



Village Reconstruction Organisation



**51st Annual Report
2021-2022**

Tribute to a Visionary



Prof. Michael Anthony Windey, S.J.
(1921 - 2009)

VISION

“Better Villages for a Better World”

Mission Statement

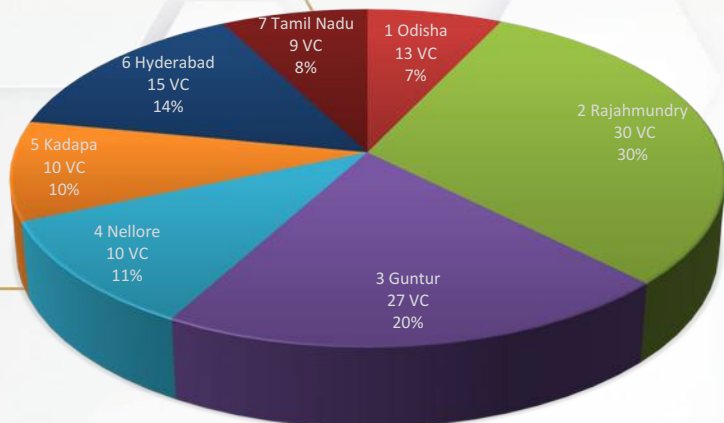
“To promote the initiatives and the capabilities of the villagers by facilitating the process of self - reliance through development partnership”

Child Education & Rights Outreach 2021-22



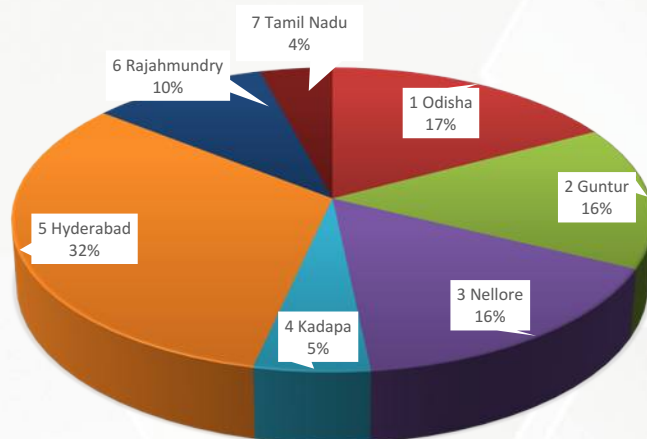
CHILD EDUCATION & RIGHTS OUTREACH 2021-2022										
		Villages	Gender			Community				
S. No	Program	VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	13	194	198	392	51	168	172	1	392
2	Rajahmundry	30	879	808	1687	152	465	787	283	1687
3	Guntur	27	551	581	1132	579	272	263	18	1132
4	Nellore	10	292	292	584	163	171	215	35	584
5	Kadapa	10	269	257	526	440	26	54	6	526
6	Hyderabad	15	405	385	790	255	61	414	60	790
7	Tamil Nadu	9	206	220	426	314	0	112	0	426
	Total	114	2796	2741	5537	1954	1163	2017	403	5537

Child Education & Rights Outreach 2021-2022



Total Villages Covered - 114
Total Children - 5537

Youth Skill Development Outreach 2021-2022



Total Villages Covered - 151
Total Trainees - 1438

Youth Skill Development Outreach 2021-22

Youth Skill Development (YSD) Outreach 2021 - 2022										
		Villages	Gender			Community				
S. No	Program	VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	61	0	246	246	90	60	94	2	246
2	Guntur	33	92	127	219	46	100	56	17	219
3	Nellore	5	0	230	230	28	19	153	30	230
4	Kadapa	2	0	74	74	0	56	10	8	74
5	Hyderabad	20	0	463	463	27	164	267	5	463
6	Rajahmundry	20	62	84	146	5	61	56	24	146
7	Tamil Nadu	10	0	60	60	30	9	47	4	60
	Total	151	154	1284	1438	226	469	683	90	1438





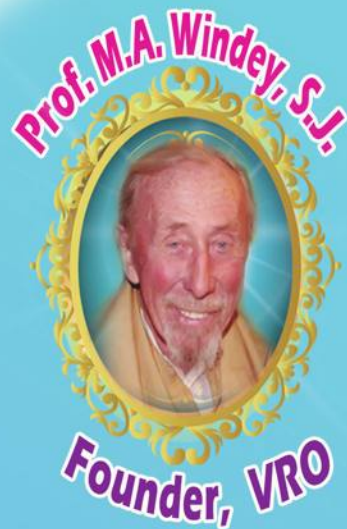
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Represents
Courage
and Sacrifice

WHITE
Represents
Truth
and Purity

GREEN
Represents
Faith, Fertility
and Growth



WHEEL
The Wheel of Virtue
also Represents
Motion or Growth



Village Reconstruction Organisation



Symbolizes Crisis



Symbolizes Youth



Symbolizes Progress

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Golden Jubilee

2021-22

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Minutes of the 50th Annual General Body Meeting

Minutes

The 50th Annual General Body Meeting was convoked by the President of VRO at 10:20 am on 8th April 2022 at the Head Office of VRO, C-198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani, Guntur, 522509.

All the General Body Members gathered around the flag mast in front of the VRO office. Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, the President, hoisted the VRO flag and all the members sang “Vijayaviharam”. The President declared the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee of VRO (1971-2021) and the Birth Centenary Celebrations of Prof. M.A. Windey SJ (1921-2021) opened.

After the inaugural ceremony of the Jubilee, the General Body Members gathered in the Prakash Hall. All the General Body Members prayed along with the playback hymn “Om Jagadeswara”. The Associate Director welcomed the Governing Board members to the dais and requested the president to preside over the meeting. While Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ, the President, Fr. SA Dhanapaul, SJ, the Secretary, Fr. P.S. Amalraj, SJ, Sri. T. Gopal Rao Garu, GoB Member, Dr. T. Nagendarswamy lit the lamp, the song on Prof. M.A. Windey was played over.

The following members informed the Secretary of their inability to attend the General Body Meeting: Mr. Saju John, Mr. Sudheer John, Sr. Denin and Mr. Krishnaprasad, IPS.

The President welcomed the General Body Members and the Governing Board Members for the 50th Annual General Body Meeting. The President requested the participants to stand and observe a minute of silence to pay homage to the departed souls of Dr. Prasada Rao, IPS (Retd), former GoB member of VRO and Mr. Pushpa Raju, VRO volunteer. In her address she shared that it was a joyous occasion to come together and to celebrate the birth centenary of Prof M.A. Windey and the Golden Jubilee of VRO. She elucidated on the noble virtues of Prof. M.A. Windey purely based on her personal experience with him. He was a forgiver and never kept hurts inside. Secondly, he was a silent doer. He always believed in struggles, challenges, and endurance in the mission. Thirdly he was a multifaceted personality and a revolutionary in his thoughts and actions. She pleaded everyone to emulate his qualities in thinking, visioning and planning.



Fr. S. A. Dhanapaul, SJ, the Secretary, read out the minutes of the 49th Annual General Body Meeting to the quorum present. The President requested for any corrections, additions, and deletion to the minutes. Dr.T. Nagendarswamy pointed out that the proposal for the evaluation of VRO activities to be undertaken during the Jubilee year was missing and sought for clarification on the necessity for constituting a legal centre and asked whether a survey was done prior to the beginning of the legal centre. Fr. P.S. Amalraj proposed that the minutes could also include the action taken report. The approval for the minutes was proposed by Mr. TKS. Sharma and seconded by Mr. Srimannarayana and it was unanimously approved. The President welcomed the new GoB Members elect Mr. PV. Ramesh, IAS, Sr. Joshi, JMJ, and Mr. T. Krishna Prasad, IPS.

Fr. S. A. Dhanapaul, SJ, the Secretary, presented his report for the reporting year 2020-21. The President permitted the floor to propose corrections, additions, deletion to the minutes. Sri T. Gopal Rao garu appreciated the construction of houses for the tribal community, who were living along the canals, within a very short period. Prof. Windey was reluctant to collaborate with other entities even with the

government.

After Prof. Windey's departure and as the donations from abroad is shrunk VRO was under financial compulsion to collaborate with the government. He also expressed the challenges to tap CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds. Fr. P.S. Amalaraj, SJ, Mr. Ravi Pradeep and others appreciated the works done by VRO especially during COVID-19 pandemic. They also appreciated Fr. Velangani's tireless efforts in serving the migrants and others during COVID-19 pandemic despite losing his younger brother Mr. Bhaskara Rao Kolagani. Sri. T. Gopal Rao garu thanked the donors who so generously supported the people in India during COVID-19 pandemic despite the pandemic induced challenges and financial hardships prevailed in their own countries. The approval of minutes was proposed by Fr. P.S. Amalaraj, SJ, and was seconded by Mr. Ravi Pradeep.

The Operational Director in his report elaborated the relief services of VRO to the victims of COVID-19 and expressed his sincere appreciation to the volunteers of VRO headed by Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ, for their risk-taking and demanding services. He shared the achievements of VRO in the 125 villages of the four states of India during the reporting year 2020-21

A visual clip on the activities of VRO during the reporting year 2020-21 (CER, VEE, YSD, COVID-19 pandemic relief services and Village Rebuilding Programme) was screened. All the members expressed their appreciation to the volunteers who served the poor through various activities in the year 2020-21.

Sr. Joshi appreciated the Operational Director and Associate Director for all the various activities undertaken by VRO and expressed that many deserving people were helped in crisis and in tough time. Sri T. Gopal Rao garu placed on record the dedicated services of Operational Director, Associate Director and VRO volunteers during COVID-19 pandemic and it was noteworthy in the history of VRO. Sri. Srimannarayan, while congratulating the entire team of VRO, recollected Prof. M. A. Windey's passionate efforts to empower the youth through appropriate skill training for employment. Fr. George Anthony, SJ appreciated the entire team of volunteers of VRO who have been offering their hard labor in rural villages where facilities and comforts were absent.

Dr. T. Nagendraswamy while appreciating village rebuilding programme, he raised his concern of the original motivation of village or community in the work, and group of houses cannot be a village. Sri. T. Gopal Rao garu said that VRO cannot bring changes in the village overnight as the villages are divided on caste lines. Fr. A.X.J Bosco S.J said that the poor and the powerless sections of people live in the outskirts of villages and not in the villages itself and VRO should conscientize people to involve themselves in political processes as the same unfortunately was not in the purview of Prof. M. A. Windey's agenda. The former secretary of VRO Dr. N.J. Karunakar Rao emphasized not to lose sight of Prof. M. A. Windey's vision for Better Villages for a Better World. Mr. Ravipradeep expressed his deepest condolences to Fr. Velangani, SJ on the demise of his beloved younger brother Mr. Bhaskara Rao. K. He also congratulated Operational Director and Associate Director for their tireless services during COVID-19 pandemic.

The President requested the floor for suggestions and recommendations and the following suggestions were shared:

Fr. AXJ Bosco S.J suggested that

- Women empowerment programme should focus on family and livelihood.
- VRO may become the member in the network of Neighborhood Children Parliament.



- A legal consultative panel may be set up to deal with cases of litigations.
- Housing project may be extended to all regions.
- Cottage industries in the villages may be promoted.
- VRO may launch a movement for skill trainings to eradicate unemployment.

Fr. Santiago, S.J., while appreciating the activities of VRO during COVID-19 pandemic, suggested to recapture the vision of Prof. Windey and to organize training programme for men and women once a month to rebuild their villages.

Associate Director clarified the Provident Fund issues and means of settling it. It was suggested by some members to have a panel of advocates to assist VRO to find methods to resolve it. Mr. Sharma suggested for mediation process.

Sri T. Gopal Rao garu thanked the outgoing GoB members, Sr. Cletus Daisy, JMJ and Fr. SA Dhanpaul, SJ and proposed Dr. PV Ramesh, IAS (Retd), Sri. T. Krishnaprasad, IPS (Retd), and Sr. Joshi, JMJ as the new members. The General Body Members unanimously approved of the new Governing Board Members and the new Governing Board.

Mrs. M. Kavitha David, the Treasurer, presented the financial report for the financial year 2020-2021 and the budget for the financial year 2021-22. Mr. Rangarao raised some concerns over the auditor's statement and Operational Director clarified the members present. The General Body Members approved the financial report and the budget as well.

General Body also unanimously approved to continue the services of M/s KV Subbarao, & CO, CA, Guntur as the auditor of VRO for the financial year 2021-22.

Fr. Velangani Raju, SJ proposed vote of thanks and the meeting ended with VRO anthem 'Vijayaviharam'.

Smt. M. M. E. Kavitha David
Secretary, VRO Governing Board



President's Message

Message

"Humble tribute to a Great Friend"

Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ startled me with a deep philosophical reflection at my first encounter in 1979 at Nellore collectorate. He told me that Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of equality requires sacrifice, suffering, struggle, perseverance, the tireless exertions, and passionate concern from the dedicated individuals. We must ignite the fire within them by our active collaboration and assurance.

This encounter with him conquered me and drew me close to his ever-convincing approach to rural development. Because of which I am a volunteer of this Noble Organisation for the last forty years. This maiden encounter was consolidated by a deep experience which I had, when I visited a leprosy colony in Bapatla area on the eve of Christmas with Prof. Windey. We witnessed beautiful dances and melodious singing of carols by them. After the programme he took me into a small hut and we had a simple Christmas dinner with them. This experience made an indelible mark in my heart and thus I became very close to the poor in my life. Later, Government provided house sites to two hundred leprosy affected families at the perseverance of Prof. Windey and I was a small grain in that process.



I wish to dwell upon the three aspects of Prof. Windey at this point of time.

1. His approach is quite different from that of the government. What I liked is his methodology. People are not only mobilized and organized but are also educated. The personality of Prof. Windey can ensure participation of people in the true sense of the term. He is a missionary and a visionary. His missionary zeal is something very fascinating and I learnt a lot from this gentle man and a great friend of mine.
2. A Westerner identified himself with India and the Gandhian ideology so much that he became a super hit. By his simple living, he became a true Gandhian. Prof. Windey is also a tough task master for those who really want to learn. I am certain, without even a trace of any doubt, that all those who have had the privilege of learning under and with him, even if they found it difficult when doing so, can be nothing except thankful, grateful, and fortunate. He makes men and women of commitment, conviction, and confidence, with a mission towards a vision. Strict discipline must be your watch, catch and latch word if you want to be a true disciple of Prof. Windey.
3. He is an ardent admirer of Nature. He is fond of constructing VRO training centres near the mountains, by the seashores and in the deep valleys. He has planted millions of trees while contemplating the heavens and the earth. Poems flow from his heart as clean water from the spring. How fortunate we are to have lived with him.

Conclusion: A man of international repute, reluctant to be filmed or photographed but ever ready to start an action song with children. He was an organizational genius with a rare originality of ideas in nearly every field of service. As we commemorate the 50 years of Golden service of his brain child, VRO, among the poor and his Birth Centenary, it is most appropriate and binding duty on all of us to celebrate the life of Windey joyfully and thank his family members and the Lord Almighty for having given this precious gift to this part of the universe.

Sri. T. Gopala Rao, IAS
President, VRO Governing Board

Secretary's Report

Business

It is my privilege and honor to welcome President, Members of the Governing Board, General Body and Friends to the 51st Annual General Body meeting of Village Reconstruction Organisation.

The Governing Board met during the year as follows:

1. 10th April 2022 at VRO Head Office, Pedakakani
2. 30th June 2022 at VRO Headoffice, Pedakakani (Virtual)
3. 15th August 2022 at VRO Head Office, Peddakakani
4. 25th September 2022 at IAS Association Office, Hyderabad.

Some of the Important Discussions and Resolutions:

1. The Operational Director proposed Sri. T. Gopala Rao's name for the responsibility of the President for the GoB in the place of Sr. Cletus, JMJ as her term came to an end. All the members of GoB unanimously supported the proposal of the Operational Director. Sri T. Gopala Rao garu was kind enough to accept the responsibility for three years. With his acceptance, VRO has Sri. T. Gopala Rao garu, as it's new President of the Governing Board of Village Reconstruction Organisation from 10th April 2022.
2. Mr. President proposed the names of Mrs. Kavitha David as the Secretary and Sr. Joshi, JMJ as the Treasurer of VRO, and other members unanimously accepted the proposal of the President. Mrs. Kavitha David, and Sr. Joshi, JMJ accepted to assume the responsibilities as Secretary and Treasurer of the Governing Board of VRO respectively.
3. It was resolved to change the address of VRO from 6/9 Brodipet, Guntur, 522002 to Village Reconstruction Organisation, Door No. C-198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani, Guntur, 522509 in the special Virtual GoB meeting held on 30th June 2022.
4. It was resolved to convert the land at Thakkalapalli village in Ranga Reddy district into Non-agricultural land as it is demanded by the government due to the existence of buildings. Operational Director was asked to sign on the required documents and to pay the necessary tax for the above-mentioned purpose
5. It was resolved to negotiate with APSHCL regarding the construction of houses at Nadigaddavaripalem (36) Munnagivaripalem (28) Tsundur (33) in Vemuru Constituency and Ananthavarappadu (30) in Ponnuru Constituency, Nudurupadu (17) in Phirangipuram mandalam and in Repalle (143). All the stakeholders are either from Yanadhi or Scheduled caste communities.
6. It was resolved to open a Bank account in ICICI Bank at Guntur Branch to get APSHCL grants into the VRO account. It is only through ICICI bank we can get housing grants. Hence Operational Team was asked to do the needful for the above purpose.
7. It was resolved to renew the appointment of Fr. Venkatapathi Kolagani (Velangani Raju) for three more years keeping in view of the number of new projects, completion of various pending projects, clearance of various cases in relation to VRO and the clearance of personal cases filed against him.
8. It was resolved to gift Village Reconstruction Organisation(VRO) land at Yekollu Gram Panchayat,



Yekollu Village, Doravarisatram Revenue Mandal, Tirupati District to MAHER (Public Charitable Trust), S.No.1295,Vadhu Budruk, Taluka Shirur, Dist. Pune 412216 (R.No. F18774 (Pune) represented by its Founder Director Sr. LUCY KURIEN, aged 67 years, D/O. Vacachalil Kurien, resident of Maher Vadu Budruk, Koreganon Bhima, Taluka Shirur, District Pune – 412 216, PAN No. AZYPK1145K Aadhar No. 686548656361 for charitable purposes only.

9. It was resolved by the Board that the donees of VRO (regarding lands) should start their services in the premises for which the land was donated within two years from the date of registration of the land. If not done, then the land will be taken back as it is violation against the intention of the donor.
10. It was resolved to send a legal notice to Bishop of Nellore regarding Sagarsangamam land issues. Associate Director was asked to engage a senior advocate in this regard and proceed without any further delay.
11. It was resolved by the board that the lands at Maduranthakam Chavadi (Pattanur) and main portion of the land at Sevapalli to be sold to prospective buyer who can meet the requirements of the VRO. Associate Director was asked to find out and enter into sale agreement in consultation with Operational Director. Associate Director was also asked to proceed with registration of those lands after having received all the consideration for the above said land. Operational Director was asked to sign on the documents before the SRO at the respective Registration offices.
12. It was resolved by the Board to send Mr. Kamalakar for MSW in Prabala college for two years, Mr Manchala Yogeshwar Rao for LLB for five years and Miss. Komaragiri Pollamma for ANM course for two years. VRO will meet all the expenses of their studies such as college fee, hostel fee and other expenses related to their studies. The agreement is that they must render their services to VRO for 5 years without fail. They can continue their services even after five years if they are interested. It was also resolved to look for two persons for stenography and two more persons for law courses. Operational team was asked to look for persons who have aptitude for service and educate them.
13. It was resolved to explore the possibilities of collaborating with AP skill development on some new and innovative programme. VRO will provide place, buildings and get stakeholders from our villages. Government will meet the course expenses and job placements. Mr. Ramesh, IAS will help Associate Director in this regard. This resolution was taken in view of venturing into new areas so that our stakeholders are fit for today's demands.
14. The Board approved the proposal of Operational Director to have the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of VRO on 8th October 2022 at 11am and the 51st Annual General Body Meeting on 9th October 2022 and requested the Operational team to inform all the Donors, General Body Members and Well-Wishers in advance so that they can block the dates and to proceed with the preparatory works. Operational Director informed the Board of the donor's participation from abroad for the celebration. Mr. President accepted to explore the possibility of inviting the Governor of Andhra Pradesh as the chief guest.
15. The Treasurer presented the budget for the year 2022-23 and it was unanimously approved by the Board after seeking few clarifications.
16. After having discussed about the reputation, credibility, willingness, and acquaintance of the below mentioned people, the board resolved to admit them into General Body of VRO
 - Mr. D. Chakrapani, IAS
 - Fr. George Anthony, SJ
 - Mr. Mellam Bhagya Rao
 - Mr. Golla Jaya Prakash Babu
 - Fr. Peter Peram, SJ
 - Dr. Subhashini
17. The GoB warmly welcomed Dr. Emmanuel Sebastian, SJ to VRO family. The President appointed him as the Area Director of Jaggampeta and Kothakota regions.

18. It was resolved to go for registration of the land at Rajupalem (C site), after getting the court order copies, to the buyer who entered an agreement long ago. The operational team was asked to do the needful without any further delay. Sri. Gopala Rao garu would help if there were any further problem created by the land litigants.
19. It was resolved to enter an MoU with Ajith Premji foundation regarding the education in the rural villages of Andhra and Telangana and other parts of our working area. Operational Director was asked to deal with the concerned persons and enter an MoU with the assistance of Associate Director.
20. It was resolved to invite The Human Rights Commissioner of TS and a Honorable High Court Judge of AP for the closing ceremony of VRO Golden Jubilee. President and Associate Director will take care of this responsibility and further arrangements.
21. It was resolved to adopt Dalit Mahila Tailoring centre and CER centre at Adda Gutta Slum in Secunderabad for two years on experimental basis. These two centres will be merged with the Hyderabad region. The Project Officer of Hyderabad region will be in charge of these two centres and execute the programme with immediate effect as there are so many children and women longing for help.
22. The President asked the Treasurer to present the Audit Report to the board. Rev. Sr. Joshi presented the Audit report and the President sought any clarification. Few members asked certain clarification and they were clarified by the Treasurer. The GoB members approved the Audit Report presented by the Treasurer.
23. The Associate Director informed the Board of the desire of the KP foundation to collaborate with VRO through an MoU. The area of work will be in the Asifabad District of Telangana and Paderu in Andhra Pradesh to begin with. The Board asked the Associate Director to prepare an MoU and present the same in the next board meeting.
24. The Associate Director also informed the Board that Dr. PV. Ramesh agreed to help us in getting CSR funds for the Legal Service Centre of VRO. The Board appreciated the kind gesture of him and encouraged him to do more as he is the most capable person through his vast experience and knowledge.

Smt. M. M. E. Kavitha David
Secretary, VRO Governing Board



Operational Director's Report

Report

Dear President, honorable members of the Governing Board and General Body, Donors, Well-wishers, and Friends.

Greetings from Fr. Peter Daniel, S.J. the Operational Director of VRO!

There is no way I might express my surprise and gratitude to the Providence of God that VRO is able to present its 51st Annual Report continuously to its General Body. As I present the report, I gratefully think of our volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy toiling in the field towards the self-reliance of the villagers. This report is nothing but the result of the strategic collaboration. At this moment I gratefully remember and acknowledge the contribution of our generous donors who have been partnering with VRO for the past 5 decades transcending the ups and downs of VRO. Finally, I must place on records with admiration and the support of the members of the Governing Board who have been standing in unison ensuring the smooth sailing of VRO in the empowering ocean. I am overwhelmed to remember the timely encouragement and appreciation through words and deeds of the General Body Members. Certainly, the report is the actualization of the Vision of our beloved founder Prof. M. A. Windey, SJ "Better Villages for a Better World."



Achievements of VRO during 2021 - 2022:

The data shared by different regions despite the Covid-19 pandemic exhibits the remarkable and tangible results brought in our areas of operation. VRO has served 5537 children in 114 hamlets through evening supervised study centres (CER), 154 boys have become drivers and electricians in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Equally 978 girls/women from AP and Telangana, 246 girls from Odisha and 60 girls from Tamil Nadu learned tailoring and embroidery skills, totaling 1284 women/girls (YSD). In all the 114 hamlets VRO has formed 27 Mutually Aided Cooperative Thrift Societies (MACTS) consisting of 1392 women who are engaged in various income generating programme with their own incident income, enabled by their savings and supported by VRO. 365 Self-help groups with 4149 women manage income generating activities with their monthly savings and availing bank loans. During the reporting period, our stakeholders in collaboration with VRO have successfully executed the reconstruction of 111 homes in Vellaturu, 31 in Manchalla and 20 in Surepalli villages. Concomitantly we have undertaken a survey in Tsunturu (33 families), Munnangivaripalem (26 families), Nadigaddivaripalem (36 families), Nudurupadu (17 families), Anantavarupadu (30 families) and Repalle (143 families) villages to facilitate the stakeholders to reconstruct their homes.

Administration:

The Central Core Team of volunteers has excelled in data collection, communication, publicity, and documentation. The finance team has shown excellent performance in budgeting, accounting and monitoring of various activities in different regions. The Project Officers of different regions have provided qualitative

programme in every hamlet with the support of the dedicated volunteers which is seen in the systematic monthly reports. Our documentation team has developed the expertise in collecting, documenting, and presenting multifaceted activities using media and technology there by kept the donors informed and educated constantly.

Networking of VRO with NGOs and Government:

VRO strongly believes in collaboration. To actualize this belief, VRO has initiated to collaborate with Maher Society, Pune, in offering quality care to destitute in Pelican Nivas. The programme has been successful that it attracted more than 40 destitute who are compassionately taken care of since two years. VRO is proud to collaborate with Maher Society.

Collaboration with the Housing Board Corporation of AP (APSHCL) in the reconstruction programme of VRO is in the right track and pace. Their support to VRO is amazingly significant. VRO also collaborates with Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) in skill development programme for women. The certificates provided by SSA are an added advantage to avail bank loans to start income generating activities by the women.

Finally, as I fondly remember Prof. Windey, S.J, my heart throbs with a sense of joy in thanking and praising the Almighty for bringing him to India in the year 1946 from Belgium, for the noblest cause of reconstructing and rebuilding so many rural communities. A word of thanks to each and every one of you for your sincere cooperation and support to me personally and to VRO Mission.

Fr. Peter Daniel, S.J.

Operational Director - VRO



Sri. Dr. P.V. Ramesh, IAS GoB Member - VRO

Message

I have been reading and reflecting on the literature of Village Reconstruction Organisation and the Philosophy of Prof. M.A. Windey, S.J. ever since I became an active member of VRO family two years back. I am deeply impressed by the path created by the founder-director through simple techniques and tools by which greater results and light can be brought into the lives of the poorest of the poor in India. One of the noble principles of VRO is to have an active service presence in the operational area to create a feeling of solidarity and partnership with the stakeholders. This is something very much inspiring in the context of globalized era.

As we remember and celebrate the Golden Jubilee of VRO and the Birth Centenary of the Founder Director of VRO, it is a high time that we go back to the original Vision of the Organisation and give a new thrust by adopting new strategies without deviating the Vision and the Mission of VRO.

I feel greatly privileged to be part of this Organisation to share my expertise to reach the poor and the poor only.



Health camp conducted in Odisha Region

Sri. T. Krishna Prasad, IPS

GoB Member - VRO

Message

At the very outset, I would like to congratulate the entire team of VRO for the 50 Golden years of service among the poor. When I participated in the Golden Jubilee celebrations of VRO at Chintapalli area, I realized that the stakeholders from various villages are fully packed with lots of confidence and trust in themselves. The success stories shared by them are heartwarming and encouraging. The CER, YSD and VEE programme are remarkable. They have greater impact in the rural villages. The way in which the volunteers of VRO disseminate the information and the philosophy of these programme are something very much appealing and relevant to the poor in this context.

As we are Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of VRO, I wish and pray that the spirit of Prof. Windey and the Vision, and Mission of VRO will inspire many more Educationalists, Philosophers, Anthropologists, and Philanthropists to join VRO to take on the flag for the next 50 years to come.

I personally feel happy to be part of this Organisation as its governing Board member to share all that I have so that many poor people will benefit out of our services.



Smt. G. Vasumathi Purnima

GoB Member - VRO

Message

After having taken active part in the Governing Board Meetings for the last five years, I feel delighted and greatly privileged to say that VRO lives in the hearts of the poor by its active service presence. The confirmation and the affirmation given to the poor by building their houses by VRO is something very consoling.

Another remarkable experience of mine was that every member of the Governing Board shared positive energy with one another during the challenging times of Covid-19 pandemic to sail VRO smoothly in the ocean of empowerment of the poor.

As we are celebrating the 50 Golden years of service presence of VRO among the poor I wish to thank all the volunteers down the years for their priceless services to the humanity. May they all be blessed!





Child Education and Rights

CER

VRO is committed to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education to all the children in its area of operation. It ensures that every child learns, discovers his/her latent potentialities, and becomes the best student as to mold her/him as an agent of social transformation. To achieve this objective VRO runs evening study centers and provides supportive educational assistance to children such as school bags, notebooks, and learning materials. VRO strives to create individual and social consciousness of the children through Children Parliament. 20 to 30 children between 6-18 age group form as a group under the title Children Parliament (CP). CP enables the children to identify the problem and challenges related to education, health, and environment and to discuss ways and means to find realistic and executive solutions. The Parent's Committee of a particular village serves as a supporting group in the realization of the Rights of the children. VRO is committed and facilitates the holistic formation of the children paving a way for the creation of communities of self-reliance and sustainability. In this year (2021-22) VRO assisted 5537 Children in 114 Villages, in four states, through its evening supervised study centers.





Active Community Worker

My name is Indira. I joined VRO as a community worker of CER project at Keela Sukkampaty, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. As I engaged my self in teaching the children I found out that Abinaya was a slow learner and not able to follow my words in the class. So I approached her parents Sakthivel and Ranjitha, who are agricultural labourers. They told me that Abinaya was not able to speak from her birth and she was dumb. They expressed their inability to take the child for treatment to hospital.

Hence I took the initiative to take the child along with her parents to a hospital at Karur. They referred the child to a speciality hospital at Trichy. After the needed tests taken the doctor gave us the report that the child was deaf and hence she was unable to speak. The doctor proposed an immediate operation on the brain. Hence I met the local government officials to get needed financial help for the child to go through the operation in the Government Hospital at Trichy. After the operation the doctor provided her with a hearing aid. Now the child is able to hear and is slowly learning to speak. The parents are so happy and appreciate the initiatives of the Community Worker, Ms. Indira.



Sravanthi is studying 8th class at Zilla Parishad High School, Pasnoor, Nampalli Mandalam, Nalgonda District. Her father died during the third wave of COVID-19. Since she has 3 younger sisters her mother, wanted her to get married to a man from Rajasthan who is forty years old. Sravanthi's mother was tempted by the amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- [three lakhs]. However, Sravanthi did not like to get married, so she informed her friend who gave information to VRO Community Worker. On the information given by the Community Worker the Project Officer informed about the marriage to the child line which visited the spot immediately and stopped the marriage. The mother was counseled by the team on the ill effects of child marriage. Sravanthi is back to school and happily studying well.





SUCCESS STORY 3

Rahul - A Disabled change-maker!

When I visited CER centre at Darpata, Odisha, I found Rahul a ragamuffin boy. I did not feel comfortable with him as he behaved like a servant. I got angry with him, but he only laughed at my anger, I was astonished. I became curious to know more about him and so I collected more information about him and met his parents.

When Rahul was born, his family members were very happy as they wanted a boy. But after some days of his birth, his parents came to know that his right leg and right hand were not functioning well. The members of the family were worried about Rahul. Rahul reached the age of talking but he was not able to speak properly and there was a problem in the speech of the child.

When the child was 2 years 6 month the mother came to know and addressed the problem. His parents took him to the district head quarters for medical checkup. The doctor certified that he was disabled, his problem was genetic, but he had capacity to learn.

When Rahul reached 6 years his parents admitted him in the Government Upper Primary School at Biswanathpur. He went to school with the help of his neighbor. Gradually he studied well and went to school regularly. When he was in 6th grade, on his way to school, he met with an accident. He was bedridden for 15 days. The teacher strictly advised Rahul not to come to school. His Parents were also afraid to send Rahul to school as his right leg and hand were not functioning well due to the accident.

He dropped out of grade six. He forgot what he had learnt in school. After coming to know about Rahul I instructed our community worker to allow Rahul to attend the VRO Tuition class and take care of him well.



Rahul did the same thing what he had done in the beginning. He laughed and laughed! Gradually he made friends among the CER companions and learnt well. Not only he studied but he performed well in other curriculum as Yoga, exercises, etc. Slowly, he paid attention to his studies and changed his dressing habits.

His parents are very happy with Rahul's academic progress and character. The students and children of CER Darpatta have learnt to help disabled persons like Rahul and have learned to accept others who are differently abled and help them. Thus, Rahul has brought about a change not only in him but also in others. His Parents thank VRO for bringing their son back to school and helping the children to understand him better.



SUCCESS STORY 4

Sabita Dehuri - An Orphan child helped by the CER Teacher to keep up her Education ...

Sabita Dehuri is a student of CER centre at Brameswarasahi, Odisha and she studies in Grade 3 in Biragobindapur Upper Primary School. Her father is Laxmidhara Dehuri, and her mother is Minati Dehuri and they died during Covid 19 pandemic. She is an orphan child who has a brother and 3 sisters and as siblings they are looked after by their uncle. Since the schools were closed these children were playing around without education and their uncle did not bother about them. But the Community Worker took special care of this orphan girl and motivated her to come to the evening study center regularly. She was very happy to receive the study materials provided by VRO. She is regular to the CER Centre now and motivates her friends to come daily to study. Her good behavior and good works make others to like and appreciate her. In her leisure time she helps her friends in their studies and helps the neighbors in their work.



Since the CER teacher likes her very much for her good qualities she helped her by buying her study materials and her personal needs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This enabled her to continue her studies happily. Therefore, a grateful Sabita and all the villagers thank VRO for the sacrifice they make to enable children to develop themselves.



My Name is Pushpa. I am living in PD Kandriga village, Koduru panchayathi, TP Guduru, Nellore. I am working as a community worker. The VRO Organisation arranged a tuition center. Nearly 40 children are benefiting.

In this village some students had no Aadhar card. So, they were unable to receive Ammavadi (Rs. 15,000 of Government Scholarship every year). Hence, I took the initiative to get Aadhar card (identity card) for these children by taking them to the local government office and enrolled their names and thus enabled them to get the Aadhar card.



I also visit every house and spend time with the parents and the children to explain to the parents about the improvement of their children in their studies and to get their cooperation to run the study center well. The school bags given by VRO is a great gift to the poor children otherwise they have no facility to buy one. This provision of bags builds up the equality and dignity of the children.



When Nagani Rama Durga, was 5 years old the family from Tankbeedu of Jaggampeta migrated to Hyderabad for livelihood. And they joined one family as cooks and watchman. His father was a drunkard and he used to drink daily and fight with his wife at nights. And in the morning due to lack of sleep she found it difficult to work. Since her husband's drinking attitude became severe, she could not bear it and committed suicide. After her death, his father brought back the children in April 2022 and handed over them to his parents. For six months the boy could not forget his mother and was at home without going to school, because they didnot bring the TC from Hyderabad.



Mr. Sreenu, the child's father, did not stop drinking. He goes for a toddy collection and sells it and drinks himself and now and then supports the children. The old grandma and grandfather with their hard work take care of the children.

The Community Worker and volunteer had regular visits to the boy and motivated him and rejoined him in the school without the TC. Because there is a provision in a government school that as per the RTA act if the child has the age and standard of the desired class he or she could be admitted to school. Now he is regular to the school and a community worker takes personal care of the child.



Though academically the children are taken care of by VRO the children lack the love of the parents which the old aged grandparents found it difficult to provide them with. But the grandparents are very happy and grateful to VRO that its volunteers are taking care of the children.

Youth Skill Development

YSD

VRO provides a platform to learn various skills like tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing, beautician for girls, driving and electrical repair for boys. Besides core skill trainings, the trainees are imparted communicative skills, entrepreneurship capacity training and interpersonal skills.

To imbibe 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 is offered to them to start their own business and to avail employment.

Starting of the skill development (Tailoring) in their respective villages helps many rural women to learn this skill in their own villages, who otherwise go for daily labor. They are also introduced to the process of understanding the social dynamics and mobilizing them towards their own economic development. Thus, the youth discover not only developing skills but also discover their own inner potentialities to transform a better situation not only for themselves but also for the entire community. We are glad to share that VRO has trained 154 young boys in driving, electrical appliances, repair, and maintenance skills, and 1284 girls and women in tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing and beautician skills during this reporting period. We are glad to announce that around 80% of boys are either employed or self-employed in various sectors and among the women 52% are self-employed and 12% are employed.





YSD SUCCESS STORIES

SUCCESS STORY 1

I am Bathula Latha, wife of Bathula Prasad (late), hailing from Bridge Down, Perecherla. I am 36 years old. We are two children to our parents. Our parents were daily wage workers and illiterate. Due to poor economic situation my parents gave me in marriage at the age of 13. I have two female children. The first child is Geethanjali, the second child is Swathi. Geethanjali dropped out in 10th standard and Swathi studying intermediate first year. My husband used to go for coolie work on daily wage. I used to go for domestic work in the houses of others. Two years back my husband died. From that time onwards we suffered a lot economically. Suddenly three of us were on the road. The society mocked at us instead of accommodating us. Fearing of society and its treatment I stopped schooling of my first girl child in the middle of 10th and gave her in marriage at the age of 14 years itself. She is now having two children. I was longing to learn an occupational skill that would fetch income to run my family. We were eating only one meal a day.



The old trainees of YSD Perecherla motivated me to take up the skill training programme. So I reached the center and learned the basics of the course. Having learned the skill I started a beauty parlor in my house itself. I earned Rs.300 daily at home. I am planning to take loan from the Bank and to start a beauty parlor in the near by town. I thank VRO for the opportunity given to me.

SUCCESS STORY 2

“They called me disabled, I call myself abled”

“They called me disabled, I call myself abled” says Mrs. Anitha from Chandra Babu Nagar, Nellore, who is physically challenged. She got married to Mr. Madhusudhan Rao and they got four children among them the first three are girls. Hence she was often harassed by her in-laws and especially by her husband saying that she gave birth to too many girls and he had to work hard in his life in order to save money and get the girls married. Being a disabled woman she used to curse herself often and used to cry often when the VRO volunteer visited her house. Seeing the condition of the lady, the VRO volunteer motivated her to learn tailoring skill in her village so that she can come up in life. He also provided her with an electric sewing machine with the support of a local donor.

Finally she learned tailoring skill to stitch 26 varieties of dresses. Now she is earning Rs.500/-per day and supporting her family. She feels proud of herself and is thankful to VRO for making her what she is today.



SUCCESS STORY 3

I am Bhagya Lakhmi Bhuriga from Marrigudem, Nalgonda District. My husband is a lorry driver. I have two girls. After my son's birth my husband began to drink and beat me. After 3 years of marriage, he left me and married another woman. So, I was staying alone with my children working in a provision shop. Because of not knowing about our future I became depressed. At this juncture VRO volunteer visited me and motivated me to join tailoring course. I was happy to join VRO tailoring training programme and learned to stitch variety of dresses. Having learned the tailoring skill I took loan from the bank and purchased a new sewing machine. Now I earn every day and take care of my children. My feeling of depression has lessened as I grow in self-confidence. I am grateful to VRO for helping me and my family.



SUCCESS STORY 4

Kajol Majhi is the daughter of Mr. Nira Majhi and Mrs. Gurubari Majhi from village Kadampadar, District Kandhamal, Odisha. Kajol is a 2020-21 batch trainee. She has two sisters. After passing the 10th grade, she could not afford higher studies due to poor financial condition at home, her father being a daily wage labourer.



She belongs to Kandha Tribal community. After the completion of the training, she worked in a garment company in Bangalore for a year. But due to lockdown, she returned to her native place. She observed that in her village, small children were forced to work instead of studying. She decided to spread awareness on education to the villagers. She convinced them that although they are poor, it is their duty to educate their children at this young age, because the children have the right to go to school. Slowly, she convinced them and now the children are going to school regularly. Kajol's small effort has made a big difference in their village.

SUCCESS STORY 5

My name is Sunkari Balamary w/o Jayachandran. I have two children, a boy and a girl, and they are studying 1st & 2nd classes. My village is Ambavaram, B. Mattam mandal, YSR Kadapa District. My mother is a housewife and my father is a daily laborer. I got married at 18. After three years my husband eloped with another lady leaving us alone. I had to struggle alone to take care of my children. Since I was alone my brother-in-law started to misbehave with me and hence I had to move to my mother's house with my children. But I was determined to face life's challenges head-on and to learn a skill. At this desperate time I got to know about the tailoring training given by VRO in my husband's village, Ambavaram.

I joined the course in 2019-20 (2nd batch). I also showed interest to learn fashion designing. I put my heart and soul to learn tailoring very quickly and now I can stitch various ladies' clothes. At present I work as a tailor and stitch clothes for the people of my neighborhood. I have not only learned to stand on my own feet but I learned also to help other women to stand on their own feet by teaching them tailoring. I am a role model to my community. I am currently earning Rs 300/- to 500/- on a daily basis. I am ever grateful to VRO.



SUCCESS STORY 6

G. Prasanna Kumar S/O Chittibabu, hails from Mallavaram village, Gokavaram Mandal, East Godavari District and T. V. V. Sai Satish S/o Kamaraju, hails from Yerravaram Village, Eleswaram Mandal, East Godavari District

At Present they are working at Novus Green Energy Systems Limited, in the Solar module production division, as Machine operators SY. No. 920/A, 921/A, Nandigama Revenue Village, Mekaguda, Kothur Post, Nandigama Mandal, Rangareddy - 509228, Telangana.



During the Driving and electrical training period (03-09-2019 to 03-11-2019), it happened that, Dwarka Enterprises agency, (the manpower recruitment agency) visited VRO training center and introduced them to their agency and their job placement modalities. After the completion of the training, the above mentioned two trainees showed

interest to join the company. Hence VRO training-in-charge, Mr. Subbarao, consulted the agency and joined them. These two settled down well since February 16th 2022, in their job.

After six months of probation their salary will start from Rs 21,000 with the increments and bonus. A permanent job will be provided once they successfully complete the probation.

Both are very happy with their jobs. And their parents visited VRO centre at Jaggampeta and expressed their gratitude to VRO for obtaining them a permanent job, which is very much helpful to improve the economic situation of the family.



SUCCESS STORY 7

I am J. Narasimharao hailing from Piduguralla, Palnadu District. Earlier I used to go for masonry coolie work. I was not satisfied with that work. I like driving very much and it is my passion. To become a driver I was asked to pay more than Rs. 7,000 to a driving school. Fortunately I came to learn that VRO was teaching driving skill freely to the youth who are economically poor. Then I met the volunteer of VRO and joined the course which is residential and free of cost with nominal fee. Within a month I learned the driving skill. Now I am working as a lorry driver and earning Rs.12,000 monthly with a meal in a day. Because of VRO I got the livelihood. Now I and family members are having three meals a day for which we are grateful to VRO.





SUCCESS STORY 1

I am Komaragiri Ankamma. My wife is Durga. We have three children. I am 40 years old hailing from Vellaturu village, Bapatla District. We live on the bunds of a canal in a small thatched hut covered by tarpaulin sheets. Ours is a hand to mouth existence. Whenever the canal swells the floods enter our huts. The water normally remains for 7 to 10 days and make our life miserable. During the nights we used to sleep on the main tar road and due to heavy transportation of vehicles some of us were crushed and died too. Seeing the condition of ours, the Village Community Worker enabled us to put up an application for housing site. After some days of applying for the house site, my wife died. I got the patta paper (position certificate) on my diseased wife. Later I got it transferred to my name. VRO motivated us to construct our houses by providing masons and housing materials. With the help of the Community Worker, I got the death certificate of my wife, then aadhar card for my son and family certificate. I got all the documents necessary for the construction of my house. The bills were sanctioned on my name for the construction of my house. We completed the construction of our house. Now we have started a new life in the new house. We are very much grateful to VRO for enabling us to sleep peacefully in the wonderful house without the fear of floods.



SUCCESS STORY 2

I am Chowturi Balaswamy. My wife is Maha Lakshmi. We have 5 children. The first elder son is Nagaraju, who discontinued his studies in 6th class; The second child is Durga studying 3rd class; The third child is Chenchaiiah studying 3rd class; The fourth Child is Anjaneyulu, studying 1st class; The youngest son is Nagababu, studying Pre-Primary (Anganawadi). We live in ST Colony, Vellaturu village, Battiprolu mandal. We are daily wage labourers. We migrate every year as a family to different places in search of work. Recently I and my family went to Mandapadu village, Medikonduru mandal for chilly collection work. After the completion of the work, we returned home. I sent my wife and children in a bus and I took the things along with me and started on a two wheeler from the work place. On the way home, I met with an accident. Tractor hit me and I fell down on the road, and the tractor ran over my two legs which were broken into pieces. The passers-by took me to the hospital and admitted me there. With the support of Arogyasri the operation was done. The doctor told me that I need two more surgeries to set-a-right my two legs. Since



I cannot use Arogyasri card second time I didn't know what to do. Fr. Velagani Raju, SJ, the Associate Director of VRO, and Mrs. Devaki, CC of Repalle heard about my accident and visited me at home. Their visit was a blessing from above for me and my family because they took care of all the expenses for the successive surgeries and provided us with provisions thus we were totally taken care of by VRO. Now I can stand on my legs and move around freely.

I would not have got up from the bed all my life but for the help from VRO. I and my family members are ever indebted to VRO for its support. I thank wholeheartedly Fr. Velagani Raju for his love and care.



SUCCESS STORY 3

I am Merugu Rajya Laxmi. I am from Irvin village. I have two children, one girl and a boy. They are studying 6th class and 7th class. I am from a business-oriented community but married to a person who was an agricultural laborer. Since my parents did not agree for our marriage, I lost the support of my parents forever. I took few years to adjust to my in-laws and their culture and practices. However, the family was poor and not able to support all of us. Though they were struggling my husband did not allow me to work. I was motivating my husband to start any business to support our family but all the efforts were in vain for he was afraid of investment and loans. Taking courage and with the motivation of community worker I joined SHG and obtained Rs. 30,000/- loan and began vegetable vending. I earn Rs. 700 to 800 per day and sometimes more than Rs. 1,000/- per day. I am happy and grateful to VRO community worker.



SUCCESS STORY 4

I am Sharadha from Rudramma Self-help group in Teededu village, Chintapalli Mandal, Nalgonda District. We are 12 members in the group. We are running the group since 4 years. Our group started a provision shop with the co-operation of Telangana State Government. The provisions are provided by the government at cheaper rate. We sell the provisions and the profit is shared among us. The members take turn to run the shop.



Everyday log book is maintained and signed by the members who are closing the shop. The maintenance of account and logbook was taught to us by VRO volunteer, Mr Chary. Now we are getting good returns and planning to expand it as a supermarket. We are thankful to VRO for encouraging us to form the group and following us up giving timely guidance.



Agroforestry

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After the Hudhud cyclone 2014, with a mission to promote sustainable livelihood and improve the quality of life of the tribes of Cheemalapadu, Jalampalli and Avuruvaada Panchayats of Vishakapatnam District, VRO has been distributing 25842 saplings that would be as a long term income generating sustainable activity for the tribes. The saplings include cashew, mango, guava, lemon, and papaya. The cashew being the main income generating crop, the farmers are given various trainings in soil testing, making pits, and natural farming. The farmers also do the inter-cropping by cultivating cotton, millets and vegetables that are used in their day-to-day life.

The following table shows the details of the saplings distributed and income generated till date on inter-crops and main crop.

Table showing the income details of the Inter-crop

Year	Farmers	Extent of land	Inter-crop	Total Income
2015-16	30	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	1,80,000
2016-17	20	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	1,40,000
2017-18	31	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	2,79,000
2018-19	36	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	3,24,000
2019-20	80	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	8,00,000
2020-21	197	Half acre per farmer	Cotton, Millets, Vegetables	2,36,400
Total				19,59,400

Table showing the income details of the Cashew crop

Year	Farmers	Villages	No. of Saplings	Survival Rate (%)	Extent of land	Income on Main Crop
2015-2016	139	11	13703	60	One acre per farmer	-
2016-2017	55	03	2359	68	Half acre per farmer	-
2017-2018	30	03	1320	90	Half acre per farmer	10.9 Lakhs
2018-2019	106	06	4724	95	Half acre per farmer	20.9 Lakhs
2019-2020	80	04	3736	95	Half acre per farmer	36.8 Lakhs
2020-2021	-	-	-	-	-	40.5 Lakhs
2021-2022	-	-	-	-	-	17.75 Lakhs
Total		-	25842	-	-	126.85 Lakhs

From April-2020 to October-2021, VRO's interventions in the target region were halted due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 and the continued lockdowns and the travel restrictions by the government. We resumed our works in the month of November-2021 and since then we have been working in reviving our interventions. Due to the same reason mentioned above the establishment of the Cashew processing unit could not be executed. We plan to establish the same by the end of this year. This year the farmers



were unhappy about the cashew produce. Invariably all the cashew plants have been affected by a virus that caused the flowering to wither due to mist followed by the heat (Aggi Tegulu). As a result, the farmers did not have much income on the cashew produce. Hence it is proposed to provide training to the farmers on the methods of natural farming.

SUCCESS STORY 1

I am Kota Apparao, hailing from Kondaveedhi village, Jalampalli (GP), Visakapatnam District. In the year 2019, VRO distributed saplings to farmers. In our village eighteen farmers were given fifty saplings each. I cleaned and cleared bushes in my one-acre plot and planted the saplings. Now the plants are yielding and I have got 250 kgs of raw cashew. I sold them at the rate Rs. 100 per kg and earned Rs. 25,000. With that money I cleared all my debts, and I am hoping that I will earn more money from cashew in the future. I am grateful to VRO for supporting me with saplings.



SUCCESS STORY 2

I am Chedala Krishna hailing from Siripuram village of Jalampalli Panchayat. I live on the produce I get from cultivating a little piece of land I have. I used to cultivate millets and vegetables during the rainy season and during the other seasons I used to go on migration to make my living. In 2018 VRO came to our village and after knowing our difficulties distributed cashew saplings to us. I got 40 saplings. In the following year around 20 plants died due to lack of water. I took care of the remaining plants. From then I worked hard and planted another 200 saplings in the forest which I cleaned. Now the plants have started yielding and recently I got 500 kg of raw cashew which I sold for Rs. 50,000. With that money I cleared all my debts. Now I stopped going for migration. I too hope to get more income in the future. I am grateful to VRO for encouraging and supporting me.



SUCCESS STORY 3

I am S. Chinnaiah hailing from Rayipadu village of Cheemalapadu Panchayat. After the havoc created by the Hudhud cyclone, our lives were in utter chaos because the cyclone left us with nothing. At that time the volunteers from VRO came to our village and motivated us to take up cashew cultivation. They also distributed cashew saplings to us. I got 40 cashew, 5 mango and 5 sapota saplings. Since our fields were far away from the village there was difficulty in watering the plants. Then VRO supported us with a borewell. With these aids we have been cultivating cashew. Initially we did not get any raw cashew for three to four years as the plants needed some time to yield. Now the plants have started yielding and I got an income of Rs. 25,000. We hope to get good income from cashew in coming years. Thanks to VRO for their continued support.



SUCCESS STORY 4

The Girijana Mahila Sahakara Parapathi Podupu Sangham (MACTS)

The farmers usually borrow money from the local moneylenders for high interests, to clean and take care of the lands. At the end of the yield, they end up in giving almost the entire produce to the moneylenders to pay off the debts taken. To stop this and encourage them to save more from the cashew yielding, the tribal women are motivated and to form a Mutually Aided Cooperative Thrift Society (MACTS). In this, the women save certain amount monthly and avail loans for agricultural needs and pay off the loans in instalments. The idea is to strengthen these women towards establishing the cashew processing unit in which they can process the cashew cultivated by them and multiplying their income. Currently, there are around 480 members making their monthly savings and availing loans.



During the Covid-19 lockdown, the monitoring was not done regularly in all the villages due to the travel restrictions. After resuming our interventions in November 2021 the members of MACTS showed interest to save more as they see it as their security in the long duration. VRO trained the Board of Directors to be able to take care of the MACTS by themselves and thereby improving the quality of their lives.



**VELLATURU (111 Houses), Battiprolu Mandal,
Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh**







Manchala (31 Houses), Chebrolu Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh



Grateful to the Legend Crusader of the Village Development

Message

Though undeserving, my seven years of privileged journey with the rural poor and various socially ostracized have taught me, first, 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 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 out golden years of continuous and consistent presence and service to the poor from last year 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. To achieve the above results, I need to review the past.

As I completed revisiting all the old villages and meeting the older stakeholders, the most important and heart touching experience is that everyone remembered the Late founder director Prof. M.A. Windey very fondly and the community spirit which he inculcated in them. The enormous stories shared by them made me feel proud and humble for having been part of his brainchild Organisation in a smaller way.

I feel that Prof. Windey's philosophy of **Saptasheela** in the execution of the project in the villages and the **Organogram** designed by him for the Organisation to follow is something very phenomenal and very relevant for us even after 50 years. I firmly believe that VRO needs to recommit itself with new way of thinking and serving according to the prevailing situation and current needs without deviating the Vision and Mission of VRO.

As we conclude the Jubilee year of VRO and Centenary Birth Anniversary of Founder Director of VRO, I wish to gratefully thank the Lord for sending Prof. Windey to this part of the universe to be a Crusader of the Village Development and his family for the precious gift shared with us.



Jai Hind, Jai VRO
Venkatapathi Kolagani, M.A., LLM
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Experience

Prof. M.A. Windey tried to mitigate Illiteracy, Poverty and Oppression, reached out to the most remote places and people in Odisha and other places in India, to help people become Self-reliant and masters of their own destiny. He made sure that the Stakeholders do work for their own development, be it through Skill Development, Non Formal Education, Agro Forestry schemes, Women's Collectives, House building, build up a Resilient and Self Sustaining local village community. All to build a better World. His Gandhian model of village development focussed on breaking Caste, Creed and Gender barriers focusing on the Holistic Empowerment and Development of the entire Village Community. He brought about the winds of change in the lives of people he reached out to the helping people to help themselves. He enthused the people whose lives he touched to transform the lives of others, especially the last and the least in the Society. Thus the words of the Former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ **"To Make Men and Women for others"** has become a reality through the numerous capacity building trainings to the Volunteers of different faiths to be the Agents of Change and to create a more humane world. This dream and Legacy of Prof. Windey is still being carried forward today even after 50 years of VRO's service presence in the remote villages of Odisha by the selfless service of Volunteers, Community workers and all the stakeholders.

Fr. George Anthony, S.J.
Area Director, VRO Odisha



Treasurer's Report

Business

'Everything is Connected to Everything Else' is often called the first Law of Ecology. Helping human society to prosper in the 21st Century requires that we recognize the importance of living in balance with nature and treating each other with dignity and equality. Paul Hawken quotes "The future belongs to those who understand that doing more with less is compassionate, prosperous and enduring and thus more intelligent, even competitive."

All the volunteers and the members of VRO family have a responsibility to be good stewards of the resources which are entrusted to them. An independent Governing Board exercises overall governance leadership, risk management ensuring compliance with statutory requirements. The management of VRO pursues the highest of standards through independent statutory audit by a reputed firm, mid-term evaluations, robust design-based monitoring and periodic peer reviews.

Through regular submission of reports and filling of returns and accounts to the Income Tax department, the Ministry of Home Affairs in compliance with the Income Tax Act and the FCRA regulations, we reinforce our responsibility to the Government.

It is a great privilege for me to place before you the Audited Financial Report of VRO, once again for the Financial Year 2021-22.

The Audited financial Statements comprising of Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March-2022 duly certified by the statutory Auditor Mr. K.V.R.Subba Rao F.C.A along with his observation are presented in the annual report.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In spite of the economic disturbance and as well as given pandemic situation, especially in Europe, VRO is still able to with stand and rise its overall turnover to the tune of 298.206 million INR compared to the previous year's figure of 236.808 Million INR. So, each and every volunteer in the organization should be appreciated for their constant effort to keep the mission going forward.
- Certainly there is a decrease in receipt both external and local from 84.446 million INR to 82.532 Million INR, the breakup is as follows:
 1. 38.418 million INR from Overseas donors
 2. Local Contribution is 44.115 million INR, which includes major portion received through 80G of rupee 32.225 million INR, Local contribution 1.000 million INR, Fixed deposits and bank interests to the tune of 6.729 million INR, Specific grants from APSHCL AND APSTCFC-0.326 million INR and other incomes (Contributions by beneficiaries, trainees, agricultural Income, Sale of land etc...) 3.834 Million INR.
- Our donor partners continue to support the mission and the initiatives of VRO towards helping the poor. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to our donors for their consistent support towards the upliftment of the down trodden and marginalized.
 1. It is highly appreciated that E-Klub, Vianna, which stands first in supporting us with around 18.813 million INR for the different programme.



2. Special thanks to Dr. Robert Wychera for his strenuous efforts in mobilizing funds for VRO.
 3. We are grateful to Jesuiten-weltweit, Zurich, Switzerland, for its contribution of 0.725 million INR. Our sincere gratitude to Ms. Christine Camenzind.
 4. Our sincere gratitude to Jesuiten Mission, Nuremberg, Germany, for their contribution of 0.494 million INR.
 5. We also thank Hubejee-VZW-Belgium, Jesus Trust-London, Sonnenhaus-Germany, Mrs. Theresa Heil-Haar, VRO-Germany, BIVRO-Belgium, NICOPEJA-Udine, DEMAINS- France, Misereor-Aahan, and Salvatorian Relief Action-Belgium for their continued cooperation and assistance.
- Rural Development expenses has increased from 52.670 million INR to 59.599 million INR
 - We are happy to note that there is an excess of income over the expenditure to the tune of 16.174 million INR for this financial year
 - 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. I also reiterate that the operational team may work hard to tap more local funds from various corporate companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to enhance the organization'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 their continuous support to VRO in transforming the lives of the poor and make a difference in attaining sustainability.

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 and the process of serving the needy through VRO.

Sr. Kataru Joshi, JMJ
Treasurer -VRO



Auditor's Report

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION (INDIA), Pedakakani, Guntur as at March 31, 2022 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the members of the Institute. 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 Institute's affairs as at March 31, 2022; and
- ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

SCHEDULES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2022

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES 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.

Place: Guntur

Date: 17-09-2022

For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO
Chartered Accountants

K V R Subba Rao FCA
Chartered Accountant
M No. 020129
UDIN: 22020129ASWPOD8329

Financial Statements 2021-22

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2022

RECEIPTS	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Balance	[5]	18,04,64,138.44	13,05,24,097.22
Foreign Contributions	[6]	3,84,18,081.11	4,12,39,443.39
Voluntry Contributions	[7]	3,32,24,665.00	-
Other Income/ Receipts	[8]	97,72,531.30	3,54,84,827.47
Government grants	[9]	3,26,498.00	77,23,699.00
Sale of Land	[10]	7,91,071.00	-
Advances	[11]	3,52,09,030.00	2,18,36,259.50
Total		29,82,06,014.85	23,68,08,326.58
PAYMENTS			
Administration & maintenance	[12]	47,18,576.87	36,74,198.78
Rural Development	[13]	5,95,99,939.00	5,26,69,989.36
Fixed assets	[14]	39,21,586.00	-
Balance	[5]	22,99,65,912.98	18,04,64,138.44
Total		29,82,06,014.85	23,68,08,326.58

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON MARCH 31, 2022

INCOME	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Foreign Contributions	[6]	3,84,18,081.11	4,12,39,443.39
Voluntry Contributions	[7]	3,32,24,665.00	-
Other Incomes	[8]	96,92,531.30	3,54,84,827.47
Government grants	[9]	3,26,498.00	77,23,699.00
Total (A)		8,16,61,775.41	8,44,47,969.86
EXPENDITURE			
Administration & Maintenance	[12]	47,18,576.87	36,74,198.78
Rural Development	[13]	5,95,99,939.00	5,26,69,989.36
Finance charges		-	235,200.50
Loss on sale of vehicle		1,18,613.00	980.90
Depreciation	[3]	10,50,907.67	5,89,911.32
Total (B)		6,54,88,036.54	5,71,70,280.86
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(A) - (B)	1,61,73,738.87	2,72,77,689.00

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

Guntur
17-09-2022

sd/-
Operational Director

For Village Reconstruction Organisation
sd/-
Treasurer

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Chartered Accountant
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2022

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch. Ref.	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Capital Fund	[1]	22,34,11,540.23	20,67,22,870.36
Advances	[2]	7,38,56,130.00	3,86,47,100.00
	Total	29,72,67,670.23	24,53,69,970.36
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	[3]	6,72,26,446.25	6,45,66,180.92
Advances / Deposits	[4]	75,311.00	3,39,651.00
Cash & Bank balances	[5]	22,99,65,912.98	18,04,64,138.44
-	Total	29,72,67,670.23	24,53,69,970.36

SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2022

S. No	Particulars	Balance as on 01-04-2021	Additions during the year	Total	Delations during the year	Balance	Rate of depn.	Depn. for the year	Balance as on 31-03-2022
1	Land	19,24,017	-	19,24,017	11,800	19,12,217	0%	-	19,12,217
2	Buildings	5,94,25,663	-	5,94,25,663	-	5,94,25,663	0%	-	5,94,25,663
3	Furniture & fixtures	82,987	-	82,987	-	82,987	10%	8,299	74,688
4	Equipment	2,69,513	3,00,000	5,69,513	-	5,69,513	15%	85,427	4,84,086
5	Vehicles	28,06,039	36,21,586	64,27,625	1,98,613	62,29,012	15%	9,34,352	52,94,660
6	Other	1,418	-	1,418	-	1,418	15%	213	1,206
7	Computer	56,544	-	56,544	-	56,544	40%	22,617	33,926
	Total	6,45,66,181	39,21,586	6,84,87,767	2,10,413	6,82,77,354		10,50,908	6,72,26,446

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VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION (INDIA) CONSOLIDATION BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

S.No.	Name of the Programmes	No.of Prog.	HO	Guntur	Hyderabad	Kadapa	Kothakota	Nellore	Odisha	Rajahmundry	Tamil Nadu	Total Budget
I	FUNDS FROM DONORS ABROAD			INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR
1	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE)	5		1,022,283	1,520,551	-	-	692,064	524,582	3,524,373	-	7,283,853
2	Youth Skill Development (YSD)	5		2,714,136	903,129	-	-	765,478	953,234	1,806,796	-	7,142,773
3	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Youth Skill Development (YSD)	7		1,213,284	1,436,064	-	-	-	6,517,614	-	1,173,495	10,340,457
4	Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP)	2		1,925,578	-	1,757,329	-	-	-	-	-	3,682,907
5	Cluster Program	0		-	-	-	5,263,347	-	-	-	-	5,263,347
6	Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP) (41 Houses)	2		6,724,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,724,000
7	Total - A	21	-	13,599,281	3,859,744	1,757,329	5,263,347	1,457,542	7,995,430	5,331,169	1,173,495	40,437,337
	FUNDS FROM GOVT.OF AP											
II	AP Housing Corporation (141 Houses)	5	-	25,560,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,560,000
8	Total - B	5	-	25,560,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,560,000
9	FUNDS FROM VRO											
	Resource Mobilization											
III	Legal	-	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000
10	Child Education and Rights (CER)	4		531,020	-	-	-	410,025	-	-	375,525	1,316,570
11	Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP) (101 Houses)	4		24,516,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,516,000
12	Discretionary Fund	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
13	Total - C	8	1,300,000	25,047,020	-	-	-	410,025	-	-	375,525	27,132,570
	Grand Total (A+B+C)	34	1,300,000	64,206,301	3,859,744	1,757,329	5,263,347	1,867,567	7,995,430	5,331,169	1,549,020	93,129,907

Village Re-building Program Since 1969

VRO -India		2021-22						
S.No	Region	Districts Covered	Completed Villages	Families benefited	Completed villages in 2021-22	Families benefited	Ongoing (new villages)	Families ex-pected 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	100	5767	3	162	6	285
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
TOTAL		44	442	21640	3	162	6	285







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