

**ANNUAL WORK REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014.**  
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**Introduction:**

CAMEL, a voluntary organization; was established and registered in 1990 and started working for the uplift and emancipation of the Dalith, Yanadhi Tribal, Fisher folk communities that belong to the unorganized sector and remain afflicted by poverty, illiteracy, ignorance and degradation. The Women and children of these communities were the worst affected and remain even today at the bottom most layer of society. It has been the strong motivation of CAMEL that the rural poor can gain their rights only by learning about the same.

**Vision:**

CAMEL aims to achieve a just and gender equitable, classless society; where men and women will be politically, economically and socially empowered through sustainable, collective and effective grass-root level leadership.

**Mission:**

Creating awareness among the target communities about their rights and by making the poor to participate and take responsibility in all activities from the planning stages onwards and thereby empower them to make relevant decisions that can change their lives and protect, enhance and improve the quality of their life, in a sustainable manner with the main focus on women and children of the economically backward and excluded communities of our target groups.

**Activities / Programs Implemented**

- I. Project for the Empowerment and Development of Dalith and Yanadhi Tribals.
- II. Andhra Pradesh Community Based Tank Management Programme(APCBTP)
- III. Project for the reduction of incidence of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Population.
- IV. Formation of Farmer Clubs
- V. Tribal Development Fund/M aa Thota Program

**I. Empowerment and Development of Dalith and Yanadhi Tribals:**

With support from Andheri Hilfie, Germany, CAMEL implemented the Project of "Empowerment and Development of Dalith and Yanadhi Tribals" in 25 selected Dalith villages and 22 Yanadhi tribal villages in Naidupet, Chittampur and Pellakur Mandals of Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. The Dalith and Yanadhi tribal population are lagging way behind the general population in Social, Economic, Political and Cultural aspects and with

proper motivation, education and sustenance support these target communities can be put on par with other communities in all aspects of life. 6 Community Organizers along with 1 Coordinator working for this project have been trained in different aspects to successfully implement the programmes of this project.

**Monthly work review, planning and Training:-**

The project personnel need to be capacitated to perform their duties & responsibilities effectively in the field and in this regard the staff members meet at Head office for 2 days every month. The first day is for the review of the work done in the field and the Coordinator and project director are present to assess the work done in the past month. On the second day; a training cum planning session is conducted and if needed resource persons are invited to undertake the session. The staff personnel are given inputs on aspects relevant to the issues of the community such as different Government initiatives for development, and other such information through which we hope to build up the capacities of the personnel and who in turn will build the capacity of the target community.

**Village Level Sangham Meetings:-**

CAMEL personnel conduct Sangham meetings every month in each of the target villages for the Women, Adolescent girls, Youth and Child Clubs to educate them about various aspects related to their development such as strengthening their CBOs', health education, vocational skill development trainings, leadership qualities, village development activities such as NREGS and Natural resource management. Similarly the community is educated on how they can access their entitlements such as Job cards, Pensions for old people, widow's and physically challenged from the Government

**Mandal Level Trainings:-**

CAMEL has conducted Mandal level training programme for leaders of the CBO' and cumulatively 259 representatives of youth leaders, 409 representatives of adolescent girls, 96 representatives of thrift groups and 267 leaders / representatives of women Sangham. These training are conducted to educate the community about NREGS, self employment opportunities, Government schemes, Right to information, right to education, human rights, women rights, Child abuse, child marriages, untouchability & atrocities, land issues, burial ground issues act, health care, personal hygienic, vocational and skill development training, child marriages, SC & ST's sub plane, child rights, domestic violence, village level sanitation, role of Gram Panchayat, Mandal Praja Parishad, ICDS schemes, thrift concept, accountability and maintenance books of accounts.

**Workshop and Tribal Advocacy:-**

On 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 CAMEL has conducted a workshop for Tribal advocacy with participation of 120 representatives of Yanadhis. In this workshop the Sub Collector of Gudur along with Mr. Venkateswarlu- the Project Officer of ITDA- Nellore, the Tahsildar and the MPDO of Naidupet have discussed about the economic status, social status, and health status of the tribal community namely the Yanadhis. Overall this workshop has identified 5 key issues and prepared and submitted a memorandum to the Government.

**Interface Workshop with Government Officials:-**

CAMEL has conducted an "Interface Workshop" on 13<sup>th</sup> Sep-2014 where 300 members SC and ST community interacted with government officials who participated. The officials and community members discussed about SC corporation scheme, ITDA Schemes, Village level problems, Revenue issues, NREGs programme, timely repayment of loans etc. The Divisional Revenue Officer, Naidupet, Executive Director SC Corporation, Nellore, PO – ITDA, Nellore, Tahsildar, Naidupet and CAMEL Staff participated.

**Celebration of Special Days:-**

CAMEL has taken an initiative and conducted the following celebrations:

- National Children's Day Celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and educated the children about the importance and role of Jawaharlal Nehru. CAMEL also conducted games and essay competitions for 286 children and distributed prizes to the winners of competitions.
- Prior to the Republic Day CAMEL conducted competitions for the children on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014 at the camel office premises, in Naidupet and the winners were awarded their prizes on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**International Women's Day Celebration:**

The International Women's Day celebration was conducted on 29-03-2012 at DSR Function Hall, Naidupet in which 220 SC & ST women from 47 villages in three Mandals participated. Participating dignitaries expressed their views about Mahila Sanghams, Mahila Reservation Bill, Domestic Violence, Women Rights, Dowry system, Women and abuse, Cultural, social and economic status of women in Indian Society etc. The invitees were Professor Ms. Chandrakala – Head of the Dept. of Law, Sri Padmavathi Mahila University – Tirupati, Ms. M. Eswaramma, CEO, CMML.Sullurpet

**Back to School:-**

During 2013 -14 financial Years, CAMEL undertook and conducted “Badi-Bata” programme in totally 47 villages of Chittamur, Naidupet and Pellakur Mandals”. The programme was conducted along with participation of school children, village Sarpanch, school teachers, Parents Teachers Association (PTA) members and organised rallies in all streets of the villages, educating the residents about Child Rights, Right to Education, Child Abuse, and threat of Child Trafficking, Child Marriage and Importance of Educating Children. This program covering three Mandals ensured that totally 234 children were newly enrolled in local primary school.

#### **Child Protection Committee Meeting:-**

As part of CAMEL working in 47 villages in the Mandals of Naidupet, Pellakur and Chittamur the NGO has formed Child Protection Committee in all the 47 villages. These committees comprise of the Gram Sarpanch, Ward Members, School Teachers, and ICDS Teachers, Women and Youth leaders and village ANMs who are the core members in the committees. CAMEL organized these meeting along with participation of 212 members and educated & created awareness about the need for protection of child rights, child protection policy, child abuse, child trafficking, child labour act and right to education.

#### **General Activities**

- ❖ Government Department has been motivated to repair a total of 22 bore wells and pipelines that supply drinking water in 17 villages of the 3 target Mandals due to the efforts of the Mahila Sanghams formed by CAMEL.
- ❖ Totally 667 street lights were repaired by the newly elected Sarpanches in 47 villages.
- ❖ Government has issued 29 Anthyodaya cards to deserving persons in 3 Yanadhi villages.
- ❖ Totally 411 Mahila Sangham members of 27 villages were motivated to developed Bio-Intensive Kitchen Gardens.
- ❖ Twenty eight senior citizens have been sanctioned old age pensions due to the efforts of CAMEL personnel.
- ❖ A total of 117 beneficiaries have been sanctioned houses through Indiramma Housing Scheme.

#### **II. Andhra Pradesh Community Based Tank Management Programme (APCBTP)**

CAMEL recognized as Nodal support Organization (NSO) Andhra Pradesh Community Based Tank Management Programme that is supported by World Bank in the Mandals of Sullurpet D.V Sathram, Naidupet, Pellakur, Chittamur and Vakadu. Totally 31 Irrigation tanks have been covered and 31 Water User Association have been formed. The members are educated

about importance of setting up a Corpus fund for tank management in the future, fund development techniques and management through Collection of water charges, Kissan Melas', soil testing, soil and moisture conservation, seed treatment, integrated pest management, "Srivari" method of Rice cultivation and horticulture.

- Development of Rs: 25.35 lakhs corpus fund through WUA.
- Collection of Rs: 54.49 lakhs as water tax by the WUA.
- Conducted Training programme to 775 Water management Sangham members about WUA sustainability O K Cards.
- Conducted training programme to 744 farmers about their roles and responsibilities.
- Conducted training programme to 930 water management Sangham members about economic management and book keeping.
- Conducted training programme to 775 members about Demand Rising collection of water tax.
- Conducted training programme to 765 water management Sangham members about "crop planning and water budgeting".
- Created 4 Gender groups to 80 Mahila farmers and exposure visit to Darsi Prakasam District to create awareness about INM, IPM, and ICM.
- Conducted Kissan Melas for members of 31 Tanks and the farmers were educated about Complications in Paddy cultivation and precautions to be taken.
- Conducted awareness to 200 farmers in 10 villages of 10 commodity interest groups and educated them about Agriculture-Business Activities.
- Conducted Demos in 26 villages on INM, IPM, ICM methods and encourage them about Paddy crop yielding mechanism.
- Establishing 10 vermi compost units or sheds worth Rs: 30000/-.

### **III. Reduction of Incidence of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Population:**

CAMEL has initiated to work with Migrant population with target of 10,000 populations in Indukuripet, Kovur, Manubolu, Muthukur and Venkatachalam Mandal of Nellore District.

- ❖ As part of our programme totally we have conducted 2479BCC sessions along with participation of 13620 members through 1 to 1 session and 1 to Group sessions.
- ❖ Totally we conducted 87 Health camps covering 11261 members and identified 108 STI cases and treated them through health camps and Govt STI clinic in DSR Hospital Nellore.

- ❖ CAMEL has conducted totally 27 Nukkad Nataks / Cultural Programs in its target areas. The main theme of the cultural program is to create awareness about the STI/ HIV/ AIDS and safe sex methods.
- ❖ During this period totally we referred 6925 persons for testing but ICTC testing's has been done only on 4796 persons and 4 positives cases were found and registered for Pre ART services. Now they are getting free medicine in ART centre and are enjoying a healthy life.
- ❖ CAMEL has distributed totally 164321 free condoms to Migrant population through direct Distribution and through condom Outlets for safe sex methods.
- ❖ Totally we are conducted 22 Advocacy Meetings to sensitize the rice mill owners and community Members and dept HR's, Labour Contractors for Improvement of Effective Work. Through advocacy Meetings totally 803 owners and general community have know about programme activities and HIV / AIDS prevention methods. This is good indicator for adopting the program as own.

#### **1V-Formation of Farmers Club:-**

Through NABARD support CAMEL has formed 15 Raithu clubs along with 300 farmers in Sullurpet, Chittamur, D V Sathram Mandals. Each farmer club has opened separate bank account in their Mandal to encourage savings by the members of their clubs. During the year CAMEL has conducted training programmes with the help of line departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and fisheries department for educating farmers on methods of earning more income. Along with this 20 new farmers clubs have been initiated in Tada, Chittamur, Sullurpet, Pellakur, Naidupet Mandals and Bank accounts have been opened by the members to initiate monthly savings by the members. CAMEL personnel are a committed and hard working group and visit each and every target village on a regular basis and interact with the different sections and are engaged in continuously educating the community and motivating them to reach the goals set out by the leaders of the various communities. CAMEL believes that only when the rural communities are empowered and energised can the whole state of Andhra Pradesh and India become a vibrant and forward looking nation.

#### **V. Tribal Development Fun/Maa Thota**

With support from NABARD, Hyderabad, CAMEL implemented the Project of "Tribal Development Fund/ Maa Thota Program in Chittamur and Sullurpet Mandals of Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh. Under this program we have been implement in Mannarpolur village 70 acres, Mathakamudi village 15 acres of Sullurpet mandal and Chinthalthopu

village 15 acre in Chittamur mandals, the total 100 acres out of 500 acres of Yanadi tribal waste land for planted 45 plants of Mangos and 27 plants of Gova in each acre. The successfully implement the programmes of this project.

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