



HOLY HOME

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MESSAGE

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Executive Director
HOLY HOME

HOLY HOME, enters in to 22nd years of existence this year; i.e; 2017-18 with remarkable progress made towards welfare and empowerment of children, women, youth and elderly people in backward districts of Odisha. With the turn of this year, I feel proud to present this Annual Report for the year 2017-18, which provides glimpses of what we did and achieved during this year through our synergized efforts.

As most significant part of our work could be possible only because of cooperation and support of the District Administration and line departments of the Govt.. We are grateful to those officials who have extended timely support in to materializing our plans.

Really we are proud of the community; we served, could take up advocacy for them and provided collaboration in the initiatives which is proven to be effective. I appreciate the team for the spirit they have shown and general public who assisted us in delivering services in the community. Thanks go to them who made the work incredible.

Funding support and timely disbursement of funds by the Ministries, Govt of India has contributed a lot for achievements of the year. Apart from the Govt. support, public donation and membership contribution have also helped us to an extent to take ahead endeavor towards achieving results. Our heartfelt thank goes to all of them.

In brief, the year has been quite challenging in terms of growth and development of our service offering. "Service" remained our core value and compassion the underlying passion.

Greater thanks to all our co-travelers, our donors, advisors, GB Members, volunteers, well-wishers and interns for traversing a path with us that is not very easy.

Yours Truly,


Executive Director
HOLY HOME

GENESIS

In the year 1995 as a platform for discussion and action on developmental issues of the poor, Shri Purna Chandra Sahoo and group of likeminded and dedicated people founded HOLY HOME in order to help the rural poor and tribal for changing their lives.

Being inspired in thoughts and imbued with values of the father of our nation; Mahatma Gandhi and visionary Mother Teresa that development of poor can take place when the rural people participate in their own development, HOLY HOME is committed to concentrate on the empowerment of vulnerable segments – youth, women, children and elderly that remains as its prime focus realizing that they are the potential agents of social change and other sections can also be reached through them.

HOLY HOME is one of the front ranking Not for Profit in Odisha having statutory affiliation of society, income tax exemption and foreign contribution regulation.

REGISTRATION & AFFILIATION

- ✓ Registered under SRA XXI of 1860 vide Regd. No. 6353/35, dated 21.04.1995 and also registered under IGR vide Regd. No. 20942/81 dated 17.06.2000.
- ✓ Registered under FC (R) Act. of 2010, Vide No. 105110041 dated 08.03.2018 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- ✓ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 12A vide No. 82/2002-03 dated 13.03.2003.
- ✓ Registered under Income Tax Act of 1961 under section 80G vide Regd. No. 26/2013-14 dated 31.03.2014.
- ✓ PAN No. AAATH2379F & TAN No. BBNH00468G.
- ✓ NGO DARPAN (NITI Aayog, Government of India) Unique Id: OR/2009/0021751.

VISION

Aspires to see every person irrespective of caste, creed, sex and religion enjoy equal rights and equal access to natural resources. It envisions a future for all people devoid of exploitation and poverty and where every person will live with dignity, respect and peace and will have equal opportunity to shape his/her life justifiably.

MISSION

Socio-economic and educational empowerment of groups/communities/sections of the society by:

- Transfer of skills with respect to cultural and traditional knowledge into applicable techniques and institutionalizing developmental initiatives ensuring sustainability.
- Influencing administration at policy making level.
- Creating a consensus and bringing about modifications in popular behavior so as to stand against any oppression/exploitation and deterring cultural environment, ensuring social justice and harmony.

GOALS

- Emancipation of the underprivileged class from the evils of exploitation, superstition, stigma, fear and helplessness.
- Enlightenment as well as empowerment of the backward classes and the downtrodden by transforming them to adopt the process of social change and the development gains.
- Make them conscious of their role in the integrated development of the community and to generate sector respect/self reliance.

VALUES

- **Apolitical:**
Does not associate itself with any political ideology or political party.
- **Respects gender and equity:**
Promotes gender parity and equity, strives to ensure equity of the three genders (Male/ Female and Third Gender as defined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India).
- **Development is a process:**
Development is a natural process. We give it a direction, with innovation and take it to a desired and acceptable destination.
- **Respects tradition and culture:**
We build upon existing traditions; cultural values so that the community understands and accepts the interventions, make it sustainable.
- **Believes in sustainable development:**
Sustainability is the basic component of any intervention commencing from planning to phasing out.
- **Democracy that accelerates development:**
Democratic attitude ensures inflow of better ideas, ensures acceptance or rejection and thus accelerates development in a sustainable manner; we believe so.
- **Open to new ideas:**
Novelties, shifts; without having to hamper the traditions, the environment are welcomed at HOLY HOME as and when they filter in.

STRENGTH

- Young, energetic, hard working and committed staff.
- Ever ready to learn approach.
- Project staff members mostly hail from the local community.
- Team spirit; believe in the philosophy of democracy.
- Participatory decision making process.
- Transparency and accountability.

Major Activities of the Year 2017-18

EDUCATION

Educating a girl child in India is very necessary to remove various social issues against girls in the Indian society. Girls are deprived of basic education in rural and tribal communities as a result of gender disparity. Girls are treated as burden and taker of money by the parents especially in the rural and tribal areas. Boys are given much value by the parents in India as they are understood as earner of the money and support of parents in future. Literacy rate among tribal women is very deplorable. Gender stereotypes cause problem and geographical barriers contribute to maintain situation. HOLY HOME takes initiatives to enhance access of tribal and dalit girls to education and operates education program to provide access to education to all girls in eligible age. HOLY HOME establishes facilities for providing education to girls of remote villages where services do not exist. HOLY HOME also works to empower communities to provide educational facilities for Secondary Level for ST Girls and for SC girls (both at Sinapali of Kurumpuri GP, Nuapada District).

Educational Complex for ST Girls

Education is a basic human right that should be exercised fully in all nations, but for many tribal girls in India, attending school is not an option. A girl's education is an essential starting point in establishing equality everywhere. HOLY HOME has been running a secondary level of residential school, i.e., Holy Home Educational Complex, exclusively for the tribal girl students, giving them maximum facilities, all free (the tribal students are provided free accommodation, food, stationery, uniforms, medical facilities, vocational training, TLMs. etc.), with value based education, to ensure their all-round development, to make them physically strong, mentally agile, culturally enriched, to imbibe in them a spirit of independence and pride so that they can stand on their own and proudly join the mainstream of the nation.

During the year 2017-18, a total of 250 ST girls of the Educational Complex are taught in a *Gurukul* environment through songs, dances, stories, games and they use various educative learning materials. Globes, charts and maps are used to augment the students' knowledge of their geographical situation. The school has incorporated the practice of 'Yoga' into the curriculum as a measure to promote good health & mental peace, stability, and enthusiasm for leading a cheerful life. Every day morning the students practice various yoga and pranayama to maintain peace and blissfulness life. The teaching method is based on a formal syllabus as per the guidelines of the Govt. of Odisha. Teaching is imparted through formal education processes as per the course curriculum, in addition to extra-curricular activities. A school management committee, parents-teachers association and a mother committee is actively associated to monitor the overall growth of their children. The school is running with support from MOTA, Government of India.

Non-Residential School for SCs

Education is a basic human right that should be exercised fully in all nations, but for many girls in Odisha (especially in Nuapada district), attending school is not an option. A girl's education is an essential starting point in establishing equality everywhere. HOLY HOME's Non-Residential School at Sinapali village in Komna block of Nuapada district is running for scheduled caste girls students. During the reporting period (2017-18), there are 103 SC girl students are continuing their secondary schooling (Class VIII to X). Services include teaching-learning materials, school uniforms, nutritional support (mid-day meal) and health check-up, etc., are provided to the students. In addition to this, the organization has imparted teaching learning and other activities based on curricular and co-curricular activities. A management committee, comprising of local community, parents and teachers looks after the activities of the School. Parents teachers meet are also organized to discuss on the progress of their children. The teachers use different innovative methods to teach the children and enhance their level of learning. The school is running with support from MoSJ&E, Government of India.

Residential Hostel Facilities for SCs w.e.f. 2016-17

Our organization has been running the 'Non-Residential School' in 'Residential Mode' with organization's own contribution since 2016-17 as most of the enrolled Girl Children are from about 10 to 30 Kms. away from the school location; and the parents are yearning before the management of the organization to run the school in residential mode.

HEALTH

Health is a function, not only of medical care but of the overall integrated development of society-cultural, economic, education, social and political. Each of these aspects has a deep influence on health which in turn influences all these aspects. Hence, it is not possible to raise the health status and quality of life of people unless such efforts are integrated with the wider effort to bring about the overall transformation of society. Good health and good society go together. As health care is one of the priority sectors of HOLY HOME, therefore we have been giving due emphasis to health activities and have been running various healthcare related projects like Mobile Dispensary for SCs, Ten-Bedded Dispensary for SCs and Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts in Nuapada district of Odisha.

Ten-Bedded Dispensary for SCs

To complement & supplement the existing healthcare services HOLY HOME started a Ten-Bedded Dispensary for SCs at village Sinapali of Kurumpuri GP under Komna block of Nuapada district with assistance from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. This project has been providing basic health care treatment and services, exclusively to Scheduled Caste population and awareness generation for improvement in health care seeking behavior among SC population in the target area. During the reporting year (2017-18), treatment was provided to 3,431 patients (both in in-door and outdoor) at the Dispensary, out of which 1,150 were female, 1,265 were male and the remaining 1,016 were children (579 male child and 437 female child). The main activities of this dispensary are as follows:

- ✓ Institutionalized free treatment and care in the 10-Bedded Hospital exclusively to SC population;
- ✓ Attending basic health problems;
- ✓ Providing advisory and referral support/services for major diseases;
- ✓ Free advisory support through OPD; and
- ✓ Developing network with District HQ Hospital, CHCs/PHCs/APHCs/Health Centres, etc.
- ✓ Awareness generation & publicity activities and advocacy with health administration/centre, PRI members and opinion leaders for improving the health status of the people.

Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts

Addiction is not just a health problem; it is a social and public health problem. Drugs are chemicals that affect the body and brain. Different drugs can have different effects. Some effects of drugs include health consequences that are long-lasting and even permanent. Considering the consequences of drug abuse and its impact on the society, HOLY HOME decided to work for the prevention of drug abuse in our society especially in tribal dominated remote areas of Nuapada district & set up a project called as "Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA)", popularly known as drug de-addiction centre which is running with support from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. During 2017-18, a total of 218 (167 in IPD & 54 in OPD) patients were benefitted in IRCA – Jeeavan Dhara.

The centre is treating the alcoholic as well substance drugs addicts. The composite centre is a 15 bedded hospital having the facility of indoor and outdoor treatment. The medication

includes yoga therapy, ayurveda enriching the full body and mind treatment for early recovery of addicts. There is the provision of counseling the addict & their family members, the peer groups and the co-worker of the work place. The program consists of group therapies, individual therapies, meditation, family classes, community gatherings for awareness generation, and physical activities such as yoga and recreational programs. In IRCA, patients are given important knowledge in life skills, and they are also made aware of their strengths through empowerment sessions. Skilled counselors help patients develop their personalities in order to fight addictive habits. IRCA continues to keep patients accountable by making home visits, and follow up appointments. IRCA is committed to creating an environment where patients can become successful addiction free individuals.

Mobile Dispensary for SCs

Orissa is a high focus state for its culture, heritage, rich with minerals and diseases as well. It has rated as one of the measurable state so far the health care is concerned. As our organization is dedicated to health issues and improvement of public health, a Mobile Dispensary Unit for SCs was started by HOLY HOME to address the above cited problems which covers Nuapada block of Nuapada district. Prior to organizing the health camps public is made aware of the upcoming health camp and also propaganda made in the nearby rural market (*hat*) to attract the SC people to attend the camp for their health check-up. This program is supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

During the year 2017-18, through camps, 2,421 nos. of patients were treated through the mobile dispensary, out of which 886 were female, 1,120 were male and the remaining 415 were children. Common diseases diagnosed among the patients during the year are eye infection, throat infection, avitaminosis, gastritis, weakness, headache, fever, diarrhea, cold & cough, malaria, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), sickle cell anemia, respiratory problem, skin diseases, diabetes and gynecological problem, etc. All have been provided with free check-up and medicines were distributed free to the deserving patients. After diagnosis the corrective measures were taken up for the needy patients by an integrated medical system of Allopathic method.

AGED CARE

Ageing in India is exponentially increasing due to the impressive gains that society has made in terms of increased life expectancy. With the rise in elderly population, the demand for holistic care tends to grow. Life expectancy is steadily increasing, but habitants are no longer safe nor friendly neighbors a certainty. Alternative housing for the aged is a practical lifestyle solution that developers are now ready to provide.

Old Age Home

Elders have started walking out of their own home in search of a journey that promises peace, joy and celebration of life with a group of people who share the same boat of life. In order to lend the helping hand and provided these sections of neglected mass a secured and fruitful end life HOLY HOME's Old Age Home is an institutional service delivery program has been the mostly welcome program for the destitute elderly of Nuapada district. This is 'a home away from home' for the inmates of the old age home; where HOLY HOME is providing the services like shelter, food, clothing, medical check-up free of cost to 25 beneficiaries. During the year 2017-18, a religious outing was organized for the inmates of the home.

Apart from these television and recreational facilities are also provided to support their moral strength. Also the capable & interested beneficiaries are being given the scope for keeping themselves engaged through productive activities which will keep them healthy and happy. This program is being supported by MoSJ & E, Government of India.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Library Services

Rapid urbanisation is causing problems for the rural poor and their children in Odisha, who live without civic amenities like power (electricity) and sometimes water. For their social and agricultural development, the best answer is improved education, through reading materials like books and periodicals including text books. To support the villages, a library has established by HOLY HOME at Sinapali village of Komna Block. At present it has newspapers, magazines, mythological books, newsletters, biographies, etc. The village readers including women and children use to come to the library, in their leisure and enjoy the books by reading there. The library has also books for young children and students. The volunteers of HOLY HOME organize group discussions on different issues at regular intervals among the village people, local youth and students. Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata is giving book assistance to the organization.

Observations

The days celebrated by HOLY HOME are as follows: Utkal Divas, World Health Day, World No-Tobacco Day, World Environment Day, World Population Day, Independence Day, International Literacy Day, Gandhi & Shastri Jayantis; World AIDS Day, Children's Day, Republic Day, International Women's Day, World Consumer's Day, etc.

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