in this region on sale in order to build the 'Corpus Fund'.

o The Board, in principle, accepted the proposal to have one retired MRO and active Lawyer to assist us in settling various issues. AD is asked to do the needful in this regard especially in the areas of land problems as he himself is an advocate.

o The GoB gave permission to link Aadhar of OD to all the lands as it is the present requirement by the revenue department. He will be signing hereafter for the land transactions as his Aadhar number is linked on behalf of the Organisation. However, Secretary has to be the witness for all these transactions.

o Five members committee soon will be formed to design plan for the Jubilee Celebrations and AD will be the convener of the meeting. The Jubilee year will commence on 06.10.2021 and ends on 06.10.2022. A special meeting will be organized on those days inviting all the General Body Members, Donors, Well - Wishers, Village Leaders and others.

o The proposal of AD to visit Europe and USA for fund raising for the next year (2020) was approved and asked to go ahead with plans and preparations without any delay.

o The Board discussed the issue of Sagarasangam land in detail and decided to send a legal notice to Bishop without any further delay. Sri. Gopal Rao and AD will prepare the legal notice with the help of the advocate Mr. Balaswamy and send it to him.

o Keeping the same FCRA account number with the Union Bank, the Board resolved to change the branch from the Union Bank of India, Khairatabad, Hyderabad to the Union Bank of India, Laxmimpuram, Guntur to avail Forex transaction as SWIFT mode. Since it is the same bank the board asked OD to follow the procedures carefully and do the needful.

o It was also resolved to shift Corpus Fund and all the fixed deposits at the Union Bank of India, Khairatabad branch, Hyderabad, Telangana to the Union Bank of India, Lakshmipuram Branch, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

o The request of the Jamshedpur Jesuit Province to gift two lands at Muniguda, and Kungabasa for the developmental programs was discussed at length. The Board asked the operational team to propose a

long term lease with minimum pay instead of donating straight away. After getting back the mind of the Provincial, the Board would discuss the matter in the next GoB.

o Government leased land at Bayakamuttia: Operational Director proposed to the Board to give back the leased land at Bayakamuttia to the Government of Odisha as that place is no more relevant for us to continue our programme. Board resolved to give back the land to the Government of Odisha.

o Nanpur land in Odisha: Operational Director proposed to put the land at Nanpur for sale for two reasons. Firstly, the Government has started its own school, hence VRO has stopped the education program. The site is getting encroached, secondly, we served the people of Nanpur for more than 30 years. Having deliberated on the issue the Board unanimously resolved to put the land on sale.

o Operational Director proposed to the board that we close the office at Hyderabad as it is not very much used and the owner of the house has doubled the monthly rent from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 12,500. So the

board asked the operational team to close the office at Hyderabad and shift the things to Kurumedu site as all the volunteers are working from that place to the villages.

o Operational team proposed that we get two cents of land freely from the panchayath of Nizampatnam so as to establish mineral water plant in that site and to distribute drinking water to the tribes of the area. The Board resolved to approve the proposal and asked the operational team to go ahead with clear documentation.

o As per the law passed by the Central Government, it was resolved to open an account at SBI, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001 to receive foreign donations.

o It was resolved to have the VRO Annual General Body Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 at Prakash Hall, VRO Head Office, Pedakakani, Guntur.

**Fr. Dhanapaul Stanislaus Aruputham, SJ**  
**Secretary- Governing Board, VRO**



**Tailoring Machines Provided to the trainees with the support of TRICOR**

# Operational Director's Foreword

Peter Daniel SJ

Dear Sr. President, honorable members of the Governing Board and the General Body Members, donors, well-wishers and friends,

At the outset let me remind all of us gathered here the long 'Journey' that VRO traveled for the past 49 years in the service of the rural poor. We are at the threshold of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of VRO. Oh, what a journey it was under the able guidance of our beloved Founder Director, Prof M.A. Windey SJ, whose birth centenary we are going to celebrate as well in this year! Certainly our hearts are elevated above with folded hands to thank and praise the Heavenly Father for His magnanimous providence, guidance, and for providing wonderful, ever understanding, and generous donors abroad, and APSHCL and TRICOR. Certainly VRO was guided by very many noble personalities as the Governing Board and the General Body Members during the past 49 years. VRO as a rural movement trained so many village youth to serve the village poor with great dedication and commitment. Certainly we feel proud of that!



But the task ahead of us, given the socio-economic-political situation of our country, is enormous. As Prof. Windey remarked "The Universal observation of 'poverty' vs waste and riches, I have described this from the start 'poverty' of many faces - economic, social, cultural, moral, environmental, political or religious, in the nature of a 'challenge' crisis. This is what Nehruji and Mahatma Gandhiji in prison, Buddha on the road, Jesus in meeting people in towns and villages, identified with their living circumstances". Thus his call for deeper reflection and action on the eradication of 'poverty' is the need of the hour which is nothing but a call to "Rowing into the deep".

I pray that the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of VRO provide us the opportunity towards deeper reflection and appropriate interventions to serve the village poor. In the words of our beloved founder, "The universal religious consciousness appeal for 'true service of God' in the service of the needy poor. The root cause of the world poverty is "village neglect". So the primary task is to concentrate on



forming integrated villages so that they carry values, advantages, solutions for solving other problems, even to urban problems. The freedom of villages is the key to national democracy. But for this we need a clear idea of the 'village values' for all of us. Hence, the fight against poverty then requires an inter-religious "anti-poverty alliances" with Government, and



others, rather than institutional rivalry for benefiting 'the few'."

Keeping in mind the call given by our beloved founder, let us work towards that 'alliances' which would enable the needy poor to attain sustainability.

Finally I thank the team of volunteers headed by Velangani SJ which puts its heart and soul in striving towards the integrated improvement of the needy poor villages and thus fulfill the vision of VRO, **"Better Villages for a Better World"**.

**Peter Daniel, SJ**  
**Operational Director**



**Supportive assistance to Children**

## Service is everything

Sri. T. Gopalarao, IAS (Retd)

It is always a gut level feeling of joy for me whenever I wish to pen down my association with Village Reconstruction Organisation. I am one of the persons who is blessed with the opportunity of being its well-wisher and volunteer right from its inception. I am not able to understand fully even today the amount of love, compassion, dedication, perseverance, commitment and execution which Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ, had for the people of India especially the poor and marginalized. This aspect of him gripped me with a sense of service and love for the needy in my life.

I used to feel flummoxed about his understanding of Indian culture and sociological magnitudes of Indian society. First he understood the plight of the people in a particular location and then employed his expertise in selecting a community which is more remote and unreachable by any government mechanisms thus he used to make ineradicable mark on the lives of the poor in that locality. This has been the specialization of VRO even today after completing forty nine years of service in India.

Village Reconstruction Organisation is not an organisation of fulfilling the temporary needs of people by immediate response rather it submerges itself in to the sufferings and complexities of social discriminations of the people. It lives with the community and prepares them



towards sustainable development through a collective participation in any work or decision and thus leads the community towards integral development. This has been concretely manifested more than ever in the last six years of its qualitative construction of houses and dissemination of skill trainings to number of groups.

As we complete forty nine years of its service among the poor and enter in to Golden Jubilee of its dedication in the year 2021, I wish to thank the Lord for the gift of Prof. M.A. Windey SJ, innumerable noble donors across the world, the dedicated volunteers, and the stakeholders for their collective commitment to eradicate poverty of the poor in India in and through the Vision and Mission of VRO.

**Sri. T. Gopalarao, IAS (Retd)**

**Governing Board Member, VRO**



**VRO General Body Members**

# Education is for integral Development

**Dr. B. Prasada Rao, IPS ( Retd)**



I am totally convinced that all the maladies that plague our society, like the disparities between the rich and the poor, caste prejudices can be overcome by imparting quality education to all the children in the villages. Here I am not speaking of education in a big reputed schools or colleges but an education which facilitates quality learning all through the life among the people of any age group, caste, creed, religion and region. It is the hallmark of achieving knowledge, values, skills, beliefs, and moral habits. In fact, quality education redeems people from the clutches of poverty and ignorance. I am happy to learn that such qualitative interventions are being undertaken by Village Reconstruction

Organisation in 172 villages across four states of India. Although numerically the number (172) is small, yet the targeted stakeholders residing in very remote villages deserve such an outreach. Imparting various skills to the youth, both male and female, has been a happy experience as I read and hear from a number of success stories.

I wish to place on record and appreciate the special focus given to Yanadhi community in AP and Dalit communities in Odisha and Tamil Nadu. I wish to congratulate all the volunteers, Community Workers at the village level and various donors, government authorities who have been rendering yeoman service by generously contributing to this process of bringing life into these vulnerable sections in our Indian society.

It is heartening to note that VRO is getting ready to start legal services to the poor in its Golden Jubilee Year 2021.

I implore God's blessings on all those who had toiled for the conception of this Organisation and all others who have been nurturing this Organisation with value based training, through thick and thin until today.

**Dr. B. Prasada Rao, IPS (Retd.)**  
**Governing Board Member, VRO**



**Educational help is given to these 10 children by Dr. B. Prasada Rao, IPS ( Retd)**

# Woman Empowerment Is the Gate Way to Human Development

Mrs.G. Vasumathi Purnima

I am very much elated to be part of this Organization not only as a Governing Board Member but also as a volunteer in my own way. I am impressed by the operational team's plans, preparations and dedicated completion of the project with progressive results.

I must proudly say that every issue, project and plan of execution is being discussed with utmost clarity and depth. The utmost transparency in the plans and openness to the change is something very estimable in this organization.

Another milestone or specialization of VRO is that the girl children and the women hit the priority list of its service and it is very much seen in the execution of all the projects. I personally feel convinced of the fact that woman development is must for the healthy and peaceful society. Unfortunately this aspect is neglected due to the gender discrimination especially in our country for centuries. However, there are remarkable changes being experienced for the past few decades and thanks to so many dedicated persons and organizations which constantly work for the emancipation of woman. True to the words



of Swami Vivekananda, "... Just as a bird cannot fly with one wing, a Nation cannot march where women are left behind", VRO is extending social protection to women and children by facilitating their self improvement and sustainability process. Thus, VRO is committed towards girl child education and skill training to women, especially to the Tribal and Dalit women, who need special attention and helping hand. I thank all the donors and well-wishers who stand with the women to empower them.

**Mrs. G. Vasumathi Purnima**  
**Advocate, Guntur**  
**Governing Board Member, VRO**



**Women groups meeting at Jaggampeta**

# Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP)

## Introduction

Building Communities through the construction of houses for the homeless poor was the dream concept of the Founder Director, Prof. M. A. Windey SJ. He emphasized that it is to be made only through increasing knowledge and capacity of all the stake holders in designing the house with better quality according to the taste of the stakeholder.

VRO continues the heartbeat of its founder in building communities by building homes. The main focus of housing is the involvement of the stakeholder community. For him, "Construction of houses aims at linking, learning and building communities through construction". VRO focuses on providing integral living environment for villages and encouraging the village youth in learning different skills and building up leadership qualities in the people and building democratic process in the villages.

Imbibing the ethos and spirit of the founder, VRO continued to build communities. During the reporting period VRO built 50

houses for Yanadhi tribes in Balijepalli village in Vemuru Mandal, built 6 houses for Yanadhi tribes in Kuchinapudi of Nizampatnam Mandal and 59 houses for the differently abled people at Vedulapalli Village in Bapatla Mandal of Guntur district. The first two colonies were inaugurated by Mr Werner Brix from Vienna, Austria.

Sri. Kona Raghupathi, the Honorable Deputy Speaker of the AP Legislative Assembly and the MLA of Bapatla constituency, and Sri. G. L. Subramanyam, IAS, the Chief Secretary of AP government, inaugurated the Vikalangula colony in the presence of Mr. Samuel Anand, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate of Guntur and Sri. Kanthilal Dande, IAS, the AP Housing Corporation Managing Director and Vice-Chairman and Sr. Cletus Daisy JMJ, Sri. Gopalarao, IAS (Retd), Fr. Dhanapaul, SJ, Mrs. Kavitha David and other well-wishers and villagers.





**Balijepalli Inaugurated by Mr. Brix Werner**



**Vikalangula Colony Inauguration**

# Vikalangula Colony



# Balijepalli





# Child Education and Rights (CER)

India has many accomplishments to celebrate in education. More than 70 million children attend pre-primary school, where there is a near universal primary enrollment and there is also a consistent increase in upper primary (lower secondary) participation. But, out of 100 students, 29 per cent of girls and boys drop out of school before completing the full cycle of elementary education, and often they are from the most marginalized families. Six million children are still out of school, a majority of them are from the disadvantaged communities including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled



Tribes and minority groups. This is primarily because of lack of basic infrastructure, qualified early childhood educators and appropriate learning materials. Low school readiness levels in cognitive and language skills prevail for children in government-run Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). VRO in a humble way try to touch the lives of those children by motivating them to be part of the school by its assistance and guidance.

VRO is committed to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education to all the children in its area of work.

VRO ensures that every child learns, discovers his/her potentiality and forms into a better student, to transform the present social reality in and around, by running evening study centers and by providing supportive educational assistance to children such as school bags, note books, and learning materials. VRO strives to create individual and social consciousness of children through Children Parliament. 20 to 30 children between 6-18 aged group form as the group under the title of Children Parliament. Children Parliament enables the children to identify the problems related to education, health, and environment



and to discuss ways and means to solve those problems and to execute as per the plan. Parents' Committee of that particular village serves as a supporting group in the realization of the Rights of the Children. VRO thus commits and accompanies in the all-round formation of the children, paving a way for the community to initiate the process of self-reliance and sustainability. In this year (2019-20) VRO assisted 6559 children in 172 villages (in four states) through its evening supervised study centers.



# Child Education and Rights (CER)

## Success Stories

### Success Story 1

My name is Gavaskar, s/o Marriappan. I am studying 8<sup>th</sup> class at Panchayat Middle School, Pudupatty, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. My parents are not educated and are agricultural daily laborers. We belong to scheduled caste community. VRO has been conducting evening study center for the last two years in our village. Along with our academic studies VRO is conducting very many extracurricular activities like essay writing, drawing, public speaking, singing and dancing and sports and games during the weekend.

“I like drawing pictures and hence our community worker encouraged me to draw many pictures and got them corrected with the help of an artist whom she knows. She also helped me to attend drawing competition at Kulithalai (Taluk level competition) where in children from 12 schools took part in it. I am proud to say that I stood first in the competition. I received the certificate from our District Educational Officer. My parents had no bounds to their joy when I went home with the certificate. I am very grateful to our community worker who encouraged me so much and to VRO as well”.



### Success Story 2

G. Edukondalu, aged 11, from Anupalem tribal colony of Rajupalem circle of Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, constricted a peculiar skin disease on his foot and palms. He had been suffering from this disease for the past four years. The parents took the boy to so many hospitals during the past four years but of little use. In spite of having lot of difficulty and pain he went to school regularly. When VRO began CER center in this village, the Community Worker, V. Dhanunjaya Gopi, took note of this boy's suffering and decided to help the boy. He started to inquire from many people about a good skin specialist doctor. He also went into the Internet and searched for and his search resulted in identifying a doctor in Eluru in East Goadavari District, (around 160 kilometers from his village). Once he contd...





identified the doctor, he spent his own money and took the boy to the doctor and got him treated with regular medicine. Thank God, within one month his skin disease started to disappear and became alright within three months. Parents have no words to express their happiness. When we visited the village the parents told us, “We couldn’t save our child even though we spent more than Rs.1,00,000/-. But the great work done by Mr. Gopi, the Community Worker of VRO brought life to our child. We are very grateful to Mr. Gopi and VRO”. Now Edukondalu attends the school happily without any difficulty.



### Success Story 3

We, the children, are from Tukulasaahi village, Keonjhar district, Odisha. VRO is conducting CER program in our village since 2016. We were facing lot of difficulties in the evening due to lack of power supply. We were afraid of walking back home because elephants often scuttle from the forest in to our village. Our Community Worker, Mrs. Mamata Pagal, formed Children Parliament consisting of 15 members and we elected Prime Minister, Health Minister, Education Minister, Sports Minister and Environment Minister among ourselves. Our CW explained to us very clearly about each portfolio’s responsibility. We used to discuss about the problems of our village with her and in one of the meetings we spoke about the darkness in our village due to lack of electricity supply. She encouraged us to discuss the problem with the Village President, we met the Village President Mrs. Masala Pradhan,

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## Child Education and Rights (CER) Success Stories

Bayakumutia Gram Panchayat, in her office with an application to provide solar street lights. With the encouragement of the Panchayath President we, along with a few of our village representatives, the Village Head and VRO Volunteers, met the Block Development Officer, Banspal, in his office in the month of December 2019 and submitted the request letter. He considered our application positively and forwarded it to the Collector of Keonjhar for instantaneous action. The collector provided us with 5 solar street lights in our village. Now there is light during the night and we walk safely home without fear. We the children and all the villagers are grateful to VRO volunteers for their help and noble guidance.



### Success Story 4

I am Laxmi from Gowraram in Nalgonda District of Telangana. My parents died in an accident when I was one year old. Hence I was brought up by my aunt who abused me physically and mentally. When I finished my 5<sup>th</sup> class they stopped my education as it cost them financially. I worked for two years in the fields as an agriculture labour. Meanwhile my uncle arranged marriage with a 25 year-old



man who was willing to marry me without dowry. Though I wanted to study I was forced to agree for the marriage proposal. After



my engagement my friends informed the community worker of VRO about my plight. She visited our family and spoke to me. After two days of her intervention, the child line 1098 came and stopped my marriage. Since I am a minor, I was admitted in KGVP at

Devarakonda for 6<sup>th</sup> class with the support of Child Welfare Committee of Nalgonda. Now I am happy and studying hard to obtain good marks. I am grateful to VRO for enabling me to enjoy my childhood.



## Success Story 5

The children in the slums of Chandra Babu Nagar of Nellore Region have formed Children's Parliament and called it Iswarya Children's Parliament. They were trained to identify the problems affecting their education, health and environment and to solve them as well.



Iswarya Children Parliament identified a problem in the

school premises namely water log during rainy season which makes them extremely difficult to enter their class rooms. Hence the children discussed about the issue and decided to submit an application to the District Educational Officer. Having received the application from the children, the DEO took immediate action and laid the mud road in front of the school for the children to move around freely. The parents of the children also contributed their manual labour to lay the road. The parents expressed their gratitude to VRO for enabling their children to do such a great work for the development of the school.



## Success Story 6

I am Kavitha, the Prime Minister of our Children's parliament in Palle Thanda of Devathapalli, Hyderabad Region. We have a Primary School in our village but there was no water facility to drink or to use for wash rooms. We went home every day to drink water and to attend natural calls. Many times we were not drinking water in order to control the natural call. Due to which we were falling sick often and not able to attend school regularly. This issue was taken up in our children parliament meeting and we discussed the possibilities and drafted an appeal to Head Mistress, Village President and MEO. The concerned officers expressed their inability due to lack of funds. After resource mapping with the help of VRO Project Officer, we realized that we could approach the LIONS CLUB of Amangal for funds. Hence we wrote another application to the Lions Club of Amangal and submitted the same. They appreciated our initiative and readily agreed to build water tank in our school and did it in no time. We now get water for drinking and for toilet usage. Our health has improved. There is no drop out in our school and 100% of children are attending the school and getting good marks.

We thank VRO and the Lions Club of Amangal for their noble contribution which has empowered us.



# Youth Skill Development (YSD) Introduction



The exodus of VRO volunteers from the Centre to the Community enabled them to identify the vibrant energy in the rural youth which is un-organized. Continuous interaction and discussion with the youth on various issues enabled them to understand and come to certain decisions that the youth need to be equipped with some skill trainings. After having studied the situation and the needs of the local community VRO provided platforms to learn various skills like tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing, beautician for ladies and driving, electrical repair, mobile repair courses and drum beating for boys. Besides core skill trainings, the trainees were imparted with communication skills, entrepreneurship training and interpersonal skills as well to enhance their entrepreneurial capacity.

As per the Vision and Mission of VRO they are also oriented towards social responsibility and initiated into the process of community mobilization. Required and possible assistance was offered to them to start their own business and to avail employment.

Starting of the skill development (Tailoring) in their respective villages helped many rural women, who otherwise go for daily labor, to learn this skill in their own villages. They were also introduced to the process of understanding the social reality and mobilizing them towards their own economic development. Thus, the youth were accompanied not only in developing the skills but also in discovering their own inner potentialities that change their mind set towards rebuilding a better situation not only for themselves but also for the entire

community. We are happy to say that VRO has trained 115 young boys in driving, electrical repair and cell phone maintenance skills, 50 tribal youth in Drum beating skills, 15 tribal boys in electrical repair, and 1129 girls and women in tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing and beautician skills during this financial year. We are glad to announce that around 78% of boys are either employed or self-employed in various sectors and among the women 52% are self-employed and 12% are employed. We are also happy to inform you that some of our trainees have taken up the order from the government to stitch uniforms for the school children and won the appreciation of the government for their qualitative skill.



# Youth Skill Development (YSD)

## Success Stories

### Success Story 1



My name is Nithya w/o Thilak, belonging to CASA Colony of Inungur village in Tamil Nadu. I studied up to +2. I have two female children; my husband is a daily agricultural laborer. VRO is running a YSD center for poor village women in my village for the past three years. I was afraid of joining the course because I could not afford to lose the daily wages that are necessary for our family maintenance. But with the encouragement of my husband I joined the course in July 2019 and successfully completed. During the training program VRO volunteer brought the Block Development Officer (BDO) to talk to us on different government schemes available and how to take loan from the government and to start small scale businesses. I was very much attracted towards the door mat making business. Hence I asked so many questions to him and got it clarified for myself. Seeing the enthusiasm of mine BDO himself volunteered to support me if I were to approach his office with all the necessary documents. Hence with the support of the VRO volunteer I approached BDO and submitted all the documents. The government gave me the machine and fixed it in my house and I started to produce door mats. Our tailoring teacher assisted me to learn the technique of making door mats fully well. Now I have learned the trade so well and am producing and selling it. At present I am earning Rs. 5,000/- per month. I am selling the mats in the Mall at Karur. Hope to learn well as I gain experience and earn more. I am so happy that I could support my family with my earnings and feel very proud of myself.



Out of Rs. 40,000/- that I took as loan I got subsidy of Rs.20,000/- and hence I need to pay Rs.20,000/- to the government which I am doing regularly every month in installments.

But for VRO I would not have reached this stage. I am very grateful to VRO.

### Success Story 2

A.Banumathi, M.Kiruthika, S.Nandhini, A.Sonia, K. Selvi and, S.Jeevitha joined the tailoring training center at Inungur of Trichy Region in the month of July 2019. All of them belong to Schedule Caste. They are all daily wage laborers. They joined the training course with great motivation and learned the trade so well. As part of job placement drive VRO volunteer

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## Youth Skill Development (YSD) Success Stories



approached the Garment Export Company at Ganeshapuram near Petavaithalai town and requested job for these women. The manager agreed to conduct interview for these women and having seen their performance the manager accepted to employ them as apprentices. They joined in the month of December with the payment of Rs. 7,000. Once the training period is over they will receive Rs. 10,000 per month.

They are very proud to support their families economically. They say that they are much respected at home by the family members because they have become regular earning members. Thus their self-dignity has improved and they become role models for other women.



### Success Story 3

Srameeka Nagar is one of the slum areas in Nellore of Andhra Pradesh. VRO started a skill development centre in order to train the unemployed women from the slums. The trainees learned very well the tailoring skill. At the end of the training, the trainees decided to do something to the slums from which they come. Since the VRO volunteers created awareness on the ill effects of using plastic during the training program, the trainees decided to stitch cloth bags and to distribute to the slum dwellers.

Once they proposed their mind, we approached the whole sale Mall in Nellore and told them that we would stitch cloth bags freely and provide them for distribution. They happily provided the clothe and all the trainees stitched cloth bags and provided them for distribution. They also distributed to their own slums and played a big role to remove plastics in their slums. Now the people are using cloth bags for fetching their groceries. By observing this, the other slum dwellers started to purchase the cloth bags and use them. This creative intervention by the trainees has made four slums plastic free. The people of the slums are very happy to have brought such a change and are grateful to VRO.



## Success Story 4

Runupama Patra is the daughter of Narayan Patra and Pramila Patra and belongs to Bangore under Hatadihi block in Keonjhar District of Odisha. Her father is a labourer and mother is a house wife. She has a brother and four sisters. She dropped out of school in class 10 due to poverty.

She is young and energetic, very smart and kind-hearted. Craving for a life of dignity and self-reliance, she wanted to learn skills that would make her self-reliant. Hence, she joined VRO YSDC at Ashapuri in the academic year 2018-2019 with VRO Admission code no.715. She sailed through the 9-month USHA sewing and designing course smoothly. During her training she learnt about the job opportunity available at Sai Export Garments Company. Hence, she applied to the company and was called for an interview at Bhubaneswar. She was chosen to do three months training in Sai export at Bhubaneswar. Thereafter she was given a placement in their company at Bangalore. She is receiving Rs.9,500/- per month with free boarding and lodging. Now she supports her family financially and has ensured that they live a life of dignity. She and her family members express their heartfelt gratitude to VRO.



## Success Story 5

Doppalapudi Nirmala w/o Srinivasarao, age 34, studied up to 10<sup>th</sup> standard. Her ambition was to become a beautician and to support her family. But she was afraid of spelling out her ambition to her husband out of fear because he was very possessive of her. During the survey done by VRO to motivate women for the skill learning program, the volunteer happened to enter the house to motivate her. She felt so happy that someone had come to her house to inform her of the training which she dreamt off. Though she wanted to grab the opportunity she was totally afraid of her husband. Hence she explained to the volunteer her difficulties. So the volunteer went home again in the evening and talked to her husband along with the VRO Circle Coordinator and convinced him to send his wife for the training. Nirmala happily joined the skill development program at Perecherla, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh and learned the skills perfectly. Having learned the profession so



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## Youth Skill Development (YSD) Success Stories



well she wanted to start a beautician shop somewhere. But she was once again afraid of her husband whether he would allow her to do so. Hence, she sought the help of the VRO volunteer to convince her husband to allow her to run a beautician shop. The volunteer convinced her husband to start the business and also helped her to identify a rented place in Satenapalli town for Rs. 2,500/- per month. She approached the bank with the help of the VRO Circle Coordinator and took a loan of Rs. 30,000/- and started her business boldly. Now after working hard for three months she is earning per month Rs.30,000/-. Now she has become the advertisement for the VRO training center. She shares her success story and about VRO to everyone who comes to her beautician shop.

### Success Story 6

My name is Allam Satish, studied upto SSC in Government School at Mallepalli village, Gandepalli Mandal in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. I belong to a middle-class family. My parents, being illiterate and daily laborer, could not send me for higher education. My father is in debt due to my sister's marriage. Their daily labor income is not sufficient to run our family. Being 10<sup>th</sup> standard student I could not get a job anywhere. To join for the skill training, we were not in a position to pay the fees. One of my friends told me about VRO and joined me at Jaggampeta skill training center.



The VRO training on Electrical and Driving skills gave me the courage and confidence to live my life boldly. The life skills that I learned during the training opened my eyes to be a better human being with helpful nature and with an attitude to serve the community from which I come. This is the great opportunity I got to achieve my goals in my life with regard to skill development.

I started my own electrical repair shop at home and now I'm earning Rs.600/- per day. I also earn by doing electrical wiring to new houses and by repair works. I feel so proud of myself that I could contribute something to my family for its maintenance and to pay back the loan. My heart is filled with gratitude to VRO and volunteers who filled a dynamic spirit to live my life joyfully and meaningfully too.

## Success Story 7

My name is Vemula Rajesh s/o Sreenu, from Gollalagunta Village, Yeleswaram Mandal, East Godavari District of AP. I hail from a Backward Community (BC). I joined the skill development course in Jaggampeta in July 2019. Having completed the skill training in Jaggampeta I was lucky to get a job in a company at Chennai as an electrician and am earning Rs. 8,000/- per month. Apart from the salary I get free food and accommodation provided by the company. Hence I send Rs.6,000/- home every month and use just Rs.2,000/- for my personal use. I am so happy to support my family by my hard labor. I have grown a lot in self-confidence and self-esteem. The soft skills that I learned during the training helped me to behave well with the officials and the colleagues as well. The communication skills that I picked up during the training have enabled me to talk to any stranger with confidence. Hence I am liked so much by my colleagues in the company. I also want to educate my brothers and take care of my mother too. I am very grateful to VRO and the volunteers for raising the standard of our family and myself. I will certainly help someone in the future and make him/her great.



**Cell Phone Repair Course**



**Beautician course**

## Village Empowerment & Entitlement (VEE)

### Introduction



Local rural communities often have little access to government schemes and are left out of the development process. This keeps them backward and hinders their growth. Having born with a Vision, “**Better Villages for a Better World**”, VRO motivated the villagers and youth to identify the available resources and schemes meant for the downtrodden sections of the society and trained them to obtain those entitlements through various orientations. The initiative of VRO under this title aims at forming, training and strengthening the organized groups in the target area. It also facilitates the community based organizations that would sustain the development process.

The focus groups are the children and women even though the entire village is the stake holder. VRO makes every attempt to create opportunities for women to understand their strength, rights and the limitations enabling them to come together, creating awareness in them of the existing government facilities, programs and building linkages with resource

centers, banks and other institutions. VRO infuses in them the spirit to fight for their rights and entitlements of the various stakeholders in the community.

VRO has formed Entitlement Action Teams in all the 172 villages. The teams are now equipped with information on various entitlements like procuring ration card, Aadhar, Voter identity card, various pensions that are available from the government and the process of obtaining them.





# Village Empowerment & Entitlement (VEE)

## Success Stories



### Success Story 1

I am Vajramma from Maripaka of Jaggampeta Region, East Godavari District of A.P. I and my husband are regular agricultural daily laborers. On an average both of us work hard for 20 days a month and earn Rs.10,000/-. We are forced to stay at home during the other 10 days. Though there is water available for irrigation of paddy field, our people could not use that water because we do not have oil engine



to lift water from the canal to our fields. Our financial

position did not allow us to buy an oil engine either. We also do not have our own land in order to mortgage it in the bank and take loan.



**My turning point in life:** I, being a member of MACTS group, attend monthly orientation programme conducted by the Project Officer of VRO regularly. During one of the

trainings I shared my dream of buying an oil engine. For which the PO proposed to me to apply for a loan in our MACTS group. Hence, I applied for a loan of Rs.40,000/- in the month of May 2019 and the group sanctioned it.

**Outcome:** With the support of the loan I purchased the engine and gave it on rent to the farmers to lift water to cultivate and earned a net income of Rs.1,000/- per day. We also took one acre of land on lease from the owner of the land and cultivated paddy as well. By this effort of ours we get 8 quintals of paddy which is sufficient for our family usage. Hence, we saved that amount which we used to spend on the purchase of rice.



**Impact:** We are very happy because our children are having quality education, paying back the loan regularly and the standard of our life has improved too. We are also proud of ourselves because we paved the way for our villagers to have more income by our little initiative. We are very grateful to VRO for encouraging us to think differently in order to empower ourselves.



# Village Empowerment & Entitlement (VEE)

## Success Stories



### Success Story 2

We are members from Gayatri Self Help Group of Bayakumutia, Keonjhar district, Odisha. Every month we are collecting Rs. 50/- per person and deposit it regularly in Odisha Gramya Bank, Bayapandadhar branch since two years.

The VRO Volunteer motivated us to apply loan to the bank to start a business to increase our group fund and thus earn extra income. Our group decided in the monthly group meeting to apply for a loan to the bank to start 'tent house business' which was not in our area. In September 2019 Odisha Gramya Bank, Bayapandadhar, approved our loan and paid Rs.1,50,000/- to our SHG. With that amount we purchased Dari, Tarpoline, Tent Decoration materials, Chairs, etc. and started tent house business. Now we receive regular orders for the tent and other materials from many surrounding villages and we get good amount as rent. So, we are regularly repaying the loan amount to the bank and we are also sharing among our group members the profit amount. This is the extra income we are earning from this source. Now our family income has also increased and we live happier than before. On behalf of all our members, we give thanks to VRO for showing us the way to become self-sustainable.



### Success Story 3

My name is M. Geetha and my husband's name is Kumar Chary from Kolukulapally village of Kurmedu Panchayat, Nalgonda district, Telangana. My husband is a carpenter. I used to help my husband in his work but due to lack of orders for work my husband began to drink and stop working. So I was finding it difficult to run the family and to send the three children to school. Since we have all traditional and old cutting carpentry machines we were not getting orders from our villagers. So I was looking for an alternative way to earn money for the maintenance of the family. I shared the plight of mine with the VRO volunteer who encouraged me to join SHG. With her help I joined SHG in my village. This year our group got Rs. 3,00,000/- loan from the bank. So from the SHG group I received Rs. 30,000/- which enabled me to set up a home based 'saree' business. Through which I earned good amount of money which helped me to maintain our family and also to increase the business with new items for sale. Now my husband is fully cooperating with me in doing this business by going to the city to purchase the

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materials in the whole sale shop with reasonable price. During his free time he also makes cots, chairs and tables, windows and doors and earns money as well. Now we both have become earning members and are expanding both the businesses and able to take care of our children and their education. Now my joy has doubled because my husband has stopped drinking totally. I thank VRO for giving us encouragement at the crisis moment of our life.

## Success Story 4

I am Prasanna Kumari, the chief promoter of the Papireddypalli cooperative credit and thrift society of Kadapa Region which was established by the VRO. We all belong to scheduled caste community. Our primary occupation is agricultural labor. In the year 2018 we established MACTS with 22 members and from the inception of the MACTS we are saving Rs.100/- every month and could save up to Rs.80,000/-

In the month of March 2019, I took loan of Rs.10,000/- from our society and started a petty shop in my village. Our shop is the first one to be started in our village. Since our village is situated in a remote area, and since one needs to travel 10 kilometres to reach the town to purchase any item, all our villagers started to buy from our shop. Because of which our income increased and we expanded our business to sell provisions as well. Now all the villagers stopped going to the town to purchase provision and instead purchase from us.

Now we are getting a profit of almost Rs.800/- per day. Every month I am paying back the loan with interest to our MACTS.



We are very grateful to VRO for encouraging us to begin this small enterprise and come up in life.





## Agroforestry (AF) Introduction

The tribal communities residing on the hilly areas of AP and Odisha are economically, socially, politically vulnerable due to their living conditions and lack of education. VRO, having studied the socio-economic and political scenario of these communities, committed to improve their current situation through various approaches. One such approach is the introduction of Agroforestry in Kothakota Cluster in AP and in Gonasika Cluster in Odisha. Through this initiative all the tribal families of our target area are led to the improved quality of life through sustainable livelihoods. During the past 5 years VRO has distributed 20185 saplings (Cashew, Mango, Lemon, Gauva, Pomegranate, Jack fruit, Papaya) and then were planted in 257.5 acres of land by 393 farmers

in Kothakota area. The yearly income for the farmers of Kothakota in 2018 is Rs. 10.9 lakhs, in 2019 Rs 20.9 lakhs and in 2020 Rs. 30.20 lakhs. In Gonasika area of Odisha VRO distributed 14383 fruit saplings to 824 farmers during the past 5 years and their income is as follows: The yearly income for the farmers of Gonasika in 2018 is RS 7.5 lakhs, in 2019 Rs 18.25 lakhs and in 2020 Rs. 22.10 lakhs.



# Agroforestry (AF) Success Stories

## Success Story 1

Sri Banu Juanga, Rangadhar Juanga, Sukura Juanga, Pitambar Juanga, Bichitra Juanga, Andharu Juanga and Raju Juanga are from Gonasika Colony of Keonjhar District, Odisha. We all belong to Juang Tribal community. Though we have lands, we couldn't cultivate them due to lack of electricity and water. Hence, during our village meeting, we (seven families) requested VRO to help us with our livelihood. With the initiative of VRO volunteers we met the head of the S G Foundation at Keonjhar office and requested their assistance for the cultivation of our land. The officials of S G foundation paid a visit to our land and approved the project to dig bore well and to install motor pump with solar panels. At present, we are irrigating 12 acres of lands with different crops. In a year, dual cropping is possible because we have enough water to cultivate paddy, groundnut and vegetables. VRO also provided us with grafted



mango saplings in the year 2019. We planted them and also practiced inter-cropping in the same land. Hence each family of ours is earning around Rs.60,000/-per annum and we are managing our families happily. We are educating our children and plan to expand our cultivation into cash crops too. We are grateful to VRO volunteers and authorities for providing sustainable solutions to the problems of our life.



## Success Story 2

I am Sri Nepal Juanga of Sahi Colony, Guptaganga Panchyath, Keonjhar District, Odisha. I have six family members. I was managing my family with daily labour. VRO Orissa, provided 12 drumstick, 22 mango, and 12 lemon plants to each family in our village. They also trained me, on how to dig pits, soil testing, preparing the pits, use of bio-pesticides and organic manuring-thus helping me to take care of the plants with less damage to the eco system. In the meantime aided by the VRO Gonasika Cluster Volunteer, I

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met the JDA officer who also provided me with 38 cashew saplings which I planted in my one acre land and also cultivated different types of khariff crops consisting of cereals like black gram, masoor and green vegetables as inter-crops. Thus, I was able to earn Rs.25,000/- during this year. With the help of VRO, I also approached the S G Foundation to get a power tiller which would



help me optimize my time and labor. In 2019 the S G Foundation provided me with a Power Tiller costing Rs.2,00,000/-. At present, I am not only ploughing my land with the power tiller but also leasing it out to others and thus earning Rs. 20,000/- per month as extra income.

I'm grateful to VRO for showing me the path to progress

### Success Story 3

I am Chinni Satyavathi, wife of Chanderrao. I am hailing from Mulakalapalli, Cheemalapadu GP, Ravi kamatham, Kothakota area of Vishakapatnam District. During the Hud Hud Cyclone of 2014 all our cashew tress, the only source of our livelihood, were uprooted and destroyed. We lost our livelihood. In the crisis situation VRO intervened and



supported us with 80 saplings of cashew and mango. We planted them in one acre plot. Now

these plants have grown and are yielding. From this plot we got Rs.20,000/-. We hope to get an income of Rs.40,000/- in the next season. We are grateful to VRO for this initiative which has empowered us.



## Success Story 4

I am Ulli Rajulamma hailing from Kadagedda village, Cheemalapadu Panchayat, Kothakota, Visakhapatnam District of A.P. Due to Hud-Hud Cyclone in 2014 all our cashew topes were devastated. Our only source of income was destroyed and thus our life too. At that crisis situation VRO organization came to our rescue. VRO visited our villages, surveyed our lands, conducted training programmes, supplied cashew saplings and helped us to plant them scientifically by providing us with organic manure. Having planted the saplings we took care of them by pouring water and by building tree-guards.



Now they are five year old plants and yielding. In these five years we raised inter-crop and earned Rs.15,000/- per year. During the past two years we earned Rs.20,000/- from the yield of cashew as well. We hope to get more income during the next cropping season from cashew. We are thankful to VRO for helping us to grow economically.



## VRO Collaboration with TRICOR Introduction

Yanadhis normally live in portable and conical huts with small openings near streams and canals. Their habitation reflects their nomadic nature. Since two decades or so they started settling in habitations located out of the main villages in the sites given by the government. The occupation of the Yanadhi community is peculiar from the other sections of the society. Hunting of rats, snakes and



fishing are their livelihood options. They wait until harvesting of paddy, locate different burrows, catch the rodents and also dig up the paddy stored by rodents in these burrows.

Thus, they manage to collect some paddy

for their livelihood. Later, Yanadhis started working as laborers in the agricultural fields of land lords and also hunt the rats in the paddy field to protect the crop and for which they were paid some amount per catch. They also accompanied the boat owners as workers for fishing in the ponds. In spite of different efforts by so many agencies to improve the existing reality of the Yanadhi community through various programs, there is no remarkable change observed both in the economic and social realities of this community. They still continue their traditional occupation which does not fetch much. The land lords make use of their labor force for cultivation by paying lower wage, insufficient for a fair living. Their skill of rat catching and fishing is exploited by the rich class for their own good as the tribal do not own any means of production. Many of these people do not have entitlements and improved livelihood thus living under poverty line with low self-image. VRO with the support of TRICOR initiated Rural Livelihood Program in 25 villages.



## VRO Collaboration with TRICOR

### Success Stories

#### Success Story 1

My name is Nakka Venkat Lakshmi. I studied upto 6<sup>th</sup> class, and my husband studied up to 3<sup>rd</sup> class. We are from Pragathi Nagar. My husband works as an agriculture cooli. He works hard day and night but the remuneration that he gets is not sufficient to maintain our family.

Hence, I joined Pragathi Girijana MACTS started by VRO and started saving Rs.100/- per month. In our

village VRO started free training course for our village youth to learn **drum beating skill**. My husband joined this skill learning program. Once he completed the training programme he was given a uniform and a drum freely by TRICOR. Now he goes for giving cultural programmes along with his companions and earns Rs.5000/- per programme. I also took loan from the MACTS group and bought rat traps. Now my husband is also making use of these traps to hunt rats and getting additional income of Rs.500/- to 1,000/- per day. Now by this initiative our financial condition has improved. We are thankful to VRO for supporting us.



## VRO Collaboration with TRICOR

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#### Success Story 2

I am Nagamani from 22<sup>nd</sup> ward, Repalle. I am a house wife. My husband is a daily wage labourer. The income earned by my husband was not sufficient for my family needs. I too go for daily labour. This daily labour work didn't give us identity and respect in the society. We used to feel very bad about this situation of our life. At this juncture VRO Community Worker and Volunteer suggested me to join the four month tailoring course. I thought this would help me to increase my family income. Hence, knowing fully well that I will lose the daily wages by attending the skill training, I was ready to sacrifice my four-month income in order to empower myself. I was very glad to get the acceptance of my husband towards this proposal. I joined the course joyfully. Since I studied only up-to 6th standard I found it difficult to learn the skill in the beginning. My instructor, Mrs. Bharathi, was very kind enough to teach me patiently till I picked up the skill. I also participated in the life skill training program given by Mrs. Syamala. Both the skills were very helpful for me to gain confidence and to learn the tailoring skill. Though I learnt to cut and to stitch variety of dresses I concentrated on learning two items very well i.e., to stitch panjabi dress and blouse with different embroidery models.

After the completion of my training, I was offered a sewing machine by TRICOR. This was very helpful to me to practice and utilize my skill at home. In the beginning I stitched only my family dress. After a few weeks all our villagers came to know about my skill and started to give me their clothes for stitching blouses and panjabi dresses. I am earning additionally around Rs.1,500/- per week apart from the earning through my daily coolie work. I am very happy with my financial contribution to my family and thus my self-esteem and self-dignity have improved. I am very proud of myself. Thanks to VRO.



#### Success Story 3

My name is Ankamma from Pragathi Nagar and my husband's name is Prasad. We are daily labourers. Since daily labour is not available in our area we use to migrate to different areas in search of labour. In the month of May 2019 I joined the MACTS group. During our MACTS group meeting Mr. Bhaskararao the resource person motivated us to think creatively in order to increase our earning capacities and thus to live a dignified

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life. This motivational session inspired me to think creatively. In consultation with my husband I decided to buy a cutting machine. Hence I applied for a loan from MACTS and bought the cutting machine. We are now using this machine to cut bushes and trees and earn Rs.1,000/-to1,500/- per day for our livelihood. We pay back regularly the loan that we took from MACTS.

I am thankful to MACTS group run by VRO for our financial growth and a dignified life.



## Success Story 4

I am Nakka Ravi. I have a younger sister. We are four in the family. We all go to guard the fish pond and earn our living. Though four of us work every day we earn very little which is not sufficient to maintain our family. We have been taking loans at higher interest from the money lenders to maintain ourselves and during emergency situations. Our whole earning has been spent on paying back the interest and the principal amount remains the same.

At this juncture, I discovered a path to redeem myself from the clutches of poverty. VRO volunteer conducted a meeting and explained to us about the skill development program to be started for the youth of my village. The skill to beat drums rhythmically was the training offered. Our whole village was very happy at the good news given by VRO and 25 of us joined the training program.

VRO arranged the training instructor who lived with us and trained us. During the day time we went for work and in the night we learnt the skill for three hours and in the early morning two hours. Thus we could learn the skill of beating the drums rhythmically in four months. Once, we completed the training programme we were given uniforms and drums freely by TRICOR. Using these materials we are going for different programs and earn Rs.5000/- per program. I am able to pay back the interest as well as the principal amount to the money lender. I am very hopeful that using the earning from the skill that I picked up I will be freed from the clutches of the money lender soon.



## Being is Living and Loving

**K.Venkatapathi,  
(Velangani Raju, SJ)**

Though undeserving, my five and a half years of privileged journey with the rural poor and various socially ostracized have taught me, first of all, to be human and always to evaluate any socio-economic, political, cultural and religious system or to draw any plan of humanizing action through the prism of the poor. Village Reconstruction Organisation, like a loving mother, has provided umpteen opportunities to be an advocate on behalf of the poor and reminded me time and again my obligation to help them by programs of promotion and assistance, in addition to work relentlessly to resolve the structural causes of poverty and marginalization.



As we are slowly and steadily edging towards golden years of continuous and consistent presence and service to the poor from this October onwards, we are challenged to revisit our original charism only to commit sincerely, honestly and preferentially to opt for the last and the least of the society as per the present times and



situation. Our whole aim and fierce focus is to capacitate the abandoned poor so that they could assert their identity, dignity and rights on their own. This process is very vital for any empowerment. Otherwise, transformation of the stakeholders to be self-assertive, self-confident, and independent and self-conscious will get scuttled.

When we look at the situation of the poor in India today, we experience people suffering not much from hunger but from the deprivation of their rights and privileges which are more painful than the economic poverty. Right to live in peace and Right to practice one's own faith are facing daily persecution in this modern era.

Another painful reality of today is huge volume of migration within the country. These migrant workers have become prey to many oppressive structures and they are exploited with low wages, physical violence and abuses.

I experienced their pain

**Ration Card Distribution**



during the COVID-19 Pandemic services.

These are the three issues which are currently startling the existence of the poor hence we need to go to the peripheries to hear the cry and provide solace to them by our prophetic role as men and women ignited by the vision of Village Reconstruction Organisation.

**K.Venkatapathi, (Velangani Raju, SJ)**

**Associate Director, VRO**

**Migrant Workers**



### My Journey with the poor in Odisha

The approach of VRO Odisha has been Community Centric, Facilitating Building and Developing on the Human Capital, so that the village community becomes a catalyst for change, for themselves and others, to live in Peace and Human dignity. Lasting change can only become a reality when the underlying causes of poverty and social exclusion are addressed in a holistic manner. This was done through Children's Education and Rights, Women's Livelihood and Empowerment, Agroforestry and Skill Building. In all our interventions and facilitation process, we worked with the spirit of 'Excellence', leaving no place for "Mediocrity" ever searching to make our service to the village community more effective and efficacious.

We serve 973 children in 36 villages in 7 Districts of Odisha through our CER Programme focusing on high degree of Child Learning, through the Joyful learning, Black board method along with Technologically assisted learning. Leaving "No child behind" has been the approach to ensure Total Literacy and Zero Dropout from the study centers. To this end our Volunteers, Teachers and Stakeholders helped towards achieving the dream. In the Tribal Areas, 65 children got enrolled in the Tribal Residential Schools and 20 non-tribal children in State Model Residential Schools. Besides this, the impact of VRO's community-based projects this year: most marginalized especially the Adivasi (Indigenous) children in our CER Centres have come out in the front as enlightened and informed future citizens through Children's Parliament, ensuring their rights and protection with a high knowledge of Child Protection and Safety Protocols. This knowledge and practice has permeated to others in the neighbourhood too. Their assertion has led to tapping Government Entitlements for the villages.

Through numerous Awareness and Capacity Building Programmes and through Community-based collective actions, VRO encouraged women and girls to speak out and induce authorities responsible and accountable to deliver services. Thus they tapped Government Entitlements like WASH, Housing Schemes, Old Age, Disabled,



Widow's Pension, and Forest Land Rights Ownership which have helped them to improve the quality of their lives. An Informed Citizen can make enlightened and Right Choice!

Through Agroforestry, Kitchen Garden, sustainable agriculture and social empowerment practices, considerable improvement in the quality of their lives including health, women empowerment, food and nutritional security have been ensured. In the COVID Pandemic days, this helped to survive and helped stop Distress Migration.

Breaking the Gender barriers, Women were encouraged to learn Masonry, Driving, Organic Farming, Computer Learning, Communicative English along with the Sewing and Design Tailoring Skills. 207 Women and Girls were skilled in Youth Skill Development Centres of VRO and 72 Young Women successfully graduated with USHA International Sewing and Design Diploma. Taking part in Placement Training Programmes has improved their Employability Prospects in the Garment Industry. Entrepreneurship Enterprises etc. resulted in better Income improved Economic Status, and more Power to their Voice!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our VRO Family, Volunteers, Stakeholders, Partners, Peers and Donors who continue to strongly support and believe in our work to build a better world, without whose consistent support we would not have been able to achieve so much in reaching out to the Unreached and the Poor, and to make positive changes in their lives and livelihoods.

**George Anthony, SJ**  
**Area Director,**  
**VRO Orissa**

## Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Kavitha David

It is with great pride and accomplishment I present before you the 2019-20 Audited Financial Report of VRO for the fourth consecutive year. The year that is present before us is very crucial for all the Social Development Organisations as the year 2019-20 ended on a sad note throwing several challenges to the mankind across the world and suddenly life came to a standstill. Mankind has witnessed an insurmountable and unprecedented pandemic in the form of Covid-19 spreading all across the world. I am proud to say that VRO has extended enormous help to poor and the needy, migrants across the country etc. during this Pandemic situation. This Pandemic has given a great lesson that we move further by leaving behind our regrets of the past by overcoming the challenges and struggles.

The programme achievement of VRO in the field of CER, YSD, Housing, and Women Empowerment are planned and reviewed from sustainable Development Goals. Our Accountability towards achievement is reflected and we shall continue to be more accountable towards the global framework.

Audited financial statements comprising of Receipts and Payments Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2020 duly certified by the Statutory Auditor Mr. K.V.R. Subba Rao, F.C.A. along with his observation is presented in the Annual Report.

### Highlights:

- The over-all turn-over is 190.152 Million Rupees compared to the previous year figure of 187.596 Million rupees. The Mission and objectives of VRO are being carried out by each and every volunteer connected to VRO and its ethics.
- Certainly there is decrease in receipt (external and local) from 93.250 million rupees to 64.140 million rupees. The break-up



is as follows: Overseas Donors 43.884 Million INR and Local Contribution is 20.256 Million INR which includes major portion earned out of Fixed Deposit and Bank Interest to the tune of 6.535 Million INR, specific grants from APSHCL and APSTCFC - 4.105 Million INR, Donations received out of 80G – 3.950 Million INR and Other Incomes (Contributions by Beneficiaries, Trainees, Agricultural Income... etc...) – 5.666 Million INR.

- In spite of the Economic crisis prevailing globally and declining of GDP across the world and nation, our donor partners continue to support our efforts and initiatives towards helping the poor. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for their continuous support towards upliftment of the marginalised. It is worth mentioning Entwicklungshilfeclub (E-Klub), Vienna which stands first in supporting us with around 16.02 Million Rupees for different programs. Special thanks to Dr. Robert Wychera for his strenuous efforts in mobilizing funds for VRO.

Jesuiten Welweit, Switzerland stands second in its contribution with 11.35 million rupees. Our sincere gratitude to Ms.Christine Camenzind.

We also thank Hubejee-VZW-Belgium, Jesuiten Mission-Nurnberg, Jesus Trust-London, Society of Misione Provnicia de

Espana-Compania de Jesuste–Spain, Sonnenhaus-Germany, Indienhilfe e.V, Kelkheim, Mrs. Theresa Heil-Haar, VRO -Germany, BIVRO-Belgium, NICOPEJA–Udine, DEMAINS - France, Misereor – Aahan, and Salvatorians Relief Action- Belgium for their continued cooperation and assistance.

- Rural Development expenses have decreased from 61.733 Million rupees to 52.491 Million rupees.

- We are happy to note that there is an excess of income over the expenditure to the tune of Rs. 3.806 Million during this year.

- As we are nearing our Golden Jubilee year, I am really happy to see that VRO during 2019-20 was able to support around 6559 children by giving supportive assistance in CER program and to train 1129 young girls and boys in Driving, Electrical, cell-phone, Tailoring and Beautician courses.

I Congratulate and applaude the Operational team during the year for accomplishing the target of building 115 houses in 3 villages for the deserving Yanadhi community and differently abled people. Apart from this the Operational team joined hands with APSTCFC and TRICOR towards empowering the target group (ie), Yanadhi Tribes by providing sustainable livelihood training programmes like Tailoring, Drum Beating, Electrical repair work for 165 men and women. They also started motivating the women group members to produce SANITARY PADS and created awareness among the women folk in villages around Repalle. This paved a way for great success for income generation programme and sustainability of the women group independently.

- During the period under review, the Financial Management has strongly improved in budgeting and accounting as per cost, the centre-delivery with utmost transparency towards the Management and the Donors. The

finance team headed by the finance manager has exhibited its best efforts in monitoring and following up the- day-today transactions. I do appreciate their tireless services, and I am hopeful and repeat again that the operational team may work hard to tap more local funds from various corporate companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to enhance the organisation's reachability to more people through different interventions.

The accomplishments over the past year and the work ahead depend on the support and contributions of our partners, dedicated and committed team of Volunteers. I am immensely grateful to those individuals, institutions and partners for continued support and initiatives to VRO in transforming the lives of the poor and make a difference in attaining sustainability.

The year ahead of us will certainly pose a serious problem towards mobilizing resources due to the pandemic that the whole world is experiencing even now. We need to be more innovative and creative in our resource mobilization in order to serve the deserving poor. May God continue to guide and bless us in the process of serving the needy through VRO.

**Thank you**

**Mrs. Kavitha David  
Treasurer, VRO**

# Auditor's Report

## AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION [INDIA], Kakani, Guntur as at March 31, 2020 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Institutes's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. We have no relationship with or any interests in the Association other than our capacity as auditors.

We report that, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts, give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of the Society's affairs as at March 31, 2020; and
- ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure Account, of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

**Place : Guntur**

**Date : 16-12-2020**

## SCHEDULES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLI- CIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS:

**a. Revenue Recognition:** The Society follows cash basis of accounting for all financial transactions. The Society may require refunding the contributions received from certain agencies, if the same is not utilised for the sanctioned purposes as per the contracts.

**b. Fixed assets and Depreciation:** Fixed assets include all expenditure of capital nature are valued at cost of acquisition and cost of installation/ erection as applicable. Depreciation is provided on written down value method and at the rates prescribed by the Income tax Act.

### 2. NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

a. Activities and Purpose: The Society is established with the primary objective of village reconstruction and Development and with a motive of not to make profit out of its activities.

b. Classification of expenditure as stated in the programme and based largely on the identification and estimates of the management.

c. Previous year figures are re-grouped wherever necessary.

**For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO  
Chartered Accountants**

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**K V R Subba Rao FCA  
Chartered Accountant**

**M No. 020129**

**UDIN : 20020129AAAADL5809**

## Financial Statements 2019-2020

<b>RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020</b>			
<b>R E C E I P T S</b>	<b>Sch. Ref.</b>	<b>March 31, 2020</b>	<b>March 31, 2019</b>
Balance	[5]	11,35,03,577.13	9,00,08,933.34
Contributions	[6]	4,38,84,327.98	5,11,18,971.50
Other Income/ Receipts	[7]	1,61,50,776.26	3,73,48,335.89
Government grants	[8]	41,05,127.00	47,84,750.00
Advances	[9]	1,25,08,314.00	43,35,476.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,01,52,122.37</b>	<b>18,75,96,466.73</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Administration & maintenance	[10]	71,03,477.79	1,08,61,256.79
Rural Development	[11]	5,24,91,227.36	6,17,33,302.81
Advances / Deposits	[12]	-	10,38,995.00
Fixed assets	[13]	33,320.00	4,59,335.00
Balance	[5]	13,05,24,097.22	11,35,03,577.13
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,01,52,122.37</b>	<b>18,75,96,466.73</b>

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Sch. Ref.</b>	<b>March 31, 2020</b>	<b>March 31, 2019</b>
Contributions	[7]	4,38,84,327.98	5,11,18,971.50
Other Incomes	[8]	1,61,50,776.26	72,10,394.89
Government grants		41,05,127.00	47,84,750.00
	<i>Total (A)</i>	<i>6,41,40,231.24</i>	<i>6,31,14,116.39</i>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration & Maintenance	[10]	71,03,477.79	1,08,61,256.79
Rural Development	[11]	5,25,18,227.36	6,17,33,302.81
Depreciation	[3]	7,12,415.02	8,62,382.90
	<b>Total (B)</b>	<b>6,03,34,120.17</b>	<b>7,34,56,942.50</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>(A) - (B)</b>	<b>38,06,111.07</b>	<b>(1,03,42,826.11)</b>

As per our report even date annexed,  
For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

Guntur  
16-12-2020

sd/-  
Operational Director

For Village Reconstruction Organisation

sd/-  
Treasurer

sd/-  
Chartered Accountant  
UDIN: 20020129AAAADL5809

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
Capital Fund	[1]	17,94,47,181.36	17,47,56,710.29
Advances	[2]	1,65,75,640.00	49,40,326.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,60,22,821.36</b>	<b>17,96,97,036.29</b>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	[3]	6,51,59,073.14	6,58,53,808.16
Advances / Deposits	[4]	3,39,651.00	3,39,651.00
Cash & Bank balances	[5]	13,05,24,097.22	11,35,03,577.13
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,60,22,821.36</b>	<b>17,96,97,036.29</b>

### SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

S. No	Particulars	Balance as on 01-04-2019	Additions during the year	Total	Deletions during the year	Balance	Rate of depn.	Depn. for the year	Balance as on 31-03-2020
1	Land	19,39,657	-	19,39,657	15,640	19,24,017	0%	-	19,24,017
2	Buildings	5,94,25,663	-	5,94,25,663	-	5,94,25,663	0%	-	5,94,25,663
3	Furniture & fixtures	1,02,453	-	1,02,453	-	1,02,453	10%	10,245	92,208
4	Equipment	3,39,709	33,320	3,73,029	-	3,73,029	15%	55,954	3,17,074
5	Vehicles	38,87,298	-	38,87,298	-	38,87,298	15%	5,83,095	33,04,203
6	Other	1,963	-	1,963	-	1,963	15%	294	1,669
7	Computer	1,57,066	-	1,57,066	-	1,57,066	40%	62,826	94,239
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,58,53,808</b>	<b>33,320</b>	<b>6,58,87,128</b>	<b>15,640</b>	<b>6,58,71,488</b>		<b>7,12,415</b>	<b>6,51,59,073</b>

As per our report even date annexed,  
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**VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION (INDIA)  
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21**

S.No.	Name of the Programme	No.of Prog.	HO	Guntur	Hyderabad	Kadapa	Nellore	Odisha	Rajahmundry	Tamilnadu	Total Budget
				INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR
<b>I</b>	<b>FUNDS FROM DONORS ABROAD</b>										
1	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE)	6		11,23,650	13,38,836	-	5,77,392	16,87,822	31,79,660	-	79,07,360
2	Youth Skill Development (YSD)	7		16,83,594	7,60,357	-	5,94,986	23,35,854	14,62,613	-	68,37,404
3	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Youth Skill Development (YSD)	5		9,92,763	12,49,184	-	-	14,07,255	-	8,04,373	44,53,575
4	Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP)	2		13,59,468	-	17,11,565	-	-	-	-	30,71,033
5	Cluster Program	0		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	COVID -19 Relief work		80,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,00,000
7	<b>Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP) (109 Houses)</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1,48,58,580</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1,48,58,580</b>
	<b>Total - A</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>80,00,000</b>	<b>2,00,18,055</b>	<b>33,48,377</b>	<b>17,11,565</b>	<b>11,72,378</b>	<b>54,30,931</b>	<b>46,42,273</b>	<b>8,04,373</b>	<b>4,51,27,952</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>FUNDS FROM GOVT.OF AP</b>										
8	AP Housing Corporation (109 Houses)	3	-	1,63,50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,63,50,000
9	<b>Tricor-Rural Livelihood Program</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,47,143</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>97,47,143</b>
	<b>Total - B</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,60,97,143</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2,60,97,143</b>
<b>III</b>	<b>FUNDS FROM VRO</b>										
10	Resource Mobilization	-	3,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,00,000
11	Legal	-	5,00,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,00,000
12	Child Education and Rights (CER)	4		2,65,200	-	2,73,200	2,49,700	-	5,40,400	-	13,28,500
13	<b>Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,00,000</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>5,00,000</b>
	<b>Total - C</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13,00,000</b>	<b>2,65,200</b>	-	<b>2,73,200</b>	<b>2,49,700</b>	-	<b>5,40,400</b>	-	<b>26,28,500</b>
	<b>Grand Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>93,00,000</b>	<b>4,63,80,398</b>	<b>33,48,377</b>	<b>19,84,765</b>	<b>14,22,078</b>	<b>54,30,931</b>	<b>51,82,673</b>	<b>8,04,373</b>	<b>7,38,53,595</b>

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VRO -India		2019-20						
S.No	Region	Districts Covered	Completed	Families benefited	Completed Villages in 2019-20	Families benefited	Ongoing (new villages)	Families expected to be benefited
1	Odisha North	6	11	412	0	0	0	0
2	Odisha South	4	10	264	0	0	0	0
3	Hyderabad / S.Pet	6	114	5324	0	0	0	0
4	Rajahmundry	2	40	1560	0	0	0	0
5	Kothakota	2	26	1120	0	0	0	0
6	Wardha / Rajasthan	4	7	247	0	0	0	0
7	Guntur	5	95	5531	3	115	1	52
8	Nellore	3	65	3496	0	0	0	0
9	Kadapa	1	28	1506	0	0	0	0
10	Tamilnadu	11	41	1944	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>21404</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>



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