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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

On behalf of members of managing Committee of **RANSOM EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL TRUST (REST), TIRUVALLUR, TAMIL NADU INDIA**, I am very much pleased to present the annual report of REST for the year 2011-12.

REST was established in the year 2010 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation working for the development and empowerment of the rural and urban poor and needy children and women.

REST was also established to create meaningful opportunities for the deprived, socially and economically backward classes' especially urban slum community so that they could manage their resources and use them for their sustainable development. REST is known for its role in making the community self reliant. Through extensive interaction and contacts at the slum level it has established an organization for slum dwellers. In achieving our objectives we have organized various programs, organizing and participating in workshops and various seminars organized by other NGOs on vital issues that affect the men, women, youth & Children etc.

Tiruvallur city, Tamil Nadu State, India is the target area where significant programmatic interventions like livelihood promotion for the slum communities, efforts for control on HIV/AIDS, children education (K.G I & K.G. II), partial alternative education for the kids of female sex

workers, empowerment of women, income generation programs etc. are spread. I am pleased to say that our projects are gaining success.

I feel very proud when I see that slum communities are actively participating in designing the participatory plan of sustainable development through different forum and self governance committees.

I would like to thank our donors, well wishers for their continued financial and non financial support and guidance to our different programs throughout the year.

Similarly thanks to the slum community members who are active agents of change. How would I forget my staff members who made extensive efforts to translate the vision of REST into realities? In the end it is my duty to give thanks to all of the trustees who have directly and indirectly supported the programs.

I hope the same cooperation and love which was given this year would be offered with same spirit and emotions in the years to come.

M.CHARLES AROCKJARAJ

THE YEARS IN BRIEF

Since its inception from a small beginning with working on education issues, REST has today made significant inroads in the fields of Children education, strengthening human capabilities and building institutions of self-governance at the slum community level. This work has enabled REST to gain a deeper and more understanding of both the complex nature of the systems it is engaging with and what it takes to engender change within them.

In order to develop the organization's strategies are being carried out at all levels with the community. All the conversations have focused on exploring what has been achieved so far, distilling the lessons learned from this experience, understanding the changing context and identifying the challenges. Based on this, visions from the community were integrated and combined with visions and strategies evolved at the community level and consolidated into the programmes. To support strategic decision-making process a qualitative & quantitative data were collected by the survey. Multiple opportunities are being provided for the results of this strategy-making process to be questioned and refined by staff and communities from across the organization's work area.

For years, we have found it to be a core factor in our ability to remain transparent, just and respectful of diversity.

One more year has passed 365 days of trials and tribulations, endurance and perseverance, culminating in great achievements and jubilation. Bountiful blessings from the Almighty, generous support from the benefactors, timely assistance from the authorities, dedicated

service from the staff and, above all, whole hearted cooperation from the beneficiaries and the public at large, at every step of the way, lightened our yoke and turned every thorn into a rose petal. Nothing else really matters. We must also look forward and gear up for the immense work awaiting us in the field of social service that uplifts the oppressed, awakens the depressed, comforts the deprived and rehabilitates the displaced. Let us hitch our wagon to the stars and strive to move farther and farther, higher and higher, swifter and swifter, in this year of the Olympics. Thanking everyone for their support and cooperation, I present herewith the Annual Report of Peace Trust for the year 2011-2012.

REST-RANSOM EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL TRUST is a well known non-profit & non-govt. organization in Tiruvallur, Tamil nadu State, India. It aims at facilitating a process to establish a just and healthy society in which the poorest of the slums poor gets the power to maintain a better and qualitative life with equal access and control over the education and resources.

And this is possible with opportunities to knowledge, information, resources & participation in decision making process. It also committed to the implementation of socio-economic development of marginalized sections of society since its inception in 2010. At present our development initiative covers more than hundred poor, vulnerable and weaker section population including women, children, elderly, disabled, destitute, small & marginal farmers, rural artisans and other such underprivileged. It has developed an integrated strategy by combining direct service delivery approach and development support activities like research, advocacy, networking etc.

Considering the primary objectives & aims of organization at the very broad level the programs undertaken during the year 2011-2012 can be divided into various areas. By having skilled and professional staffs, REST runs a number of programs like sustainable socio-economic development of slums communities, taking special care of child education, environment education, sexual & reproductive health education, non-formal education to girl children, ensuring basic health needs, SHG empowerment through & income generation programs etc. It's intervention area also extended with elderly care, support to people with disability and HIV/ AIDS, with local knowledge and resources.

REST is registered under

- ✓ **The Indian Trust Act 1882 (Registration No. 817/2010)**
- ✓ **Indian Income-Taxact-1962**
- ✓ **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of 1976 (Registration. No. awaiting),**
- ✓ **and 12 A of Income Tax Act.**
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VISION

To serve less privileged community such as children with special needs, at-risk youths, and women in distress, destitute and old persons by creating opportunities at broad level & prepare them to be an active participant in their community.

MISSION

Creating an enabling through knowledge & issue based sustainable socio-economic interventions, with an integrated approach & active participation of stake holders that will improve their quality of life.

STRATEGY

REST's developmental interventions are based on community participation. It strives to ensure peoples participation in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs. Its strategic approach may be broadly described as:

1. Children education.
2. Health Education & Awareness Generation
3. Direct demonstration of developmental initiatives to community
4. Capacity building initiatives and imparting training for skill up gradation
5. Networking & linkages
6. Research Survey & Documentation

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

LEARNING KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION ;

Community organizers are using learning communication as a tool on various aspects like using health education, child education, timely immunization for combating maternal and infant mortality rate, HIVAIDS and relevant issues, relevance of birth and death registration, institutional delivery, use of contraception, prevention of common and seasonal ailment etc. We disseminated this knowledge to the slum communities through group meetings. As a result it is more effective to spread the message among the community members.



EYE CARE PROGRAM

REST 's eye care program is serving the slum people. It organized outreach camps to eliminate the needless blindness. Outreach camps include Community-Based Comprehensive Program, School Children Screening, and Special Surveys.



COMPREHENSIVE EYE CAMPS

ONE eye camps were organised last year. 570 persons participated in screening process there and 18 of them underwent surgery with successful outcomes.



HIV AID AWARENESS & COMMITTEE

REST has organized 2 awareness meetings at different places. During these meetings, staff & volunteers of REST they distribute leaflets, posters, banners for sensitization of the people under distress condition with specific focus on controlling HIV-AID. Subcommittee meetings were also took place under the chairmanship of Local Corporator. Other participants like women SHG, Adolescents girls, HIV Activists were participated. Around 1352 were attended this program.



COMPETITIONS

Sports and educational exercises are very important to improve the mental and psychological condition of the children, their social inclusion as well. REST organised various sports, drawing & easy competitions for the slum men, women, youth, girls & children who came from the same slum.



Final Winners from each competition was followed by a group supper and distribution of gifts. SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASE LINE SURVEY

Slum people are aware that many factors are either directly or indirectly responsible for socio-economic development including insecure food supply, lack of basic education, inadequate health services, deteriorated environment, low income, and inadequate empowerment. The factors contributing to development vary from community to community. However, poverty is nearly always an underlying factor.



To improve the status and improve living conditions in communities REST conducted socioeconomic base line survey of the Tiruvallur slum. Additionally, it has been recommended repeatedly as a suitable key indicator for poverty alleviation as well.



GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF A SURVEY

The objectives of the survey dealt with the assessment and analysis of the situation and of contributing poverty factors of risk groups and the evaluation of the effect of a project/program on the improvement of living conditions.



A SURVEY TAKES PLACE IN 5 STEPS:

1. Collection of available information on the socio-economic, demographic, and ecological data in the Tiruvallur Slum;
2. Planning and preparation of the survey;
3. Implementation of the survey;
4. Data processing, evaluation and analysis;
5. Dissemination of the results of the survey and preparation for translation into action.

The following individual activities were part of the process of a baseline survey:

1. To initiate dialogues among all groups participating in a survey concerning the living situation of the poor,
2. To assess the needs of the poor, in particular, about their problems in daily life,

3. To increase the awareness and sensitivity to improve the basic need situation of the
poor,
4. To reveal the nature, magnitude and severity of the poverty-related problems and their
Possible causes,
5. To identify the appropriate scope of intervention for the improvement of the poverty
situation,
6. To identify poverty-related socioeconomic determining factors for evaluation,

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

In order to educate and aware children, youth and women to change their attitude and behave towards socio-economic & health development, various awareness camps were organized. Participants were local youths, women and school children. Such type of campaign was frequently organized through out the year.



MEETINGS AND SHARING

Meetings had been organized once in a month. The main aim was to share the experiences and smooth working of various projects and programs among the staff and volunteers. The staff team of REST has attended meetings organized to review the performance of the program.

In some meetings local slums level community members were invited to participate and share their comments and views for any further development.



