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underprivileged Communities in
Chittoor Dist. Andhra Pradesh.

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Village level awareness meetings:

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To
Roland Kreager,
General Secretary,
Right Sharing of World Resources,
101 Quaker Hill Drive
Richmond, Indiana 47374

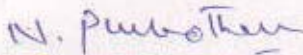
Dear Roland,

Greetings from SPREADS, South India!

We are very much thankful for RSWR for considering project support for SPREADS on **Promotion of Income Generation Activities for Rural Widows from underprivileged Communities** during 2007- 2008. The project has been completed successfully and we are herewith submitting the final report along with audited report for your kind information.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely


N. Purushotham
Secretary

Note: The project photographs will be submitted soon.

Annual Progress Report for RSWR, USA

From June 2007 To May- 2008

Project Title:

Promotion of Income Generation Activities for Rural Widows from underprivileged Communities in Chittoor Dist. Andhra Pradesh.

Village level awareness Meetings:

During May 2007 SPREADS conducted Village level meetings to all women in 15 villages covering under RSWR Project to sensitize them towards importance of education, especially girl child education, savings, income generation activities and other gender issues in the village. There were about 30 – 40 women attended in the meeting. Most of the meetings conducted in the villages during evenings only, because most of the women go to labor work during the daytime. Majority of the women participated in the meeting actively. So far the beneficiaries are under this program are about 1000-1500 rural women and children.

Advocacy meetings for SHG members:

SPREADS conducted 13 advocacy meetings for 15 habitations along with men in the village about unity and co – operation, Girl child education, protection for widows in a joint family system and educational support for widowed children, Men also participated in the meetings and released about the traditional discrimination towards women. Some of the men responded and promised to serve women, especially for widows.

SPREADS also conducted special meetings for SHGs on tapping Govt. resources for their over all development, how to get title deeds in the name of women like house pattas, necessary certificates for various legal purposes etc.,

Trainings on Income Generation Activities (IGA):

The project has conducted trainings on various income generation activities, which is viable and easy marketable in rural areas. The major trainings as follows:

- Sheep & Goat rearing
- Vegetables vending
- Cattle rearing
- Seasonal Agriculture
- Flower vending
- Chicken / Eggs Vending
- Running petty shops in rural areas.

The resources persons invited from various SHG members, who are pioneer in the respective business and experience. All these income generation activities are home bases activities and it is helping women a lot and they need no depend on moneylenders and others.

Seed money for Income Generation Activities (IGA):

The seed money provided to 40 trained widows in IGA as a loan for starting their income generation activity in these villages. The loan amount will be repaid after one year with 12% Annual interest to their respective groups. The amount of loan has decided based on their activity. Most of the women involved in Eco- friendly income generation activities, which is viable to income generation activities.

Widows participated in various income generation activities as follows:

S.No	Name of the Activity	No. of Units / Beneficiaries
1	Sheep & Goat rearing	12
2	Vegetables vending	4
3	Seasonal Agriculture	10
4	Flower vending	6
5	Chicken / Eggs Vending	3
6	Running petty shops in rural areas.	5
	Total	40

Educational Support for widowed children in rural areas:

During 2006 - 2007 SPREADS has identified widowed children 349 students from 13 secondary schools and supported only for 149 students by raising local donations and two institutional donors like India Literacy Project, Bangalore and Manikya Foundation, Hyderabad. Due to lack of financial resources, SPREADS unable to run the programme effectively. SPREADS also does not have sufficient staff and other resources for proper implementation of the programme. The total amount spent for this programme.

List of supported Children from various schools during 2007-2008

S.No	School Name	MANDAL	No. of Children		Total
			Boys	Girls	
1	ZPHS, A.L. PURAM	GUDIPALA	9	7	16
2	ZPHS, K.T. PALLI	GUDIPALA	6	10	16
3	ZPHS, NARAHARIPET	GUDIPALA	11	10	21
4	Govt. HS, Bommasamudram	GUDIPALA	4	8	12
5	ZPHS, CHITTAPARA	GUDIPALA	4	5	9
6	ZPHS, S.R. PALLI	GUDIPALA	12	2	14
7	ZPHS, SIDDAMPALLI	CHITTOOR	1	3	4
8	ZPHS, THUMMINDA	CHITTOOR	6	5	11
9	ZPHS, MAPAKSHI	CHITTOOR	2	7	9
10	ZPHS, KOTTALA	YADAMARI	1	1	2
11	ZPHS, P. GOLLA PALLI	YADAMARI	6	4	10
12	ZPHS, KASIRALLA	YADAMARI	12	13	25
13	ZPHS, YADAMARI	YADAMARI	00	00	00
	TOTAL		74	75	149