

Village Upliftment Program
Konerypattiagraharam, Tamil Nadu, India
FINAL 24-Month Report



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Donation Summary

Donor	Bona AB, Sweden
Project Period	March 2016 to February 2018
Village Name	Konerypattiagraharam

Village Uplift Program

Hand in Hand India has implemented the Village Uplift Program, which conducts activities from all five of its pillars in one Panchayat. Major activities conducted under this Program include child labor elimination, school strengthening project, socio-economic development of women, microfinance, enterprise development, basic health and personal hygiene, computer literacy, good governance and environmental protection. The Program lasts for 24 months.

Women Empowerment & Job Creation			
Activities	Target	Achieved	Remarks
Number of Self Help Groups(SHG)s functioning	15-20	18	
Number of women in SHGs		216	
Number of SHG members who attended basic training	100% of SHG women	194	
Number of SHG members who attended vocational training	1 training as needed	85	Tailoring- 25; Foot mat-making -35 ; Shopping bag making -25
Number of SHG members who attended Enterprise Development Program training	1 training with selected members	1	93

Activities	Target	Achieved	Remarks
Total number of family-based enterprises	(60% SHG women)	151	INR.45,30,000/-
Family-based enterprises supported through HIH loan	(60% of SHG women)	151	INR.45,30,000/-
Family-based enterprises supported through Bank Loan	Based on the need and bank service	-	The SHG members availed loans from HIH and hence not approached banks
Number of toilet loans	(20% of SHG women)	-	Villagers motivated to avail government free schemes
Number of women trained in women literacy Centre	(40% of SHG women)	-	The literacy program was conducted by govt. itself
Number of veterinary camps	4	4	2272 animals treated
Child Labor Elimination & Education			
Declared as Child Friendly Panchayat	Try & declare within 2 years	Yes	
Number of children enrolled in schools	All eligible children	78	73 eligible children enrolled in the Govt. Schools and 5 enrolled in government school
Number of awareness programs on child labor	As needed	68	1702 persons participated
Number of children rallies conducted	4	7	585 persons participated
Number of Children Learning Centre	2	1	Boys -11; Girls-10 Total-21

Health			
Activities	Target	Achieved	Remarks
Number of group awareness meetings and mass awareness	10	139	2662 persons attended
Number of Medical Camps (General & Special)	6	2 (Gen) 3(Spl)	343 persons benefited from general medical camp. 296 persons benefited from Special Camps (ortho, ophthalmology, gynecology, pediatric)
Number of Anganwadi Centre (day-care Centre) renovated and supplied with cooking vessels and play materials	2 (Based on the need)	1	1 Anganwadi center upgraded and supplied with cooking vessels and play materials
Number of toilets constructed	Provide awareness & motivate villagers	55	Jointly with local government 80% of the households were motivated to construct toilets.
Number of SHG members who attended health training modules (personal hygiene, water & sanitation, maternity & child health, anemia, nutrition and community health)	100% of the HIH SHGs	64	Out of 216 SHG women, 64 attended all modules. Module vs. SHG members attended (M I-64; M II-107;M III-112, M IV- 111
Citizens' Centre Enterprise			
Citizens' Centre promoted	1	1	
Number of persons made aware of computers	500	757	
Number of people who underwent computer courses	50	148	
Right to Information Act /Grama Sabah awareness Program		35	1242 people attended

Environment			
Activities	Target	Achieved	Remarks
Number of awareness programs on environment	4	17	
Mass cleaning camps	8	61	
Number of dustbins set-up	10-15 sets	10 sets	
Bio-gas plant constructed	As needed	-	Since the government has provided LPG connections to the Anganwadi, Bio-gas plant was not constructed
Pond renovated	As needed	-	Government is providing enough water through pipeline drive.
Number of avenue trees planted	As needed	30	
Horticulture plants distributed	All households	1905	

Additional need based activities

- One pretest anemia screening camp conducted for 72 people and 18 women found anemic; 14 are out of anemia.
- 131 children were weighed; 40 children found with malnutrition; 15 children are out of malnutrition.
- Three special capacity building trainings conducted for CLC teacher and VDC Members.
- 19 Azolla (a protein rich cattle feed) units promoted.
- 32 kitchen gardens promoted.
- One set of resource tool kits supplied to panchayat green friends (Garbage collectors)

Glimpses of Konerypattiagraharam panchayat



An SHG member involved in cow rearing through HiH India's loan



An SHG member involved in stitching towels enterprises through loan support of HiH India



An SHG member promoted a home based enterprise (mat weaving unit) through HiH India's loan



An SHG member was supported trading a new enterprise making and selling Bio plates by HiH India's loan



A practice of 'Hand washing' imbibed among school students came to an end and it becomes a vibrant one among rural students



Play materials being used by the students



Children's day celebrated among school students and prizes distributed to the winners of games conducted during the celebration



A functional Children Learning Centre (CLC)



Charming son with his mother who improved from malnutrition



A woman out of anemia

to construct a



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Children in the renovated Anganwadi Centre



A General Medical Camp

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A beneficiary in her horticultural garden (Coconut tree)



A beneficiary in her kitchen garden



Azolla (a low cost protein rich cattle feed) promotion

SOCIAL AUDIT

After completion of two years, Hand in Hand India has handed over the task of sustaining the development of Konerypattiagraharam Panchayat to the Village Development Committee or VDC. For the first time under Hand in Hand India's guidance the VDC conducted a social audit of the Village Uplift Program.

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Approximately five members from the Panchayat conducted an audit for their village, in the presence of two external members who were students belonging to Department of Social Work from a reputed college. The community members completed a prescribed evaluation form, providing an overall picture of the efficacy and impact of the concerned project.

The following information was captured through the questionnaire:

- **Data** (quantitative and qualitative) in each of the five key areas – Women’s Empowerment, Child Labor Elimination and Education, Health, Citizens’ Center’s and Environment.
- **Expectations** of the village community
- **Suggestions** for the improvement of the Program.

The evaluator encouraged the stakeholders to narrate their own experiences and that of their friends and colleagues so as to capture the program’s impact. The stakeholders were also asked to spell out the future directions that they would like the Program to take. Two members from Hand in Hand India assisted in mobilizing the local community to do the audit and was available for any assistance.

The findings of the social audit exercise for the village are given below.

SOCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Panchayat Name: Konerypattiagraharam

Overall Panchayat Rating: 90% A (Green)

Individual Pillar-wise Performance:

Pillar	Total Score (out of 20)	Highlights	Wish list
Self-Help Group & Microfinance	19	Income generating Skill trainings were given to the SHG members like (Tailoring, & Door mat making). Loans given to the SHG members supported them for enterprises creations.	SHG members requested more skill training program (Embroidery, basket making, beautician course etc.)



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Child Labor Elimination Program	18	<p>Panchayat has been declared as child friendly panchayat.</p> <p>Slow learners have improved their educational status through CLC.</p>	<p>Motivation programs can be conducted for children regarding importance of education.</p>
Health	17	<p>Decreased communicable diseases in the community.</p> <p>Anganwadi Centre (Government kinder garden) was efficiently renovated by HIH India. Intakes have been comparatively increased</p>	<p>More number of special camps required.</p>
Citizens' Centre	18	<p>The children and youths learned about how to use computer and how to make power point and Microsoft office, Photoshop ETC.</p> <p>Citizens' Centre supported the villagers to know more about the various government schemes</p>	<p>Village youth requested for government job oriented skill training.</p>

Environment	18	Each household planted horticulture plants. Through the Awareness program community gained the knowledge of constructing toilets are very important hygienic lives.	More awareness on environment protection.
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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Income generating skills training program like tailoring and foot-mat making boosted women to start home based enterprises.
- SHGs have become the sources of income for the welfare of the families.
- Slow learners have shown improvement in subjects they found tough through Children Learning Centre
- The renovated Anganwadi has a conducive atmosphere for learning and parents have now started sending their children.
- Health based interventions created improvements in health and hygiene conditions of the villagers.
- Increased awareness on computer (IT related) and basic rights have been witnessed among the community people.
- Promotions of Kitchen garden units have helped both women and adolescent girls to improve their health status
- Most of the people have started to promote organic farming and maintaining the surrounding premises clean and green.
- Green friends (Garbage collectors) received special resource kit through HIH India.



PROGRAM IMPACT

- The improved economic conditions have made families self-sustainable and helped them to lead a better lifestyle in terms of education and other aspects of life.
- The tailoring training provided to the women has made them self-reliant and they are also supporting their families financially.
- The periodical veterinary camps were helpful in controlling seasonal diseases like foot-and-mouth in cows, buffalos, goats & sheep and production of robust calves.
- Children learning center has given more attention to the slow learners to improve the standard of learning.
- Special ophthalmology camp supported the senior citizens in the community by ensuring the clear vision.
- People are aware of drinking water, personal hygiene, maternity and child health, nutrition, anemia and community health.
- People started segregating waste using dustbins installed in the premises of the panchayat.
- Promotion of kitchen garden has benefited the adolescent girls and women in the village to improve their health status, their ability to work well and their family status improved.

CHALLENGES

- Community gathering was a challenge for the district coordinators and mobilizers.
- Lack of knowledge and interest on organic farming practices

FUTURE PLANS

- Hand in Hand India continues to engage with the community of Konerypattiagraharam with various ongoing activities, such as women empowerment, monitoring of child labor through Village Development Committee & Parents Teachers Association. Hand in Hand India will also work with the community members through the Village Development Committee (VDC) to ensure the sustainability of the various program.