



Village Reconstruction Organisation

C-198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani

Guntur - 522509

Andhra Pradesh, India



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**GO
GREEN**



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”

Prof. Michael Anthony Windey, S.J

(1921 - 2009)



OUTREACH 2022 - 2023

CHILD EDUCATION & RIGHTS OUTREACH 2022 - 2023										
		Villages	Gender			Community				
S.No	Region	VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	17	211	244	455	162	68	132	93	455
2	Kothakota	17	246	261	507	09	412	81	05	507
3	Rajahmundry	30	610	679	1289	94	293	746	156	1289
4	Guntur	27	558	561	1119	327	543	231	18	1119
5	Nellore	10	244	271	515	170	131	194	20	515
6	Kadapa	10	277	211	488	23	377	57	31	488
7	Hyderabad	15	380	428	808	106	235	452	15	808
8	Tamilnadu	10	207	213	420	—	240	176	04	420
	Total	136	2733	2868	5601	891	2299	2069	342	5601

OTHER THAN VRO(CER)
CHILDREN BAGS & LEARNING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION DETAILS FOR THE FY - 2022-23

S.No	DISTRICT	PLACE	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	Number of Bags				
				I - II	III - V	VI - X	Total	Remarks
01	GUNTUR	ANGALAKUDURU	MUKTHI BOYS & GIRLS TRIBAL SCHOOL	16	75	78	169	
02	GUNTUR	NALLAPADU	LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL	134	101	171	406	
03	BAPATLA	REPALLE	NSM SCHOOL -REPALLE	-	-	100	100	
04	PALNADU	KONDRUMUTLA	Govt. UP SCHOOL	90	20	20	130	
05	PRAKASHAM	DARSI	St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL	24	90	328	442	
06	PALNADU	SIVAPURAM	Govt. PRIMARY SCHOOL	20	30	-	50	
07	KRISHNA	GOLLAPUDI	AMBEDKAR VIDYA ACADEMY SCHOOL-GOLLAPUDI	108	123	184	415	
08	WEST GODAVARI	TADEPALLI GUDEM	TADEPALLI GUDEM	150	100	-	250	
09	ASR	KATUKAPALLI	LITDS-KATUKAPALLI	55	82	113	250	
10	ADILABAD	UTNOOR	Govt. SCHOOL	49	20	91	160	
	GRAND TOTAL			646	641	995	2,282	

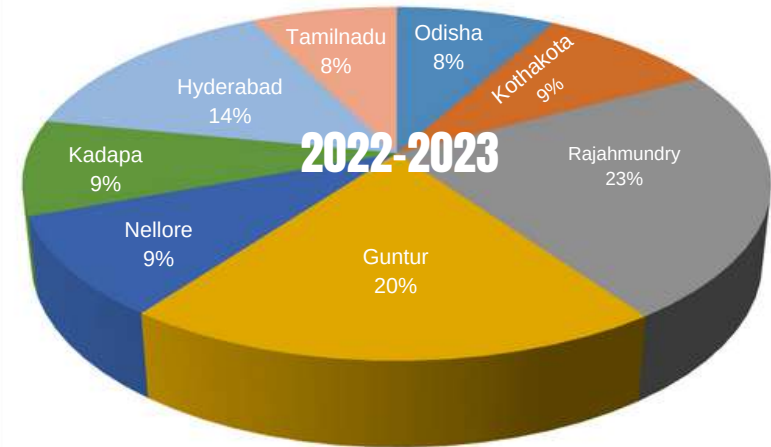
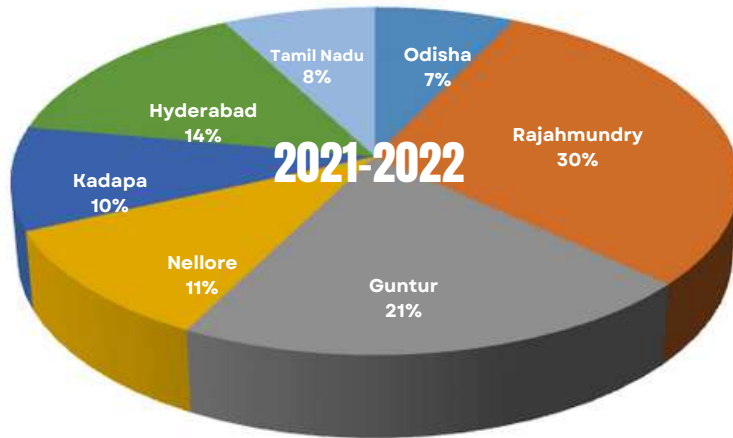
YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH 2022 - 2023

S.No	Region	Villages	Gender			Community				
		VC	M	F	T	ST	SC	BC	OC	T
1	Odisha	60	-	219	219	74	72	68	05	219
2	Guntur	22	62	215	277	49	128	79	21	277
3	Nellore	06	-	204	204	21	17	143	23	204
4	Kadapa	04	-	81	81	-	72	04	05	81
5	Hyderabad	20	-	405	405	25	183	189	08	405
6	Rajahmundry	25	56	151	207	25	88	86	08	207
7	Tamil Nadu	06	-	30	30	-	14	16	-	30
Total		143	118	1305	1423	194	574	585	70	1423

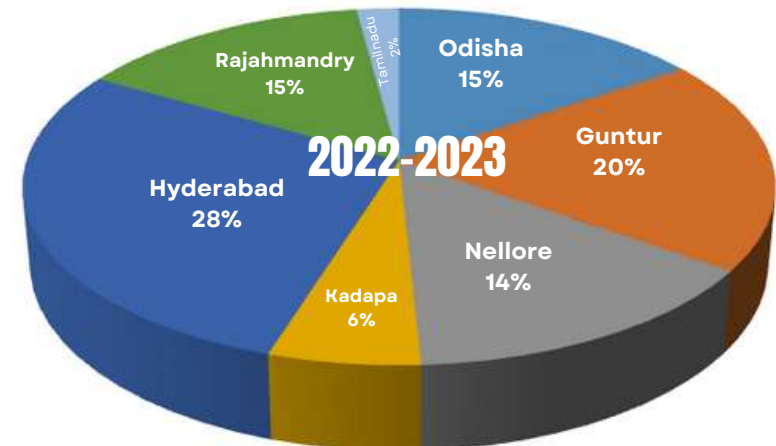
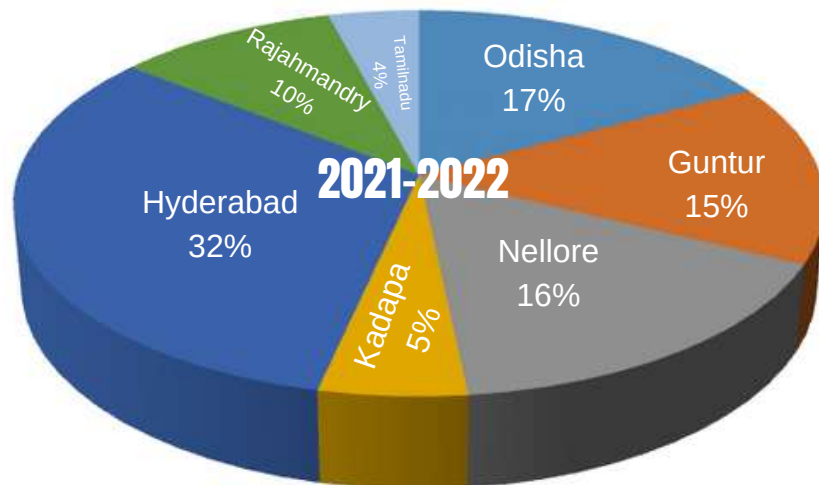


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CHILD EDUCATION & RIGHTS



YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT



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MINUTES OF THE 51st

Annual General Body Meeting

Held on 9-10-2022 at VRO Head Office.

MINUTES

The 51st Annual General Body Meeting was convoked by the President of Village Reconstruction Organisation on 9th October 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the premises of the Head Office of VRO, C-198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani, Guntur- 522509.

The agenda of the meeting is as follows:

Prayer

Lighting of the Lamp

1. Welcome and Presidential address to the General body by Mr. T. Gopala Rao, IAS, (R)

2. Presentation and confirmation of the Minutes of the 50th Annual General Body Meeting held on 08.04.2022.

3. Secretary's Report –
Mrs. MME. Kavitha David

4. Operational Director's Report –
Fr. Peter Daniel, SJ.

5. Field Reports through Video presentation

6. Approval and Confirmation of the Reports

7. Financial Report –
Sr. K. Joshi, JMJ, Treasurer

8. Presentation of the Budget for 2022-2023

9. Approval and Confirmation of the Financial Report

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2022-23

11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

12. Vijaya Viharam

At the start of the 51st Annual General Body Meeting, Sri. T. Gopala Rao Garu, President, Sr. Cletus Daisy JMJ, former president and member, Mrs. MME Kavitha David, Secretary of GoB, and Fr. P.S. Amalraj, SJ, lit the lamp as the song on Prof. M.A. Windey SJ was played over the system. After that, a floral tribute to Prof. Fr. M.A. Windey and Dr. Robert Wychera was paid. All the members of the General Body prayed along with the playback hymn 'Om Jagadeswara.' After the Prayer song, the Associate Director welcomed the Operational Director to share his experiences with Dr. Robert Wychera.

The Operational Director read a note on Dr. Robert Wychera who left for eternal rest on 14th September 2022. He was a long-standing donor of VRO. He supported 98 villages, and 99th and 100th villages are being constructed at Munnagivaripalem and Arundatinagar this year. He was a man fully for VRO, committed his life to VRO and its Mission. His last message was to be **Joyful and Cheerful**. The decision of the family to have the requiem Mass of Dr. Robert Wychera on the Foundation Day of VRO tells us of how close the family is to VRO. As a mark of respect, a two-minute silence was observed by the members for the repose of the soul of Dr. Wychera. Later, 'A Tribute to Visionary' a video clip on Prof. M.A. Windey and his services to humanity was played.

The Associate Director welcomed President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Operational Director on to the dais and requested the President to preside over the day's proceedings. The secretary informed the members about the absence of Dr. Nagendraswamy, Mr. G. Sudheer, and Mr. Ch. Venkateswara Rao. In his welcome address, the President stated that an organisation lasting more than 50 years is a great and proud moment for all of its stakeholders, especially for him, as he has been associated with VRO for the past 42 years. He said that he always believed in systems because individuals might go away, but systems continue the work of an organisation. He appreciated the Operational Director for restoring the systems in VRO after the demise of Prof. M.A. Windey, SJ. The systems he restored are much better than what they used to be. He complimented the Operational Director for his great contribution to VRO at a crucial time after the death of Fr. Windey, SJ. He lifted VRO from great turmoil and put it on a stable path. He also appreciated the Associate Director for his active presence like a live wire, his meticulous planning and tireless service to the organisation. He complimented him, saying that he is a great asset to VRO. He wished him a long life and long service to VRO. Then he complimented Sr. Cletus for her immense contribution to VRO and Mrs. MME Kavitha, as she is always cheerful, service minded and responsible to the task. Mrs. Vasumathi Purnima is recognized as a constructive and morally supportive person in GoB. He also appreciated Mr. Srimannarayana and other senior volunteers for supporting and being with VRO for a long time.

Mrs. MME Kavitha David, the secretary, read out the minutes of the 50th Annual General Body Meeting to the General Body. Fr. P.S. Amalraj congratulated the secretary for the detailed report presented. Then Mr. Ravi Pradeep suggested adding the steps taken in reviewing the works undertaken by VRO and the progress made for the past 50 years. The approval of the minutes was proposed by Mr. T. K. S. Sharma and seconded by Mr. Srimannarayanan.

Mrs. MME Kavitha David presented her report for 2021-22. The President welcomed the floor for corrections, additions, and deletions to the report. He also informed the members about the inability of the Honourable Governor of Andhra Pradesh to be present for the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations at Pedakakani. Mr. TKS Sharma sought clarification on the change of address of VRO from 6/9 Brodipet, Guntur, to Village Reconstruction Organization. Door No: C - 198, Bypass Road, Pedakakani, Guntur, and the Associate Director clarified that the old address is still reflected in the FCRA portal, and the new rules suggest a special Governing Board meeting be held and a resolution for the same to be passed. The approval of the secretary's report was proposed by Fr. A. X.J. Bosco and was seconded by Mr. Giri Yadav.



The Operational Director, while presenting his report, thanked God for his providence and appreciated the volunteers of VRO who toiled day and night, sacrificing their time and energy for the self-reliance of the villagers. He also gratefully remembered the generosity of donors who have been partnering with VRO for the past five decades. He highlighted the achievements of VRO during 2021 - 2022. He appreciated the support extended by the Bapatla Collector, Smt. Vijaya Krishnan IAS, who took special efforts in providing new house sites to 133 Yanadi Tribals and sanctioning the grant for the construction of those houses as well. A visual clip on the activities of VRO for the reporting year 2021-22 (VEE, CER, YSD, Agroforestry, and VRBP) was screened. He also appreciated the central core team of volunteers who excelled in their respective fields and provided qualitative services.

Specific comments on the report

- Fr. AXJ Bosco S.J. suggested that more women be motivated to be involved in the livelihood programs.
- Fr. P.S. Amalraj SJ expressed his joy in the progress made by the stakeholders, which was vivid in their sharing.
- Mr. Srimannarayanan was so much touched by the video presentation of the report that he promised to extend his cooperation for the development of the rural poor, especially youth, in generating employment opportunities.



- The President appreciated the volunteers and said that he was touched by the power and conviction of the volunteers at the grass root level. He also expressed that the livelihood programs need to be expanded, the Operational team should think of adopting new programs as per the changing needs of our society and our volunteers need special training on the same. He observed that the operational team should think out-of-the box and come up with new ideas. He also suggested that all GoB members be taken on a field trip to the tribal villages.
- The operational director said that VRO began in a big way among tribals by collaborating with the government for the skill development program and the government washed their hands off when VRO submitted the bills of the programme for reimbursement, saying there were no funds available to disburse to VRO. He expressed his fear of collaborating with government departments as the funds are not sure to reach the target groups. So far, VRO has been successful in collaborating with the central government's housing program. Complementing the experience shared by the Operational Director, the President said that Mr. Ajay Jain, IAS., has been the backbone for the housing program. He said that VRO would collaborate with the government only if the funds were assured.

The reports were approved by all the members present. The Treasurer presented the annual budget and audit report for the years 2021 - 2022 and the budget for the 2022-23. When asked whether the budget is prepared as per the requirements of the activities or the funds sent/promised by the donors, the Operational Director replied that the budget is prepared as per the commitment of the donors every year. All the members approved the audit report and the budget.

The General Body also unanimously approved continuing the services of Mr. KVR Subba Rao & Co., FCA, Guntur, as the auditor of VRO for the financial year 2022-23.

The Operational Director requested all the General Body Members to enter the email IDs and phone numbers correctly, as some emails had bounced back. He also said that he would create a WhatsApp group for the General Body members and update the day-to-day activities in it.

The President informed the floor that the Governing Board would pass a resolution thanking and appreciating the volunteers and the executive team for successfully conducting the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The Associate Director proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with Vijaya Viharam.

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

President's MESSAGE

‘Go Green’ is the slogan of Village Reconstruction Organisation for the 52nd Annual General Body Meeting. This will guide us through the implementation of environmental strategies. All of us are aware of the aim of VRO, which articulates, ‘Better villages for a better world’.

Go Green

As we all know, ‘Go Green’ is a popular slogan in the circles of NGOs, educational institutions and Government agencies. At this point of time, this slogan becomes very important for VRO because of the alarming status of Indian Environment.



Sri. T. Gopala Rao, IAS(R)

President, VRO Governing Board

Prof. Michael A. Windey, the founder of VRO, envisaged that only sustainable development of the village would lead to harmonious and peaceful living for the villagers. His objectives included environment, empowerment, enlightenment, enjoyment, etc. In each village, he carefully planned out the habitat for people, trees, plants, animals, etc. Long before anyone else could have imagined it, he pioneered solar-powered lighting, windmill construction for energy production, and the establishment of biodiversity sites on VRO campuses. Indeed, he was a great visionary, and we need to carry forward his environmental vision.

As we all know, ‘Go Green’ is a popular slogan in the circles of NGOs, educational institutions, and Government agencies. At this point of time, this slogan becomes very important for VRO because of the alarming status of Indian Environment. The State of India’s Environment Report 2021 has been released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) in June 2021. It provides comprehensive data on subjects such as Forest, Climate Change, Habitat, Water, Air Pollution, Rural Development, Biodiversity and Industry. India ranked 117 out of 180 countries as per the latest report.

Air

Air pollution has caused 12.5% of deaths in India. Poor air quality affects about 100,000 children below the age of 5 leading to many fatalities.

Water

As per the report, both the surface and groundwater in the country are under threat, with 86% of the water bodies critically polluted. One of the reasons for the increase in pollution of water bodies is the build-up of heavy industries, which polluted the water bodies between 2011 and 2018.

Development

Climate change poses the biggest economic threat and is a recurring point of discussion in the UN Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. Out of the 13 SDGs the country is tackling, only a few goals. Out of 180 countries, India stands in 160th place in terms of implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

Land & Agriculture

While the input cost for the major crops are rising, the farmland size is shrinking. Even the share of the insured cropped area stands at a dismal 26 percent.

Health

The report indicates that India's rural infrastructure is under threat. At least, there is a 35% shortfall in the number of 24x7 public health centres. India also shares the world's largest absolute burden of 11 major neglected tropical diseases, such as dengue.

Cities

India has 2,613 towns with slums. Of them, 57 percent are in Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

Waste

India has recorded a 56% increase in generating the number of hazardous wastes by industries between 2016-2017. The burden of solid waste is becoming unmanageable. In fact, 79 major protests against unsanitary landfills and dump yards have been recorded in 22 states in the past three years. At the same time, most of these industries are not properly maintaining their waste inventory as mandated by the law.

Energy

India's natural gas and hydro-based power plants are at the brink. Gas-plants are running at only 24% of their original capacity due to a shortage of domestic natural gas. Hydropower projects, on the other hand, are only running at 19% of their capacity. The country's progress in renewable energy in 2018-19 has been abysmal. Wind energy capacity recorded at 6.3%, while solar energy is 5.56%.

Climate

India, which phased out ozone depleting substances such as chlorofluorocarbon by 2011, is shifting to substances such as hydrochlorofluorocarbon, which have high global warming potential. India continues to bear the brunt of extreme weather events. In 2018, 11 states recorded major extreme weather events that claimed 1,425 lives.

Pollution

Of the 88 major industrial clusters in the country, according to the Central Pollution Control Board, 35 showed overall environmental degradation, 33 pointed to worsening air quality, 45 had more polluted water, and in 17 cases, land pollution became worse.

Poverty

Covid-19 has made the world's poor poorer. Over 115 million additional people have been pushed into extreme poverty by the pandemic and most of them live in South Asia.

Education

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, over 500 million children were forced out of school globally and India accounted for more than half of them.

In the context of today's environmental problems, VRO is convinced of the urgency of going green. So here are some ways that can help us 'Go Green' and increase the green cover on the earth:

a) We should stop using plastic

Plastic is one of the major contributors to environmental pollution, so it is important that we stop using plastic and switch to wooden based materials in our homes. Also, we must use jute or paper bags instead of plastic ones to reduce our plastic footprint on nature.

b) Recycle and reuse

We can always recycle and reuse products to reduce waste and decrease pollution levels in the environment. Old and discarded items can be used for décor and other purposes in homes and offices.

c) Save water

We should conserve water by switching off taps, using a bucket of water for bathing instead of showers. Rainwater harvesting and watershed management are some of the other ways to conserve water.

d) Planting and saving trees

By using reusable items instead of toilet paper and disposable towels, printing on both sides of the page and using hand dryers instead of paper napkins, we can contribute to saving a tree.

e) Conserve energy

We must save electricity and use alternative sources of energy such as solar energy, wind energy, and tidal energy to reduce the usage of non-renewable sources that take a lot of time to regenerate. VRO can introduce electric motor vehicles

VRO sites as environmental awareness centres

- VRO centres can conduct environmental awareness sessions for the villagers, school children and college students.
- VRO can take up planting of trees as a major campaign in collaboration with government agencies to transform arid land into fertile forests.
- VRO can establish herbal gardens in the centres and talk about alternate systems of medicine such as Ayurvedha, Unani, Homeopathy, Siddha etc. to the villagers.
- VRO can continue to conduct training for farmers in Organic farming, usage of biopesticides and biocontrol methods, avoiding chemical fertilizers and harmful pesticides.
- VRO can get involved in afforestation programmes to increase the dwindling biodiversity.

Thus, these are some of the ways to go green and make our earth look greener and cleaner. If the government and people come together and take the above steps, we can achieve success in making this earth a healthy and safe place to live in. VRO must think globally and act locally joining hands with Government and non- government agencies of course involving the rural masses of our villages. Go green campaign can be transformed into a VRO's dynamic people's movement.

I wish all the best and God's blessings on all of us to carry on this unique mission.

T. Gopal Rao, IAS(R)
President, VRO Governing Board

The Governing Board met during the year as follows:

1. 09th October 2022 at VRO Head Office, Peddakakani.
2. 19th December 2022 at VRO Head Office, Peddakakani.
3. 28th May 2023 at VRO Head Office, Peddakakani.
4. 30th July 2023 VRO Head Office, Peddakakani.

Some of the Important Discussions and Resolutions

1. Mr. President thanked God for having blessed VRO to organise Jubilee celebrations and the AGBM of VRO on 8th and 9th of October 2022 very successfully. He appreciated the work done by every volunteer under the leadership of Operational and Associate Directors towards the successful completion of our jubilee celebrations (Prof. Windey's Birth Centenary and Golden Jubilee of VRO) and AGBM with lots of joy. He thanked all the Board members for their availability and continuous support to the operational team in the success of the major celebrations in the history of VRO. The Secretary and other members of the Board joined the president and expressed their appreciation to the operational team for the wonderful arrangements for both events. The Operational Director expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers of VRO under the leadership of Associate Director, Fr. Velangani Raju, for having worked very hard for the last year meticulously for the success of these two incredible events.

Secretary's REPORT

2. Mr. President appreciated the work done by the Operational team. He specifically mentioned the housing and CER programmes. He also said that his personal visits to the CER centres and construction sites gave him lots of joy and contentment. He referred to the situation in Manipur and expressed his deep concern and sorrow for all that has been happening.



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

3. The Operational Director highlighted the work done during the years 2022-23 and the success stories. He informed the board that all the reports were appreciated. Donors remarked that all of them were professional and qualitative. He thanked all the Project Officers and Area directors who supported him in the preparation of the annual reports. He thanked the president for his keen interest in visiting some of our working areas and providing valuable suggestions.

4. The Operational Director brought to the attention of the Board, two requests: one is Dhobagudi village in Odisha asking for individual pattas for their homes. The Board asked the operational team to go ahead with the procedure and do the needful immediately. The second is the request of Mahatmajipuram in West Bapatla of Guntur. They wanted to convert the VRO CER centre building, which is not in use, and make use of it for community programmes. The board agreed to allot the building for the requested purpose. No rights are given to the villages regarding the ownership over the site and the building.

5. It was resolved to repair and extend the existing stage in front of the head office for multipurpose of VRO volunteers and other NGO meetings. The Board also requested to construct a staircase to Prakash Hall. The operational team was asked to get quotations and present them to the next GoB for approval.

6. Dr. P.V. Ramesh voluntarily took on the mission of getting CSR funds for the construction of the interiors of the upcoming legal, arbitration and mediation centre. He also proposed to the Board that the legal centre have continuous capacity building programmes in villages to strengthen the legal centre. The Associate Director is given the responsibility to handle all the procedural and HR related issues necessary to accomplish the mission. The team is already preparing the templates as sent by Dr. PV Ramesh, IAS.

7. Associate Director proposed to the Board that Perecherla Circle office and YSD centre needs a renovation as the young boys find it difficult to stay during rainy season. The board asked the operational team to proceed with the renovation works after getting three quotations. AD also proposed renovation at Rajupalem Circle office in order to accommodate Government Funded-Skill Development Courses for rural youth. The Board asked the Operational Team to do the needful without delay.

8. The president especially noted that the quality of the work is the hallmark of VRO. He said that he was very happy about this accomplishment. He said that he cherished it so much when he took part in the inaugural ceremony of houses in Munnagivaripalem and Nadigaddapalem on 07.06.2023. The officers who came there were spellbound by the quality of construction. All the board members congratulated the volunteers, stakeholders, and operational team for their commitment. They also recalled the generosity of the donors around the globe for their continuous journey with VRO.



9. It is resolved to look for a few young boys among our volunteer's families who have aptitude for Law, Rural Development, and finance management. The candidates should write entrance tests and get admissions at the universities. VRO will meet the expenses of the course, board, and lodge.

10. It is resolved to sell the land of Village Reconstruction Organisation at Devatapalli in Nalgonda District of Telangana having Sy. Nos: 138/a,138/aa,138/A1,138/A2,139 and 143, totalling an extent of Ac. 3.00 cents, to Mr. Vankadoth Balasing S/o Senya, Resident of Vinjamuru Gate, Dhyriyapuri Thanda, Chintapalli, Nalgonda District. It is agreed that he will take care of the local problems, do the mutation of documents in the name of VRO and get passbooks as well. Registration will be done only after completing all the above tasks.

11. It is resolved to sell the land of Village Reconstruction Organisation at Nasarlapalli Village in Chintapalli mandalam in Nalgonda district to Mr. Vankadoth Sakya Naik S/o Sinya in Sy. No: 75 to the extent of Ac. 1.00 cents. It is agreed that all the local problems, mutations, and passbook matters will be his responsibility.

12. It was resolved to sell the land of Village Reconstruction Organisation at Kurumedu, Chintapalli Mandalam in Nalgonda District in Sy No: 131/A and the extent of Ac. 1.00 guntas to Mr. Raghu Ram Rathod, S/O Shankar. The buyer will look after the exchange of land with our neighbour and solve other local problems related to the land.

All the above decisions, regarding land were taken during the years 2017-2022. We could not execute the decisions due to various problems, such as the PF office's illegal letter to the registering authority and local land grabbers who encroached and filed several cases in Civil Courts against VRO in relation to the ownership of the lands. Now that the problems seem to be clear, we are making new resolutions as per the requests of the buyers. The Board decided to sell those lands to the local tribal people as much as possible.



13. It is resolved to send the Operational Director to Europe to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of E-club and meet other donors in Europe. He is permitted to go on 13th of June and return on 13th of July 2023. He is also given the specific task of getting funds for ongoing projects and exploring some other new projects for the legal project. Associate Director will follow up on the progress when he goes in the month of May- 2024 to Europe.

14. It is resolved to donate one acre of land at Mulakalapudi village to the Mehar Society for service purposes. Associate Director is asked to initiate further action towards this goal. It is a conditional gift to do service, not to alienate the land once the service comes to an end.

15. It is resolved to send a letter to the Provincial of Andhra Jesuit Province requesting him to continue the Services of Fr. Velangani Raju until the pending cases and other issues, such as the Provident Fund case, land issues, are cleared completely. The president is asked to draft a detailed letter in the interest of the mission among the poor.

16. It was resolved to send a letter to the Provincial of JMJ, Guntur Province, regarding the school built on the VRO donated land. The Operational Director was given the responsibility to get the details of the concessions given to the poor students in the school for the past three years. Once we get the details, we can pass a resolution in the next GoB regarding the nature of the gift deed.

17. The board went through all the quotations for the stage repair and extension in front of the head office and asked the operational team to go ahead with the construction and make it ready for the next Annual General Body meeting. The board also asked the operational team to arrange a conducive staircase to reach Prakash Hall.

18. The Associate Director pointed out that the lands in Nalgonda and some land in Tamil Nadu need legal assistance. He asked the board to permit him to initiate the proceeding in the courts of law and the board asked him to go ahead immediately. He also spoke about the PF case and its status as of today. The board asked him to go slowly, as there are many changes every now and then. They asked him to go ahead once the new bench is constituted, so that there is continuity, which may result in passing Orders as per the mind of the Court. The board appreciated him for all the hard work over the last 8 years in this regard at various stages.



19. The Operational Director presented details of his recent visit to Europe. He explained the Jubilee Celebrations of Entwicklungshilfeclub which was celebrated in Vienna, in a simple manner and around 250 volunteers of E-Klub participated in the Jubilee celebrations. He also shared with the board members the donors' happiness and satisfaction over the reports that were submitted by VRO for the year 2022-23 and their appreciation to the operational team for its professionalism exhibited in the reports. He also informed the board that Ms. Christina Camenzind agreed to mobilize an additional amount of 1,00,000 Swiss Francs for the Legal Centre by the end of December 2023, along with the other regular donations.

20. It is resolved by the Board that Saccidananda Ashram in Thannirpalli village in Kulithalai District, Tamil Nadu, will be given access road of 23 feet in width all around the VRO property at Inungur to reach the weaver's colony from the main road. In return, the Saccidananda Ashram will donate 20 cents of land to VRO that is adjacent to the VRO property at Inungur. The Operational Director is responsible for this entire issue in terms of clear cut documentation. Associate Director should be aware of this documentation in order to avoid any further complications.

21. It is resolved by the Board that VRO decided to lease VRO land (Ac. 12.44) at Acharapakkam for the social works of Chennai Jesuit Province on a long lease. As a consideration for this lease, Chennai Jesuit Province will provide the services of one Jesuit for the work of VRO as its project officer. VRO will meet his field visit travel, food and accommodation expenses only. No remuneration will be paid to him. He will work as per the directions of the Operational Director or Associate Director of VRO. The lease agreement should be registered and Chennai Province should pay the registration fee for the lease agreement.

22. The Board resolved to communicate to the Management of the JMJ School at Pedakakani that it must accommodate every year 5 children recommended by the Operational Director with a 50% concession in their school fees. (These 5 children will be supported for only one year). 5 new children will be recommended in the following years as per the discretion of the Operational Director.

23. After having discussed about the reputation, credibility, willingness, and experience, the board resolved to admit Rev. Dr. S. Emmanuel SJ as the member of the General Body of VRO.

24. It is resolved by the Board that 52nd Annual General Body Meeting will be held on 6th October 2023 at VRO head office, Pedakakani, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522509. The theme of 52nd AGBM is GO GREEN.

25. It is resolved by the board that Associate Director is given permission to visit Delhi as many times as possible to submit required documents to the CSR funding companies at the direction of Dr. P V Ramesh. Associate Director is also asked to pursue the projects with Operation Blessing and Habitat for Humanity- India organisations to get safe drinking water Projects and Housing and Solar projects, respectively.

26. It is resolved by the board to appoint Dr. Prathipati Paul Rajkumar as the Project Manager of VRO from 1st of August 2023. He will be working under the direction of Operational and Associate Directors. He is on probation for a year. His performance will be assessed at the end of the year and a further decision will be taken by the Board accordingly.

27. It is resolved to appoint Associate Director Fr. Velangani Raju (Venkatapathi Kolagani) as the official representative of GoB to communicate with the Provincials of Andhra, Chennai, and Jamshedpur Provinces in relation to various requests of the Board from 1st of August 2023 onwards in relation to VRO works.



Smt. MME. Kavitha David
Secretary, VRO Governing Board.

Operational Director's REPORT

Dear President, Honorable Members of the Governing Board and of the General Body, Donors, Well-wishers and Friends,
Greetings from Fr. Peter Daniel, S.J. the Operational Director of VRO.

I raise up my folded hands to the Lord of the heavens in gratitude for having enabled VRO to present, in continuity, its 52nd Annual Report to its General Body Members. As I present the report, I gratefully think of our volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy, toiling in the field towards realizing self-reliance of the villagers. This report is nothing but the result of the strategic collaboration of all the volunteers. At this moment I gratefully remember and acknowledge the contribution of our generous donors who have been partnering with VRO for more than 50 years transcending the ups and downs of VRO. Finally, I must place on records with admiration 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."



Fr. Peter Daniel S.J.
Operational Director, VRO

Achievements of VRO during 2022 - 2023

VRO is so proud to share with you all the achievements of the stakeholders in collaboration with our volunteers in the educational, economic and social sectors.

5601 children in 136 hamlets improved their learning capacity through evening supervised study (CER); 118 boys have become drivers and electricians in the state of Andhra Pradesh; another 1056 girls/women from AP and Telangana, 219 girls from Odisha and 30 girls from Tamil Nadu learnt tailoring and embroidery skills, in total 1305 (YSD).

Our village women have organized themselves to form 22 Mutually Aided Cooperative Thrift Societies (MACTS) consisting of 1058 women registering themselves officially as Societies in collaboration with the Registrar of the Societies. These Societies are running different types of income generating projects like sanitary pad making, pickle making, edible making, stitching uniform of private school going children in Repalle area, cashew business in Kothakota area, and running dress making business in Inungur area of Tamil Nadu, etc. 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 29 homes in Mannangivaripalem and 26 houses in Nadigaddavaripalem of Bapatla District, while construction is being carried out for building 143 houses in Arundathi Nagar, Isukapalli, Repalle Taluq, Bapatla District and another set of 29 houses in Thotlapalem of Guntur District.

Administration

The Central Core Team of volunteers who work in the head office and in the regional offices have excelled in data collection, communication, publicity, documentation and report writing. The statement that I made above is very true because all our donors, during my recent visit to them, have expressed their true happiness and satisfaction over the reports that we submitted to them for the year 2022-23 and all of them unanimously said that the reports of VRO are very professional and qualitative too. 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 executed the different programme with utmost care and deep concern and commitment to the poor in every hamlet with the support of the dedicated volunteers. Our documentation team has developed the expertise in collecting, documenting and presenting multifaceted activities using media and technology and there by kept the donors informed of our activities regularly.

Networking of VRO with NGOs and Government

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.

With grateful hearts:

Finally, as I present my last activity report of VRO to the General Body as the Operational Director, I sincerely express my gratitude to the General Body Members and the Governing Board Members of VRO for having entrusted me with the biggest responsibility of rowing the boat of VRO for the past 12 years since September 2011. I, in gratitude, remember Prof. M. A. Windey, S.J., who molded me to be what I am today in my service to the poor, during 1989 to 1990 wherein I established the new Kadapa region. I also gratefully remember our generous donors of VRO who journeyed with me in sailing the ship of VRO through troubled waters since 2011. I need to express my sincere gratitude to the dedicated and committed volunteers of VRO headed by the young and energetic Fr. Velangani Raju SJ. But for their wonderful cooperation it would have been very difficult for me to fulfill the Vision and Mission of VRO. I say good bye to VRO with full of contentment and satisfaction because the people whom we served and with whom we collaborated will certainly remember us every day before they go to bed. Finally, as I lay down my office, I raise my heart to the heavens to thank the Almighty for His providence which I experienced all along my tenure in VRO. It was marvelous and magnificent indeed and I have no words to explain this experience of mine with the Lord. Once again, a word of thanks to each and every one of you for your sincere cooperation and support for the past 12 years in my life and Mission in VRO. I wish and pray that VRO continues to render its service to the poor in India by building many more “Better Villages for a Better World”



**Fr. Peter Daniel, S.J.,
Operational Director, VRO**

GoB Member's

MESSAGE

Green India Mission

AS we are discussing our VRO slogan namely Go green it becomes imperative for us to know what India has been doing all these years.

Green India Mission was launched in 2014. The primary aim is to protect, restore and enhance India's diminishing forest cover.



Dr. P.V. Ramesh, IAS(R)
GoB Member, VRO

Objectives of Green India Mission (GIM)

1. Growth in forest or tree cover to 5 million hectares (mha) and increase the quality of forest cover in another 5 million hectares of forest or non-forest lands. There are separate sub-targets for a variety of forests and their ecosystems namely, grassland, dense forest, wetland, etc.
2. Increase the quality of degrading moderately dense forests – 1.5 million hectares (ha).
3. Ecologically restore open forests which are being degraded – 3 million hectares (ha)
4. Grasslands revival – 0.4 million hectares
5. Wetlands revival – 0.10 million hectares
6. Ecological restoration of shifting cultivation areas, mangroves, scrub, ravines, cold deserts, & abandoned mining areas – 1.8 million hectares with different sub-targets.
7. Increase in forest cover in urban areas and its outskirts – 0.20 million hectares.
8. Increase in forest and tree cover on marginal agricultural lands/fallows and other non-forest lands which comes under agroforestry – 3 million hectares.
9. Increase forest-based livelihood income for about 3 million households in and around these forest areas.
10. Increase Carbon Dioxide sequestration to a range of 50 to 60 million tonnes by 2020.

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At present that is 2023 National Mission for a Green India (GIM) is one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change. The target under the Mission is 10 m ha on forest and non-forest lands for increasing the forest/tree cover and to improve the quality of existing forest. VRO can pay attention to these objectives and plan concrete action programmes wherever it is possible.



Sri. T. Krishna Prasad, IPS(R)
GoB Member, VRO

Skill development, need of the hour

The Status of Skill Development in India

It has been projected that India will need 30 million digitally skilled professionals by 2026 and 50% of the current workforce would need to re-skill themselves in areas of emerging technologies. “Over two million jobs in AI, cyber security, and blockchain remained unfilled in 2023. In this year, 2023, there is a demand for 300 million skilled workforce in India.

Why is there a Need for Skill Development of Workforce?

- 1). Supply and Demand Issues: On the supply side, India is failing to create enough job, opportunities; and on the demand side, professionals entering the job market are lacking in skill sets leading to low employability.
- 2). Rising Unemployment: As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate in India has been around 7% or 8% in 2022, up from about 5% five years ago. Further, the workforce shrank because of Covid-19 lockdowns.
- 3). The labor force participation rate has declined to just 40% of the 900 million Indians of legal age, from 46% six years ago.
- 4). Lack of skills affects productivity too.

Government Initiatives for Skill Development

- a). Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (2015) has trained over 10 million youth under this scheme.
- b). SANKALP and STRIVE: The SANKALP programme which focuses on the district-level skilling ecosystem
- c). The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship contributes about 55% of the skilling achieved. Initiatives by all ministries have resulted in nearly four crore people being trained through various traditional skills programmes since 2015.
- d). Mandatory CSR Expenditure in Skilling: About ₹6,877 crores were spent on skilling and livelihood enhancement projects in selected states.
- e). There is a special project which aims at skilling, certification and overseas employment of Indians according to the requirements of the market requirements in the UAE.

VRO and Skill Development

- VRO has established skill training institutes in its training centres. Driving skills for the rural youth, electrical repair and maintenance, Training in sewing skills for women, leadership skills, entrepreneurial skills, house building skill training in ecofriendly farming practices, Sanitary napkin making, Pickle making and snacks making, bee keeping are imparted in well established centres of VRO. Many have found employment and some of them have begun small scale businesses.

Way Forward

Skill development is the most essential aspect of the development of our country. This needs a coordinated effort from all stakeholders including Government agencies, Industries, NGOs, Educational and training institutes and Students, trainees and job seekers.

Sri. T. Krishna Prasad, IPS(R)
GoB Member, VRO

Plant a tree and save many lives

As we all know that trees are important for our survival as well as for the ecosystem. Without trees life would not have been possible. Trees provide us with two of life's most crucial components - oxygen and food. As we evolved, we started harvesting trees for medicine, shelter and other commercial uses. Even today, our dependence on trees has not been reduced. In fact, we are ever more dependent on trees than ever. Trees are integral to the environment. Our needs are so high that we have started cutting down huge areas of forests for the expansion of human land.

Trees need to be conserved as they play a pivotal role in our ecosystem. Moreover, trees are considered as natural carbon sinks, which means they have the ability to soak up carbon dioxide from the environment and store it within themselves. This not only reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in our environment but also the impact of the greenhouse effect. If the green house effect increases, the temperature will also increase as result rainfall will be affected.

When we cut down a tree, we think that we are killing only one tree. It is not true at all it is said that each well grown tree can give shelter to '143 living species. In fact we are killing 143 living beings. This data may vary according to the type of tree we cut down.



Smt. G. Vasumathi Purnima
GoB Member, VRO

Interesting data: Number of Species of Each Type Sheltered by a Single Tree

- Oak trees "provide a rich habitat and support more life forms than any other native trees."
- A single oak tree hosts 532 species of caterpillars.
- A single oak tree also shelters 147 species of birds, 120 species of mammals, and 60 species of reptiles and amphibians.
- A mature oak tree supports more than 280 species of insects.
- Different types of trees support different numbers of wildlife species. The following trees support these numbers of insect species: common alder (90 insect species), ash (41 insect species), quaking aspen (90 insect species), beech (64 insect species), crabapple (90 insect species), hawthorn (149 insect species), small-leaved lime (31 insect species), rowan (28 insect species), silver birch (229 insect species), and white willow (200 insect species).

Conclusion

If we go on cutting down the forests in the name of development, at one point we may run short of oxygen and each one of us may have to carry an oxygen cylinder behind our back, as we carry our water bottles. Therefore VRO must give importance to this Go Green campaign and initiate planting of varieties of trees wherever possible in collaboration with other NGOs and Government agencies.



Smt. G. Vasumathi Purnima
GoB Member, VRO

CER

Child Education and Rights

VRO is committed in ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education to all the children in its area of operations. It ensures that every child learns, discovers his/her potentialities and become the best student as to mould her/him as an agent of social transformation. To achieve this objective VRO runs Evening Supervisory Study Centers (ESSC) and provides Supportive Educational Assistance to children such as school bags, notebooks and learning materials. VRO strives to create individual and social consciousness among the children through Children Parliament (CP). 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 problems and challenges related to their education, health, rights and environment and 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 transformation of the children paving a way for the creation of communities of self-reliance and sustainability. In this year (2022-23) VRO assisted 5601 Children in 136 Villages, in four states, through its evening supervised study centers.





CER SUCCESS STORIES



“ESSC Child to Navoday Govt Res. School”

Snehalata Beruk 's father is Chintamani Beruk and mother is Sabitri Beruk. She studies in Grade 5 in Government Upper Primary School, Dhobalikhaman, Keonjhar District, Odisha. Snehalata is a calm and simple girl. She has two brothers and one sister. Earlier she was not going to school and also not coming to the ESSC, Dholakhaman regularly and also not studying at home as well. One day, her mother brought her to ESSC and spoke to Community Worker about all her trouble. The Community Worker tried to convince her and called her every day to come to the ESS center. Gradually, she started coming and enjoyed the activities in the center. Day by day she got focused on her studies. Now she is selected to attend the Navodaya (Government Residential School) exam from her school. Her parents are very happy due to this sudden transformation of their daughter and all credit goes to VRO.



“A skillful community can
always be productive”

-Prof. M.A. Windey

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Success Story

We hail from Sagarpeta Village under Gurrampalem Gram Panchayat, Jaggampeta Mandal, Kakinada District. Recently, some repair works have been undertaken by the government in our school and as a result of this many villagers started to throw their garbage beside school compound wall. Even after several warnings, none stopped doing that. Gradually the stink and the unbearable smell increased. As a result we faced a lot of problems due to mosquito menace. As part of our CER activity, Service Camps were organised in and around the Evening Supervised Study Centre. We decided to clean the premises once in fortnight but everything was in vain. In our ESSC, the members of the Children Parliament which is another activity under CER called for a meeting in October 2022 to discuss the problem.



A resolution was made to put up flashcards in the place but the the problem was still persisting. We decided to complain to the Gram Sachivalay and again cleaned the place and put flash cards with a slogan “Do not Throw the Garbage Here” with relevant pictures. To our astonishment, the villagers stopped throwing garbage. Now all the children in the ESSC are happy without mosquitoes and continue our activities undisturbed. Thanks to the VRO for forming Children Parliament and conducting regular meetings, because of that we feel like we are leaders and have become confident that we can solve any problem.

“Clean and Green.”



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Success Story

"Goat shepherding to Studies"

I am Renuka from village of Vankamarry, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh. I am a student of 4th grade. I have a younger brother and a younger sister. My parents are not educated and my father shepherds the goats for our daily living. My father used to take me along with him to assist him in shepherding the goats. Eventually this has become my daily routine and I have stopped going to school.

One day the Community Worker of the Evening Supervisory Study Centre of VRO visited our house along with School Head Master in our village. They spoke to our parents and explained about the importance of education and told them not to take me for shepherding but to send me back to school. Finally, With their motivation, I have rejoined the school and in the ESSC run by VRO. I am brushing up all my forgotten basics and happy to go to School and to ESSC with friends.





I am Monalisa Barik from the village of Bayakumutia, Keonjhar District Odisha. My father's name is Sankhali Barik and mother's name is Juli Barik. Our family survives on the daily labour of my parents. I study in Grade 4 at Bayakumutia Upper Primary (UP) School. I am a student of VRO ESSC at Bayakumutia. Along with education I took a lead in cultural activities too. I am a good dancer. I have won many prizes from many organizations for my good dance performances. I also study at the Bayamkumutia ESSC and train students there in dance. In one of the VRO functions a dance program was staged under my direction by the ESSC students. After that I was appointed as the Cultural Minister in Children Parliament of the ESS centre and took lead role in cultural programs.

I feel proud and delighted to share my skill with other students. Others see me as their role model and inspiration. This makes me really happy. I would like to share this skill with many students and also become professional dancer. Thanks to VRO for igniting this spirit in me.

"Performance in Dance"



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Success Story

My name is Tamara Rupa and I am from Ravipalem Village of Jalamapalli Panchayat, Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. I am the second child to my parents. I have an elder brother and younger sister and both were born normal and beautiful. I was born with a Cleft Lip. When I go to school, my fellow students used to make fun of me and everyone laughs at my cleft lip as my speech was not clear when I speak. I felt very embarrassed and dropped out of school.

VRO's ESSC Community Worker, Mrs. Chadravathi and VRO volunteer Mr. Venkatesh came to my house and spoke to my parents that I needed to undergo an operation. But my parents told them that they cannot afford such an operation as they live on daily wages which is just enough to feed the family.

Then the VRO volunteers inquired about an organization that works for children with deformity and made arrangements through Akhila Bharat Mahila Seva Samaj (ABMSS) for my operation and I was admitted in the Apollo Hospital in Visakhapatnam on 15th May, 2022. for surgery and got operated. Now I feel much better and normal. My friends no longer look at me differently and this makes me feel happy. I would like to thank Mrs. Chandravathi, Mr. Venkatesh and VRO who identified me and decided to help me. My confidence has risen, and I am reborn again. Thank you VRO.

"Feel Reborn"



● today calls on yesterday to help build tomorrow

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Success Story

“Clean Environment”

I am Adduri Tirupathamma, hailing from Bhattiprolu Railway Gate Village, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh. I am working as a Community worker in Bhattiprolu Railway Gate Village from 2019 onwards. I conduct Evening Supervisory Study for the children for 2 hours between 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Apart from education, physical and mental development and I conduct meditation, games, drawings and other competitions. I motivated children in ESSC and created an awareness on cleanliness. One day ESSC children cleaned the surroundings of ESS Centre. There is an empty plot close to my house that belonged to a villager. I requested the owner of the plot to give it to us for conducting our activities and he gave it to us free of cost. From then on, our students are happy to have spacious place for ESSC. The parents are really happy to see their children in good environment and also happy to send their children to ESSC and School regularly.

After this, I have gained respect from all our villagers for developing the children in studies, extra curricular activities, hygiene and physical fitness in the Study centre. I thank VRO for giving me an opportunity to serve my village and gain respect for the same.



YSD

Youth Skill Development

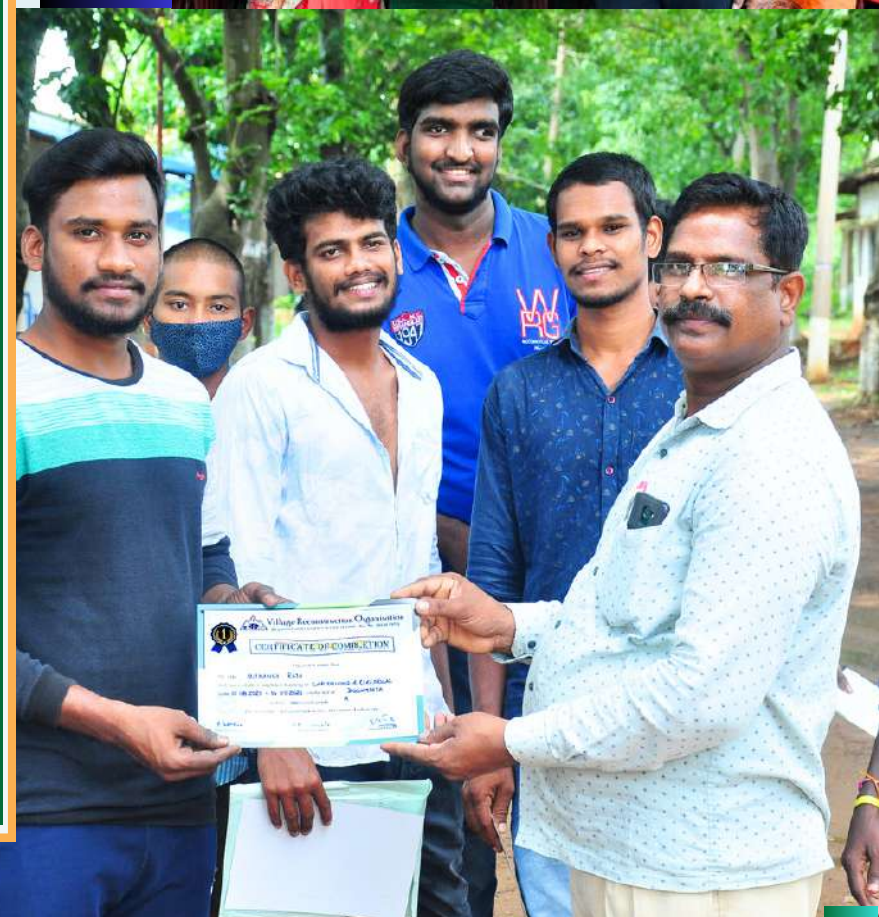
VRO provides a platform to the young boys and girls and women to learn various skills like tailoring, embroidery, fashion designing, beautician for girls and driving, computer basics and electrical repairs for boys. Besides core skill training, the trainees are imparted with communicative skills, entrepreneurship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

To imbibe the Vision and Mission of VRO they are also oriented towards social responsibility and initiated the process of community mobilization. Required and possible assistance is offered to them to start their own business and to avail themselves of employment.

Starting of the skill development (Tailoring) in their respective villages helps many rural women to learn the skills in their own villages, who otherwise go for daily labour. 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 and self-reliance not only for themselves but also for the entire community. We are glad to share that VRO has trained 118 young boys in driving and repair of electrical appliances and maintenance skills, and 1305 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.



INTERVENTION





YSD SUCCESS STORIES

"Self - Sustained"

I am Pandula Nirmala from Godukondla village, Chinthapally, Nalgonda, Telangana. My husband is Nagendar, a motor mechanic and an alcoholic. I got married at the age of 16 and have two sons.

He is not regular in his daily earnings. Even if he works, he does not give any money for family needs, instead spends for consuming liquor and beats me and children and creates nuisance.

Recently I came to know that he was having an extra marital relationship with another woman and does not come to our house and support us. My in-laws too don't support me but support their son. I was finding it difficult to feed my children and could not find a job because I studied only 8th class. I came to know that VRO was offering a Tailoring course for girls and young women. I joined the course and without missing a day, attended all the classes for four months.

During the course I have learnt stitching new designs of blouses and pyjamas. I took it as an opportunity to start my own earnings. Now I stitch clothes on orders and the customers are happy with my stitching. I earn Rs 300 to 400 every day and I am able to educate my children in English medium school and able to pay their school fees. Realizing my hard work and earnings, my husband too has changed his attitude towards me and my children and working hard to be supportive of family. I thank VRO for the scope of transformation and for giving me such an opportunity to learn stitching in the tailoring course and making me to stand on my feet to lead my life in dignity.





“A milestone in my Life.”

I am M. Lavanya hailing from Konduvaripalli village in Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh. Our village is one of the remotest villages in Kadapa District. VRO organization started a tailoring centre in 2021 in Konduvaripalli. I underwent tailoring training given by VRO for four months and convinced my family members to buy a new machine for me and started to stitch clothes for the women in our village. Now I am educating my only son with an income of Rs 500 per day and not depending on my husband for the education of my boy and for running the family as well. I feel very proud of myself at present. Earlier my in-laws and my husband used to scold me and abuse me every day. I even thought of committing suicide once.

Now I am very grateful to VRO for changing my life totally and for turning a new way in my life. Now I face the family boldly with my income. What I learned to stitch clothes in four months is useful to me now. I am very happy now and my family members are happy too. I express my deepest gratitude to the VRO organization for giving me good training that is supporting my livelihood.





“Household work to Garment Stitching”

I am Tuni Naik living in the village Mahishabali with my father Dayanidhi Naik and Mother Basanti Naik and a brother. Ours is a tribal village in the District Keonjhar, Odisha. My father is a small landholding farmer. Yet we face the problem of making ends to meet. I completed my matriculation from the local High school. Due to Poverty, there was no possibilities for me to pursue higher education.

So, after the matriculation, I assisted my mother in household work. I heard about VRO running an Evening Supervisory Study Centre in Mahishabali village. When the VRO staff visited the centre, I met them and found out about tailoring course under YSD project. I underwent 6 months training during the Post Covid Pandemic period. My VRO Admission Code was 781 during the period year 2021-22. I learnt to stitch variety of dresses for girls and women. I improved my personality in many ways through soft skill training programs and also learnt Phenol making.



I also learnt about health and sanitation, basic computers, entrepreneurship, community mobilization, etc. This training and learning brought self-confidence and created desire to do something within me. I had no money to buy a sewing machine. I contacted the Site in charge, Mrs. Subashree Mallick, for placement in Garment company. Subsequently I was placed and I am paid monthly salary of Rs.9500/-. I am sending the money to my family. Now we do not have much financial problem but live happily. All these became possible only because of VRO, so I offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to VRO.





“My husband is proud of me”

I am Mrs. Ayusha, the wife of Mr. Shahid. I have two children and we live in V.M.R. Nagar area of Nellore district. My husband is a drunkard and beats and harasses me mentally and physically every day. I was mentally upset and was afraid to share my difficulties with anyone in the neighbourhood. VRO volunteer visited our village and motivated the women to join the tailoring course under VRO YSD project to be started in our village. I was fortunate to have their visit to my home too. But when they came my husband was not there and hence, I could pour out my difficulties to them.



They assured me that they would visit our home again in the evening and convince my husband to send me to the training course. As promised, they came in the evening and started to discuss with my husband who vehemently opposed their proposal. But Mr. Gopal, the volunteer of VRO, kept on requesting him to join me in the course.



At last, my husband realized and agreed to send me to the tailoring training. I happily joined the tailoring course in July 2022 and with the motivation of the Instructor, I learned to stitch a variety of dresses. In the training, I learnt to be brave and gained leadership qualities, and to relate with others freely. Because of the VRO volunteer my husband stopped drinking now and even purchased a new sewing machine and arranged one room for stitching purposes. Now I am taking orders and stitching items and have won the appreciation of my customers. Now, I am earning around Rs 400 per day and that has made my husband to be proud of me. I convey my heartfelt thanks to VRO and the Instructor and the Volunteer of VRO for having brought a change in my life.



YSD Women - Sewing Machines Distribution



“Financially strong”

I am Nathiya w/o Vadivel belonging to the most backward community of Inungur village, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. I studied up to intermediate. My husband is an agricultural labourer who earns daily wages. My husband's wages are not sufficient to run either the family or to pay my children's school fees.

I came to know that VRO was running a tailoring course for free of cost for four months and I joined and underwent training on power sewing machines. Then, I got a job at “Sophika Garments” one of the biggest garments in Karur District as “Advanced Skilled Trainer” on power sewing machine. My earnings are between Rs .9500 and 12000 per month. Every day I go by company van from my house to Sophika Garments, Karur and return by company vehicle which lessens my travel expenses. It is a big economical support to my family. Our family's heart is full of thanks to VRO.



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Success Story

“Self Reliance”

I am Bandaru Satyanarayana. I used to work in Visakha Dairy Parlour as an assistant in Jaggampeta area a year ago. I am having a married younger sister whom I need to support financially but the wages I get from work place were not sufficient to do that. When I was working in Visakha Dairy, I came to know through a friend about 45 days Youth Skill Development project in Village Reconstruction Organisation, Jaggampeta where in House free training in electrical repairs and driving with free accommodation and food are provided. I was waiting for such a short term course for many years because I am working as a private employee and there is no possibility of getting leave.

Since it was a course with fewer days, I joined the course in March 2022 and underwent the training in Car Driving cum House wiring for 45 days. As said, I was provided with free accommodation and delicious food free of cost.



After the training, I took a permanent driving license. Before training I used to get a salary of Rs. 5000/- as a sales man at Visakha Dairy Parlour, Jaggampeta. After training, I was appointed as a van driver in the same Visakha dairy and now I am getting a salary of Rs. 16000/- per month. I am so happy and comfortable in life with the free training I got from VRO.

I thank the Village Reconstruction Organisation for giving me a good professional life.



“Business Entrepreneur, though deaf & mute ”

I am M. Triveni, hailing from Dokiparru, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. I am 22 years old and studied Intermediate in distance course. I am deaf and mute from my childhood and I did not feel sorry for my situation.

With the encouragement of my parents, I joined beautician course in VRO at Perecherla Tailoring centre. Though I was not able to speak and hear, I learned the beautician course with lot of interest and zeal. I changed my lifestyle and I overcame my disability and learnt the present skill. I also learnt the tailoring skill in VRO site at Perecherla. I learnt stitching 20 items of new designs. In beautician course I learned different styles and designs like mehendi designs, bridal make up, hair styles, saree draping etc. I have shown special interest in beautician course and presently I am earning Rs.7000 monthly. I am also attending parties, events, and functions for this craft. I improved my skills and became multi talented person. I got good name through these crafts. Apart from helping myself I became exemplary and role model to others in my village. Thanks to VRO for providing these opportunities.



Village Empowerment and Entitlement

VEE

The concept of self-help groups (SHGs) has taken its roots in nook and corner of the rural, semi-urban and urban areas, which help to improve the living standards and enhance and enlarge livelihood possibilities.

A self-help group is defined as a small economically homogeneous group of 15 or 20 poor and middle class women, voluntarily coming together to save small amounts regularly, deposit in a common fund to meet the emergency needs of its members to provide collateral-free loans decided by the group and to discuss social and economic engagement with one another. This concept is very well spread for the economic development of poor women.

VRO motivated village women to start Mutually Aided Cooperatives Thrift Society (MACTS) and enabled them to pool the resources from them and from external sources to start internal lending and to start a seasonal business. To bring out the desired result a lot of orientation programs are organized to animate and to build the confidence of the women to boldly venture into income generating activities. The following success stories stand as a proof for women's social and economic emancipation.



INTERVENTION





VEE SUCCESS STORIES

‘Ray of Hope’

My name is Yadamma from Godikondla village, Chinthapally, Nalgonda District. I have three girls. Two girls are married and the third one is yet to marry. My husband is 65 years old and unable to work.

I joined Self Help Group in 2021. Due to no income from my husband and since I am not able to work in the field as labourer after COVID-19 attack, we were finding it difficult to run the family and with this tension, my husband was paralysed. In our critical situation VRO Community Worker Parvathamma who is our ward member came to us and motivated me to take loan from SHG to start a petty shop near the school. On approaching SHG, they refused to sanction me the loan due to my financial conditions doubting my repayment. However, Parvathamma gave surety and spoke to ACTION Team helped me to get the loan sanctioned. With the help of Mamatha Village Action Team member I applied for loan of Rs 50,000/- in SC Corporation and set up a petty shop where children from school buy chocolates, biscuits, and other edibles. Now I am earning Rs 600 to Rs 800 per day. I thank Community Worker, Parvathamma from VRO for her timely intervention to help.





“Dependence to Independence”

I am Musini Sandya hailing from Kurampally village, Nalgonda District, Telangana. I am 34 years old and have completed under graduation. While I was in my second year of degree, I was married to a lorry driver. I have two children, one girl and a boy. They are studying 7th class and 8th class respectively. I worked in a cloth shop for 12 years in a Mall.

Though I had worked for 12 years I was getting only Rs 60000/- per year. My husband is not regular to work and drinks and beats me and my children. The financial crisis in the family was a hindrance for peace in the family. My children were disturbed due to frequent fights. Therefore, I decided strongly to do something which will fetch money to run the family and to give better education to my children. Since I have experience in selling clothes, I took courage to approach SC Corporation for loan with the support of VRO Community Worker. I received a loan of Rs 1,00,000/- and started saree business at home. Out of this loan of Rs 1,00,000 I got subsidy of Rs 50,000 and I need to pay back only Rs 50,000. I earn around Rs 20,000 per month and even more during festival seasons. I pay back the loan every month in installments. I expanded the shop at home and now I stand on my own feet without depending on my husband. My children are happy and are studying without any disturbances. I realized that I am independent now to make decisions and to share my views with the family. I thank the VRO Community Worker who helped me to get loan and for establishing peace in my family.



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Success Story

“Dignified Life”

- My name is K. Prabhavathi and I am a member of MACTS group in my hometown, Papireddypalli village, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh. My husband left me and my two sons. They are studying in a Primary School in my village. My husband had an illicit relationship with another woman and left us. My children and I are living alone.
- When I was struggling to raise my children, VRO arrived in our village and started MACTS group and I was encouraged to join the MACTS. In the month of February 2023, I took a loan of 25,000/- rupees from MACS group. I am making a living by selling watermelon fruits in Brahmamgari Mattam town. Every day I earn Rs 500 to Rs 700 which enables me to take care of my children. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the VRO volunteers who formed the MACTS group and gave us the appropriate platform for self sustainable livelihood.



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Success Story

“ Supportive to the Family.

I am Iik Vallibhi. I am from Molleru village in Jaggampeta Mandal, Alluri Seetha Ramaraju District, Andhra Pradesh. My husband Mr. Iik Babji is a daily wage labourer. We have 2 sons, the eldest Iik Khasim Sahim is studying 7th class and the youngest Iik Bhaler is studying 5th class in Bhupathirajupalem. Our family is financially run only by my husband's daily wages which were not sufficient to meet all the needs. I came to know of MACTS groups run by VRO in Jaggampeta and I was encouraged to join the group. I took a loan and started a bangles business. I sell multi-purpose items such as multi-purpose bangles, hair clips, nose studs, rolled gold bangles, fashion bangles and all other ladies' items. I sell these at my home with minimal commission on the bought price.

On an average, I earn Rs. 200 – Rs. 300 per day. With this amount, I am able to meet a few of our domestic needs and be a support to my husband.

I started repaying Rs. 500/- per month and started saving Rs. 100/- per month. I am so happy for joining and being part of this group. I am very thankful to group members and VRO.



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Success Story

“ Disability is not an obstacle’

I am Appana Peda Kapu of Vengayammapuram village of Jaggampeta Mandal, Alluri Seetha Ramaraju District, Andhra Pradesh. We, seventeen members of differently abled persons formed as a MACTS group and started saving Rs. 200/- every month. Anyone of us who needs money take the amount from it and attend to our needs. At the same time used to repay the amount taken without fail.

By learning this, I thought that I could buy a computer to start online services in support of the family more and my villagers too. After the computer training I took Rs. 30,000/- loan from the savings and bought a computer and printer. I also got an internet connection and now I started to fill online applications, job applications and do MS office works. I earn Rs. 5000/- to 8000/- per month through this part-time job. With this, I lead my family smoothly. Our group is so thankful to VRO and its team for forming us as a group and encouraging us to earn more.



Even though GOD made me unable to walk properly with my legs, Village Reconstruction Organization helped me to stand on my feet.

Thank you VRO.

AGROFORESTRY - AF

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, protection, survival of plants and natural farming. The farmers also do the inter-cropping by cultivating cotton, millet 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.

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AGROFORESTRY

Table showing the Main crop income details for the year 2023

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
2015-16	139	11	13703	60	One acre per farmer	-
2016-17	55	03	2359	68	Half acre per farmer	-
2017-18	30	03	1320	90	Half acre per farmer	10.9 Lakhs
2018-19	106	06	4724	95	Half acre per farmer	20.9 Lakhs
2019-20	80	04	3736	95	Half acre per farmer	36.8 Lakhs
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	40.5 Lakhs
2021-22	-	-	-	-	-	17.75 Lakhs
2022-23	80	14	2,370	98	Half acre per farmer	22.005 Lakhs
Total	-	-	28,212	-	-	148.855 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. 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.



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Success Story

AF SUCCESS STORIES

“Reap and Yield”

My name is Vanjari Sirisha. I am from Seekayapadu village of Cheemalapadu Panchayat, Ravikamatha Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh. I live in pakka house with my husband and two children. My elder son is studying in grade 8 and my younger daughter is in grade 4. I am a member of the Girijana Mahila MACTS for the past three years.

I have made about Rs. 4500 as savings in it. In the month of June-22, I have availed a loan of Rs. 10000 from MACTS. I have a small piece of land about 2 acres and I got a loan and spent Rs. 4000 for ploughing the field and bought the seeds of Bitter Guard that are grown in hills. With another Rs. 5000, I have arranged a tent like structure for the upcoming creepers. This I did in one acre of land and in the other one acre of land I planted the seeds of Chilly and Brinjal (Egg Plant). After 2-3 three months the crop started to yield, and I started selling them in a weekly market.

So far, I sold the yield for Rs. 40,000 and I am happy for the crop. I would like to invest this amount again in vegetable cultivation next year also so that I can generate more income for my family. I would like to thank VRO for motivating us to have MACTS from which we borrow money and stabilise ourselves financially.



“Plenty of Harvest “

My name is Neelapu Devi. I am from the village of Mulakalapalli, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh. I am blessed with 3 children. We live together with my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my husband's younger brother along with my husband and kids. We live in a house that was built by VRO 25-27 years ago. In the year 2019 we received about 50 plants of cashew from VRO. From then on, we carefully took care of them and guarded them from the wild animals and cattle and now they have grown to be very good fruit bearing trees. Last year the cashew trees had very good flowering and we hoped to get good yield and were waiting for it. But all our expectations went in vain as the flowering withered away due to a virus. As a result, we could get only three bags, each bag of 80 kg, of raw cashew. We sold each bag for about Rs 8000 amounting to a total of Rs 24000. But we spent Rs 30000 for cleaning and labour. We were very disappointed to face the situation. As my husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law go for daily labour, we could manage somehow to maintain the family.

It was not so until December 2022 when my father-in-law suddenly broke his head while working in the fields. We took him to the hospital and spent a lot of money, but he died after three days in the hospital. To bear these expenses we borrowed about Rs 50,000 from a local money lender. From then on, we were only paying the monthly interest.



This year also we had very good flowering and were afraid that we would end up in the situation faced last year. But with the blessings of God, we got good yield. We got about 11 bags, each consisting of 80 kg. We sold 6 bags to the money lender and got our debt waved off completely. Then we also sold 5 bags, 400 kg, to the Girijana MACTS, in which I am also a member, for the cashew processing unit. I am happy that we were relieved from the debt and gained a profit of Rs.41000 on the cashew crop. As member of MACTS I am also hoping to make some fortune through the cashew processing unit. I thank VRO for being with us in struggles. Thank you VRO.



“Organic Farming”

I am Korra Demudu and I'm from the village of Cheemalapadu of Ravikamatham mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh. I have completed my graduation. After the completion of my graduation, I began tilling a small piece of land we had.

One day during a casual conversation, my grandfather was fooling my father and told me that we did not have enough stamina to do hard labour as he used to. From then on, one question that disturbed me for a long time was how our grandfather was very healthy and why are his children not that healthy? For this I got an answer that in the days of our grandfather they did agriculture without using any chemicals. But that is not the case in the present situation. We use a lot of chemicals in our farming process. As a result, all the vegetables, fruits and all that we eat are adulterated by chemicals. I wanted to put a stop and so started natural farming by using natural fertilizers.



But I did not have enough knowledge of the natural farming process. So, I started watching some YouTube videos on natural farming. But this did not give me enough clarity about how to start. Then one day Mr. Ramana and Mr. Nani who work in VRO came to me and informed me that there would be a training in the natural farming methods. It came as a blessing for me as I have always wanted to start natural farming. After attending this training, which was given to us by the farming experts, I felt happy. In our house we also have some cows therefore the process was very easy for me. After attending that session on natural farming methods, I came home and started doing the same. I prepared the mixture with the following ingredients as told in the training; 10 litres of cow urine, 2 KG of jaggery, 1KG of mixed nut flour, 10 KG of cow dung and 200 litres of water. This mixture must be fermented for 10 days and must be given to the plants at root within five days after the fermentation.

I did the same. First, I used it for my Paddy field. And it gave me a good yield. Once in every 20 days I keep preparing this mixture and use it for my land. Lately I have started cultivating vegetables with this. Now I am proud to be a farmer with natural farming methods.

Thanks to VRO for the timely intervention and training



"Poverty to Prosperity"

I am Bachala Eswaramma, and I am from the village of Peda Pittagedda, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh. We live in a house that was constructed by VRO.

We live as agricultural labourers and I get about Rs 250 if I go to work. But this work was also not continuous, and we had to depend on the money lenders for money needed for our day-to-day bread. We have a small portion of land given by the government to till and cultivate. All these years we were cultivating some millets and grains which we used for daily food. Since our land is part of the slope of a hill, the water cannot be contained for the fields, so we got very little yield as there was not sufficient water. That was barely enough to look after our daily bread. Hence, we depend upon the local money lenders for some money needed for emergency purposes.



In the year 2019, VRO gave us 50 cashew saplings and we planted them in half an acre. We took care of them very well for the past 4 years and safeguarded them from cattle and other wild animals. From this year onwards the crop has begun to yield in its fullness and we were able to gather about 6 bags of cashew each bag of 80 kg. Each bag was sold at a price of Rs 8500 and we got Rs. 51000 from the total yield. This amount was used to pay off the debts taken from the money lenders. Almost 75% of the debt is cleared. We hope to clear the balance debt in the following year. We thank VRO for supporting us in times of need and distress.

Thank you VRO.

Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP)



Munnangivaripalem (29 Houses), Tsundur, Bapatla



Munnangivaripalem Inauguration



Nadigaddavaripalem (26 Houses), Tsundur, Bapatla



Nadigaddavaripalem Inauguration



Chevuri Subbulu
Isukapalli



Maddula Veeramma
Isukapalli



Eega Renuka
Isukapalli



Vasumalli Bharathi
Isukapalli



Chevuri Subbulu
Isukapalli



Chembeti Venkateswaramma
Isukapalli



-Building
ne (VRBP)

Chalivendram Anjamma
Isukapalli



Peta Tirupathamma
Isukapalli

Isukapalli (133 Houses), Repalle, Bapatla



Satyati Polamma
Thotlapalem



Sangeetha Geetha
Thotlapalem



Chowturi Durga
Thotlapalem



Thotlapalem (29 Houses), Chebrolu, Guntur



Melika Venkateswaramma
Thotlapalem



Beena Durga Bhavani
Thotlapalem



Associate Director's

Message

EDUCATION FOR HUMAN TRANSFORMATION

In the Post-truth Society, the need for transformative, wholistic and holistic education has gained unprecedented importance. Unfortunately education has become an easy way of making money. Hence it has lost its sheen. Money centre corporate education has changed the landscape of education and has imposed unhealthy comparison and competition.

Hence the question of character formation and imparting civic sense, social responsibility, environmental awareness and ethical conscience into the minds and hearts of children has taken a last seat. Unethical practices to be in the competitive race have become the unwritten accepted way of running the educational institutions.

Sadly the government which is supposed to be the guide and philosopher has mortgaged its duty and responsibility at the altar of corporate powers and lobbies. Hence the responsibility of educating the poor, the marginalized, scheduled caste, scheduled tribes and the rural poor has conveniently been ignored by the ruling powers.



Venkatapathi Kolagani, M.A., LLM

(Velangani Raju, SJ)
Associate Director, VRO

Such freedom to the corporates has resulted in the narrow conception of education vis-à-vis admitting the children in the school and getting the schools to function efficiently so as to generate income and reap profits. This is tantamount to missing the trees for wood.

Present education does not bother to raise questions such as: what kind of society does the future generation need to conceive? What kind of production does the present future require to acquire? On what kind of principles the foundation of the future society to be built, developed and consolidated? What kind of ideologies and ethical practices are to be taught to be personalized by the children to uphold the unity in diversity of society? What kind of responsibility to be imparted to children regarding the alarming environmental degradation? Regrettably most of the debates, deliberations on education revolve around administrative finer points or child-centre education which will fetch money to the corporate institution. Ironically education which claims to form future generation to immerse into the world outside fails to incorporate the existential socio-economic, political, cultural and religious ground reality. It is no exaggeration to state that contemporary education is another kind of a poultry industry, hence dances to the tunes, directions and desires of the market economy resulting in new oppressive and destructive social structures in the society.

In the name of smart classes, digital teaching and virtual learning humanizing process is steadily declining and mechanization is exponentially growing resulting in ultra-modern social evils and economic exploitations. Transmission of specialized information lost its inherent transformative essence therefore after completing education children find it difficult to immerse themselves into the societal reality and social responsibility. Such weird behavior has led to social evils, emotional fragilities and unrest. In fact the transformation would occur when learners are able to make meaning of what they learn and find value of, then the future generation without fail embrace or exercise actions and make value-based judgments. This is one of the most challenging tasks of Indian education where learning is becoming an investment for future returns.

The real challenge to actualize value based elementary education or universalization of education among the rural poor is poverty and powerlessness. Poor parents are therefore helpless. Though the intention of universalization of education is to eradicate inequalities and liberate the rural poor from various oppressions, the in-built differential socio-economic treatment of people scuttle the process and progress.

These glaring inequalities in rural India have provoked and confronted Village Reconstruction Organisation (VRO) to address and root out the causes. However VRO by fully being aware of its limitations and realizing that it is a drop in the ocean still positively has embraced the noble task of emancipating the poor children knowing that this tiny drop contains Whole Ocean of opportunities to literate rural poor children. It has envisaged contextualized plan of action to befriend the poor children only to bring them in large numbers to the school. Such plan of action is christened as **“Children Education & Rights Project (CERP).”**

Such plan of action has become one of the main missions of VRO. In a modest way it has been launched in the remotest villages of Odisha and has gradually spread to all the four states. Today proudly CERP has entered 11th year and has embraced thousands of children. All these children are government school going children who need external support of educational aids such as books, bags, clothes, additional coaching, value based education, environmental awareness, leadership qualities and responsibility towards the nature and people. VRO has been working on these elements relentlessly for the well-being of these deprived children. CERP centres are also known as Supervised Study Centres (SSC). All the SSCs have Village Committees. Committee members are identified by the village people in a democratic way with the help of Community worker. Invariably qualified and well-disposed towards the education of the rural poor and who has positive attitude are chosen. Our experiences have been very affirmative and refreshing. Request for CERP centres is on the rise. Our SSC centres have brought down the rate of drop outs and children love to be in the school and learn.

Dr. APJ Kalam's belief that 'some of the brightest minds can be found in the last benches of the class rooms' inspires VRO to acclaim that, the Pearls of the Country are found in the remotest villages of India.' VRO uncompromisingly continues this project and combs every nook and corner of the village to make sure that none of the children are deprived of quality education in all the villages which are adopted. All activities in SSC centres without fail try to realize Margaret Mead's intention that 'Children be Taught how to Think not What to Think'.

At this juncture VRO gratefully remembers and acknowledges the generous contributions of various donors who have sacrificed their comforts to comfort the disturbed rural poor children to become prospective human future of this colorful Country INDIA.

K. Venkatapathi, (Velangani Raju, SJ)
Associate Director, VRO

Fr. George Anthony, S.J.

Area Directors

Message

Children's Parliament and Leadership training

As we all know that children themselves rarely get the opportunity to share their views, thoughts, their desires, their likes, their dislikes, and their opinions on the things they believe to be pivotal to their own development. A lack of communication between adults and children and a lack of acceptance of children in the decision making process have hindered the development of their health, their education, and their ability to make their own choices. It is to counter this nonparticipation that Government, educators and NGOs have brought about the concept of the Children's Parliaments.

The Children's Parliament is a group of children of a particular village, neighbourhood, or region who come together as a group for activities, learning, and to represent their interests and opinions to the decision makers of the village.

A Children's Parliament receives, and is involved in, the following development and training activities:

- Equipping children with the basic concepts of the Children's Parliament.
- Providing life skill education.
- Equipping children with the knowledge to maintain the sustainability of the Children's Parliament.
- Teaching children about child rights.
- Undertaking activities that focus on the children's health and education.
- Teaching children the art of negotiation and group decision making.



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

Outcomes of being part of the Children's Parliament

The Children's Parliament, through its many activities, equip the children with multiple skills as well as the platform through which they can make their voices heard.

The Children's Parliaments and Benefits

- As a group, the children can share their common concerns, debate over them and arrive at plausible solutions which can then be shared with those adults who can make a difference.
- The children come to learn about their own legal rights.

More than ten years, VRO has been faithfully forming children parliament for the Government school children studying in the project area of Andhra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Through the training programmes conducted by VRO, some of them emerge as leaders in their own schools and win prizes. Few others demand the elders and parents to provide facilities for the children studying in their schools.



Fr. S. Emmanuel, S.J.

Message



Fr. S. Emmanuel, S.J.
Area Director, VRO Rajahmundry

Organic Farming

Organic farming is an essential part of today's world. Organic cultivating implies cultivating in the organic connection between soil, water, and plants; between soil and soil organisms. In the market there is lot of demand for organic vegetables and grains with higher prices. Therefore, it is important to know about organic farming.

1. **Organic manure** provides basic nutrients that are required by plants in limited amount. There are various organic manures that are used by farmers such as farm wastes, oilcakes, vermicompost, and biological waste - animal bone.

2. **Organic pesticides**, for example, neem, tobacco and other restorative plants need promotion. Specific microbial pesticides, for instance, *Bacillus Thuringiensis* offer a guarantee. It is essential to have biological pest management to improve the quality of the soil.

3. **Non-Chemical Weed Control** : Mechanical strategy for weed control is commonly polished to lessen the weed populace. Organic control of weed needs promotion.

4. **Agronomical Practices** : Yield revolution, blended trimming, green manuring practices will improve the physical and compound properties of soil. Consideration of leguminous yields in these practices adds to the ripeness.

5. **Principles of organic farming** includes non utilization of chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and upkeep of healthy soil.

Importance of Organic Farming

- It doesn't bring about any ecological contamination and only less energy is utilized.
- Less motorization is required.
- Less unsettling influence of soil, legitimate structure, high organic issue substance will be kept up.
- Organic food fetches more income.

Organic farming has many benefits in today's world and it is esteemed to be much more cautious than the traditional ways of farming. This method, when used, can improve the health of people and the richness of soil on which farming is done. The reliance on these methods is beneficial as they provide more nutritious crops and better nourishment.

VRO has initiated the usage of biopesticides among the tribal farmers of Kothakota Cluster project. Government staff were more than willing to train our farmers in preparing biopesticides and biofertilizers.



Project Manager's

Message

“Dare to Dream - Dare to Achieve”

Indeed, it is a privilege for me to be in the fraternity of VRO to journey with to provide servant leadership to the Beneficiaries, Community Workers, Volunteers, Project Officers, and other Stakeholders.

Reflecting on the year's successes, challenges, and lessons learned offers invaluable insights that can inform our strategic planning, by sharing the vision for the future, outlining upcoming initiatives or stating strategic priorities can engage stakeholders in our future journey and keep them invested in our organization's continued progress. It's time to break barriers and ensure policies reflect our values.

It is wonderful that VRO is manifesting transformation in the Community with sustainable development in transparency, accountability and showcasing the impact which are its cornerstones.

Let's build a workplace that radiates authenticity and inclusiveness.



Paul Rajkumar
Project Manger, VRO

Finance Manager's

Experience

My experience as Finance Manager in VRO

It is God's providence that I have been serving VRO as its Finance Manager since 2015. Before starting my journey with VRO, I worked with Corporate Companies, Production companies, Audit Firms, etc.

Companies work for the satisfaction of the customers and whereas NGO's work is for the satisfaction of one's soul. As I look back my journey with VRO my heart is filled with joy and contentment because I was given the wonderful chance to bring out my innate talents and potentialities in organizing Golden Jubilee celebrations of VRO, Birth Centenary of Prof. M.A. Windey S.J. and various village inauguration programs. When I organized the above said programs, I cherished the collaboration of the volunteers of VRO, the Operational and Associate Directors and the Governing Board Members. VRO also provided me with ample opportunities to be accountable, transparent and credible in my profession.

C.R. Peter Bosco
Finance Manager, VRO

VRO enabled me to cherish the real satisfaction of life by helping and monitoring the program activities carried out to the underprivileged people without any discrimination of caste, creed and religion by providing the basic needs of shelter and equipping the deprived youth with minimum skill training and empowering the women etc. VRO helped me to acquire or sharpen the financial knowledge of both FCRA & Income Tax in a professional manner. Hence, I am grateful to VRO and particularly to Prof. M.A. Windey for having given this wonderful opportunity and experience which have filled my heart with contentment and happiness.

Project Officer's & Circle Coordinator's Experiences

Guntur Region

I joined VRO in June, 2014 as the Project Officer of Kothakota cluster, and later I was entrusted with Guntur Region to coordinate 3 circles namely Repalle, Perecherla and Rajupalem. While I am working with the team I gained the following skills and qualities.

1. Plan, and organize training programs for the Volunteers.
2. Expertise in formation of CBOs.
3. Provide timely inputs to the Volunteers.
4. Ability to lead the Team.
5. Effective Communication skills.
6. Leadership qualities.
7. Patience in leading the team .
8. Treat everyone equally.



D. Showri Raju

PO, Guntur Region

Perecherla



P. Sajjan Rao

CC, Perecherla

My name is Sajjan Rao Prathipati and it gives me an immense joy to share my experience of working with VRO as Circle Coordinator in Perecharla circle of Guntur Region.

Working with VRO for the CER project is truly amazing. This project helped children in learning discipline, excel in studies and molding their lives in good career.

Working among the youth who undermine themselves due to the stigma of community background led me to encourage them to join our Driving and Computer courses and to come out with flying colors to support their parents and siblings financially with their earnings using the skills that we provided them with.

I thank VRO for giving me the opportunity to work with the poor for imparting better livelihood.

Rajupalem

**J. Shyamala**

CC, Rajupalem

I joined VRO in 2008 in the Nellore region first as a teacher in the residential school and Warden of Ananthavaram site and since I worked in the education sector. In 2010 I was given the assignment as warden and Superintendent for BPTC (Basic Productivity Training Center) at Varun Nagar, Nellore Region. I worked as a Care taker for orphan and semi-orphan children at Sagara Sangamam, Nellore Region. I worked as Site in charge at Gandhinagar. I worked as an Animator at Mulakalapudi and in 2018 I came to Rajupalem as an Animator and now presently I am working as Circle Coordinator.

VRO gave me the opportunity to serve the vulnerable people who are in need and to serve poor needy children. VRO provided platform to gain these skills and qualities. I am grateful to VRO.

I gained the following skills and qualities:

1. Survey skills
2. Speaking skills
3. Motivation skills
4. Monitoring skills
5. Problem solving and decision making skills
6. Coordination skills
7. Knowledge skills
8. Patience
9. Courage
10. Love and Care for children and adults.

Repalle

**K. Devaki**

CC, Repalle

I am Devaki. I Joined Village Reconstruction Organisation (VRO) in 2008 as a tutor to the Children of Yenadhi Tribal community in my village.

After having served the children for two years, I expressed my desire and willingness to be part of VRO as a volunteer.

VRO gave me the responsibility of Circle coordinator to take care of Yenadhi Tribes since then.

My co-volunteers and I worked hard day in and day out for the upliftment of this community with integrated programmes: CER, YSD, VEE and VRBP.

Although it is a big responsibility for all of us (Women) yet we worked collectively as a family of VRO. My Co-volunteers and I experience deep joy when we fought for these people and got their entitlements from the Government. We also faced lot of challenges when we tried to relieve them from the clutches of the money lenders and the Landlords.

Another consoling experience of us was to see the tribal children learning and growing in the school through the motivation of ours. The most fulfilling act of ours is our hard work in motivating the Yenadhi community to rebuild their houses and to live comfortably in those houses. We are so proud to be part of this program because the tribes who lived in the huts surrounded by filthy conditions today live in comfortable houses without any fear and anxiety. We are privileged to experience their love and affection because of VRO. Hence, I am proud to be a Volunteer of VRO

Hyderabad Region



Arogyamma

PO, Hyderabad

It was a conscious decision to work for the rural people who are less privileged of opportunities and social alienation through VRO which is rooted in Rural Development. VRO created an ambience for me through its trust and confidence in all the matters of VRO at Hyderabad region. Reaching poorest of the poor in the villages, working for children and youth through its CER and YSD programmes helped me to realise the true situation of villages and how Sustainable Development Goals are out of reach. Every day challenges, conflicts which are critical and complexed made me confident in conflict resolutions and to innovate strategies to bring positivity in the area. I personally learnt to live closer to the nature. The Development and Welfare projects of VRO stand as a model for the governments today in its development and welfare schemes. I wish VRO to re-visualize Prof. MA Windey's vision to respond to the signs of time, by reaching out to those who are at the edge of our society.

I am Chary working in VRO from 1993. Working with the poor children in our CER centres and with YSD youth is very fulfilling and satisfying. I feel very happy to see the children who studied in VRO study centres in higher education and the youth earning their livelihood using the skills that they learned in YSD centres of VRO.



VV Chary

CC, Hyderabad

Jaggampeta Region

The impact area of VRO is covered where the children from vulnerable families are higher. In order to help them in their own neighborhood, VRO started Evening Supervised Study Centres (ESSC) to help the children who are weaker in their studies. The ESS Centers are conducted in the evening when children come out of their regular schools. A trained community worker is appointed to conduct these classes. Thus, the children are followed up with regular monthly tests and attendance to help those children to perform better. Overall, the children learn and grow together. An investment in children is always a profitable investment. Such great work is done by VRO.

YSD: Youths for skill development is one of the major activities of VRO. Youth play a pivotal role in the development of the family, community, and individual as well. VRO facilitates many skill development programs for the youth who hail from very poor backgrounds.

I have made sure that many people have benefited from this program. For example, even though I have been in this organization since last year, when I visit the surrounding villages, I witness the youth expressing their gratitude to VRO for having settled them in good jobs with the training that they obtained from VRO YSD centre at Jaggampeta.

At present, there are Social organizations working for children, disabled persons, and elderly people, but there are a few organizations working for the youth who lack employment skills to be employed. I am happy that the Village Reconstruction Organization is working for the skill development of the youth.

VEE: Mutually Aided Co-operative Societies are formed in some of the target villages to engage the rural women for savings, business development activities like petty shops, etc. This activity has helped the women to address the household needs thus paving the way to take up the leadership at their household level. It also envisages getting linkages to nationalized banks for accessing loans there by enhancing their livelihood capacity.

In today's situation, the influence of women in this area is less in family life, but through this small work done by the VRO, women in many families are playing an important role in the economic and social development of the family.



P. Srinivasa Rao
PO - Jaggampeta

I consider that working in VRO is a great opportunity given to me. Serving such an organization is also a great gift from God and I am very proud to work in VRO. I am able to work to my satisfaction with greater responsibility in the different areas of operation. I have worked with children in many centres of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states. I have learned many things through them and done many developmental programs while working with them. According to the responsibilities given to me I have put in 100% of my energy to implement the developmental activities. With the help of the local donors I could provide the children with books, blankets, school uniforms, trunk boxes, stainless plates and glasses.



N. Sudhakar
APO - Jaggampeta



I could meet the needs of the people by maintaining good relations with elders, Government officials and other political leaders. I have been training the children in communication, leadership, public speaking, self-confidence, self-discipline, simplicity, and positivity. In all the centers where I worked I planted varieties of fruit trees, shade plants and flower plants, which are now yielding good results.

Nellore Circle



M. Gopal
CC, Gandhinagar

As a VRO Volunteer, I feel happy that I have been a bridge between target people and concerned Officials. I am also glad to provide the youth with leadership skills and professional skills like Masonry, Carpentry, Centering, and Rod bending while I was working as a construction volunteer. Through Adult education, I enabled illiterate women to read and to write which made those women confident and independent.

I was also happy to link people to the local government officials, collectors, RDOs, MROs, MEOs, MLAs and Ministers to get the basic needs of villagers.

Today I helped a lot of women to earn on their own through tailoring skills, and many dropout students to be readmitted to schools and Evening Supervised Study Centres of VRO to continue their education. I am also proud to monitor the progress of VRO activities effectively.

I have been working in VRO since 1987. I learned how to work with many villagers. I learned to teach small children in order to provide quality education to them. I also learned a lot from the children. By working with many villages and people, I am able to adapt to their culture. I have learned to write reports in English through the summer camps conducted by VRO. I have learned many skills in communication and in working with many superiors and volunteers. The above learning process made me a social worker.



N. Narasimhulu
CC, Sagarsangam

Tamilnadu Region



M. Jayaraman

FC - Tamilnadu

VRO is a rural university, Volunteers and Community workers are the learners.

Community Workers are enlightened by the training camps and meetings. Community workers are improving their skills in communication, documentation, good rapport with the village community and Government officials. Village school going children are provided with quality education through Evening Supervised Study Centres. They are improving in their academics and in extra curricular activities. Village children are receiving awards /rewards for their achievements /performances in their schools.

Village girls/women are given skill training in tailoring, embroidery and handicrafts to become economical support to their families. The trained women are employed in Garments factories around Karur in Tamil Nadu and some are self-employed, thus, they are changing their community/families economically and socially. Village women have improved in communication and leadership skills and in approaching Government officials to start income generating programmes.



Odisha Region

Working in VRO has been a golden opportunity and God's blessing and gift to me. I have been working in VRO since 1999. I have worked on different projects in VRO in different area like Ashapuri, Chandikhole, Bayakumutia and Tumudibandha.(South and North Odisha).This has given me enough Self-confidence to take up the assignment as the coordinator of North Odisha. This is my first Year as Circle Coordinator. A lot of responsibilities, works, and targets are ahead of me. I am growing daily in communication, coordination, motivation, community mobilization, facing challenges, liasioning, supervision, monitoring, field visit, supportive visit, organizing meeting, documentation, facilitation, Government entitlement, skill training, work designing, project management and supervision.

At present, I am the Site In Charge of YSDC, Bayakumutia, keonjhar District, North Odisha. The projects that are implemented in this centre are centre-based Youth skill development, Village based Sewing School and Child education and Rights for the Juanga Tribes who are predominant in the remote villages of Bayakumutia Area, Keonjhar District



Mamata Rani khatua
CC, North Odisha



Youth Skill Development project plays a vital role to make the young girls to learn the tailoring skills professionally. As a result of VRO efforts, many of our trainees have been employed in different establishments and some are doing their own business on tailoring. Some have found placement in Garment Export Companies. Thus our trainees have become the bread winners of their families. Because of which the living standards of the families are improving. They are the enablers and community changers of their village by which the village is mobilized as well. Thus, the village community is capacitated to obtain their rights. We are enabling the tribes to become aware of the different schemes of the government and to obtain them. These works of mine make me fulfilled and content.



MENAKA PARIDA

CC, South Odisha

I have been working in VRO since 2002. I feel very grateful to VRO for trusting me and giving me various opportunities to develop myself and also equip myself with various skills and Knowledge that have helped me to grow as a person and take up various assignments. I have worked in various VRO Centres in various positions which have given me enough confidence to take up leadership. At present, I am the Site In Charge in YSDC, Tumudibandha nestled in the hills of Kandhamal District, South Odisha. It is the home of Kandha Tribes, who are economically poor and illiterate but rich in Culture and Tradition. This is my first year as Circle Coordinator of South Odisha. Through our Youth Skill Development Programs(Sewing and Design), Evening Supervised Study Centers and Village Empowerment for Women Program we are touching the lives of Children, Women and Village Stakeholders to build a better world for themselves and also transform the community into a better one.

The success of our work is seen in the number of children who get admitted into the State run Model Schools, Navodaya Vidyalaya Ashram Schools. It is a sure sign that VRO is working for empowering the lives of the little ones by ensuring safe future. My heart swells up with pride when I see our YSDC trainees become the enablers of the community transformation through their self employment or by getting jobs in Garment Industries; some of the trainees have built up Women Self Help Groups in their own Villages; some are rendering service in VRO as trainers and teachers in our Tuition Centers, sharing their knowledge and skills provided by VRO Training and capacity building programs. They are also helping village women to access Government Entitlements and Social Security Schemes so that their all-round development is ensured. I feel proud to see the transformation that VRO is making for the rural poor by empowering their lives in various levels and taking care of the Earth.

As a married woman, far from my own home in North Odisha, I thank God for the love, support and understanding of my husband and my family which have allowed me to travel all these years of my journey in VRO in far flung places. I thank Prof. Windey and VRO Organisation for mentoring me, my fellow colleagues who challenged, supported and helped me to grow, and the trainees and stakeholders who make me proud to see that my humble service has been worthwhile after all. I believe that by joining our hands, we are building a better World together, reaching out to the last and the least.

Kothakota Region

I feel happy and proud to work in VRO and be a small drop in the ocean of its legacy, particularly in the Kothakota cluster. When the people express their gratitude to VRO as they share how they gradually freed themselves from high interest money lenders via the Girijana Mahila Sahakara Parapathi Podupu Sangam, I am awestruck by the idea of VRO to make these innocent tribes self-reliant gradually. Two villages, namely Chalisingam and Siripuram, draw my attention in a special manner because these are on the hills and no proper road to reach them. But VRO is able to reach them in the form of Evening Supervisory Study Centres. I feel immensely joyous to reach where others are unable to. The smile on the face of a tribal child when he/she is given special attention and a shine on the face of migrant farmer when he is supported with cashew saplings for survival inspire me and persuade me to be more committed in my service and in accompanying them towards transformation.



K Kamalakara Rao

PO, Kothakota Cluster



Ch. Ravi Kumar

CC, Kothakota Cluster

Being a tribe myself, I feel happy to serve my own tribes through VRO. As a result of the trainings given by VRO, I feel confident to give awareness to the parents on the importance of education and feel proud to reduce the dropout ratio in our locality. I am particularly happy for motivating more than 400 tribal women to form as MACTS. I am thankful to VRO for shaping me to be a service-minded person.

TREASURER'S

Report



Sr. Kataru Joshi, JMJ
Treasurer, VRO Governing Body

“A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity,” thus says Dalai Lama. Transparency increases credibility and accountability. Transparency is the key to reciprocal accountability, which we use to be both free and smart. It is the miracle tool that enables us to question the lies of monsters. Everyone understands that in a modern economy – transparency, accountability, a working justice system are part of having a functioning, modern society. Transparency is the key to good governance and e-governance is the only effective way of transparent governance.

All the General Body, Governing Board Members, Volunteers and other VRO family members have the responsibility to be good stewards, directly leading the organization in a good manner. The Governing Board is entrusted with overall governance, leadership, risk management ensuring 100% compliance with statutory requirements.

In VRO, Management team ensures the highest of standards practiced and followed by appointing a reputed audit firm for statutory audit, mid-term evaluations, strategical, periodical and professional monitoring peer reviews as well as conducting mid-term evaluations.

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. VRO also ensures to submit the financial reports on time to the Donors according to their requirements without any delay.

It is a great privilege for me to place before you the Audited Financial Report of VRO, once again for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

The Audited Financial Statements comprise of Receipts and payments, Income and Expenditure and Balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2023 duly certified by the Statutory Auditor Mr. K.V.R. Subba Rao, FCA, along with his observation are presented in the Annual Report.

Highlights:

- In Europe inspite of the slowed economic growth due to Ukraine War, VRO is still able to withstand and rise to overall turnover to the tune of 348.873 million INR compared to the previous year's figure of 298.206 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 Increase in both external and local income from 82.532 million INR to 93.322 Million INR. The breakup is as follows.
 1. 36.248 million INR from Overseas donors.
 2. Local Contribution is 57.074 million INR, which includes major portion received through 80G of rupee 11.620 million INR, Local contribution 13.144 million INR, Fixed deposits and bank interests to the tune of 8.630 million INR, Specific grants from APSHCL-0.047 million INR and other incomes (Contributions by beneficiaries, trainees, agricultural Income, Sale of land etc...) 23.633 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- Vienna (Misereor-Aahan), which stands first in supporting us with around 18.924million INR for the various programmes.
 2. Special thanks to Ms. Hedi Wychera for her strenuous efforts continuing Dr. Robert Wychera's dream in mobilizing funds for VRO.
 3. We are grateful to Jesuiten-weltweit, Zurich, Switzerland, for its contribution of 9.823 million INR. Our sincere gratitude to Ms. Christine Camenzind.
 4. Our sincere gratitude to Jesuiten Mission, Nuremberg, Germany, for their contribution of 1.120 million INR.
 5. We also thank BIVRO – Belgium, Sonnenhaus-Germany, Mrs. Theresa Heil-Haar, VRO-Germany, NICOPEJA-Udine, DEMAINS-France and Salvatorian Relief Action-Belgium for their continued cooperation and assistance.
- Rural Development expenses has increased from 59.599 million INR to 78.633 million INR
 - It is informed that there is an excess of expenditure over income to the tune of 11.823 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 and as well as fulfilling the queries raised by the MHA and as well as Income tax department in an efficient manner. I do appreciate their tireless services. I also reiterate that the operational team may work hard to tap more local funds from the 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 in a transparent manner satisfying stakeholders by adopting standard accountability. May God continue to guide and bless us in the mission 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], Guntur as at March 31, 2023 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society'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, 2023; and
- ii) in the case of Income & Expenditure Account, of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

Place : Guntur
Date : 15-09-2023

For K V R SUBBA RAO & CO.
Chartered Accountants

K V R Subba Rao FCA
Chartered Accountant
M No. 020129
UDIN : 23020129BGZNX9792

Financial Statements 2022 - 23

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

RECEIPTS	Sch. Ref	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Balance	[5]	229,965,912.98	180,464,138.44
Foreign Contributions	[6]	36,248,254.00	38,418,081.11
Voluntary Contributions	[7]	24,763,873.00	33,224,665.00
Other Income/ Receipts	[8]	11,338,487.27	9,772,531.30
Government grants	[9]	46,952.00	326,498.00
Sale of land	[10]	20,925,000.00	791,071.00
Advances	[11]	2,558,4821.00	35,209,030.00
Total		348,873,300.25	298,206,014.85
PAYMENTS	Sch. Ref	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Administration & maintenance	[12]	4,358,520.40	4718576.87
Rural Development	[13]	78,633,707.77	59,599,939.00
Advances	[14]	16,000.00	-
Fixed assets	[15]	33,749,199.00	3,921,586.00
Balance	[5]	232,115,873.08	229,965,912.98
Total		348,873,300.25	298,206,014.85

Guntur
15-09-2023

sd/-
Operational Director

Village Reconstruction Organization
sd/-
Treasurer

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

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

INCOME	Sch. Ref	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Foreign Contributions	[6]	36,248,254.00	38,418,081.11
Voluntary Contributions	[7]	24,763,873.00	33,224,665.00
Other Income	[8]	11,338,487.27	9,692,531.30
Government grants	[9]	46,952.00	326,498.00
	Total (A)	72,397,566.27	81,661,775.41
EXPENDITURE	Sch. Ref	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Administration & maintenance	[12]	4,358,520.40	4,718,576.87
Rural Development	[13]	78,633,707.77	59,599,939.00
Loss on sale of vehicle		-	118,613.00
Depreciation	[3]	1,228,811.24	1,050,907.67
	Total (B)	84,221,039.41	65,488,036.54
Excess of Expenditure over Income	(A) - (B)	(11,823,473.14)	16,173,738.87

Guntur
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2023

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch. Ref	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
Capital Fund	[1]	252,230,878.10	223,411,540.23
Advances	[2]	79,640,850.00	73,856,130.00
	Total	331,871,728.10	297,267,670.23
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	[3]	99,664,544.02	67,226,446.25
Advances / Deposits	[4]	91,311.00	75,311.00
Cash & Bank balances	[5]	232,115,873.08	229,965,912.98
	Total	331,871,728.10	297,267,670.23

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2023

SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2023

SCHEDULE(3)

S.No	Particulars	Balance as on 01-04-2022	Additions during the year	Total	Deletions during the year	Balance	Rate of depn.	Depn. for the year	Balance as on 31-03-2023
1	Land	1,912,217	-	1,192,217	82,290	1,829,927	0%	-	1,829,927
2	Buildings	59,425,663	31,477,338	90,903,00	-	90,903,001	0%	-	90,903,001
3	Furniture & fixtures	74,688	-	74,688	-	74,688	10%	7,469	67,219
4	Equipment	484,086	-	484,086	-	484,086	15%	72,613	411,473
5	Vehicles	5,294,660	2,721,861	8,016,521	450,000	7,566,521	15%	1,134,978	6,431,543
6	Other	1,206	-	1,206	-	1,206	15%	181	1,025
7	Computer	33,926	-	33,926	-	33,926	40%	13,570	20,356
	Total	67,226,446	34,199,199	101,425,645	532,290	100,893,355		1,228,811	99,664,544

Guntur
15-09-2023sd/-
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VILLAGE RECONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION (INDIA)

CONSOLIDATION BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

S.No.	Name of the Programmes	No.of Prog.	HO	Legal Centre	Guntur	Hyderabad	Kothakota	Nellore	Odisha	Rajahmundry	Tamilnadu	Total Budget
I	FUNDS FROM DONORS ABROAD				INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR
1	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Village Empowerment and Entitlement (VEE)	5		-	1,013,868	-	-	733,838	524,274	2,711,306	-	4,983,286
2	Youth Skill Development (YSD)	5			2,519,150	2,090,538	-	574,050	872,080	-	-	6,055,818
3	Child Education and Rights (CER) & Youth Skill Development (YSD)	6			1,163,252	-	-	-	6,191,635	-	1,194,241	8,549,128
4	Integrated Community Development Program (ICDP)	1			1,884,889	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,884,889
5	Cluster Program	1			-	-	5,417,394	-	-	-	-	5,417,394
6	Village Re-Building Programme (VRBP)	0			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Legal Centre Interior work (Switzerland)	1	-	5,085,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,085,118
	Total - A	18	-	5,085,118	6,581,159	2,090,538	5,417,394	1,307,888	7,587,989	2,711,306	1,194,241	31,975,633
II	FUNDS FROM VRO											
8	Resource Mobilization	-	300,000		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000
9	Legal (Professional Charges)	-	500,000		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
10	Child Education and Rights (CER) & YSD	5			444,245	-	-	306,950	-	1,323,466	-	2,074,661
11	Legal Centre Interior work	1		5,085,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,085,118
12	Discretionary Fund	-	500,000		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
	Total - B	6	1,300,000	5,085,118	444,245	-	-	306,950	-	1,323,466	-	8,459,779
	Grand Total (A+B)	24	1,300,000	10,170,236	7,025,404	2,090,538	5,417,394	1,614,838	7,587,989	4,034,772	1,194,241	40,435,412

VRBP INFORMATION

Village Rebuilding Program Inception since 1969								
VRO		2022 - 2023						
S.No	Region	Districts Covered	Completed Villages	Families Benefited	Completed Villages in 2022-2023	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	6	114	5324	0	0	0	0
4	Rajamandry	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	102	5822	2	55	2	183
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	444	21695	2	55	2	183



Child Education & Rights(CER) - Supportive Assistance



Youth Skill Development (YSD)- Women - Tailoring



Village Reconstruction Organization

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